

**MISSISSAUGAS OF THE CREDIT FIRST NATION  
LAND, WATER & SUSTAINABLE PROSPERITY COUNCIL  
PUBLIC MINUTES  
Tuesday, December 20, 2022**

**Start 9:05 am**

**Finish 2:20 pm**

**Gimaa (Chief) Councillor**

**Stacey LaForme**

**Councillor**

**Erma Ferrell**

**Councillor**

**Ashley Sault**

**Councillor**

**Fawn Sault**

**Councillor**

**Kelly LaForme**

**Councillor**

**Veronica King-Jamieson (zoom)**

**Councillor**

**Claire Sault (zoom)**

**A/COO – Ex. Dir. of Operations**

**Kerri King**

**Ex. Dir. of Finance/HR**

**Alisha Anderson**

**Ex. Dir. of Intergovernmental Affairs**

**Katelyn LaForme**

**Recorder**

**Charlotte Smith**

**A/SED Director**

**Aimee Sault**

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 – OPEN MEETING**

Chair/Councillor Fawn Sault opened the meeting at 9:05 am.

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

**MOTION NO. 1**

MOVED BY GIMAA STACEY LAFORME

SECONDED BY ANDREA KING

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Land, Water & Sustainable Prosperity Council accepts the Agenda with the following deletion and addition:

- Agenda Item No. 23 – Deleted until further notice;
- Agenda Item No. 24b) – In-Camera Item;
- Agenda Item No. 24c) – 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, NOVEMBER 15, 2022 (THESE MINUTES WERE RECORDED BY THE ADMIN CLERK)**

**MOTION NO. 2**

MOVED BY GIMAA STACEY LAFORME

SECONDED BY KELLY LAFORME

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Land, Water & Sustainable Prosperity Council accepts the Public Minutes of the Land, Water & Sustainable Prosperity Council Meeting dated Tuesday, November 15, 2022.

Carried

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 4 – MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

There were no Matters Arising from the Minutes.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 5 – APPOINTMENT TO THE ANNUAL RECOGNITION AWARDS COMMITTEE (EF)**

Councillor EF noted in her Briefing Note that a request for MCFN Members to apply for a position on the MCFN Annual Recognition Awards Committee was advertised by the MCFN Media/Communication Department.

Two applications were received.

Jamie-Lyn Gillingham was contacted in regard to her appointment on the Annual Recognition Awards Committee and she is looking forward to beginning work in January 2023.

David King was contacted and responded a few days later via email stating he is no longer available to be a part of the committee. He is disappointed as he was looking forward to being part of the Committee. I thanked him and hoped he would be available in the future for any other MCFN projects.

A new advertisement should be placed on the MCFN website to seek another member for the Annual Recognition Awards Committee.

**MOTION NO. 3**

MOVED BY KELLY LAFORME

SECONDED BY ASHLEY SAULT

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Land, Water & Sustainable Prosperity Council agrees to advertise on the MCFN Website for another MCFN Member who may be interested in being part of the Annual Recognition Awards Committee.

Carried

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Waived

## **AGENDA ITEM NO. 6 – NIAGARA POLICE FORCE LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT (EF)**

Councillor EF noted in her Briefing Note that the Motion from August 23, 2022, was to Chief R. Stacey Laforme to contact Detective Constable Rebecca Gordon of the Niagara Police Department in regard to their Land Acknowledgement. The Land Acknowledgement should contain the Treaty Holder's name.

The Niagara Regional Police Services Land Acknowledgment was obtained and critiqued by Darin Wybenga.

In order to insist the Treaty Holder Name be part of the Niagara Regional Police Department, contact with someone above the Detective Constable and the Staff Sergeant, should be contacted.

Information is not available from Chief R. Stacey Laforme, if he was able to speak with DC Gordon.

Based on no response to my email from DC Gordon, it would appear that contact should be made from MCFN to the Niagara Police Chief/Bryan MacCulloch.

Gimaa Stacey Laforme suggested that the Executive Director of Intergovernmental Affairs draft a letter to Niagara Region regarding MCFN's Treaty Rights. He further suggested that this item be brought to the Governance Team for further discussion.

### **DIRECTION NO. 1**

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Land, Water & Sustainable Prosperity Council directs the Executive Director of Intergovernmental Affairs to draft a letter to Niagara Region regarding MCFN's Treaty Rights. In addition, this item will also be brought back to the Governance Team for further discussion and working out of MCFN's Treaty Rights.

