

MISSISSAUGAS OF THE NEW CREDIT FIRST NATION
Executive Finance Council Meeting
Monday, February 24, 2014

Start: 9:00 am	Finish: 4:00 pm
Chief Councillor	Bryan LaForme
Councillor	Larry Sault
Councillor/Chair	R. Stacey LaForme
Councillor	Arland LaForme
Councillor	Cecil Sault
Councillor	Clynten King
Councillor	Erma Ferrell
Councillor	Sharon Bonham
Executive Director	Cynthia Jamieson
Executive Assistant	Deborah Aaron
Recording Officer	Charlotte Smith
Records Manager	Jenny Henry
Staff	Carolyn King
Guests	Steve Belchetz from TE Wealth
	Greg Peterson - Mawer

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 – OPEN MEETING

Councillor/Chair R. Stacey LaForme opened the meeting at 9:00 am. Chief and Council acknowledged a thank you letter from Band Member Bessie LaForme.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2 – REVIEW AND ACCEPT AGENDA

MOTION NO. 1

MOVED BY LARRY SAULT

SECONDED BY ERMA FERRELL

That the MNCFN Executive Finance Council ACCEPTS THE Agenda with the following additions:

- Agenda Item No. 19a) – Seniors Issue – Community Centre Room (EF);
- Agenda Item No. 19b) – Budget Request for 8392692 CANADA INC.;
- Agenda Item No. 19c) – Heritage Mississauga Representative;
- Agenda Item No. 21a) – Tobacco Licensing and Border Crossing (LS);
- Agenda Item No. 21b) – CMU Gaming;
- Agenda Item No. 21c) – Business Investment Opportunity (RSL).

Carried

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 – REVIEW & ACCEPT THE FEBRUARY 24, 2014 EXECUTIVE FINANCE COUNCIL MINUTES

MOTION NO. 2

MOVED BY LARRY SAULT

SECONDED BY CECIL SAULT

That the MNCFN Executive Finance Council accepts the Minutes of Executive Finance Council dated January 27, 2014, with the exception of Motion No. 4 on Page 4 which will be dealt with later in the Agenda.

Carried

Notes from Executive Finance Minutes of Monday, January 27, 2014

Councillor raised the question of how does Chief and Council interact with the various departments. Executive Director advised that the interaction is through Policy, and if the Chairs have a question those questions can be raised at the Council table. It has been rumored that there are dollars missing at NCVGB. Executive Director further advised that Chief and Council directed the Finance Department to review the finances at the store. Councillor questioned why then the duplication of services eg. hiring Craig Sitter to do the finances if staff is supposed to be doing it. Executive Director stated that the Finance Department needs another person in their department. Councillor then questioned why there is no financial report from NCVGB. Executive Director answered that Council did not want this to come to the table until the Organizational Review was completed. Another Councillor stated that there were two options 1) hire someone else for the Finance Department or someone from outside. Council went with the latter. There was a Direction that someone be contracted for up to one year and Sitter was hired. Councillor stated that the cheques and balances are missing. Direction was given to the SED Assistant to bring the Financial Reports of NVCGB and Country Style to the next Infrastructure & Development Council meeting.

DIRECTION NO. 1

That the MNCFN Executive Finance Council gives direction to the SED Assistant to bring forward the Financial Reports of the New Credit Variety & Gas Bar (NCVGB) and Country Style to the next Infrastructure & Development Council meeting on Monday, March 3, 2014.

Page 6 – Agenda Item No. 10 – Executive Director pointed out that the Finance Director has been in touch with Mark from the Community Trust and things have been taken care of with regard to the reports that Mark will be forwarding to the Finance Director.

Councillor reiterated that there was an advertisement in the Newsletter regarding the Business Grants. Two out of six people who applied for Business Grant dollars have received the dollars since August 2013. The other four did not receive any dollars yet, even though the former DSED gave them verbal approval that they would. Direction was given to the SED Assistant to investigate the dollars for the Business Grants and if Community Trust has forwarded the dollars.

