

**MISSISSAUGAS OF THE NEW CREDIT FIRST NATION
INFRASTRUCTURE & DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL
PUBLIC MINUTES
Monday, January 8, 2018**

Start 9:14 am

Finish 11:35 am

**Chief Councillor
Councillor
Councillor
Councillor/Chair
Councillor
Councillor
Councillor
Councillor
Executive Director
Recorder
PW Director
LMR Director
DOCA Director
DSED**

**R. Stacey Laforme
Erma Ferrell
Cathie Jamieson
Larry Sault
Evan Sault
Rodger LaForme
Veronica King-Jamieson
Stephanie LaForme
Cynthia Jamieson
Charlotte Smith
Arland LaForme
Margaret Sault
Mark LaForme
Wade Griffin**

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 – OPEN MEETING

Chair/Councillor Larry Sault opened the meeting at 9:14 am.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2 – REVIEW AND ACCEPT AGENDA

Chair informed that he was deleting Agenda Item No. 13 – Financial Advisor for the TP Trust until such time that Council can meet with Peace Hills Trust regarding the roles and responsibilities of Chief and Council and discuss further the Financial Advisor position.

It was agreed that Agenda Item No. 13 will be deferred to the next Education & Social Services Council Meeting on Monday, January 15, 2018, and the Executive Director will contact Peace Hills Trust to have them present at this meeting.

Chief stated that Council is not in breach of requesting a Financial Advisor, and this item can be put on another Agenda. He further stated that a Motion has been duly passed (see Motion No. 4 of Executive Finance Council Meeting of Monday, November 27, 2017).

DOCA Director, LMR Director, PW Director and DSED in at 9:15 am.

MOTION NO. 1

MOVED BY EVAN SAULT

SECONDED BY R. STACEY LAFORME

That the MNCFN Infrastructure & Development Council accepts the Agenda with the following additions and one deletion:

- Agenda Item No. 13 – Deleted until further notice;
- Agenda Item No. 17a) – Toronto City Hall; Indigenous Business District (LS);
- Agenda Item No. 17b) – AFN Issues (EF);
- Agenda Item No. 17c) – Masters Events Program (VKJ);
- Agenda Item No. 17d) – Peace Hills Trust – Toronto Purchase Trust Community Newsletter for approval to be put on the Website.

Carried

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 – REVIEW & ACCEPT PUBLIC MINUTES OF INFRASTRUCTURE & DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL DATED MONDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2017

With regard to Agenda Item No. 5 – Waterline Completion Project, Chair and Chief agreed that they both have mixed feelings about how to deal with Six Nations Council.

PW Director reiterated that he has prepared a presentation that he would like to present when a meeting is set up with Six Nations Council and New Credit Council, but he would like Council to have a meeting and discuss this before meeting with Six Nations Council.

MOTION NO. 2

MOVED BY R. STACEY LAFORME

SECONDED BY CATHIE JAMIESON

That the MNCFN Infrastructure & Development Council accepts the Public Minutes of the Infrastructure & Development Council Meeting dated Monday, December 4, 2018.

Carried

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4 – MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no Matters Arising from the Minutes.

LANDS, MEMBERSHIP & RESEARCH

LMR Director in at 9:15 am.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5 – DRAFT LETTER FOR CHIEF REGARDING ABORIGINAL PEOPLES OF CANADA ADAPTATIONS REGULATIONS (FIREARMS) APPLICATION – ELDER’S LEADER’S DECLARATION FORM

LMR Director noted that at the December 4, 2017, Infrastructure and Development Meeting direction was given to the A/LMR Director to draft a letter for the Chief’s signature, stating the reasons why Council denied the request to sign the Aboriginal Peoples of Canada Regulations (Firearm) Application-Elder or Leader’s Declaration Form and further research will be done into the Application.

Council had discussion on the impact and liability if they signed the declaration and that person was involved in an incident with a gun.

Upon reviewing the whole application Part D is filled out when the applicant wants to bypass section “C”; a-f – in short he/she does not want to take the Canadian Firearms Safety Course as it is not available within a reasonable time, reasonable location, or reasonable cost

LMR Director contacted the Six Nations Wildlife Office- Lands & Resources, to inquire about this. Paul General said they did not sign Part D for the same reasons as this office had. He also said that the courses were accessible here in this area.

This section was to accommodate the Northern First Nations where the training is not readily accessible. Hunting is not a way of life here as it is for the Northern First Nations.

MOTION NO. 3

MOVED BY CATHIE JAMIESON

SECONDED BY STEPHANIE LAFORME

That the MNCFN Infrastructure & Development Council agrees with the draft letter regarding the reasons why MNCFN denied the request to sign the Aboriginal Peoples of Canada Regulations (Firearm) Application-Elder or Leader’s Declaration Form and authorizes the Chief to sign.

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6 – TREATIES 22 & 23 RESEARCH PROJECTS

LMR Director informed that a delay of the Treaties 22 and 23 Report was granted to Joan Holmes & Associates at no additional cost to MNCFN. The Report was due on December 4, 2017.

