

**MISSISSAUGAS OF THE CREDIT FIRST NATION
EDUCATION & WELLNESS COUNCIL
PUBLIC MINUTES
Tuesday, September 27, 2022**

Start 10:10 am

Finish 4:55 pm

Chief

R. Stacey Laforme

Councillor

Erma Ferrell

Councillor/Chair

Ashley Sault

Councillor

Veronica King-Jamieson (Away on other Council Business)

Councillor

Andrea King

Councillor

Fawn Sault

Councillor

Kelly LaForme

A/COO – Ex. Dir. of Operations

Kerri King

A/Ex. Dir of Intergov. Affairs

Margaret Sault

Recorder

Charlotte Smith

Director of Lifelong Learning

Patti Barber

PW Director

Arland LaForme

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 – OPEN MEETING

The LSK Drum Group opened the meeting by playing some traditional songs. Chair/Councillor Ashley Sault called the meeting to order at 10:10 am.

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

MOTION NO. 1

MOVED BY ANDREA KING

SECONDED BY GIMAA STACEY LAFORME

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

- Agenda Item No. 4 was added to Agenda Item No. 3;
- Agenda Item No. 6 was moved In-Camera;
- Agenda Item No. 9c) – RCMP and CAS Presence at Every Child Matters Event;
- Agenda Item No. 9d) – City of Mississauga in attendance at Community Centre (KK);
- Agenda Item No. 15 – In-Camera Item – Deleted;
- Agenda Item No. 24 – In-Camera Item – Deferred to next week's Council Meeting;
- Agenda Item No. 29a) – In-Camera Item (MS);
- Agenda Item No. 29b) – In-Camera Item.

Carried

Councillor AK will excuse herself when we get to Agenda Item No. 27. Recorder will excuse herself when we get to Agenda Item No. 26, both for a Conflict of Interest.

PW Director in at 10:10 am.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 – MOTIONS TO BE READ INTO THE MINUTES (THESE MOTIONS WERE APPROVED VIA EMAIL)

MOTION NO. 2

MOVED BY FAWN SAULT

SECONDED BY ASHLEY SAULT

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Education & Wellness Council agrees that due to the high risk COVID-19 situation at the Administration Office, and after consultation with the Community Health Nurse and the Communicable Disease Team, the following enhanced precautions will take place:

1. That the Administrative building staff work remotely for the week of September 19th to the 23rd, as this will take us to the end of the new self-monitoring period (ends midnight on the 25th).
2. That notice be posted of an alternate contact number for Admin inquiries – cell phone will be provided to the receptionist to use and if possible, admin lines will be forwarded.
3. All Accounts Payable processing and payroll will take place remotely as best possible, with the understanding that relevant staff will need to attend the office to prep the cheques for signature.
4. 2 signers attend the office on Wednesday to complete this requirement.
5. Incoming mail for the office be received in the front doors only and will be collected at noon for inside.
6. The A/COO – Executive Director of Operations or designate will attend the office daily from 8:30 to 12:00 to open the doors for mail service and any essential staff. The PW Director will ensure that the building is secured daily at 4:30 for any staff who are working remotely.
7. The Council Meeting of Sept 20, 2022 be cancelled as there is nothing time sensitive. If this is not preferred, then the meeting be held via zoom.
8. That the Caring Together Week activities hosted by Admin be cancelled, and that we seek staff from other departments to meet at the Community Centre on Wednesday to do a drive through food pick up - first come, first served, MCFN families only.
9. An environmental clean of Admin be performed by our external cleaning service.
10. Awareness that if there are any additional cases, this timeframe of remote work may need to be extended.
11. Notice be posted for the community that due to unforeseen circumstances, that the Admin building will be closed to the public during the week of September 19th to the 23rd (no in-person services).
12. Notification be provided to all admin staff that if they attend any Caring Together Week events, that they should be fully masked due to the self-monitoring requirement.
13. Notice be provided to staff within the Admin office as soon as possible, so preparations can be made for a remote work week.

Carried
2nd Reading Waived

MOTION NO. 3

MOVED BY ERMA FERRELL

SECONDED BY ASHLEY SAULT

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Education & Wellness Council approves the Caledon/MCFN Memorandum of Understanding as presented, dated August 31, 2022 for official signing on October 7, 2022.

