

MISSISSAUGAS OF THE CREDIT FIRST NATION
LAND, WATER & SUSTAINABLE PROSPERITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC MINUTES
 Tuesday, February 15, 2022

Start 10:07 am

Finish 4:35 pm

Chief Councillor

R. Stacey Laforme

Councillor

Erma Ferrell

Councillor

Andrea King

Councillor

Ashley Sault

Councillor

Evan Sault (via Zoom)

Councillor

Kelly LaForme (via Zoom)

Councillor

Veronica King-Jamieson (via Zoom)

Councillor/Chair

Fawn Sault

Recorder

Charlotte Smith

Executive Director of Operations

Kerri King

Chief Financial Officer

Gary Phillips (via Zoom)

A/Ex. Dir. of Intergovernmental Affairs

Margaret Sault (via Zoom)

PW Director

Arland LaForme

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 – OPEN MEETING

Chair/Councillor Fawn Sault opened the meeting at 10:07 am.

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

MOTION NO. 1

MOVED BY ANDREA KING

SECONDED BY VERONICA KING-JAMIESON

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

- Agenda Item No. 10a) – Mississauga Nation Language Initiative (KK);
- Agenda Item No. 10b) – Verbal Update on Nathan Tidridge (EF);
- Agenda Item No. 10c) – Verbal Update on City of Vaughn (EF);
- Agenda Item No. 11 – Deferred to another meeting;
- Agenda Item No. 18a) – In-Camera Item.

Carried

There were no Conflicts of Interest on any of the Agenda Items.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 – REVIEW & ACCEPT THE PUBLIC MINUTES OF LAND, WATER & SUSTAINABLE PROSPERITY COUNCIL MEETING DATED TUESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2022

MOTION NO. 2

MOVED BY R. STACEY LAFORME

SECONDED BY ANDREA KING

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Financial Planning & Fiscal Oversight Council accepts the Public minutes of the Land, Water and Sustainable Prosperity Council Meeting dated Tuesday, January 18, 2022.

Carried

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4 – MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no Matters Arising from the Minutes.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5 – INDIGENOUS SERVICES CANADA (ISC) FUNDING AMENDMENT OF \$2,243,321.00 AGREEMENT 1819-ON-000001 AMENDMENT 0061 (CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER)

Chief Financial Officer noted in his Briefing Note that ISC has issued Funding Amendment #61 to the Agreement 1819-ON-000001 in the amount of \$2,243,321.00 for Education towards the LSK Expansion Project requiring acceptance by Chief and Council.

Funding Amendment #61 will provide additional funding towards the LSK Expansion Project for the year ended March 31, 2022. This funding of \$2,243,321.00 from Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) is flex funding and available until the current LSK Expansion Project is completed.

MOTION NO. 3

MOVED BY R. STACEY LAFORME

SECONDED BY ANDREA KING

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Financial Planning & Fiscal Oversight Council moves to accept Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) Funding Amendment 0061 agreement 1819-ON-000001 in the amount of \$2,243,321 (Two Million, Two Hundred and Forty Three Thousand, Three Hundred and Twenty One dollars and Nil Cents) from Indigenous Services Canada and authorize A/COO Kerri King to acknowledge acceptance via email with **“I confirm that I have the authorization of the Council of Mississaugas of the Credit to enter into the attached amendment on behalf of Mississaugas of the Credit by way of electronic mail. Mississaugas of the Credit agrees to the terms and conditions set out in the attached amendment, including any reporting requirements.”**

The LSK Expansion funding is allocated to revenue account Flexible funding # 40310 and Department Capital Planning #500902 for the year ended March 31, 2022.

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 6 – INDIGENOUS SERVICES CANADA (ISC) FUNDING OF \$134,137.53
AGREEMENT 1819-ON-000001 AMENDMENT 0062 (CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER)**

Chief Financial Officer noted in his Briefing Note that Indigenous Services Canada has issued Funding Amendment #0062 to the Agreement 1819-ON-000001 in the amount of \$134,137.53 for Education to be accepted by Chief and Council.

Funding Amendment #0062 will provide funding for initiatives in the amount of \$134,137.53 from Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) in fixed funding and available for Fiscal 2021/2022. The funding will cover the following areas: Lifelong Learning \$60,082.53 for school emergencies, Income Assistance (Basic Needs) \$55,870.00 and Income Assistance (Service Delivery) \$18,185.00.

