

**MISSISSAUGAS OF THE CREDIT FIRST NATION
INFRASTRUCTURE & ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL
MEETING
PUBLIC MINUTES
Tuesday, July 18, 2023**

Start 9:20 am

Finish 3:35 pm

Gimaa (Chief) Councillor

R. Stacey Laforme

Councillor

Erma Ferrell

Councillor/Chair

Ashley Sault

Councillor

Kelly LaForme (via Zoom)

Councillor

Veronica King-Jamieson (via Zoom)

Councillor

Andrea King (via Zoom)

Councillor

Fawn Sault

Councillor

Claire Sault

Executive Director of Operations

Kerri King

Recorder

Charlotte Smith

Ex. Dir. of Intergov. Affairs

Katelyn LaForme

Ex. Dir. of Finance/HR

Alisha Anderson (Excused)

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 – OPEN MEETING

Chair/Councillor Ashley Sault opened the meeting at 9:20 am.

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

MOTION NO. 1

MOVED BY ERMA FERRELL

SECONDED BY FAWN SAULT

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Infrastructure & Environmental Stewardship Council accepts the Agenda with the following additions:

- Agenda Item No. 18a) – Security at Townline Estates (AS);
- Agenda Item No. 31c) – In-Camera Item.

Carried

When we get to Agenda Item No. 20, Executive Director of Operations will excuse herself because of a Conflict of Interest.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 – REVIEW & ACCEPT THE PUBLIC MINUTES OF INFRASTRUCTURE AND ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL MEETING DATED TUESDAY, JUNE 20, 2023

MOTION NO. 2

MOVED BY GIMAA STACEY LAFORME

SECONDED BY FAWN SAULT

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Infrastructure & Environmental Stewardship Council accepts the Public Minutes of the Infrastructure and Environmental Stewardship Council Meeting dated Tuesday, June 20, 2023.

Carried

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3a) – FYI – SUMMARY OF MOTIONS & DIRECTIONS FROM TUESDAY, JUNE 20, 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.

Governance Coordinator/Policy Analyst – Emma Stelter zoomed in at 9:30 am.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5 – FYI – SEWAGE LEGISLATION (GOVERNANCE COORDINATOR/POLICY ANALYST – EMMA STELTER)

Emma Stelter noted in her Information Note that there is limited legislation regarding individual sewage dumping on reserves.

The Ontario First Nations Technical Services Corporation (OFNTSC) has argued that there are no clear regulations governing water and wastewater on-reserve. It is therefore up to each community to enforce standards.

Water treatment regulation is a federal authority governed under the Safe Drinking Water for First Nations Act (SDWFNA) which requires that the Government of Canada create regulations for drinking water, the effective treatment of wastewater, and to protect drinking water sources on First Nations reserve lands. Under the Act, Chief and Council are responsible for drinking water quality including sampling and testing, issuing drinking water advisories, and facilities planning, development, operations and maintenance. The SDWFNA was created in 2013 and has been criticized for ignoring the recommendations of First Nations, creating a regulatory framework without appropriate investments in resources, and passing the liability of failing infrastructure onto First Nations communities.

Emma reiterated that the feds are trying to push Chief and Council to set up a sewage disposal/wastewater system.

The *Indian Act* is silent on the terms “sewage”, “waste”, and “effluent”.

Gimaa stated that we still need to figure out how everyone can be on the sewer line, but this is very expensive eg. \$20,000.00 to \$30,000.00 to each home.

It was noted that there is a general concern in the Community regarding out houses, and where the waste is being dumped.

Executive Director of Intergovernmental Affairs questioned if we are setting regulations.

Executive Director of Operations informed that we have the sewage truck.

For the people who are not hooked up to the sewer line and who live in trailers, a letter will be written to them to inform that Peter Hill from Health Canada will be doing an assessment on the waste systems of private homeowners.

DIRECTION NO. 1

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Infrastructure & Environmental Stewardship Council directs the Executive Director of Operations to contact Peter Hill (Health Canada) to do an assessment on the waste systems of private homeowners on the MCFN Territory. Further, a letter will be written to the private homeowners informing them that an assessment will be done.

This item will come back to the next Infrastructure and Environmental Stewardship Council Meeting on Tuesday, August 15, 2023 for further discussion.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6 – CALEDON REQUEST FOR JOINT COUNCIL MEETING (GOVERNANCE COORDINATOR/POLICY ANALYST – EMMA STELTER)

Emma Stelter noted in her Briefing Note the Town of Caledon has reached out through the Governance Department to inquire about scheduling a joint Council meeting.

MOTION NO. 3

MOVED BY GIMAA STACEY LAFORME

SECONDED BY ANDREA KING

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Infrastructure & Environmental Stewardship Council invites Caledon to a Joint Council Meeting to discuss topics related to the annual commitments outlined in the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), aiming for the end of August or Early September.

