

**MISSISSAUGAS OF THE NEW CREDIT FIRST NATION
EDUCATION & SOCIAL SERVICES COUNCIL
PUBLIC MINUTES
Tuesday, October 9, 2018**

Start 9:04 am

Finish 10:42 am

Chief Councillor

R. Stacey Laforme

Councillor

Erma Ferrell

Councillor

Rodger LaForme

Councillor

Evan Sault

Councillor

Veronica King-Jamieson

Councillor/Chair

Cathie Jamieson

Councillor

Stephanie LaForme

Councillor

Larry Sault

Executive Director

Cynthia Jamieson

Recorder

Charlotte Smith

Education Director

Amanda Sault

SHS Director

Rachelle Ingra

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 – OPEN MEETING

Chair/Councillor Cathie Jamieson opened the meeting at 9:04 am.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2 – REVIEW AND ACCEPT AGENDA

MOTION NO. 1

MOVED BY EVAN SAULT

SECONDED BY LARRY SAULT

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

- Agenda Item No. 9a) - First Nations With Schools Collective Education Funding Formula Data Request;
- Agenda Item No. 11a) – Update on Hydro One Dollars (EF).

Carried

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 – REVIEW & ACCEPT THE SEPTEMBER 10, 2018 EDUCATION & SOCIAL SERVICES COUNCIL (PUBLIC) MINUTES

MOTION NO. 2

MOVED BY STEPHANIE LAFORME

SECONDED BY RODGER LAFORME

That the MNCFN Education & Social Services Council accepts the Public Minutes of the Education & Social Services Council Meeting dated Monday, September 10, 2018.

Carried

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4 - MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no Matters Arising from the Minutes.

SOCIAL & HEALTH SERVICES

SHS Director in at 9:05 am.

AGENDA ITEM NO 5 – NEW 12 SEATER VANS (JORDAN'S PRINCIPLE FUNDING)

SHS Director noted in her Briefing Note that she requires Chief and Council authorization to accept \$97,466.00 for two new 2018 Ford Passenger 12 seater vans (to replace existing 2009 GMC Sierra vans).

The motor vehicle collision in March, 2017 resulted in one of the 3 Social and Health Services 12 seater vans being totaled (replaced in June, 2018).

The nature of the collision was such that the presence of the two existing vans had a psychological impact on MNCFN youth who were involved in the accident, parents, community members, and staff members.

The existing vans are 10 years old, worn, and costly with regard to maintenance and repairs.

The SHS Director submitted a group funding application to Indigenous Services Canada through Jordan's Principle, requesting dollars to replace both GMC Sierras with 2019 Ford Transit 350 LR LXT vans. Approval of the application was received via email on September 25, 2018. Funding was approved in the amount of \$97,466.00 to purchase the two vehicles as requested.

SHS Director informed that she was going to sell the old vans for junk price, but Chief and Council said no. The vans can be sold as is.

Chief questioned if there was any further information on Jordan's Principle funding, and SHS Director answered that the information was vague, but says the funding is ongoing.

Councillor LS requested a list of people that MNCFN has helped who have had access to Jordan's Principle funding and if this is accessible to off reserve Band Members. SHS Director answered yes, that off reserve Band Members can access these funds. She stated that her department would only know of the Band Members that they support. Councillor LS stated that it is good to know these facts because in the coming years Chief and Council have to project ahead.

Councillor RL stated that Six Nations has advocates for Jordan's Principle, and questioned if MNCFN does. SHS Director answered no. Councillor VKJ suggested that SHS Director could call Cindy Blackstock who would have this information.

Chair questioned if Chief and Council want to issue a letter to find out who has received Jordan's Principle funding. The answer is yes.

