

MISSISSAUGAS OF THE NEW CREDIT FIRST NATION
Executive Finance Council Meeting
PUBLIC MINUTES
Monday, April 23, 2018

Start: 9:15 am

Finish: 3:45 pm

Chief Councillor

R. Stacey Laforme (Sick)

Councillor

Evan Sault

Councillor

Cathie Jamieson

Councillor

Veronica King-Jamieson

Councillor

Erma Ferrell

Councillor/Chair

Rodger LaForme

Councillor

Larry Sault

Councillor

Stephanie LaForme

Executive Director

Cynthia Jamieson

Recording Officer

Charlotte Smith

ECC Supervisor

Patti Barber

ECC Assistant Supervisor

Elisa Machida

Education Director

Amanda Sault

Culture & Events Coordinator

Caitlin LaForme

PW Director

Arland LaForme

A/MCD Director

Donna Duric

Band Members

Sonya Sault

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 – OPEN MEETING

Chair/Councillor Rodger LaForme opened the meeting at 9:05 am. Chief is away sick.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2 – REVIEW AND ACCEPT AGENDA

MOTION NO. 1

MOVED BY LARRY SAULT

SECONDED BY CATHIE JAMIESON

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

- Agenda Item No. 11e) – LSK Expansion Study (Education Director);
- Agenda Item No. 11f) – Provincial Elections (EF);
- Agenda Item No. 11g) – Who will be Attending Dave Levac's Retirement Dinner? (EF);
- Agenda Item No. 15 – In-Camera Item – Moved to Infrastructure & Development Council Meeting on Monday, May 7, 2018.

Carried

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 – REVIEW & ACCEPT THE (PUBLIC) MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE FINANCE COUNCIL DATED MONDAY, MARCH 26, 2018

Page 2 – Agenda Item No. 5 – Pillar Budget Surpluses: Councillor LS stated that he will not be doing a Terms of Reference. He further stated that OMT is not following the Strategic Plan either.

Executive Director informed that it is very important to have a meeting with Chief, Council and OMT. Staff would like to know how they fit into the Strategic Plan, and how to fit this into their work plans.

Councillor questioned how Chief and Council came up with the \$20,000.00 budget for each pillar. Another Councillor answered that this was already discussed with Chief and Council.

Councillor believes that there are things that have to be cleared up regarding the Strategic Plan.

Executive Director informed that OMT meets this week and the Strategic Plan will be further discussed then.

Page 3 & 4 – Agenda Item No. 8 – Chief & Council Follow-Up Reports: Councillor stated that Roles, Responsibilities and Policies of Chief and Council will be added to the Training on Chairing Meetings Agenda. This training will be added to the Regular Council Agenda on Tuesday, May 22, 2018.

MOTION NO. 2

MOVED BY CATHIE JAMIESON

SECONDED BY ERMA FERRELL

That the MNCFN Executive Finance Council accepts the Public Minutes of Executive Finance Council Meeting dated Monday, March 26, 2018.

Carried

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3a) – REVIEW AND ACCEPT SPECIAL COUNCIL MINUTES ON PRIORITIZING DEPARTMENT FUNDING GOALS DATED MONDAY, APRIL 9, 2018

MOTION NO. 3

MOVED BY LARRY SAULT

SECONDED BY EVAN SAULT

That the MNCFN Executive Finance Council accepts the Special Council Minutes dated Monday, April 9, 2018.

Carried

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4 – MATTERS ARISING FROM COUNCIL MINUTES

There was no Matters Arising from the Minutes.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5 – PROPOSAL FROM THE STEINER GROUP

Councillor pointed out that there is no mention of the Niagara Falls Casino in the Proposal. He questioned how Council would handle this, and added that we (Chief and Council) do not know where Minister Zimmer is on this.

Councillor noted that the Proposal states there will be extra costs – 5% success fees.

Executive Director reiterated that this is a Proposal and Council will need a Motion. Dollars can come from the Gaming Fund.

It was noted that Woodbine should also be included.

DIRECTION NO. 1

That the MNCFN Executive Finance Council directs the Executive Director to take the necessary steps to put in place a Draft Contract based on the Proposal of Argent Gaming.

Further direction is given to Councillor Larry Sault to contact Minister Zimmer regarding the above Proposal of Ardent Gaming.

This item will be brought back to the next Infrastructure & Development Council Meeting on Monday, May 7, 2018.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6 – DISCUSSION ON PAYMENT OF REGISTRATION FEES FOR ATTENDING CHIEFS OF ONTARIO MEETINGS (VKJ)

Councillor VKJ was mildly perturbed to discover when she arrived at the Chiefs of Ontario Special Assembly (April 17 – 19, 2018) that she was not registered for this Assembly. She noted in her email that Chief and Council have always had to pay a registration fee. She questioned what sort of office procedures are in place for things of this sort, and can Chief and Council have a copy.

Councillor EF noted that a registration form was placed in Chief and Council's mailboxes.

Councillor LS stated that he was upset at the AFN meeting, as no one knew who was paying for what.

Councillor EF stated that there has to be some sort of process put in place.

