

**MISSISSAUGAS OF THE NEW CREDIT FIRST NATION**  
**Executive Finance Council Meeting**  
**PUBLIC MINUTES**  
**Monday, October 24, 2016**

**Start: 9:05 am**

**Finish: 4:20 pm**

**Chief Councillor**

**R. Stacey Laforme**

**Councillor**

**Evan Sault**

**Councillor**

**Cathie Jamieson**

**Councillor/Chair**

**Veronica King-Jamieson**

**Councillor**

**Margaret Sault**

**Councillor**

**Erma Ferrell**

**Councillor**

**Casey Jonathan**

**Councillor**

**Stephanie Laforme**

**Executive Director**

**Cynthia Jamieson**

**Recording Officer**

**Charlotte Smith**

**Finance Director**

**Lilia Moos**

**Communications Director**

**Deanna Dunham**

**DOCA**

**Mark LaForme**

**PW Director**

**Arland LaForme**

**DSED**

**Kevin Wassigijig**

**Acting Community/Consultation Officer**

**Charlene Thomas**

**Office Clerk**

**Nicole LaForme-Hess**

**HR Manager**

**Kerri King**

**Band Member**

**Carolyn King**

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 – OPEN MEETING**

Chair/Councillor Veronica King-Jamieson called the meeting to order at 9:05 am. Chief R. Stacey Laforme welcomed new Councillor Stephanie Laforme. The Bi-Election of Saturday, October 22, 2016 has been officially announced. Oath of Office and Group Oath of Office will be signed later in the Agenda.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 2 – REVIEW AND ACCEPT AGENDA**

**MOTION NO. 1**

MOVED BY CATHIE JAMIESON

SECONDED BY EVAN SAULT

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

- Agenda Item No. 11a) – Major Events Committee (MEC) Letter Regarding Expo 2025 (Councillor Casey Jonathan to give Update);
- Agenda Item No. 11b) – Chiefs of Ontario – Special Assembly – November 21 – 24, 2016 – Who will be Attending;
- Agenda Item No. 11c) – Review of the Canadian Environmental Assessment Process (DOCA);
- Agenda Item No. 11d) – Heritage Mississauga – Report from Faith Rivers (Communications Director);
- Agenda Item No. 11e) – Wealth Creation (Councillor Casey Jonathan);
- Agenda Item No. 11f) – Chiefs of Ontario & the Sale of Hydro One (Executive Director);
- Agenda Item No. 11g) – Community Member (ES).

Carried

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 – REVIEW & ACCEPT THE (PUBLIC) MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE FINANCE COUNCIL DATED SEPTEMBER 26, 2016**

**MOTION NO. 2**

MOVED BY R. STACEY LAFORME

SECONDED BY MARGARET SAULT

That the MNCFN Executive Finance Council accepts the Executive Finance Council Public Minutes of Monday, September 26, 2016.

Carried

**DIRECTION NO. 1**

That the MNCFN Executive Finance Council gives direction to the Executive Director to follow up with the DSED regarding the “You Are Welcome” cards and other information to be obtained from Marilyn Schaffer. This item will be brought back to the next Infrastructure & Development Council Meeting on Monday, November 7, 2016.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 4 – MATTERS ARISING FROM COUNCIL MINUTES**

There were no Matters Arising from the Minutes.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 5 – FOR COUNCIL APPROVAL – HANDOUTS FOR THE MONTHLY GATHERING MEETING OF SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2016 – TORONTO PURCHASE TRUST - ANNUAL COMMUNITY TRUST UPATE & INVESTMENT REPORT**

**MOTION NO. 3**

MOVED BY MARGARET SAULT

SECONDED BY CATHIE JAMIESON

That the MNCFN Executive Finance Council approves that the handouts from Peace Hills Trust titled Toronto Purchase Trust – Investment Report, and Toronto Purchase Trust – Annual Community Trust Update Trustees Report will be put on the Agenda for the Monthly Gathering Meeting dated Saturday, November 26, 2016.

Carried

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Waived

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 6 – APPROVAL OF DRAFT AGENDA FOR THE MONTHLY GATHERING OF SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2016**

**MOTION NO. 4**

MOVED BY MARGARET SAULT

SECONDED BY CATHIE JAMIESON

That the MNCFN Executive Finance Council approves the Agenda for the Monthly Gathering Meeting which will be held on Saturday, November 26, 2016.