MOTION NO. 4

MOVED BY R. STACEY LAFORME

SECONDED BY ERMA FERRELL

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Financial Planning & Fiscal Oversight Council moves to accept Indigenous Services Canada Agreement 1819-ON-000001 Amendment 0062 in the amount of \$134,137.53 (One hundred and thirty four thousand, one hundred and thirty seven dollars and 53 cents) for fiscal 2021 / 2022 and authorize A/COO Kerri King to acknowledge acceptance via email with **“I confirm that I have the authorization of the Council of Mississaugas of the Credit to enter into the attached amendment on behalf of Mississaugas of the Credit by way of electronic mail. Mississaugas of the Credit agrees to the terms and conditions set out in the attached amendment, including any reporting requirements.”**

The Lifelong Learning Department School emergencies Covid 19 #500309 revenue account fixed funding 40300.

Ontario Works Income Assistance basic needs #700300 \$55,870.00 revenue account fixed funding 40300

Ontario Works Income Assistance service delivery #700300 \$18,185.00 revenue account fixed funding 40300

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

Council moved to Agenda Item No. 8

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 8 – CHANGING THE NARRATIVE PROJECT – YORK UNIVERSITY
HISTORY DEPARTMENT (EF)**

Councillor EF noted in her Briefing Note that Professor Alan Corbiere/York University History Department, had proposed working with the MCFN to catalogue all of the information received at the Annual Historical Gatherings hosted by the MCFN.

The original contact for this Project was the LMR Director and her department. At this time the LMR Directors's work schedule does not allow her the required time to work with Professor Corbiere to work on the Changing the Narrative Project at York University.

The Project will begin in the Spring of 2022. The Project will run for six weeks beginning May 9, 2022 until late June 2022, and upon completion, the student will receive a course credit with York University.

A/COO – Executive Director of Operations informed that there is an Admin process with any student.

A/Executive Director of Intergovernmental Affairs (Margaret Sault) stated that if the Project starts in May, she will look after it, however, Councillor EF has requested that Darrin Wybenga (Traditional Knowledge and Land Use Coordinator) be approved to look after the Project, as the project information gathering has to start now. Chief stated that Administration can work this out.

MOTION NO. 5

MOVED BY R. STACEY LAFORME

SECONDED BY ANDREA KING

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Financial Planning & Fiscal Oversight Council approves the signing of the agreement to support the Changing of the Narrative Project at York University. A student will be engaged at York University to catalogue all of the documentation the MCFN has on their past Historical Gatherings; which will include all written, recordings and videos. The project will begin May 9, 2022 until late June 2022.

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

Councillor VKJ was not present when Council approved Briefing Notes No. 5 to 8.

Council moved back to Agenda Item No. 7.

PW Director in at 10:30 am.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7 – FUNDING APPLICATION – COLLIER PROJECT LEADERS (PW DIRECTOR)

PW Director noted in his Briefing Note that a Motion is required for MCFN Council to authorize PW Department to collaborate with Colliers Project Leaders to assist with the funding application submission for the planned Administration Building.

Three (3) Options presented to Council for the planned construction of a new Administration Building. “Core Area” location, Highway #6 Location and Community Centre location. Council approved the “Core Area” location and authorized PWD to proceed with this as the selected site option.

MCFN Council approved PW Department to submit an application to the Community Trust for the shovel ready Design Budget Submission in the amount of \$250,000.00.

PW Department prepared and submitted a Business Plan Proposal to the Community Trust for consideration by the Trustees.

Community Trust approved 75% of the application amount of (\$187,500.00).

As a side note, Colliers Project Leaders were contracted as Professional Project Managers to assist with LSK Expansion Project.

MOTION NO. 6

MOVED BY VERONICA KING-JAMIESON

SECONDED BY ANDREA KING

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Financial Planning & Fiscal Oversight Council authorizes the Public Works Department to collaborate with Colliers Project Leaders to fulfill the funding application to fulfill the Indigenous Community Capital Grants Program (ICCGP) funding application requirements for the planned Administration Building requirements for the planned Administration Building.

Finally, authorize Kerri King, Acting Chief Operating Officer to sign any following information required by the submission.

Carried
2nd Reading Waived

Rationale: Application is due on February 18, 2022

PW Director out at 10:50 am.

Council moved to Agenda Item No. 9.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9 – WAMPUM BOOKLET – WAMPUM BELTS OF THE MISSISSAUGAS OF THE CREDIT FIRST NATION (EF)

Councillor EF who is the Pillar 5 Lead, and her Committee, in 2017-2018 worked on a project titled Wampum Booklet. In 2020 the Wampum Booklet was completed and copies were being distributed. Later, Councillor EF was told at a Council Meeting not to distribute any more Booklets, as this could affect MCFN's Land and Water Claims that have already been submitted. Councillor EF was then directed to seek a Legal Opinion. She contacted Kim Fullerton (Legal Counsel) who stated that this Booklet would not affect MCFN's Land and Water Claims. Kim's Legal Opinion was not accepted by Council.

