

MISSISSAUGAS OF THE CREDIT FIRST NATION
INFRASTRUCTURE & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
COUNCIL MEETING
PUBLIC MINUTES

Tuesday, October 26, 2021

Start 10:04 am

Finish 12:50 pm

Chief Councillor/Chair

R. Stacey Laforme

Councillor

Erma Ferrell

Councillor

Cathie Jamieson

Councillor

Evan Sault

Councillor

Rodger LaForme

Councillor

Veronica King-Jamieson

Councillor

Julie Laforme (via Zoom)

Recorder

Charlotte Smith

Executive Director of Operations

Kerri King

Chief Financial Officer

Gary Phillips

PW Director

Arland LaForme (via Zoom)

Ex. Dir. Of Intergovernmental Affairs

Katelyn LaForme

Guest

Adrian Blake

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 – OPEN MEETING

Chair/Chief R. Stacey Laforme opened the meeting at 10:02 am.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2 – REVIEW & ACCEPT AGENDA & DECLARE ANY CONFLICT OF INTEREST

MOTION NO. 1

MOVED BY JULIE LAFORME

SECONDED BY EVAN SAULT

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Infrastructure & Community Development Council accepts the Agenda with the following additions:

- Agenda Item No. 7d) – Newsletter – Should Campaign Letters be Allowed in the Newsletter (KK)
- Agenda Item No. 7e) – Update on Meeting with Caledon Council (RSL);
- Agenda Item No. 15c) – In-Camera Item.

Carried

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 – REVIEW & ACCEPT PUBLIC MINUTES OF INFRASTRUCTURE & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL MEETING DATED TUESDAY, AUGUST 24, 2021

MOTION NO. 2

MOVED BY EVAN SAULT

SECONDED BY RODGER BILL LAFORME

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Infrastructure & Community Development Council accepts the Public Minutes of the Infrastructure and Community Development Council Meeting dated Tuesday, August 24, 2021.

Carried

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4 – MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

4.1 – Letter dated Monday, October 18, 2021 was signed by the Chief and sent to Jasmine Proteau regarding Letter of Support for Map Indigenous Project with Lincoln Memorial & Cultural Centre.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5 – APPROVAL FOR HOUSING DEPARTMENT TO APPROACH MCFN COMMUNITY TRUST REGARDING CONSTRUCTION OF AN ADDITIONAL HOME EACH AND EVERY YEAR STARTING 2022-2023 (HOUSING DIRECTOR)

It was noted in the Housing Director's Briefing Note that meetings between the Housing Director and Councillor ES have taken place regarding the possibility of constructing an additional home under the Community Trust. At the April 6, 2021 Financial Planning and Fiscal Oversight Council Meeting, Council Motion No. 3 was approved and the Housing Budget was amended accordingly.

Housing is constructing additional houses this year based on additional funding through ISC (Indigenous Services Canada) and are in the process of looking for additional individuals to construct this year as reports to ISC are to be submitted once funding is spent. ISC reporting deadline is March 31, 2022.

Councillor ES stated that he brought this to Council two and a half months ago.

Chief Financial Officer informed that repayment will go into reserves.

A/COO – Executive Director of Operations advised that the Housing Application is now down to seven pages, and is not so cumbersome.

It is noted that up to \$200,000.00 is now being allotted for a house.

MOTION NO. 3

MOVED BY ERMA FERRELL

SECONDED BY JULIE LAFORME

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Infrastructure & Community Development Council approves the Housing Director to approach the MCFN Community Trust and submit an application to the MCFN Community Trust requesting an annual approval of \$200,000.00 to be allotted to the Housing Department in order to construct one (1) additional home per year commencing the 2022/23 year and every year thereafter with the understanding that a Report will be completed yearly for each home constructed under the MCFN Community Trust.

Carried
2nd Reading Waived

Council moved to Agenda Item No. 7b).

