

MISSISSAUGAS OF THE NEW CREDIT FIRST NATION
Executive Finance Council Meeting
PUBLIC MINUTES
Monday, February 26, 2018

Start: 9:05 am

Finish: 3:25 pm

Chief Councillor

R. Stacey Laforme

Councillor

Evan Sault

Councillor

Cathie Jamieson

Councillor

Veronica King-Jamieson

Councillor/Chair

Erma Ferrell

Councillor

Rodger LaForme (Bereavement Leave)

Councillor

Larry Sault

Councillor

Stephanie LaForme

Executive Director

Cynthia Jamieson

Recording Officer

Charlotte Smith

PW Director

Arland LaForme

Finance Director

Lilia Moos

Peace Hills Trust

Georgina Villeneuve, Jeff Frketich

Guests

Katherine Farris, Bruce Matheson

Band Members

Sonya Sault, Brenda Secord, Lisa Secord

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 – OPEN MEETING

Chair/Councillor Erma Ferrell opened the meeting at 9:05 am. Councillor Rodger LaForme was scheduled to chair today, but he is away on bereavement leave.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2 – REVIEW AND ACCEPT AGENDA

MOTION NO. 1

MOVED BY R. STACEY LAFORME

SECONDED BY VERONICA KING-JAMIESON

That the MNCFN Executive Finance Council accepts the Agenda with the following additions: and deletions:

- Agenda Item No. 12 – Deleted until sometime in March;
- Agenda Item No. 15a) – Emergency Repairs Required – Cayuga Road #272 (PW Director);
- Agenda Item No. 17 – Deleted until further notice;
- Agenda Item No. 19a) – In-Camera Item;
- Agenda Item No. 19b) – In-Camera Item.

Carried

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 – REVIEW & ACCEPT THE (PUBLIC) MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE FINANCE COUNCIL DATED MONDAY, JANUARY 22, 2018

MOTION NO. 2

MOVED BY STEPHANIE LAFORME

SECONDED BY EVAN SAULT

That the MNCFN Executive Finance Council accepts the Public Minutes of Executive Finance Council dated Monday, January 22, 2018.

Carried

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3a) – REVIEW & ACCEPT SPECIAL COUNCIL MINUTES OF FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2018

Councillor pointed out that these Minutes should be discussed further, and suggested they be put on the TARC meeting of March 9, 2018.

MOTION NO. 3

MOVED BY VERONCIA KING-JAMIESON

SECONDED BY R. STACEY LAFORME

That the MNCFN Executive Finance Council accepts the Special Council Minutes – Governance, Water Rights of Friday, February 2, 2018.

Carried

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4 – MATTERS ARISING FROM COUNCIL MINUTES

There was no Matters Arising from the Minutes.

Georgina Villeneuve and Jeff Frketich from Peace Hills Trust in at 9:25 am.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5 – GUESTS GEORGINA VILLENEUVE & JEFF FRKETICH FROM PEACE HILLS TRUST (PHT) TO GIVE A PRESENTATION ON: FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Georgina highlighted the Financial Statements. She also noted that the Statements are a clean Audit.

Chief questioned on Page 1 the line that says “Due to Minors (Note 6), why would PHT do this. Georgina answered that it is now a new accounting requirement. Chief added that this will certainly come up at the Monthly Gathering.

Councillor asked Jeff to explain “volatility”. Jeff answered that it is when the financial market Prices (stocks) go up and down/fluctuate. He also added that the Investment Managers are paid to take advantage of volatility. Councillor then asked if Council could have this in writing and Georgina answered that she added a slide, but will also send an email to Chief and Council.

Councillor questioned how PHT is looking at America first. Jeff answered through cars, timber, steel etc, although this has no effect on what the Trust owns.

Jeff highlighted the Performance Report and informed that the Trust is growing at a real rate of return. All the Managers did well.

