

**MISSISSAUGAS OF THE CREDIT FIRST NATION
REGULAR COUNCIL
PUBLIC MINUTES
Monday, April 15, 2019**

Start 9:00 am

Finish 4:30 pm

Chief Councillor/Chair

R. Stacey Laforme (Excused)

Councillor

Erma Ferrell

Councillor

Veronica King-Jamieson

Councillor

Rodger LaForme

Councillor

Larry Sault

Councillor

Evan Sault

Councillor

Cathie Jamieson

Councillor

Stephanie LaForme

Executive Director

Cynthia Jamieson

Recorder

Charlotte Smith

DSED

Nick Hogewoning

LMR Director

Margaret Sault

Proposal Writer

Lewis Staats

HR Manager

Kerri King

OPP Inspector

Phil Carter

DSED

Nick Hogewoning

Legal Counsel

Kim Fullerton

Guests

Abby Hill, Dakota Davey, Yuri Pershin, Tyler Mills, Eric Hill, Landon Miller, Geoff Hoover

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 – OPEN MEETING

Chair/Councillor Veronica King-Jamieson opened the meeting at 9:00 am. Chief is excused as he is at another meeting.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2 – REVIEW & ACCEPT AGENDA

MOTION NO. 1

MOVED BY ERMA FERRELL

SECONDED BY RODGER LAFORME

That the MCFN Regular Council accepts the Agenda with the following additions:

- Agenda Item No. 4a) – Special Council Meeting of Sunday, May 5th and Monday, May 6th, 2019 (VKJ);
- Agenda Item No. 9a) – Discussion on Letter Received from HCCC;
- Agenda Item No. 11 – This item was deferred to the next Executive Finance Council Meeting and in its place is Emails from EF;
- Agenda Item No. 12a) – Monitors/DOCA (RL);
- Agenda Item No. 14a) – Cannabis.

Carried

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 – REVIEW & ACCEPT THE PUBLIC MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL DATED MONDAY, MARCH 18, 2019

MOTION NO. 2

MOVED BY STEPHANIE LAFORME

SECONDED BY RODGER LAFORME

That the MCFN Regular Council accepts the Public Minutes of Regular Council dated Monday, March 18, 2019.

Carried

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4 – MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no Matters Arising from the Minutes.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4a) – SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING OF SUNDAY, MAY 5 AND MONDAY, MAY 6, 2019 (VKJ)

Please be advised, that the May 6, 2019 Infrastructure & Development (I & D) meeting is cancelled. That is, there will be a Special Council meeting on Sunday May 5 and Monday May 6, 2019. However, should any Senior Managers that report to I & D have time sensitive matters Council will deal with those on May 6, 2019.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5 – GOOGLE OFFICE RELOCATION (EF)

Councillor EF informed that she received an invitation from a staff member at Google on the official opening of their new office in Toronto, asking if the Mississaugas wish to participate in their official opening in June 2019. She also questioned who would be coordinating any involvement we may have.

Councillor CJ questioned if Google should be sent a Land Acknowledgement or should someone from here do a welcoming.

Councillor EF noted that she would request further information.

Councillor LS stated that Google is Wealth Creation and is political, not cultural. We need to understand who Google is.

Councillor EF will bring this item back with further information.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6 – APPOINTMENT TO THE HAMILTON ABORIGINAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (EF)

Councillor EF noted in her Briefing Note that the Hamilton Aboriginal Advisory Committee is seeking a representative from MCFN to sit on their Board. Their mandate is to enhance the wellbeing of Aboriginal people and/or resolve municipal issues.

Councillor EF questioned if MCFN is being used eg. would they be requesting dollars from government programs if MCFN is mentioned in any of their proposals?

Councillor LS questioned whose portfolio would this fall under. He would like to see a political person on this Committee.

DIRECTION NO. 1

That the MCFN Regular Council directs Councillors Erma Ferrell and Evan Sault to investigate this item further and bring the information back to the Council Table.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7 – FYI – UPDATE ON MISSISSAUGA NATION ITEMS (CULTURE & EVENTS COORDINATOR)

Culture and Events Coordinator provided this update on the Mississauga Nationhood/Coordinators Working Group for information and discussion on steps moving forward on the Mississauga Nation Governance Protocol and the Political Summit meeting.

April 30, 2019 – Mississauga Nation Chiefs Meeting to be held in Curve Lake. Confirmation of Council participation is needed and can be directed to Mississauga Nation Coordinator Veronica King-Jamieson.

June 15, 2019 – Hiawatha First Nation is hosting a Knowledge Keepers Gathering at the Historical Site of the Serpent Mounds. Culture and Events Coordinator has shared it with knowledge holders in the community and has requested that Media and Communications share it on the MCFN Facebook page and website to reach more membership that may be interested in attending.

