

MISSISSAUGAS OF THE CREDIT FIRST NATION
INFRASTRUCTURE & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
COUNCIL
PUBLIC MINUTES
Monday, November 25, 2019

Start 9:10 am

Finish 11:55 am

Chief Councillor

R. Stacey Laforme

Councillor

Erma Ferrell

Councillor

Cathie Jamieson

Councillor

Larry Sault

Councillor

Evan Sault (Vacation)

Councillor

Rodger LaForme

Councillor

Veronica King-Jamieson

Councillor/Chair

Stephanie LaForme

Chief Operations Officer

Kailey Thomson

Recorder

Charlotte Smith

HR Manager

Kerri King (Introduced the new Director of Sustainable Economic Development – Brittany Sault)

MCFN Member

Tony Sault

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 – OPEN MEETING

Chair/Councillor Stephanie LaForme opened the meeting at 9:10 am. Councillor Evan Sault is away on vacation.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2 – REVIEW AND ACCEPT AGENDA

MOTION NO. 1

MOVED BY LARRY SAULT

SECONDED BY R. STACEY LAFORME

That the MCFN Infrastructure & Community Development Council accepts the Agenda with the following addition:

- Agenda Item No. 9a) – HR Manager introducing the new Economic Development Director Brittany Sault.

Carried

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 – REVIEW & ACCEPT PUBLIC MINUTES OF INFRASTRUCTURE & DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL DATED TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2019

MOTION NO. 2

MOVED BY RODGER LAFORME

SECONDED BY LARRY SAULT

That the MCFN Infrastructure & Community Development Council accepts the Public Minutes of Infrastructure & Development Council Meeting dated Tuesday, September 3, 2019.

Carried

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4 – MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no Matters Arising from the Minutes.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5 – LETTER FROM MCFN MEMBER REGARDING SAFETY OF TRAVEL ON MCFN ROADS (EF)

There was a letter that was addressed to Chief and Council from an MCFN Member which addresses speeding on the roads of MCFN Community. Councillor EF presented this letter to Council. The MCFN Member is not present.

MCFN Member is also requesting that the Chief meet with Six Nations Council.

Councillor CJ suggested that our Liaison Team can meet with Six Nations' Liaison Team as there is more about safety than just speeding on the roads.

DIRECTION NO. 1

That the MCFN Infrastructure & Community Development Council directs the Chief Operating Officer to draft a letter to Haldimand County and Six Nations Council regarding safety on the roads eg. speeding etc for the Chief's signature, as well as a letter to MCFN Member in response to his letter to MCFN Chief and Council.

DIRECTION NO. 2

That the MCFN Infrastructure & Community Development Council directs Councillor Evan Sault to follow up on short/long term peace keepers.

DIRECTION NO. 3

That the MCFN Infrastructure & Community Development Council directs the Chief to meet with Haldimand County and Six Nations Council regarding safety on roads in and around Six Nations and Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6 – MASSEY COLLEGE – SCHOLARSHIP (EF)

Councillor EF reiterated her request that a scholarship be provided to Massey College from MCFN.

Chief suggested that Councillor EF meet with Councillor VKJ who is the Pillar Lead 4 for education.

DIRECTION NO. 4

That the MCFN Infrastructure & Community Development Council directs Councillor Erma Ferrell to meet with Councillor Veronica King-Jamieson to discuss providing a scholarship to Massey College from MCFN. This item will be brought back to the next Financial Planning & Fiscal Oversight Council Meeting on Monday, December 2, 2019.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7 – ANDREW JUDGE – REQUESTING MCFN SUPPORT IN APPLYING TO THE NSERC COLLEGE & COMMUNITY INNOVATION PROGRAM (VKJ)

Councillor VKJ informed that she had a meeting with the Chief and Councillor CJ regarding Andrew Judge who is looking for support from Chief and Council for a project he is engaged in called On Campus Indigenous Land Based Learning Centre at Conestoga College. He is seeking support in applying to the NSERC College and Community Innovation Program.

Councillor EF is concerned that this project could take away some of our dollars.

Councillor CJ informed that Andrew would like to partner with MCFN.

The deadline for the Letter of Support is November 27, 2019.

Chief stated that he supports the three-year process – the idea and the concept.

