

MISSISSAUGAS OF THE CREDIT FIRST NATION
FINANCIAL PLANNING & FISCAL OVERSIGHT COUNCIL
PUBLIC MINUTES
Tuesday, January 4, 2022

Start: 10:00 am

Finish: 2:45 pm

Chief Councillor

R. Stacey Laforme (via Zoom)

Councillor

Evan Sault (via Zoom)

Councillor

Kelly LaForme (via Zoom)

Councillor

Veronica King-Jamieson (via Zoom)

Councillor/Chair

Erma Ferrell (via Telephone)

Councillor

Andrea King (via Zoom)

Councillor

Ashley Sault (via Zoom)

Councillor

Fawn Sault

Recording Officer

Charlotte Smith (via Zoom)

Executive Director of Operations

Kerri King (via Zoom)

Chief Financial Officer

Gary Phillips (via Zoom)

Ex. Dir. of Intergovernmental Affairs

Katelyn LaForme (via Zoom)

LMR Director

Margaret Sault (via Zoom)

Legal Counsel

Kim Fullerton & Alex Monem

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 – OPEN MEETING

Chair/Councillor Erma Ferrell called the meeting to order at 10:00 am. Chief R. Stacey Laforme opened in a prayer.

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

MOTION NO. 1

MOVED BY ANDREA KING

SECONDED BY R. STACEY LAFORME

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

- Agenda Item No. 12a) – Enbridge Donation (KK);
- Agenda Item No. 12b) – CKRZ to Partner with MCFN for Community Update on the Omicron COVID-19 (Community Health Nurse – Maggie Copeland);
- Agenda Item No. 12c) – COVID-19 Recommendations for the Community (KK);
- Agenda Item No. 22a) – In-Camera Item;
- Agenda Item No. 22b) – In-Camera Item;
- Agenda Item No. 22c) – In-Camera Item.

Carried

Councillor Fawn Sault will excuse herself because of a Conflict of Interest when we get to Agenda Item No. 21.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 – REVIEW AND ACCEPT THE PUBLIC MINUTES OF THE FINANCIAL PLANNING & FISCAL OVERSIGHT COUNCIL MEETING DATED TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2021 NOTE: ONLY THE MOTIONS AND DIRECTIONS ARE INCLUDED IN THESE MINUTES WITH THE EXCEPTION OF AGENDA ITEM NO. 34. THERE WAS NOT ENOUGH TIME TO ADD THE NOTES.

MOTION NO. 2

MOVED BY ANDREA KING

SECONDED BY VERONICA KING-JAMIESON

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Financial Planning & Fiscal Oversight Council accepts the Public Minutes of the Financial Planning and Fiscal Oversight Council Meeting dated Tuesday, December 7, 2021.

Carried

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4 – MATTERS ARISING FROM COUNCIL MINUTES

FYI - 4.1 – Letter signed by the Chief and sent to Catherine Dean, Public Art Officer, City of Toronto regarding the Humber Bay Arts Project.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5 – MOTION TO BE READ INTO THE MINUTES REGARDING DEBWEWIN OAKVILLE (THIS MOTION WAS APPROVED VIA EMAIL)

MOTION NO. 3

MOVED BY EVAN SAULT

SECONDED BY FAWN SAULT

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Financial Planning & Fiscal Oversight Council approves Debwewin to set up an electronic repository of history, to submit the funding application in partnership with the Oakville Museum, and to approve a Liaison(s) to the Debwewin Project and have Georgia LaForme (Communication and Engagement Lead) inform Wendy Rinella.

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6 – MOTION TO BE READ INTO THE MINUTES REQUEST FOR CONTRACT EXTENTION (THIS MOTION WAS APPROVED VIA EMAIL)

MOTION NO. 4

MOVED BY EVAN SAULT

SECONDED BY FAWN SAULT

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Financial Planning & Fiscal Oversight Council approves the extension up to one year (52 weeks) from December 19, 2021 and ending December 17, 2022 for the Special Project Worker to be paid from Greenbelt funding General Ledger Account 50110-100507.

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7 – MOTION TO BE READ INTO THE MINUTES REGARDING ISC FUNDING AMENDMENT NO. 0019 (THIS MOTION WAS APPROVED VIA EMAIL)

MOTION NO. 5

MOVED BY EVAN SAULT

SECONDED BY FAWN SAULT

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Financial Planning & Fiscal Oversight Council moves to accept the \$107,581.00 (One Hundred and Seven Thousand, Five Hundred and One Dollar and 00 cents) from ISC and authorize A/COO Kerri King to acknowledge acceptance via email with “I confirm that I have the authorization of the Council of Mississaugas of the Credit to enter into the attached amendment on behalf of Mississaugas of the Credit by way of electronic mail. Mississaugas of the Credit agrees to the terms and conditions set out in the attached amendment, including any reporting requirements.”

