

**MISSISSAUGAS OF THE CREDIT FIRST NATION**  
**FINANCIAL PLANNING & FISCAL OVERSIGHT COUNCIL**  
**PUBLIC MINUTES**  
*Monday, February 3, 2020*

**Start: 9:05 am**

**Finish: 2:38 pm**

**Chief Councillor**

**R. Stacey Laforme**

**Councillor**

**Evan Sault**

**Councillor**

**Cathie Jamieson**

**Councillor**

**Veronica King-Jamieson**

**Councillor/Chair**

**Erma Ferrell**

**Councillor**

**Rodger LaForme**

**Councillor**

**Julie Laforme (Sick)**

**Councillor**

**Craig King**

**Chief Operating Officer**

**Kailey Thomson (Sick)**

**Recording Officer**

**Charlotte Smith**

**Finance Director**

**Lilia Moos**

**HR Manager**

**Kerri King (filled in for Chief Operating Officer)**

**PW Director**

**Arland LaForme**

**Proposal Writer**

**Rebecca Yamusah**

**DSED**

**Brittany Sault**

**MCFN Member**

**Stanford Sault & Ashley Smith who works with  
Stanford Sault**

**Ministry of Finance**

**Paul Devnich**

**Hydro One**

**Jeffrey Smith & Sara Jane Souliere**

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 – OPEN MEETING**

Chair/Councillor Erma Ferrell opened the meeting at 9:05 am. Councillor Julie Laforme is away sick. Chief Operating Officer is also away sick.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 2 – REVIEW AND ACCEPT AGENDA**

**MOTION NO. 1**

MOVED BY EVAN SAULT

SECONDED BY CRAIG KING

That the MCFN Financial Planning & Fiscal Oversight Council accepts the Agenda with the following deletions and addition:

- Agenda Item No. 8 – Deferred to the next meeting – Governance Internal & Intergovernmental Council on Monday, February 10, 2020;
- Agenda Item No. 10a) – Question on Housing (EF);
- Agenda Item No. 16 – Deferred to the next Governance Internal & Intergovernmental Council Meeting on Monday, February 10, 2020.

Carried

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 – REVIEW & ACCEPT THE (PUBLIC) MINUTES OF FINANCIAL PLANNING & FISCAL OVERSIGHT COUNCIL MEETING DATED MONDAY, JANUARY 13, 2020**

**DIRECTION NO. 1**

That the MCFN Financial Planning & Fiscal Oversight Council directs Councillor Erma Ferrell to follow up with the Chief Operating Officer regarding Direction No. 9 on Page 5 of the Public Minutes. See Direction below:

***DIRECTION NO. 9***

*That the MCFN Financial Planning & Fiscal Oversight Council gives direction to the Chief Operating Officer to draft a letter for the Chief's signature which outlines the people who are reappointed to the MCFN Community Trust Board.*

**MOTION NO. 2**

MOVED BY R. STACEY LAFORME

SECONDED BY CRAIG KING

That the MCFN Financial Planning & Fiscal Oversight Council accepts the Public Minutes of the Financial Planning & Fiscal Oversight Council Meeting dated Monday, January 13, 2020.

Carried

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 4 – MATTERS ARISING FROM COUNCIL MINUTES**

There were no Matters Arising from the Minutes.

HR Manager in at 9:10 am, and is covering for the Chief Operating Officer who is away sick.

Proposal Writer in at 9:10 am.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 5 – INDIGENOUS LANGUAGES & CULTURES PROGRAM (PROPOSAL WRITER)**

Rebecca Yamusah (Proposal Writer) noted in her Briefing Note that the Special Events & Culture Unit has decided to submit a proposal for the Indigenous Languages and Cultures Program. The funding for 2020-2021 will be delivered to achieve objectives such as strengthening Indigenous cultural identity and participation in Canadian society, and preserving and revitalizing Indigenous languages and culture.

The objectives are to support the reclamation, revitalization, maintenance and strengthening of Indigenous languages through community driven activities.

Councillor VKJ informed that James Shawana will be coming in with guests, but CPICS will need to be done. She stated that we should be bringing in some of our own Members to teach the language and/or facilitate.

HR Manager informed that James Shawana is on sick leave, and Chief and Council need to flag this for further discussion.

It was noted by the Proposal Writer that MCFN owns the information.

**MOTION NO. 3**

MOVED BY EVAN SAULT

SECONDED BY CRAIG KING

That the MCFN Financial Planning & Fiscal Oversight Council approves the following:

*Due date for submission to the Indigenous Languages & Cultures Program is Friday, February 7, 2020. We will have approximately one week to complete the application. Special Events Coordinator and Proposal Writer will meet periodically as needed. Chief signed a Letter of Support for this proposal.*

Carried

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Waived

Proposal Writer out at 9:30 am.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 6 – FUNDING FORMULA DISTRIBUTION FROM CHIEFS OF ONTARIO (VKJ & EF)**

Councillor VKJ noted that there is a Chiefs of Ontario meeting in Ottawa on February 5 and 6, 2020, and further clarification is needed on the issue of the Funding Formula and the impacts to MCFN. Chief informed that he may be attending, but is uncertain at this point.

Councillor VKJ questioned the Chief if he had any discussions with the Mississauga Chiefs at the meeting in Sudbury. Chief answered no, there was no discussion. Chief added that the Chiefs of Ontario have been trying to amend this formula for six years without success. Chief asked if we really want to be involved in this new funding formula.

