

**MISSISSAUGAS OF THE CREDIT FIRST NATION  
EDUCATION & WELLNESS COUNCIL  
PUBLIC MINUTES  
Tuesday, May 31, 2022**

**Start 10:24 am**

**Finish 3:40 pm**

**Chief**

**R. Stacey Laforme**

**Councillor**

**Erma Ferrell**

**Councillor**

**Ashley Sault**

**Councillor**

**Veronica King-Jamieson**

**Councillor/Chair**

**Andrea King**

**Councillor**

**Fawn Sault**

**Councillor**

**Kelly LaForme**

**A/COO – Ex. Dir. of Operations**

**Kerri King (Away at an Education Conference)**

**A/Ex. Dir of Intergov. Affairs**

**Margaret Sault**

**Recorder**

**Charlotte Smith**

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 – OPEN MEETING**

Chair/Councillor Andrea King opened the meeting at 10:24 am.

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

**MOTION NO. 1**

MOVED BY ERMA FERRELL

SECONDED BY KELLY LAFORME

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Education & Wellness Council accepts the Agenda with the following additions and deletions:

- Agenda Item No. 6a) – Motion to be read into the Minutes which was approved via email;
- Agenda Item No. 6b) - Motion to be read into the Minutes which was approved via email;
- Agenda Item No. 13a) – TV Show “Tough as Nails” – presentation;

Carried

Councillor Veronica King-Jamieson will excuse herself because of a Conflict of Interest in Agenda Item No. 24.

It was noted that the CEO of MCBC informed that he would not be forwarding the Briefing Note for his item as he is going to bring it to the meeting. He should have forwarded to the Recorder ahead of the meeting.

**DIRECTION NO. 1**

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Education & Wellness Council directs the A/COO – Executive Director of Operations to inform the CEO of MCBC what Chief and Council’s protocol is when it comes to putting Briefing Notes on the Agenda.

**DIRECTION NO. 2**

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Education & Wellness Council directs the Chief to meet with the A/SED Director regarding Agenda Item No. 25 – Business Grants and Agenda Item No. 26 – Mental Wellness Days as these items have been removed from today’s Agenda.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 – REVIEW & ACCEPT PUBLIC MINUTES OF EDUCATION & WELLNESS COUNCIL MEETING DATED TUESDAY, MARCH 22, 2022 (ADMIN CLERK RECORDED THESE MINUTES)**

**DIRECTION NO. 3**

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Education & Wellness Council directs EMT to follow up on the following Direction No. 2 from the Education and Wellness Council Minutes dated Tuesday, March 22, 2022.

***DIRECTION NO. 2***

*EMT will meet to speak to staff and bring a draft back to the next Council Meeting on March 29, 2022 on the process for incoming requests eg. regarding assistance on projects outside of the MCFN Community.*

*A/COO indicated that the Culture and Events Assistant will be following up with Conestoga College on this matter.*

**MOTION NO. 2**

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, March 22, 2022.

Carried

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

**4.1 – FYI - Letter dated May 18, 2022, signed by the Chief and sent to Holy Name of Mary College School.**

**DIRECTION NO. 4**

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Education & Wellness Council directs the A/COO – Executive Director of Operations and A/Executive Director of Intergovernmental Affairs to review letter constructions to ensure that the letters reflect the integrity of MCFN eg. see above letter dated May 18, 2022 and the words “it is with great honour ...”.

**DIRECTION NO. 5**

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Education & Wellness Council directs the Communications and Engagement Lead to review former letter writing processes eg. See Direction No. 4 above.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 5 – MOTION TO BE READ INTO THE MINUTES – PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT – TV SHOW TOUGH AS NAILS (THIS MOTION WAS APPROVED VIA EMAIL) (AS)**

**MOTION NO. 3**

MOVED BY ASHLEY SAULT

SECONDED BY VERONICA KING-JAMIESON

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Education & Wellness Council agrees to sign a contract with the company who produces the show “Tough as Nails”, to film their episode 8 on our First Nation. The contract will be signed by Chief R. Stacey Laforme, recognizing that MCFN has no financial obligation during the construction for equipment/labour/inspection. Further, it is understood that the insurance will be the responsibility of the contractors, and not MCFN.

