

**MISSISSAUGAS OF THE CREDIT FIRST NATION**  
**FINANCIAL PLANNING & FISCAL OVERSIGHT COUNCIL**  
**PUBLIC MINUTES**  
*Tuesday, January 10, 2023*

**Start: 9:20 am**

**Finish: 2:25 pm**

**Gimaa (Chief) Councillor**  
**Councillor**  
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**Councillor/Chair**  
**Councillor**  
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**Recording Officer**  
**Executive Director of Operations**  
**Ex. Dir. of Intergovernmental Affairs**  
**Ex. Dir. of Finance/HR**  
**OPP Liaison**  
**MCFN Member**

**R. Stacey Laforme**  
**Kelly LaForme**  
**Veronica King-Jamieson (via Zoom)**  
**Erma Ferrell**  
**Andrea King (via Zoom)**  
**Ashley Sault**  
**Fawn Sault (via Zoom)**  
**Claire Sault (via Zoom)**  
**Charlotte Smith**  
**Kerri King**  
**Katelyn LaForme (via Zoom)**  
**Alisha Anderson**  
**Rod Leclair & Lindsay VanPassen**  
**Veronica Tobicoe**

LSK Drum Group did two opening songs before the meeting started.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 – OPEN MEETING**

Chair/Councillor Erma Ferrell opened the meeting at 9:20 am.

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

**MOTION NO. 1**

MOVED BY KELLY LAFORME

SECONDED BY ASHLEY SAULT

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

- Agenda Item No. 5a) – Verbal Update on Toronto Zoo (EF);
- Agenda Item No. 5b) – Verbal Update on Greenbelt (EF);
- Agenda Item No. 5c) – Update on Financial Statements & Pillar Statements (EF);
- Agenda Item No. 5d) – Six Nations Chief of Police (EF).

Carried

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

MCFN Member Veronica Tobicoe and OPP Liaison (Rod Leclair & Lindsay VanPassen) in at 9:00 am.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 2a) – PRESENTATION BY MCFN MEMBER VERONICA TOBICOE**

MCFN Member Veronica Tobicoe made a presentation to Gimaa (Chief) and Council regarding the accident wherein an OPP Officer was shot and killed near her Mom's place of residence on the Townline. Veronica is here to express her feelings of what happened.

Veronica stated that no one from Chief/Council reached out with the exception of Councillor Andrea King who reached out to Carol Tobicoe (Veronica's Mom). Veronica stated that they felt abandoned by Chief and Council.

Veronica pointed out that we have lost compassion and empathy for one another. We need to be here for everyone. She suggested setting up our own response team – people we can trust. A/COO – Executive Director of Operations added that we can do better.

Councillor Ashley Sault initiated opening the Community Centre, and Councillor Andrea King informed that we did come together.

Councillor Erma Ferrell stated that we should have a telephone tree.

Councillor Ashley Sault apologized for not reaching out, but stated that we do not know our boundaries. Councillor Fawn Sault also apologized for not reaching out, but she struggles with not knowing how to reach out eg. people say we are just being nosy etc.

Gimaa Stacey Laforme noted that he did not reach out, but noted that our programming does not seem to work, and we have to work on this to make it better.

Councillor Claire Sault apologized, but informed she was out of the country.

Councillor Erma Ferrell stated that as Chief and Council, we need to have a protocol in place. Gimaa added that we also need to have a protocol with the OPP.

Councillor Kelly LaForme apologized for not reaching out.

Gimaa stated that when we hire our own peacekeepers, we can work out a way to be more empathetic and compassionate. We can also have an Elder on our team.

Veronica stated that she would like a small culvert and a plaque in remembrance of the fallen OPP Officer, but she does not want Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) to pay for it. Chief answered that he looks at ISC funding as a resource.

Veronica informed that she is planning a weiner roast in the near future and she will let everyone know. OPP Liaison Lindsay VanPassen answered that she thinks it is a good idea to bring the Community together.

**DIRECTION NO. 1**

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Financial Planning & Fiscal Oversight Council directs Councillors Andrea King and Kelly LaForme, and A/COO – Executive Director of Operations to meet with OPP Liaison (Rod Leclair and Lindsay VanPassen) to strategize on a process for tragic events. Gimaa and Council will receive a copy of all the information, and the date of the meeting.

**DIRECTION NO. 2**

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Financial Planning & Fiscal Oversight Council directs Councillor Ashley Sault and A/COO – Executive Director of Operations to work with MCFN Member Veronica Tobicoe and the Public Works Department regarding installing a culvert and a plaque on Indian Line where the OPP Officer was shot and killed on December 27, 2022.

MCFN Member Veronica Tobicoe out at 10:10 am.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 2b) – OPP LIAISON (ROD LECLAIR AND LINDSAY VANPASSEN) TO PRESENT THE MONTHLY OPP REPORT OF INSPECTOR PHIL CARTER)**

Because OPP Inspector Phil Carter is unable to be here today, OPP Liaison Rod Leclair presented the Monthly Report as prepared by OPP Inspector Phil Carter. It was a straight forward report.

