

MISSISSAUGAS OF THE CREDIT FIRST NATION
Executive Finance Council Meeting
PUBLIC MINUTES
Monday, January 28, 2019

Start: 9:07 am

Finish: 12:20 pm

Chief Councillor

R. Stacey Laforme

Councillor

Evan Sault

Councillor

Cathie Jamieson

Councillor

Veronica King-Jamieson (Excused)

Councillor/Chair

Erma Ferrell

Councillor

Rodger LaForme

Councillor

Larry Sault

Councillor

Stephanie LaForme

Executive Director

Cynthia Jamieson

Recording Officer

Charlotte Smith

MCD Director

Donna Duric

Education Director

Katelyn LaForme

Finance Director

Lilia Moos

HR Manager

Kerri King

Guest

Brian Finnigan (Legal Counsel)

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 – OPEN MEETING

Chair/Councillor Erma Ferrell opened the meeting at 9:07 am. Councillor Veronica King-Jamieson is excused as she is at another meeting. Councillor Larry Sault has to leave at 12 noon for another meeting. Chief has to leave at 11:15 am for another meeting.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2 – REVIEW AND ACCEPT AGENDA

MOTION NO. 1

MOVED BY LARRY SAULT

SECONDED BY EVAN SAULT

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

- Agenda Item No. 5a) – FYI – Proposals Submitted (Proposal Writer);
- Agenda Item No. 6 – Moved In-Camera;
- Agenda Item No. 15a) – FYI - Long Term Funding (Finance Director);
- Agenda Item No. 16a) – ISC – NOBA #008 (Executive Director);
- Agenda Item No. 17a) – In-Camera Item;
- Agenda Item No. 26a) – Deferred to Education & Social Services Council Meeting on Monday, February 11, 2019.

Carried

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 – REVIEW & ACCEPT THE (PUBLIC) MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE FINANCE COUNCIL DATED MONDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2018

MOTION NO. 2

MOVED BY STEPHANIE LAFORME

SECONDED BY R. STACEY LAFORME

That the MCFN Executive Finance Council accepts the Public Minutes of Executive Finance Council Meeting dated Monday, November 26, 2018.

Carried

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4 – MATTERS ARISING FROM COUNCIL MINUTES

There were no Matters Arising from the Minutes.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5 – MEMORIAL – BAND MEMBER KELLY SZCZESNIAK (EF)

It was agreed that the LMR Director would honour her former employee (Kelly Szczesniak) by purchasing an item to be placed in the memorial area located outside the MCFN Social & Health Services Building.

Councillor LS pointed out that part of the Policy should include justifying why this is being done.

Chief stated that this is an administrative decision.

Executive Director noted that it could be added to the Policy. Normally MCFN sends flowers if it is a Band Member. The HR Manager keeps a log for changes to the Employment Policy.

MOTION NO. 3

MOVED BY CATHIE JAMIESON

SECONDED BY EVAN SAULT

That the MCFN Executive Finance Council approves a donation of \$2,000.00 (Two Thousand Dollars) to the Lands, Membership & Research Department Director. The donation will be used to purchase an item of the Director and her staff's choice to honour our former employee Kelly Szczesniak. Funding will be provided by the Future Generations (Casino Rama) Fund.

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5a) – FYI – LIST OF PROPOSALS SUBMITTED (PROPOSAL WRITER)

It was agreed that Chief and Council would review the list of proposals submitted by the Proposal Writer. If Chief and/or Council have any concerns they will email the Proposal Writer.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6 – DIANE CARRIER/CONSULTANT (EF)

This item was moved In-Camera.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7 – MILITARY SERVICE RECOGNITION BOOK 2019-2020 (OFFICE CLERK)

Chair informed that MCFN did not donate to the Military Service Recognition Book last year.

Chief noted that this should go to the Communications Department.

DIRECTION NO. 1

That the MCFN Executive Finance Council directs the Executive Director to take care of this item. It is an administrative issue and should go the Communications Department.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8 – REQUEST FOR A LETTER OF SUPPORT (EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR)

Executive Director informed that Sam Hill who works for Prince's Trust Canada is requesting a Letter of Support as he is submitting a multi-year proposal to the National Indian Brotherhood for the continued strategy of utilizing Indigenous talent for content development of a new book titled "Indigenous Canada's Legacy Colouring Book".

Executive Director will delegate the Office Clerk to write the letter.