Carried

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Waived

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 6 – MOTION TO BE READ INTO THE MINUTES – LETTER OF SUPPORT ADDRESSING RACISM AND DISCRIMINATION IN CANADA’S HEALTH SYSTEMS PROGRAM (THIS MOTION WAS APPROVED VIA EMAIL) (AK)**

**MOTION NO. 4**

MOVED BY R. STACEY LAFORME

SECONDED BY ERMA FERRELL

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Education & Wellness Council approves supporting McMaster Indigenous Health Learning Lodge and approves providing a Letter of Support as drafted under the Chief’s signature.

Carried

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Waived

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 6a) – MOTION TO BE READ INTO THE MINUTES - OPTING IN FOR THE DAY SCHOLARS CLASS ACTION (EF)**

**MOTION NO. 5**

MOVED BY ERMA FERRELL

SECONDED BY VERONICA KING-JAMIESON

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Education & Wellness Council approve the Opting-in to the Indian Residential School Day Scholars Class Action and further that the Chief sign the Opt-In Confirmation Form as attached as Appendix A.

Further, that MCFN identifies Bessie Mae LaForme (Hill) as a survivor of the Mohawk Institute, located in Brantford Ontario, under Part B of the Opt-In form.

Carried

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Waived

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 6b) – BREAKFAST CLUB OF CANADA**

**MOTION NO. 6**

MOVED BY ERMA FERRELL

SECONDED BY VERONICA KING-JAMIESON

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Education & Wellness Council approves entering into the Participation Agreement between Lloyd S. King Elementary School and the Breakfast Club of Canada to support nutrition programs for its students. The total amount of funding is \$28,620.00 (Twenty-Eight Thousand Six Hundred Twenty Dollars), and would go to Department # 500305.

Carried

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Waived

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 7 – MOCCASIN IDENTIFIER – BLACK CREEK PIONEER VILLAGE PARTNERSHIP APPROVAL (CULTURE & EVENTS COORDINATOR)**

Culture and Events Coordinator noted in her Briefing Note that she is seeking approval of a partnership agreement for an event partnership with Black Creek Pioneer Village (BCPV) (Toronto and Region Conservation, TRCA) titled “Walking Together: Changing the Narrative”.

The Moccasin Identifier has an established relationship with Black Creek Pioneer Village and has been further developing a partnership with the TRCA. The event “Walking Together” is set to take place on June 22<sup>nd</sup> at BCPV with approximately 300 elementary students from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.. The Moccasin Identifier team will host 5 rotating workshops throughout the day where kids will learn about Treaties and stencil Moccasins on the ground, to ground their learnings. In November of 2021 MCFN Land, Water and Sustainable Prosperity Council approved a motion for this application. At the time of application the amount that was submitted for the application was \$2,840.00 (two thousand eight hundred forty dollars). The total amount in the application was not approved thus the adjusted funding amount for Moccasin Identifier of \$2,770.00 (two thousand seven hundred seventy dollars).

BCPV is offering \$2,770.00 plus any applicable HST to the Moccasin Identifier team to support for their time, travel and materials in order to participate in the event. The funds will be allocated to Professional Services 56500-100507.

**MOTION NO. 7**

MOVED BY FAWN SAULT

SECONDED BY KELLY LAFORME

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Education & Wellness Council proceeds with approval of the Moccasin Identifier Black Creek Pioneer Village (BCPV) Partnership Agreement for the “Walking Together: Changing the Narrative Event”. The funds will be allocated to Professional Services 56500-100507.

Carried

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Waived

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 8 – MOCCASIN IDENTIFIER – COMMUNICATIONS PLAN REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) (CULTURE & EVENTS COORDINATOR)**

Culture and Events Coordinator noted in her Briefing Note that she is seeking approval to issue the Request for Proposals for the development of a Communications Plan for the Moccasin identifier.

It has been identified that to continue to grow in a sustainable and informed way, the Moccasin Identifier requires the development of a Communications Plan to help guide messaging in its future planning and growth. To achieve this goal recommended consultants have been identified and an RFP has been developed for issuance.

At the present time, the initiative is heavily dependent upon grant funding to sustain itself and requires new and diverse funding sources to support and grow staffing capacity. The goal is that through informed communications planning guidance in conjunction with the upcoming business plan, the Moccasin Identifier will be able to sustain itself in the future, as well as support Mississauga of the Credit First Nation cultural initiatives, generate community employment and grow to achieve its vision by *covering Canada in moccasins*.

