

**MISSISSAUGAS OF THE NEW CREDIT FIRST NATION  
INFRASTRUCTURE & DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL**

**PUBLIC MINUTES**

**Monday, March 5, 2018**

**Start 9:10 am**

**Finish 4:35 pm**

**Chief Councillor**

**R. Stacey Laforme**

**Councillor**

**Erma Ferrell**

**Councillor**

**Cathie Jamieson**

**Councillor/Chair**

**Larry Sault**

**Councillor**

**Evan Sault**

**Councillor**

**Rodger LaForme**

**Councillor**

**Veronica King-Jamieson**

**Councillor**

**Stephanie LaForme**

**Executive Director**

**Cynthia Jamieson**

**Recorder**

**Charlotte Smith**

**PW Director**

**Arland LaForme**

**LMR Director**

**Margaret Sault**

**DOCA Director**

**Mark LaForme**

**SHS Director**

**Rachelle Ingrao**

**Education Director**

**Amanda Sault**

**Housing Program Director**

**Lorraine LaForme**

**Proposal Writer**

**Lewis Staats**

**Finance Director**

**Lilia Moos**

**A/MCD Director**

**Donna Duric**

**Culture & Events Coordinator**

**Caitlin LaForme**

**LDM Coordinator**

**Michele King**

**DSED**

**Wade Griffin**

**ECC Assistant Supervisor**

**Elisa Machida**

**Legal Counsel**

**Travis Allan**

**Ontario Regional Chief**

**Isadore Day**

**Guest**

**Chris Metcalfe**

**Band Members**

**Sonya Sault, Carolyn King**

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 – OPEN MEETING**

Chair/Councillor Larry Sault opened the meeting at 9:10 am. All Senior Staff were invited to hear the presentation of Ontario Regional Chief Isadore Day at 11:00 am and also invited for lunch.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 2 – REVIEW AND ACCEPT AGENDA**

**MOTION NO. 1**

MOVED BY VERONICA KING-JAMIESON

SECONDED BY EVAN SAULT

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

- Agenda Items No. 5 – 8 are moved In-Camera;
- Agenda Item No. 9a) – In-Camera Item;
- Agenda Item No. 29a) – Request for People to be on the Agenda (EF);
- Agenda Item No. 33a) – In-Camera Item.

Carried

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 – REVIEW & ACCEPT PUBLIC MINUTES OF INFRASTRUCTURE & DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL DATED MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2018**

**MOTION NO. 2**

MOVED BY EVAN SAULT

SECONDED BY R. STACEY LAFORME

That the MNCFN Infrastructure & Development Council accepts the Public Minutes of Infrastructure & Development Council Meeting dated Monday, February 5, 2018 with noted discussion.

Carried

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 4 – MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

4.4 – See Public Minutes – Direction No. 1 (Page 6) – Letter to Ministry of Tourism advising them of MNCFN Protocol.

Chief will follow up regarding the above letter as he does not recall signing it.

**MOTION NO. 3**

MOVED BY EVAN SAULT

SECONDED BY CATHIE JAMIESON

That the MNCFN Infrastructure & Development Council moved In-Camera at 9:21 am.

Carried

**MOTION NO. 10**

MOVED BY EVAN SAULT

SECONDED BY STEPHANIE LAFORME

That the MNCFN Infrastructure & Development Council moved Out of Camera at 11:05 am.

Carried

Regional Chief Isadore Day in at 11:07 am.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 14 – GUEST – ONTARIO REGIONAL CHIEF ISADORE DAY TO ADDRESS CHIEF & COUNCIL ON THE STATE OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS WITH ONTARIO, FEDS AND AFN**

Introductions were made around the Council Table. Chief R. Stacey Laforme opened the meeting and welcomed Regional Chief Isadore Day to the MNCFN Territory.

Chief Day acknowledged the MNCFN Territory, Chief, Council and staff. He thanked everyone for being invited to speak.