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7b) – ISC NOTICE OF AMENDING AGREEMENT #0055 – AMENDMENT TO MOTION (EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS)

A/COO – Executive Director of Operations noted in her Briefing Note that Council approval is needed to allocate funding as per Amendment No. 55 to the LDM (Local Delivery Mechanism).

An Amendment is needed to update the Council Motion to reflect that the \$148,316.28 will be allocated to the Local Delivery Mechanism Budget 700950.

MOTION NO. 4

MOVED BY ERMA FERRELL

SECONDED BY CATHIE JAMIESON

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Infrastructure & Community Development Council agrees to revise second reading of the Amendment #55 Motion as follows:

That the Mississaugas of the Credit (MCFN) Council accepts and authorizes the signing of the Indigenous Services Canada Amending Agreement #0055 to provide fixed funding in the total amount of **\$303,318.28 (three hundred and three thousand, three hundred eighteen dollars and twenty-eight cents)** comprised of the following:

Fixed funding in the amount of **\$148,316.28 (one hundred forty-eight thousand, three hundred sixteen dollars and twenty-eight cents):**

Program Service Area: Education
Program Inventory: EDUCATION - D0034
Budget Activity: YOUTH EMPLMT STRATEGY - B3417 Fund: 337
Functional Area: FNS&INUIT-SKILL LINK PROG - Q26G (C0000 - DEFAULT ACCOUNT)
(2023/03/31);

(Dollars to be designated to Local Delivery Mechanism budget 700950);

And fixed funding in the amount of **\$121,178.00 (one hundred twenty-one thousand, one hundred and seventy-eight dollars):**

Program Service Area: Community Infrastructure
Program Inventory: WATER & WASTEWATER - D0056
Budget Activity: O&M-WTR&WASTEWATER INFRA - B5612 Fund: 379

Functional Area: WASTEWATER SYSTEMS - Q35A (CRKK0 - FNWWAP ENHANCED OM WASTEWATER) (2023/03/31);

(Dollars will be allocated to Public Works budget 200302);

And fixed funding in the amount of **\$33,824.00 (thirty-three thousand, eight hundred and twenty-four dollars):**

Program Service Area: Community Infrastructure

Program Inventory: WATER & WASTEWATER - D0056

Budget Activity: O&M-WTR&WASTEWATER INFRA - B5612 Fund: 379

Functional Area: WATER SYSTEMS - Q35B (CRKJY - FNWWAP ENHANCED OM WATER) (2023/03/31).

(Dollars will be allocated to Public Works budget 200302).

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

Council moved back to Agenda Item No. 6.

PW Director zoomed in at 10:15 am.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6 – REVISED TRUCK PURCHASE – PWD BUDGET ITEM (PW DIRECTOR)

PW Director noted in his Briefing Note that a Motion is required in order for Chief and Council to authorize the Public Works Department to revise the approved Public Works Department Budget for a truck purchase to assist with grounds maintenance for all First Nations owned properties and the future Property Management Division.

PW Department has approved a total of \$78,152.00 in the 2021/2022 budget. And further, PW Department requires a new budget amount to cover the cost difference for the equipment Purchase.

This item is deferred to the next Financial Planning & Fiscal oversight Council Meeting dated Tuesday, November 2, 2021.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7a) – FIBRE OPTICS PROJECT – FIBRE OPTICS ADHOC COMMITTEE/ROGERS (PW DIRECTOR)

PW Director noted in his Briefing Note that a Motion of Council is required to authorize Rogers to enter MCFN and gather information from membership to assist with the Fibre Optics Project build. Rogers will require consent form process, door to door visits, lease agreement approval, MCFN address release information and future zoom session approval for presentation to the membership.

MCFN has experienced connectivity issues for many years and have struggled with an unreliable internet signal for daily business functions unlike surrounding communities. MCFN has not had the financial resources to address these issues resulting in this connectivity problem affecting not only to First Nation owned assets and departments but the entire band membership.

