

**MISSISSAUGAS OF THE NEW CREDIT FIRST NATION
EDUCATION & SOCIAL SERVICES COUNCIL
PUBLIC MINUTES
Monday, August 13, 2018**

Start 9:07 am

Finish 2:40 pm

Chief Councillor

R. Stacey Laforme

Councillor

Erma Ferrell

Councillor

Rodger LaForme

Councillor

Evan Sault (Vacation)

Councillor

Veronica King-Jamieson

Councillor/Chair

Cathie Jamieson

Councillor

Stephanie LaForme

Councillor

Larry Sault

Executive Director

Cynthia Jamieson (Vacation)

Recorder

Charlotte Smith

PW Director

Arland LaForme (Filling in for the Executive Director)

Finance Director

Lilia Moos

SHS Director

Rachelle Ingrao

ECC Supervisor

Patti Barber

A/DSED

Spring Sault

Housing Program Director

Lorraine LaForme

Legal Counsel

Colin Salter, Charles Vincent

Guests

Michael Doxtater, Elliott Cappell

MNP

Richard Beatty

Band Member

Sonya Sault

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 – OPEN MEETING

Councillor Evan Sault was to chair today's meeting. He was absent and Councillor Cathie Jamieson chaired.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2 – REVIEW AND ACCEPT AGENDA

MOTION NO. 1

MOVED BY R. STACEY LAFORME

SECONDED BY LARRY SAULT

That the MNCFN Education & Social Services Council accepts the Agenda with the following additions:

- Agenda Item No. 14a) – Portables for LSK (Education Director);
- Agenda Item No. 14b) – Update regarding meeting with Department of Indigenous Services Canada (RSL);
- Agenda Item No. 21a) – In-Camera Item;
- Agenda Item No. 21b) – In-Camera Item.

Carried

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 – REVIEW & ACCEPT THE JULY 9, 2018 EDUCATION & SOCIAL SERVICES COUNCIL (PUBLIC) MINUTES

MOTION NO. 2

MOVED BY LARRY SAULT

SECONDED BY ERMA FERRELL

That the MNCFN Education & Social Services Council accepts the Public Minutes of Education & Social Services Council Meeting of Monday, July 9, 2018.

Carried

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4 - MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no Matters Arising from the Minutes.

AGENDA ITEM NO 5 – DRAFT SUMMARY REPORT OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES COURT – TWO DAY CONFERENCE (VKJ)

Councillor VKJ provided a brief update of the draft summary report of the Indigenous Peoples Court Two Day Conference on July 11 and 12, 2018. From this meeting there will be four more sessions in the Treaty Lands of MNCFN – Niagara Falls on September 26 – 27, 2018; Woodstock on November 28 – 29, 2018; Milton on January 23 – 24, 2019; and Toronto on February 27 – 28, 2019. \$5,000.00 will go to each area. Councillor VKJ will send an extensive copy of the upcoming meetings via email to Chief and Council.

Councillor LS noted that at the two-day session in Niagara Falls there were 22 items on governance and one on justice. The calls to action are regarding mostly social justice issues.

Michael Doxtater in at 9:15 am.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6 – GUEST – MICHAEL DOXTATER – TO DO PRESENTATION ON GRAND RIVER JUSTICE PROJECT (VKJ)

Councillor VKJ introduced Michael Doxtater as she invited him to come and do a presentation on the Grand River Justice Project.

Mr. Doxtater provided some background information regarding the Grand River Justice Project (GRJP). The purpose of GRJP is to study the scope of development and program activities for environments to recover and revitalize troubled Indigenous people. The short-term goal is to create an alternative system to mainstream incarceration that is about teaching troubled Indigenous lifestyle change. The resulting consensus should be to operationalize a program for troubled Indigenous people to heal and not be punished. The long-term goal is for the proposed GRJP “Kanata Village” campus eco-village to be developed as a long-term care facility that is designed after ancient North American population centers. Should an eco-village be built, people could attend for one year if they are on probation. The Courts have an 18 month timeframe of remands. It is the after care system that is failing people.

The participants would be awarded a diploma from Queens University once they have completed the program.