DIRECTION NO. 2

That the MNCFN Executive Finance Council gives direction to the SED Assistant to investigate what is happening with the dollars for the Business Grants and whether or not dollars have been provided from the Community Trust for the Business Grants.

Harmony Homes Proposal will be discussed at Infrastructure & Development Council meeting on March 3, 2014.

Motion No. 7 of these Minutes will be added to the Executive Finance Council Minutes of January 27, 2014. See Motion below:

MOTION NO. 7

MOVED BY LARRY SAULT SECONDED BY CECIL SAULT
That the MNCFN Executive Finance Council denies that Chief and Council Honorarium and Travel Expenses to be paid through EFT (Electronic Funds Transfer).

Carried
2nd Reading Waived

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3a) – REVIEW & ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF SPECIAL COUNCIL DATED THURSDAY, JANUARY 16, 2014 – PAN AM GAMES, AGREEMENTS FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES, GAMING, ARMBRUSTER & PAN AM APP

Direction was given to the SED Assistant to bring back updated information regarding the Armbruster Estate.

DIRECTION NO. 3

That the MNCFN Executive Finance Council gives direction to the SED Assistant to bring forward any and all updates on the Armbruster Estate.

MOTION NO. 3

MOVED BY BRYAN LAFORME SECONDED BY LARRY SAULT
That the MNCFN Executive Finance Council accepts the Minutes of Special Council – Pan Am Games, Agreements, for Professional Services, Gaming, Armbruster & Pan Am App.

Carried

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3b) – REVIEW & ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF SPECIAL COUNCIL – CMU GAMING – JANUARY 21, 2014

MOTION NO. 4

MOVED BY LARRY SAULT SECONDED BY ARLAND LAFORME
That the MNCFN Executive Finance Council accepts the Minutes of Special Council – CMU Gaming – January 21, 2014.

Carried

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4 – MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING – JANUARY 27, 2014

Direction No. 10, Agenda Item No. 21 of these Minutes: Chief was to write a letter to Band Members Garry and Aldean Sault thanking them for attending today's meeting.

Council moved to agenda Item No. 8

Steve Belchetz and Greg Peterson from TE Wealth in at 9:35 am.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8 – GUEST – STEVE BELCHETZ & GREG PETERSON – TE WEALTH UPDATE & MAWER PERFORMANCE REVIEW

Handouts were given to everyone regarding the Mawer Portfolio. Greg Peterson spoke first. He informed that 2013 was one of the best years in the last 25 years. This does not happen very often. He advised that the Trust earned 17% which equals \$13 Million dollars. He suggested that New Credit take a certain amount and put the balance back into the Trust. Economies have been doing better.

MOTION NO. 5

MOVED BY CECIL SAULT

SECONDED BY BRYAN LAFORME

That the MNCFN Executive Finance Council accepts the Mawer Performance Review from Greg Peterson.

Carried

Steve Belchetz gave his update on the Performance Review of the Trust. He pointed out that even though bonds are not doing well the bonds will keep the portfolio in balance.

Councillor stated that there are some issues with energy companies such as Enbridge. Is there any way to address this? For example, MNCFN Trust does not want to be seen as investing in a company that creates harm to the environment. Steve advised that there is always the potential that we own companies that are not good. He suggested that TE Wealth could sit down with Chief and Council and discuss these issues.

Guests were thanked and left at 10:15 am.

MOTION NO. 6

MOVED BY ARLAND LAFORME

SECONDED BY BRYAN LAFORME

That the MNCFN Executive Finance Council accepts the Quarterly Performance Review of the Toronto Purchase Trust which includes Casino Rama Fund and Tom Howe Land Fill Site Trust from Steve Belchetz.

Carried

Chief pointed out that Council will need to talk about how to use the excess dollars. This item will be put on the next Infrastructure & Development Council Agenda on Monday, March 3, 2014 for further discussion.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9 – GUEST – RACHEL BAYLEY – THE CANADA TRUST COMPANY – PERFORMANCE REVIEW, ANNUAL REPORT, UPDATE & ORIENTATION OF NEW COUNCIL MEMBER? (BACK-UP TO FOLLOW)

Rachel Bayley is unable to be here today as there was an accident on the highway and traffic was held up. She went back to her office and phoned to apologize and stated that she would be here for the next Infrastructure & Development Council meeting on Monday, March 3, 2014.

