

MISSISSAUGAS OF THE CREDIT FIRST NATION
FINANCIAL PLANNING & FISCAL OVERSIGHT COUNCIL
PUBLIC MINUTES
Tuesday, September 7, 2021

Start: 10:20 am

Finish: 3:35 pm

Chief Councillor

R. Stacey Laforme

Councillor

Evan Sault

Councillor

Cathie Jamieson

Councillor

Veronica King-Jamieson (via Zoom)

Councillor/Chair

Erma Ferrell

Councillor

Rodger LaForme (via Zoom)

Councillor

Julie Laforme (via Zoom)

Recording Officer

Charlotte Smith

Executive Director of Operations

Kerri King

Chief Financial Officer

Gary Phillips

Ex. Dir. Of Intergovernmental Affairs

Katelyn LaForme

Guest

Dorothy Patterson

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 – OPEN MEETING

Chair/Councillor Erma Ferrell opened the meeting at 10:20 am.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2 – REVIEW AND ACCEPT AGENDA & DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

MOTION NO. 1

MOVED BY EVAN SAULT

SECONDED BY CATHIE JAMIESON

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Financial Planning & Fiscal Oversight Council accepts the Agenda with the following additions and deletions:

- Agenda Item No. 11f) – First Nations with Schools Collective (VKJ);
- Agenda Item No. 16, 17, 18, and 19 will be deferred to the next Special Council – Strategy Meeting on Thursday, September 23, 2021;
- Agenda Item No. 28b) – In-Camera Item;
- Agenda Item No. 28c) – In-Camera Item;
- Agenda Item No. 28d) – In-Camera Item.

Carried

When we get to Agenda Item No. 14, Councillor VKJ will excuse herself because of a Conflict of Interest.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 – REVIEW AND ACCEPT THE PUBLIC MINUTES OF THE FINANCIAL PLANNING & FISCAL OVERSIGHT COUNCIL MEETING DATED TUESDAY, AUGUST 3, 2021

MOTION NO. 2

MOVED BY EVAN SAULT

SECONDED BY RODGER BILL LAFORME

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Financial Planning & Fiscal Oversight Council accepts the Public minutes of the Financial Planning and Fiscal Oversight Council Meeting dated Tuesday, August 23, 2021.

Carried

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4 – MATTERS ARISING FROM COUNCIL MINUTES

4.1 – Letter dated September 1, 2021, signed by the Chief and sent to Mariusz Karczewski informing him that MCFN Chief and Council do not issue MCFN Passports or Permanent Resident documentation.

Dorothy Patterson in at 10:25 am.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5 – DOROTHY PATTERSON TO DO PRESENTATION ON ELECTIONS CANADA (DOCUMENTATION WILL BE HANDED OUT AT MEETING)

Dorothy Patterson introduced herself. She is the Polling Officer for the upcoming election, which Polling Station will be set up at The Gathering Place, 2593 Chiefswood Road, Six Nations, Ohsweken, Ontario.

Advance Poll will be September 10, 11, 12, and 13, 2021 from 9:00 am to 9:00 pm. The official Election Day is on Monday, September 20, 2021.

There are hiring opportunities: go to Elections.ca and then press jobs.

For mail-in ballots, the address is 150 Savannah Drive, Brantford, Ontario.

DIRECTION NO. 1

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Financial Planning & Fiscal Oversight Council directs Administration to make certain that all the information that Dorothy Patterson presented today regarding the Election will be forwarded to the MCFN Community.

Dorothy Patterson out at 10:35 am.

Council moved to Agenda Item No. 7.

Culture & Events Coordinator and Special Projects Worker zoomed in at 10:40 am.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7 – MOCCASIN IDENTIFIER (MI) – TOURISM RELIEF FUND (TRF) GRANT APPLICATION (CULTURE & EVENTS COORDINATOR)

Culture and Events Coordinator is seeking approval for the Moccasin Identifier to submit an application to the Tourism Relief Fund Grant in the amount of \$497,900.00. We are seeking the Tourism Relief Fund for dollars to fund important aspects to continue work to reach the Moccasin Identifier vision that are not currently in the Greenbelt funding.

Due to the prolonged impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic Moccasin Identifier needs to adapt our strategy to continue its mission. It has been identified that Moccasin Identifier will need to produce ten (10) videos. These videos will supplement the Educational Kit Curriculum, and act as an alternative option to in-person presentations There will be one (1) video per grade 1-8, one (1) instructional video (train the trainer) and one (1) background video. The estimated cost to produce these videos is \$100,000.00.

