

**MISSISSAUGAS OF THE NEW CREDIT FIRST NATION
EDUCATION & SOCIAL SERVICES COUNCIL
PUBLIC MINUTES
Monday, March 13, 2017**

Start 9:06 am

Finish 12:00 pm

Chief Councillor

R. Stacey Laforme

Councillor

Erma Ferrell

Councillor

Casey Jonathan

Councillor

Evan Sault

Councillor

Veronica King-Jamieson

Councillor

Margaret Sault

Councillor/Chair

Cathie Jamieson

Councillor

Stephanie LaForme

Executive Director

Cynthia Jamieson

Recorder

Charlotte Smith

DOCA Director

Mark LaForme

Peace Hills Trust

Georgina Villeneuve, Jeff Frketich

Legal Counsel

Kent Elson

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 – OPEN MEETING

Chair/Councillor Cathie Jamieson opened the meeting at 9:06 am.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2 – REVIEW AND ACCEPT AGENDA

MOTION NO. 1

MOVED BY MARGARET SAULT

SECONDED BY ERMA FERRELL

That the MNCFN Education & Social Services Council accepts the Agenda.

Carried

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 – REVIEW & ACCEPT THE FEBRUARY 13, 2017 EDUCATION & SOCIAL SERVICES COUNCIL (PUBLIC) MINUTES

MOTION NO. 2

MOVED BY EVAN SAULT

SECONDED BY R. STACEY LAFORME

That the MNCFN Education & Social Services Council accepts the Monday, February 13, 2017 Education & Social Services Public Council Minutes.

Carried

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4 – MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

4.1 - Agenda Item No. 9 on Page 9 – Chief was directed to prepare a letter of support to Sandra Shaul and the Committee of Massey College regarding the Mural being commissioned by Philip Cote.

Council acknowledged above letter.

MOTION NO. 3

MOVED BY EVAN SAULT

SECONDED BY ERMA FERRELL

That the MNCFN Education & Social Services Council moved In-Camera at 9:17 am.

Carried

MOTION NO. 5

MOVED BY EVAN SAULT

SECONDED BY CASEY JONATHAN

That the MNCFN Education & Social Services Council moved Out of Camera at 9:55 am.

Carried

Georgina Villeneuve and Jeff Frketich from Peace Hills Trust in at 10:00 am.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6 – GUESTS – GEORGINA VILLENEUVE & JEFF FRKETICH OF PEACE HILLS TRUST – TORONTO PURCHASE TRUST - PRESENTATION OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR 2016 , PERFORMANCE REPORT & INTERIM REPORT

Before discussing the Trust, Georgina questioned who of Council would be attending the seminar in Rama on April 27th. It was agreed that all of Chief and Council would register, but only those who are able to attend will go. Councillor Margaret Sault has offered to do the opening prayer.

Georgina pointed out that the Opinion Page of the Financial Statements is very important which states:

“In our opinion, the Financial Statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation Toronto Purchase Trust as at December 31, 2016 and the results of its operations, changes in accumulated surplus and net financial assets, re-measurement gains and its changes in financial position for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards”.

Georgina stated that it is a clean Audit. This Audit will be presented at the Monthly Gatherings for March and April 2017. The Alternative Investments are up by \$1.4 Million.

Jeff informed that Empire Global is now public as well as Zoompass (formerly Paymobile). WeedMD is not public yet, but hopefully will be in about three to four months. In 12 to 18 months New Credit should be getting some dollars back on this investment.

Regarding the Mercer's Report (part of the Performance Report), this is the financial responsibility of Peace Hills Trust. The goal of the Mercer Report is to try to be above the benchmark over the long term.

Jeff noted that Buetel Goodman and Dixon Mitchell met the benchmarks, Mawer did not. Chief stated that MNCFN has invested \$13 Million in Mawer, and maybe this was a mistake. Jeff answered that no one knows what President Trump wants to do, but the markets like what he is saying. Jeff also noted that interest rates will not go up in 2017. Trump is wanting to bring jobs back from Mexico, and importing will hurt the investments.

Georgina questioned if the Managers will be needed at the Monthly Gatherings, but it was agreed that Georgina and Jeff would just do a summary. And further, she would like the Audit handed out to everyone.

Guests were thanked for their presentation and left at 10:40 am.

MOTION NO. 6

MOVED BY R. STACEY LAFORME

SECONDED BY ERMA FERRELL

That the MNCFN Education & Social Services Council accepts the Financial Statements for 2016, Performance Report and Interim Report of the Toronto Purchase Trust from Peace Hills Trust – Georgina Villeneuve and Jeff Frketich.

