

**MISSISSAUGAS OF THE CREDIT FIRST NATION
REGULAR COUNCIL
PUBLIC MINUTES
Tuesday, May 21, 2019**

Start 9:00 am

Finish 3:29 pm

Chief Councillor/Chair

R. Stacey Laforme (Excused)

Councillor

Erma Ferrell

Councillor

Veronica King-Jamieson

Councillor

Rodger LaForme

Councillor

Larry Sault

Councillor

Evan Sault

Councillor

Cathie Jamieson

Councillor

Stephanie LaForme

Executive Director

Cynthia Jamieson

Chief Operating Officer

Kailey Thomson

Recorder

Charlotte Smith

HR Assistant

Stephanie D. LaForme

OPP Inspector

Phil Carter

Guests

Katie Maracle, Brent Debassige, Elissa Noah,

John McMinn

Band Member

Carolyn King

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 – OPEN MEETING

Chair/Councillor Veronica King-Jamieson opened the meeting at 9:00 am. Chief is away at another meeting.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2 – REVIEW & ACCEPT AGENDA

MOTION NO. 1

MOVED BY ERMA FERRELL

SECONDED BY EVAN SAULT

That the MCFN Regular Council accepts the Agenda with the following additions:

- Agenda Item No. 10a) – In-Camera Item;
- Agenda Item No. 20a) – In-Camera Item;
- Agenda Item No. 20b) – In-Camera Item.

Carried

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 – REVIEW & ACCEPT THE PUBLIC MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL DATED MONDAY, APRIL 15, 2019

With regard to Agenda Item No. 14 – Presentation by Indigenous Bloom: Councillor LS stated that we (Chief and Council) were not supposed to give our Cannabis Law to anyone including the Chief.

Executive Director noted that when another Council requested copies of our documents, that is ok to do, but it was agreed that nothing would be given to Consultants.

It was noted that the Proposal Writer went to the Chief and got permission to give the Cannabis Law to Indigenous Bloom.

Councillor VKJ informed that there was a meeting in Ottawa regarding Cannabis, and because the Chief was unable to go, he asked the Proposal Writer to attend.

Councillor EF suggested that a Direction be given to the COO to reiterate that senior staff have a process to follow when the Chief is unable to attend. However, the Executive Director reiterated that this is an ongoing Direction, and even the Chief cannot do this (instruct the Proposal Writer to attend on his behalf).

Councillor VKJ questioned the Executive Director if the Proposal Writer was disciplined for giving out this information. Executive Director answered that she did not give any discipline, but just cautioned the Proposal Writer.

Councillor LS informed that he has a meeting with Chief Monague, and he (Councillor LS) is presenting on the Cannabis Law. He questioned if he has permission to give them our Law or just walk them through it. Everyone agreed that Councillor LS would just walk them through it.

Councillor CJ stated that this Council Table needs to know everything, and not share confidential information. This goes back to the roles and responsibilities of Chief and Council. Correction should go to the Chief.

Councillor VKJ advised to wait until the Chief is present.

Page 4 – second paragraph: Councillor LS informed that the former Green Willow property is not the DSED's job, it is the PW Director's job. Councillor SL will follow up.

Councillor LS would like it clarified if anything is being done such as putting up a gate and/or fence at the former Green Willow property. Councillor SL will be working with the responsible departments.

MOTION NO. 2

MOVED BY CATHIE JAMIESON

SECONDED BY EVAN SAULT

That the MCFN Regular Council accepts the Public Minutes of Regular Council dated Monday, April 15, 2019.

Carried

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4 – MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no Matters Arising from the Minutes.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5 – BRANTFORD REGION INDIGENOUS SUPPORT CENTRE (BRISC) 2019-2020 (FRIENDSHIP CENTRE IN BRANTFORD)

Rick Mt. Pleasant presented to Chief and Council that he and a group of other people are in the process of establishing a Friendship Centre in Brantford known as the Brantford Regional Indigenous Support Centre (BRISC). He first presented to Council on Monday, January 14, 2019.

Mr. Mt. Pleasant is requesting a donation from MCFN.

