AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 – OPEN MEETING

Chair/Councillor Cathie Jamieson opened the meeting at 9:05 am.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2 – REVIEW AND ACCEPT AGENDA

MOTION NO. 1
MOVED BY LARRY SAULT SECONDED BY VERONICA KING-JAMIESON
That the MNCFN Education & Social Services Council accepts the Agenda with the following Additions and changes:

- Agenda Item No. 5 – Business Plan for Indigenous Led Child Care & Early On Child & Family Centre in Hagersville;
- Agenda Item No. 5a) – Scaled Back Option for New Early On Child & Family Program (This item is coming back from Infrastructure & Development Council Meeting of Monday, February 5, 2018 for further discussion;
- Agenda Item No. 13a) – In-Camera Item (LS);
- Agenda Item No. 24a) - Letter to the Honourable Catherine McKenna (LS).

Carried
AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 – REVIEW & ACCEPT THE JANUARY 15, 2018 EDUCATION & SOCIAL SERVICES COUNCIL (PUBLIC) MINUTES

Page 8 – Separate Items – Councillor questioned what does MNCFN want to do about the eight Casinos in our Traditional Territory? If moving forward, New Credit will have to engage lobbyists to do the work.

DIRECTION NO. 1
That the MNCFN Education & Social Services Council directs the Executive Director to follow up with the Steiner Group regarding a submission of a Proposal to Council to undertake action required and costs to assist Council to pursue with Ontario “Economic Reconciliation Within MNCFN Traditional Treaty Territory”.

MOTION NO. 2
MOVED BY R. STACEY LAFORME SECONDED BY EVAN SAULT
That the MNCFN Education & Social Services Council accepts the Education & Social Services Public Council Minutes dated Monday, January 15, 2018.

Carried

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4 - MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There was no Matters Arising from the Minutes.
EKWAAMJIGENANG CHILDREN’S CENTRE

ECC Supervisor, Assistant ECC Supervisor and Michelle Balint in at 9:00 am.

AGENDA ITEM NO 5 – BUSINESS PLAN FOR INDIGENOUS LED CHILD CARE & EARLY ON CHILD & FAMILY CENTRE IN HAGERSVILLE

ECC Supervisor noted in her Briefing Note that she is seeking Council approval to move forward with the off reserve Indigenous led Child Care Centre and Early On Child and Family Centre in Hagersville (Hagersville Secondary School).

Haldimand Norfolk has been approved for the Journey Together funding for the Indigenous led Child Care Centre and Early On Child and Family Centre to be retrofitted into the Hagersville Secondary School.

Page 4 of the Business Plan has the budget and fees included. Page 10 is the Implementation Plan. The price per square foot is $9.00.

Executive Director questioned if families on and off reserve can utilize this service. ECC Supervisor answered yes. The high school students who attend Hagersville Secondary School who have children can utilize this service.

Chief questioned what would be the impact on MNCFN? ECC Supervisor answered that she sees this as complementing the First Nation. She also added that this will enhance quality care for the children.

ECC Supervisor stated that she (ECC Supervisor) will make up the rules and policy for this Centre.

In the last presentation containers was an option, but not now. Containers would be too costly and there wouldn’t be enough time to have them retrofitted before September 2018.

Councillor questioned if Grand Erie School District went to Statistics Canada to obtain permission to use MNCFN’s numbers? ECC Supervisor answered that she got all the data from the Lands, Membership & Research Department, and other information came through Haldimand/Norfolk as opposed to Grand Erie.

This is a non-profit project so no money will be made.

Councillor questioned if there is a contingency fee allowed in the budget. Michelle Balint answered that it is up to the operator how to determine the funds.

Michelle Balint out at 9:35 am.