Carried

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7 – TORONTO PURCHASE TRUST – TRANSACTION REPORT AS OF FEBRUARY 28, 2017 FROM FINANCE DIRECTOR

Executive Director highlighted this Report which will be presented at the Monthly Gathering for March 2016. Chief will present this at the Gathering. The Report includes the Toronto Purchase Initial Payment, Revenue Account, PCD Members Turning 18 and Toronto Purchase Distribution for Community Development, Land Acquisition and Education.

Chief requested that he be given an explanation for every line item. Executive Director answered that she will have the Finance Director go over everything with the Chief before the Monthly Gathering.

MOTION NO. 7

MOVED BY MARGARET SAULT

SECONDED BY VERONICA KING-JAMIESON

That the MNCFN Education & Social Services Council accepts the Toronto Purchase Transactions Report as of February 28, 2017 as prepared by the Finance Director.

Carried

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8 – ENGAGEMENT OF A NEW AUDIT FIRM (FINANCE DIRECTOR)

Executive Director informed that this Request for Proposals was done by invitation.

Finance Director (in her Briefing Note) noted that the current Auditors have charged New Credit excess fees of 62% of the audit quote; they did not meet the deadlines and the year end work took much longer than had been anticipated. Further, it appears this firm did not have experience with First Nations.

Proposals were received from MNP LLP, KPMG LLP, and Grant Thornton LLP.

Councillor stated that she was not happy with the performance of KPMG during an earlier audit.

Executive Director stated that New Credit has to notify INAC and a pre-audit meeting has to be scheduled.

MOTION NO. 8

MOVED BY MARGARET SAULT

SECONDED BY

That the MNCFN Education & Social Services Council appoints KPMG LLP as the Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation External Auditor based on their proposal dated March 3, 2017 for the price of \$62,600.00 per annum which includes all reporting.

Chair called for a Secunder three times and no one responded.

Motion is Defeated

MOTION NO. 9

MOVED BY R. STACEY LAFORME

SECONDED BY MARGARET SAULT

That the MNCFN Education & Social Services Council appoints MNP LLP as the Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation External Auditor based on their proposal dated March 3, 2017 for the price of \$38,000.00 (Thirty Eight Thousand Dollars) per annum which includes all reporting.

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9 – MASTER DRAINAGE & FLOOD REMEDIATION PLAN FOR BOSTON CREEK/ROGER’S CREEK (FOLLOW-UP FROM INFRASTRUCTURE & DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL MEETING OF MONDAY, MARCH 6, 2017) (PW DIRECTOR)

This item will come back to the next Regular Council Meeting on Monday, March 20, 2017 for further explanation.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 10 – MNCFN TERRITORY RECOGNITION STATEMENT/LOGO RELEASE POLICY (COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR)

This item is going back to the Communications Director to make a change, for example, on Page 1 of the Table of Contents – 2. Add the word “New” between “the” and “Credit”. This will come back to Council as soon as it is corrected.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 11 – FYI – ANNUAL CHIEFS OF ONTARIO HEALTH FORUM REPORT

This is an FYI for Council from the Executive Director. Executive Director attended the Annual Chiefs of Ontario Health Forum in Toronto from February 28 – March 3, 2017.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 12 – SAFE FOOD HANDLING CERTIFICATE – A DATE IS NEEDED FROM COUNCIL TO PARTAKE IN THE TRAINING

The date for Chief and Council to take the Safe Food Handling Course will be either Thursday, April 13th or Thursday, April 20, 2017. HR Manager will confirm.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 13 – MNCFN WEARABLE MERCHANDISE (HR MANAGER) – THIS ITEM IS COMING BACK FROM THE INFRASTRUCTURE & DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL MEETING ON MONDAY, MARCH 6, 2017

HR Manager noted that consideration is being requested for Council to cover 50% of the cost of wearable MNCFN merchandise up to a maximum of \$75 per permanent employee, per fiscal year.

It was agreed that this item would be put on hold until after Chief and Council have their finance meeting on Monday, May 29, 2017.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 14 – OTHER/NEW BUSINESS

There was no Other/New Business.

MOTION NO. 10

MOVED BY EVAN SAULT

SECONDED BY MARGARET SAULT

That the MNCFN Education & Social Services Council moved In-Camera at 11:55 am.

Carried