Councillor CJ noted that she is concerned that they (BRISC) would be asking for a donation every year.

Councillor EF suggested sending Mr. Mt. Pleasant a letter informing that MCFN is unable to support his request except perhaps donating to special events.

Councillor LS reiterated the need to understand the politics of this situation eg. Urban Friendship Centres. Who is their Chief and Council? Who would they submit to?

It was agreed that the COO would prepare a letter to Mr. Pleasant denying his request.

DIRECTION NO. 1

That the MCFN Regular Council directs the Chief Operating Officer to prepare a letter to Rick Mt. Pleasant of the Brantford Region Indigenous Support Centre (BRISC) for the Chief's signature. The letter will inform that MCFN is unable to support BRISC, with the exception of special events.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6 – MONTHLY GATHERING AGENDA – MAY 25, 2019; JUNE 22, 2019; SEPTEMBER 28, 2019 (CULTURE & EVENTS COORDINATOR)

It was suggested that Councillor SL could do an update of her Pillar # 6 – Infrastructure & Community, Membership Development.

Executive Director questioned why the Cannabis Law could not be a topic for this Monthly Gathering. Councillor LS answered that the Cannabis Law is not ready yet to be shared with the Community. He added that there are people in the Community who would like to plant now, and this is being worked out.

MOTION NO. 3

MOVED BY CATHIE JAMIESON

SECONDED BY EVAN SAULT

That the MCFN Regular Council approves the June 22, 2019 Monthly Gathering Agenda.

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7 – ONTARIO FIRST NATIONS (2008) LIMITED PARTNERSHIP – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – WHO WILL BE ATTENDING?

MOTION NO. 4

MOVED BY EVAN SAULT

SECONDED BY ERMA FERRELL

That the MCFN Regular Council agrees that Councillor Larry Sault will be designated as the Chief's Proxy, which Proxy will be prepared for Councillor LS. The Annual General Meeting of OFNLP is scheduled for Thursday, July 4, 2019 and is being held at the Sheraton Toronto Airport Hotel and Conference Centre, 801 Dixon Road, Toronto, Ontario.

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

OPP Inspector Phil Carter in at 9:40 am.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8 – OPP INSPECTOR PHIL CARTER TO PRESENT HIS APRIL MONTHLY REPORT

MOTION NO. 5

MOVED BY RODGER LAFORME

SECONDED BY ERMA FERRELL

That the MCFN Regular Council acknowledges the following Monthly Report for April 2019 from OPP Inspector Phil Carter:

Re: Mississaugas of the New Credit, Monthly Police Incident Report:

April: **38 Incidents:** 3 year Average: 30 (2018: 26, 2017: 32, 2016: 21).

Calls for Service:

Alarm x 2: False alarms, Lloyd S King School cancelled prior to police attendance. Country Style Building, officer attended found employees on site.

Ambulance Assist: Patient had been transported prior to officer arrival.

Assault x 3: 2 family incidents and one school related.

Assist Other Police Agency x 2: Brantford City Police asking for assistance to check residence.

Community Service x 11: Provincial Liaison Team contact & outreach activities.

Family Disputes x 3: Youth acting out, parents seeking assistance.

Mental Health x 2: Persons experiencing problems and required assistance.

Missing Person x 2: Family seeking assistance in locating family member. Advised person was arrested on a warrant. Well-being check, person located and family contacted.

Motor Vehicle Collision: New Credit Rd & Indian Line, driver charged

Police Assistance/Information x 5: Seeking advice and direction from police.

Shoplift: Theft of cigarettes, suspect located and arrested.

Suspicious Person/Vehicle x 3: People possibly trespassing, 2 suspicious vehicles.

Theft: Family member stole money, resolution sought by using diversion program.

Warrant Executed: Officer involved with person who was wanted on an outstanding warrant.

Carried

OPP Inspector Phil Carter out at 10:05 am.