There has been a request from Will Bouma, MPP Brantford-Brant to host an **Advocacy Day in June at the Legislature in Ontario for the Mississauga Nation**. This will entail a morning or evening reception with cabinet ministers, MPP's and staff. This will be somewhat a cultural awareness day and allow for Chiefs to address who we are as a Mississauga Nation, what we contribute, what we are working towards as a collective Nation and also time to network. The Culture and Events Coordinator or the Mississauga Nation Coordinator will follow up with an email to the Chiefs to determine what day in June works best for the majority.

Councillor LS advised that we (MCFN) need to be very strategic, and we need to collectively get together and make our presentation.

Councillor VKJ informed that the Chiefs met last week as they cannot meet on April 30, 2019. An email will be sent out with a new update.

MOTION NO. 3

MOVED BY EVAN SAULT

SECONDED BY ERMA FERRELL

That the MCFN Regular Council accepts this Update as information only and will confirm Chief and Council participation for the April 30, 2019 Mississauga Nation Chiefs Meeting hosted by Curve Lake.

Carried

OPP Inspector Phil Carter in at 9:35 am.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8 – OPP MONTHLY REPORT FOR MARCH 2019 BY OPP INSPECTOR PHIL CARTER

Phil went through his report. He also reported that signage is being considered at Town Line and Springvale Road. There was a Press Release (sent to Chief and Council) regarding Scott Mt. Pleasant who was charged with two robberies, one at the Lone Wolf Pit Stop and the other at Candace's Tobacco Shop.

Councillor LS brought up the issue of the former Green Willow property and people driving in and out all hours of the night, and loud parties etc. Councillor SL informed that she had a meeting with the DSED who will bring a report/recommendation back to Chief and Council.

MOTION NO. 4

MOVED BY LARRY SAULT

SECONDED BY RODGER LAFORME

That the MCFN Regular Council accepts the Monthly Report for March 2019 from OPP Inspector Phil Carter as listed below:

Re: Mississaugas of the New Credit, Monthly Police Incident Report:

March: **48 Incidents:** 3 year Average: 31 (2018: 31, 2017: 37, 2016: 24).

Calls for Service:

911 x 6: Cellular pocket dials and a couple of misdials. Police confirmed no emergency existed.

Alarm x 2: False alarm and second alarm was cancelled prior to police attendance.

Community Service x 3: Provincial Liaison Team contact & outreach activities.

Family/Domestic Disputes x 4: Child custody issues, advice and child acting out.

Fraud x 3: Google account hacked, Computer repair scam & bank account deposit.

Harassment: Related to youth comments on social media and resulting text messages.

Mental Health x 6: Person experiencing problems and requested Police assistance.

Missing Person: Youth initially reported missing, but found by family member shortly after.

Police assistance/information x 5: Seeking advice and direction from police.

Recovered Stolen Property: Stolen ATM located.

Robbery x 2: Lone Wolf Smoke Shop, Candace Smoke shop, male arrested and charged for both.

Stolen Vehicle x 2: Pick Up Truck & Dodge sedan.

Suspicious Person x 2: People screaming from bush area and millionaire scam.

Suspicious Vehicles x 3: Vehicles in Green Willow Park, Vehicle parked on property.

Traffic Complaints x 4: Possible impaired, driving too slow and erratic driving. Area patrolled.

Traffic Enforcement x 3: Speeding violations and licence plate violation.

Carried

OPP Inspector Phil Carter out at 9:55 am.

Council moved to Agenda Item No. 7a).

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7a – NEW ZEALAND WOMEN TO HOST MEETING

Councillor VKJ informed that New Zealand’s Minister for Maori Development – Nania Mahuta will come to visit MCFN Territory on Saturday, April 27, 2019 after the Monthly Gathering Meeting has concluded. She (VKJ) questioned if anyone would like to attend with her. Councillor SL will ask the Housing Clerk to attend. The minister would like to see a Community Development Project while she is here.

MOTION NO. 5

MOVED BY EVAN SAULT

SECONDED BY LARRY SAULT

That the MCFN Regular Council moved In-Camera at 9:55 am.

Carried

MOTION NO. 9

MOVED BY LARRY SAULT

SECONDED BY RODGER LAFORME

That the MCFN Regular Council moved Out of Camera at 1:10 pm.

Carried

Proposal Writer and Guests Tyler Mills, Yuri Pershin, Eric Hill, Abby Hill, Dakota Davey in at 1:10 pm.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 13 – PRESENTATION BY TWISTED TREE – POTENTIAL BUSINESS PARTNER FOR THE CANNABIS RETAIL OUTLET (PROPOSAL WRITER)

Everyone was introduced. A power point presentation was presented, and everyone followed along. Below is a short story about Twisted Tree.