Councillor VKJ advised that the Chief can discuss this formula with the Chiefs of Ontario and Mississauga Nation. Chief replied that we (MCFN) are a long way away from other Mississauga Nations politically. Chief further stated that his plan is to vote against the Funding Formula at the Chiefs of Ontario Meeting.

Councillor EF stated that a letter was sent in June 2019 giving us the formula and the amount.

**DIRECTION NO. 2**

That the MCFN Financial Planning & Fiscal Oversight Council directs Chief R. Stacey Laforme to contact the other Mississauga Nations to discuss the Funding Formula Distribution for First Nation Communities.

**DIRECTION NO. 3**

That the MCFN Financial Planning & Fiscal Oversight Council directs Chief R. Stacey Laforme to follow up with the letter dated June 2019 regarding the Funding Formula Distribution from the Chiefs of Ontario.

Finance Director in at 9:30 am.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 7 – MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR DECEMBER 2019  
(FINANCE DIRECTOR)**

Finance Director asked if anyone had any questions.

Chair questioned if there has been follow-up regarding a monthly invoice being sent to SN Technologies stating how much they owe the First Nation. Finance Director answered that she does not know. HR Manager will follow up with Chief Operating Officer.

Finance Director advised that the general account needs to be replenished.

Chair stated that two years ago, each department was to have their own Honorarium Account, however, this did not happen. HR Manager will follow up with the Chief Operating Officer.

Regarding the Miscellaneous Account, Finance Director informed that the Proposal Writer was supposed to look at this. HR Manager will follow up with the Chief Operating Officer and the Proposal Writer.

On Page 4 – HR Manager will follow up regarding Professional Fees. As well, on Page 12, HR Manager will follow up with legal/professional fees.

It was noted that the Finance Director will send the Financial Statements for each Pillar before each Financial Planning & Fiscal Oversight Council Meeting instead of after the meeting.

**DIRECTION NO. 4**

That the MCFN Financial Planning & Fiscal Oversight Council directs the Finance Director to send the Financial Statements for each Pillar through email **before** each Financial Planning & Fiscal Oversight Council Meeting beginning today (Monday, February 3, 2020).

**MOTION NO. 4**

MOVED BY VERONICA KING-JAMIESON

SECONDED BY EVAN SAULT

That the MCFN Financial Planning & Fiscal Oversight Council accepts the Financial Statements dated December 31, 2019.

Carried

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Waived

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 7a) – TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM DOCA RESERVE INSTEAD OF TORONTO PURCHASE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND (FINANCE DIRECTOR)**

Finance Director noted that the General Bank Account was used to pay for funds invested in the Nanticoke Solar Project in the amount of \$1,059,399.55 (One Million Fifty-Nine Thousand Three Hundred Ninety-Nine Dollars & Fifty-Five Cents). The General Bank Account still needs to be reimbursed, and the DOCA Reserve can be used.

A new Motion is required to rescind the previous Motion No. 8 below, dated April 22, 2019:

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 11 – IN-CAMERA ITEM – GUEST – CHARLES VINCENT (LEGAL COUNSEL) TO PRESENT ON NANTICOKE SOLAR PROJECT FUNDING**

**MOTION NO. 8**

MOVED BY LARRY SAULT                      SECONDED BY ERMA FERRELL  
That the MCFN Executive Finance Council hereby authorizes the signing of the subscription for additional units and the release of \$1,059,399.55 (One Million Fifty-Nine Thousand Three Hundred Ninety-Nine Dollars and Fifty-Five Cents) to pay the Equity Investment for Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation limited partner interest in Nanticoke Solar Limited Partnership, per contract obligations. Dollars will come from the TP Community Development Fund.

Carried  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Waived

**Today's new MOTION NO. 5 will read:**

MOVED BY VERONICA KING-JAMIESON                      SECONDED BY EVAN SAULT  
That the MCFN Financial Planning & Fiscal Oversight Council approves the transfer of the initial investment to the Nanticoke Solar Project to be expensed to the Duty of Consultation and Accommodation Reserve account in the amount of \$1,059,399.55 (One Million Fifty-Nine Thousand Three Hundred Ninety-Nine Dollars & Fifty-Five Cents).

Carried  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Waived

Finance Director out at 10:25 am.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 8 – INDIAN DAY SCHOOLS – WORKPLAN (CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER)**

This item has been deferred to the next Governance Internal & Intergovernmental Council Meeting dated Monday, February 10, 2020.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 8a) – HAMILTON PUBLIC HEALTH SURVEY**

**NOTE:** This item was polled via email and approved and read into today's Minutes.

**MOTION NO. 6**

MOVED BY EVAN SAULT

SECONDED BY JULIE LAFORME

That the MCFN Financial Planning & Fiscal Oversight Council authorizes the Indigenous Health Survey as presented. The purpose of the survey is to obtain information on what services on and off reserve MCFN Membership are accessing through Hamilton Public health, and how services can be improved to benefit both on and off reserve MCFN Membership.

Carried

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Waived

**MOTION NO. 7**

MOVED BY RODGER LAFORME

SECONDED BY VERONICA KING-JAMIESON

That the MCFN Financial Planning & Fiscal Oversight Council moved In-Camera at 10:40 am.

Carried