

MISSISSAUGAS OF THE CREDIT FIRST NATION
FINANCIAL PLANNING & FISCAL OVERSIGHT COUNCIL
PUBLIC MINUTES
 Tuesday, August 1, 2023

Start: 9:10 am

Finish: 2:45 pm

Gimaa (Chief) Councillor

R. Stacey Laforme

Councillor

Kelly LaForme (Vacation)

Councillor

Veronica King-Jamieson

Councillor

Erma Ferrell

Councillor

Andrea King

Councillor

Ashley Sault

Councillor

Fawn Sault

Councillor/Chair

Claire Sault

Recording Officer

Charlotte Smith

Ex. Dir. of Operations

Kerri King

Ex. Dir. of Intergovernmental Affairs

Katelyn LaForme

Ex. Dir. of Finance/HR

Alisha Anderson (Excused)

Lifelong Learning Department

Patti Barber, Cindy Agius

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 – OPEN MEETING

Chair/Councillor Claire Sault opened the meeting at 9:10 am.

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

MOTION NO. 1

MOVED BY VERONICA KING-JAMIESON

SECONDED BY ANDREA KING

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

- Agenda Item No. 7 – Deleted – already dealt with in Pillar 4 Update;
- Agenda Item No. 13b) – Social and Health Services Ideas for Donation (KK);
- Agenda Item No. 13c) – Pow Wow Invitations (FS);
- Agenda Item No. 27b) – In-Camera Item;
- Agenda Item No. 27c) – In-Camera Item;
- Agenda Item No. 27d) – In-Camera Item;
- Agenda Item No. 27e) – In-Camera Item.

Carried

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

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 – REVIEW AND ACCEPT THE PUBLIC MINUTES OF FINANCIAL PLANNING & FISCAL OVERSIGHT COUNCIL MEETING DATED TUESDAY, JULY 4, 2023

DIRECTION NO. 1

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Financial Planning & Fiscal Oversight Council directs the Executive Director of Finance/HR to further look for the dollars that MCFN paid in taxes on the (Kuiper Property) Addition to Reserve property. For example, pull information from AccPac, and search for hard copies.

MOTION NO. 2

MOVED BY GIMAA STACEY LAFORME

SECONDED BY ANDREA KING

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Financial Planning & Fiscal Oversight Council accepts the Public Minutes of the Financial Planning and Fiscal Oversight Council Meeting dated Tuesday, July 4, 2023.

Carried

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3a) – FYI - SUMMARY OF MOTIONS/DIRECTIONS FROM FINANCIAL PLANNING & FISCAL OVERSIGHT COUNCIL MEETING DATED TUESDAY, JULY 4, 2023

This is an FYI for Gimaa and Council.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4 – MATTERS ARISING FROM COUNCIL MINUTES

There were no Matters Arising from the Minutes.

Director of Lifelong Learning and Cindy Agius in at 9:20 am.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5 – FLAT ROOF REPLACEMENT – LSK SCHOOL (PW DIRECTOR)

PW Director noted in his Briefing Note that a Motion is required to authorize MCFN Public Works Department (PWD) and Life Long Learning (LLL) Department to proceed with the flat roof replacement for LSK School. Further, that MCFN approve Chief R. Stacey Laforme and/or Kerri King, Executive Director of Operations in the Chief's absence to sign the Purchase of Service Contract once prepared.

Public Works Department (PWD) has a requested three (3) quotations for this scope of work, one did not respond, but two (2) companies submitted bids.

In discussions with Life Long Learning (LLL) and PWD, this scope of work will be scheduled prior to the beginning of the school year.

LLL is agreeable to expend 100% of the cost (\$74,459.00) plus a 10% contingency fee (\$7,445.90) for a total of (\$81,904.90) in 2023 fiscal.

Due to the current LSK Expansion Project being completed, coordination is critical at this stage.

MOTION NO. 3

MOVED BY ASHLEY SAULT

SECONDED BY FAWN SAULT

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Financial Planning & Fiscal Oversight Council authorizes Life Long Learning & Public Works Department to award the Flat Roof Replacement for LSK School contract in the amount of: EIGHTY-ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED FOUR DOLLARS AND NINETY CENTS (\$81,904.90) to The Roofman Inc. located at 1085 Guelph Street, Kitchener, Ontario N2B 2E4. Finally, that MCFN Financial Planning & Fiscal Oversight Council approve Chief R. Stacey Laforme sign the prepared Purchase of Service Agreement and/or Kerri King, Executive Director of Operations in the absence of the Chief. Expensed from Life Long Learning Department surplus dollars.

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6 – MCFN POST-SECONDARY STUDENT ASSISTANCE POLICY (DIRECTOR OF LIFELONG LEARNING) (THIS ITEM IS COMING BACK FROM LAST WEEK’S COUNCIL MEETING TO BE APPROVED)

Director of Lifelong Learning noted in her Briefing Note she is seeking approval from Chief and Council to approve the most recent revisions to the Post-Secondary Student Assistance Policy (“policy”) as directed by Council on July 25, 2023. We are asking that the content of this Policy be approved effective today, August 1, 2023, given the time constraints. Final formatting will occur once the Policy is approved.

MOTION NO. 4

MOVED BY ASHLEY SAULT

SECONDED BY FAWN SAULT

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Financial Planning & Fiscal Oversight Council approves the Post-Secondary Student Assistance Policy with the most recent revisions, and further, that the Policy be effective Tuesday, August 1, 2023.

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

MOTION NO. 5

MOVED BY FAWN SAULT

SECONDED BY ANDREA KING

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Financial Planning & Fiscal Oversight Council moved to an In-Camera session at 9:25 am.