Councillor questioned why keep bonds? Jeff replied that the Trust needs bonds because bonds takes the swing out of the market.

Chief questioned how long has the Trust had Dixon Mitchell on board, and Jeff answered three years. Chief stated he has concerns with Dixon Mitchell, and does not see the value in keeping them. Jeff advised that Dixon Mitchell does not hurt the Trust, and DM is at its benchmark. Chief added that he would wait and see what the Performance Review says.

With regard to the RFP, Chief and Council agreed to engage Mercer for the Performance Review.

Regarding the Alternative Investments, Georgina informed that the value of WeedMD at the end of January 2018 was \$8 Million.

Jeff informed that there is no word on Zoompass yet, but advised Chief and Council not to take out any dollars yet.

Councillor questioned if it is time to take out some dollars from WeedMD. Jeff advised that Council could take out \$2 Million. He will speak with WeedMD and see if a buyer can be found for a block trade. Georgina also noted that a BCR is necessary to start this transaction. She will prepare the BCR and send it to Chief and Council.

Georgina and Jeff were thanked for their presentation and left at 10:20 am.

MOTION NO. 4

MOVED BY EVAN SAULT

SECONDED BY CATHIE JAMIESON

That the MNCFN Executive Finance Council accepts the **Financial Statements** of the Toronto Purchase Trust dated December 31, 2017.

Carried

MOTION NO. 5

MOVED BY VERONICA KING-JAMIESON

SECONDED BY EVAN SAULT

That the MNCFN Executive Finance Council accepts the Toronto Purchase Trust **Performance Report** dated December 31, 2017.

Carried

MOTION NO. 6

MOVED BY VERONICA KING-JAMIESON

SECONDED BY LARRY SAULT

That the MNCFN Executive Finance Council agrees that Peace Hills Trust should proceed to engage Mercer for the Performance Review of the Investment Managers of the MNCFN Toronto Purchase Trust; the cost being an allowable expense as per the terms of the Toronto Purchase Trust Agreement.

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

Opposed: Chief R. Stacey Laforme – PBI can accomplish the same task for less money.

Band Members in at 10:30 am.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6 – GUESTS - BAND MEMBERS TO PRESENT TO COUNCIL REGARDING CIGARETTE QUOTA

Band Members are requesting two cigarette quotas. One officially opened the store for business in November 2016.

Band Member questioned what is the criteria for obtaining a quota.

The other Band Member informed that she was told by the Economic Development Department that if it is a convenience store, then milk, bread, pop and chips have to be sold.

Councillor informed the Band Members that Council will continue to follow protocol, and the DSED will get back to them.

Guests were thanked and left at 10:40 am.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7 – FYI – COUNCIL REQUESTED BUDGET COSTS FROM CAROLYN KING REGARDING ARBOR PROJECT & UNIVERSITY OF WATERLOO

This is an FYI for Council who requested this information from the Cultural Committee.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8 – DAVE LEVAC MPP – SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE (EF)

Councillor Erma Ferrell will follow up on this item.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9 – PROCESS – VERBAL DISCUSSION (EF)

Councillor stated the following is the process:

1. All requests from C&C go to the Executive Director for staff.
2. The Executive Director will contact the staff.
3. All complaints re: a staff member from C&C are to be sent to the Executive Director.
4. All staff are to contact the Executive Director and she will forward to C&C

There are more rules; however, Council will discuss them in detail at a later date.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 10 – POW WOWS FOR 2018 – VERBAL DISCUSSION (EF)

Council agreed that whoever (of Chief and Council) could attend Pow Wows of other First Nations, those people would go on behalf of MNCFN.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 11 – CHIEFS OF ONTARIO – VERBAL DISCUSSION (EF)

Councillor questioned if there should be a Motion/Recommendation when Chief and/or Council attend the Chiefs of Ontario (COO) meetings or AFN meetings. This item will be added to the Training/Chairing Meeting Agenda.