Chief Day noted that he is not inclined to be concerned about the upcoming provincial or Regional Chief elections, as there were more current issues that need attention. He then referenced the Special Ontario Chiefs Assembly coming up on Tuesday, April 17 to Thursday, April 19, 2018. Chief Day suggested that this upcoming assembly will be a time to sort out the political turf wars that presently exist within the Political Confederacy.

Under the past 3-4 Ontario Regional Chiefs, our communities have experienced a gradual breakdown in the political/corporate structures within the Executive of COO. He explained, there are the Chiefs, COO Secretariat (administrative), Political Confederacy (PC – made up of leadership of PTO, Independents etc), Corporate Board of Directors (responsible for the Secretariat eg. Policies, HR, Fiscal matters), and the Ontario Regional Chiefs Office.

An example Chief Day raised was that MNCFN has moved away from AIAI to pursue a Nationhood model within the present government to government – Nation-to-Nation discussions. He went on to say that with the Political Confederacy (PC) broken, it is very important to watch what the Corporate Board of Directors is doing. There are power struggles within the PC, and he questioned what the interim fix would be. In an effort to bring some relevance to the new day that is upon us, Chief Day summarized the upcoming Special Chief's Assembly as follows:

**Day One-** will focus on 'Restructuring Process' so as to make it representative of the current situation; and Jenny Restoule, had been contracted for this purpose.

**Day Two** - will be discussion and/or action on the Ontario Fair Share Initiative on fiscal relations. A couple years ago, National Chief Perry Belegarde signed an MOU with Prime Minister's office on behalf of all Chiefs in Canada which is totally unacceptable. One of the key documents in question for Ontario is the new Assembly of First Nations/Government of Canada Fiscal Relations Strategy. Presently, 23% of the National Indigenous population live in Ontario region – but only 8-11% of the funding comes to Ontario. Financial allocation/per capita distribution problems arise because of these percentages with the expected 2018 federal budget being \$16.7 billion.

The AFN MOU becomes a problem because neither the organization nor the National Chiefs office are the rights holders. Further, with the Trudeau government having a majority in the House of Commons and they will want to pass legislation, together with the AFN which bypasses the local community. COO and AFN should not be an engagement entity!

Chief Day carried the portfolios for AFN on Fishing, National Energy Board (NEB), Canadian Environmental Assessment Act (CEAA) and Navigable Waters Act. He has since resigned from

this committee because of his exclusion from decision-making on behalf of the 133 First Nations in Ontario. His main concern is that the four pieces of legislation concerns land and “we are in a battle on land and water based legislation.”

AFN is an endorsement of the Federal Government and is perceived as purchasing consent in devious ways, which is very concerning. AFN currently has a budget of \$25 Million, but for the 2018/2019 budget they want \$35 Million. Chief Day believes that First Nations are getting short changed on this as well as the fact that the economy and the Federal Government are not consistent.

On Day Two of the Special Chief’s Assembly (Wednesday, April 18, 2018) there will be further discussion and/or action on the subject of the Ontario Government. As the Writ drops in May 2018 there will be a dead zone.

On **Day Three** the discussion and/or action will be on three resolutions:

1. Structure (lack of corporate responsibility)
2. Principles (how to deal with Provincial Policy).
3. How to deal with Department of Indigenous Services Canada (DISC – Minister Jane Philpott)

Chief Day holds the National Health Portfolio for AFN, and he stressed that First Nations Health needs legislation in place to establish a legal obligation vs moral. The Ontario government is maintaining spending in this area. Former Ontario Minister of Health Eric Hoskins (who is no longer Health Minister) was head hunted for a new position looking to establish a “Health Commission”.

Chair had a copy of the AFN budget, and he stated that the government is going out of their way to fund First nations to go into the Lands Management Act. The fiscal relationship budget is \$188 Million and \$189 Million is being allocated for self-government. This should be troubling to the Chiefs. Chief Day added that neither the AFN nor COO should be engagement bodies on budgetary matters of this magnitude.