Within an eco-village there would be no hydro, no heat etc. The participants would have to use candles, lamps, and woodstoves.

Mr. Doxtater noted that this whole idea takes a page out of the Residential Schools Book, but the difference is that we recover our people.

Mr. Doxtater is requesting a Letter of Support from Chief and Council for this project.

Councillor LS questioned why Queen's University is involved since Brantford is a university city. Mr. Doxtater answered that it is because he works there.

Councillor questioned how many participants would it take to start up. Mr. Doxtater answered that he is looking at a place at Kingfisher Bay, and would take 10 troubled people and do a test pilot project. These are people who would be sentenced by the Gladue Court. He added that people make choices, and if they leave before they have completed the program, they will go to the Maplehurst Correctional Institution. He further stated that people who are sentenced to two years less a day would work for this project. Murderers, rapists and thieves would not be a part of this project. They would go to jail.

Mr. Doxtater was thanked for his presentation and left at 9:45 am.

Councillor Evan Sault emailed Chief and Council at 9:24 am to inform that he was taking a personal day today, and would not be in attendance.

MOTION NO. 3

MOVED BY LARRY SAULT

SECONDED BY ERMA FERRELL

That the MNCFN Education & Social Services Council moved In-Camera at 9:45 am.

Carried

MOTION NO. 5

MOVED BY VERONICA KING-JAMIESON

SECONDED BY RODGER LAFORME

That the MNCFN Education & Social Services Council moved Out of Camera at 10:53 am.

Carried

Councillor Larry Sault out at 10:44 am for another meeting, but will return.

Finance Director and Richard Beatty from MNP Auditors in at 10:52 am.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8 – PRESENTATION OF UPDATED AUDITED DRAFT FINANCIAL STATEMENTS BY MNP (RICHARD BEATTY & DARREN RENNIE)

There were some mistakes in the Draft Audited Financial Statements and MNP (Richard Beatty and Darren Rennie) corrected those mistakes. Below is a list of what was changed/corrected in the Statements:

The only change to the Financial Statements is due to an additional \$217,324.00 of revenue being recognized that was received into the Trust bank account.

The following pages on the statements will have changes reflected:

Page 1 - Statement of Financial Position – Investment in government business enterprise is now increased to \$332,397.00 to reflect the additional income deposited into the Trust's bank account.

Page 2 – Statement of Operations – Increase in investment in government business enterprise is now \$145,571.00 to reflect the same as above.

Page 4 – Statement of changes in cash flows – Increase in investment in government business enterprise is now \$145,571.00.

Page 11 – Note 11 – Now shows Cash held in Trust for \$217,324.00 and Revenue of \$217,324.00.

Note the \$71,753.00 of expenses remains here which are 839 Co. expenses paid for by the Band's operating bank account. Finance Director states that these all pertain to 839 Co. and if Chief and Council would like to see backup/support for these amounts Finance Director should be able to provide information on this.

There is still \$34,927.00 payable to the Band as this is a result of the above \$71,753.00 of expenses being paid for by the Band as these expenses did not come out of the Trust bank account.

Page 30 – Schedule 13 – We have changed the wording to “Increase in investment in government business enterprise (8392692 Canada Inc.)”.

Councillor Erma Ferrell will meet with the Finance Director and go over these changes/corrections in more detail.

Finance Director informed that she will now submit the Audited Financial Statements to INAC.

Councillor VKJ stated that these Audited Financial Statements will now be posted on the MNCFN Website.

MOTION NO. 6

MOVED BY R. STACEY LAFORME

SECONDED BY RODGER LAFORME

That the MNCFN Education & Social Services Council accepts the Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation (MNCFN) Consolidated Financial Statements (Audit Report as at March 31, 2018) from MNP.

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

Finance Director and Richard Beatty from MNP (Auditors) out at 11:02 am.

SOCIAL & HEALTH SERVICES

SHS Director in at 11:04 am.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9 – INDIGENOUS SERVICES CANADA PREVENTION FUNDING 2018-2019

SHS Director informed that she requires Chief and Council authorization to accept additional funding for Child Prevention Services for the 2018-2019 fiscal.

