

**MISSISSAUGAS OF THE CREDIT FIRST NATION
EDUCATION & WELLNESS COUNCIL
PUBLIC MINUTES
Tuesday, November 23, 2021**

Start 10:20 am

Finish 3:40 pm

Chief Councillor

R. Stacey Laforme

Councillor

Erma Ferrell

Councillor

Rodger LaForme (Vacation)

Councillor/Chair

Evan Sault (via Zoom)

Councillor

Veronica King-Jamieson

Councillor

Cathie Jamieson

Councillor

Julie LaForme (Zoom)

Executive Director of Operations

Kerri King

Recorder

Charlotte Smith

Chief Financial Officer

Gary Phillips

Ex. Dir. of Intergovernmental Affairs

Katelyn LaForme

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 – OPEN MEETING

Chair/Councillor Evan Sault opened the meeting at 10:20 am. Chief will be leaving at 11:30 am for another meeting.

NOTE: Chair informed that if he hears no opposition to any of the recommendations, he will consider that as 2nd Reading is Waived.

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

MOTION NO. 1

MOVED BY JULIE LAFORME

SECONDED BY CATHIE JAMIESON

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Education & Wellness Council accepts the Agenda with the following additions:

- Agenda Item No. 8b) – Board of Education Appointment (VKJ);
- Agenda Item No. 17a) – In-Camera Item.

Carried

When we get to Agenda Item No. 13, Councillor VKJ will excuse herself because of a Conflict of Interest.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 – REVIEW & ACCEPT PUBLIC MINUTES OF EDUCATION & WELLNESS COUNCIL MEETING DATED TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2021

MOTION NO. 2

MOVED BY CATHIE JAMIESON

SECONDED BY JULIE LAFORME

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Education & Wellness Council accepts the Public Minutes of the Education and Wellness Council Meeting dated Tuesday, September 28, 2021.

Carried

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4 - MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

4.1 – FYI - Letter signed by the Chief and Councillor Erma Ferrell and sent to Fatema Moyyadi/Community Outreach thanking them for their generous donation regarding the event of July 10, 2021.

4.2 – FYI - Letter signed by the Chief and sent to ALFDC regarding Board Representatives.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5 – COUNCIL ORIENTATION MATERIALS (KK)

A/Chief Operating Officer (Kerri King) is providing this material for the 2021-2023 Council Orientation which is scheduled for Monday, December 13 to Thursday, December 16, 2021. At every Orientation, various policies and presentations are made to the Council as a means of familiarizing the new Council to important policies, practices and processes.

A/Chief Operating Officer (Kerri King) reviewed the last Orientation material and have prepared it for formal approval. There have been some slight amendments made to the materials (grammar, punctuation), but overall, they are consistent with last term. Further, the Agenda has been updated to reflect the new Swearing In date of Thursday, December 16, 2021. It is recommended that the two terms of Council meet during Orientation Week for knowledge transfer purposes.

A/Chief Operating Officer (Kerri King) reiterated that she will revise the Agenda, and will add an hour long plan of moving forward.

Councillor EF has a concern about the conflict of interest when it comes to a close friend. She suggested that Council have a short Strategy Plan meeting in January.

Councillor VKJ noted that the Oath was by acclamation, and questions if this could be changed, Further, all the Ad Hoc Committees should be discussed with new Council.

A/Chief Operating Officer (Kerri King) noted that there needs to be new direction on mileage. Chief stated that he uses the limo, but if he can no longer use it, then he needs to know. A/Chief Operating Officer (Kerri King) will revamp the mileage section of the Policy, and will bring it back to Chief and Council on Tuesday, December 7, 2021.

Councillor EF suggested that if Chief and Council are using the limo, then staff should use it also. However, Councillor JL disagrees. Councillor EF then added that we can also take the Go Train.

MOTION NO. 3

MOVED BY JULIE LAFORME

SECONDED BY CATHIE JAMIESON

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Education & Wellness Council approves the proposed 2021-2021 Council Orientation Materials, including:

- 21-23 Council Orientation Agenda
- 21-23 Full Council Oath of Office
- 21-23 Individual Oath of Office
- 21-23 Confidentiality Guidelines
- 21-23 Conflict of Interest Guidelines
- 21-23 Rules of Decorum

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

NOTE: Chief and Council Policy will come back to the next Financial Planning & Fiscal Oversight Council Meeting on Tuesday, December 7, 2021 once the Policy is revised.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6 – FORMER GREEN WILLOW PROPERTY (EF)

Councillor EF brought this item to the Council Table regarding the former Green Willow property. She reiterated that to date nothing has been done with the property which includes 48 acres.

It was agreed by Chief and Council that this property will be designated as a Cultural, Heritage and Educational Historical Site.