Health and Social Department will advise the departments the funds will be allocated to under revenue account 40300 and 40100.

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8 – MOTION TO BE READ INTO THE MINUTES REGARDING ISC FUNDING AMENDMENT NO. 0020 (THIS MOTION WAS APPROVED VIA EMAIL)

MOTION NO. 6

MOVED BY EVAN SAULT

SECONDED BY FAWN SAULT

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Financial Planning & Fiscal Oversight Council moves to accept the \$18,388.00 (Eighteen Thousand, Three Hundred and Eighty-Eight Dollars and 00 cents) from ISC and authorize A/COO Kerri King to acknowledge acceptance via email with “I confirm that I have the authorization of the Council of Mississaugas of the Credit to enter into the attached amendment on behalf of Mississaugas of the Credit by way of electronic mail. Mississaugas of the Credit agrees to the terms and conditions set out in the attached amendment, including any reporting requirements.”

Health and Social Department will advise the departments the funds will be allocated to under revenue account 40300.

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9 – MOTION TO BE READ INTO THE MINUTES REGARDING ISC FUNDING AMENDMENT NO. 0059 (THIS MOTION WAS APPROVED VIA EMAIL)

MOTION NO. 7

MOVED BY EVAN SAULT

SECONDED BY FAWN SAULT

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Financial Planning & Fiscal Oversight Council moves to accept the \$111,535.01 (One hundred and eleven thousand, five hundred and thirty five dollars and 01 cent) from ISC and authorize A/COO Kerri King to acknowledge acceptance via email with “I confirm that I have the authorization of the Council of Mississaugas of the Credit to enter into the attached amendment on behalf of Mississaugas of the Credit by way of electronic mail. Mississaugas of the Credit agrees to the terms and conditions set out in the attached amendment, including any reporting requirements.”

The Lifelong Learning department will the departments the funds will be allocated to under revenue account 40300.

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

AGENDA ITEM NO. 10 – MOTION TO BE READ INTO THE MINUTES REGARDING SECURITY SYSTEM FOR EKWAAMJIGENANG CHILDREN’S CENTRE (THIS MOTION WAS APPROVED VIA EMAIL)

MOTION NO. 8

MOVED BY EVAN SAULT

SECONDED BY FAWN SAULT

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Financial Planning & Fiscal Oversight Council approves the request to spend \$14,974.31 (Fourteen thousand nine hundred seventy-four dollars and thirty-one cents) on a virtual security system for Ekwaamjigenang Children’s Centre, to be installed by Damar. The funds will come from the Indigenous Early Learning and Child Care budget, department # 600720.

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

AGENDA ITEM NO. 10a) – MOTION TO BE READ INTO THE MINUTES REGARDING CIRCLE OF EXPERTS RECOMMENDATION (THIS MOTION WAS APPROVED VIA EMAIL)

MOTION NO. 9

MOVED BY EVAN SAULT

SECONDED BY FAWN SAULT

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Financial Planning & Fiscal Oversight Council approves that Councillor Fawn Sault’s name be submitted for consideration on the Indigenous Advisory Committee’s Circle of Experts.

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

AGENDA ITEM NO. 10b) – MOTION TO BE READ INTO THE MINUTES – TEMPORARY SOCIAL LEAD ROLE (THIS MOTION WAS APPROVED VIA EMAIL)

MOTION NO. 10

MOVED BY EVAN SAULT

SECONDED BY FAWN SAULT

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Financial Planning & Fiscal Oversight Council agrees to provide Yvonne Bomberry with a temporary Social Lead role, effective January 3rd, 2022, and to provide an interim increase of 7% to her current rate of pay, to compensate for the increased duties.

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

AGENDA ITEM NO. 10c) – MOTION TO BE READ INTO THE MINUTES – PROVINCIAL COVID-19 RECOMMENDATIONS (THIS MOTION WAS APPROVED VIA EMAIL)

MOTION NO. 11

MOVED BY EVAN SAULT

SECONDED BY FAWN SAULT

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Financial Planning & Fiscal Oversight Council approves the following COVID-19 recommendations for implementation, effective immediately:

- Outdoor social gatherings and organized public events gatherings be permitted for up to twenty-five (25) people (masks mandatory if a distance of 2m cannot be maintained);
- Indoor social gatherings and organized public events be permitted with up to ten (10) people (masks mandatory);
- Indoor and outdoor dining permitted, limited to ten (10) people per table, with a 50% capacity limit;
- All retail be permitted at a 50% capacity limit to ensure physical distancing (masks mandatory);
- Indoor religious services, rites and ceremonies, including wedding services and funeral services are permitted with capacity to ensure physical distancing (masks mandatory);
- Outdoor religious services, rites and ceremonies, including wedding services and funeral services are permitted with capacity limited to permit physical distancing of 2m;
- Indoor fitness and personal training permitted, with maximum capacity of 50% (masks mandatory if a distance of 3m cannot be maintained);
- Personal care services open, including those that require removal of masks, with a 50% capacity limit.