Since March 2020 when the world was negatively impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic the MCFN membership suffered even more due to not having a reliable internet signal to allow membership to fulfill the in work/home learning requirements stipulated by both levels of government which is not practical at this time in comparison to other surrounding communities.

The main goal of this project is to upgrade the internet signal currently servicing MCFN organization and membership households. With this upgrade, it will improve efficiency and functionality in the day-to-day operations and make available a reliable internet signal for the MCFN membership to eliminate those “work/learn from home communication barriers”.

MOTION NO. 5

MOVED BY ERMA FERRELL

SECONDED BY CATHIE JAMIESON

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Infrastructure & Community Development Council approves the following:

1. Consent Form Process – (see attached information);
2. Door to Door Visits – Councillor Evan Sault to accompany Rogers Representative;
3. Lease Agreement – Authorize A/Chief Operating Officer to sign;
4. Release of MCFN Addresses to Rogers – Media & Communications Director, Georgia LaForme to provide a current mailing list addresses to Public Works Department;
5. Approve the zoom session presentation for membership’s information.

Carried
2nd Reading Waived

PW Director zoomed out at 10:25 am.

Council moved to Agenda Item No. 7c).

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7c) – ISC NOTICE OF AMENDING AGREEMENT #0056 (EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS)

A/COO – Executive Director of Operations noted in her Briefing Note that MCFN’s Comprehensive Funding Agreement (CFA) No. 1920-ON-000002 provides for changes to the Agreement by way of “Notice of Budget Adjustment” or an “Amending Agreement”. The former where funding for a service or activity is changed in accordance with an adjustment factor, and the latter for new funds.

Council is required to approve to approve and accept the Amending Agreement #0056 to provide set funding in the total amount of \$1,235,102.00 comprised of the following:

Set funding for lost Own Source Revenue due to Covid-19 pandemic in the amount of \$1,235,102.00.

Once approved, the Chief Financial Officer will submit the amendment via email. These dollars will be allocated to the respective department’s 2021-2022 budget.

A/COO – Executive Director of Operations noted the Chief Financial Officer will be doing all this from now on, and will also present these Agreements to Chief and Council.

Chief Financial Officer noted that he filed for loss of own source revenue, and the biggest loss was NCVGB and the DOCA Department.

MOTION NO. 6

MOVED BY CATHIE JAMIESON

SECONDED BY RODGER BILL LAFORME

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Infrastructure & Community Development Council accepts and authorizes the signing of the Indigenous Services Canada Amending Agreement #0056 to provide Set funding in the total amount of **\$1,235,102.00. (One Million, Two Hundred Thirty-Five Thousand, One Hundred and Two Dollars, no cents):**

Funds to be allocated to 100000 – 400200.

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7d) – SHOULD CAMPAIGN LETTERS BE ALLOWED IN THE EAGLEPRESS NEWSLETTER? (EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS)

A/COO – Executive Director of Operations informed that the Communications and Engagement Lead received a letter asking if Councillors running for the next Council Term can use the Newsletter to campaign.

It was agreed that no campaign letters will be allowed in the Eaglepress Newsletter.

DIRECTION NO. 1

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Infrastructure & Community Development Council directs the Executive Director of Operations to inform relevant departments that Campaign Letters will not be allowed in the Eaglepress Newsletter.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7e) – UPDATE ON MEETING WITH CALEDON COUNCIL (RSL)

Chief received a letter via email from Mayor Allan Thompson of the Town of Caledon confirming that the meeting with both parties (MCFN Chief and Council and Mayor and Councillors from the Town of Caledon) was a success. Chief agrees that it was progressive and successful.

DIRECTION NO. 2

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Infrastructure & Community Development Council directs the Executive Director of Intergovernmental Affairs to forward Motion of the meeting with Caledon Council.

MOTION NO. 7

MOVED BY ERMA FERRELL

SECONDED BY CATHIE JAMIESON

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Infrastructure & Community Development Council moved In-Camera at 10:40 am.

Carried