Presently we are seeking \$30,000 (thirty thousand dollars) for the Communications Plan. Our main funder; the Greenbelt Foundation has requested a synopsis of the additional item and funding to be submitted to them for their June board meeting. The Greenbelt Foundation has been verbally committed, pending approval from MCFN Council and the receipt of quotes from consultants. This synopsis will follow for Council approval in the coming weeks; if approved by Council and the Greenbelt Foundation the additional funds will be allocated to Professional Services 56500-100507.

The Request for Proposals has been drafted and will be issued online and through direct email requests to qualified consultants upon Council approval.

**MOTION NO. 8**

MOVED BY KELLY LAFORME

SECONDED BY FAWN SAULT

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Education & Wellness Council proceeds with approval of the issuance of Moccasin Identifier's Request for Proposal for the development of a Communications Plan in the amount of \$30,000.00 (Thirty Thousand Dollars). These additional funds (from Greenbelt Foundation) will be allocated to Professional Services 56500-100507.

Carried

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Waived

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 9 – MAJOR EVENTS COMMITTEE – NEW MEMBER FOR A THREE-YEAR TERM – FYI (CULTURE & EVENTS COORDINATOR)**

Culture and Events Coordinator noted in her Briefing Note that the Major Events Committee (MEC) includes three MCFN member positions. MEC issued a call for the three-year member seat on December 2, 2021 that closed on January 31, 2022. Three submissions of interest were received by MCFN members.

The members of MEC reviewed these applications at our April 7, 2022 MEC meeting. The following criteria set out in the terms of reference were considered, as well as other contributing factors during the selection process:

- Must be a MCFN Member
- Committee experience in the last three years
- Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation involvement
- Communications Skills
- Overall quality of the application
- Committee members must be available to attend, support or be available to participate for certain responsibilities and events during their term on the Major Events Committee.

Based on these criteria, the Major Events Committee chose the following member for the Major Events Committee 3 year term (18+) – Eric B. Stewart, who will be attending the May 17, 2022 MEC meeting.

**MOTION NO. 9**

MOVED BY ERMA FERRELL

SECONDED BY R. STACEY LAFORME

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Education & Wellness Council accepts the Major Events Committee (MEC) Update on the three-year term of Committee Member Eric B. Stewart.

Carried

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Waived

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 10 – MCFN FOOD SHARE PROGRAM (AK)**

Councillor AK noted in her Briefing Note that she is requesting approval to continue to investigate the need to create a food share program / food bank within the MCFN Community in affiliation with the Hagersville Food Bank.

In order to identify the need to create food infrastructure and security within the MCFN Community, myself along with Lindsay Sault & Erin Clarke have initiated investigating & researching options to provide a food share / food bank service to our Community.

During our meeting with Dave Lane, HFB Chair suggested that the most efficient way to access support for our venture would be through entering an affiliate status with the HFB, essentially creating a satellite site in our Community while being supported administratively with startup requirements and access Ontario's Food Share Programs.

**MOTION NO. 10**

MOVED BY R. STACEY LAFORME

SECONDED BY KELLY LAFORME

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Education & Wellness Council agrees that the Pillar 2 Lead (Councillor Andrea King) along with the Ontario Works staff will further investigate entering into an agreement with the Hagersville Food bank as an affiliate with the understanding that an agreement will return to the table for consideration and approval.

Carried

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Waived

**MOTION NO. 11**

MOVED BY KELLY LAFORME

SECONDED BY FAWN SAULT

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Education & Wellness Council approves Pillar 2 Lead (Councillor Andrea King) to submit an application to the Libro Annual Grants Program for Local Food Accessibility to support startup costs to establish a Food Share Program in the MCFN Community.

Carried

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Waived

**MOTION NO. 12**

MOVED BY FAWN SAULT

SECONDED BY ERMA FERRELL

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Education & Wellness Council approves the posting of the Community Food Bank survey as drafted to be posted on social media via Survey monkey as well being sent out via newsletter mailing list.

Carried

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Waived

**DIRECTION NO. 6**

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Education & Wellness Council directs Erin Clarke to post the Survey through the Communications Department.

**MOTION NO. 13**

MOVED BY R. STACEY LAFORME

SECONDED BY VERONICA KING-JAMIESON

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Education & Wellness Council moved In-Camera at 11:10 am.

