

MISSISSAUGAS OF THE CREDIT FIRST NATION
LAND, WATER & SUSTAINABLE PROSPERITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC MINUTES
 Tuesday, October 19, 2021

Start 10:05 am

Finish 3:45 pm

Chief Councillor

R. Stacey Laforme

Councillor

Erma Ferrell

Councillor/Chair

Cathie Jamieson

Councillor

Julie Laforme (via Zoom)

Councillor

Evan Sault (via Zoom)

Councillor

Rodger LaForme

Councillor

Veronica King-Jamieson (via Zoom)

Recorder

Charlotte Smith

Executive Director of Operations

Kerri King

Chief Financial Officer

Gary Phillips

Ex. Dir. of Intergovernmental Affairs

Katelyn LaForme (via Zoom)

Culture & Events Coordinator

Caitlin LaForme, Jai King-Green (via Zoom)

Director of Lifelong Learning

Patti Barber (via Zoom)

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 – OPEN MEETING

Chair/Councillor Cathie Jamieson called the meeting to order at 10:05 am.

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

MOTION NO. 1

MOVED BY VERONICA KING-JAMIESON

SECONDED BY JULIE LAFORME

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Land, Water & Sustainable Prosperity Council accepts the Agenda with the following additions:

- Agenda Item No. 8b) – Online Memorial (EF);
- Agenda Item No. 8c) – Artifacts Item;
- Agenda Item No. 21b) – In-Camera Item;
- Agenda Item No. 21c) – In-Camera Item;
- Agenda Item No. 21d) – In-Camera Item.

Carried

Councillor Veronica King-Jamieson will excuse herself because of a Conflict of Interest when we get to Agenda Item No. 14.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 – REVIEW & ACCEPT THE PUBLIC MINUTES OF LAND, WATER & SUSTAINABLE PROSPERITY COUNCIL MEETING DATED TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2021

MOTION NO. 2

MOVED BY R. STACEY LAFORME

SECONDED BY RODGER BILL LAFORME

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Land, Water & Sustainable Prosperity Council accepts the Public Minutes of the Land, Water and Sustainable Prosperity Council Meeting dated Tuesday, September 21, 2021.

Carried

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4 – MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no Matters Arising from the Minutes.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5 – 2021 – 2022 COVID TRANSITIONAL SUPPORT FUNDS (SHS DIRECTOR)

SHS Director noted in her Briefing Note that she requires Chief and Council authorization to accept \$5,891.00 in COVID-19 Transitional Support Funding (Ontario Works Program).

The Ontario Works Department has received ongoing requests for assistance as it pertains to the aforementioned supports available through this funding

The Ontario Works Department anticipates that the full allocation can be expended prior to March 31st, 2022. It is understood that any unspent funds as of this date are to be returned to the Ministry.

MOTION NO. 3

MOVED BY EVAN SAULT

SECONDED BY ERMA FERRELL

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Land, Water & Sustainable Prosperity Council accepts the COVID-19 Transitional Support Funding in the amount of \$5,891.00 (five thousand, eight-hundred and ninety-one dollars) for the 2021-2022 fiscal year. It is understood that any surplus funds as of March 31st, 2022 are to be returned to the Ministry of Community and Social Services. These funds will be deposited in Account No. 700310.

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

Culture & Events Coordinator and Special Events and Culture Assistant zoomed in at 10:15 am.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6 – COMMUNITY DONATIONS (CJ)

Councillor CJ noted in her Briefing Note that an initial request to see if Mississaugas of the Credit would accept a donation of moose meat from the fall harvest of 2021. Moose was harvested in Northern Ontario within the Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory / Robinson Huron Treaty area, namely the Spanish Forest area.

The question was raised to Chief and Council, if MCFN has ever taken on wild game donations and/or is there a process currently in place to accept such donations. There was not any prior formal process of how MCFN accepts donations such as these.

The harvest time of moose season is nearing its end and the opportunity for donation of whole moose harvest has passed. There was also a second transfer of moose meat which was directly purchased from one family, and again this will be by the choice of that family how it wants to be used in storage or distribution.

MOTION NO. 4

MOVED BY EVAN SAULT

SECONDED BY JULIE LAFORME

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Land, Water & Sustainable Prosperity Council accepts the information as presented regarding the update on the Community Donation of moose meat by C. Jamieson.

Carried

Culture & Events Coordinator and Special Events and Culture Assistant zoomed out at 10:45 am.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7 – McMASTER VISION SCREENING (EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS)

Executive Director of Operations noted in her Briefing Note that she is requesting approval for McMaster Children's Hospital to collaborate with the Community Health Program to provide the Indigenous Children Eye Examination Program (ICEE).

Meetings have been held with Dr. Yasmin Jindani and Dr. Srabi from McMaster Children's Hospital on a project called Indigenous Children Eye Examination Program. The program is offering three separate vision/screening tests to MCFN children under the age of 16 years. A passive consent process is being proposed i.e a letter being provided with information on the program, and if a parent wishes to opt out, a note can be sent back that they do not wish their child to participate. The vision/screening test is not a full eye exam.

November 24 – 26, 2021 is being considered for the screening. The ICEE is requesting permission to send the letters through LSK and ECC notifying parents of the program and permission to proceed with the passive screening process. And further, Executive Director of Operations is recommending that the Community Centre rental fees be waived for this important initiative.

MOTION NO. 5

MOVED BY RODGER BILL LAFORME

SECONDED BY JULIE LAFORME

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Land, Water & Sustainable Prosperity Council approves the collaboration of the Community Health Unit and the McMaster Children's Hospital Indigenous Children Eye Examination Program. It is understood the program will proceed on a passive consent basis and that fees for the Community Centre Rental will be waived.

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

Opposed: Chief R. Stacey Laforme

SEPARATE ITEM

DIRECTION NO. 1

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Land, Water & Sustainable Prosperity Council directs the SHS Director to provide an update regarding the discrepancies between OHIP Ontario and the Optometrists. This item will be brought back to the next Infrastructure & Community Development Council Meeting on Tuesday, October 26, 2021.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8a) – MOTION TO BE READ INTO TODAY'S MINUTES WHICH WAS APPROVED VIA EMAIL REGARDING TRAVEL FOR STAFF, CHIEF AND COUNCIL

MOTION NO. 6

MOVED BY ERMA FERRELL

SECONDED BY EVAN SAULT

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Land, Water & Sustainable Prosperity Council approve resuming work-related travel for all staff and Council members, provided Supervisor approval is obtained and the staff member and/or Council member is comfortable with the travel. Further, it is understood that all COVID-19 precautions will continue to be adhered to during work time.

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8b) – ONLINE MEMORIAL (EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS)

Executive Director of Operations informed that MCFN Member Carolyn King would like to make Chief and Council aware of an online memorial for Jane Beecroft as she was very helpful to MCFN.

Councillor EF suggested that media and guidelines should be put in place for others and put on the website. Executive Director stated that it would be nice to have a statement from Chief and Council.

Executive Director of Operations and the Chief will work together on an online memorial for Jane Beecroft.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8c) – ARTIFACTS (VKJ)

Councillor VKJ stated that there will be artifacts moved to the Ancestral Artifacts Group before coming to Chief and Council.

MOTION NO. 7

MOVED BY JULIE LAFORME

SECONDED BY R. STACEY LAFORME

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Land, Water & Sustainable Prosperity Council moved In-Camera at 11:10 am.

Carried