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

MOTION NO. 4

MOVED BY GIMAA STACEY LAFORME

SECONDED BY FAWN SAULT

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Education & Wellness Council agrees not to observe the September 19th federal holiday in recognition of the funeral of Queen Elizabeth 11, and confirm that all MCFN programs and services will continue status quo.

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

MOTION NO. 5

MOVED BY ANDREA KING

SECONDED BY ASHLEY SAULT

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Education & Wellness Council authorizes the Public Works Director to finalize the First Nations Infrastructure Investment Plan (FNIIP) including the Asset Condition Reporting System (ACRS) Housing and Health and Safety issues for Reports Ontario and Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) to be submitted September 30, 2022. Further, MCFN Council authorize Chief and Council to sign the prepared Band Council Resolution (BCR) to be included with the submission.

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

See BCR No. 319 – 2022-2023.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4 – 2022/2023 FIRST NATIONS INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT PLAN (FNIIP)

This item has been added to Agenda Item No. 3 (Motion No. 5 above).

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5 – SOLID WASTE & RECYCLING CONTRACT EXTENSION (PW DIRECTOR)

PW Director noted in his Briefing Note that a Motion is required to authorize MCFN Public Works Department to proceed with a Solid Waste & Recycling Contract Extension to address the Solid Waste and Recycling needs of MCFN Curbside Collection. Further, that MCFN approve Chief R. Stacey Laforme sign the contract once prepared and/or Kerri King, Acting Chief Operating Officer in the absence of the Chief once both parties have finalized the amendment.

THLS closed on October 2015, MCFN with the assistance of OFNSTC, Stephanie Allen, successfully negotiated a third party single stream collection agreement with Halton Recycling Ltd. and Emterra Environmental to address the solid waste and recycling curbside collection tendering process.

October 10, 2017, Emterra Environmental agreed to an extension for the cost increase of (\$3.39/stop/lift) which translates to an approximate 26.7% increased cost to MCFN in the amount of: (\$45,832.80/year).

Council has denied PWD's request to purchase a solid waste & recycling truck. A new negotiated contract with EE is the final option.

The new cost for curbside solid waste & recycling service is (\$4.33/stop/service unit translating to approximately \$58,541.60). Large item pick up events for April/October are an additional cost invoiced during those months.

A portion of this cost will be addressed by the MCFN approved Solid Waste & Recycling fee which will generate approximately \$20,280.00/year.

PW Director noted that Emterra has already signed the agreement.

MOTION NO. 6

MOVED BY GIMAA STACEY LAFORME

SECONDED BY FAWN SAULT

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Education & Wellness Council authorizes Public Works Department to award Halton Recycling Ltd. and Emterra Environmental the contract extension for three (3) year period until 2025 as per Section VI: General Terms and Conditions (page 24) as outlined in sub-sub-section A.3 Amendment and proceed with an Amendment to the Agreement. Finally, that MCFN Land, Water & Sustainable Prosperity Council approve Chief R. Stacey Laforme sign the prepared Agreement and/or Kerri King, Acting Chief Operating Officer in the absence of the Chief.

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

PW Director out at 10:30 am.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6 – GLEN STRATON FUNDING REQUEST

This item was moved In-Camera.

Director of Lifelong Learning in at 10:10 am.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7 – PREPARING ACCOUNTS FOR FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION OF FNWSC REGIONAL EDUCATION AGREEMENT 2022-2023

The Briefing Note from Leslie White-Eye noted the following:

Miigwech to Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation for administering the financial accounts for FNWSC for the 3rd year 2022-2023.

This memo pertains to the approval letter received from Education and Social Programs, Ontario Region, Indigenous Services Canada on August 22, 2022, confirming the approved REA (Regional Education Agreement) activity amounts totalling \$237,667.74 (see Appendix A).

The following is a breakdown by line item according to MCFN codes (see attached budget). The admin fee for 22-23 was approved for 31,000.14. The budget was sent to all participating First Nations of the Collective for their approval via email. A majority of First Nations are in agreement with the budget as presented.

Miigwech for your support to the FNWSC.

Gimaa noted that these are flow through dollars.

MOTION NO. 7

MOVED BY GIMAA STACEY LAFORME

SECONDED BY ANDREA KING

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Education & Wellness Council acknowledges the report of Preparing Accounts for Financial Administration of FNWSC (First Nations With Schools Collective) Regional Education Agreement.

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

MOTION NO. 8

MOVED BY ANDREA KING

SECONDED BY FAWN SAULT

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Education & Wellness Council moved In-Camera at 10:35 pm.