In January 2017, Kim Fullerton, Legal Counsel on Land Claims recommended that research be undertaken on the Treaties 22 & 23, based on his opinion that these lands were Indian Reserves under the meaning of the Indian Act and that they remain so today. If they cannot be returned to you, then MNCFN should be entitled to the current fair market value of those lands and loss of use as of 1820 to current.

Council retained Joan Holmes and Associates to conduct the analytic research and report writing.

The report has been received December 11th, 2017 and is currently being reviewed.

LMR Director has requested a Special Council Meeting to update Council on all potential land claims and their status.

MOTION NO. 4

MOVED BY R. STACEY LAFORME

SECONDED BY ERMA FERRELL

That the MNCFN Infrastructure & Development Council agrees to have a Special Council Meeting to update on all potential land claims and status.

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7 – 1784 BETWEEN THE LAKES TREATY & THE 1792 RENEWAL

LMR Director is requesting to retain Joan Holmes & Associates to conduct research into the 1784 “Between the Lakes Treaty” and the 1792 Renewal.

This project was recommended by Kim Fullerton, Legal Counsel while working on the Treaty 22 & 23 research project. It also would be additional research on the lands granted in the Haldimand Proclamation to the Iroquois Confederacy.

Joan Holmes & Associates Inc. has submitted a workplan and budget for the research and work to be done.

The deadline is August 31, 2018.

MOTION NO. 5

MOVED BY ERMA FERRELL

SECONDED BY CATHIE JAMIESON

That the MNCFN Infrastructure & Development Council agrees to retain Joan Holmes and Associates Inc. to conduct research into the 1784 Between the Lakes Treaty and the 1792 Renewal, in the amount of \$101,940.00. The funds to come from the Toronto Purchase Infrastructure & Development Fund.

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8 – LMR DEPARTMENT MOVE TO INDUSTRIAL BUILDING (PREVIOUS DOCA DEPARTMENT OFFICES)

LMR Director is requesting funds to purchase new furniture, telephone system transfer/new, photocopy relocation and movers, fire proof filing cabinets

LMR offices are relocating for more space and privacy issues. In the current building it is all open space and has no separate office, so when Members come in and want to do business there is no private area.

Also, the MRP Unit will be moving with LMR.

The plan is to leave the furniture and take only the filing cabinets, membership records etc

A budget is attached.

MOTION NO. 6

MOVED BY ERMA FERRELL

SECONDED BY VERONICA KING-JAMIESON

That the MNCFN Infrastructure & Development Council approves of the funds for the LMR Department relocation in the amount of \$47,000.00 (Forty-Seven Thousand Dollars). Funds to be expended from the LMR reserve funds.

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9 – FYI – SUMMARY SHEET

This is an FYI for Council.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 10 – OTHER/NEW BUSINESS

There was no Other/New Business.

DSED, DOCA Director and PW Director out at 9:57 am.

MOTION NO. 7

MOVED BY VERONICA KING-JAMIESON

SECONDED BY EVAN SAULT

That the MNCFN Infrastructure & Development Council moved In-Camera at 9:57 am.

Carried

MOTION NO. 12

MOVED BY CATHIE JAMIESON

SECONDED BY R. STACEY LAFORME

That the MNCFN Infrastructure & Development Council moved Out of Camera at 10:14 am.

Carried

OTHER/NEW BUSINESS

AGENDA ITEM NO. 13 – ENGAGEMENT OF A FINANCIAL ADVISOR (FINANCE DIRECTOR)

This item is tabled until further notice.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 14 – MONTHLY GATHERING AGENDA FOR SATURDAY, JANUARY 27, 2018 (CULTURE & EVENTS COORDINATOR)

Chair suggested cutting the Monthly Gathering Meetings down eg quarterly, semi-annually etc because he sees this as a waste of dollars. Councillor answered that she would like to see the meetings continue monthly as some people attend regularly, and the time frame has already been set.

It was agreed that the Executive Director will obtain the actual costs.

MOTION NO. 13

MOVED BY ERMA FERRELL

SECONDED BY R. STACEY LAFORME

That the MNCFN Infrastructure & Development Council approves the January 27, 2018 Monthly Gathering Agenda.

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

AGENDA ITEM NO. 15 – MOTION TO BE READ INTO THE MINUTES RE: DESIGN & BUILD PROJECT – ARCHITECT PROGRAM (VKJ)

MOTION NO. 14

MOVED BY VERONICA KING-JAMIESON

SECONDED BY EVAN SAULT

That the MNCFN Infrastructure & Development Council supports and provides a Motion as stated in the action listed below for the New Credit Cultural Committee:

To approve and support the collaboration with the Design & Build Project – Architect Program from the University of Waterloo that will directly benefit our First Nation. The Project will be administered by the New Credit Cultural Committee, as well as active support from the Economic Development and Public Works Departments and/or any corresponding departments required.

To approve and support the request of a financial contribution to help offset some of the construction material costs in the production of a new Pow Wow Arbor.