DIRECTION NO. 2

That the MNCFN Executive Finance Council directs the Executive Director to follow up with the Office Clerk to ensure that Registration Forms and Fees are filled out and paid in advance for the Chief and Councillors attending Chiefs of Ontario and Assembly of First Nations meetings.

A/MCD Director in at 9:50 am.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7 – WEBSITES IN MNCFN’S NAME (A/MCD DIRECTOR & VKJ)

Councillor VKJ informed that there are websites being created about “Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation”. She would like to find out who is writing the documents for one of the websites.

A/MCD Director explained that this website falls under “registrar abuse”. She provided a number to call (480-624-2502) to report abuse.

On another note, Councillor informed that when the acronym changed from Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation to mncfn, there were lots of problems. Example: Recorder@Mississaugasofthenewcreditfirsnation.com was changed to Recorder@mncfn.ca.

DIRECTION NO. 3

That the MNCFN Executive Finance Council directs the A/MCD Director to prepare a letter for the Chief’s signature regarding Websites that are being created about “Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation”. The letter will include who is creating these Websites and that they (Websites) should be removed.

A/MCD Director out at 10:05 am.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8 – MNCFN CONSULTATION WITH HALDIMAND COUNTY

Chief had a meeting with David Didluck and Minister Philpott, and Council would like to know what the outcome was of that meeting.

Executive Director highlighted some background information regarding the ATR process.

DIRECTION NO. 4

That the MNCFN Executive Finance Council directs the Chief to prepare a formal written report of his meeting with Minister Philpott and David Didluck on Wednesday, April 11, 2018. This report will be brought back to the next Infrastructure & Development Council meeting on Monday, May 7, 2018.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9 – POSSIBLE PICTURES THAT COULD BE PUBLISHED IN THE ANNUAL MILITARY SERVICE RECOGNITION BOOK (OFFICE CLERK)

DIRECTION NO. 5

That the MNCFN Executive Finance Council directs the A/MCD Director to take pictures of each stone at the Veterans Monument, one half page, make one in black and white and one in colour. A/MCD Director will send the pictures to Chief and Council who will vote via email.

Further direction is given to the Office Clerk to find out when the deadline date is for having the above pictures submitted to the Annual Military Service Recognition Book.

Culture & Events Coordinator in at 10:20 am.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 10 – BOOK OF THE MISSISSAUGAS – A PROPOSAL BY MARK ZELINSKI (CULTURE & EVENTS COORDINATOR)

Culture & Events Coordinator noted in her Briefing Note that at the April 11-12, 2018 Mississauga Nation meeting hosted by Mississaugas of Scugog Island, Mark Zelinski was on the Agenda to present his Proposal on a hardcover book on the Mississaugas, but unfortunately was unable to present due to time restraints.

It was suggested that the Proposal be taken back to each First Nation's Chief and Council for review and discussion and be put back on the Agenda at the next Mississauga Nation meeting in September/October 2018 for any questions/decisions.

Councillor noted that Mr. Zelinski does not have the right to take pictures without anyone's approval.

It was also noted that the Chief (R. Stacey Laforme) does not keep Council informed on this item and many other items.

It was suggested that this item be put back on the Mississauga Nation Agenda.

MOTION NO. 4

MOVED BY LARRY SAULT

SECONDED BY ERMA FERRELL

That the MNCFN Executive Finance Council does not accept the Proposal by Mark Zelinski on the "Book of the Mississaugas".

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

DIRECTION NO. 6

That the MNCFN Executive Finance Council directs the Culture & Events Coordinator to prepare a letter for the Chief's signature to Mark Zelinski and inform Mr. Zelinski that MNCFN is not interested in the "Book of the Mississaugas" at this time.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 11a) – MAJOR EVENTS COMMITTEE – UPDATE (CULTURE & EVENTS COORDINATOR)

Culture & Events Coordinator noted in her Briefing Note, the following information:

The Major Events Committee recently reviewed the member position of the DSED at the April 9, 2018 MEC meeting and it was voted all in favour to relieve the DSED seat from the Major Events Committee and moving forward will utilize him as a resource when needed. The decision was based on the workload of the SED Director and his request to be relieved. The Terms of Reference reflects this change.

The Major Events Committee's application to the Community Trust expired on March 31, 2018. Due to the surplus of funding remaining the Culture and Events Coordinator, with the approval of the Major Events Committee, has sent a request to the Community Trust to defer the remaining funding of \$84,831.84 into the 2018/19 fiscal year. The Major Events Committee also has a remaining surplus of donations from various sponsors to be utilized in the amount of \$31,000.00. We are also looking at hiring a Major Events Coordinator from May 2018 to the end of August 2018 to help with our three major events: Indigenous Arts Festival, Masters Indigenous Games and the CNE Exhibit.

Please see attached the Interim Report to the Community Trust reflecting on the 2017/18 fiscal year as well as the tentative listing of events that the Major Events Committee is currently aware of and plans on participating in the 2018/19 fiscal. The Community Trust will be meeting on Thursday, April 19, 2018 to review the Major Events Committee's request.