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

Governance Coordinator/Policy Analyst – Emma Stelter zoomed out at 9:45 am.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7 – MCFN BY-LAW REVIEW, BY-LAW REVIEW COMMITTEE, AND OFFICIAL HOUSING AND DRAFTING OF BY-LAWS (JUSTICE INTERN – CLAUDIA MILLER)

Claudia Miller noted in her Briefing Note that the Governance Committee is requesting Chief and Council to give direction on moving forward with By-Law reviewing, striking up a By-Law Review Committee to review the By-Laws of Chief and Council's priority, and a Motion for the Governance Committee to be the official housing and drafting body for MCFN Bylaws.

The MCFN Bylaws were previously housed and drafted by MCFN Lands, Research, and Membership Department. They forwarded the Governance Committee all MCFN By-Laws in

2022. At a Special Council Meeting on June 29, 2023 for the Statement of Law-Making Jurisdiction review, there was discussion regarding the status of MCFN By-Laws. Governance Committee forwarded all MCFN By-Laws to Chief and Council on June 29, 2023. The By-Laws are outdated and need to be reviewed.

Councillor CS noted that the Residency By-Law is important as well as environment. She also pointed out that the Committee should be made up of Community Members.

MOTION NO. 4

MOVED BY ERMA FERRELL

SECONDED BY GIMAA STACEY LAFORME

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Infrastructure & Environmental Stewardship Council directs that a Committee be struck for the purposes of reviewing By-Laws. And further, directs that the Governance Department be the official housing and drafting body for MCFN By-Laws.

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

DIRECTION NO. 2

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Infrastructure & Environmental Stewardship Council directs the Director of Intergovernmental Affairs to bring back a list of By-Law names, and Gimaa and Council can prioritize which are the most important. Further, a survey monkey will be sent to Gimaa and Council to prioritize the By-Law List in a more efficient manner.

Ron Gersh zoomed in at 10:00 am. Margaret Copeland in at 10:00 am

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8 – ZOOM CCS GROUP PRESENTATION BY RON GERSH (AK)

Councillor AK invited Ron Gersh to come and do a presentation to Gimaa and Council to address the challenges that Pillar Leads face in writing grants to secure funding for Pillar directed initiatives.

MCFN Council Pillar Leads have faced challenges in lobbying, securing Ministry meetings, grant proposal writing & submissions to access adequate funding streams to support the work being undertaken within the Pillars.

Pillar 2 is looking to undertake lobbying and grant submission work to secure funding to assess and address the community health service gaps faced in our community with the longer-term goal to secure funding to build a new Indigenous Led Wellness Center in MCFN that will serve not only MCFN members in our own community but our surrounding communities as well.

CCS Group has the professional expertise to assist the lobbying efforts and grant proposal writing needs required to fulfill this mandate.

In addition, CCS Group has the availability and capacity to assist other Pillar Leads and Committees to fulfill their individual mandates in grant proposal writing, lobbying deficiencies, and meeting initiatives to address the growing needs of the work the Pillar Committees are doing.

Councillor AK informed that this contract with CCS Group would only be for six months. HST will not be charged and it will be a flat rate. All Pillar Leads can split the cost with the exception of Councillor EF.

Chair/Councillor AS informed Ron that he did not have to present as Gimaa and Council already covered this item. It is noted that Councillor AK will be the contact person to discuss next steps in a lunch meeting that will be arranged by Councillor AK. Ron Gersh will bring his team to the meeting.

MOTION NO. 5

MOVED BY GIMAA STACEY LAFORME

SECONDED BY FAWN SAULT

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Infrastructure & Environmental Stewardship Council approves retaining the services of CCS Group to assist the Pillar Committees in their lobbying, grant writing and submission efforts at a rate of \$5,000.00 (Five Thousand Dollars) per month for a six month contract duration. Funds to come from Pillar 2 - 2023/2024 budget.

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

Ron Gersh zoomed out at 10:20 am. Margaret Copeland out at 10:20 am.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9 – LLOYD S. KING ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BOARD (EF)

Councillor EF is following up on where the Education Board (in terms of setting it up) is, and what will be the next steps, and she noted that further discussion is required to improve and/or resolve issues at LSK.

Councillor CS questioned whether or not we would need a Consultant. Councillor EF answered that it would be whatever Chief and Council wants.

Gimaa reiterated that the Education Board failed the first time it was put in place.

Executive Director of Operations noted that in our present board, we have a teacher spot on the board.

Councillor VKJ noted that this was already taken to Gimaa and Council. At the time the Board was unsure what is needed.

Executive Director of Intergovernmental Affairs noted that the LSK Policy is in place to address issues; there are already things in motion, so let it work. Councillor EF replied that we saw teachers a year ago, and their complaints were not being addressed.

Councillor CS stated that the whole process will take at least a year, and she believes that a Consultant should be hired to figure out if we are ready for an Education Board. Councillor AS questioned what would be the steps to figure out what to do to get there. Councillor CS replied that the budget would double as we would have to pay a formal board. Gimaa added that responsibility would go to the board and not Council.

