

MISSISSAUGAS OF THE CREDIT FIRST NATION
LAND, WATER & SUSTAINABLE PROSPERITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC MINUTES
Monday, November 18, 2019

Start 9:03 am

Finish 3:25 pm

Chief Councillor

R. Stacey Laforme

Councillor

Erma Ferrell

Councillor/Chair

Cathie Jamieson

Councillor

Larry Sault (Sick)

Councillor

Evan Sault (Vacation)

Councillor

Rodger LaForme

Councillor

Veronica King-Jamieson

Councillor

Stephanie LaForme

Chief Operations Officer

Kailey Thomson

Recorder

Charlotte Smith

LMR Director

Margaret Sault

DOCA Director

Mark LaForme

Traditional Knowledge & Land Use

Coordinator

Darrin Wybenga

HR manager

Kerri King

Guests

Betty Wybenga & Pat Mandy

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 – OPEN MEETING

Chair/Councillor Cathie Jamieson opened the meeting at 9:03 am. Councillor Evan Sault is away on vacation. Councillor Larry Sault is away sick.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2 – REVIEW AND ACCEPT AGENDA

MOTION NO. 1

MOVED BY R. STACEY LAFORME SECONDED BY VERONICA KING-JAMIESON
 That the MCFN Land, Water & Sustainable Prosperity Council accepts the Agenda.

Carried

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 – REVIEW & ACCEPT THE PUBLIC MINUTES OF LAND, WATER & SUSTAINABLE PROSPERITY COUNCIL MEETING DATED MONDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2019

MOTION NO. 2

MOVED BY VERONICA KING-JAMIESON SECONDED BY R. STACEY LAFORME
 That the MCFN Land, Water & Sustainable Prosperity Council accepts the Public Minutes of Land, Water and Sustainable Prosperity Council Meeting dated Monday, October 21, 2019.

Carried

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4 – MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There are no Minutes for this meeting.

LMR Director in at 9:10 am.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5 – APPRAISAL FOR THE 115kv POWER LINES, 2ND LINE (LMR DIRECTOR)

LMR Director is requesting a Motion approving the appraisal for the 115kv power lines through the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation lands. Once this Motion is approved the appraisal will commence.

The last appraisal was done in 2014 by Andrew Thompson, Thompson & Associates Ltd. located in Barrie, Ontario. These appraisals are done every five years.

MOTION NO. 3

MOVED BY VERONICA KING-JAMIESON

SECONDED BY ERMA FERRELL

That the MCFN Land, Water & Sustainable Prosperity Council approves the appraisal for the easement for a 115 kv powerline over part of the Mississaugas of the Credit Indian Reserve #40A done by Andrew, Thompson & Associates Ltd, 177 Dunlop Street West, Barrie ON L4N 1B4.

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

See BCR No. 262 – 2019-2020.

LMR Director out at 9:15 am.

DOCA Director & Traditional Knowledge and Land Use Coordinator in at 9:15 am.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6 – PERMITS TO TAKE WATER (DOCA DIRECTOR)

DOCA Director noted in his email that there has been no notification sent to DOCA from Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) regarding “Permits to Take Water”. The email mentions that Nestle Waters Canada is taking water from the Treaty Lands without the consent of Six Nations, and nothing is mentioned about MCFN Treaty Lands.

DOCA Director believes that political involvement should begin.

Councillor CJ noted that Councillor LS was suggesting more of a commercial venture with Nestle, which conversation took place earlier last year.

In 2018 Council gave direction to begin discussions with Nestle Waters Canada regarding potential joint commercial opportunities.

Councillor Larry Sault responded. See his email below:

So just for the record, I believe I gave a verbal report to Council last year regarding my verbal conversation with Nestles' former senior representative (Peter???) regarding our treaty territory in and around their permit taking operations. I was asked by Council to follow up on business opportunities regarding partnerships on this issue. The lady that took over Peter's senior role (Adrienne???) basically brushed me off at the time saying that Nestle' had inquired numerous times about partnering with MCFN with seemingly no interest. We basically ended the conversation with Nestle' rep saying that they were moving forward and if there are any future opportunities they would definitely be interested in doing something with MCFN. End of story!

Chief suggested that a letter be prepared by Legal Counsel Kim Fullerton or Alex Monem to Ontario and question why MCFN is not named as the Treaty Holders.

It was agreed that the DOCA Director would contact OKT Law Firm to write the letter.

DIRECTION NO. 1

That the MCFN Land, Water & Sustainable Prosperity Council directs the DOCA Director to contact OKT Law Firm and request that a letter be drafted to Ontario and Canada and cc'd to MNRF regarding lack of consultation with MCFN based on MCFN's Water Claim and Treaty Rights.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7 – YORK REGION LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT (DOCA DIRECTOR)

Traditional Knowledge and Land Use Coordinator sent an email to the MCD Director and Councillor EF, but no one followed up. The email outlines the various Treaty Holders of York Region.

Councillor VKJ questioned where our Land Acknowledgment is. Chief answered that the Governance Project Coordinator (Caitlin Beresford) is doing the letter, but it is not completed yet.

DOCA Director informed that his office deals with Land Acknowledgements quite frequently, and noted that we do Land Acknowledgements based on fact. Traditional Knowledge and Land Use Coordinator stated that the land is ours. He added that our Land Acknowledgements on the MCFN Website are too vague.

