

**MISSISSAUGAS OF THE CREDIT FIRST NATION**  
**FINANCIAL PLANNING & FISCAL OVERSIGHT COUNCIL**  
**PUBLIC MINUTES**  
*Tuesday, September 1, 2020*

**Start: 10:05 am**

**Finish: 2:25 pm**

**Chief Councillor**

**R. Stacey Laforme**

**Councillor**

**Evan Sault via Telephone**

**Councillor**

**Cathie Jamieson**

**Councillor**

**Veronica King-Jamieson**

**Councillor/Chair**

**Erma Ferrell**

**Councillor**

**Rodger LaForme**

**Councillor**

**Julie Laforme via Telephone**

**Councillor**

**Craig King**

**Chief Operating Officer**

**Kailey Thomson**

**Recording Officer**

**Charlotte Smith**

**Education Director**

**Katelyn LaForme via Telephone**

**Finance Director**

**Lilia Moos**

**SHS Director**

**Rachelle Ingrao**

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 – OPEN MEETING**

Chair/Councillor Erma Ferrell opened the meeting at 10:05 am.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 2 – REVIEW AND ACCEPT AGENDA & DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

**MOTION NO. 1**

MOVED BY JULIE LAFORME

SECONDED BY EVAN SAULT

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Financial Planning & Fiscal Oversight Council accepts the Agenda with the following deletions:

- Agenda Item No. 11 – Deferred to the Special Council Strategy Meeting on Friday, September 25, 2020;
- Agenda Item No. 12 – Deferred to the Special Council Strategy Meeting on Friday, September 25, 2020;
- Budget for Special Events and Culture is deferred to the next Governance Internal & Intergovernmental Council Meeting on Tuesday, September 8, 2020.

Carried

No one declared a conflict of interest on any of the Agenda Items.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 - REVIEW & ACCEPT PUBLIC MINUTES OF FINANCIAL PLANNING & FISCAL OVERSIGHT COUNCIL MEETING DATED TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2020**

**MOTION NO. 2**

MOVED BY EVAN SAULT

SECONDED BY JULIE LAFORME

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Financial Planning & Fiscal Oversight Council accepts the Public Minutes of the Financial Planning & Fiscal Oversight Council Meeting dated Tuesday, August 4, 2020.

Carried

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 4 – MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

There were no Matters Arising from the Minutes.

Education Director called in at 10:10 am.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 5 – MCFN POST SECONDARY STUDENT ASSISTANT POLICY/APPLICATION REVISIONS (EDUCATION DIRECTOR)**

Education Director noted in her Briefing Note that revisions have been made to the MCFN Post Secondary Student Assistant Policy (PSSSP), and the application (also has been revised) to meet the ISC (Indigenous Services Canada) National Program Guidelines. Both will need to be approved by Chief and Council.

MCFN receives block funding for the PSSSP for MCFN Members. MCFN no longer receives funding for Inuit, Northern students, and beneficiaries of the James Bay and Northern Quebec Agreement.

The Policy has been revised to better meet the most updated Indigenous Service Canada's National Program Guidelines. Most notable changes include the amount of monthly living allowance, and the removal of Inuit, Northern students, and beneficiaries of the James Bay and Northern Quebec Agreement.

An increase to the monthly living allowance is being recommended – students currently receive \$1,000.00 (One Thousand Dollars) and the proposed increase is \$1,200.00 (One Thousand Two Hundred Dollars). Part-time students are currently eligible for \$500.00 (Five Hundred Dollars) per month and the proposed increase is \$600.00 (Six Hundred Dollars) per month. Changes to the book allowance have not been recommended at this time – students currently receive \$400.00 (Four Hundred Dollars) per full-time semester.

Changes to the application are minimal; it has been edited to remove information pertaining to the Inuit, Northern students, and beneficiaries of the James Bay and Northern Quebec Agreement.

Education Director has confirmed with ISC that due to MCFN's block agreement we will not see a decrease in funds as indicated in the memos brought forward. We will not have a non-block contribution next year for PSSSP and this is due to it being mistakenly given to MCFN in 2020-2021. The reason being we no longer have the Inuit/Northern student's program under our supervision. Education Director reiterated that our funding is ok, and will not be affected.