MOTION NO. 3

MOVED BY VERONICA KING-JAMIESON SECONDED BY R. STACEY LAFORME
That the MNCFN Education & Social Services Council authorizes funds in the amount of \$97,466.00 (ninety-seven thousand, four hundred and sixty-six dollars and zero cents) for the purpose of the purchase of two 2019 Ford transit 350 LR LXT 12 seater vans. These vans will replace the existing 2009 GMC Sierra vans; and further, authorizes the signing amendment to funding arrangement – 1819-ON-000006.

Carried
2nd Reading Waived

DIRECTION NO. 1

That the MNCFN Education & Social Services Council directs the SHS Director to send a letter requesting generic information on Band Members who have been assisted through Jordan’s Principle Funding.

DIRECTION NO. 2

That the MNCFN Education & Social Services Council gives approval to the SHS Director to sell the two 2009 GMC Sierra vans as is. These vans are being replaced by two new 2018 Ford Passenger 12 seater vans.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6 – OTHER/NEW BUSINESS

There was no Other/New Business.

EDUCATION

Education Director in at 9:25 am.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7 – FIRST NATIONS WITH SCHOOLS COLLECTIVE – COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT FUNDING AGREEMENT

Education Director noted in her Briefing Note that the First Nations with Schools Collective (FNWSC) has funding dollars for MNCFN to conduct community engagement sessions in the form of asset mapping exercises.

The *First Nations with Schools Collective* is a unique and united political voice of eight First Nation communities who are active in coordinating the protection of inherent rights and jurisdiction over education for First Nations with schools since 2016. By using a collective approach to education jurisdiction issues, the FNWSC chiefs, councils and their respective education leaders form a force to ensure the long-term sustainability of First Nation-led, community-defined, Anishinaabek and Haudenosaunee education systems in member communities. Meetings take place 5-6 times per year in various member communities. MNCFN Chief & Council signed the BCR in June 2018 to identify their support for the FNWSC.

Attached is the 2017-2018 Community Engagement Funding Agreement for the amount of \$7625.00, some of which can be applied to the dollars spent sending two MNCFN Youth to Asset Mapping training in Rama, ON on October 28 2017. Three youth attended with 1 chaperone; their cost of travel and accommodations. The remaining dollars can be used for activities as outlined in the Structural Readiness Proposal approved for 2017-2018 funding. Each community's asset mapping summary report will form the final report for the funding received and is to be sent to lesleewhiteeye@outlook.com upon completion of asset mapping sessions.

Councillor LS questioned what is asset mapping for education. Councillor EF answered that it is a fancy word for brain storming.

MOTION NO. 4

MOVED BY ERMA FERRELL

SECONDED BY R. STACEY LAFORME

That the MNCFN Education & Social Services Council approves the First Nations With Schools Collective Community Engagement Funding Agreement for 2017-2018 in the amount of \$7,625.00 (Seven Thousand Six Hundred Twenty-Five Dollars) and will be deposited into the Education Department's Funding Account.

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8 – FIRST NATIONS WITH SCHOOLS COLLECTIVE – FUNDING & COMMUNITY LIAISON FUNDING FOR EACH COMMUNITY

MOTION NO. 5

MOVED BY ERMA FERRELL

SECONDED BY RODGER LAFORME

That the MNCFN Education & Social Services Council approves and signs the 2018-2019 FNWSC *Community Liaison Leading Funding Agreement* (attached) and submit an invoice to M'Chigeeng First Nation Education Department totaling \$23,920.00 identifying the following:

1. Purpose which is the "FNWSC EPP-SR Funding 2018-2019 Community Liaison Lead Salary and Travel"

2. Nation

3. Community Liaison Lead name and email address

Submit to M'Chigeeng First Nation Education Department via scanned copies by email to Robert Beaudin at directorofeducation@mchigeeng.ca and c.c. Leslee White-Eye at lesleewhiteye@outlook.com.

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9a – FIRST NATIONS WITH SCHOOLS COLLECTIVE EDUCATION FUNDING FORMULA DATA REQUEST

Education Director stated that the First Nations with Schools Collective (FNWSC) sent a request for data in late August 2018. She (Education Director) has completed the data request for Chief and Council's review.