Councillor pointed out that there are two assemblies which are very important as there is a rift at the AFN level. It should be open to Chief and Council as to who would like to attend. Regional Chief Isadore Day is doing something on four assemblies which date is May 1 – 2, 2018. Chief agrees that anyone should be able to attend.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 12 – GUEST – LESLEE WHITE-EYE TO PRESENT ON FIRST NATION WITH SCHOOL COLLECTIVE (VKJ)

This item has been deferred to one of the Council Meetings sometime in March 2018 as Leslie White-Eye is unavailable today.

Council moved to Agenda Item No. 14.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 14 – AUTHORIZATION TO DESTROY RECORDS (RECORDS MANAGER)

MOTION NO. 7

MOVED BY R. STACEY LAFORME

SECONDED BY EVAN SAULT

That the MNCFN Executive Finance Council grants approval to destroy the records listed on the Authorization for Destruction forms, which have been signed off by the Department Head verifying that the records have met their retention dates as per the MNCFN Records Management Policy approved by Council.

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

DIRECTION NO. 1

That the MNCFN Executive Finance Council directs the Records Manager (Jenny Henry) to bring back a recommended revision of the Records Management Policy whereby Records Management will no longer be required to seek Council approval for the destruction of records; and as well, to provide a Summary of "Retention Schedule" for Council's review.

PW Director in at 11:20 am.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 15 – BAND MEMBER REQUEST – BORROW EQUIPMENT (PW DIRECTOR)

PW Director stated in his Briefing Note that a Motion of Council is required to approve the request for a Band Member to borrow equipment (place settings for 100 people).

Public Works Department received an email request from a Band Member to borrow equipment (place settings for 100 people) from the Community Centre for a family event.

Currently, there is not documentation in place for these types of requests.

The Band Member is willing to take full responsibility for the equipment.

Chief suggested that this item be added to the Policy with a dollar amount.

Councillor pointed out that there should be an inventory list of what we actually have at the Community Centre. Executive Director noted that the audit requires an audit inventory however, the PW Director will identify everything.

MOTION NO. 8

MOVED BY STEPHANIE LAFORME

SECONDED BY CATHIE JAMIESON

That the MNCFN Executive Finance Council denies the request from the Band Member to borrow equipment from the Community Centre for place settings for 100 people due to the Regularly Scheduled Monthly Gathering that will take place on April 28, 2018. Further, that this Motion will set a precedent for all future requests of this nature. Finally, authorize Public Works Director to send a written response to the Band Member.

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

AGENDA ITEM NO. 16a) – COMMUNITY WELLNESS DISTRIBUTION (EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR)

It was agreed that Chief and Council would remain status quo as per current Policy.

Council moved back to 15a).

AGENDA ITEM NO. 15a) – EMERGENCY REPAIRS REQUIRED – CAYUGA ROAD #272 (PW DIRECTOR)

PW Director noted in his Briefing Note that a Motion is required to authorize MNCFN Public Works Department to coordinate emergency repairs to Cayuga Road #272 due to road condition. There will be one claim presented at March's I & D Meeting for reimbursement due to road conditions. This is a Health and Safety issue for all commuters.

Cayuga Road #272 was resurfaced approximately ten (10) years ago, however, increased traffic flow due to Hwy #6 construction and weather conditions has not lived up to its full life expectancy.

Public Works Department maintains this section of road and falls under the “Boundary Road Agreement” with Six Nations of the Grand River First Nation (SNGRFN) for 50/50 cost share of any construction. Six Nations informed that they would reimburse MNCFN next fiscal for the emergency repairs.

PWD has contacted Connie Charlie – Capital Management Officer from AANDC that is currently in place of Karim Hajiani responsible for review and approval of the annual First Nations Infrastructure Investment plan (FNIIP). In that plan, PWD has planned \$50,000.00 road maintenance for Mississauga Road #126 for 2018/2019, however, PWD has requested a revision to re-allocate these funds to Cayuga Road #272 to address the emergency situation.