**MOTION NO. 3**

MOVED BY R. STACEY LAFORME

SECONDED BY CRAIG KING

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Financial Planning & Fiscal Oversight Council approves the revisions to the MCFN Post Secondary Student Support Program Policy (increased living/residence allowance) and application (removal of information pertaining to the Inuit, Northern students, and beneficiaries of the James Bay and Northern Quebec Agreement). Effective September 1, 2020, monthly living allowance for full time students will be the \$1,200.00 (twelve hundred dollars); monthly living allowance for part-time students will be \$600.00 (six hundred dollars); Residence allowance will be \$4,800.00 (four thousand eight hundred dollars) per semester; book allowance will remain status quo at \$800.00 (eight hundred dollars) per academic year.

Carried

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Waived

Call ended with Education Director at 10:20 am.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 6 – LANDS ENCHANTED DOCUMENTARY (EF & VKJ)**

Councillors EF and CJ were directed by Council to reach out to Joanne Robertson of Rezolution Pictures to work together on a documentary television series titled Lands Enchanted.

Councillor EF informed that a list of people eg. Knowledge Keepers, Elders etc. was forwarded to Joanne Robertson as she requested.

Finance Director in at 10:53 am.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 7 – FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 2020 (FINANCE DIRECTOR)**

This item was placed on hold as Georgina Villeneuve and Jeff Frketich from Peace Hills Trust has been holding on the phone since 10:40 am.

Georgina Villeneuve and Jeff Frketich from Peace Hills Trust called in at 10:40 am.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 8 – PEACE HILLS TRUST TO PRESENT VIA ZOOM OR TELEPHONE TORONTO PURCHASE TRUST PORTFOLIO PERFORMANCE REVIEW, MERCER REPORT & INTERIM REPORT (GEORGINA VILLENEUVE & JEFF FRKETICH)**

Georgina Villeneuve highlighted the Interim (Quarterly) Report as of July 31, 2020 of the Toronto Purchase Trust.

Georgina noted that a payment will be received from Hydro One in September 2020. Jeff also informed that the payment is down a bit as Hydro One had some unexpected expenses, but once the line gets going the payments will be steady. This means that the first installment will be a bit lower.

Jeff highlighted the letter dated August 17, 2020 from Peace Hills Trust regarding the Portfolio Performance Review for the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter ending June 30, 2020.

Jeff informed that in spite of COVID-19, the Trust is in pretty good shape. In a down market, normally growth goes down, but it did not this time. There is no reason to be concerned about the value of the Trust. As the economy gets better, Beutel will be even stronger.

With regard to reporting to Membership, Councillor EF questioned if we are meeting the criteria for the three meetings per year. Georgina answered that PHT obtained legal opinions, and yes, we are meeting the criteria, and legal has called it a good faith effort. Georgina will send the letter from her legal department today to Chief and Council.

Councillor ES questioned if we could get our money back from Newgioco and Zoompass. Jeff answered that this can be done if this is what Chief and Council want, but, it will take a lot of time and it would not make any money. Councillor EF suggested that this item could be put on the next Financial Planning and Fiscal Oversight Council Meeting in October for further discussion, but Councillor ES was not satisfied with Jeff's response. Chief stated that Jeff can put some information together regarding this, and can send it to Chief and Council by the end of the week.

The call with Jeff and Georgina ended at 11:00 am.

Chief informed Council that we will need to decide if we are going to keep the other half of the capital gains instead of letting it go back to the Trust. This item will be put on the next month's Financial Planning & Fiscal Oversight Council Meeting on Tuesday, October 6, 2020.

**MOTION NO. 4**

MOVED BY R. STACEY LAFORME

SECONDED BY CATHIE JAMIESON

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Financial Planning & Fiscal Oversight Council accepts the Toronto Purchase Trust Performance Review, Mercer Report and Interim Report as at July 31, 2020 from Peace Hills Trust.

Carried

Council moved back to Agenda Item No. 7.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 7 – FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 2020**  
**(FINANCE DIRECTOR)**

Finance Director highlighted her Financial Statements and asked if anyone had any questions. She noted that the correct amount for the honorariums for Council is \$37,843.43.