Carried

**MOTION NO. 15**

MOVED BY R. STACEY LAFORME

SECONDED BY VERONICA KING-JAMIESON

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Education & Wellness Council moved Out of Camera at 11:55 am.

Carried

Georgina Villeneuve and Jeff Frketich of Peace Hills Trust zoomed in at 12:00 pm.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 12 – PEACE HILLS TRUST – GEORGINA VILLENEUVE AND JEFF FRKETICH TO PRESENT THE INTERIM REPORT, MERCER REPORT AND THE PORTFOLIO PERFORMANCE REVIEW**

Georgina Villeneuve noted that the Statement of Financial Position as at March 31, 2022 is

Total Assets - \$112,876.063;  
Total Liabilities - \$12,858.00;  
Net Assets - \$112,863.205.

Georgina highlighted the Interim Report of the Toronto Purchase Trust. She stated that Peace Hills Trust will probably be paying out all the income again this year.

Jeff Frketich highlighted the Portfolio Performance Review. He stated that as interest rates go up, inflation goes up. However, there is nothing to worry about in the long and short terms. The Trust is doing good.

**MOTION NO. 16**

MOVED BY R. STACEY LAFORME

SECONDED BY KELLY LAFORME

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Education & Wellness Council accepts the MCFN Interim Report, Mercer Report, and the Portfolio Performance Review of Peace Hills Trust from Georgina Villeneuve and Jeff Frketich as presented.

Carried

Georgina Villeneuve and Jeff Frketich of Peace Hills Trust zoomed out at 12:15 pm.

**DIRECTION NO. 7**

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Education & Wellness Council directs Councillor Erma Ferrell to contact Peace Hills Trust and inform them that they will be put on the Financial Planning and Fiscal Oversight Council Meeting on the first Tuesday of the month.

Council moved to Agenda Item No. 15.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 15 – TOBACCO BADGE INVOICE PAYMENT – CALLIGRAPHER (EF)**

Councillor EF noted in her Briefing Note that Elder Garry Sault (MCFN), suggested to Reverend Canon Paul Wright, Sub-Dean of HM Chapels Royal to create a Tobacco Badge.

The creation and design of the Tobacco Badge was approved by Queen Elizabeth II, in March 2021. (FYI - The Queen personally approves the inclusion of the Royal Crown in any heraldic emblem).

The Calligrapher Yolande Lessard/Calligrapher was hired by the Heraldic Authority to complete the work on the Tobacco Badge.

The attached invoice was emailed to me on May 04, 2022, via email from Nathan Tidridge/Waterdown District High School. Nathan worked with Elder Garry Sault and Chief R. Stacey Laforme to create the Tobacco Badge and have it pre-approved by Queen Elizabeth II.



Invoice No 71-07032022 in the amount of \$250.00 (two hundred fifty dollars) is payable to Yoland Lessard.

**MOTION NO. 17**

MOVED BY R. STACEY LAFORME

SECONDED BY FAWN SAULT

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Education & Wellness Council approves payment for Invoice No 71-07032022 dated March 7, 2022 in the amount of \$250.00 (Two Hundred Fifty Dollars), payable to Yolande Lessard, for the calligraphy work completed on the Massey College Tobacco Badge. Funding to be provided by the MCFN gaming revenue.

Carried

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Waived

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 16 – AGENDA ITEM NO. 16 – TOBACCO PIN PRESENTATION (EF)**

Councillor EF noted that an email was received from Nathan Tidridge/Waterdown District High School on Sunday May 22, 2022.

“Dear Friends:

I can confirm that when the Prince of Wales and Duchess of Cornwall arrived in Yellowknife on May 19th Commissioner Margaret Thom presented each of them with a Chapel Royal Tobacco Badge Pin and information sheet (attached) that reinforced that they represented tobacco grown in the territory of the Mississauga Nation and that Elder Garry Sault helped with the design.

I have also attached a picture of Commissioner Thom presenting Prince Charles his pin on live TV.

Nathan”

Nathan Tidridge wanted us to know that Prince Charles and his wife Camilla were presented with the Tobacco Pin at a Ceremony in Yellowknife on May 19, 2022.

The creation of the Chapel Royal Tobacco Badge Pin was a project between the MCFN and Massey College.