Chief Laforme informed that he has not been to a lot of AFN meetings, and Council has pulled back from COO because it appears COO is not functioning properly. With regard to the Political Confederacy, Chief Laforme stated that he does not see Indians but rather he sees corporate and self-serving agendas.

Executive Director questioned if any thought has been given to not associating with AFN as it has not changed and the West rules the AFN. Chief Day replied that from time to time the AFN needs to be reined in. The Chiefs are the authority of the AFN and hold this responsibility!

Chief Day stated that COO needs New Credit to be involved in the discussions of change and the decision-making process and urged MNCFN to participate.

DOCA Director questioned if COO has done an internal assessment of the Ontario Assessment Act. Chief Day answered that COO can only do a pre-assessment.

Because there is no Nation to Nation relationship with PDAC, the junior mining companies go in and exploit the land, and the Feds are giving 15% tax write-offs to the junior mining companies.

Chair questioned how the 15% tax would benefit First Nations.

With regard to the legislation of cannabis, dispensaries are operating because there are no laws in place. There is no regulatory framework until there are laws in place.

Chief Day's concern is edibles and reiterated that there are a lot of issues with the cannabis industry and First Nations. COO has put together a framework but lost another opportunity regarding excise taxes on cannabis because the National Chief failed to attend the Federal, Territorial, Provincial (FTP) allocation tax distribution.

Chair stated that there are two issues that he believes are important. One is the First Nations Export Forum – have to discuss NAFTA; and the other is Toronto. Chief Day replied that he does not know much about NAFTA. He will be at the CCAB meeting on First Nations Export coming up in a few days. He says First Nations have rights that far exceed the government. Chair noted that Toronto is the homelands of MNCFN. Chief Laforme added that as Treaty Holders we have obligations. Chair requested Chief Day's help to get New Credit back on track.

Chief Day stated that the Premier of Ontario is pushing against New Credit, and he needs clear direction from New Credit on how he can assist. Chief LaForme agreed to send a letter for Regional Chief to address the MNCFN traditional Treaty homelands of Toronto.

DOCA Director informed that the Traditional Knowledge and Land Use Coordinator (Darin Wybenga) in the DOCA office has a lot of history of the Traditional Lands and Treaties of MNCFN with the Crown.

Chief Day's email address is [lday@afn.ca](mailto:lday@afn.ca).

He was thanked for his presentation and shared lunch with the First Nation.

**MOTION NO. 11**

MOVED BY R. STACEY LAFORME                      SECONDED BY VERONICA KING-JAMIESON  
That the MNCFN Infrastructure & Development Council moved In-Camera at 1:15 pm.

Carried

**MOTION NO. 16**

MOVED BY CATHIE JAMIESON    SECONDED BY EVAN SAULT  
That the MNCFN Infrastructure & Development Council moved Out of Camera.

Carried

# PUBLIC WORKS

PW Director and Chris Metcalfe in at 2:40 pm to present on the item below.

## **AGENDA ITEM NO. 21 – WASTEWATER PROJECT WITH TRENT & MCGILL UNIVERSITIES**

PW Director introduced Chris Metcalfe.

PW Director noted in his Briefing Note that a Motion is required to acknowledge the report provided by Dr. Chris Metcalfe from the School of the Environment, Trent University. There were several project partners.

The goal of this project was to investigate integrated ozonation and lagoon treatment of wastewater as an effective treatment method, and if so, determine the best ozone dosing strategy for use in lagoons.

In the Fall of 2017, a pilot scale system was operated at the west lagoon of the wastewater treatment facility that serves the Mississaugas of New Credit First Nation.

Using an ozonation unit supplied by Aclarus Ozone Water Systems, ozone was injected into wastewater pumped from the west lagoon, and the ozonated water was then returned to the lagoon.

The ozonation unit operated for 24 hours a day for a 10-day period in September 2017 and the total volume of water treated by ozonation equaled approximately 10% of the lagoon volume.

Samples were collected from the lagoon at the start and end of ozonation, and over the 30-day post-ozonation period prior to lagoon discharge in October.

