

**MISSISSAUGAS OF THE CREDIT FIRST NATION
LIFELONG LEARNING & AWARENESS & NATION WELL-BEING
COUNCIL MEETING
PUBLIC MINUTES
Tuesday, June 27, 2023**

Start 9:06 am

Finish 2:25 pm

Chief

R. Stacey Laforme (Via Zoom)

Councillor

Erma Ferrell

Councillor

Ashley Sault

Councillor

Veronica King-Jamieson (Excused)

Councillor/Chair

Andrea King

Councillor

Fawn Sault

Councillor

Kelly LaForme (via Zoom)

Councillor

Claire Sault

A/COO – Ex. Dir. of Operations

Kerri King (Excused)

Ex. Dir of Intergov. Affairs

Katelyn LaForme

Ex. Dir. of Finance/HR

Alisha Anderson

Recorder

Charlotte Smith

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 – OPEN MEETING

Chair/Councillor Andrea King opened the meeting at 9:06 am.

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

MOTION NO. 1

MOVED BY CLAIRE SAULT

SECONDED BY FAWN SAULT

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Lifelong Learning & Awareness & Nation Well-Being Council accepts the Agenda with the following additions and deletions:

- Agenda Item No. 23 – Deleted as already has been dealt with;
- Agenda Item No. 28a) – In-Camera Item;
- Agenda Item No. 28b) – In-Camera Item.

Carried

Councillor Ashley Sault will excuse herself because of a Conflict of Interest when we get to Agenda Item No. 22.

It is noted that Gimaa Stacey Laforme will be away on Tuesday, July 11, 2023. Councillors Ashley Sault and Claire Sault will be attending the AFN General Assembly in Halifax.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 – REVIEW & ACCEPT THE PUBLIC MINUTES OF LIFELONG LEARNING & AWARENESS & NATION WELL-BEING COUNCIL MEETING DATED TUESDAY, MAY 23, 2023

MOTION NO. 2

MOVED BY ASHLEY SAULT

SECONDED BY CLAIRE SAULT

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Lifelong Learning & Awareness & Nation Well-Being Council accepts the Public Minutes of Lifelong Learning & Awareness & Nation Well-Being Council Meeting dated Tuesday, May 23, 2023.

Carried

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3a) – FYI – SUMMARY OF MOTIONS & DIRECTIONS FROM TUESDAY, MAY 23, 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.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5 – COMMUNITY SATURDAY MEETINGS (COMMUNICATIONS & ENGAGEMENT LEAD)

Communications and Engagement Lead noted that the Community Centre has the last Saturday of the month booked for Community Meetings until September. The August meeting falls on a Saturday that is the same day of the Pow Wow. The September meeting falls on the same day as the National Truth and Reconciliation date.

Communications and Engagement Lead is requesting that the August 26th and September 30th Community Meetings be changed to a different date with the Pillar Leads doubling up on their presentations.

DIRECTION NO. 1

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Lifelong Learning & Awareness & Nation Well-Being Council directs that the August Community Meeting will be changed to August 19th with the Pillars doubling up on their presentations for this meeting; September Community Meeting will be changed from September 23rd to Saturday, September 16th with the Pillars doubling up on their presentations for this meeting; October Community Meeting date is the same (Saturday, October 28, 2023) with the Pillars doubling up on their presentations; November Community Meeting date is the same (Saturday, November 25, 2023) with the Pillars doubling up on their presentations for this meeting.

DIRECTION NO. 2

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Lifelong Learning & Awareness & Nation Well-Being Council directs the Council Coordinator to add all the meetings in Direction No. 1 (above) to Gimaa and Council calendars.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6 –LETTER FROM GIMAA FYI (KK)

This letter is an FYI for Gimaa and Council.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7 – DATE FOR PEACEKEEPERS SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS)

Please be advised that there will be a Special Council Meeting on Thursday, July 20th beginning at 9:00 am with the Comprehensive Community Plan & 1:00 pm will be for Peacekeepers.

Director of Lifelong Learning and Policy Analyst/Writer in at 9:40 am.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8 – TUTOR POLICY (PB)

It is noted in the Briefing Note that the Director of Lifelong Learning is requesting approval for MCFN Post-Secondary Student Tutoring Assistance Policy.

