

**MISSISSAUGAS OF THE CREDIT FIRST NATION
EDUCATION & SOCIAL SERVICES COUNCIL
PUBLIC MINUTES
Monday, February 11, 2019**

Start 9:00 am

Finish 3:30 pm

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

Katelyn LaForme

ECC Supervisor

Patti Barber

SHS Director

Rachelle Ingrao

DOCA Director

Mark LaForme

LMR Director

Margaret Sault

Housing Assistant

Alicia M. Sault

Technical Resource Manager

Raymond Hill Johnson

Governance Project Coordinator

Caitlin Beresford

Guests

**Joe Cressy, John Wilson, John McGrath,
Justice Audrey Green Summers**

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 – OPEN MEETING

Chair/Councillor Cathie Jamieson opened the meeting at 9:00 am. Councillor Veronica King-Jamieson will be leaving at 11:00 am for the AFN Meeting.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2 – REVIEW AND ACCEPT AGENDA

MOTION NO. 1

MOVED BY LARRY SAULT

SECONDED BY VERONICA KING-JAMIESON

That the MCFN Education & Social Services Council accepts the Agenda.

Carried

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 – REVIEW & ACCEPT THE MONDAY, JANUARY 14, 2019
EDUCATION & SOCIAL SERVICES COUNCIL (PUBLIC) MINUTES**

MOTION NO. 2

MOVED BY R. STACEY LAFORME

SECONDED BY EVAN SAULT

That the MCFN Education & Social Services Council accepts the Education & Social Services Council (Public) Minutes of Monday, January 14, 2019.

Carried

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4 - MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no Matters Arising from the Minutes.

OTHER/NEW BUSINESS

AGENDA ITEM NO 5 – JOINT PARTNERSHIP WITH ECOSOURCE, MISSISSAUGA, FOR A CANADA SERVICE CORP-PROJECTS FOR YOUTH GRANT APPLICATION (CARLA CAMPBELL)

This item has been put on hold until Carla Campbell arrives.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6 – FURTHER DISCUSSION ON THE LIST OF ELDERS (THIS ITEM WAS CARRIED OVER FROM EXECUTIVE FINANCE MEETING ON MONDAY, JANUARY 28, 2019)

This item has been deferred to the next Education & Social Services Council Meeting on Monday, March 11, 2019. There will be further discussion on the credentials of an Elder.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7 – EARLYON POSITIONS (THIS ITEM WAS CARRIED OVER FROM EXECUTIVE FINANCE MEETING OF MONDAY, JANUARY 28, 2019 AS THE FUNDING DOLLARS NEED TO BE CLARIFIED) (ECC SUPERVISOR)

This item is put on hold until the ECC Supervisor arrives.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8a) – ACTON HIGH SCHOOL – STREET SIGNS (VKJ)

It was agreed that this item would be the decision of Pillar 4 – Education & Awareness (Councillor Veronica King-Jamieson) to follow up on street signage.

MOTION NO. 3

MOVED BY VERONICA KING-JAMIESON SECONDED BY RODGER LAFORME
That the MCFN Education & Social Services Council moved In-Camera at 9:17 am.

Carried

MOTION NO. 7

MOVED BY R. STACEY LAFORME SECONDED BY STEPHANIE LAFORME
That the MCFN Education & Social Services Council moved Out of Camera at 10:10 am.

Carried

EKWAAMJIGENANG CHILDREN'S CENTRE

ECC Supervisor in at 10:15 am.

Council moved back to Agenda Item No. 7.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7 – EARLYON POSITIONS (THIS ITEM WAS CARRIED OVER FROM EXECUTIVE FINANCE MEETING OF MONDAY, JANUARY 28, 2019 AS THE FUNDING DOLLARS NEED TO BE CLARIFIED) (ECC SUPERVISOR)

ECC Supervisor noted that it is important to note that Child and Family Programs have been in Ontario since the early to mid-eighties. This fiscal the Ministry of Education has expanded existing programs (both on & off reserve) and have included new programming on First Nations and have approved additional funding for municipalities partnering with First Nations and/or Indigenous programs. This type of program through evidenced based research has proven to have positive lasting effects for children and families in many socio-economic areas.

We have had a highly successful “soft opening” of the EarlyON Child and Family Program at Hagersville Secondary School and to date (16 days) have registered 21 families and 27 children. The families have travelled from Haldimand, Norfolk and MCFN to attend programming and have provided very positive feedback.

HR Manager is taking care of the Job Descriptions.

Executive Director reiterated that the funds are for three years.

ECC Supervisor noted that the license has to be obtained by December 2019. She further noted that all the dollars have been received for EarlyON.

Councillor LS stated that the Premier has killed 748 projects; MCFN should be part and parcel of the Municipal Reviews. Further, be cautious as to what the province is doing.