Council moved to Agenda Item No. 5.

Records Manager in at 10:25 am.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5 – MONTEL MOBILE SHELVING UNIT FOR RECORDS DEPARTMENT

MOTION NO. 7

MOVED BY ERMA FERRELL

SECONDED BY BRYAN LAFORME

That the MNCFN Executive Finance Council approves the \$40,000.00 (Forty Thousand Dollars) (dollars from rev trans f/t reserve acct# 18200 dept. 100020) for the purchase of a new mobile unit from Carr Mclean for the Records Department.

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6 – RECORDS MANAGEMENT POLICY CHANGES & ADDITION TO RETENTION

It was agreed that recommendation No. 1 which says “That this MNCFN Executive Finance Council leave Page 5, Section 4.2 – Destruction of Records of the Records Management Policy” as is – status quo. No Motion is required.

With regard to Recommendation No. 2 (see Motion below) Councillor advised regarding MNCFN’s own interests, New Credit should keep those records whereby Chief and Councillors were movers of Motions at AIAI, COO and AFN and other organizations.

MOTION NO. 8

MOVED BY CLYNTEN KING

SECONDED ARLAND LAFORME

That the MNCFN Executive Finance Council agrees to shred documents from outside organizations, such as the Association of Iroquois & Allied Indians (AIAI), Union of Ontario Indians, Chiefs of Ontario, Assembly of first Nations/National Indian Brotherhood, Haldimand County, Two Rivers Development Centre.

Opposed: Councillors Sharon Bonham, Erma Ferrell and Larry Sault

Motion Defeated

Records Manager pointed out that there are approximately 100 boxes from outside organizations that will need to be sorted out and organized. Direction was given to the Records Manager to bring back a recommendation regarding hiring a summer student to reorganize the records from outside organizations.

DIRECTION NO. 4

That the MNCFN Executive Finance Council gives direction to the Records Manager to bring back a recommendation regarding the hiring of a summer student on a six month contract to reorganize the records from outside organizations such as the Association of Iroquois & Allied Indians (AIAI), Union of Ontario Indians, Chiefs of Ontario, Assembly of first Nations/National Indian Brotherhood, Haldimand County, Two Rivers Development Centre.

See Recommendation No. 3 below:

MOTION NO. 9

MOVED BY ERMA FERRELL

SECONDED BY CLYNTEN KING

That the MNCFN Executive Finance Council agrees to keep the sign in/out sheets, payroll timesheets and monthly attendance reports for a period of three years.

Carried

2nd reading Waived

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7 – AUTHORIZATION TO DESTROY RECORDS

MOTION NO. 10

MOVED BY ERMA FERRELL

SECONDED BY ARLAND LAFORME

That the MNCFN Executive Finance Council grants approval to the Records Department to destroy the records listed on the Authorization for Destruction forms, which have been signed off by the Department Heads.

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

Records Manager out at 10:45 pm.

Council moved to Agenda Item No. 10.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 10 – FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – ANALYSIS OF CASH AVAILABLE AS AT JANUARY 31, 2014

Finance Director is away sick today. This item is tabled to the next Infrastructure & Development Council meeting on Monday, March 3, 2014.

Councillor raised the question of whether or not the Archaeological Monitoring Program dollars were ever put in a separate Profit Centre. No one seems to know. Councillor added that whenever the numbered company meets they will discuss this item.

Councillor reiterated that there is approximately \$7 Million dollars is sitting in the general account. New Credit's expenditures are approximately \$900,000.00. The bank is making money on the excess dollars. This extra money should be put in an interest bearing account to be withdrawn when needed. Executive Director answered that Council could make a Motion to this effect.

With regard to the Toronto Purchase Trust and TE Wealth, some companies are making 25 – 40%, whereas TE Wealth made 17%.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 11 – 2014-15 ABORIGINAL RECIPIENT FUNDING AGREEMENT (ARFA) AMENDMENT

Executive Director pointed out that she has been working here for eight years and this is the first time that New Credit has ever received the actual funding agreement itself prior to the indexing notice. The amending agreement provides for Block, Fixed and Set funding for the 2014/2015 fiscal.

