

**MISSISSAUGAS OF THE CREDIT FIRST NATION  
INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COUNCIL  
PUBLIC MINUTES  
Tuesday, May 9, 2023**

**Start 9:15 am**

**Finish 12:15 pm**

**Chief (Gimaa) Councillor/Chair**  
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**Ex. Dir. of Intergov. Affairs**  
**A/COO – Ex. Dir. of Operations**  
**Ex. Dir. of Finance/HR**  
**Recorder**

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

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 – OPEN MEETING**

The LSK Drum Group favoured Gimaa and Council with some opening songs. Gimaa 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 FAWN SAULT

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

- Agenda Item No. 9a) – Friends of the First Nation – Recognition Awards (EF);
- Agenda Item No. 16a) – In-Camera Item;
- Agenda Item No. 16b) – In-Camera Item;
- Agenda Item No. 16c) – In-Camera Item;
- Agenda Item No. 16d) – 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 INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COUNCIL MEETING DATED TUESDAY, APRIL 11, 2023**

**MOTION NO. 2**

MOVED BY ANDREA KING

SECONDED BY ERMA FERRELL

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Intergovernmental Relations Council accepts the Public Minutes of Intergovernmental Relations Council Meeting dated Tuesday, April 11, 2023.

Carried

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 3a) – FYI – SUMMARY OF MOTIONS & DIRECTIONS FROM THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COUNCIL MEETING DATED TUESDAY, APRIL 11, 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.

OPP Officers Rod Leclair and Lindsay VanPassen in at 9:00 am.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 5 – OPP OFFICER ROD LECLAIR TO PRESENT MONTHLY OPP REPORT**

OPP Officer Rod Leclair provided the Monthly Update for April 2023.

Councillor FS noted that thieves have been going into other peoples' yards.

Councillor EF questioned if there are any ways we can improve on our services with the OPP.

Executive Director of Operations questioned if any more has been done regarding the substance that was found at LSK a few months ago. She will send the information to Rod who will investigate as to whether any more has been done. OPP Inspector Phil Carter was looking into this, but he has since retired.

As follow up from today's meeting with OPP, Rod has provided additional information on April's calls for service:

Break and Enter was to a residence - Appears that some youths entered through garage and into a vacant unit. Very little damage, a little mess inside.

Thefts were all under \$5,000.00 - A \$20 gas drive off; theft of a generator outside a residence; and 2 entries into unlocked vehicles – change, CD's and identifications stolen.

**MOTION NO. 3**

MOVED BY FAWN SAULT

SECONDED BY ERMA FERRELL

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Intergovernmental Relations Council accepts the OPP Monthly Report for the month of April 2023 as presented by OPP Officer Rod Leclair.

Carried

OPP Officers Rod Leclair and Lindsay VanPassen out at 9:30 am.

Council moved to Agenda Item No. 7.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 7 – MOTION TO BE READ INTO MINUTES – MOHAWK COLLEGE LETTER OF SUPPORT (THIS MOTION WAS APPROVED VIA EMAIL)**

Director of Lifelong Learning noted in her Briefing Note that she is seeking Chief and Council to approve of the partnership with Mohawk College, and further, to sign the letter of support along with providing administrative support to facilitate their request for applying for a funding grant.

Mohawk College is in the process of applying for a funding grant offered jointly by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) and the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation (NCTR). The Reconciliation Network in Response to Call to Action 65 funding grant will provide between \$7,000.00 (Seven Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents) and \$1 million annually over 5 years.

MCFN has a long-standing relationship with Mohawk College with MCFN Community Members attending at both the Hamilton and Brantford campuses over the years.

To partner with Mohawk College, the College needs a letter of support and for MCFN profile and partner details to be completed on the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council portal site. The total in-kind contributions for this partnership is \$6,195.00 (Six Thousand One Hundred and Ninety-Five Dollars and Zero Cents).

Councillor EF questioned if we could have applied for this grant ourselves.