Basic water quality was monitored in the lagoon, as well as the wastewater quality parameters required for compliance with federal wastewater regulations.

Additional water quality parameters were monitored, including the concentrations of several contaminants of emerging concern (CECs).

In this pilot-scale study, the quality of the wastewater in the lagoon improved over the monitoring period, with reduced levels of cBOD and ammonia to levels in compliance with discharge limits.

Mr. Metcalfe informed that he will come back in August or September 2018 to monitor the lagoon. He also added that the wastewater rules are not able to meet the federal government's requirements.

Erin Hayword, one of the partners, has not found many defects in the lagoon.

Boston Creek has lots of fresh water muscles.

Mr. Metcalfe stated that New Credit has a large lagoon and does a good job of taking care of the wastewater.

Mr. Metcalf was thanked for his presentation and left at 2:50 pm.

**MOTION NO. 17**

MOVED BY CATHIE JAMIESON

SECONDED BY ERMA FERRELL

That the MNCFN Infrastructure & Development Council acknowledges the report from Dr. Chris Metcalfe, of Trent University and Project Partners and approve their request that the study team be allowed to access the MNCFN lagoon in 2018 over August to October to monitor the quality of wastewater without the integrated ozonation treatment. Further, approve the request for Erin Hayward (MSc student) and Dr. Patty Gillis (Environment and Climate Change Canada) to present these study results to the community in the spring of 2018 at a Monthly Gathering determined by MNCFN.

Carried

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Waived

Chris Metcalfe out at 2:50 pm.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 22 – GAS SUPPLY AGREEMENT – SIX NATIONS NATURAL GAS COMPANY**

PW Director noted that a Motion is required to renegotiate the current Agreement with Six Nations Natural Gas Company. An Agreement was entered into on September 15, 1998 with Six Nations Natural Gas Company for the supply of natural gas to MNCFN.

The initial term of the Agreement was authorized on the effective date of the Agreement which was December 16, 1999.

A new Agreement has not been agreed upon nor does MNCFN Public Works Department have one on file to date.

The existing Agreement has surpassed its original term as per section 5 (1).

This would be an opportunity to renegotiate this Agreement and make any revisions at this time.

Council can forward all review comments to Public Work Department.

Councillor stated that this present Agreement does not give New Credit anything, and New Credit should have some kind of incentive.

**MOTION NO. 18**

MOVED BY CATHIE JAMIESON

SECONDED BY ERMA FERRELL

That the MNCFN Infrastructure & Development Council authorizes Public Works Department to compile revision comments and organize a meeting with Brian Finnigan of Waterous Holden to perform a Legal Opinion in the best interest of Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation (MNCFN). Finally, once legal has reviewed the revisions, request a meeting with Six Nations Natural Gas Company to finalize a new agreement.

Carried

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Waived

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 23 – ADMINISTRATION BUILDING – PRESENTATION FROM PW DIRECTOR**

PW Director presented a power point presentation with three options regarding the Administration Building. Option 1 would be the core area location (where the present Administration Building is). Option 2 would be the No. 6 Highway location. Option 3 is the Community Centre location. These are options for building a new Administration Building.

**MOTION NO. 19**

MOVED BY STEPHANIE LAFORME

SECONDED BY VERONICA KING-JAMIESON

That the MNCFN Infrastructure & Development Council acknowledges the presentation from the Public Works Director. In addition, authorize Public Works Department with the assistance of OFNTSC assemble a “Terms of Reference” to proceed with a new facility to accommodate Chief and Council (Lecture Hall/Offices), Administration, Finance, Housing & Public Works Department within the “Core Area” or a suitable site determined by Council. Finally, establish a shovel ready Design Budget of: TWO HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$250,000.00). Finally, Council approve a funding request be submitted into the Community Trust to support the Design Budget.

Carried

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Waived

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 24 – OTHER/NEW BUSINESS**

There was no Other/New Business.

PW Director out at 2:55 pm.