MOTION NO. 5

MOVED BY ERMA FERRELL

SECONDED BY STEPHANIE LAFORME

That the MNCFN Executive Finance Council accepts the Major Events Committee Update as information only.

Carried

AGENDA ITEM NO. 11b) – MONTHLY GATHERING AGENDAS FOR MAY 26 AND JUNE 23, 2018 (CULTURE & EVENTS COORDINATOR)

MOTION NO. 6

MOVED BY ERMA FERRELL

SECONDED BY CATHIE JAMIESON

That the MNCFN Executive Finance Council approves the May 26 and June 23, 2018 Monthly Gathering Agendas with noted revisions.

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

Culture & Events Coordinator out at 11:10 am.

Council moved to Agenda Item No. 11d).

AGENDA ITEM NO. 11d) – READERS GROUP (EF)

Councillor Erma Ferrell will prepare a Briefing Note and bring to the next Infrastructure & Development Council Meeting on Monday, May 7, 2018.

Council moved back to Agenda Item No. 11c).

ECC Supervisor and ECC Assistant Supervisor in at 11:15 am.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 11c) – ELIGIBILITY & WAITING LIST CRITERIA FOR EKWAAMJIGENANG CHILDREN’S CENTRE (ECC SUPERVISOR)

ECC Supervisor noted that Direction No. 9 of the Education Social Service Council Meeting directs the Executive Director to meet with the ECC Supervisor and LMR Director to clarify the Waitlist Criteria for ECC so it is recognized that Band Members are the priority.

Band Member requested changing the Enrollment & Eligibility criteria.

Staff met to discuss and revise the Eligibility Criteria.

Councillor questioned if this is being done for one individual in the Community. Changing Policy frequently is not good practice.

Another Councillor noted that anybody can submit to be on the Day Care List. She believes that this Briefing Note and Recommendation are not clear enough to make a decision.

MOTION NO. 7

MOVED BY VERONICA KING-JAMIESON SECONDED BY STEPHANIE LAFORME
That the MNCFN Executive Finance Council agrees to accept the revised Ekwaamjigenang Children’s Centre *Enrollment and Waiting List Eligibility Criteria and Procedure.*

Carried
2nd Reading Waived

Opposed: Councillor Erma Ferrell – Too ambiguous; Also opposed: Councillor Larry Sault

ECC Supervisor and ECC Assistant Supervisor out at 11:35 am.

Council moved to Agenda Item No. 11f).

AGENDA ITEM NO. 11f) – PROVINCIAL ELECTIONS

Councillor informed that Band Members want to know why there is no place in the Community to vote in the Provincial Elections.

Executive Director stated that the Community Centre is booked from 12:00 pm to 12:00 am on June 6 and 7, 2018 for this Election. However, the Electoral Officer has to pay for the rental of the Community Centre.

PW Director informed everyone that notices are to be sent to the Community by Elections Ontario. It is their Election and their responsibility. This is not the responsibility of the First Nation.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 11g) – WHO WILL BE ATTENDING DAVE LEVAC’S RETIREMENT DINNER? (EF)

Councillors Evan Sault and Cathie Jamieson will follow up with the Chief on the details of who will be attending the Retirement Dinner.

MOTION NO. 8
MOVED BY VERONICA KING JAMIESON SECONDED BY ERMA FERRELL
That the MNCFN Executive Finance Council moved In-Camera at 11:45 am.

Carried

MOTION NO. 10
MOVED BY CATHIE JAMIESON SECONDED BY STEPHANIE LAFORME
That the MNCFN Executive Finance Council moved Out of Camera at 1:50 pm.

Carried

Council moved to Agenda Item No. 11e).

Education Director, ECC Supervisor and PW Director in at 1:50 pm.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 11e) – LSK SCHOOL EXPANSION FEASIBILITY STUDY (EDUCATION DIRECTOR)

Education Director brought the LSK School Expansion Feasibility Study to Council for review. The Feasibility Study was done by Two Row Architect.

Education Director went through the report before she brought it to Council. She informed that there are inconsistencies and spelling errors throughout the whole document. Councillor questioned if the mistakes could be highlighted.

Education Director informed that the earlier report was completely different from this one. INAC has not seen the earlier one either.

Sections 5.2 and 5.8 are missing.

Executive Director noted that there are three phases to the building, and questioned if 1 and 2 could be switched. She would like to see the report revised first. She will contact Brian Porter (Two Row Architect) and request that he send this in a word document so the revisions can be made.

This item will come back to the next Education & Social Services Council Meeting on May 14, 2018.

DIRECTION NO. 7

That the MNCFN Executive Finance Council directs the Executive Director to contact Brian Porter at Two Row Architect and request that he (Brian) forward the LSK School Expansion Feasibility Study in a word document format.

ECC Supervisor and PW Director out at 2:10 pm.

MOTION NO. 11

MOVED BY STEPHANIE LAFORME

SECONDED BY LARRY SAULT

That the MNCFN Executive Finance Council moved In-Camera at 2:10 pm.

Carried