

MISSISSAUGAS OF THE NEW CREDIT FIRST NATION
Executive Finance Council Meeting
PUBLIC MINUTES
Monday, April 27, 2015

Start: 9:00 am
Chief Councillor
Councillor
Councillor
Councillor/Chair
Councillor
Councillor
Councillor
Councillor
Councillor
Executive Director
Recording Officer
Finance Director
DSED

Finish: 11:35 am
Bryan LaForme
Larry Sault
R. Stacey Laforme
Arland LaForme
Cecil Sault
Clynten King (Excused)
Erma Ferrell
Sharon Bonham
Cynthia Jamieson
Charlotte Smith
Lilia Moos (Excused)
Kevin Wassegijig

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 – OPEN MEETING

Chair/Councillor Arland LaForme opened the meeting at 9:00 am. Councillor Clynten King is excused.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2 – REVIEW & ACCEPT AGENDA

MOTION NO. 1

MOVED BY BRYAN LAFORME

SECONDED BY R. STACEY LAFORME

That the MNCFN Executive Finance Council accepts the Agenda with the following additions:

- Agenda Item No. 8a) – AANDC – Notice of Budget Adjustment (CJ);
- Agenda Item No. 8b) – Prayer Breakfast in Fisherville – Who is attending?;
- Agenda Item No. 8c) – Alex Monem – Needs a Date to Come and Present to Council;
- Agenda Item No. 8d) – Chef (Rich Frances) – Taste Testing Event at New Credit Community Centre (LS);
- Agenda Item No. 8e) – Sign at SHS Department;
- Agenda Item No. 11a) – In-Camera Item.

Carried

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 – REVIEW & ACCEPT THE (PUBLIC) MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE FINANCE COUNCIL – MARCH 23, 2015

MOTION NO. 2

MOVED BY R. STACEY LAFORME

SECONDED BY ERMA FERRELL

That the MNCFN Executive Finance Council accepts the Council (Public) Minutes of Executive Finance dated March 23, 2015.

Carried

SEPARATE ISSUE

Councillor requested an update on the Finance Director as there are no Financial Statements prepared.

Chair/Councillor informed that himself and co-Chair R. Stacey Laforme have met with the Finance Director (FD) and put a plan in place. The report is completed but the FD went on stress leave on Thursday, April 23, 2015 at noon. Executive Director (ED) informed that her (FD) doctor stated she would be off work for the rest of this week. ED also pointed out that the FD does not want to do the work on the Events Policy Funding as FD feels this is too much work for her with all her other responsibilities. The FD advised the ED that she (FD) would have the Financial Statements and the financial report ready for May's Executive Finance Council Agenda.

Councillor questioned if there was a succession plan in place in case the FD is off for a longer length of time. There is a concern that Council needs to be prepared and start to start considering other options.

It was agreed that the ED would contact Millard, Rouse, Roseburgh (MNCFN's Auditors) to see if they would be available to fill in for the Finance Director should it become necessary.

DIRECTION NO. 1

That the MNCFN Executive Finance Council gives direction to Executive Director to contact Millard, Rouse & Rosebrugh (MNCFN's Auditors) and see if they will be available (if necessary) to fill in for the Finance Director if she has to be away for an extended period of time.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4 – MATTERS ARISING FROM COUNCIL MINUTES

There were no Matters Arising from the Minutes.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5 – MITACS INVOICE TO 8392692 CANADA INC. (EF)

Councillor Erma Ferrell brought this item back to the Council Table and questioned if MITACS had been paid. Councillor/Chair Arland LaForme answered yes it has been done and this is an FYI for Council. Councillor Erma Ferrell noted that she would make certain that DSED gets a copy of the MITACS invoice.

Councillor Cecil Sault declared a conflict in the next item and left at 9:19 am.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6 – LETTER FROM BAND MEMBER REQUESTING RENTAL OF THE BALL DIAMOND

Band Member Cameron Sault wrote a letter to Council requesting the use/rental of the ball diamond and facilities for the weekend of June 12 – 14, 2015.

There is a Transition Plan in place whereby Social & Health Services may take over the rental and facilities, but no concrete decision has been made yet.

It was agreed that Kerri King (Recreation Committee) will contact Cameron Sault and inform him that his request has been granted. Cameron will be given the keys to the Concession Stand and will make the rental payment directly to Administration.

It is noted that Kari Vyse should be taken off the list of permanent arrears as she has paid her outstanding balance.

DIRECTION NO. 2

That the MNCFN Executive Finance Council gives direction to Kerri King to contact Cameron Sault and convey to him that his request for rental of the ball diamond and facilities has been granted. Cameron will be given the keys to the Concession Stand and will make the payment directly to Administration.

Councillor Cecil Sault back in at 9:35 am.