Chair asked for a Move three times and no one responded.

MOTION NO. 6

MOVED BY

SECONDED BY

That the MNCFN Education & Social Services Council approve the sharing of financial and statistical information relating to elementary, secondary, post secondary programs and Education Department information to Strategy Corp regarding the First Nation with Schools Collective Education Funding Formula Data Request.

Chair called for a Mover three times, and no one responded.

Motion is Defeated

Education Director out at 9:30 am.

OTHER/NEW BUSINESS

Council moved to Agenda Item No. 11a).

AGENDA ITEM NO. 11a) – UPDATE ON HYDRO ONE DOLLARS (EF)

Councillor EF informed that the Accounts Receivable Officer found one transaction that came in on February 18, 2018 for \$50,000.00. She (Councillor EF) will meet with the Accounts Payable Officer to get a list of the expenses. Colin Salter (Legal Counsel) said that MNCFN received \$100,000.00.

SEPARATE ITEM

Chief informed that MNCFN will not be receiving the \$50,000.00 for the Splash Pad after all. CN Executives informed that they could no longer move ahead with the Splash Pad as they do not want to appear as if they are trying to influence MNCFN regarding the Milton Project.

MOTION NO. 7

MOVED BY RODGER LAFORME

SECONDED BY STEPHANIE LAFORME

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

Carried

MOTION NO. 10

MOVED BY LARRY SAULT

SECONDED BY RODGER LAFORME

That the MNCFN Education & Social Services Council moved Out of Camera at 10:20 am.

Carried

Council moved back to Agenda Item No. 10.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 10 – TELEPHONE CONFERENCE CALL WITH JOHN ADAIR REGARDING SOLARIZE

A call was place to John Adair at 10:20 am. Travis Allen referred Mr. Adair to MNCFN.

Mr. Adair stated in his letter to MNCFN that the issue is that when 8392692 Canada Inc. (“839 Co.”) entered into a limited partnership agreement with Solarize for the development of solar-energy projects, the parties did not at the time agree on the amount of fees Solarize is entitled to receive from the partnership for its work in building the project. Those fees were left to be agreed upon at a later date, and there is now a dispute about the amount of fees to which Solarize is entitled.

Solarize claims three types of fees: (1) a “Development Fee”, for the work done in finding appropriate sites, negotiating leases, applying to the OPA for contracts, etc.; (2) a “Financing Fee”, for work done in arranging construction financing from a third-party lender; and, (3) an “EPC Fee”, for the work done to purchase materials and build the sites.

The real issue is the development fee.

Mr. Adair has been attempting to negotiate a settlement. Solarize's lawyers are prepared to go to \$1.00 for the Development Fee, plus \$0.15 for the Financing Fee. He thinks a fair settlement is more like a total of \$0.50 - \$0.60/ Watt. The difference of 50-60 cents / Watt means a difference of \$325,000 for 839 Co.

Mr. Adair's recommendation is that MNCFN Chief and Council tell Solarize that we are going to litigation, and also agree to arbitrate.

Chief questioned what value of the project that Solarize was putting on this. Mr. Adair answered that he did not know.

Mr. Adair will wait to hear from Chief and Council as to the next steps.

MOTION NO. 11

MOVED BY LARRY SAULT

SECONDED BY RODGER LAFORME

That the MNCFN Education & Social Services Council authorizes John Adair as Legal Counsel to inform Solarize that 839 Co has agreed to litigation and is agreeable to arbitrate on the gross cost of the Project.

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

Council moved to Agenda Item No. 15.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 15 – ADJOURNMENT

MOTION NO. 12

MOVED BY STEPHANIE LAFORME

SECONDED BY RODGER LAFORME

That the MNCFN Education & Social Services Council adjourned this meeting at 10:42 am.

Carried