Carried

MOTION NO. 10

MOVED BY ANDREA KING

SECONDED BY FAWN SAULT

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Education & Wellness Council moved Out of Camera at 10:43 am.

Carried

Council moved to Agenda Item No. 9b).

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9b) – BUSSING OPTIONS FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR (TIME SENSITIVE EMAIL POLL) (DIRECTOR OF LIFELONG LEARNING)

Director of Lifelong Learning is seeking direction for transportation options for MCFN secondary students for the balance of 2022-2023 school year.

It has come to the attention of the Department of Lifelong Learning that 1 (one) Caledonia transportation bus is transporting 21 (twenty-one) MCFN secondary students to five different Brantford high schools, namely STEAM, Assumption, GELA, BCI and Tollgate. Given the number of students, along with the number of school drop-offs, the bus has been consistently late and early for students on a daily basis. Students have missed instructional time since the school year began and this issue has caused the children and their parents stress and anxiety. This is an unacceptable issue and one that must be resolved for the affected students. Research into alternative transportation has been completed and we set out two different options which are identified below.

Current Options: Research has been conducted and the following transportation options are available for 4 MCFN secondary students attending BCI and Tollgate which will help to alleviate the pressures of reaching 5 schools. The remaining students will continue to be transported via the original manner without issue.

- 1. Caledonia Transportation:** The daily cost of a minivan to transport the students is \$289.00 (Two hundred eighty-nine dollars and zero cents) which would result in a total approximate cost of \$52,020.00 (Fifty-two thousand twenty dollars and zero cents). This is based on approximately 180 instructional days and will commence as soon as Caledonia Transportation secures a driver and will continue until the end of June, 2023. Caledonia Transportation will add MCFN as an additional insured under their insurance coverage. This bus will pick up the students at their residence and drop them off at their respective schools.
- 2. Investigate alternative option:** Investigate the cost of hiring a driver, locating a van, paying for gas and insurance coverage for the 9 month period.

Director of Lifelong Learning informed that Caledonia Transportation Services is the cheaper option.

Councillor EF reminded everyone that this item came to Council years ago, and more dollars had to be sought. She is not in favor of approving this recommendation, and neither is Councillor FS who also believes that we should look for other dollars.

Chief suggested that parents should apply to Jordan's Principle themselves for dollars. Hopefully, this is a temporary solution.

Director of Lifelong Learning stated that we should just offer three schools instead of five.

A/COO – Executive Director of Operations stated that parameters need to be put in place.

Gimaa stated that he will second the Motion as long as research is being done regarding other options. And further, when the Director of Lifelong Learning speaks with Kent Elson (Legal Counsel), she can suggest that bussing be a part of the Human Rights Settlement.

MOTION NO. 11

MOVED BY FAWN SAULT

SECONDED BY GIMAA STACEY LAFORME

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Education & Wellness Council approves Caledonia Transportation Service to transport four Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation secondary students separately to BCI and Tollgate Secondary Schools for the remainder of the 2022-2023 school year. The cost of transporting the students will cost approximately \$52,020.00 (Fifty-two thousand twenty dollars and zero cents) for the balance of the year and will be expensed to department number 500800, account number 67700 (transportation).

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

Opposed: Councillor Erma Ferrell – There is no supporting documentation regarding bussing.

DIRECTION NO. 1

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Education & Wellness Council directs the Director of Lifelong Learning to bring back to Council a well-researched solution regarding bussing services. This will be brought back to a November Council Meeting.

Council moved back to Agenda Item No. 8.

Director of Lifelong Learning out at 11:00 am.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8 – ISC CFA AMENDING AGREEMENT #0027 (KK)

A/COO – Executive Director of Operations noted in her Briefing Note that MCFN’s Comprehensive Funding Agreement 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 and accept the CFA Amending Agreement #0027 to provide block funding for fiscals 2022-2023, in the total amount of **\$54,869.00 (fifty-four thousand, eight hundred and sixty-nine dollars)** comprised of the following:

Block funding for fiscal 2022-2023, in the amount of **\$54,869.00 (fifty-four thousand, eight hundred and sixty-nine dollars):**

Program Service Area: Primary Care

Program Inventory: HOME&COMMUNITY CARE – D0030

Budget Activity: HOME & COMMUNITY CARE – B3010

Functional Area: HCC SERVICE DELIVERY – Q22U (CD806 – COVID-19)(2024/03/31)

Once approved the A/Chief Operating Officer will submit the amendment via email. These dollars will be allocated to the Social and Health budget 700200, Home and Community Care.