Councillor informed that he had some unsettled questions. Could this project be a push by the Feds to go to Municipal funding? Is this a political shift? He reiterated that our Treaties are with the Crown. He further questioned the ECC Supervisor if Haldimand/Norfolk was getting the dollars and ECC Supervisor answered yes.
MOTION NO. 3
MOVED BY EVAN SAULT SECONDED BY VERONICA KING-JAMIESON
That the MNCFN Education & Social Services Council accepts Option 1 and approves the Proposed Business Plan for the Indigenous Led Child Care Centre and Early On Child and Family Centre and funding for fiscal 2018 in the amount of $929,500.00 (Nine Hundred Twenty-Nine Thousand Five Hundred Dollars and Zero Cents) and for fiscal 2019 $833,000.00 (Eight Hundred Thirty-Three Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents).

Carried
2nd Reading Waived

Opposed: Councillor Larry Sault – This is a political long-term issue and could drive us toward Municipalities.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5a) - SCALED BACK OPTION FOR NEW EARLY ON CHILD & FAMILY PROGRAM (ECC SUPERVISOR) (NOTE: THIS ITEM IS COMING BACK FROM THE INFRASTRUCTURE & DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL MEETING OF MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2018

ECC Supervisor reiterated that this is the Container Project which was brought to Council late last year. The idea was the Container Pilot Project would share space with the possible proposed on reserve Early Years Child and Family Centre which would be placed between LSK School and the Children’s Centre.

Councillor pointed out that when and if MNCFN expands this would include wealth creation. For example, day care costs just went up. There is always a cost factor.

Executive Director informed that she met with the Proposal Writer (Lewis Staats) and he would like to meet with each department and get the three top decisions regarding the expansion of LSK.

Another suggestion would be to meet with the United Church and work out a plan to use the Dining Hall.

MOTION NO. 4
MOVED BY R. STACEY LAFORME SECONDED BY
That the MNCFN Education & Social Services Council approves the Childcare Supervisor to move forward with the shared space plan for the MNCFN After School Program and Ministry of Education funded on reserve Early ON Child and Family Program utilizing the MNCFN Container Pilot Project (initiated by the Economic Development Committee). The planned location for this site would be between the Community Centre and Health and Social Services buildings.

Chair called for a Seconder three times. No one responded.

Motion is Defeated
AGENDA ITEM NO. 6 – 2017-2018 ALFDC CHILDCARE AGREEMENT NO. 2

ECC Supervisor noted that the Ekwaamjigenang Children’s Centre received notice of additional one-time funding in the amount of $35,724.00 from ALFDC through the Federal First Nation Inuit Child Care Initiative Funds to be spent under the following areas:

- $21,311.33 for each childcare space
- $ 9,608.44 for professional development for childcare providers
- $ 4,804.22 for cultural programming

This funding agreement was received December 18, 2017, the agreement was signed and returned for processing to ALFDC as it is time sensitive. The funds must be spent by March 31, 2018.

Councillor questioned why the dollars are flowing through ALFDC. ECC Supervisor answered because MNCFN is the ASETS (Aboriginal Skills Employment & Training Strategy) Holder.

MOTION NO. 5
MOVED BY LARRY SAULT SECONDED BY EVAN SAULT
That the MNCFN Education & Social Services Council accepts the ALFDC one time Federal First Nation Inuit Child Care Initiative Funding in the amount of $35,724.00 (Thirty-Five Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty-Four Dollars and Zero Cents) to be spent in the following areas by March 31, 2018:

- $ 21,311.33 for each childcare space
- $ 9,608.44 for professional development for childcare providers
- $ 4,804.22 for cultural programming.

Carried
2nd Reading Waived
SEPARATE ITEM

Andrew Koster, Kim Martin and Leslie Thomas in at 10:10 am.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7 – GUESTS FROM BRANT FAMILY & CHILDREN’S SERVICES TO DO A PRESENTATION

Everyone was introduced.

Andrew Koster (Executive Director) of Brant Family & Children’s Services (BFCS) informed that the main reason he and his colleagues are here today is because they (BFCS) have a lot of services they can offer New Credit. He stated that having to make Band informed decisions about children is always a sore spot. He further noted that not only do they have to do the investigating, but they would also like to be of assistance to the New Credit Community. If New Credit should decide to go with their own designation, BFCS would be glad to assist.