Carried

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Waived

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 7 – FYI – TORONTO PURCHASE TRUST – INTERIM (MONTHLY) REPORT FROM PEACE HILLS TRUST**

It is noted that there will not be enough dollars to pay the (4% annual payment) of \$1,500.00 (Community Wellness) to Band Members from Peace Hills Trust – Toronto Purchase Trust plus putting 50% back into the Trust. Chief advised that the First Nation will need all of the annual payment paid to New Credit (January 1 – October 24, 2016).

**DIRECTION NO. 2**

That the MNCFN Executive Finance Council gives direction to the Executive Director to prepare a Motion for dividends from Peace Hills Trust regarding the Community Wellness dollars.

Finance Director in at 9:45 am.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 8 – FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS AT SEPTEMBER 30, 2016**

Finance Director highlighted her Financial Statements and asked if Council had any questions.

Councillor questioned what the true balances are in the Reserve accounts. Finance Director answered that she would check on this. She also stated that where it usually says “commitments”, she does not apply costs until the end of the year. Finance Director noted that the PW Director usually asks her how much money is left before he spends any. Executive Director conveyed to the Finance Director that the “commitments” need to be listed. Chief questioned what the difficulty was to reconcile as he agrees with the Executive Director.

Finance Director pointed out that the Education Department is getting better at spending.

Regarding DOCA on Page 11, Councillor questioned if the Finance Director had spoken with the Office Manager at DOCA. Finance Director replied that she did and everything is good. Finance Director added that she would open a new Reserve and will speak with Dale Sault (Office Manager) and Mark LaForme. Chief noted that this needs clarification and it is important to track the dollars at DOCA.

The Major Events Committee has a \$15,000.00 budget and Councillor would like to know where it is recorded. Finance Director answered that she will follow up. Councillor then questioned if there was a plan in place to say that the Communications Director can spend her budget. Executive Director answered that everything is listed in all the budgets and workplans.

Councillor questioned if actuals were going to be listed in the budget for April 2017 as budgets and projections have to be done. Executive Director answered that the revenue and expenditures are projected, and we are very close. Budgets are the best guess. Finance Director stated she would add another line and call it actual from the previous year.

Councillor questioned if any dollars have been received from SN Tech, and Finance Director answered no.

Councillor stated that she would like a breakdown of her travel and would like a general ledger listing. Councillor will email Executive Director and request it.

Finance Director stated that Mawer has a new process and she will discuss this with them and report back to Executive Finance on Monday, November 28, 2016.

Aside from all the above Executive Director pointed out that individual Councillors do not direct staff, she does.

**MOTION NO. 5**

MOVED BY R. STACEY LAFORME

SECONDED BY EVAN SAULT

That the Executive Finance Council approves the Financial Statements as at September 30, 2016 from the Finance Director.

Carried

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Waived

Opposed: Councillor Erma Ferrell – Figures do not give a true balance.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 9 – FINANCIAL FUNDING GRANTED FOR REPLACING EKWAAMJIGENANG CHILDREN’S CENTRE ROOF – QUOTES & RECOMMENDATIONS INCLUDED**

Councillor stated that the Briefing Note lacks information and does not list all three quotes. Executive Director will follow up.

**DIRECTION NO. 3**

That the MNCFN Executive Finance Council gives direction to the Executive Director to review this item with the ECC Supervisor to follow up with three quotes.

**MOTION NO. 6**

MOVED BY EVAN SAULT

SECONDED BY ERMA FERRELL

That the MNCFN Executive Finance Council approves the acceptance of Aboriginal Labour Force Development (ALFDC) funding in the amount of \$22,300.00 (Twenty Two Thousand Three Hundred Dollars) to replace the roof of the Ekwaamjigenang Children's Centre. Funds will be dispersed by March 31, 2017.

Carried

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Waived

Council moved back to Agenda Item No. 1a).

Office Clerk and Community Consultation Officer (Charlene Thomas) in at 10:15 am.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 1a) - WELCOME NEW COUNCILLOR - OATH OF OFFICE & ELECTION RESULTS**

The Electoral Report was handed out at 9:45 am.

Executive Director conducted the Oath of Office for new Councillor Stephanie Laforme. Councillor Laforme read the Oath of Office aloud and then signed it and the Community Consultation Officer (who is a Commissioner for taking oaths) stamped and signed her name. Then the Group Oath of Office was signed by Chief and Councillors. On this Oath the words "Updated October 24, 2016 – Bi-Election" were added.