MOTION NO. 12

MOVED BY GIMAA STACEY LAFORME

SECONDED BY ANDREA KING

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Education & Wellness Council accepts and authorizes the signing of the Indigenous Services Canada CFA Amending Agreement #0027 to provide block funding in the total amount of **\$54,869.00 (fifty-four thousand, eight hundred and sixty-nine dollars)** comprised of the following:

Block funding for fiscal 2022-2023, in the amount of **\$54,869.00 (fifty-four thousand, eight hundred and sixty-nine dollars):**

Dollars to be designated to Social and Health Service budget 700200, Home and Community Care.

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9a) – FIREKEEPER’S HONORARIUM (KK)

A/COO – Executive Director of Operations noted in her Briefing Note that she is providing follow up on Direction No. 2 of the August’s Financial Planning and Fiscal Oversight Council.

Council directed that the A/COO follow up with Culture and Events regarding Firekeepers and where they would fit in with the honourarium rates.

Follow up was done with the Culture and Events Unit and they have advised that the Firekeepers would fit within the full day/half day rates of the approved listing. That being \$300.00 half day (4hrs or less) and \$600.00 full day (4hrs or more).

MOTION NO. 13

MOVED BY FAWN SAULT

SECONDED BY ANDREA KING

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Education & Wellness Council agrees that firekeeper’s honorarium rates shall be in line with the full day/half day rates (\$300 half day {4hrs or less} and \$600 full day {4hrs or more}).

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

Council moved to Agenda Item No. 9c).

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9c) – RCMP AND CASGE (CHILDREN’S AID SOCIETY OF GRAND ERIE) – ATTENDANCE AT EVERY CHILD MATTERS EVENT (AK)

Councillor AK brought this item to the Council Table. There was no Briefing Note.

Councillor AS informed that we should get input from Members to see if they want the RCMP presence next year.

MOTION NO. 14

MOVED BY ANDREA KING

SECONDED BY FAWN SAULT

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Education & Wellness Council agrees to prohibit the RCMP and Children’s Aid Society of Grand Erie (CASGE) from attending the Every Child Matters Event for this year (2022).

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

Opposed: Gimaa Stacey Laforme

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9d) – CITY OF MISSISSAUGA MEETING – UPDATE (KK)

A/COO – Executive Director of Operations stated that 40 administrative staff from the City of Mississauga will be meeting here.

A/COO – Executive Director of Operations would like to know who would be attending from Council. It is noted that Gimaa Stacey Laforme, Councillors Kelly LaForme, Ashley Sault, Fawn Sault and Andrea King will be in attendance.

Phil Davis and Darrin zoomed in at 11:30 am.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 10 – PHIL DAVIS PRESENTATION ON NIAGARA PENINSULA ASPIRING GEOPARK

Darrin spoke first and stated that a Geopark is a single, unified geographical area, where sites and landscapes of international geological significance are managed with a holistic concept of protection, education and sustainable development. Geoparks are living, working landscapes with exceptional geological heritage where science and local communities engage in a mutually beneficial way. Their bottom-up approach of combining conservation with sustainable development while involving local communities is becoming increasingly popular.

A/Executive Director of Intergovernmental Affairs questioned if any work has been done with the Niagara Escarpment. Mr. Davis answered yes.

Mr. Davis is requesting a BCR signed by Gimaa and Council. However, Council is reluctant to sign a BCR until they know more information about this presentation.

Councillor FS questioned in what way could MCFN get involved. Mr. Davis answered that he can put projects on the MCFN website page. Councillor FS would like to be involved. Some information on their website page (Niagara Peninsula Aspiring Geopark) is not exactly correct

with regard to the land acknowledgement. Further, Councillor FS can inform them that MCFN are the Treaty Holders.

DIRECTION NO. 2

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Education & Wellness Council directs Councillor Fawn Sault to reach out to Phil Davis regarding our Treaties, and their website information. Councillor will ensure that this group knows that MCFN are the Treaty Holders.

Gimaa Stacey Laforme out at 12:00 pm and back in at 1:30 pm.

MOTION NO. 15

MOVED BY ANDREA KING

SECONDED BY FAWN SAULT

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Education & Wellness Council moved In-Camera at 1:00 pm.

Carried