MOTION NO. 8

MOVED BY R. STACEY LAFORME

SECONDED BY STEPHANIE LAFORME

That the MCFN Education & Social Services Council approves the Job Descriptions and grading exercises for the EarlyON positions: Cultural Facilitator, Finance Clerk and Program Assistant as presented to Executive Finance Council by the HR Manager on Monday, January 28, 2019. Further, it is recommended that all of the EarlyON Child and Family Centre positions be offered as permanent positions with a clause in the Letters of Offer stating “this position is dependent on ongoing Ministry of Education Child and Family Program Funding”.

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

ECC Supervisor out at 10:30 am.

Joe Cressy (Toronto City Councillor) and John Wilson in at 10:30 am

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9 – GUESTS TO PRESENT ON “ONTARIO PLACE FOR ALL” (RSL)

Guests were introduced. John Cressy is a Toronto City Councillor, and has been for five years. He is going into his second term. As everyone knows, Toronto City Council has been cut in half. John Wilson works at Open Space Programming and is in Communications.

Ontario Place for All is an emerging grassroots community group with a goal of keeping Ontario Place a vibrant, publicly accessible space. We also believe that any changes to Ontario Place be part of a thoughtful, comprehensive public review process.

Ontario Place is a place for all Ontarians. It is a vital, green cornerstone for Toronto's Waterfront.

Many of those involved in Ontario Place are also involved in Waterfront for All, a diverse group of organizations dedicated to preserving and enhancing Toronto's Waterfront.

Mr. Cressy informed that the reason they wanted to present to Chief and Council is because Toronto is the Treaty Lands of MCFN, and his group would like to reclaim Ontario Place and Toronto Waterfront and make it acceptable to all.

There is a meeting – Special Toronto City Council Subcommittee on Ontario Place on Tuesday, March 5, 2019 at 5:30 pm in Committee Room 1, 2nd Floor, City Hall, 100 Queen Street West, Toronto.

Mr. Cressy would like to know if they can work together with MCFN Chief and Council. They would also like to talk about MCFN's Water Claim as they would like to add it in their proposal, but they need MCFN's permission.

Councillor LS stated that both John Tory and Doug Ford are Conservatives, and he (LS) is concerned about the political ramifications. Mr. Cressy answered that it is their intention to only be involved with Ontario Place; hence the Subcommittee. He stressed that this is not political. He further stated that they get only one chance to revitalize Ontario Place.

Councillor LS questioned how do we build these relationships on a broader level. Chief noted that there is no driving force in the Administration of the City of Toronto to invite MCFN Chief and Council to a City of Toronto Council Meeting.

Guests were thanked for their presentation and left at 11:10 am

There will be further discussion at the end of today's Agenda.

MOTION NO. 9

MOVED BY R. STACEY LAFORME

SECONDED BY LARRY SAULT

That the MCFN Education & Social Services Council moved In-Camera at 11:13 am.

Carried

MOTION NO. 11

MOVED BY LARRY SAULT

SECONDED BY EVAN SAULT

That the MCFN Education & Social Services Council moved Out of Camera at 11:44 am.

Carried

Justice Audrey Green Summers in at 11:45 am.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 13 – JUSTICE AUDREY GREEN SUMMERS TO DO A PRESENTATION (VKJ)

Justice Summers was introduced. She presented an overview of Indigenous Peoples Court/Indigenous Peoples Bail Court (IPBC). She is the Lead Person for the IPBC. There is a meeting that is scheduled for Wednesday, February 20, 2019. MCFN's voice is very important and decisions may be made that affect the Band Membership involved in the Justice System.

She is requesting to form a Specialty Bail Court in Cayuga. Provincial Offences Court is where she sees most of the MCFN Membership. It would be important if Chief and Council could be at the meetings/consultations. She is further requesting that someone from Council take on the Justice Portfolio and attend meetings. There is one in Hamilton tonight at 34 Ottawa Street.

Justice Summers questioned what sort of infrastructure Chief and Council are building for their Membership.

Councillor EF would like to see the percentages of people pleading guilty, but Justice Summers answered that she does not have the percentages.

There is no Video Court in Cayuga so people have to be transported.

Justice Summers was thanked for her presentation and left at 12:20 pm.

Chief and Council agreed that Councillor Veronica King-Jamieson will continue as the Liaison person, with Councillor Rodger LaForme as her Alternate.

LUNCH BREAK 12:20 PM TO 1:10 PM

AGENDA ITEM NO. 14 – FURTHER DISCUSSION ON THE NEW ELECTION CODE (MS & CAITLIN BERESFORD) (PLEASE BRING YOUR ELECTION CODE PACKAGES FROM LAST WEEK'S MEETING)

This is a continuation of the new Election Code.