Guests Katie Maracle, Brent Debassige and Elissa Noah in at 10:10 am.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9 – GUESTS TO PRESENT ON FIRST NATIONS WITH SCHOOLS COLLECTIVE, RESEARCH PROJECTS – APPROVAL REQUESTED

Guests were introduced and Mr. Debassige spoke on behalf of his group.

He noted in his Briefing Note that this request originates and was gleaned from an extensive number of activities and consultations mostly facilitated by the First Nations with Schools Collective (FNWSC) since January 2016. He has participated in consultations, discussions and engagements. Based on this robust community engagement approach and clear assertion from each member nation that jurisdiction resides within, it was determined that a second phase of engagement and approval process (prior to submitting a proposal to Western University's Research Ethics Board) would set an exemplary standard of ethical practice. Moreover, this ongoing partnership between the FNWSC and the Faculty of Education at Western University represents a leading-edge approach to First Nations community-based research and scholarship.

Dr. Debassige stated that Western University provided dollars for this research project and there are very tight timelines.

To be clear, these research activities will not include your Nation without Chief and Council's approval/endorsement.

Dr. Debassige is requesting Chief & Council approval to initiate the ethical review submission to Western's Research Ethics Board and, as applicable, initiate the Nation's ethical review process based on the proposed projects outlined below with your Community. We request documentation to confirm the Nation's support.

Executive Director stated that in collecting the data, Chief and Council would like to know the end products before making a decision. Dr. Debassige answered that yes, we will share this, and that we are applying the best research ethical practices.

Guests were thanked for their presentation and left at 10:55 am.

Councillor EF questioned how this ties in with what Leslee White-eye is doing regarding funding requests. Councillor CJ answered that today's presentation is about research. Councillor EF then added that we can write a letter of support as long as it does not affect our funding.

Council will make a decision later in the Agenda.

Councillor Evan Sault out at 11:02 am – informal meeting at the Administration Building.

MOTION NO. 6

MOVED BY ERMA FERRELL

SECONDED BY LARRY SAULT

That the MCFN Regular Council moved In-Camera at 10:55 am.

Carried

MOTION NO. 7

MOVED BY RODGER LAFORME

SECONDED BY LARRY SAULT

That the MCFN Regular Council moved Out of Camera at 11:53 am.

Carried

Council moved to Agenda Item No. 10.

John McMinn and Carolyn King in at 11:55 am.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 10 – CAROLYN KING TO PRESENT AN UPDATE ON THE PARTNERSHIP WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF WATERLOO & ARBOR BUILD

Carolyn King noted in her Briefing Note that this is one of the items discussed at the Regular Council Meeting on Tuesday, May 21, 2019.

This is a review of the Arbor Project.

There were a couple items brought forth to Council for review and requires further discussion.

Councillor VKJ noted in her email that an update was given by Carolyn King verbally, along with guest, John McMinn from the University of Waterloo School of Architecture.

It was brought to Council's attention that a written document "2019 agreement" has been signed by Chief Stacey LaForme without approval from Council.

It was noted at the Regular Council Meeting on Tuesday, May 21, 2019 that this 2019 agreement document be scanned with Chief's signature and forwarded electronically to Council, COO - Kailey Thomson and Recorder.

Councillor VKJ noted that by way of this email, she has included Carolyn King on this email for follow up and to provide the documents before the next Council meeting. Also included in the email is the PW Director to keep him updated on the infrastructure / insurance / liability / band owned property, etc.

Also, by way of this email, she has included Director Public Works - Arland LaForme. There is a second project that Council has been made aware of at the Tuesday, May 21 Regular Council Meeting. This project refers to details on a new MC building structure. Further discussion is required on the next steps.

This item will go on the next Executive Finance Council Meeting on Monday, May 27th for further discussion.

Carolyn noted the following in her Briefing Note (which she brought to today's meeting):

Early 2018 the University of Waterloo was approved by MCFN Chief and Council to bring on their Architect students as part of a project to design and build a new Pow Wow arbor at 2789 Mississauga Road. The project was approved by MCFN Chief and Council, with agreements and insurance in place to move forward with the design/build of the project.