Chief Operating Officer has a precedent of a letter she can provide.

Councillor CJ stated that once the project is underway, some students from Employment & Training can assist.

Councillor LS stated that we should be paid for our Knowledge Keepers.

Councillor EF cautioned that we have to be careful that we will not be paying a lot of dollars, for example, what happened with the SSHERC Grant. MCFN ended up paying almost \$200,000.00. Councillor LS added that the SSHERC Grant ended up owning all the data collected from MCFN. He also stated that we have to protect ourselves financially. The end result was that there was no final report and two employees from MCFN did not get paid for at least three months.

Chief advised that something needs to be put in the letter that protects MCFN.

DIRECTION NO. 5

That the MCFN Infrastructure & Community Development Council directs the Chief Operating Officer to draft a Letter of Support for Andrew Judge who is applying to the NSERC College and Community Innovation Program for dollars for his project. It is also agreed that something will be put in the letter that protects MCFN from liability.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 8 – AMENDING AGREEMENT NO. 2 – ECC SUPERVISOR
(AGREEMENT TO BE SIGNED BY CHIEF & CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER)**

It was noted that the ECC Supervisor applied for and has been approved to receive additional Health and Safety/Repairs and Maintenance funding under the detail code *A375 Repairs and Maintenance* from the Ministry of Education (MEDU) in the amount of \$2,238.00 to replace our broken handicap automatic door opener. The Amending Agreement #2 requires Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Chief and Chief Operating Officer signing for the approval of this funding for this additional project.

The handicap door opener requires replacement; approval was given by the MCFN Chief Operating Officer to apply to the Ministry of Education for the additional funding under A375 repairs and maintenance.

MOTION NO. 3

MOVED BY ERMA FERRELL

SECONDED BY R. STACEY LAFORME

That the MCFN Infrastructure & Community Development Council approves the signing of the Amending Agreement #2 with the Ministry of Education dated November 1, 2019 for detail code A375 Repairs and Maintenance the amount of \$27,090.00 (Twenty- Seven Thousand Ninety Dollars & Zero Cents). Thus increasing the total allocation from the Ministry of Education Funding for Child Care and First Nations Child and Family Programs from \$934,963.00 (Nine Hundred Thirty-Four Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty- Three Dollars & Zero Cents) to \$937,202.00 (Nine Hundred Thirty-Seven Thousand Two Hundred Two Dollars & Zero Cents).

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

Chief and Chief Operating Officer signed the Amending Agreement #2.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 9a) – HR MANAGER INTRODUCED THE NEW DIRECTOR OF
SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (DSED)**

Brittany Sault is the new Economic Development Director. She was introduced to Chief and Council by the HR Manager. Brittany begins her job today.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 9b) – REVIEW & FURTHER DISCUSSION OF MONTHLY GATHERING
DATED SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2019**

Councillor EF informed that she spoke with Jeff Frketich of Peace Hills Trust on Saturday, November 23, 2019 at the Monthly Gathering. Jeff informed that any revenue coming in from the Niagara Reinforcement Line, MCFN will receive the dollars at the end of 2020. It is categorized as another Alternative Investment.

Councillor CJ stated that Niagara Reinforcement Line is a 20-year investment that is why she would like to keep it separate from the other Alternative Investments. Councillor VKJ noted that Jeff could put an asterisk beside the name.

Councillor EF stated that the return on this money is a sure thing.

Chief Operating Officer will bring the new DSED up to date with all this information.

Councillor LS stated that in 2050 this (Niagara Reinforcement Line) will be called a transmission line. Councillor EF added that the lines will last 70 to 80 years. Councillor EF also noted that this contract will end in 20 years, and then MCFN will have to renegotiate the contract at no cost to MCFN.

Regarding orientation, Chief Operating Officer informed that there will be two sessions, one on December 2nd, and the other on December 9th. LMR Director informed the Chief Operating Officer that the Councillors did not have to be at either of these meetings, although the Chief Operating Officer would like Chief and Council to attend to support the Pillar System.

Regarding Asset Management, Councillor LS noted that we have to be accurate, and our budgets are not accurate. We do not have the information on Asset Management. Chief Operating Officer answered that it is in the Orientation Package.