**DIRECTION NO. 8**

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Education & Wellness Council directs Councillor Erma Ferrell to connect Councillor Kelly LaForme to Nathalie Des Rosiers, Principal, to set up a time to harvest the tobacco at Massey College.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 17 – OTHER/NEW BUSINESS**

There was no Other/New Business.

Council moved back to Agenda Item No. 14a).

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 14a) – WEST HALDIMAND GENERAL HOSPITAL (WHGH) ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT 2022 (COUNCIL COORDINATOR)**

Council Coordinator noted in her Briefing Note that formal approval is needed for MCFN to participate in the annual West Haldimand General Hospital Golf Tournament on September 12, 2022.

In the past years, MCFN has participated in the annual WHGH Golf Tournament as a Supporting Sponsor. This event has been a great opportunity for networking and building closer relationships between MCFN and WHGH. Historically, the funds for this event would come from the Pillar 2 Budget.

WHGH is hosting their annual Golf Tournament on September 12, 2022 at MontHill Golf & Country Club. MCFN has been invited to participate in this event. The following individuals have expressed interest in attending: Andrea King, Ashley Sault, Fawn Sault, and Kerri L. King. MCFN can participate in one of the following ways:

1. Register foursome \$900.00
2. Event Partner \$2,500.00 (includes: free foursome & carts)
3. Supporting Sponsor \$1,500.00 (includes: free foursome & carts)
4. Hole sponsor \$400.00

**MOTION NO. 18**

MOVED BY ERMA FERRELL

SECONDED BY R. STACEY LAFORME

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Education & Wellness Council approves the recommendation for MCFN to participate in the 2022 Annual West Haldimand General Hospital (WHGH) Golf Tournament as a Supporting Sponsor in the total amount of \$1,500.00 (One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars). The complimentary foursome will include Andrea King, Ashley Sault, Fawn Sault and Kerri L. King. Further, the funds for this event will come from Department 100200 – Gaming Fund.

Carried

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Waived

**MOTION NO. 20**

MOVED BY R. STACEY LAFORME

SECONDED BY ASHLEY SAULT

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Education & Wellness Council moved In-Camera at 12:45 pm.

Carried

**MOTION NO. 24**

MOVED BY VERONICA KING-JAMIESON

SECONDED BY ASHLEY SAULT

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Education & Wellness Council moved Out of Camera at 1:00 pm.

Carried

Council moved back to Agenda Item No. 13.

Sonya Bourgeois, Melissa, Dr. Eileen de Villa and, Margaret Copeland, zoomed in at 1:00 pm. (Recorder did not hear their last names)

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 13 – TORONTO PUBLIC HEALTH PRESENTATION VIA ZOOM (AK)**

Councillor AK noted in her Briefing Note that Toronto Public Health (TPH) is looking for a Letter of Support and involvement on their Indigenous Working Group to support the next steps in the Health Canada application request to Decriminalize Drug possession for personal use in the City of Toronto.

TPH submitted a request for exemption to Health Canada in January 2022 Initial contact with MCFN was made via email at the end of April and Webex meeting with author of this Briefing Note was held on May 11, 2022 where a brief synopsis was presented by Sonya Bourgeois, TPH RN and a few members of her team.

As the Treaty Holders of the GTA the TPH team is seeking support from MCFN.

Dr. Eileen de Villa suggests approaching this with the idea of health. She would like MCFN to consider the model that we are putting before you. Criminalizing drugs is not good for people. Drug use is more about health than crime.

Guests were thanked for their presentation and zoomed out at 1:38 pm.

Councillor Fawn Sault left the meeting at 1:45 pm during our lunch break, but zoomed in at 2:45 pm.

**DIRECTION NO. 11**

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Education & Wellness Council directs the Community Health Nurse Margaret Copeland to investigate which programs are being accessed regarding drug possession in the MCFN Community, and further, provide a listing of all structures. This will be brought back to the next Education and Wellness Council Meeting on Tuesday, July 26, 2022.

Guests Steve, Kyle, Brett and Shanna zoomed in at 2:45 pm. (Recorder did not get their last names.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 13a) – PRESENTATION OF PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT – TV SHOW “TOUGH AS NAILS”**

Steve informed that they are shooting a show in Hamilton. The show “Tough as Nails” is in its fifth season now. The nature of the show is hard working people. Teams and individuals compete. This episode is about a playground that needs help.