**MOTION NO. 4**

MOVED BY VERONICA KING-JAMIESON

SECONDED BY FAWN SAULT

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Intergovernmental Relations Council approves of the partnership with Mohawk College and further to sign the letter of support along with providing administrative support to facilitate their request for applying for a funding grant. The total in-kind contribution for this partnership is \$6,195.00 (Six Thousand One Hundred Ninety-Five Dollars and Zero Cents).

Carried

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Waived

**DIRECTION NO. 1**

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Intergovernmental Relations Council directs EMT to add Letters of Support – Policy/Procedures to their Agenda for their next meeting.

Council moved back to Agenda Item No. 6.

Director of Lifelong Learning and Danielle Boissoneau zoomed in at 9:35 am.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 6 – PRESENTATION BY CONESTOGA COLLEGE REGARDING APPROVAL OF CONESTOGA’S PROJECT & FUNDING/RESOURCE REQUEST (DIRECTOR OF LIFELONG LEARNING)**

Director of Lifelong Learning noted in her Briefing Note that she is seeking approval of the project details and funding being sought by Conestoga College.

Conestoga College is in the process of applying for a funding grant offered jointly by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) and the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation (NCTR). The funding grant will provide up to \$1 Million annually over 5 years (\$200,000 annually).

Conestoga will present to Chief and Council at the Intergovernmental Relations Council on May 9, 2023 (attached as Appendix A) and will seek approval of Conestoga’s Project and Funding/Resource sharing request. The full award for this funding is \$200,000.00 (Two Hundred Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents) per annum to a maximum of \$1,000,000.00 (One Million Dollars and Zero Cents) over five years. Upon successfully receiving this award, funds will be shared directly with MCFN to hire a Language Teacher and Highly Qualified Personnel.

Funds will be also be used to pay for the delivery of Language Nest Programming in the Community, Research Lead salary, and Research Assistant salary. There will be an in-kind donation of a Program Manager and Training Specialist from Conestoga.

Danielle Boissoneau from Conestoga College reiterated most of what the Director of Lifelong Learning wrote above. She is the Director of Initiatives at Conestoga College.

**MOTION NO. 5**

MOVED BY VERONICA KING-JAMIESON

SECONDED BY FAWN SAULT

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Intergovernmental Relations Council accepts as information Conestoga's presentation contained in Appendix A and approves of the project details and funding/resource sharing proposal contained in Appendix A (Power Point Presentation titled "Returning to Our Languages Project").

Conestoga's role is to provide Indigenous Initiatives that will support the project by:

- Providing logistical, financial and administrative support to back end the delivery of this Project
- Delivering TRC training to Conestoga's staff, faculty and administration to advance meaningful reconciliation and
- Creating partnerships with School of Creative Industries to design, develop and deliver Anishinaabemowin Teaching and Learning Certificate Program.

The funding grant will provide up to \$1 Million dollars over 5 years (\$200,000 annually).

Carried

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Waived

Director of Lifelong Learning and Danielle Boissoneau zoomed out at 9:50 am.

Council moved to Agenda Item No. 8.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 8 – SHERIDAN COLLEGE FLAG REQUEST (COMMUNICATIONS & ENGAGEMENT LEAD)**

Communications and Engagement Lead (Georgia LaForme) noted in her Briefing Note that Sheridan College is proud to fly the MCFN flag. Sheridan is also requesting whether or not MCFN has any disapprovals where the MCFN Flag cannot be flown.

**DIRECTION NO. 2**

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Intergovernmental Relations Council denies that the MCFN Flag will be lowered at any time at Sheridan College. Communications and Engagement Lead will explain the position of the flag in a nice way.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 9a) – FRIENDS OF THE FIRST NATION – RECOGNITION AWARDS COMMITTEE (EF)**

Councillor EF requested that Gimaa and Council bring back some names of people who will be nominated for the “Friends of the First Nation” award.

Councillor EF suggested Natalie Des Rosiers, Principle at Massey College, and Gimaa suggested Ron McLean from Hockey Canada.

**MOTION NO. 6**

MOVED BY FAWN SAULT

SECONDED BY ERMA FERRELL

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Intergovernmental Relations Council moved In-Camera at 9:58 am.

Carried