PWD has performed daily maintenance by applying 6 tonnes of cold patch to date.

Councillor questioned if a legal letter was being requested wherein Six Nations conveys that they would reimburse MNCFN. PW Director answered yes.

Councillor stated he is not in favor of filling the pot holes. The whole road should be resurfaced. Resurfacing the roads is a political issue and should be taken to INAC. PW Director noted that the higher ups in INAC make the decisions.

Councillor reiterated that there are slippage dollars to be applied for.

Chief informed that he would follow up with INAC.

Executive Director noted that INAC’s priorities are already in place however, this is an emergency situation.

PW Director out at 11:35 am.

MOTION NO. 9

MOVED BY R. STACEY LAFORME

SECONDED BY EVAN SAULT

That the MNCFN Executive Finance Council is aware that Public Works Department has the responsibility to maintain Cayuga Road #272. Further, that with the “Boundary Road Agreement” with SNGRFN, authorizes Public Works Department to proceed with emergency repair maintenance utilizing \$50,000.00 from 2018/2019 FNIIP and approves an additional \$50,000.00 from the Enterprise Fund for a total amount of: ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$100,000.00). Finally, MNCFN will request reimbursement from SNGRFN next fiscal for 50% of the total contract for: FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$50,000.00).

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

Opposed: Councillor Larry Sault – Would like to see the letter from Six Nations where it states Six Nations will reimburse MNCFN.

Council moved back to Agenda Item No. 13.

Finance Director in at 11:35 am.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 13 – FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2018
(FINANCE DIRECTOR)**

Chair asked if anyone had any questions regarding the Financial Statements.

Councillor would like to know where the pillar dollars are. Finance Director answered that they are under each department. Councillor stated that she wants to see these dollars as a separate financial statement. Finance Director answered that she would open up a profit centre. Chair noted that the Finance Director would follow up with an email to everyone.

Chair advised that Councillor VKJ will meet with the Finance Director regarding the NAIG dollars.

On Page 8.1 – Executive Director informed that a closer look needs to be taken with regard to bank charges and interest. Finance Director stated that this charge is for the credit cards and the DSED is supposed to be looking after this. . Another Councillor answered that the DSED is working under card services, but the Finance Director can change the name. On the same page Councillor noted that management wages have a big difference

With regard to SN Technologies, Executive Director informed that MNCFN cannot do anything legally. Brian Finnigan (Legal Counsel) advised Chief and Council to be aware of lending any dollars to this company as they had no assets that could be claimed in the event of not paying their loan. Councillor LS stated that he would call Cameron Uren and do a follow up. Finance Director informed that for the book's year end, SN Technologies will have to be recorded as a write-off.

Chief questioned if the \$75,000.00 for the Strategic Plan has been expended in order to get the next amount of \$75,000.00. Executive Director answered yes, we have it on paper in the Notice of Budget Adjustment from two meetings ago.

MOTION NO. 10

MOVED BY R. STACEY LAFORME

SECONDED BY LARRY SAULT

That the MNCFN Executive Finance Council accepts the Financial Statements for the month of January 2018 with noted discussion.

Carried

Finance Director out at 12:05 pm.

Council moved to Agenda Item No. 16b).

AGENDA ITEM NO. 16b) – CHIEF & COUNCIL TRAVEL POLICY (EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR)

Executive Director highlighted all the changes that Council wanted to see.

MOTION NO. 11

MOVED BY LARRY SAULT

SECONDED BY EVAN SAULT

That the MNCFN Executive Finance Council hereby approves the revisions to the Chief and Council Policy as of today's date (Monday, February 26, 2018).

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

MOTION NO. 12

MOVED BY R. STACEY LAFORME

SECONDED BY VERONICA KING-JAMIESON

That the MNCFN Executive Finance Council moved In-Camera at 12:10 pm.

Carried