Councillor EF has a question on the line item "miscellaneous", but she and Councillor VKJ would like to meet with the Chief Operating Officer regarding this.

Finance Director stated that the Pillars Budgets will not be ready until October as the Pillar Leads have to make up their budgets. Councillor EF replied that we need the financial information for April, May, June, July and August before we can make up the budgets. Finance Director then answered that only April, May and June will be completed by the first of October. Councillor EF noted that we received \$250,000.00 for COVID dollars, and there is a balance of \$214,000.00 left.

Councillor VKJ questioned the Finance Director if she could present to Chief and Council the

first and second quarters, however, the Finance Director reiterated that she will present April, May and June.

Councillor EF asked what “IAS” stands for, and the Finance Director did not know, but she will check.

Finance Director suggested that she can meet with the Financial Oversight Committee once per week or once per month.

On the Special Events and Culture page, Finance Director noted that \$169,927.00 came from The Social & Health Services Department. Chief Operating Officer added that this is for the mental health approach which the Culture & Events Coordinator is taking on.

On the Sustainable Economic Development (SED) page, Chief Operating Officer will look into the Janitorial Services further to see if everything is correct.

Regarding the LDM page, Finance Director stated that we do not report on all these dollars except the dollars that come from ISC (Indigenous Services Canada).

With regard to the DOCA page, Councillor JL questioned why the legal fees are so high, and added that she would like to see an itemized list before October 6<sup>th</sup>. Chief Operating Officer informed that all payments for legal fees have to be approved by her first. She will bring something back to Chief and Council regarding legal fees. Finance Director stated that the DOCA Director has total discretion when it comes to legal fees.

Councillor CJ questioned if there is any more information on the Ottawa Trust Fund or the interest rate. Finance Director will check her emails. Chief Operating Officer added that she will follow up with the Finance Director, and together, they will bring some information back to Chief and Council.

**MOTION NO. 5**

MOVED BY R. STACEY LAFORME                      SECONDED BY VERONICA KING-JAMIESON  
That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Financial Planning & Fiscal Oversight Council accepts the Financial Statements for the month of March 2020 as presented.

Carried  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Waived

Finance Director out at 11:50 am.

Council moved to Agenda Item No. 9a).

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 9a) – PARKS CANADA – CULTURAL DESIGN OPPORTUNITY  
(CULTURAL & EVENTS COORDINATOR)**

Chief Operating Officer noted in her Briefing Note that the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation has been approached by Parks Canada with the opportunity to have input on the cultural design for trails located in the Rouge National Urban Park and on a new 600-meter waterfront trail leading to Fort Mississauga along the Lake Ontario Shoreline in Niagara-on-the-Lake. The agreement outlining all the details has been attached.

This contribution will help build capacity for the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation to work directly with two Parks Canada Field Units, Rouge National Urban Park and Southwestern Ontario Field Unit in the development of interpretive products featuring Indigenous content.

In Rouge National Urban Park, the contribution will be put towards working as part of a network of advisors to inform, contribute to, and develop Indigenous content and stories that will be refined into narratives and interpretative products and programs that will support key projects in the park. The projects developed with an Indigenous perspective will build awareness and understanding of Indigenous heritage and current culture and connection to visitors of the site.

Chief Operating Officer added that this funding is extended to 2022 because of COVID-19.

**MOTION NO. 6**

MOVED BY JULIE LAFORME

SECONDED BY CATHIE JAMIESON

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Financial Planning & Fiscal Oversight Council accepts funds in the amount of \$51,800.00 (fifty-one thousand eight hundred dollars) from Parks Canada to be used for the cultural development of the Rouge National Urban Park and on the new 600-meter waterfront trail leading to Fort Mississauga along the Lake Ontario Shoreline in Niagara-on-the-Lake. Furthermore, Council authorizes the signing of the Parks Canada General Class Contribution Agreement. These funds will be monitored by the MCFN Cultural and Special Events Unit.

Carried

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Waived

**MOTION NO. 7**

MOVED BY RODGER BILL LAFORME

SECONDED BY VERONICA KING-JAMIESON

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Financial Planning & Fiscal Oversight Council moved In-Camera at 1:05 pm.

Carried

**LUNCH BREAK 11:55 AM TO 1:00 PM**