Councillor EF suggested that Councillors Ashley Sault and Fawn Sault take the lead on this item.

Steve stated that Wednesday, August 3, 2022, we start building, Thursday, August 4, 2022 we celebrate.

Councillor VKJ suggested getting permission from the Supervisor of Family Support (Yvonne Bomberry) because we will be having the day camps. Perhaps the children can help.

It was also noted that the benches either need to be renovated or replace.

The Infrastructure Maintenance Worker (Craig King) and the PW Director are already working on this.

It is noted that there will be a lot of forms for parents to sign.

**DIRECTION NO. 12**

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Education & Wellness Council directs Councillors Fawn Sault and Ashley to meet and bring back a recommendation for approval regarding replacing/renovating the benches at the Ball Diamond.

Guests zoomed out at 3:10 pm.

Chief had to leave at 3:15 pm for another meeting.

Dr. Connie Schumacher zoomed in at 3:15 pm.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 14 – BROCK UNIVERSITY PRESENTATION – DR. CONNIE SCHUMACHER PRESENTATION VIA ZOOM (AK)**

Councillor AK noted in her Briefing Note that she would like to determine whether MCFN Chief & Council wishes to support the Brock University Research Project by providing a Letter of Support and participating in the findings of the research conducted by Dr. Connie Schumacher.

Dr. Connie Schumacher has submitted a research grant proposal and is seeking MCFN Council support; she will be presenting via zoom her proposal and request.

Proposal summary & Grant Application are attached for Council review.

Dr. Schumacher provided a slide deck presentation.

In Canada, health disparities between Indigenous and non-Indigenous persons is the result of a myriad of factors rooted in colonialism and erosion of traditional cultural practices (Gracey & King, 2009). Life expectancy for Indigenous persons living on-reserve is approximately 10 years less than non-Indigenous persons (Adelson, 2005; Tjepkema, Bushnik, & Bougie, 2019). King, Smith and Gracey (2009) assert that *whole health*, from the community perspective, is manifested in resiliency, and resiliency is a product of the social constructs inherent to Indigenous Culture. Health is also conceptualized through traditional ways of knowing, as used by Anishinaabe peoples, the Medicine Wheel is a holistic framework that looks at the self; emotional, physical, spiritual and mental as interrelated (Hill, 2021).

Mississaugas of the Credit (MCFN, n.d.) are part of the Ojibway (Anishinabe) Nation, they are the Treaty Holders of the land on which Brock University is situated. The Maamwi-gnawending, a health service center, located on the New Credit Reservation, is expanding services. There is a need for community consultation to understand how wellness is defined and how existing historical data can be used to guide service expansion. interRAI assessments are the standard

tool for home care in Canada and have a unique Indigenous identifier that allows for creating Indigenous cohorts (Hirdes et al., 2008). In Canada, interRAI data has been collected for over 30 years and offers a reliable comprehensive picture of health status. An introduction to the data and exploration of similarities and common elements with the community's vision for wellness would serve to generate community-led research questions to ask of the data.

This project would assist and empower the MCFN to gain **Access** have direct **Control** over how their interRAI data is used. This project will bring relevance and value to the community while adhering to the principles of OCAP® (First Nations Center, 2007), specifically, engagement with the community, capacity building, and collaboration. The community has been engaged, I, the applicant am MCFN, meetings have been conducted with attention to promote mutual trust and open communication in accordance with TCPS Chapter 9.

Dr. Schumacher stated that she is proposing two Sharing Circles. Everything would be MCFN's data. The budget is \$7,500.00, and Brock is paying this whole amount.

Councillor AK will be taking the lead.

**MOTION NO. 25**

MOVED BY ERMA FERRELL

SECONDED BY KELLY LAFORME

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Education & Wellness Council agrees to support the Brock University Research project "*Exploring Caregiver Burden Strategies using the interRAI CaRE Algorithm: A Pilot Feasibility Study*" being conducted by Dr. Connie Schumacher and agrees to provide a letter of support under the Chief's signature.

Carried

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Waived

**DIRECTION NO. 13**

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Education & Wellness Council directs Councillor Andrea King will work with Dr. Schumacher and take the lead on this item – Brock University Research Project, and further Councillor King will have a Knowledge Keeper and Elder on standby in case they are needed.

Dr. Connie Schumacher zoomed out at 3:27 pm.