All booklets printed by the MCFN on our history were put on hold and sent to Mr. Donald Smith for his review and critique.

A meeting was scheduled with Donald Smith, A/COO – Executive Director of Operations and Councillor EF. Through the course of the meeting Donald Smith's reply was that the Wampum Booklet was historically accurate.

Pillar 5 Lead and her Committee believe that the Wampum Booklet would be an educational tool to provide to local schools and school boards in the Traditional and Treaty Lands of MCFN, therefore, Councillor EF would like permission to release the Wampum Booklet for distribution. She also stated that a big issue is MCFN's Land Acknowledgements.

Chief questioned what is the narrative. Further, we should have more discussion on other Belts and the Two Row Wampum.

Councillor AK questioned if we are connecting on all levels.

Councillor EF reiterated that we put out the books to emphasize the Belts and educational purposes.

Councillor VKJ requested that this Booklet be brought back to Chief and Council for further discussion, and, she will provide a draft of the Treaties.

DIRECTION NO. 1

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Financial Planning & Fiscal Oversight Council directs Councillor Erma Ferrell bring the Wampum Booklet to the next Governance Internal and Intergovernmental Council Meeting dated Tuesday, March 8, 2022 for further discussion and possible revisions.

DIRECTION NO. 2

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Financial Planning & Fiscal Oversight Council directs Councillor Veronica King-Jamieson to provide her information such as a draft of the Treaties etc. to Councillor Erma Ferrell with regard to the Wampum Booklet which Councillor Erma Ferrell will be bringing back to the next Governance Internal and Intergovernmental Council Meeting dated Tuesday, March 8, 2022.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 10a) – MISSISSAUGA NATION LANGUAGE INITIATIVE (KK)

A/COO – Executive Director of Operations noted in her Briefing Note that Mississauga Nation Coordinator (Councillor VKJ) has reached out to MCFN to gather information as to the effectiveness of the language programs at MCFN to produce second language speakers across the Mississauga Nation.

Michi Saagiig Anishnaabemowin Working Group has been meeting for the past six months to develop curriculum and lesson plans for the Mississauga Nation. The Coordinator has reached out and is specifically requesting feedback. She has also indicated that there is an honorarium of \$200.00 per meeting available for participants. This will be a two-year program.

Councillor KL stated that we should have our language on doors of businesses, such as welcome, thank you etc. in our First Nation.

A/COO – Executive Director of Operations will email the Communications and Engagement Lead and will start moving this project forward.

DIRECTION NO. 3

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Financial Planning & Fiscal Oversight Council to move forward with advertising on our Website, Newsletter and online to find someone who would be interested in participating on the Mississauga Nation Language Initiative, and will be working with Councillor Veronica King-Jamieson.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 10b) – VERBAL UPDATE REGARDING NATHAN TIDRIDGE (EF)

Councillor EF informed that Nathan Tidridge has revised his statement, and she will prepare a letter for the Chief's signature regarding the Jubilee Forest Project.

DIRECTION NO. 4

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Financial Planning & Fiscal Oversight Council directs Councillor Erma Ferrell to prepare a letter for the Chief's signature to Nathan Tidridge regarding the Jubilee Forest Project.

Further, direction is given to Councillor Erma Ferrell to follow up in ensuring there is no disrespect/damage to the ceremonial space when it is not in use.

And further, direction is given to Councillor Erma Ferrell to develop guidelines and procedures for ceremonial spaces eg. design/concept etc.

It is noted that the Culture and Events Coordinator will be involved.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 10c) – CITY OF VAUGHN – MOU (EF)

Councillor EF would like to start working on the MOU between MCFN and the City of Vaughn before June 2022.

Chief informed that Councillor EF could use the template that he has prepared for Halton, which is only three pages.

This item will come back to the Council Table for further discussion.

DIRECTION NO. 5

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Financial Planning & Fiscal Oversight Council directs Councillor Erma Ferrell to meet with Councillor Evan Sault to discuss the City of Vaughn MOU.

MOTION NO. 7

MOVED BY ANDREA KING

SECONDED BY EVAN SAULT

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Financial Planning & Fiscal Oversight Council moved In-Camera at 12:14 pm.

Carried

LUNCH BREAK 12:15 TO 1:00 PM