MOTION NO. 4

MOVED BY CATHIE JAMIESON

SECONDED BY EVAN SAULT

That the MCFN Executive Finance Council approves a request for a Letter of Support regarding the "Indigenous Canada's Legacy Colouring Book".

Letter will be addressed to:

Attention: Sam Hill, Indigenous Languages

Ms. Sharon Broughton
Chief Executive Officer
Prince's Trust Canada
1255 Bay Street Suite 401
Toronto, ON
M5R 2A9

Carried
2nd Reading Waived

MCD Director in at 9:15 am.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9 – NEW FACEBOOK PAGE FOR EARLYON CHILD CARE PROGRAM (MCD DIRECTOR)

MCD Director noted that the new Child Care Program “EarlyON” is seeking to create its own Facebook page to post updates for parents.

EarlyON is a Child Care Program in partnership with MCFN located in Hagersville. A request came in from the Haldimand-Norfolk partners in EarlyON to set up a Facebook page specific to their program, to promote it and provide updates. The program caters to both MCFN Band Members and non-Members.

MCD Director informed that her Policy does not say to add any social media accounts.

Councillor LS questioned the costs. MCD Director replied that there is no cost to setting up a Facebook page.

Executive Director stated that this is not a Day Care Centre, it is a Drop In Centre.

Councillor CJ stated that Haldimand-Norfolk should be doing this, not us.

DIRECTION NO. 2

That the MCFN Executive Finance Council directs the MCD Director to notify Katherine Brown regarding the Facebook page for the EarlyON Child Care Program, that Katherine can create their own Facebook page.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 10 – QUESTION REGARDING “ELDER” (EF)

Chair would like some clarification as to who is an “Elder”?

Councillor LS agrees that this needs to be clarified and be specific to which function.

Councillor CJ stated that age and popularity does not make an Elder; change it from Elder to Knowledge Keeper/Holder.

Chief suggested creating a list of resources in the Community adding Harry and Bryan LaForme and Malcolm King to that list.

Motion regarding the List of Elders will be put on the next Education & Social Services Council Meeting on Monday, February 11, 2019.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 11 – EARLYON – LONG TERM FUNDING (ECC SUPERVISOR)

ECC Supervisor was unable to be present as she has some health issues. She noted in her Briefing Note that there are two annual funding agreements for the EarlyON programs: one with Haldimand/Norfolk County (funding flowed from MEDU to Haldimand/Norfolk, and the other with the Ministry of Education (MEDU).

Councillor LS is opposed as he feels MCFN is giving their jurisdiction to Haldimand.

MOTION NO. 5

MOVED BY EVAN SAULT

SECONDED BY RODGER LAFORME

That the MCFN Executive Finance Council gives direction to either the Education Pillar Lead or Education Social Portfolio chairs to seek answers to the Journey Together Funding.

The political issues:

- 1) The Federal government flows the Journey Together EarlyON funding to MEDU who in turn provides the funding to municipalities in the province under the Truth and Reconciliation (T&R)* funding envelope and then flow the dollars to the MCFN. (It is understood that the H/N County currently does not take an administration fee and sends 100 % of the funding to MCFN.)

It is suggested that a request be made to the federal government to stop flowing these dollars to municipalities and instead send the Journey Together T&R funding directly to the First Nation.

- 2) Is the Journey Together funding for both on and off reserve EarlyON Child and Family Programs a part of the envelope of funding of the new Federal Early Learning Framework?

*Truth and Reconciliation Commission: call to Action #12 directs federal, provincial, territorial and Indigenous governments to work together to develop culturally appropriate early Childhood Education programs for Indigenous families.

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

Opposed: Councillor Larry Sault – We are giving our jurisdiction to Haldimand.

MOTION NO. 6

MOVED BY STEPHANIE LAFORME

SECONDED BY EVAN SAULT

That the MCFN Executive Finance Council moved In-Camera at 10:07 am.

Carried

MOTION NO. 7

MOVED BY CATHIE JAMIESON

SECONDED BY RODGER LAFORME

That the MCFN Executive Finance Council moved Out of Camera at 10:55 am.

Carried

Education Director and Finance Director in at 10:55 am.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 12 – FNWSC (FIRST NATIONS WITH SCHOOLS COLLECTIVE)
MONETARY CONTRIBUTION - AMENDMENT (EDUCATION DIRECTOR)**

Education Director noted that the First Nations With Schools Collective is seeking a one-time investment of \$20,000.00 from MCFN to show our commitment to First Nation Education by First Nations.