**MOTION NO. 7**

MOVED BY R. STACEY LAFORME

SECONDED BY MARGARET SAULT

That the MNCFN Executive Finance Council accepts the Electoral Officer's Report dated Saturday, October 22, 2016.

Carried

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Waived

Office Clerk and Community Consultation Officer (Charlene Thomas) out at 10:45 am.

DSED and DOCA Director in at 10:40 am.

Council moved to Agenda Item No. 10.

## **AGENDA ITEM NO. 10 – PROPOSED CHANGES TO GAS CARDS (DSED)**

DSED noted that the Ontario Ministry of Finance is proposing changes to the system for a rebate program for on-Reserve tax exempt gasoline sales. He is looking for feedback from Council regarding the bar code.

Ontario Ministry of Finance issued discussion paper to seek comments to the Ontario Gas Card Program Modernization. Ontario is exploring options to modernize the gas card program to improve service for First Nation individuals, gasoline retailers and industry stakeholders and overall program efficiency. Ontario legislation applies gasoline tax at a rate of 14.7 cents per litre of gasoline. Ontario issues gas cards to eligible First Nation Bands or individuals.

First Nations have expressed concerns such as it will be an administrative burden of filing manual claims and long processing times. Individuals have expressed that using Status Cards to apply for a gas card then using the gas card is onerous and unfair. The Ministry refuses to refund claims to gasoline retailers due to an invalid gas card.

Ministry Discussion Paper states that Ontario is committed to:

Respect and support of First Nations' rights to purchase tax exempt gasoline;

Provide a more efficient process for First Nation individuals to purchase tax-exempt gasoline;

Provide a more efficient process for First Nation retailers to obtain tax refunds;

Gasoline tax is collected by the Ministry designated Collectors (bulk fuel distributors or wholesalers) from First Nation on-Reserve gasoline retailers who purchase gasoline (tax included);

Some Collectors are authorized to accept gas card vouchers from retailers. These vouchers offer a credit equivalent to the taxes paid that can be used for their next purchase;

Beginning in 2008, Ontario Ministry of Finance began to offer optional electronic service (e-service) that accepts electronic vouchers;

According to the Discussion Paper approximately 28% of all on-Reserve retailers participate in the e-service option;

Some other provinces use Status Cards to verify entitlement and use an approved electronic point of sale;

One e-service provider provided a quote of 1 cent per tax exempt litre sold to install the e-service option (100,000 litres sold would result in fee of \$1,000). DSED added that the First Nation would be paying \$10,000.00 per year.

DSED stated that First Nations should not be paying taxes, nor should they be tax collectors on behalf of Ontario.

Chief informed that he got a new gas card and uses "tap" now.

Executive Director questioned the non-Natives who buy gas and what happens to them?

Councillor pointed out that she would like more information and would like to see what the Chiefs of Ontario are saying about this.

**DIRECTION NO. 4**

That the MNCFN Executive Finance Council gives direction to the DSED to draft a letter to the Ontario Ministry of Finance – Program Policy & Analytics Branch, 33 King Street West, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Oshawa, Ontario, L1H 8H5 to be signed by the Chief. Executive Director will check the letter before it is mailed. Added to the letter will be something along the lines of MNCFN not having had any meaningful consultation.

DSED out at 11:00 am.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 11a) - MAJOR EVENTS COMMITTEE (MEC) LETTER REGARDING EXPO 2025 (COUNCILLOR CASEY JONATHAN TO GIVE UPDATE)**

Councillor brought this item to the Council Table. She is requesting a Letter of Support for Expo 2025.

DOCA Director pointed out that New Credit has not had any meaningful consultation. He informed that he and his staff would look into this matter.

Councillor advised that the letter should state that New Credit needs to be consulted. Councillor answered that Toronto City Councillor Kristyn Wong-Tam had assured that New Credit would be consulted. There is a meeting on October 26, 2016 with Chief and Council and Toronto City Council.

Another Councillor stated that she is not in agreement with a Letter of Support being sent if it wipes out our present claim.

**MOTION NO. 8**

MOVED BY R. STACEY LAFORME

SECONDED BY EVAN SAULT

That the MNCFN Executive Finance Council approves that a Letter of Support will be drafted by the Communications Director and signed by the Chief regarding Expo 2025. Letter will focus on relationship and the Traditional Territory of MNCFN. Letter will be drafted and sent out today (October 24, 2016) or as soon as possible.