It has come to the attention of the Department of Lifelong Learning that tutoring is required for some post-secondary students. The Department of Lifelong Learning is seeking to address this issue by drafting a Post-Secondary Student Tutoring Policy. Currently, under the Indigenous Services of Canada’s Post-Secondary Student Support Program and University and College Entrance Preparation Program 2023-2024, Eligible Expenditures, supplementary tutorial services qualify for recovery. A copy of this Tutor Policy is attached as Appendix A. It is believed that this Post-Secondary Student Tutoring Assistance Policy is a starting point, a living document and one which may evolve over time to meet the needs of MCFN Post-Secondary students.

If approved, this Policy will form part of the Post-Secondary Student Assistance Policy as an addendum.

Councillor EF questioned if this Policy applies to both on and off reserve students; identify funds and where they will come from; who is eligible to be a Tutor; a proposed budget is required; there will be no reimbursement to be paid by the student; Pillar 4 Lead (Councillor VKJ) to sit down with the Director of Lifelong Learning and work this out.

Councillor AS suggested adding a form to the policy where students could sign in for the tutoring.

DIRECTION NO. 3

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Lifelong Learning & Awareness & Nation Well-Being Council directs the Director of Lifelong Learning (Patti Barber) to speak with the Pillar 4 Lead (Councillor VKJ) regarding the following revisions to be added to the Tutor Policy:

- Does this apply to both on and off reserve students;
- Identify funds and where they will come from;
- Prepare a proposed budget;
- No reimbursement to be paid by the students;
- Add a form to the Policy wherein students can sign that they will receive tutoring.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9 – EARTHSCAPE- NEW PLAYGROUND FOR LSK (DIRECTOR OF LIFELONG LEARNING)

Director of Lifelong Learning noted in her Briefing Note that she is seeking approval from Chief and Council to approve the expenditure to create a play space for students at Lloyd S. King and further, to accept the Earthscape's Scope of Work attached as Appendix A. We are seeking approval for the high estimate of \$800,625.00 (Eight Hundred Thousand Six Hundred Twenty-Five Dollars and Zero Cents). The Scope of Work will also need to be signed by the Executive Director of Operations.

During the expansion of LSK, the previous playground was decommissioned, as it was outdated and no longer safe. It is important for children's social and emotional development to have a play space. Play spaces support children's mental health, encourages outdoor play and activities, improves the physical health of children and develops social skills among peers. Therefore, there is a need for a new play space for the children at the school.

Based on the above, we are seeking permission to enter into a contract with our preferred vendor, Earthscape Play Inc. in the amount of \$800,625.00 (Eight Hundred Thousand Six Hundred Twenty-Five Dollars and Zero Cents).

Councillor EF questioned where the dollars would be coming from. Director of Lifelong Learning answered that these are surplus dollars from ISC (Indigenous Services Canada), and we already have the dollars. Councillor EF then suggested that they could go to the MNCFN Community Trust.

Executive Director of Finance/HR noted that this request has already come to the Finance Department.

Councillor AK reiterated that we do not have the financials approved.

Executive Director of Finance/HR reiterated that she identified these dollars for the Director of Lifelong Learning. These dollars are part of the Expansion Project, and, we do have the surplus dollars.

Director of Lifelong Learning would like to get this request approved as soon as possible as she does not want to miss this date and be put on a waiting list for further down the road. Councillor EF informed the Director of Lifelong Learning not to blame Council if she is missing the dates.

MOTION NO. 3

MOVED BY ASHLEY SAULT

SECONDED BY FAWN SAULT

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Lifelong Learning & Awareness & Nation Well-Being Council approves the expenditure of \$800,625.00 (Eight Hundred Six Hundred Twenty-Five Dollars and Zero Cents) for the creation of the Lloyd S. King Elementary School playground with a 5 percent deposit of approximately \$40,031.25 (Forty Thousand Thirty-One Dollars and Twenty-Five Cents) being required to commence the design work. The funds will come out of the block surplus funds for 2023-2024 that has been approved by Indigenous Services Canada. Further, we recommend that the Proposal/Scope of Work be signed by the Executive Director of Operations.

Carried

2nd Reading was not approved.