Leslie Thomas informed that there are 170 cases being transferred to Six Nations now that Six Nations has their own designation. There are severance packages for four staff who will not be going to Six Nations. She further informed that BFCS is looking at having an Indigenous Team to service New Credit, and are in the process of setting this up by mid-May 2018.

All New Credit files will go to Kim Martin. Kim informed that they have community based teams in Brantford, but this has not worked out very well. Her team is only for on reserve, would work with the Band Rep. She also informed that BFCS brings a lot of expertise as they see struggles with new agencies, and if at some point, New Credit wants its own designation, it could go through PTO.

Executive Director (Cynthia Jamieson) questioned if all New Credit Band Members in Ontario would be taken care of by BFCS. Mr. Koster answered yes if that is the wishes of Chief and Council.

Chief suggested that the SHS Director could develop a process to move forward with the designation.

SHS Director stated that staff have not been notified when BFCS visits families at New Credit. She would like to see the protocol corrected to reflect this change.

Kim would like to have an office at New Credit for her team.

Councillor suggested that once a case is closed, it should be followed up within a year.

Mr. Koster stated that Customary Care works well. Relatives in other communities would be willing to take the children. He noted that there are ways to work with everyone involved. Kim added that they can come up with a plan that would assist everyone.

Leslie Thomas informed that most cases anymore involve drug addiction and BFCS is at a crisis point now. It appears child welfare is leaning more towards drug addiction services. She suggested building a safe house. Mr. Koster added that there are dollars available to build a safe house. He also noted that if an office is set up for Kim at New Credit, his office could assist.
SHS Director informed that her staff is trained on naloxone injections and will be receiving further training on the nasal spray.

Councillor suggested that the Proposal Writer could put a proposal together to build an office for Kim. All the various departments would have to be at the table i.e. Housing, Public Works, Social & Health Services etc.

Guests were thanked and left at 10:40 am.

ECC Supervisor and Assistant Supervisor out at 10:40 am.
AGENDA ITEM NO. 8 – FOLLOW-UP TO DIRECTION REGARDING SNOW REMOVAL

SHS Director noted that at the January 27th Monthly Gathering Meeting, a Community Member alleged that they had spoken to the SHS Director regarding snow removal for front porches (sidewalks), and that the Director had informed this individual that the reason this is no longer happening is because Council will no longer pay for this service. SHS Director does not recall this conversation.

SHS Director will follow up with the Band Member who made the comment.

Councillor suggested people who are on Ontario Works could do this job. SHS Director replied that most people do not have transportation and/or tools. SHS Director will investigate and see what she can do.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9 – FACULTY OF HEALTH SCIENCES INDIGENOUS HEALTH INITIATIVE

SHS Director stated in her Briefing Note that she requires Chief and Council authorization to represent MNCFN on the McMaster Hospital Faculty of Health Sciences Indigenous Health Initiative Steering Committee (IHSC).

The Faculty of Health Sciences at McMaster University is engaged in the strategic development of an Indigenous Health Initiative as part of the Faculty’s response to the 2015 Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada’s final report ‘Honouring the Truth, Reconciling for the Future: summary of the final report of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada’ The faculty is engaging local Indigenous stakeholders to help drive the initiative and has invited the SHS Director to represent MNCFN on the Steering Committee.

The first meeting of the IHSC is to be held on March 1st, 2018. Should authorization be given to the SHS Director to sit on the IHSC, a delegate will have to be appointed for this meeting as this overlaps with the Chiefs of Ontario Annual Health Forum.

Councillor stated if there were quarterly meetings the SHS Director could attend and it would not be too much of an extra burden on her workload.

Another Councillor stated that he is red-flagging this item as there is a Band Member issue (M. Sault) that has not yet been resolved however, having someone at this table can give MNCFN a voice.