DSED in at 9:35 am for the next item.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7 – 21ST ANNUAL WORLD TRADE CENTRE CONFERENCE (DSED)

DSED has established a relationship with the U.S. Department of Commerce to seek opportunities for the First Nation. He informed that New Credit has been invited to be part of the lead panel

Councillor Larry Sault he met with Paul T Slama of Fantasy Springs Casino who is the Director of Tribal Operations from Cabazon Mission Indian Tribe in Indio, California. Mr. Slama is interested in doing business with New Credit. It is noted that the future of gaming is at stake i.e gaming has become saturated now.

There are four documents which New Credit has never utilized. These are the North American Free Trade Agreement, Kinship Agreement and United Nations Declaration of Rights for Indigenous Peoples.

It was agreed that Chief Bryan LaForme, Councillor Larry Sault and DSED Kevin Wassegijig will attend this one day Conference in Riverside, California. The Conference is on Thursday, May 21, 2015 from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm at the Marriot Riverside in Riverside, California. It is further agreed that Councillor Sault and DSED will prepare some information regarding MNCFN i.e pictures of Toronto, a one to two pager of information, videos, brochures etc. Dollars will come from the Gaming Budget.

MOTION NO. 3

MOVED BY CECIL SAULT

SECONDED BY ERMA FERRELL

That the MNCFN Executive Finance Council endorses participation in the 21st World Trade Conference and send Chief Bryan LaForme, Councillor Larry Sault and the Director of Economic Development (Kevin Wassegijig) to represent MNCFN to initiate international trade. Dollars will come from the Gaming Budget.

Carried
2nd Reading Waived

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8a) – AANDC – NOTICE OF BUDGET ADJUSTMENT (CJ)

Councillor questioned how the comments from the TP Purchase Trust Community Meeting regarding LSK not having money for supplies etc. are being dealt with. Executive Director informed that herself and the HR Manager are following up. She also reiterated that the Education Department always has to have a surplus.

MOTION NO. 4

MOVED BY BRYAN LAFORME

SECONDED BY R. STACEY LAFORME

That the MNCFN Executive Finance Council accept the 2015/16 AANDC Amending Agreement #1 in the amount of \$242,800 which represents:

- Education Dept student transportation \$39,000 Fixed funding

- \$203,800 SET funding

- Education Department
 - 33,900 Enhanced Teachers Salary
 - 16,200 Tuition Agreements
 - 120,400 Spec. Education - High Cost

- Social/Health Services Department
 - 30,100 Basic Needs (Income Assistance)
 - 1,000 Ont. Works Employment Support
 - 2,200 Income Assistance Special Needs

Carried
2nd Reading Waived

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8b) – PRAYER BREAKFAST IN FISHERVILLE – WHO IS ATTENDING?

DIRECTION NO. 3

That the MNCFN Executive Finance Council gives direction to Chief Bryan LaForme to confirm that himself, Councillors Larry Sault, Erma Ferrell and Sharon Bonham will be attending the Prayer Breakfast in Fisherville on Saturday, May 2, 2015. Councillor Cecil Sault will be attending with another group.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8c) – ALEX MONEM (LEGAL COUNSEL) NEEDS A DATE TO COME & PRESENT TO COUNCIL

Alex Monem (Legal Counsel) would like to set up a meeting with Council. A date has been scheduled for May 5, 2015 in Council Chambers from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8d) – TASTE TESTING EVENT AT NEW CREDIT COMMUNITY CENTRE (LS)

DIRECTION NO. 4

That the MNCFN Executive Finance Council gives direction to Councillor Larry Sault to confirm with Chef Rich Frances as to the date the Chef will be at the New Credit Community Centre. Chief Bryan LaForme, Councillors R. Stacey Laforme, Sharon Bonham and Larry Sault will participate in a taste testing event.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8e) – LED SIGN AT SOCIAL & HEALTH SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Councillor noted that the LED Sign at Social & Health Services Department was to be purchased and installed long ago. Now, it has to be completed before the Torch Relay in June.

Direction was given to the Executive Director to ensure that the sign be completed by May 29, 2015. Dollars will come from the NCVGB Account and will be transferred to the Enterprise Fund.

Councillor noted that the Library Sign also needs to be replaced and she suggested putting this on the Infrastructure & Development Council Agenda.

DIRECTION NO. 5

That the MNCFN Executive Finance Council gives direction to the Executive Director to ensure that a wireless pylon sign be constructed on the Social & Health Services property. The deadline for the sign to be constructed is May 29, 2015. This sign covers the Day Care, LSK, Social & Health Services and the Community Centre. Brooks Signs will be approached to do the work. Dollars will come from the NCVGB Account and will be transferred to the Enterprise Fund.

Council moved to an In-Camera session at 10:30 am.