Carried

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Waived

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 11b) – CHIEFS OF ONTARIO – SPECIAL ASSEMBLY – NOVEMBER 21 – 24, 2016 – WHO WILL BE ATTENDING?**

**DIRECTION NO. 5**

That the MNCFN Executive Finance Council gives direction to the Office Clerk to send MNCFN flags to the Chiefs of Ontario and the Assembly of First Nations.

It is also noted that the travel day would be Sunday, November 20, 2016. Councillors Veronica King-Jamieson, Erma Ferrell and the Chief will be attending.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 11c) – REVIEW OF THE CANADIAN ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT PROCESS**

DOCA Director stated that the Contribution Agreement is due by Friday, October 28, 2016.

**MOTION NO. 9**

MOVED BY MARGARET SAULT

SECONDED BY CASEY JONATHAN

That the MNCFN Executive Finance Council approves for signature the Contribution Agreement as provided by the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency in the amount of \$9,000.00 (Nine Thousand Dollars).

Carried

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Waived

DOCA Director out at 11:27 am.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 11d) – HERITAGE MISSISSAUGA – REPORT FROM THE MNCFN HERITAGE MISSISSAUGA REPRESENTATIVE**

**DIRECTION NO. 6**

That the MNCFN Executive Finance Council gives direction to Councillor Veronica King-Jamieson that going forward, the Heritage Mississauga Representative will prepare a monthly report regarding Heritage Mississauga and will present it at the Regular Council Meetings. This report will no longer go through the Communications Department.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 11e) – WEALTH CREATION (COUNCILLOR CASEY JONATHAN)**

Councillor Casey Jonathan is making an appointment for a meeting with Deloitte. Meeting will be off-site. She will get the location and will email the rest of Council.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 11f) – CHIEFS OF ONTARIO & THE SALE OF HYDRO ONE (EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR)**

Executive Director provided some handouts pertaining to the Sale of Hydro One and Chiefs of Ontario (COO). The document titled “Ontario First Nations Sovereign Wealth LP” is numbered 2. This document is stamped “privileged and confidential”. Executive Director attended this meeting and this was the point of discussion the whole day. Media was not allowed into the meeting.

MNCFN will be having their Monthly Gathering in two weeks, and Executive Director advised COO. This is very complicated and it would not be wise to give this information to the Membership. COO will prepare a power point presentation to be handed out to the Band Members as this has to be reported to the Community. DSED will follow up with Aimee Lickers at COO. The privileged information is the projections.



Executive Director went through her report as noted below:

July 12, 2016 Agreement in Principle by the Province and the First Nations in Ontario for the Province to sell to First Nations for their collective benefit up to approximately 15 Million shares @ \$18.00 per share of Hydro One (2.5% of the outstanding common shares) depending on level of First Nations participation;

No other shareholder may hold more than 10%;

Stock has been trading at \$24.00;

Requires a minimum. of 80% First Nation participation by the end of 2017;

If ratified the Province would sell shares to a new investment vehicle owned collectively by First Nations (OFN Capital Wealth Fund);

Purchase would be financed with a 25 year loan from the Province up to \$268 Million depending upon the level of First Nation participation at the fixed rate of about 2%; First Nation communities will not have liability as the structure is such that all liability falls on the 'Master Limited Partner';

Ontario will provide seed capital up to \$45 Million depending on level of First Nation participation over first three years. Funds would be held by the OFN Capital Wealth Fund LP;

The proposed collective limited partnership structure will be comprised of four bodies.

At the end of November 2016 there will be a meeting at COO, and Executive Director is advising someone to attend.

Councillor questioned what part of the 2% is First Nations' shares. Executive Director answered that it is the 80% which equals the total of 133 First Nations. The share value would have to be \$27.00 per share.

Hydro One does not exist anymore. It is now called Hydro One Limited. Executive Director stated that going forward these assets (generation of power, transmission, distribution) will be owned by Hydro One Limited.

Executive Director made up a list of questions and whoever attends the meeting should try to get answers to these questions. One of the questions would be who are the Ontario First Nations Sovereign Wealth LP and what is their purpose?

It is noted that Dickinson Wright is the law firm.

Executive Director advised that the DSED should attend the meeting and someone from Council.

## **LUNCH BREAK 1:00 TO 2:00 PM**

Council moved In-Camera at 2:05 pm.