MOTION NO. 11

MOVED BY CLYNTEN KING

SECONDED BY LARRY SAULT

That the MNCFN Executive Finance Council authorizes the request for upfront funding in two payments (April and May 2014), and the signing of the AANDC Multi-Year Amending Agreement No.: 1314-04-000001 which reflects a 3.81% increase to block funding, and Fixed and Set funding as follows:

- \$5,247,322.00 Block Funding
- \$39,000.00 Fixed Funding
- \$200,403.00 Set Funding

Carried
2nd Reading Waived

AGENDA ITEM NO. 12 – AANDC NOTICE OF BUDGET ADJUSTMENT 04 – 2013/14

Executive Director advised that the Set and Fixed funding will change. The Tuition Agreement will be in place until the new one is signed.

MOTION NO. 12

MOVED BY BRYAN LAFORME

SECONDED BY LARRY SAULT

That the MNCFN Executive Finance Council accepts the AANDC Notice of Budget Adjustment #2 in the amount of \$75,319.00 (Seventy Five Thousand Three Hundred Nineteen Dollars) 'set funding' which represents the 'top up' to the Education Departments Special Education funding.

Carried
2nd Reading Waived

AGENDA ITEM NO. 13 – 43RD ANNUAL LITTLE NATIVE HOCKEY LEAGUE

It was noted that this item came from the LMR Director through the Donation Policy, however it will be moved to come under the Events Funding Program. It was also pointed out that \$15,000.00 is too much; there are no financial statements and Council has not seen the report from last year. Direction was given to the Finance Director to prepare a recommendation under the Events Funding Program and bring back to Council for approval as soon as possible.

DIRECTION NO. 5

That the MNCFN Executive Finance Council gives direction to the Finance Director to prepare a recommendation regarding the 43rd Annual Little Native Hockey League with the proper documentation and put it in the proper format of "Events Funding Application. This will come back to Chief and Council as soon as possible. (Note: The tournament starts on March 10, 2014; attached is copy of the Proposal requesting \$15,000.00)

Council moved to Agenda Item No. 15.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 15 – BELL CANADA – NEW PHONES**MOTION NO. 13**

MOVED BY CECIL SAULT

SECONDED BY CLYNTEN KING

That the MNCFN Executive Finance Council gives approval to purchase new phones from Bell Canada as per Bell Quotation Solution ID:352187, at a total cost of \$12,253.76 (twelve thousand two hundred fifty-three dollars and seventy-six cents); dollars to come from account 58700, department 100000.

Carried

2nd Reading Waived**AGENDA ITEM NO. 16 – COMMUNITY WELLNESS FUNDS – LMR DIRECTOR**

Councillor pointed out that last year Chief and Council let Band Members know that the Policy would be followed eg. four to six weeks to process the cheques. This item will come back to the next Infrastructure & Development Council meeting on Monday, March 3, 2014 for 2nd Reading.

MOTION NO. 14

MOVED BY ERMA FERRELL

SECONDED BY SHARON BONHAM

That the MNCFN Executive Finance Council gives approval to the Finance Department to hire someone on a three month contract basis to assist with the Community Wellness Policy cheque distribution. And further, the LMR Department has the approval to hire someone also on a three month contract basis to assist in the distribution and other work pertaining to the Community Wellness cheque distribution.

Carried

Opposed: Councillors Clynten King and Arland LaForme – Follow the Policy and allow the Band Members to wait 4 – 6 weeks.

This Motion will come back to the Infrastructure & Development Council meeting on Monday, March 3, 2014 for further discussion and 2nd Reading.

Council moved back to Agenda Item No. 14.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 14 – SHARED VALUE SOLUTIONS - & DR. WILLIAM FITZGERALD (ARCHAEOLOGIST) (RSL)

Councillor pointed out that the Mapping Program made a map of New Credit's Traditional Territory and now it appears that the map is not accurate. He stated that someone from this Council table should be involved with this.

