

**MISSISSAUGAS OF THE CREDIT FIRST NATION
EDUCATION & WELLNESS COUNCIL
PUBLIC MINUTES
Tuesday, September 28, 2021**

Start 10:03 am

Finish 3:25 pm

Chief Councillor

R. Stacey Laforme (via Zoom)

Councillor

Erma Ferrell

Councillor

Rodger LaForme

Councillor

Evan Sault (via Zoom)

Councillor/Chair

Veronica King-Jamieson (via Zoom)

Councillor

Cathie Jamieson

Councillor

Julie LaForme (via Zoom)

Executive Director of Operations

Kerri King

Recorder

Charlotte Smith

Chief Financial Officer

Gary Phillips

Ex. Dir. of Intergovernmental Affairs

Katelyn LaForme

Legal Counsel

Guests from Fogler Rubinoff

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 – OPEN MEETING

Chair/Councillor Veronica King-Jamieson called the meeting to order at 10:03 am. Chief said a prayer.

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) Education & Wellness Council accepts the Agenda with the following additions:

- Agenda Item No. 7a) – Massey College (EF);
- Agenda Item No. 7b) – Verbal Update on MCFN Board of Education – Terms of Reference and Extension of Board Members (VKJ);
- Agenda Item No. 7c) – Community Donations (CJ);
- Agenda Item No. 19a) – In-Camera Item.

Carried

There were no Conflicts of Interest on any of the Agenda Items.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 – REVIEW & ACCEPT PUBLIC MINUTES OF EDUCATION & WELLNESS COUNCIL MEETING DATED TUESDAY, JULY 27, 2021

MOTION NO. 2

MOVED BY R. STACEY LAFORME

SECONDED BY EVAN SAULT

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Education & Wellness Council accepts the Public minutes of the Education and Wellness Council Meeting dated Tuesday, July 27, 2021.

Carried

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4 - MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

4.1 – Letter signed by the Chief and sent to First Nations and Inuit Home and Community Care Program regarding the transition to HCC Block Funding Model.

This (transition to HCC Block Funding Model) has already been approved.

Deborah Wilson zoomed in at 10:15 am.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5 – PORTS TORONTO/PLAQUE & SCULPTURE – BILLY BISHOP AIRPORT (EF)

Councillor EF noted in her Briefing Note that Ports Toronto & the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Chief & Council have been collaborating on a project at Billy Bishop Airport since 2019.

Chief & Council approved a sculpture to be created by Artist David General of the Six Nations of the Grand River.

Deborah Wilson/Ports Toronto, Vice-President Communications & Public Affairs will be joining the meeting today via Zoom to discuss the wording to be placed on the sculpture. The sculpture will be placed at Billy Bishop Airport.

The base of the sculpture is a canoe and animals will be inside the canoe.

Councillor EF introduced Deborah Wilson. Deborah stated that the last time she spoke with Chief and Council was in January of 2020. She sent some pictures to Chief and Council of the sculpture which is an otter, eagle and a bear. Deborah is here today as she would like to confirm the wording for the sculpture which will be in three languages: English, Ojibway, and French.

The plaque or sign will be to the side of the sculpture.

Chief is really impressed with the sculpture, and suggested putting some kind of sign in the terminal regarding the history of the Mississaugas. Deborah stated that Dave General (Artist) would like a quote from the Chief to be added in the sign. Also, the Mayor of Toronto will be invited to the ribbon cutting ceremony.

Councillor EF stated that a Member from Curve Lake First Nation has provided the proper Ojibway translation.

Deborah Wilson was thanked for her presentation and zoomed out at 10:35 pm.

MOTION NO. 3

MOVED BY ERMA FERRELL

SECONDED BY R. STACEY LAFORME

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Education & Wellness Council approves the following wording for the Sculpture which will be placed at the Billy Bishop Airport in Toronto, and the Ojibway translation will be provided by:

This sculpture was commissioned by Ports Toronto in recognition of the Mississaugas of the Credit and their relationship to the land, air and water on which Billy Bishop Toronto City Airport now sits. The sculpture is entitled Maanjidowin – The Gathering and features three mythical fishers: MuKwa-kwe (Bear), Nigig-kwe (Otter) and Migizi-kwe (Eagle) who have come to the estuaries and islands along Toronto’s Lake Ontario shoreline to fish.

The canoe in which they sit has inscriptions of the Seven Grandfather Teachings which are guiding principles that provide the moral and cultural foundation of life.

- *Gwekwaadeziwn – Honesty*
- *Aakidehewin – Courage*
- *Mnaadenmewin – Respect*
- *Zaadigen – Love*
- *Debwewin – Truth*
- *Dhaanediziwini – Humility*
- *Nbwaakaawin – Wisdom*

Carried
2nd Reading Waived

DIRECTION NO. 1

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Education & Wellness Council directs Councillor Erma Ferrell to follow up with Deborah Wilson, Vice President of Communications and Public Affairs regarding “window clings”. Chief R. Stacey Laforme will also be involved.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6 – MOTION TO BE READ INTO TODAY’S MINUTES – THIS MOTION WAS VOTED ON VIA EMAIL ON SEPTEMBER 23, 2021 - REGARDING EVERY CHILD MATTERS UNITY & REMEMBRANCE WALK

MOTION NO. 4

MOVED BY JULIE LAFORME

SECONDED BY EVAN SAULT

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Education & Wellness Council approve the temporary closure of the following roads, in recognition of the Every Child Matters Unity and Remembrance Walk, scheduled for September 29th, 2021:

- Ojibway Rd by MJ's
- Ojibway Rd/Cayuga Rd
- Mississauga Rd between Highway #6 and Ojibway Road
- Mississauga Rd between Ojibway Road and New Credit Road

Public Works, the ECM Committee and OPP will work to ensure the safety of all participants during this organized outdoor event.

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7a) – MASSEY COLLEGE (EF)

It was noted by Councillor Erma Ferrell that the Ceremony will take place outside at 11:00 am in the Quad at Massey College. Orange shirts and buttons will be on sale.

The Agenda:

Opening Prayer: Elder Gary Sault

Welcome Remarks: Principal Nathalie Des Rosiers

Address: Chief R. Stacey Laforme (Chief, Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation)

Address From the Lt. Governor: The Hon. Elizabeth Dowdeswell

Remarks from James Bird, Massey College Junior Fellow and Residential School Survivor

Remarks from Rena Roussin, Massey College Junior Fellow

Moment of Silence

Music Interlude: Maeve Palmer, Massey College Junior Fellow

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7b) – VERBAL UPDATE ON MCFN BOARD OF EDUCATION – TERMS OF REFERENCE AND EXTENSION OF BOARD MEMBERS

Councillor VKJ will send information to the Executive Director of Operations regarding the posting of a Youth Rep and Parent for the MCFN Board of Education as these two positions are vacant at the present time.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7c) – COMMUNITY DONATIONS (CJ)

This item will be put on the next Agenda – Tuesday, October 12, 2021 – Governance Internal and Intergovernmental Council Meeting. Notice will be given to the Culture & Events Coordinator and Jai King-Green to attend this meeting as there will be a discussion on guidelines regarding Community Donations eg. moose meat donation.

Further, Councillor Cathie Jamieson would like a Notice sent to the Community regarding a donation of moose meat.

MOTION NO. 5

MOVED BY CATHIE JAMIESON

SECONDED BY JULIE LAFORME

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Education & Wellness Council moved In-Camera at 11:20 am.

Carried