Another main focus of this grant application is the creation of two (2) new staff positions. A Tourism Coordinator who will support with regional cultural events programming and partnership development to share Moccasin Identifier and cultural activities, and a Tourism Admin who will support with social media, coordinate needs as required and facilitate the Youth Ambassador Program. These two (2) new positions will cost a total of one hundred sixty-five thousand dollars (\$165,000.00) with a total staffing request of two hundred sixty-eight thousand nine hundred dollars (\$268,900.00). The Tourism Coordinator and Tourism Admin will work under the Special Events and Culture Unit.

MOTION NO. 3

MOVED BY EVAN SAULT

SECONDED BY VERONICA KING-JAMIESON

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Financial Planning & Fiscal Oversight Council approves Moccasin Identifier's grant application and budget in the amount of \$497,900.00 (Four Hundred Ninety-Seven Thousand Nine Hundred Dollars) to the Tourism Relief Fund. These dollars will cover a time period of approximately 18 months. Dollars will flow through Department # 100503.

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

DIRECTION NO. 2

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Financial Planning & Fiscal Oversight Council directs the Culture and Events Coordinator to meet with the Executive Director of Operations to finalize details on the hiring of two workers (Tourism Coordinator and Tourism Administrative Assistant) for this Project.

Culture & Events Coordinator and Special Projects Worker zoomed out at 10:50 am.

Council moved back to Agenda Item No. 6.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6 – MYLES BROWN TO DO PRESENTATION ON HYDRO ONE POLLINATOR GARDENS PROPOSAL

Myles Brown was a no show.

Council moved to Agenda Item No. 8.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8 – MUSEUM ASSISTANCE PROGRAM GRANT PROGRAM (MAP) – CATALOGUE & DOCUMENT ARTIFACTS (EF)

Councillor EF noted in her Briefing Note that Jasmine Proteau, Exhibitions and Collections Curator from the Town of Lincoln would like to know if MCFN is interested in partnering with the Town of Lincoln to apply for that MAP (Museum Assistance Program) Grant. The Town of Lincoln would hire someone for two years to catalogue, photograph and rehouse approximately 2,000 artifacts.

Chief suggested looking at putting together a long term strategy.

Councillor VKJ informed that an MCFN Member would be hired under the Town of Lincoln.

MOTION NO. 4

MOVED BY R. STACEY LAFORME

SECONDED BY EVAN SAULT

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Financial Planning & Fiscal Oversight Council approves the recommendation to partner with the Town of Lincoln to participate in the Museum Assistance Program (MAP) Grant Application.

Further, the MCFN Artifacts Committee will work with Jasmine Proteau to complete the application.

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9 – ANISHINAABE ARTIFACTS – CANOES – AUCTION (EF)

Councillor EF noted in her Briefing Note that there is an online auction for two Anishinaabe Birchbark Canoes. Thus far, there is no closing date of the auction. Is Chief and Council interested in placing a bid?

Chief advised that he is in agreement, but the canoes would have to be authentic.

Council RBL questioned if the dollars have to be US or Canadian. Councillor EF answered that it would be in Canadian dollars.

MOTION NO. 5

MOVED BY R. STACEY LAFORME

SECONDED BY EVAN SAULT

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Financial Planning & Fiscal Oversight Council agrees to participate in the Hindman Auction to purchase two canoes valued between \$1,000.00 (One Thousand Dollars) and \$1,500.00 (One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars) each. MCFN will bid up to a maximum of \$2,000.00 (Two Thousand Dollars) each (Canadian dollars) to a maximum of \$4,000.00 (Four Thousand Dollars). These funds will be expensed to the Casino dollars.

Carried

2nd Reading Waived**AGENDA ITEM NO. 10 – NCVGB – NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH & RECONCILIATION (A/SED DIRECTOR)**

A/SED Director is requesting that the New Credit Variety & Gas Bar (NCVGB) Policy be updated to reflect that the staff get the day of September 30th off beginning in 2021 and onward just like the other staff of MCFN.

MOTION NO. 6

MOVED BY JULIE LAFORME

SECONDED BY CATHIE JAMIESON

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Financial Planning & Fiscal Oversight Council approves that September 30th – the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation be added to the NCVGB Policy, effective immediately.

Carried

2nd Reading Waived**AGENDA ITEM NO. 11a) – NOTICE TO HUNTERS (EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS)**

Executive Director of Intergovernmental Affairs noted in her Briefing Note that MCFN hunters are expressing an interest in hunting in the North. She (Executive Director of Intergovernmental Affairs) was asked by the Executive Director of Operations to draft an updated Notice to MCFN Members regarding hunting in the North, whereas MCFN recommends that MCFN Members obtain a Shipman letter prior to hunting in another Territory.

There is a Notice to Hunters, but it is dated September 2017. The Notice indicated that the Chief and Council of the day were not willing to provide required consent outside of the reserve boundary as the original territory is too vast.

