

**MISSISSAUGAS OF THE CREDIT FIRST NATION  
INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COUNCIL  
PUBLIC MINUTES  
Tuesday, April 11, 2023**

**Start 9:10 am**

**Finish 3:30 pm**

**Chief (Gimaa) Councillor/Chair**

**R. Stacey Laforme**

**Councillor**

**Erma Ferrell**

**Councillor**

**Ashley Sault**

**Councillor**

**Andrea King (Sick)**

**Councillor**

**Fawn Sault (via Zoom)**

**Councillor**

**Kelly LaForme (via Zoom)**

**Councillor**

**Veronica King-Jamieson (Away on Council Business)**

**Councillor**

**Claire Sault**

**Ex. Dir. of Intergov. Affairs**

**Katelyn Laforme (via Zoom)**

**A/COO – Ex. Dir. of Operations**

**Kerri King**

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

**Alisha Anderson**

**Recorder**

**Charlotte Smith**

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 – OPEN MEETING**

Chair/Gimaa Stacey Laforme opened the meeting at 9:15 am.

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

**MOTION NO. 1**

MOVED BY ERMA FERRELL

SECONDED BY CLAIRE SAULT

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Intergovernmental Relations Council accepts the Agenda with the following additions:

- Agenda Item No. 9g) – Discussion on the Constitution (EF);
- Agenda Item No. 9h) – Question on Salary Grid (EF).

Carried

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

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 – REVIEW & ACCEPT THE PUBLIC MINUTES OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COUNCIL MEETING DATED TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 2023**

**MOTION NO. 2**

MOVED BY CLAIRE SAULT

SECONDED BY ERMA FERRELL

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Intergovernmental Relations Council accepts the Public Minutes of the Intergovernmental Relations Council Meeting dated Tuesday, March 14, 2023.

Carried

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 3a) – FYI – SUMMARY OF MOTIONS & DIRECTIONS FROM THE GOVERNANCE INTERNAL & INTERGOVERNMENTAL COUNCIL MEETING DATED TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 2023**

This is an FYI for Gimaa and Council.

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

There were no Matters Arising from the Minutes.

Interim OPP Inspector Jody Kays, and OPP Officers Rod Leclair and Lindsay VanPassen in at 9:10 am.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 5 – INTERIM OPP INSPECTOR JODY KAYS TO PRESENT MONTHLY OPP REPORT**

Interim OPP Inspector Jody Kays highlighted her Monthly Report for March 2023.

Gimaa Stacey questioned if there was a fee for service relationship with the OPP regarding Peacekeepers. OPP Liaison Rod Leclair informed that Kelly Daniels has something prepared and will email to Chief and Council. Also, a meeting will be set up with the OPP, Gimaa, Councillor Andrea King and someone from Governance.

Rod Leclair noted that the OPP is working with seniors on frauds and scams.

Executive Director of Operations stated that a notice should be sent to the MCFN Community regarding companies offering to pave peoples' driveways. Is it possible people could be scammed?

**MOTION NO. 3**

MOVED BY ASHLEY SAULT

SECONDED BY ERMA FERRELL

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Intergovernmental Relations Council accepts the Monthly Report dated April 5, 2023 from Interim OPP Inspector Jody Kays.

Carried

Interim OPP Inspector Jody Kays, and OPP Officers Rod Leclair and Lindsay VanPassen out at 9:40 am.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 6 – PEACE HILLS TRUST QUARTERLY UPDATE (KK)**

**MOTION NO. 4**

MOVED BY ERMA FERRELL

SECONDED BY ASHLEY SAULT

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Intergovernmental Relations Council approves the attached 2023 Q1 Performance Newsletter prepared by Peace Hills Trust regarding the Toronto Purchase Trust, and direct that it be placed on the MCFN Members Only webpage.

Carried

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Waived

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 7 – 2023 GYPSY MOTH SURVEYS, MAPPING & COORDINATION (KK)**

Executive Director of Operations noted in her Briefing Note that she is seeking direction on how Council would like to move forward with the proposed 2023 Gypsy Moth surveys, mapping and coordination.