Councillor stated that Shared Value Solutions (SVS) is always asking for money and he is totally against this. Another Councillor stated that he also has a concern with SVS because Carolyn King was hired to do the job that SVS is apparently doing and SVS keeps coming back with more ideas and requests for more money. Carolyn informed that all the research has to be done first. She reiterated that she has come to Council time and time again asking for more people to be hired in her department. She advised they need at least seven more people just for consultation.

Councillor advised to invest money in Darren Wybenga's job and assign priorities. Regarding MITACS university students can be hired to do this research for free. This way New Credit will be able to own this information instead of SVS.

The question arose of when Carolyn King and Fawn Sault's positions would expire. Their contracts end on March 31, 2014. Carolyn stated that \$12.50 per hour for Fawn's position is not enough to live on. Councillor advised that a recommendation would need to come from the LMR Director. Direction was given to the LMR Director to bring this information back to Council.

DIRECTION NO. 6

That the MNCFN Executive Finance Council gives direction to the LMR Director to bring back more information (eg. Job descriptions) on Carolyn King and Fawn Sault's positions. And further, extension of their contracts.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 17 – DIRECTION NO. 2 FROM EXECUTIVE FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING OF JANUARY 27, 2014 – TAX IMPLICATIONS

Councillors Larry Sault and Erma Ferrell were given direction to gather information regarding tax implications on First Nations businesses. Councillor Larry Sault provided an email handout of the information he gathered. Chief and Council will review this information and bring back to the Council table. He explained that he went to the Ontario Bar Association on February 7, 2014. Harry LaForme, Ovide Mercredi and himself will put forth a Motion at the next AFN meeting.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 18 – ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER FOR CHIEF & COUNCIL HONORARIUM & TRAVEL EXPENSES

This item has already been dealt with.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 19a) – SENIORS ISSUE – COMMUNITY CENTRE ROOM

Councillor noted that this item should be coming from the SHS Director and not from a Councillor.

When the Seniors use the Community Centre they will need to use the kitchen which is not stocked, and also there are no dollars set aside for the Seniors' use. Direction was given to the SHS Director to bring back a budget. Councillors Clynten King and Sharon Bonham (Chairs for Education & Social Services) will meet with the SHS Director for further discussion.

MOTION NO. 15

MOVED BY ERMA FERRELL

SECONDED BY SHARON BONHAM

That the MNCFN Executive Finance Council agrees to use a portion of the Enterprise Fund to fund activities for the Seniors in the Community Centre. The dollars will cover the cost of any rent required for use of all or a portion of the rooms in the Community Centre.

Five Councillors opposed

Motion Defeated

DIRECTION NO. 7

That the MNCFN Executive Finance Council gives direction to the SHS Director to bring back recommendation(s) and a budget for the Seniors and Youth to use the Community Centre. (eg. programming rental costs etc.) And further, Councillors Clynten King and Sharon Bonham will meet with the SHS Director for further discussion regarding this item.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 19b) – BUDGET REQUEST FOR 8392692 CANADA INC.

MOTION NO. 16

MOVED BY ERMA FERRELL

SECONDED BY ARLAND LAFORME

That the MNCFN Executive Finance Council approves up to \$1,000.00 (One Thousand Dollars) for 8392692 CANADA INC. budget for this fiscal. Dollars will come from Casino Rama.

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

AGENDA ITEM NO. 19c) – APPOINTMENT OF HERITAGE MISSISSAUGA REPRESENTATIVE

MOTION NO. 17

MOVED BY CLYNTEN KING

SECONDED BY ERMA FERRELL

That the MNCFN Executive Finance Council agrees that Faith Rivers (Band Member) will continue to be the Representative from MNCFN on the Heritage Mississauga Board until December 31, 2015.

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

Lunch Break 12:35 to 1:30 pm.

Council moved to an In-Camera session.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 22 - ADJOURNMENT

MOTION NO. 23

MOVED BY ERMA FERRELL

SECONDED BY CLYNTEN KING

That the MNCFN Executive Finance Council adjourns this meeting at 4:00 pm.

Carried