

MISSISSAUGAS OF THE CREDIT FIRST NATION
LAND, WATER & SUSTAINABLE PROSPERITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC MINUTES
Monday, October 21, 2019

Start 9:04 am

Finish 12:25 pm

Chief Councillor

R. Stacey Laforme

Councillor

Erma Ferrell

Councillor

Cathie Jamieson

Councillor/Chair

Larry Sault

Councillor

Evan Sault

Councillor

Rodger LaForme

Councillor

Veronica King-Jamieson

Councillor

Stephanie LaForme

Chief Operations Officer

Kailey Thomson

Recorder

Charlotte Smith

LMR Director

Margaret Sault

MCD Director

Donna Duric

A/DSED

Aimee Sault

MCBC

CEO – Leonard Rickard

Legal Counsel

Sara Mainville

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 – OPEN MEETING

Chair/Councillor Larry Sault opened the meeting at 9:04 am.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2 – REVIEW AND ACCEPT AGENDA

MOTION NO. 1

MOVED BY EVAN SAULT

SECONDED BY VERONICA KING-JAMIESON

That the MCFN Land, Water & Sustainable Prosperity Committee accepts the Agenda.

Carried

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 – THERE ARE NO MINUTES FOR THIS MEETING

This is a new meeting, and there will not be any Minutes until next month.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4 – MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There are no Minutes for this meeting.

LMR Director in at 9:10 am.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5 – REMOVAL OF THE 1951 CUT-OFF (LMR DIRECTOR)

LMR Director noted in her Briefing Note that there is a potential of increase to the MCFN Band List as a result of the Removal of the 1951 cut-off date.

Background:

BAND MEMBERSHIP CHANGES:

Bill S-3 was established to address sex-based inequity stemming from the “Double Mother Rule” (i.e. Non-Indian Mother & Non-Indian Grandmother who gained status through marriage).

Section 6(1)(c.1)

- **Section 6(1)(c.1)** created to remedy inequity. Criteria: **“person is required to have had or adopted at least one child after September 4, 1951 with a person who was not entitled on the day on which the child was born or adopted.”**

Removal of the 1951 cut-off goes beyond the “Double Mother rule” to ensure all descendants born prior to 1985 (or of a marriage prior to that date) of women who lost status or removed from Band because their marriage to a non-Indian man going back to 1869.

LMR Director informed that Bill S-3 is the immediate amendment.

Section 6(1)(a.3) have absolutely no Indian blood. LMR Director stated the political action has to be the Membership Law.

Chair gave some background information. In 2014 MCFN was still involved with AIAI, and there was a card for the border crossing. Canada had a problem with the cards. Bill S-3 happened in 2017. Why did we not deal with Bill S-3 then? LMR Director answered because it was a court case.

Chair stated that funding distribution for off Reserve Band Members do not get any money so why should they vote? The Mississauga Nation should work together. We need to take care of our own off Reserve Band Members. If we have our own law then we should have our own card. Gord Peters said that if Courts decide who we are, we will not be anymore.

LMR Director reiterated that off Reserve Band Members have access to all other funding, but we are penalized because of on Reserve funding.

Chief stated that we need to work on the Membership Law and bring it back to the Council Table. LMR Director has a draft of the Membership Law. Chief then added that we need to invite the LMR Director to the Governance table.

Chair informed that there are Chiefs giving out fraudulent cards, and this is still ongoing, and they are going after federal funding.

Chief Operating Officer stated that people can access services both on and off Reserve. Friendship Centres keep stats and data and continue to apply for our dollars.

Chair advised that the LMR Director's information needs to be put in the Newsletter. Chief added that this information needs to be simplified in order for Band Members to understand it.

LMR Director stated that this information needs to be put on upcoming Agendas to be further discussed. As well, it should be on the Mississauga Nation Agenda.

Chair informed that someone has to be mandated to move this item forward.

MOTION NO. 2

MOVED BY VERONICA KING-JAMIESON SECONDED BY RODGER LAFORME
That the MCFN Land, Water & Sustainable Prosperity Committee agrees that the Federal Government has to be lobbied to ensure that sufficient funding is received for the new registrants as a result of the removal of the 1951 cutoff date and further that the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) will investigate the development of a MCFN Membership Law.

Carried
2nd Reading Waived

DIRECTION NO. 1

That the MCFN Land, Water & Sustainable Prosperity Committee directs the LMR Director to select two dates to start the process on the Membership Law.

DIRECTION NO. 2

That the MCFN Land, Water & Sustainable Prosperity Committee directs the LMR Director to provide information to MCFN Members via the Newsletter regarding the Removal of the 1951 Cut-Off and MCFN Membership.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6a) – BCR TO BE SIGNED REGARDING NAME CHANGE (CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER)

Clarification is needed on a couple of items from Georgina Villeneuve of Peace Hills Trust in the BCR. Chief Operating Officer will bring this back for Chief & Council approval on Monday, October 28, 2019.

MCD Director in at 9:20 am.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 6b) – REVISED MEDIA & COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT
YOUTUBE POLICY (MCD DIRECTOR)**

MCD Director brought this item to an earlier meeting, but there were some corrections/changes that were required before Council would approve it.

MOTION NO. 3

MOVED BY R. STACEY LAFORME

SECONDED BY CATHIE JAMIESON

That the MCFN Land, Water & Sustainable Prosperity Committee accepts the YouTube Policy for MCFN Chief and Council with noted revisions, and will move forward with tapings in the Media & Communications Department beginning Friday, November 1, 2019.

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

MCD Director out at 10:15 am.

MOTION NO. 4

MOVED BY VERONICA KING-JAMIESON

SECONDED BY ERMA FERRELL

That the MCFN Land, Water & Sustainable Prosperity Committee moved In-Camera at 10:16 am.

Carried