Finance Director in at 2:55 pm.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 25 – MNCFN TORONTO PURCHASE – TRANSACTION REPORTS**

Finance Director prepared these accounts – Toronto Purchase Initial Payment Account, Toronto Purchase Revenue Account, PCD Members turning 18 (Section 6.6 of the Trust Agreement and the Toronto Purchase Distribution for Community Development, Land Acquisition and Education for the Monthly Gathering Meeting of Saturday, March 24, 2018.

Councillor stated that two years ago the Finance Director provided all the information in more detail.

Councillor added that more line items are needed.

Executive Director pointed out that Peace Hills Trust deposits dollars into the Revenue Account as of December 2017.

There are some revisions to be made and the Finance Director will revise this for the Monthly Gathering. Further, Councillors Erma Ferrell and Rodger LaForme will meet with the Finance Director.



**MOTION NO. 20**

MOVED BY VERONICA KING-JAMIESON                      SECONDED BY RODGER LAFORME

That the MNCFN Infrastructure & Development Council approves the presentation of the Finance Director regarding the TP Initial Payment, TP Revenue Account, TP - PCD Members turning 18, and TP – Distribution for Community Development, Land Acquisition and Education, with noted revisions.

Carried  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Waived

Finance Director out at 3:22 pm.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 26 – APPROVAL OF PERFORMANCE REPORT FROM PEACE HILLS TRUST – FOR THE MONTHLY GATHERING MEETING ON SATURDAY, MARCH 24, 2018**

**MOTION NO. 21**

MOVED BY STEPHANIE LAFORME    SECONDED BY EVAN SAULT

That the MNCFN Infrastructure & Development Council approves the Toronto Purchase Trust Performance Report from Peace Hills Trust and will be put on the Agenda for the Monthly Gathering Meeting of Saturday, March 24, 2018.

Carried  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Waived

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 27 – APPROVAL OF ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEE FROM PEACE HILLS TRUST – FOR THE MONTHLY GATHERING MEETING ON SATURDAY, MARCH 24, 2018**

**MOTION NO. 22**

MOVED BY STEPHANIE LAFORME    SECONDED BY EVAN SAULT

That the MNCFN Infrastructure & Development Council approves the Toronto Purchase Trust Annual Report of the Trustee from Peace Hills Trust and will be put on the Agenda for the Monthly Gathering Meeting of Saturday, March 24, 2018.

Carried  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Waived

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 28 – SNOW PLOWING (EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR)**

Executive Director informed that the Social & Health Services Department were allocated \$15,000.00 from Casino Rama Reserve in their 17/18 budget to undertake snow plowing for the Elderly Members in the Community.

Last week the SHS Director sent over an invoice for payment in the amount of \$7,740.00 that she was uncomfortable to sign as it would take the Department over their allocation. I signed, as the activity had already been undertaken and the invoice needed to be paid.

As of February 23, 2018 Accounts Payable confirmed the Department had expended a total of \$27,113,580.00; which is \$12,580.00 over their budget. This over expenditure can likely be attributed to a higher than usual snowfall and extremely cold weather.

As it is likely that additional snow plowing will be required prior to spring, it is anticipated that additional funds will be required beyond what has already been expended.

**MOTION NO. 23**

MOVED BY ERMA FERRELL

SECONDED BY R. STACEY LAFORME

That the MNCFN Infrastructure & Development Council agrees to allocate an additional \$20,580.00 (Twenty Thousand Five Hundred Eighty Dollars) for a total of \$35,580 (Thirty Five Thousand Five Hundred Eighty Dollars) for the Social & Health Services Elderly 2017/18 Snow Plowing Budget; fund to come from Casino Rama Reserve.

Carried

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Waived

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 29 – OTHER/NEW BUSINESS**

There was no Other/New Business.

**MOTION NO. 24**

MOVED BY CATHIE JAMIESON

SECONDED BY RODGER LAFORME

That the MNCFN Infrastructure & Development Council moved In-Camera at 4:00 pm.

Carried