Gypsy Moths are an invasive/destructive species that require extermination in order to protect the environment. In 2022, MCFN utilized Zimmer Air Services (ZAS) for the Gypsy Moth spraying in the community. The DOCA Reserves were used to cover the costs. The Ministry of Natural Resources & Forestry’s defoliation mapping from 2021-2022 has shown that although the total amount of defoliation has decreased significantly across the province, there are still severe infestation recorded along the southern boundary of the Reserve.

Paul Robertson, a consultant with Trees Unlimited reached out to MCFN to determine if there was any interest in completing an egg mass survey in Spring. The proposed field work would assess the success of the previous years’ spray programs, determine the population levels across MCFN for this spring, understand the impacts & health of individual trees & woodlands and provide recommendations on the potential next activities. Should aerial spraying not take place, the mapping & spray co-ordination in the quote would not be completed or billed.

**MOTION NO. 5**

MOVED BY FAWN SAULT

SECONDED BY ASHLEY SAULT

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Intergovernmental Relations Council approves the recommendation to proceed with the proposed field work from Trees Unlimited for the 2023 Gypsy Moth surveys, mapping, and coordination in the total amount of \$4,094.50. Funds will come from DOCA Reserves.

Carried

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Waived

**DIRECTION NO. 1**

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Intergovernmental Relations Council directs the Social and Health Services Department to investigate other organizations that do this type of work – Gypsy Moth surveys, mapping and coordination.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 8 – FIRST NATIONS WITH SCHOOLS COLLECTIVE SUMMIT  
(EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS)**

Executive Director of Intergovernmental Affairs noted in her Briefing Note that the First Nations with Schools Collective is holding a 3-day Summit from April 18 until April 20, 2023.

The purpose of this Summit is to ready each participating First Nation for negotiations with Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) and Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs (CIRNAC). There currently is a Regional Education Agreement process being offered by ISC and a Recognition of Indigenous Rights and Self-Determination process being offered by CIRNAC to resolve the outstanding funding and jurisdiction issues of the participating First Nations. The Collective wants to determine if either of these processes are appropriate or whether a unique different process is warranted. In order that the Collective move forward, it is requested that First Nation decision makers be in attendance at this Summit. Further, it is requested that MCFN appoint negotiation delegates at this time.

In October, 2022, the One Mind Renewal Agreement (Agreement) was signed by Gimaa. The Agreement agrees to many things but primarily to advance an individual and collective approach in negotiations with the federal crown. It also reaffirmed the collective approach taken by the FNWSC to realize each First Nation's vision of self-determination in education as described in the Participation Agreement dated November 21, 2018. This signing of this Agreement took place after an opinion letter was prepared by Pape Salter Telliet, LLP (PST). The issue posed to PST at the time was whether participating in the Collective would in any way impact the ongoing litigation with Six Nations. It was opined by PST that agreeing to participate in the Collective, is unlikely to prejudice MCFN's position in the Six Nations litigation. Further, it concluded that FNWSC appears to be a productive partnership.

**MOTION NO. 6**

MOVED BY ASHLEY SAULT

SECONDED BY ERMA FERRELL

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Intergovernmental Relations Council approves the appointment of Gimaa R. Stacy LaForme and Councillor Veronica King-Jamieson as delegates for the 3-day Summit as well as negotiators for the ongoing negotiations between First Nations with Schools Collective, Indigenous Services Canada and Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada going forward.

Carried

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Waived

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 9a) – VISITORS – WILL POSTMA (EF)**

This item has been put on hold until the guests arrive.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 9b) – LIVE STREAMING MCFN COUNCIL MEETINGS (EF)**

Councillor EF is suggesting that the MCFN Council Meetings be live streamed. This has been requested before, but we did not have the technology available at the time. This will go through the Communications Department.

Prior to 2023, the internet connection in the MCFN Community Centre could not accommodate our request to live stream.

**DIRECTION NO. 3**

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Intergovernmental Relations Council directs the Executive Director of Intergovernmental Affairs and the Communications Department to bring a recommendation back to the Council Table regarding live streaming the MCFN Council Meetings.