Chief Operating Officer stated that the Annual Report has never been discussed and needs to be to create an opportunity to educate staff. Chief Operating Officer added that she is working with Lucy Popoli on this.

Councillor VKJ questioned if Chief and Council are in agreement to prepare a document for new Council, and Chief Operating Officer answered yes, there will be a brief overview on a power point presentation from MF. All pertinent documents will be given to new Council. Chief stated that it should just be a short list of bullet points.

Councillor VKJ and EF will be meeting with Lucy Popoli, but Lucy will not be here until the first week in December.

Councillor LS noted that globally the US dollar is the monetary measure, and if that goes down we will have nothing. He stated that MCFN should seriously consider buying \$15 Million in gold bullion because of price and trade wars. Councillor EF answered that both Georgina and Jeff said no to buying gold bullion. Councillor LS added that everything is based on fees. It was MCFN who started the Alternative Investments, and Georgina and Jeff took it to other First Nations who they work with and now some of those First Nations also have Alternative Investments.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 10 – TELEPHONE CONFERENCE CALL WITH GEORGINA VILLENEUVE & JEFF FRKETICH OF PEACE HILLS TRUST REGARDING THIRD QUARTER 2019 FINANCIAL POSITION & PERFORMANCE REPORT

Conference call with Georgina and Jeff began at 10:50 am.

With Georgina and Jeff joining via telephone, Councillor EF questioned them on how the Niagara Reinforcement Line (NRL) revenue will work. Georgina answered that the rates will be set in January 2020, and then the \$10 Million has to be paid.

Georgina informed that quarterly, income will be received from the Niagara Reinforcement Line Limited Partnership, and then it will become annual income.

On Page 9 of the performance Report, Councillor LS stated that an asterisk is needed to point out the Hydro One NRL-LP. Georgina answered that they did not know where to put this in the report so they just added it under Alternative Investments. She will change the whole page and add an asterisk.

Councillor CJ noted that it appears that Mawer is at a plateau. Jeff answered that it has been a strong year for the Trust Performance, however, there is good and bad going on, for example Brexit.

Councillor LS questioned if everyone would plateau. Jeff answered yes.

Chief questioned if we should transfer our dollars over to the ones making money, for example, \$10 Million from Mawer to Beutel. Georgina answered that Mawer is doing good right now, but suggested we could open a custodial account. Jeff added that moving \$7 Million from the 10+2+2 would be good. Councillor EF thought that the Finance Director had control of the 10+2+2. Georgina then questioned if she could have a statement from the Finance Director in this regard. Chief Operating Officer answered yes. Councillor EF added that our First Nation would control the 10+2+2. Jeff stated that he and Georgina would need a statement of how much and what it is invested in, and if MCFN has an Investment Policy Statement.

Councillor EF questioned if there was any more that Georgina and Jeff wanted to tell Chief and Council. Jeff answered that everything is good. Look through the noise and keep a long term focus.

Regarding unrealized gains, Chief questioned if we could take these dollars out. Georgina answered that she and Jeff will review this and get back to Chief and Council.

Councillor LS brought up the subject of investing in gold bullion. Jeff answered that there is a lot of issues to this kind of investment. He informed that we would have to pay to store it, and he believes this is not a good investment. He will go to the Managers and ask their thoughts. Councillor LS then stated that if the economy collapses we have the gold.

DIRECTION NO. 6

That the MCFN Infrastructure & Community Development Council directs the Chief Operating Officer that once she speaks with the Finance Director and obtains a report of the 10+2+2 dollars eg. total amount of dollars and what they are invested in, Chief Operating Officer will contact Jeff Frketich and Georgina Villeneuve of Peace Hills Trust and provide this information to them.

Conference call ended at 11:20 am.

SEPARATE ITEM

DIRECTION NO. 7

That the MCFN Infrastructure & Community Development Council directs Councillor Erma Ferrell to contact Jeff Smith, Managing Director of Hydro One Indigenous Partnerships Inc. and inform him that the honorarium from Hydro One will be paid to MCFN to offset costs associated with the NRL Advisory Committee.

MOTION NO. 4

MOVED BY LARRY SAULT

SECONDED BY RODGER LAFORME

That the MCFN Infrastructure & Community Development Council moved In-Camera at 11:25 am.

Carried