Councillor questioned if this Steering Committee is applying for dollars on behalf of New Credit. SHS Director does not know.
MOTION NO. 6
MOVED BY EVAN SAULT  SECONDED BY ERMA FERRELL
That the MNCFN Education & Social Services Council authorizes the Director of the Social and Health Services Department to represent MNCFN on the McMaster Hospital Faculty of Health Sciences Indigenous Health Initiative Steering Committee. Further, that one of the Chairs of Social & Health Services (Councillor Evan Sault or Councillor Cathie Jamieson) be appointed as Alternate to attend the initial meeting of the Committee as there is a conflict with the SHS Director’s schedule.

Carried
2nd Reading Waived

Opposed: Councillor Larry Sault – There are no family members here to speak for themselves who are involved with Hamilton Health Sciences.

NOTE: The first meeting will be held on Thursday, March 1, 2018. One of the Chairs of Social & Health Services (Councillors Cathie Jamieson or Evan Sault) will be the Alternate.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 10 – MEMORIAL BENCH

Council agreed that this item would be moved to the In-Camera Minutes.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 11a) – NEW VAN(S) FOR THE SOCIAL & HEALTH SERVICES DEPARTMENT

This item was moved In-Camera.

MOTION NO. 8
MOVED BY R. STACEY LAFORME  SECONDED BY EVAN SAULT
That the MNCFN Education & Social Services Council moved In-Camera at 11:27 am.

Carried

MOTION NO. 13
MOVED BY EVAN SAULT  SECONDED BY R. STACEY LAFORME
That the MNCFN Education & Social Services Council moved Out of Camera at 11:45 am.

Carried
OTHER/NEW BUSINESS

AGENDA ITEM NO. 14 – REVISION TO ESTATE POLICY (LMR DIRECTOR) (BCR TO BE SIGNED IF APPROVED)

MOTION NO. 14
MOVED BY LARRY SAULT     SECONDED BY ERMA FERRELL

That the MNCFN Education & Social Services Council agrees to sign the BCR that reads:

Now therefore be it resolved that:

Chief and Council hereby revise Schedule “C” of the Toronto Purchase Trust Agreement, the Estate Policy, relating to the provision that the application to be appointed as Executor of an Estate must be made within one (1) year by adding “in exceptional circumstances” (for example, if a person goes through the court system and the proceedings do not happen in a timely manner) and the Director of LMR is instructed to advise the Trustee (Peace Hills Trust) and Legal Counsel (Kim Alexander Fullerton) of the amendment; in cases of exceptional circumstances such request will be brought forward to Chief and Council.

Carried
2nd Reading Waived

Opposed: Chief R. Stacey Laforme – The LMR Department can just give Council an update.


AGENDA ITEM NO. 15 – CORPORATE VISA (OFFICE CLERK)

With regard to the corporate visa, there have been many problems particularly with booking rooms. The corporate visa can reserve the room until the Councillor gets there, at which time the Councillor has to pay for the room. One Councillor noted that she is only allowed a certain amount to be taken out of her account, and sometimes she does not have all the funds available to pay for the room. This has been an ongoing problem.

Another Councillor advised that each Councillor should have his/her own corporate credit card. This was a case a few years ago until some Councillors took advantage of it and began to use the corporate credit card for their own personal use. As a result, the cards were taken away.

It was pointed out that this Council is mature enough to know how to use a corporate credit card.

It was suggested that each Councillor should have a corporate credit card with a limit of $5,000.00. Councillors will do their best to ensure that their cards are reconciled in a timely manner. And further, Finance Director will ensure that the cards are paid in a timely manner.
**MOTION NO. 15**

MOVED BY LARRY SAULT  
SECONDED BY R. STACEY LAFORME

That the MNCFN Education & Social Services Council gives approval to issue to all Band Council Members a Corporate Credit Card in the amount of $5,000.00 (Five Thousand Dollars). And further, the Councillors will do their best to ensure the cards are reconciled in a timely manner.

Carried  
2nd Reading Waived

**DIRECTION NO. 3**

That the MNCFN Education & Social Services Council directs the Finance Director to ensure that the Corporate Credit Cards of Band Council Members are paid in a timely manner.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 16 – MASTERS INDIGENOUS GAMES**

Councillor stated that MNCFN Council provided financial support to MNCFN Band Members for their registration in the 2017 NAIG Games. She (Councillor) is suggesting that Chief and Council also pay the registration fees for Band Members who enroll in the Masters Indigenous Games (July 12 – 15, 2018).