Caitlin Beresford handed out a document titled Staggered Elections and Costs. This is an FYI as some Councillors were requesting information.

Caitlin informed that in the 1830's Councillors were referred to as Chiefs.

On Page 9 – Item No. 27 – LMR Director questioned if this section – For every person guilty of an offence...is going to the Community for further discussion. Caitlin answered yes.

Councillor LS noted that in our cultural background penalization was more about reflection on the violation eg. banishment. Fines is the white man's way. LMR Director added that restorative justice was discussed more back then; however, this should be considered more in-depth.

Councillor CJ questioned what would be the thresholds regarding penalization.

Councillor EF noted that in a meeting with Membership the idea of forgiveness was discussed.

Caitlin stated that jail does not fit into this type of law. In Complaints and Appeals Section, this is discussed.

Page 9 – 28 (b) – Councillor EF noted that more clarification is needed on what constitutes three consecutive meetings. Caitlin suggested taking out “three consecutive meetings” and use the word “preapproved” and some examples can be listed. Councillor EF then added that this could be put in the Chief and Council Section.

Executive Director advised that (j) is too subjective. Councillor LS agreed and suggested striking (j) from the record. Caitlin suggested taking out “serious nature” and add in “natural justice, and leave (j) in.

LMR Director questioned what would happen if all Council were called Chiefs.

Page 10 – Part 7 – LMR Director questioned if these could be put in the Procedures Section.

Councillor LS questioned how we could move from Indian Affairs; his point being why can't we structure our own Electoral Officer. Councillor CJ suggested doing a slow process and developing our own. Caitlin cautioned not to change things too drastically as there are legal issues. Councillor LS replied we are the elected officials.

LMR Director questioned if this new Election Code is to be done in one year, what is the solution?

Councillor LS noted that Chiefs of Ontario made a drastic change in 1997 with the Electoral Officer and they did it openly.

Executive Director then noted that the Electoral Officer would go to Chief and Council instead of Indian Affairs.

Regarding the Electoral Officer, Caitlin questioned what Chief and Council would like to take to the Community. Councillor LS stated that it would have to be something different and mandate it for the next election, but put a note in the Process Section. Caitlin stated that when you take this to the Community, ask the Community if they want a public ballot.

Page 11 – 40 (a) – “is not a member of the band” – this will be taken to the Community.

Regarding Oath of Office, Councillor LS stated the he was elected to protect the interests of the Community. LMR Director suggested using the word “Membership” instead of Community.

Page 13 – Item No. 55 – Caitlin informed that she and the LMR Director would make up a timeline. It was suggested to change it to 30 days instead of 72 days. LMR Director reiterated that mail out ballots would take more time.

Councillor LS questioned what happened to electronic voting. LMR Director answered that it has not been tested. More information will be obtained regarding electronic voting.

Page 13 – 59 (a) – will stay as is.

Councillor LS questioned if the Electoral Officer chooses his/her own deputies. LMR Director answered yes as the Deputy would take over in the event of absence of the Electoral Officer.

Another issue is nepotism. Councillor questioned how do we deal with this in reality, not perception.

Councillor EF suggested not using scrutineers. Caitlin noted that this would be included in the forms.

LMR Director suggested providing training regarding the Band List.

INAC has a list of Electoral Officers and LMR Director suggested that we could train one of them.

Council agreed that the Election Code will be put on the Agenda for Regular Council on Tuesday, February 19, 2019 for further discussion.

Council moved back to Agenda Item No. 9.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9 – GUESTS TO PRESENT ON “ONTARIO PLACE FOR ALL” (RSL)

The guests from Ontario Place for All wants a copy of MCFN’s Water Claim to put on their Website; however, Caitlin Beresford advised against making a copy available because it has not been through the courts yet, and is not a public document.

Council agreed that the Traditional Knowledge & Land Use Coordinator attend the meeting scheduled for Tuesday, March 5, 2019 or someone from the DOCA Department.

DIRECTION NO. 1

That the MCFN Education & Social Services Council directs that the Traditional Knowledge & Land Use Coordinator (Darrin Wybenga or whoever the DOCA Department may send) attend the meeting of the Subcommittee on Ontario Place on Tuesday, March 5, 2019 at 5:30 pm in the Committee Room 1, 2nd Floor, City Hall, 100 Queen Street West, Toronto. And further, Chief and Council are not in agreement to provide the Subcommittee MCFN’s Water Claim documents.

Council moved to Agenda Item No. 15.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 15 – ADJOURNMENT

MOTION NO. 12

MOVED BY LARRY SAULT

SECONDED BY RODGER LAFORME

That the MCFN Education & Social Services Council adjourned this meeting at 3:30 pm.

Carried