Council moved back to Agenda Item No. 8.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 8 – FIRST NATIONS WITH SCHOOLS COLLECTIVE SUMMIT (EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS)**

Director of Lifelong Learning handed out a draft letter which was prepared by Legal Counsel Kent Elson regarding sending other delegates to the three day Summit. Gimaa suggested sending Councillor KL.

Councillor EF noted that we need to make sure we have all the information on funding before going into the meeting.

**DIRECTION NO. 2**

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Intergovernmental Relations Council directs that Councillor Kelly LaForme attend the First Nations With Schools Collective Summit on April 18 to April 20, 2023.

And further, the Negotiating Team will consist of the Director of Lifelong Learning, Policy Analyst/Writer (Cindy Agius), Councillor Veronica King-Jamieson, and an additional staff member from the Governance Department, if available.

Council moved to Agenda Item 9c).

Director of Lifelong Learning and Cindy Agius in at 9:55 am.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 9c) – GRAND ERIE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD – BOARD OF TRUSTEE POSITION (DIRECTOR OF LIFELONG LEARNING)**

Director of Lifelong Learning noted in her Briefing Note that Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) has a long-standing relationship with Grand Erie District School Board (GEDSB) with secondary learners attending their schools. More recently, MCFN has entered into an Education Service Agreement that governs the learning of MCFN community members who attend at GEDSB and includes such items as eligibility for enrollment, fees, reporting, services to students, program planning and information sharing.

Given the long-standing relationship between GEDSB and MCFN, a trustee position has been offered on the GEDSB Board of Trustees. It is important for MCFN to have a voice on the Board to ensure MCFN perspective and that learners achieve success. This appointment would also provide for inclusive representation on the Board. The appointment term will be from September 2022 until 2026.

The remuneration in the annual amount of \$10,000 (Ten thousand Dollars and Zero Cents) will be paid as an honourarium to the Trustee member. This amount will be paid from GEDSB.

This trustee position will have two main responsibilities. First, he/she will be accountable to the First Nation and secondly, it will be to the GEDSB.

At the present time, it is uncertain how the MCFN member will become the Grand Erie District School Board Trustee. The Department of Lifelong Learning is therefore seeking direction in this regard. MCFN has until September 1, 2023 to appoint or select the Trustee member. The Chief has requested to attend the first Board of Trustee meeting on September 25, 2023.

For the first year, Gimaa suggested that it should be a Councillor. However, he will meet with Joanna and discuss this further.

Councillor CS suggested it should be a Board of Education member, and that person should have a degree.

Councillor EF stated that this should be advertised in the Newsletter and on social media to members who may be interested.

Executive Director of Intergovernmental Affairs informed that a report will be required to go to MCFN Gimaa and Council.

**DIRECTION NO. 4**

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Intergovernmental Relations Council directs Director of Lifelong Learning to advertise in the Newsletter and on social media for a Board Representative on the Grand Erie District School Board, preferably an MCFN Member who has a degree.

Peacekeeper Coordinator (Nadine LaForme) in at 10:35 am.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 9d) – PRESENTATION OF PEACEKEEPER COMMUNITY WATCH PROGRAM (NADINE LAFORME)**

Peacekeeper Coordinator noted in her Briefing Note that the Pillar 7 Governance Committee is seeking direction from Council regarding the framework for the Peacekeepers Enhanced Community Watch Program, to approve moving forward with the framework and applying for funds for the Enhanced Community Watch Program through the Pathways to Safe Indigenous Initiative. She also presented her power point presentation.

The Committee has been working with the Peacekeepers Sub-Committee to draft a framework for the Enhanced Community Watch program based on previous ideas and work completed (Peacekeepers Program Proposal), the feasibility study completed for the program, and research of other First Nation's security or community-based safety programs. The Committee

and Sub-Committee require Council's approval to move forward with the framework for the Enhanced Community Watch Program and apply for funding dollars for the program reflective of the program's framework.