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

Finance Director zoomed in at 10:20 am.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 11 – FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DATED NOVEMBER 30, 2021
(FINANCE DIRECTOR)

Chief Financial Officer and Finance Director spoke interchangeably throughout the presentation of the Financial Statements.

Finance Director went through the Statements page by page.

Councillor VKJ stated that there is a Budget Motion for the LSK Expansion Project which is not included in these Statements.

Chief requested a Special Council Meeting in order for the new Councillors to have a better understanding of the finances and the Financial Statements, particularly Page 1.

With regard to Page 12 – Statement of Operations for DOCA, Chief Financial Officer stated that due to the staff changes, there is a backlog and the Finance Department is catching up. Chief Financial Officer will follow up with DOCA regarding the Financial Statements (DOCA has not billed since October).

DIRECTION NO. 1

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Financial Planning & Fiscal Oversight Council directs the Finance Director to provide information on a Budget Motion regarding the LSK Expansion Project. (Councillor Veronica King-Jamieson will send a copy of the above Motion to Finance Director)

DIRECTION NO. 2

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Financial Planning & Fiscal Oversight Council directs the Admin Clerk to send out a Doodle Dock to Chief and Council, and will put in a date when they (Chief and Council) are available for a Special Council Meeting regarding the Financial Statements in order for new Councillors to have a better understanding of the Statements.

MOTION NO. 12

MOVED BY ANDREA KING

SECONDED BY KELLY LAFORME

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Financial Planning & Fiscal Oversight Council accepts the Financial Statements dated November 30, 2021, as presented from the Finance Director and Chief Financial Officer.

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

Finance Director zoomed out at 10:52 am.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 12a) – ENBRIDGE DONATION (KK)

Executive Director of Operations is requesting confirmation from Council for accepting a \$15,000.00 donation from Enbridge.

In mid-November, Kevin Berube emailed Gimaa LaForme regarding a \$15,000.00 payment error to the First Nation and requested that we take steps to return the dollars. Admin moved forward in this fashion. Since that time, Kevin Berube has indicated that if the First Nation can use the funds, we can proceed with such, without the need for a relationship agreement or any reporting requirements. It would be deemed a donation. As such, Council approval is required for the donation.

As such, the COVID-19 Working Group is recommending that we proceed with a COVID basket pick up. We are recommending we move forward with a COVID-19 Basket distribution, via a drive through process at the Community Centre.

Eligibility would be one per household, on or off the territory, with the understanding that the basket must be secured via the registration process, in order to ensure we have enough baskets/materials on hand.

The contents of the basket are proposed to include the following:

- Fresh produce box
- Package of surgical masks (N95 if we can get a good supply available)
- RAT kit is possible (and based on reporting requirements)
- Other relevant material, perhaps sanitizer or hand soap.

Based on past process, the food baskets run \$35.00 each. On reserve, we have approximately 265 households. Recognizing not everyone would register for the basket on reserve, we could open it to all Members, and probably provide up to 400 baskets.

MOTION NO. 13

MOVED BY ANDREA KING

SECONDED BY FAWN SAULT

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Financial Planning & Fiscal Oversight Council agrees to accept the \$15,000.00 (Fifteen Thousand Dollars) from Enbridge, provided it is clear that it is a no strings attached donation, and further, that a COVID-19 basket will be provided to Members via a drive through process, to assist with their needs at the present time. Funds will be deposited to Admin COVID Account Number 100122.

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

AGENDA ITEM NO. 12b) – CKRZ TO PARTNER WITH MCFN FOR COMMUNITY UPDATE ON THE OMICRON COVID-19 (COMMUNITY HEALTH NURSE)

Both Six Nations and MCFN have seen an increase in active cases of COVID-19 and Members in self-isolation, and many Members hesitate in receiving their vaccine as well as not receiving the most up to date information related to Omicron. This may be a communication challenge for some MCFN Members accessing internet services and receiving accurate information.