Gimaa advised that the Board of Education can look into this. As well, Executive Director of Operations questioned if the school would be a separate entity.

There are many questions that need to be answered before making any decisions.

MOTION NO. 6

MOVED BY ANDREA KING

SECONDED BY GIMAA STACEY LAFORME

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Infrastructure & Environmental Stewardship Council directs Councillor Veronica King Jamieson to review the direction from July 5, 2022 to discuss the need for an Education Board for the Lloyd S. King Elementary School.

Information will to be brought back to the next Financial Planning and Fiscal Oversight Council Meeting on Tuesday August 1, 2023.

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

AGENDA ITEM NO. 10 – MERMAN CHALLENGE (AS)

The Council Table allowed Pillar 6 to conduct the Social Media Merman challenge for our Members – it was well received online. The prizes were listed as 1st prize - \$500, 2nd prize - \$350, and 3rd prize – 150. It was posted online and in the Newsletter for 3 weeks.

The results are in! Now the Council must vote for the top 3!

Regarding the Merman Challenge:

3rd Place – Tim Maracle;

2nd Place – Greg Pamplin;

1st Place – Chris Myke.

Communications will post to social media.

Councillor Ashley Sault and Executive Director of Operations have worked out where the dollars will come from to pay the winners.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 11 – MAJOR EVENTS COMMITTEE (MEC) FINAL REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY TRUST FOR THE 2022-2023 FISCAL (CULTURE & EVENTS COORDINATOR)

Culture and Events Coordinator noted in her Briefing Note that the original funding agreement between the Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation Community Trust and the Major Events Committee commenced on April 1, 2022 for the 2022-2023 fiscal year ending March 31, 2023 through the Special Events and Culture Unit.

There was a surplus of funds at the end of the 2022-2023 fiscal year in the amount of one hundred twelve thousand seven hundred and one dollars (\$112,701.00). MEC will be requesting for this surplus to be deferred into the 2023-2024 fiscal. In the original agreement the duration of the project was to be completed on March 31, 2023.

Gimaa stated that the Major Events Committee is to be thanked for their hard work.

MOTION NO. 7

MOVED BY GIMAA STACEY LAFORME

SECONDED BY ANDREA KING

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Infrastructure & Environmental Stewardship Council accepts the Major Events Committee's final report to the Mississaugas of the New Credit Community Trust for the 2022-2023 fiscal year(s) activities and expenditures as information only.

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

AGENDA ITEM NO. 11a) – MAJOR EVENTS COMMITTEE (MEC) NEW MEMBER FOR A THREE YEAR TERM – FYI (CULTURE & EVENTS COORDINATOR)

Culture and Events Coordinator noted in her Briefing Note that The Major Events Committee (MEC) includes three MCFN member positions. MEC had a resignation as of May 19, 2023. MEC issued a call for the three-year member seat that was posted on May 24, 2023 that closed on June 9, 2023. No submissions were received. The call out was posted again for a second time on June 14, 2023 with a deadline date of June 30, 2023. Two submissions of interest were received by MCFN members.

The members of MEC reviewed these applications at our July 13, 2023 MEC meeting. The following criteria set out in the terms of reference were considered, as well as other contributing factors during the selection process:

- Must be a MCFN Member
- Committee experience in the last three years
- Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation involvement
- Communications Skills
- Overall quality of the application
- Committee members must be available to attend, support or be available to participate for certain responsibilities and events during their term on the Major Events Committee.

Based on these criteria, the Major Events Committee chose the following member for the Major Events Committee 3 year term (18+) – Kelly Felhazi.

MOTION NO. 8

MOVED BY GIMAA STACEY LAFORME

SECONDED BY ERMA FERRELL

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Infrastructure & Environmental Stewardship Council accepts the Major Events Committee (MEC) update on the three-year committee member seat as information only.

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 12 – QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER RE: TORONTO PURCHASE TRUST
– IF APPROVED WILL BE PUT ON THE MCFN WEBSITE**

MOTION NO. 9

MOVED BY ANDREA KING

SECONDED BY ERMA FERRELL

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Infrastructure & Environmental Stewardship Council approves the attached 2023 Q2 Performance Newsletter prepared by Peace Hills Trust, and directs that it placed on the MCFN Members Only Webpage.

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 13 – CCP – SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING – RESCHEDULE
(EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS)**

A new date of **Thursday, August 3, 2023** is scheduled for a Special Council Meeting regarding the Comprehensive Community Plan (CCP) with Dan Penner. Meeting will begin at 9:00 am to 12:00 pm.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 14 – OTHER/NEW BUSINESS

There was no Other/New Business.

MOTION NO. 10

MOVED BY CLAIRE SAULT

SECONDED BY FAWN SAULT

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Infrastructure & Environmental Stewardship Council moved In-Camera at 11:25 am.

Carried