A/COO – Executive Director of Operations noted that we need some type of guidelines as we have to rely on outside organizations for information eg. Six Nations Police.

Executive Director of Intergovernmental Affairs pointed out that the OPP can make referrals to our support services. OPP Liaison Lindsay VanPassen requested a list of support services which will be forwarded to her.

**DIRECTION NO. 3**

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Financial Planning & Fiscal Oversight Council directs Councillor Andrea King to work with the Communications Department and draft a letter to the family of the fallen officer sending condolences and informing the family that a plaque will be placed at the accident scene honouring the fallen officer. Gimaa Stacey Laforme will edit the letter before it goes out.

OPP Liaison (Rod Leclair and Lindsay VanPassen) out at 10:50 am.

Gimaa Stacey Laforme questioned if anyone laid tobacco at the scene. Councillor AK answered that it has been done.

There was a suggestion that a donation of \$500.00 be sent to the church in Barrie (as listed in the obituary). However, Councillor AS suggested that we use the \$500.00 for installing a culvert/memorial.

It was agreed that a letter of condolence would be sent to the fallen officer's family. The letter will contain the information regarding the setting up of a memorial on the First Nation.

A/COO – Executive Director of Operations questioned if a statement should be sent out regarding tragic events. Further, does Gimaa and Council wish to do a statement when an MCFN Member passes?

**DIRECTION NO. 4**

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Financial Planning & Fiscal Oversight Council directs the Communications Department to add a space/page in the Newsletter whereby MCFN Members can acknowledge the passing of a loved one.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 – REVIEW AND ACCEPT THE PUBLIC MINUTES OF THE FINANCIAL PLANNING & FISCAL OVERSIGHT COUNCIL MEETING DATED TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2022**

**MOTION NO. 2**

MOVED BY ASHLEY SAULT

SECONDED BY GIMAA STACEY LAFORME

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Financial Planning & Fiscal Oversight Council accepts the Public Minutes of the Financial Planning & Fiscal Oversight Council Meeting dated Tuesday, December 5, 2022.

Carried

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

There were no Matters Arising from the Minutes.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 5a) – VERBAL UPDATE ON THE TORONTO ZOO (EF)**

Councillor EF informed that someone from the Toronto Zoo informed her that there are a lot of eagle feathers that have dropped out of the trees/nests. The feathers are being safeguarded, and the Toronto Zoo people want to set up a Committee.

Mark Sault's (Elder) name has been forwarded as he will represent our First Nation on creating a framework for the distribution of eagle feathers gathered at the Toronto Zoo for the distribution to Nations who will be participating in a 2023 Spring Ceremony.

**DIRECTION NO. 5**

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Financial Planning & Fiscal Oversight Council directs Councillor Kelly LaForme to contact Ruby at (647)-204-9509.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 5b) – GREENBELT (EF)**

A question arose as to whether or not the Mississauga Nation is involved with the Greenbelt lands, and is doing anything about it. Gimaa Stacey answered that the attack on the Greenbelt affects our Treaty Lands.

**DIRECTION NO. 6**

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Financial Planning & Fiscal Oversight Council directs the Mississauga Nation Coordinator (Councillor Veronica King-Jamieson) to reach out to the Mississauga Nation regarding the Greenbelt.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 5c) – UPDATE ON FINANCIAL STATEMENTS/PILLAR STATEMENTS (EF)**

Chair/Councillor EF questioned why there are no Financial Statements and Pillar Statements. She has volunteered to send an email to the Finance Controller Lead and inform her what the past practice has been regarding the Financial Statements.

**DIRECTION NO. 7**

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Financial Planning & Fiscal Oversight Council directs Councillor Erma Ferrell to send an email to the Finance Controller Lead and update her on what the past practice was regarding the Financial Statements.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 5d) – SIX NATIONS POLICE CHIEF DARRIN MONTOUR (EF)**

Councillor Erma Ferrell suggested that MCFN Chief and Council send a letter of condolence to the Six Nations Police Chief regarding the passing of his father Bill Montour.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 5e) – UPDATE FROM COUNCILLOR KELLY LAFORME REGARDING CONVERSATION WITH TORONTO MPP**

Councillor KL informed that an MPP in Toronto has reached out and wants an MCFN flag flying at his office. The MPP stated that in his area his constituents have concerns regarding Ontario Place. Executive Director of Intergovernmental Affairs is planning on setting up an internal meeting regarding this item.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 5f) – VERBAL UPDATE ON THE COUNCIL HOUSE PROJECT (AS)**

**DIRECTION NO. 8**

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Financial Planning & Fiscal Oversight Council directs Councillor Ashley Sault to seek out information regarding bats. She will update Gimaa and Council via email.

It is noted that the Council House Project will proceed unless workers are attacked by bats.

**MOTION NO. 3**

MOVED BY GIMAA STACEY LAFORME

SECONDED BY KELLY LAFORME

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Financial Planning & Fiscal Oversight Council moved In-Camera at 12:35 pm.

Carried