**MOTION NO. 16**

MOVED BY EVAN SAULT  
SECONDED BY ERMA FERRELL

That the MNCFN Education & Social Services Council agrees to provide financial support to their First Nation’s Members registration fees for the 2018 Masters Indigenous Games.

Fee registration for the 2018 Masters Indigenous Games, in the amount of $199.00 (One Hundred Ninety-Nine Dollars) or $229.00 (Two Hundred Twenty-Nine Dollars) will be reimbursed to all Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation Band Members. Funding will be provided by the Casino dollars.

Carried  
2nd Reading Waived

Renee (Laroux) Goretisky in at 12:50 pm.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 17 – GUEST – RENEE (LAROUX) GORETSKY TO PRESENT ON GANAWENJIGEJIK NIIBI BERAADIZIWIN (WATER COMMITTEE)**

Councillor noted in her email that Ganawanjigejik Niibi Bemaadiziwin (Water Committee) has been utilizing the help of a Guelph University student Renee LaRoux in engaging with MNCFN Members and conducting research that would not only benefit her PhD research of Indigenous Water Rights, but also benefit the Water Committee to gain information that is being understood by Membership about MNCFN water rights. This will help the Water Committee when forwarding the supporting documents to support the Aboriginal Title to Water claim. Simply what does water mean to the individual Member, to the larger Community, water rights to MNCFN, and then what does that mean when asserting jurisdictional rights over the Treaty Lands and Territory.
Renee has met with focus groups within the Community and has plans to enter into the school to conduct further survey information with the older grades.

Renee has also requested a time to present and engage with Council as another focus group, and the Water Committee supported this idea. It was only a matter of when all Council will be available.

Renee Goretsky is here to present to Council. She reiterated that she is developing a water framework. In her documentation to Council she attached an Information Letter and Informed Consent Form for Adult Group Discussions which she would like Chief and Council to sign. It is more along the lines of a survey.

Councillor stated that Band Members are not privy to the information that Chief and Council know. He further questioned what the Feds have to say. Regarding Fisheries and Oceans there are species at risk. What does Ottawa assume jurisdiction over? He also suggested having a look at New Credit’s relationship with Haldimand County over water.

Councillor stated that New Credit should not even be paying for water.

Chief pointed out that universal rights to water such as environmental protection, sustainability, governance, spiritual, philosophical etc. should also be looked at.

Another Councillor suggested that traditional teaching about water should be incorporated; people need to be educated.

Councillor stated that this whole exercise is asserting jurisdiction.

GRCA (Grand River Conservation Authority) has the rights over water and they do not consult First Nations. As well GRCA has been delegated fishing authority.

New Credit wants to be the authority under the big umbrella of governance. The topic of watersheds has to be discussed as well.

Chief questioned how does the Feds affect MNCFN’s rights. There is a $1 Million project being built at the Toronto Waterfront. The Water Claim is impacting everything that MNCFN does including economic impacts.

Water as a resource eg. Nestle etc. Nestle should come and talk to Chief and Council regarding resource revenue sharing.

Councillor volunteered her time to escort Renee around the Community when she (Renee) starts her presentations.

A copy of the Water Act is needed.

Chief noted that the Great Lakes is a shared relationship with the US.

Renee was thanked for her presentation and left at 1:45 pm.
AGENDA ITEM NO. 18 – MNCFN VETERANS (EF)

MOTION NO. 17
MOVED BY EVAN SAULT SECONDED BY VERONICA KING-JAMIESON
That the MNCFN Education & Social Services Council directs the A/MCD Director (Department) to add the MNCFN Veterans to the Website. This will be done immediately.