Unfortunately, the project had various technical difficulties and did not get completed for the 2018 Pow Wow. Since then, the New Credit Cultural Committee has been in contact with John McMinn, professor of University of Waterloo and project lead, for details and a plan of action of what to expect in the next few months.

Since the project was not completed in the timeframe the 2018 agreement stated, a new agreement was issued for Chief Laforme to sign. The new agreement is a repetition of the 2018 agreement as we are just having the work continue on to be completed. A new General Liability Insurance certificate has also been requested, and being issued for this purpose as well. The 2019 agreement has already been signed by Chief Laforme and mailed back to John McMinn.

John McMinn was introduced. He stated that this Arbor being built here on the First Nation will be the first of its kind in the world. It was supposed to be completed before the Pow Wow for 2018, but that did not happen.

Carolyn informed that the New Credit Cultural Committee raised \$10,000.00, so the Committee went forward and made a new agreement. The Community picked the Dream Catcher Model for the Arbor. The MC stand will be in the shape of half of a wigwam.

Mr. McMinn informed that \$35,000.00 came from the university last year and this year.

Councillor CJ noted that the new agreement was not sanctioned by Council. She added that this Council Table needs to be aware of dollars and other various items. Carolyn answered that the Chief had signed the agreement. Councillor CJ stated that verbal documentation is not good enough.

Mr. McMinn informed that there is no ask on the part of the Community for dollars.

Carolyn informed that people are donating dollars for the MC stand.

Guests were thanked and left at 12:17 pm.

Councillor CJ reiterated that her concern is that the Chief never brought this item to the Council Table.

Councillor LS advised that the Executive Director and Chief Operating Officer need to get everything in order. Carolyn cannot keep doing whatever she wants without Council approval.

Councillor Evan Sault back in at 12:25 pm.

Lunch 12:25 to 1:25 pm.

Council moved to Agenda Item No. 12.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 12 – GOVERNANCE AND STRATEGIC PRIORITIES FROM THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING OF MAY 5 - 6, 2019 (VKJ)

It was agreed that the next meeting dates for the Governance & Strategic Priorities will be Saturday, June 8, Sunday, June 9 and Monday, June 10, 2019. The Education & Social Services Council Meeting will take place on Monday, June 10th and after this is completed, the Governance & Strategic Priorities Meeting will resume. Facilitators will be Marion Lefebvre and Mayantonett Flumian.

Later on in the Agenda other dates were chosen – Monday, June 17th to Wednesday, June 19th.

Council moved to Agenda Item No. 11.

Finance Director in at 1:45 pm.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 11 – FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS OF MARCH 31, 2019

The Finance Director highlighted her report and asked if anyone has any questions.

Councillor EF reiterated that we do not owe 839 Co. any money. Finance Director answered that according to her records we do owe.

Councillor LS agrees with Councillor EF – we do not owe any money to MCFN. It is up to Finance and Economic Development to get this straightened out. Councillor LS stated that the Financial Statements say that 839 Co. owes \$39,000.00, and causes him much concern.

Councillor VKJ suggested that the Finance Director track these dollars.

Finance Director informed that she will check with the Auditors on this item, but also has to check other things.

COO will follow up with the Finance Director and Councillor SL (Pillar 6 Lead) regarding 839 Co. and amounts.

Councillor VKJ stated that Honorarium of Chief and Council needs to be corrected – see Page 1 of Financial Statements.

Councillor EF reminded everyone of the meeting last year with the Auditors wherein she asked the Auditors to separate NCVGB, and to date it has not been separated.

MOTION NO. 8

MOVED BY STEPHANIE LAFORME

SECONDED BY CATHIE JAMIESON

That the MCFN Regular Council acknowledges the Draft Financial Statements as of March 31, 2019 with noted changes.

Carried

Finance Director out at 2:08 pm.

Council moved to Agenda Item No. 13.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 13 – OTHER/NEW BUSINESS

There was no Other/New Business.

MOTION NO. 9

MOVED BY RODGER LAFORME

SECONDED BY STEPHANIE LAFORME

That the MCFN Regular Council moved In-Camera at 2:10 pm.

Carried