Twisted Tree was founded by Myles Hill – a respected First Nations entrepreneur with deep roots in the Community – to bring a rich heritage to the fast-growing cannabis industry. Our goal is to add prosperity and well-being to reserves across Canada by offering strategic partnerships, an experienced team of professionals, and reliable access to nearly 1,000 craft cannabis growers.

We are all about quality, attention to detail, and providing you with next-level service on and off line. We pride ourselves on having deep industry knowledge and want to share that education with you. In fact, our budtenders are certified by Cannabis Training Canada (CTC), passionate about what they do and always ready to help. Most important, we are dedicated to providing you with choice, carefully matching a product profile to you specific individual need or preference.

It was noted that there are a lot of medical cannabis growers in Canada.

Twisted Tree works with licensed producers out of Simcoe. They (Twisted Tree) are putting up a facility at Six Nations, and they inform that there is a lot of product from Ontario.

Councillor EF questioned where the lab is situated. Tyler Mills answered that he is unable to reveal that information at the present time.

Mr. Mills stated that the challenge licensed producers are struggling with is quality. The supply chain is unable to fill their stocks. The product quality is not there yet. The licensed producer out of Simcoe and Brampton are government approved facilities. Some licensed producers are licensed through Health Canada.

Twisted Tree is committed to quality. There is only one outlet under Twisted Tree.

Mr. Mills informed that initially Twisted Tree had set up eight dispensaries, but most are shut down right now, the reason being they wanted to do it the right way. Councillor LS added that Myles agreed to shut down until Six Nations has a Cannabis Law in place.

DSED questioned that, if, in the event of a shortfall, could MCFN penalize Twisted Tree. What is the mitigation safety of Chief and Council? There is no answer to that yet.

Twisted Tree will offer \$200,000.00 to \$300,000.00 in product start-up.

It was noted that hospitals and universities are doing many studies and research into cannabis.

Twisted Tree is working on an e-commerce store which is now ready to go.

Executive Director questioned what Eric and Abby Hill bring to the table. Mr. Mills answered that they are learning.

Executive Director questioned if there has been any movement towards Status Indians regarding non-insured health benefits and medical cannabis. Mr. Mills answered no.

With regard to a tour of Myles Hill's operation, Councillor LS will set this up.

Guests Tyler Mills, Yuri Pershin, Eric Hill, Abby Hill, Dakota Davey were thanked for their presentation and left at 2:05 pm.

Guests Landon Miller and Geoff Hoover in at 2:05 pm.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 14 – PRESENTATION BY INDIGENOUS BLOOMS – POTENTIAL BUSINESS PARTNER FOR THE CANNABIS RETAIL OUTLET (PROPOSAL WRITER)

Guests were introduced and presented a power point presentation.

The head office of Indigenous Bloom is in Kelowna, BC. The company has assets both on and off reserve from genetics to retail. And, they are setting better and higher standards.

Geoff Hoover stated that they are selling craft cannabis on a large scale. Canope and WeedMD are buying from Indigenous Bloom. Plants get fed through the root system.

Landon informed that every cultivation shop will require Health Canada standards and there can be no mold.

With regard to the processing side, Indigenous Bloom does everything. This is where the money is eg. extraction, smoke free products.

Executive Director used an example of her having migraines, and who would diagnose her? Landan answered that their workers are trained.

Geoff and Landan both stated they want to have 10 to 15 stores opened by July 2019, and on reserve only. Geoff further stated that New Credit would be the first retail store in Ontario. Landan believes that New Credit is the most ready. Indigenous Bloom will cover all the costs, and the split will be 50/50. The potential for New Credit is massive. Councillor LS stated that on the wealth creation side, he would prefer owning.

Landan stated that jurisdiction is a huge part of what we are doing. He informed that he has seen the MCFN Cannabis Law.

Guests Landon Miller and Geoff Hoover out at 3:00 pm.

Proposal Writer informed that himself, Councillors LS and RL did the tour of WeedMD. The operation is outside Strathroy, ON. WeedMD said no to retail and extraction. They are very well organized and have greenhouses as well as outdoor planting.

Councillor LS informed that WeedMD has every licensing imaginable and they will fast track us on a partnership license between WeedMD and MCFN. He suggested that MCFN partner with WeedMD in cultivation.

Councillor LS will bring something back to Chief and Council.

Proposal Writer and DSED out at 3:20 pm.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 14a) – CANNABIS

There was an email from Councillor VKJ to the Chief. The email is from Chief Guy Monague of Beausoliel First Nation, and he is requesting assistance from MCFN in developing their own cannabis framework.

Councillor LS will follow up and contact Chief Monague.

Councillor CJ advised that someone needs to follow up with how Landan Miller got a copy of the MCFN Cannabis Law. Executive Director will speak to the Proposal Writer.

MOTION NO. 10

MOVED BY CATHIE JAMIESON

SECONDED BY EVAN SAULT

That the MCFN Regular Council moved In-Camera at 3:20 pm.

Carried