Opposed: Councillor Erma Ferrell – We need proof that the dollars are approved in the budget.

This item will come back to the next Financial Planning & Fiscal Oversight Council Meeting on Tuesday, July 4, 2023.

DIRECTION NO. 4

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Lifelong Learning & Awareness & Nation Well-Being Council directs the Director of Lifelong Learning to work with the Executive Finance Director/HR who will prepare a template which says that dollars are available should Directors be requesting dollars from any account eg. in this case, requesting dollars for the new playground at LSK.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 10 – DEXTON GROUP CLEANING CONTRACT (DIRECTOR OF LIFELONG LEARNING)

Director of Lifelong Learning noted in her Briefing Note that Ekwaamjigenang Children’s Centre (ECC) is seeking a custodian for its centre to begin in the fall upon the opening of the New Child Care. ECC will be a new facility at Lloyd S. King Elementary School in the fall of 2023. It is understood that the current ECC custodian will be remaining with the building. ECC will require the assistance of a cleaning service for the fall of 2023 for the period of one year. This initial service will be re-evaluated at the end of year to determine if this service is needed for ECC or if this would be better suited to a permanent MCFN employment position.

Dexton Group has finalized a quote for ECC and is prepared to begin cleaning immediately for 5 (five) days a week from Monday to Friday. The Scope of Work also forms part of the quote as attached in Schedule “A”. The monthly discounted cost of this expenditure is \$3,849.99 (Three Thousand Eight Hundred Forty-Nine Dollars and Ninety-Nine Cents). The total cost for one year of cleaning is \$46,199.88.

It should be noted that Dexton Group does not provide snow removal services. Snow removal is being worked out by the Department of Public Works for the 2023-2024 season.

MOTION NO. 4

MOVED BY CLAIRE SAULT

SECONDED BY FAWN SAULT

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Lifelong Learning & Awareness & Nation Well-Being Council approves the annual expenditure of \$46,199.88 (Forty-Six Thousand One Hundred Ninety-Nine Dollars and Eighty-Eight Cents) for cleaning for one year. This works out to be a monthly expenditure of \$3,849.99 (Three Thousand Eight Hundred Forty-Nine Dollars and Ninety-Nine Cents). This expenditure will come from the Department of Lifelong Learning Budget.

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

AGENDA ITEM NO. 11 – HAGERSVILLE FOOD BANK DONATION FOR LSK (DIRECTOR OF LIFELONG LEARNING)

Director of Lifelong Learning noted in her Briefing Note that she is seeking Chief and Council to approve the one-time donation from Hagersville Food Bank for the Lloyd S. King Elementary School Breakfast Program

The mission of the Hagersville Food Bank is to help the Community with the provision of food without cost to those in need. The Department of Lifelong Learning has been approached by the Hagersville Food Bank with respect to a monetary donation. It would like to provide the LSK Breakfast Program with a one-time donation in the amount of \$15,000.00 (Fifteen Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents). By donating to initiatives within the area, the Food Bank hopes to ensure nutrition and healthy learning for the children in the area.

In exchange for this donation, the Hagersville Food Bank would like to arrange for a photo and press coverage. They also require a report in the next school year to demonstrate how the program is running with the additional funds.

The Department of Lifelong Learning is seeking approval and acceptance of funds in the amount of \$15,000.00 (Fifteen Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents) from the Hagersville Food Bank for the LSK Breakfast Program. We are also seeking the approval of the thank you letter (Appendix A) and ask that Gimaa LaForme sign the letter.

MOTION NO. 5

MOVED BY CLAIRE SAULT

SECONDED BY ASHLEY SAULT

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Lifelong Learning & Awareness & Nation Well-Being Council approves acceptance of the Hagersville Food Bank donation in the amount of \$15,000.00 (Fifteen Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents) for the Lloyd S. King Elementary School Breakfast Program. We also recommend Gimaa Stacey LaForme sign the thank you letter to the Hagersville Food Bank.

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

AGENDA ITEM NO. 12 – OTHER/NEW BUSINESS

There was no Other/New Business.

MOTION NO. 6

MOVED BY ASHLEY SAULT

SECONDED BY FAWN SAULT

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Lifelong Learning & Awareness & Nation Well-Being Council moved In-Camera at 10:30 am.

Carried