Councillor VKJ suggested doing a media release regarding strategy. Chief Operating Officer informed that there will also be something put in place at the Historical Gathering.

DIRECTION NO. 2

That the MCFN Land, Water & Sustainable Prosperity Council directs the Governance Committee to draft a letter in response to York Region Committee of the Whole Minutes dated May 2, 2019 regarding their Land Acknowledgement. And further, extend an invitation to the York Region Committee to review MCFN History.

NOTE: If there is no response within two weeks from the York Region Committee, the Office Clerk (Catelyn Burning) will make arrangements for the Chief and DOCA Reps to contact the York Region Committee.

DOCA Director & Traditional Knowledge and Land Use Coordinator out at 9:50 am.

MOTION NO. 4

MOVED BY R. STACEY LAFORME

SECONDED BY STEPHANIE LAFORME

That the MCFN Land, Water & Sustainable Prosperity Council moved In-Camera at 9:50 am.

Carried

MOTION NO. 12

MOVED BY R. STACEY LAFORME

SECONDED BY RODGER LAFORME

That the MCFN Land, Water & Sustainable Prosperity Council moved Out of Camera at 11:30 am.

Carried

Council moved back to Agenda Item No. 11.

Pat Mandy and Betty Wybenga in at 11:30 am.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 11 – GUESTS TO PRESENT ON AWARDS RECOGNITION COMMITTEE (EF)

Councillor EF was instrumental in putting together the Awards Recognition Committee consisting of Pat Mandy, Jamie-Lyn Gillingham and Betty Wybenga.

The Committee is presenting their recommendations to Chief and Council today.

Pat Mandy showed everyone a sample of a glass award and a lapel pin. For the first year there would be two awards given out. The cost is \$1,000.00. And then there is another potential award called “Friends of MCFN”. The recipients of the awards would be a decision of Council, although the Chief disagrees. Ms. Mandy then stated that the Committee can make this decision. She further suggested that the awards could be presented at the Historical Gathering Gala or the Pow Wow. Councillor CJ suggested sometime in the spring.

Councillor VKJ pointed out that the LMR Director informed her that they brought someone in their office to look after the historical Gathering Gala. The LMR Director should be consulted in this regard.

Ms. Mandy informed that the budget is for two more years.

MOTION NO. 13

MOVED BY ERMA FERRELL

SECONDED BY STEPHANIE LAFORME

That the MCFN Land, Water & Sustainable Prosperity Council approves the following:

1. The Committee proposes that there be 2 awards for the first year.

- The MCFN Emissary Award will recognize an individual who has provided service to the MCFN by increasing MCFN profile or status with external communities, influencers and partners.
- The Community Volunteer will recognize an individual who has shown outstanding generosity, resulting in service or support to MCFN through their time, actions, talents and dedication within the community

2. In the second year an additional award would be for an Elder or Teacher who values and shares our history language, culture beliefs and traditions. The main reason for the delay is to give further thought as to ensuring that there is inclusiveness in respecting Elders or Teachers who do not follow traditional teachings.

3. Eligibility Criteria: all members of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation can be nominated. Awards can also be made posthumously to family members. Current serving elected Council Members are not eligible for nomination. See Appendix 1 for Criteria.

4. A Nominating Form has been drafted. See Appendix 2. The intent is to circulate the form amongst community members, including in the newsletter. We would ask for Nominations to be submitted by January 20, 2020. The Committee would meet, review the nominations and make recommendations to Chief and Council who will have the final say in the Award Recipients.

5. The Committee is proposing that a modest glass or acrylic award with the MCFN logo and name of the award and recipient be given along with a custom designed with the MCFN logo. The design of the lapel pin and presentation box for the would be used for subsequent years and there would be no additional cost for the design. The Committee members could start immediately working with the jewellers on the design. We are estimating that in the first year the cost would be under \$1000.00.

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

DIRECTION NO. 4

That the MCFN Land, Water & Sustainable Prosperity Council directs that there is an additional possible award - Friend of Mississauga's of the Credit First Nation (Selection of the Award to be by Chief and Council). The award would be given from time to time to honour a person, who is not a member of MCFN, but whose career, in any field, has had a major impact or influence on advancing knowledge of our history, language, culture, beliefs and traditions.

Pat Mandy and Betty Wybenga out at 11:50 am.

LUNCH BREAK 12:05 – 1:05 PM

MOTION NO. 14

MOVED BY VERONICA KING-JAMIESON SECONDED BY RODGER LAFORME
That the MCFN Land, Water & Sustainable Prosperity Council moved In-Camera at 1:05 pm.

Carried

MOTION NO. 22

MOVED BY RODGER LAFORME SECONDED BY STEPHANIE LAFORME
That the MCFN Land, Water & Sustainable Prosperity Council moved Out of Camera.

Carried

Council moved to Agenda Item No. 24.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 24 – OTHER/NEW BUSINESS

There was no Other/New Business.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 25 – ADJOURNMENT

MOTION NO. 23

MOVED BY STEPHANIE LAFORME SECONDED BY RODGER LAFORME
That the MCFN Land, Water & Sustainable Prosperity Council adjourned this meeting at 3:25 pm.

Carried