A communication was sent from Indigenous Services Canada on July 26, 2018 indicating that MNCFN is entitled to \$111,350.00 in prevention funding dollars for 2018-2019.

The communication appeared to cause some misunderstanding, and the SHS Director followed up with ISC (Indigenous Services Canada) to confirm the 2018-2019 allocation.

Per the Financial Management Policy, Chief and Council must authorize the additional funds that were not included in the July 9th budget presentation ($111,350.00 - 81,900.00 = 29,450.00$).

MOTION NO. 7

MOVED BY VERONICA KING-JAMIESON

SECONDED BY ERMA FERRELL

That the MNCFN Education & Social Services Council authorizes additional Indigenous Service Canada Prevention Services funding in the amount of \$29,450.00 (Twenty-Nine Thousand Four Hundred Fifty Dollars), to total \$111,350.00 (One Hundred Eleven Thousand Three Hundred Fifty Dollars) for the 2018-2019 fiscal year.

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

AGENDA ITEM NO. 10 – OTHER/NEW BUSINESS

There was no Other/New Business.

EKWAAMJIGENANG CHILDREN'S CENTRE

ECC Supervisor in at 11:10 am.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 11 – INDIGENOUS NEONATAL ABSTINENCE SYNDROME (INAS) PROJECT

ECC Supervisor noted that this INAS Project (Indigenous Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome) has stemmed from First Nation Community Members and frontline worker requests for information and supports for children and families who have been impacted by prenatal opioid exposure.

This Project requires Chief and Council authorization to opt in to have the Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (NAS) data analyzed as well to include this data as part of the aggregate First Nation data (Southern Ontario Region). Aggregating this First Nation data will allow the research team to have quantifiable evidence to support requests for funding to create programs and resources for the children and families affected by neonatal opioid exposure. This data is collected and used under the Institute of Clinical Evaluative Science (ICES) data governance agreement with COO and OCAP principles.

What we know:

- Maternal opioid use is an increasing problem
- More infants are being born exposed to opioids
- More infants are requiring hospitalization and treatment
- The short-term effects of NAS are well documented
- The long-term effects are becoming more well known
- Early intervention and environmental stability are important
- Parent education and support is crucial
- Ongoing intervention can optimize outcomes
- There are no NAS specific supports/interventions currently in place for children attending ECC or LSK
- Director of SHS, E&S portfolio holders, and other relevant SHS staff met with the INAS team in February, 2018 for an overview of this project. The team outlined the project, identified research partners, and offered the benefits to the MNCFN should they choose to engage in the project.
- May 8, 2018 INAS Project Team presented this project to Chief and Council.
- May 8, 2018 direction to send Patti Barber to the community-based facilitated information and planning session for the purpose of gathering information.

ECC Supervisor attended the INAS Community-Based Facilitated Information and Planning Session and heard from many front line workers their concerns over lack of available supports and resources to help children and families affected by NAS. There was great discussion and concern regarding all First Nation health data that is currently available by way of written requests through the COO data governance agreement with ICES.

Specialized supports and interventions need to be created to help children and youth affected by NAS therefore aligning with the MNCFN Strategic Plan Pillars 2 (Nation Well-Being and Wellness) and 4 (Education and Awareness).

Councillor questioned if there would be any dollars from the Ekwaamjigenang Children's Centre Budget. ECC Supervisor answered that it would come from another pot of money.

MOTION NO. 8

MOVED BY R. STACEY LAFORME

SECONDED BY VERONICA KING-JAMIESON

That the MNCFN Education & Social Services Council authorizes to opt in for full participation in the INAS (Indigenous Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome) Project. This would include participating in qualitative research through talking circles and/or individual interviews, and to have MNCFN NAS (Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome) data analyzed. Further, that a Data Confidentiality Protocol/Agreement be drafted between the INAS Project Leads and the MNCFN Chief and Council, to ensure confidentiality and the best interests of the Community are maintained.

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

AGENDA ITEM NO. 12 – OTHER/NEW BUSINESS

There was no Other/New Business.

ECC Supervisor and SHS Director out at 11:15 am.