Executive Director of Intergovernmental Affairs will touch base with Councillor CJ, who says that the updated Notice would go to the LMR Department to be confirmed. Councillor CJ added that we still need to go to other First Nations to get permission to hunt in their territory.

Chief stated that we have to figure out how we can hunt in our own Traditional Territory.

DIRECTION NO. 3

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Financial Planning & Fiscal Oversight Council directs the Executive Director of Intergovernmental Affairs to bring back to Chief and Council an updated Notice to Hunters.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 11b) – RESCHEDULING SPECIAL LAND CLAIMS MEETING (EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS)

It was agreed that the next date for a Special Land Claims Meeting will be held on Friday, October 15, 2021. Chief stated that he would like all of Council to attend this meeting.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 11c) – MASSEY COLLEGE CEREMONY – VERBAL UPDATE (EF)

Councillor Erma Ferrell noted that the Massey College Ceremony will take place on Thursday, September 30, 2021.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 11d) – FYI – LSKES EXPANSION UPDATE (EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS)

Executive Director of Intergovernmental Affairs noted that there has been a change in the School Space Accommodation Standards as designated by Indigenous Services Canada.

Currently the LSK Elementary School Expansion has a design GFA of **652.2** m². The decision to expand beyond the original 414 m² was being made toward the end of April, 2021 and ISC was insisting MCFN submit a BCR indicating the First Nation is aware that they would be responsible for those additional costs. The current expansion area is still less than the 777.7 m² and does not include the 69 m² of Outdoor Education Allowance space.

Given the time and design completion, the LSKES Expansion Committee does not want to revisit design as a whole, but believe it is reasonable to expect ISC to pay for the full LSK Elementary Expansion and allow for the 69 m² of outdoor learning space.

Executive Director of Intergovernmental Affairs has sent the change and our BCR to education's Legal Counsel, Kent Elson to review for opinion. She has not heard back from him at this time.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 11e) – VERBAL NOTE – A LIBERAL PARTY CANDIDATE FROM SIX NATIONS WOULD LIKE TO MEET WITH COUNCIL ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2021 (EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS)

Alison MacDonald, a Liberal Candidate will come to the next Governance Internal & Intergovernmental Council Meeting on Tuesday, September 14, 2021.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 11f) – FIRST NATIONS WITH SCHOOLS COLLECTIVE (VKJ)

It is noted in the Briefing Note that this memo pertains to the unspent 2020-2021 funds of the First Nations with Schools Collective by fiscal year end. FNWSC 20-21 DEFERRED Education Partnership Program-Structural Readiness (EPP-SR) funds and Regional Education Agreement (REA) is managed by Leslee White-Eye, SRC, and administered by the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN). The following is the approved budget for the deferred amount of \$260,756.00.

A deferral plan for these funds is also attached. These plans are reported to Indigenous Services Canada as per the funding agreement.

The funds are to be allocated to the line items according to MCFN codes. This budget was approved at the Education Funding Formula Reference Group held on July 16, 2021.

Miigwech to Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation for administering the financial accounts for FNWSC for second year 2021-2022.

This memo pertains to the approval letter received from Indigenous Services Canada on June 14, 2021 confirming the FNWSC's Education Partnerships Program-Structural Readiness Coordinator 2021-2022 proposal was approved for \$443,154.82.

MOTION NO. 7

MOVED BY R. STACEY LAFORME

SECONDED BY EVAN SAULT

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Financial Planning & Fiscal Oversight Council approve the administering the financial account of First Nation With School Collective (FNWSC) for April 1, 2021 to March 31, 2022 per approval letter received from Indigenous Service Canada on June 14, 2021 confirming the FNWSC's Education Partnerships Program Structure Readiness Coordinator proposal as outlined in Appendix A / projected cash flow for \$443,154.82.

Funds allocated to Account No. 500905
(Director of Lifelong Learning)

Carried
2nd Reading Waived

MOTION NO. 8

MOVED BY R. STACEY LAFORME

SECONDED BY CATHIE JAMIESON

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Financial Planning & Fiscal Oversight Council approves the unspent April 1, 2020-March 31, 2021 funds (\$260,756.00) of the First Nations with Schools Collective for fiscal year end 2020-2021 DEFERRED Education Partnership Program-Structural Readiness (EPP-SR) funds and Regional Education Agreement (REA) is managed by Leslee White-Eye, SRC, and administered by the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN).

A deferral plan (Appendix A) for these funds are reported to Indigenous Services Canada as per the funding agreement.

The funds are to be allocated to the line items according to MCFN codes (see attached projected cash flow 2021.2022).

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

MOTION NO. 9

MOVED BY EVAN SAULT

SECONDED BY CATHIE JAMIESON

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Financial Planning & Fiscal Oversight Council moved In-Camera at 12:10 pm.

Carried