## **AGENDA ITEM NO. 7 – COUNCIL HOUSE RENOVATION COMMITTEE CONTRACTOR (AS)**

Councillor AS noted in her Briefing Note that as part of the Committee's due diligence, we have compiled and released an RFP for submissions. We received three submissions – Robertson's Restoration, BVR, and Just Working Inc. All companies were contacted and came to the site to review the building in order to make accurate submissions.

The Committee reviewed all three submissions and are recommending Council award the contract to **Just Working Inc.** The reasons for this choice are the following: Just Working was the only company to submit a complete Proposal, including references and past work. They have been the most enthusiastic about the project and they have the capacity to put their full attention here as they have just wrapped up a few other projects. Their past projects show that they have worked on heritage/historical buildings and are well suited for the project and can begin immediately.

**MOTION NO. 4**

MOVED BY GIMAA STACEY LAFORME

SECONDED BY ANDREA KING

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Land, Water & Sustainable Prosperity Council approves the Council House Renovation Committee's recommendation to award the renovation of the Council House contract to Just Working Inc. Further, that letters of award/notification will be drafted for the Chief's signature to be sent out to the successful candidate as well as letters of notification for the other candidates.

Carried

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Waived

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 8 – COUNCIL HOUSE RESTORATION COMMITTEE (CHRC) FUNDING REQUEST (AS)**

Councillor AS noted in her Briefing Note that the Committee has contracted Just Working, Inc. to complete the renovation of the Council House – The total amount of the quote received is \$978,538.00 (Nine Hundred and Seventy-Eight Thousand, Five Hundred Thirty-Eight Dollars). The funding received from FedDev totaled 498,952.00 (Four Hundred and Ninety-Eight Thousand, Nine Hundred and Fifty-Two Dollars). The difference being \$479,586.00 (Four Hundred and Seventy-Nine Thousand, Five Hundred and Eighty-Six Dollars).

The CHRC is asking that Council cover the difference plus cushion for the project completion. After speaking with Finance, it is suggested these dollars come from the Gaming Reserve in which the March 31<sup>st</sup> financial report stated there is approximately \$3.4 million. We are, in total, asking for \$500,000.00 (Five Hundred Thousand Dollars) with permission to return and ask for more, if need be, in the future. Though we don't anticipate much more will be needed, we recognize that neither the contactor nor us know exactly what is to be found behind the walls/ceilings once construction opens it up.

We are also asking for permission to approach and apply to the Community Trust for \$250,000 (Two Hundred and Fifty thousand dollars), which will take time, but in the event, we are awarded the full amount from the trust – it will reduce the amount needed from the Gaming Reserve.

Further, we are suggesting making a Direction that finance create a department that will hold all CHRC relevant dollars including FedDev's funding, Councils contribution from Gaming Reserve, as well as Community Trust, if obtained, for ease of Tracking and Billing for the duration of this project.

It was directed that the Finance Department create a separate account for this Project.

Councillor VKJ questioned if the Audit is complete for 2022. She also questioned what the balance is for the Gaming Reserve Account. Executive Director of Finance/HR answered that we do not know the balance yet as the Audit is still being worked on.

**MOTION NO. 5**

MOVED BY ANDREA KING

SECONDED BY GIMAA STACEY LAFORME

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Land, Water & Sustainable Prosperity Council approves the amount of \$500,000.00 (Five Hundred Thousand Dollars) to the Council House Restoration Committee, funds to come from the Gaming Reserve.

Further, to approve the Council House Restoration Committee to apply to the Community Trust for funding in the amount of \$250,000.00 (Two Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars) to attempt to offset the amount taken from the Gaming Reserve.

It is further understood that any funds received from outside funders will be directed back to the appropriate internal budgets.

Carried

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Waived

**DIRECTION NO. 2**

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Land, Water & Sustainable Prosperity Council directs the Finance Department to create a separate account for the Council House Renovation Project. All relevant dollars will go into this account.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 9 – THE WILLOW PROJECT – TERMS OF REFERENCE (AS)**

Councillor AS noted in her Briefing Note that as part of the Committee process – the Willow Project Committee has completed the final draft of our Terms of Reference (TOR). It was brought to Council in October and we have implemented the recommended changes.

These TOR now require Council approval as per proper process.

**MOTION NO. 6**

MOVED BY ERMA FERRELL

SECONDED BY ANDREA KING

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Land, Water & Sustainable Prosperity Council approves the Willow Project Committee's Terms of Reference.

Carried

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Waived

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 10 – OTHER/NEW BUSINESS**

There was no Other/New Business.

**MOTION NO. 7**

MOVED BY GIMAA STACEY LAFORME

SECONDED BY KELLY LAFORME

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Land, Water & Sustainable Prosperity Council moved In-Camera at 10:15 am.

Carried