OTHER/NEW BUSINESS

AGENDA ITEM NO. 13 – FYI – CHIEFS OF ONTARIO LETTER RE EDUCATION FUNDING TRANSFORMATION – SCHEDULING YOUR COMMUNITY INFORMATION/ENGAGEMENT SESSIONS (VKJ)

Councillor VKJ noted that Leslie White-Eye will be making the presentation titled “Charting Our Own Path Forward – Education Transformation – Ontario Approach” here in the Administration Office (downstairs) on Wednesday, August 15, 2018 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.

Leslie White-Eye would also like to set up a meeting with Chief and Council.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 14a) – PORTABLES FOR LSK

This item was moved to the In-Camera section of the Agenda.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 14b) – UPDATE ON MEETING WITH DEPARTMENT OF INDIGENOUS SERVICES CANADA (DISC) (RSL)

Chief informed that Council will receive a letter from the Ministry saying that MNCFN Council has done their due diligence regarding the ATR (Addition to Reserve).

Regarding the LSK School Expansion, the Department of Indigenous Services Canada (DISC) has capital funding for schools and MNCFN need to ensure that we are in a position to access the funding for our planned expansion.

Councillor Larry Sault back in at 11:33 am.

Elliott Capell and Amy Buitenhuis in at 11:20 am.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 15 – GUESTS TO PRESENT ON CITY OF TORONTO’S RESILIENCE STRATEGY

Elliott Capell and Amy Buitenhuis were introduced. Mr. Capell highlighted his Power Point Presentation. This includes climate change and globalization around the world.

Mr. Capell informed that they have one more year left to develop this strategy. He would like to change policy and behavior.

There are three items the strategy is concerned with: 1) the extreme weather in natural environments; 2) vulnerabilities, particularly in social settings; 3) engagement – how do we engage in these communities.

Chief questioned how this could be done when the City of Toronto now has only 25 Councillors as opposed to 47. Mr. Capell answered that they are still only in the planning stages. The funding is available only until May 20, 2019.

Councillor VKJ stated that MNCFN should have been invited from the beginning of this project.

Ms. Buitenhuis informed that the resilience to climate change is the ability of Toronto to adapt to severe changes. Water/flooding is a major issue in Toronto.

Guests will keep Councillor Cathie Jamieson abreast of all that is happening with this project.

Mr. Capell is suggesting three things:

- On September 7, 2018 there will be a Visions & Principles Workshop and New Credit's participation would be greatly appreciated (an email will be sent);
- Indigenous Climate Systems – what about traditional knowledge from New Credit;
- If an event were held here at New Credit then a workshop could be set up here.

Ms. Buitenhuis stated they are interested in New Credit because of the Treaty Relationship.

Ms. Buitenhuis informed that they have to go to Toronto City Council for approval of anything to do with this project.

Councillor LS reiterated that urban organizations are not the Treaty Holders, New Credit is. He further added that New Credit has an MOU with Waterfront Toronto.

Elliott Cappell and Amy Buitenhuis were thanked for their presentation and left at 11:45 am.

MOTION NO. 9

MOVED BY R. STACEY LAFORME

SECONDED BY RODGER LAFORME

That the MNCFN Education & Social Services Council moved In-Camera at 11:55 am.

Carried

LUNCH BREAK 12:00 TO 1:00 PM

Council moved back to Agenda Item No. 6 for further discussion.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6 – GUEST – MICHAEL DOXTATER – TO DO PRESENTATION ON GRAND RIVER JUSTICE PROJECT (VKJ)

This is a test pilot project.

Councillor EF stated that she is not in favour.

Councillor VKJ questioned if Native Horizons Treatment Centre has ever entertained anything like this.

Chief stated that he has more questions that need to be answered before he will support this initiative.

PW Director stated that it looks as though this project would concentrate on less serious offenders.

Councillor stated that he would like more clarity on why Queen's University is involved. He also questioned why MNCFN is not utilizing the programs we already have in place.

Councillor VKJ will meet with Mr. Doxtater and discuss next steps.

MOTION NO. 9

MOVED BY R. STACEY LAFORME

SECONDED BY RODGER LAFORME

That the MNCFN Education & Social Services Council moved In-Camera at 11:55 am.

Carried

LUNCH BREAK 12:00 TO 1:00 PM