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

NOTE: Councillor Margaret Sault is agreeing to the above Motion, but has some concerns with regard to the Finances.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 16 – MOTION TO BE READ INTO THE MINUTES RE: PROPOSAL WRITER

MOTION NO. 15

MOVED BY ERMA FERRELL

SECONDED BY VERONICA KING-JAMIESON

That the MNCFN Infrastructure & Development Council approves the grade of the Proposal Writer to that of a grade 7 on the MNCFN Salary Grid, along with the draft Job Description, effective immediately (December 13, 2017); and

Recognize that a two (2) year funding agreement has been secured for this position through the MNCFN Community Trust Application 2017/2018 in the amount of \$183,000.00 (One Hundred Eighty-Three Thousand Dollars).

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

AGENDA ITEM NO. 17a) – TORONTO CITY HALL; INDIGENOUS BUSINESS DISTRICT (LS)

Chair brought these items to the attention of Council and requested an update.

Councillor Evan Sault stated that an office for Indigenous Affairs at Toronto City Hall has been established with a staff of five – one Consultant (Jeffrey Shipper) and four staff members. Councillor is on the Aboriginal Advisory Committee and there is a meeting in February 2018. Councillor will invite the Chair of that Committee to come and present to Chief and Council.

Chief informed that this is sensitive information and nothing has been confirmed yet. This Aboriginal Affairs Office has to report to MNCFN because of our Treaty Lands. Chief is suggesting an In-Camera Meeting and Council has agreed.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 17b) – AFN ISSUES (EF)

Councilor EF brought some items to the Council Table to be discussed and/or acted upon. These items were discussed at the AFN Special Chiefs Assembly in Ottawa on December 5 – 7, 2017.

With regard to Indigenous Languages, Delegates discussed the work to co-develop an Indigenous Languages Act, announced in 2016, that aims to ensure First Nations languages are recovered, revitalized and restored.

First Nations are working with federal counterparts on a Memorandum to Cabinet to unlock more than \$650 Million in funding for First Nations students, schools and education systems. The approach is based on First Nations control of First Nations education, and respect for First Nations rights, jurisdiction and treaties. First Nations will be able to organize themselves in any way that works best for them to receive this funding. It is clear that First Nations will receive more funding to support First Nations education in 2018. Councillor pointed out that Council needs to keep on top of this.

Regarding the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, on April 21, 2016, Romeo Saganash, M.P. for Abitibi-Baie James-Nunavik-Eeyou, introduced his Private Member's Bill, an Act to ensure that the laws of Canada are in harmony with the United Nations

Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. He forwarded a bill kit that provides a detailed explanation of the bill.

Regarding Senate Bill S-3, An Act to amend the Indian Act (elimination of sex-based inequities in registration). Bill S-3 was developed in response to the 2015 Quebec Superior Court of Justice decision called Descheneaux. Councillor believes that this will effect New Credit's Band Membership.

Chair noted that at the AFN Special Chief's Assembly, 49 Chiefs out of 633 voted on resolutions. With regard to New Fiscal Relations, most Chiefs are not happy with this.

Regarding cannabis, the AFN dialogue should have been on wealth creation, not on policing. Chair suggested that MNCFN could take a major role in cannabis and get some of the dollars because LCBO is getting all the money.

On another note, Chair would like to set up a meeting with WeedMD and two other Mississauga Nations before the April 2018 Mississauga Nation Meeting.

Chief Kelly LaRocca of Scugog First Nation would like to have a Dispute Resolution Mechanism put in place. This would be a one day session.

DIRECTION NO. 1

That the MNCFN Infrastructure & Development Council gives approval to Councillor Larry Sault to set up a meeting with the Regional Chief, Mississauga Chiefs for a discussion on WeedMD. And further, Councillor Sault will speak with Chief Kelly LaRocca (Scugog First Nation) on hosting a Dispute Resolution Mechanism workshop and the crafting of a Dispute Resolution. Councillor Sault will also do some investing regarding the Indigenous Business District in Toronto.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 17c) – MASTERS INDIGENOUS GAMES 2018

Councillor VKJ informed that Abidah Shirazi (Abby) would like to come and do a presentation to Council regarding the Masters Indigenous Games 2018. This item will be put on the Education & Social Services Council Agenda for Monday, January 15, 2017.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 17d) – PEACE HILLS TRUST – APPROVAL OF QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER TO BE PUT ON THE MNCFN WEBSITE

MOTION NO. 16

MOVED BY VERONICA KING-JAMIESON SECONDED BY STEPHANIE LAFORME
That the MNCFN Infrastructure & Development Council approves the Quarterly Newsletter (dated December 2017) of the MNCFN Toronto Purchase Trust from Peace Hills Trust. This Newsletter will be put on the MNCFN Website under Band Members Only section.

Carried
2nd Reading Waived

MOTION NO. 17

MOVED BY CATHIE JAMIESON

SECONDED BY EVAN SAULT

That the MNCFN Infrastructure & Development Council moved In-Camera at 11:25 am.

Carried