A cash settlement in the amount of \$685,000.00 was received from Hydro One regarding the Niagara Reinforcement Line. This money has been deposited into the Culture and Community Development Fund.

Moving forward, the Public Works Department will be the lead to work on this file. They would need a design concept team to do the infrastructure.

Chief noted that people have come here to learn about us, and it would be ideal to have a Culture and Educational Centre.

Executive Director of Intergovernmental Affairs suggested that the Committee could apply to the MNCFN Community Trust for a Project Manager. Executive Director of Operations noted that this would fall under the Public Works Department to apply to the Community Trust.

MOTION NO. 4

MOVED BY R. STACEY LAFORME

SECONDED BY ERMA FERRELL

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Education & Wellness Council approves that the former Green Willow Property is designated as a Cultural, Heritage, and Educational Historical Site. Furthermore, the Public Works Department is directed to be the Lead Administrative Body on the file.

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

Culture & Events Coordinator zoomed in at 11:35 am.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7 – MAJOR EVENTS COMMITTEE MEMBERS (CULTURE & EVENTS COORDINATOR)

Culture and Events Coordinator noted in her Briefing Note that the Major Events Committee (MEC) includes two Council members, Culture and Events Coordinator as Administration Lead, two MCFN member positions and one youth member seat.

The five existing members, Councillor Evan Sault (chair), Councillor Erma Ferrell, Culture and Events Coordinator, Jamie-Lynn Gillingham (two-year member term), Mya King-Green (youth term) are recommending that the two member seats currently remain status quo.

Due to the pandemic all of the major events and annual events that the Major Events Committee participated in were cancelled beginning in March 2020. Due to this, the MEC members that are currently in place were unable to participate in their full MEC roles. It was discussed during a MEC meeting on November 16, 2021 that MEC would like to see these member terms remain status quo so they can fulfil their entire terms and experience different major events that we were unable to attend since March 2020.

MOTION NO. 5

MOVED BY VERONICA KING-JAMIESON

SECONDED BY JULIE LAFORME

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Education & Wellness Council approves the recommendations of the Major Events Committee (MEC) to keep the existing MEC member terms status quo effective immediately until March 31, 2023, and further, post a call out for the one remaining MEC member seat that needs to be filled.

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

Culture & Events Coordinator zoomed out at 11:45 am.

Coordinator for EarlyON and Family Programs zoomed in at 11:45 am.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8a) – KINAA SHPANDAAGZIWAG BINOJJIYAG – EVERY CHILD MATTERS UNITY AND REMEMBRANCE WALK (COORDINATOR OF EARLYON PROGRAMS)

Coordinator of EarlyON Programs noted in her Briefing Note that she is seeking Council approval for an Every Child Matters Unity and Remembrance Walk to be held annually on September 29th.

The ECM walk was well received and attended by both the on and off reserve Membership and community allies. Several suggestions for an annual event were received.

The goal of the event is to unify and support the Community as the ongoing discovery of unmarked graves are located throughout the country. Additionally, the event brings awareness of the ongoing harms caused by the IRS system. Considering that The National Day of Truth and Reconciliation will be an annual day off on September 30th the Committee is requesting that the Walk be held on September 29th.

MOTION NO. 6

MOVED BY JULIE LAFORME

SECONDED BY CATHIE JAMIESON

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Education & Wellness Council approves of the Kinaa Shpandaagziwag Binojjiyag - Every Child Matters Annual Event. Funding application will be submitted to the MCFN Community Trust first, secondary funding will be requested from the Administration Special Events Department if required.

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

DIRECTION NO. 1

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Education & Wellness Council directs the Executive Director of Operations that the Committee for Every Child Matters will prepare a budget which will be brought back to Chief and Council for approval. In addition, this budget will be added to the annual budget.

Coordinator for EarlyON and Family Programs zoomed out at 11:55 am.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8b) – BOARD OF EDUCATION APPOINTMENT (VKJ)

Councillor VKJ is seeking approval for MCFN Member Carly Szabo to be appointed to the Board of Education for a two year term as outlined in the Terms of Reference.

Recently, one Board Member resigned, and we posted for another member to apply. We received one application, that of Carly Szabo. Carly’s Grandmother is Marie Tobicoe.

Councillor EF questioned if the Board of Education would be involved in LSK matters. Executive Director of Intergovernmental Affairs answered that it is not the role of the Board to get involved in school matters.

MOTION NO. 7

MOVED BY CATHIE JAMIESON

SECONDED BY JULIE LAFORME

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Education & Wellness Council approves Carly Szabo as the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation Board of Education Member for a two-year period effective January 1, 2022.

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

MOTION NO. 8

MOVED BY CATHIE JAMIESON

SECONDED BY JULIE LAFORME

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Education & Wellness Council moved In-Camera at 1:10 pm.

Carried