With regard to the Restorative Justice Program, Peacekeeper Coordinator stated that we only have these dollars to use, and it includes wages to hire a Director.

**MOTION NO. 7**

MOVED BY ASHLEY SAULT

SECONDED BY FAWN SAULT

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Intergovernmental Relations Council accepts the Peacekeepers Enhanced Community Watch Program as presented, recognizing that relevant Job Descriptions and funding proposals will come forward to Chief and Council as per regular process.

Carried

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Waived

**DIRECTION NO. 5**

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Intergovernmental Relations Council directs the Executive Director of Intergovernmental Affairs to set up a Special Council Meeting regarding Peacekeepers.

**DIRECTION NO. 6**

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Intergovernmental Relations Council directs the Peacekeeper Coordinator to work with the Fiscal Oversight Committee to review the budget and dollars for the Peacekeepers.

**DIRECTION NO. 7**

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Intergovernmental Relations Council directs Gimaa Stacey Laforme to speak with Murray Pridham regarding the Peacekeepers Pilot Project.

**MOTION NO. 8**

MOVED BY ASHLEY SAULT

SECONDED BY ERMA FERRELL

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Intergovernmental Relations Council moved In-Camera at 11:10 am.

Carried

**MOTION NO. 9**

MOVED BY ASHLEY SAULT

SECONDED BY FAWN SAULT

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Intergovernmental Relations Council moved Out of Camera at 12:10 pm.

Carried

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 9e) – KNOWLEDGE KEEPER (FS) (THIS WAS ORIGINALLY AGENDA ITEM NO. 21a.)**

Councillor FS noted in her Briefing Note that as a First Nation we are moving back towards a more traditional way of thinking and being. While we cannot recapture the past, we want to ensure that moving forward we are connecting with our teachings and being mindful of the energy that we are sharing with each other, not just at the table but with all those we interact with.

Councillor FS would like to add an Elder to the Council Table. Having an Elder present would give us one of those pieces we are missing as far as guidance goes. It also helps ground the people at the table. The Elder would not have a vote but would be present to offer guidance, support, and grounding. The Elder would be paid an honorarium of \$600.00 out of Council's budget. This would cost \$31,200.00 for an honorarium for a year. This amount does not include admin costs if there are any.

Gimaa questioned what would the knowledge and implications be?

Councillor CS informed that in BC and Alberta, some First Nations have a written protocol for Knowledge Keepers.

Councillor FS will meet with Councillor CS and discuss further.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 9f) – PET WELLNESS FEE INCREASE (MAGGIE COPELAND A/HEALTH LEAD)**

Margaret Copeland A/Health Lead informed that Pet Wellness prices this year have gone up to \$45.00 per dog and \$40.00 per cat for wellness. Last year the price was \$35.00 per pet.

Overall cost of pet wellness and services have increased due to high cost of products, shipment, and availability of products. CHN collects the \$10.00 per pet in cash and covers the remaining balance.

**MOTION NO. 10**

MOVED BY ASHLEY SAULT

SECONDED BY ERMA FERRELL

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Intergovernmental Relations Council agrees to increase the rate from \$10.00 to \$20.00 to offset the high cost of Pet Wellness.

Carried

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Waived

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 9g) – CONSTITUTION (EF)**

Councillor EF informed that there was a Notice in the Monthly Newsletter that voting packages for the Constitution can be picked up at the Lands, Membership & Research office. Councillor EF went there to pick up a package and the Department did not have any.

Executive Director of Intergovernmental Affairs will follow up with the Governance Director (Margaret Sault).



**AGENDA ITEM NO. 9h) – SALARY GRID (EF)**

It is noted that the Salary Grid will be put on the Lifelong Learning and Nation Well-Being Council Meeting Agenda.

Executive Director of Finance/HR answered that her department is doing everything it can to get the Salary Grid ready as soon as possible.

**MOTION NO. 11**

MOVED BY ASHLEY SAULT

SECONDED BY ERMA FERRELL

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Intergovernmental Relations Council moved In-Camera at 12:55 pm.

Carried