MOTION NO. 8

MOVED BY EVAN SAULT

SECONDED BY RODGER LAFORME

That the MCFN Executive Finance Council agrees to provide \$20,000.00 (Twenty Thousand Dollars) for the FNWSC (First Nations With Schools Collective) to be put into the Tides Canada Fund; funds to come from the Education Fund, accumulated interest.

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

Opposed: Councillor Larry Sault – Does not want to be part of a Collective.

Chief left at 11:05 am for another meeting.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 13 – MINOR CAPITAL APPLICATION – PORTABLE (EDUCATION DIRECTOR) (BCR TO BE SIGNED)

Education Director noted in her Briefing Note that INAC has indicated that a Minor Capital Application can be submitted for the cost of the portable. A BCR will need to be signed by Chief and Council.

Council agreed with having a custom built unit, which would take an estimated four to six weeks to construct. The total cost is \$175,000.00. Additional costs include hydro connection, ramp and stair install, department staff labour and equipment, security services, connection fee and excavation costs for a total of \$54,166.93.

MOTION NO. 9

MOVED BY EVAN SAULT

SECONDED BY STEHANIE LAFORME

That the MCFN Executive Finance Council approves the Minor Capital Application to Indigenous Services Canada for the portable costs.

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

See BCR No. 241 – 2018-2019

Education Director out at 11:15 am.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 14 – HAMILTON’S INDIGENOUS PEOPLES COURT –
COMMUNITY CONSULTATIONS (VKJ)**

MOTION NO. 10

MOVED BY EVAN SAULT

SECONDED BY RODGER LAFORME

That the MCFN Executive Finance Council approves the participation of Councillor Veronica King-Jamieson to have a voice from MCFN in the upcoming Community Consultations regarding Hamilton’s Indigenous Peoples Court on Wednesday, February 6 and Monday, February 11, 2019.

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 15 – FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER
2018**

Chair questioned Executive Director if overtime is paid out. Executive Director answered yes, although some staff use flex time as well. Executive Director added that most departments need help a lot of the time as there are not enough workers.

Finance Director stated that she needs an Assistant. Councillor LS replied that if an Assistant is needed, then put it in the Work Plan.

Councillor LS questioned if some departments have a surplus at the end of the fiscal. Finance Director answered yes, and the surplus can be carried forward.

MOTION NO. 11

MOVED BY EVAN SAULT

SECONDED BY RODGER LAFORME

That the MCFN Executive Finance Council accepts the Financial Statements for December 2018.

Carried

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 15a) – FINANCE DIRECTOR TO PROVIDE UPDATE TO COUNCIL
REGARDING THE FUTURE GENERATION FUND & LONG TERM INVESTMENTS**

This is an FYI for Chief and Council. Finance Director verified that MCFN is not losing any dollars.

Finance Director out at 11:30 am.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 16a) – ISC (INDIGENOUS SERVICES CANADA) – NOTICE OF BUDGET AMENDMENT #008 (EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR)

Executive Director noted in her Briefing Note that Notice of Budget Amendment #008 is an amendment to provide set funding in the total amount of \$10,000.00 for Consultation & Policy Development funding.

Note:

Fixed means a contribution for a program or service or activity for which any unexpended balance may be used by the Council if conditions specified in this Agreement are met.

Set means a contribution for a program, service or activity for which any unexpended funding or any ineligible expenditure must be reimbursed to Canada.

MOTION NO. 12

MOVED BY CATHIE JAMIESON

SECONDED BY EVAN SAULT

That the MCFN Executive Finance Council accepts and authorizes the signing of the Department of Indigenous Services Canada Amendment #008 which provides set funds in the total amount of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) to the Department of Lands/Research/Membership for the Collaboration Process on Indian Registration, Band/Citizenship Membership Code.

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

MOTION NO. 13

MOVED BY EVAN SAULT

SECONDED BY STEPHANIE LAFORME

That the MNCFN Executive Finance Council moved In-Camera at 11:35 am.

Carried

MOTION NO. 21

MOVED BY EVAN SAULT

SECONDED BY RODGER LAFORME

That the MCFN Executive Finance Council moved Out of Camera.

Carried

Council moved to Agenda Item No. 21.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 27 – ADJOURNMENT

MOTION NO. 22

MOVED BY EVAN SAULT

SECONDED BY LARRY SAULT

That the MNCFN Executive Finance Council adjourned this meeting at 12:20 pm.

Carried