Since the world pandemic is going into it's 21st month, both Communities have lost lives and significant disruption in health and well-being. Over 65% of MCFN Members have received both doses of the vaccine. Some Members are still hesitant in receiving a vaccine, and some are not aware of the seriousness and the impact of getting COVID-19 and spreading it to children and elderly

MCFN and Six Nations have provided weekly COVID19 updates. The Chief currently provides a weekly COVID19 update, announcements, and COVID19 messaging through social media.

Partner with CKRZ to share MCFN COVID19 updates, support expert information from reliable sources such as the Medical Officer Health about the Omicron COVID19, hours and locations of vaccination and testing clinics in the Haldimand Norfolk area. Addition to the Chief's COVID19 weekly updates.

MOTION NO. 14

MOVED BY FAWN SAULT

SECONDED BY ASHLEY SAULT

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Financial Planning & Fiscal Oversight Council agree to partner with CKRZ to share MCFN specific information regarding our COVID-19 updates, including information on the Omicron, in real-time on air. Gimaa R. Stacey Laforme will be recognized as the primary speaker and will provide the on-air updates, with the understanding that Councillor Andrea King, Pillar 2 Lead and COVID-19 Working Group Member will be the Alternate. The purpose of the participation is to provide the Members with accurate and factual COVID-19 information to better inform the Community on vaccination and public health measures.

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

AGENDA ITEM NO. 12c) – COVID-19 RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE COMMUNITY (KK)

This item has been deleted as it has already been dealt with above.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 12d) – PROCESS AND PROCEDURES FOR NEW COUNCIL (EF)

Councillor EF apologized to Councillor AS. Councillor AS put an item on the Agenda, but was unaware that there was a proper procedure as new Council has not had any training in this area yet.

When a Councillor puts an item on the Agenda, he/she has to contact the Executive Director of Operations first and then it has to be presented through a Briefing Note.

Executive Director of Operations reiterated that we talked briefly at the Swearing In Ceremony that we would put the Complaints Policy, Process and Procedures on the Agenda two weeks from now.

Chief added that communications needs to be clearly defined between the Pillar Leads and Directors/Supervisors.

Below is what Councillor Erma Ferrell provided regarding Process and Procedures:

Briefing Notes to Chief & Council are preferred, but verbal presentations are accepted. Briefing Notes are accepted by the Recorder until Thursday of each week. If your Briefing Note or verbal update is being presented after the Recorder has prepared the packages for the next Tuesday's meeting, everyone is to contact the Chair and request permission to add an additional Agenda item.

It is the responsibility of the Chair for the upcoming Council meeting to determine if the additional Agenda Item will be allowed to be added to the Council package.

Sometimes during a meeting an Agenda Item needs to be moved to another meeting. The current Chair will ask the Chair of the next meeting if the Agenda Item could be placed on their meeting agenda.

1. Concerns with Departments – as a member of Council, we are to first approach the A/Chief Operating Officer with the concern. The A/Chief Operating officer will address the issue with the Department Supervisor, or arrangements can be made to have the Councillor meet with the Supervisor and the A/Chief Operating Officer. If a resolution cannot be agreed upon, the issue can then be brought to Full Council for discussion.
2. Councillors and/or the Chief are to refrain from going into a Department and instruct the Supervisor to do something. It is the responsibility of the members of Council to bring their issue to Full Council and obtain a Motion and/or a Direction of Council to proceed with directing a Supervisor within the Administration to do something. (ie: I want such and such done, the Supervisors are not to proceed without a Council Motion and/or Direction – I have provided a verbal complaint the A/Chief Operating Office and am waiting for a response on what has taken place. This happened before the Christmas break)
3. As an MCFN member, the Member can arrange a meeting with the Department Supervisor and if a resolution cannot be agreed upon, the Member then takes the issue to the A/Chief Operating Officer. If a resolution cannot be obtained with the A/Chief Operating Officer, the Member can then bring the issue to full council. The Member can present their concerns to Full Council. The member will be thanked and then excused from the meeting, and Full Council will discuss and provide a Motion, a Direction or both to resolve the issue. A Direction will be provided by Council that a letter be drafted for the Chief's signature. The MCFN Council will determine who will draft the letter.

SPECIAL MEETING

Special Council Meetings are called by the Chief.

The Complaints Policy, Process and Procedures will be put on the Agenda for Tuesday, January 18, 2022 – Land, Water and Sustainable Prosperity Council Meeting.

MOTION NO. 15

MOVED BY EVAN SAULT

SECONDED BY ANDREA KING

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Financial Planning & Fiscal Oversight Council moved In-Camera at 11:25 am.

Carried