Carried
2nd Reading Waived

AGENDA ITEM NO. 19 – ANNUAL GRAND RIVER LEADERSHIP PRAYER BREAKFAST COMMITTEE PARTICIPATION REQUEST (EF)

MOTION NO. 18
MOVED BY VERONICA KING-JAMIESON SECONDED BY LARRY SAULT
That the MNCFN Education & Social Services Council approve the request from Councillor Erma Ferrel to participate on the Grand River Annual Leadership Prayer Breakfast Planning Committee.

Carried
2nd Reading Waived

DSED in at 1:50 pm.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 20 – AWARD OF RFP FOR HOUSING AUTHORITY FEASIBILITY STUDY (DSED)

DSED noted in his Briefing Note that an RFP for a Housing Authority Feasibility study was issued by Sustainable Economic Development on January 10, 2018. The budget for the Housing Authority Feasibility Study was provided by INAC and was within the 2017/2018 budget for SED.

Under the Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada Capital Facilities and Maintenance Program the SED was approved for a budget of $80,000 for Innovation: On-Reserve Housing Governance Structures/Models. This is further defined as a Housing Authority that will act as an independent entity that manages, operates, and administers housing funding and programs. All funding is required to be spent by March 31, 2018. An RFP was released on January 17, 2018.

MOTION NO. 19
MOVED BY VERONICA KING-JAMIESON SECONDED BY R. STACEY LAFORME
That the MNCFN Education & Social Services Council award the Proposal for the Housing Authority Feasibility Study to Cambium Aboriginal Inc. in the amount of $73,700.00 (Seventy Three Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars) for 2017/2018; funding to be provided by Indigenous & Northern Affairs Canada. The funds need to be spent by March 31, 2018.

Carried
2nd Reading Waived

Chief was excused at 2:00 pm for another meeting.
Councillors Stephanie LaForme and Rodger LaForme out at 2:00 pm because of a conflict of interest.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 21 – LEASE RATE INCREASE FOR COMMERCIAL PLAZA**

This item will be brought back to the next Infrastructure & Development Council Meeting on Monday, March 5, 2018 with more specific information such as revenue, expenses and profit.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 22 – GRAND RIVER NOTIFICATION AGREEMENT (ML)**

This item has been deferred to Regular Council on Tuesday, February 20, 2018.

Councillors Stephanie LaForme and Rodger LaForme back at 2:10 pm.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 23a) – INAC NOTICE OF BUDGET AMENDMENT #24**

**MOTION NO. 20**

MOVED BY ERMA FERRELL SECONDED BY VERONICA KING-JAMIESON

That the MNCFN Education & Social Services Council accepts and authorizes the signing of Indian & Northern Affairs Canada Amendment #024 which provides fixed funds in the total amount of $246,658.00 for the 2017/18 fiscal; $171,658.00 to be allocated to the MNCFN Education Department for Post Secondary and $75,000.00 to be allocated to Council/Administration for Government Capacity Development.

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

NOTE: Council signed the above Amendment.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 23b) – INAC AMENDMENT – MULTI-YEAR #27**

**MOTION NO. 21**

MOVED BY VERONICA KING-JAMIESON SECONDED BY ERMA FERRELL

That the MNCFN Education & Social Services Council accepts and authorizes the signing of Indian & Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) Amendment #027 which provides fixed funds in the total amount of $25,000.00 for the 2017/18 fiscal; to be allocated to the Housing Department for renovations and additions.

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

NOTE: Council signed the above Amendment.
AGENDA ITEM NO. 24a) – LETTER TO THE HONOURABLE CATHERINE McKENNA (LS)

Councillor drafted a letter and brought it to Council for revision and approval.

Chief had a concern regarding “consent”.

All the corrections will be made before the Chief signs the letter.

DIRECTION NO. 4
That the MNCFN Education & Social Services Council directs the Executive Director to make all necessary corrections to the draft letter (prepared by Councillor Larry Sault) to the Honourable Catherine McKenna and put same on MNCFN letterhead for the Chief’s signature to be mailed immediately.

MOTION NO. 22
MOVED BY ERMA FERRELL SECONDED BY LARRY SAULT
That the MNCFN Education & Social Services Council moved In-Camera at 2:30 pm.

Carried