Carried

MOTION NO. 7

MOVED BY GIMAA STACEY LAFORME

SECONDED BY ASHLEY SAULT

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Financial Planning & Fiscal Oversight Council moved out of the In-Camera session at 9:40 am.

Carried

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6a) – APPLICATION TO THE COMMUNITY TRUST – POST-SECONDARY COMPUTER FUNDING (DIRECTOR OF LIFELONG LEARNING)

Director of Lifelong Learning noted in her Briefing Note that the Department of Lifelong Learning would like to create a Computer Loan Program for post-secondary students. In order to provide this Program to post-secondary students, funds in the approximate amount of \$50,000.00 (Fifty Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents) is necessary. We are therefore requesting approval to apply to the MNCFN Community Trust for this amount.

It is anticipated that approximately 25 post-secondary students will apply to receive a computer under a Computer Loan Program.

An agreement will be drafted which will provide the parameters under which the post-secondary students will loan a computer from the Department of Lifelong Learning.

MOTION NO. 8

MOVED BY GIMAA STACEY LAFORME

SECONDED BY ASHLEY SAULT

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Financial Planning & Fiscal Oversight Council approves of the application to the MCFN Community Trust for funds in the approximate amount of \$50,000.00 (Fifty Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents) in order to purchase computers for the post-secondary computer loan program.

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6b) – LLOYD S. KING ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – MOHAWK GARDEN MARKET QUOTE FOR APPROVAL (DIRECTOR OF LIFELONG LEARNING)

Director of Lifelong Learning noted in her Briefing Note that the Lifelong Learning Department is seeking approval from Chief and Council to approve the expenditure to provide a seating area and for soil and overseed to create a fresh grassy area at Lloyd S. King Elementary School to prepare the school for grand opening of the new spaces in September. The estimated quote for the materials and labour is \$15,980.00 (Fifteen Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty Dollars and Zero Cents).

The island in front of LSK has not been taken care of on a regular basis and we would like to retain the services of Mohawk Garden Market to replace and rejuvenate that area in anticipation of the grand opening of our new spaces in September.

Based on the above, we are seeking permission to enter into a contract with our preferred vendor, Mohawk Garden Market, in the amount of \$15,980.00 (Fifteen Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty Dollars and Zero Cents) which provides nursery and land goods for Lloyd S. King School.

It was noted that MCFN Members should be included in doing the landscaping. Councillor FS informed that the clean-up itself is a lot of work, and Executive Director of Operations added that there is a skill in planting.

MOTION NO. 9

MOVED BY VERONICA KING-JAMIESON SECONDED BY GIMAA STACEY LAFORME
That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Financial Planning & Fiscal Oversight Council approves the expenditure of \$15,980.00 (Fifteen Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty Dollars and Zero Cents) as reflected in the quotes from Mohawk Garden Market for the provision of nursery and yard goods for the front island garden at Lloyd S. King Elementary school to be ready for the start of the school year September 2023. Finance Verification of this Expenditure has been received.

Carried
2nd Reading Waived

Opposed: Councillor Erma Ferrell – Would like to see more community involvement.

NOTE: In future, projects of this nature will allow for more community involvement.

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

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7 – LLOYD S. KING ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BOARD (VKJ)

This item has been deleted as it was dealt with when Pillar 4 Lead (Veronica King-Jamieson) brought her Pillar 4 Update to Gimaa and Council.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8 – GANOHWASRA BOARD OF DIRECTORS (KK)

Executive Director of Operations noted that a new Council representative is needed on the Board of Directors for Ganohkwasra.

At the beginning of this Council Term, Councillor Andrea King was appointed. Andrea has been unable to fulfill her duties to the Board and the Executive Director Sandra Montour, in a letter to MCFN stated that because of Andrea’s absence, they are requesting a new representative.

Councillor AK informed that she is on nine other boards which are bigger commitments. She added that the Ganohkwasra Board of Directors is a well-run Board. She is recommending MCFN Members Mark Sault or Valarie King, or use a Pillar 2 committee member.

Councillor FS, with her expertise, has agreed to step up to the plate.

See BCR No. 332 – 2023-2024.

MOTION NO. 10

MOVED BY GIMAA STACEY LAFORME SECONDED BY ERMA FERRELL
That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Financial Planning & Fiscal Oversight Council acknowledges the termination letter dated July 14, 2023 by Sandra Montour, and further, appoints Councillor Fawn Sault to the Ganohkwasra Board of Directors on behalf of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation.

Carried
2nd Reading Waived

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9 – MCFN BY-LAW REVIEW LIST AS DIRECTED (GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE)

The By-Law Review List is an FYI for Gimaa and Council.

Executive Director of Intergovernmental Affairs informed that the monkey survey will be out on Friday.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 10 – REQUEST FOR MERCHANDISE PURCHASE FOR THREE FIRES POW WOW (COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT)

Victoria Gray of the Communications Department noted in her Briefing Note that the Communications Department is looking to purchase merchandise to sell at the Three Fires Pow Wow and to later use as gifts for dignitaries, visitors, and other department events.

Merchandise levels are dwindling from last year’s Pow Wow order. There are very few size options left in the medium to extra-large size range. We have very few notebooks and only a handful of bags left. If we do not order merchandise ASAP, we will have nothing to offer for Pow Wow. Communications has been quoted \$18,208.20 (not including exact freights, additional taxes or overages) from Talbot Marketing for the purchase of hoodies, T-shirts, ball caps, tote bags, frisbees and water bottles. The expense will be coded to Communications (100400).

MOTION NO. 11

MOVED BY ERMA FERRELL

SECONDED BY ANDREA KING

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Financial Planning & Fiscal Oversight Council approves the order for merchandise for the Communications Department to sell at the Three Fires Pow Wow and other events. Dollars in the amount of \$18,208.20 (Eighteen Thousand Two Hundred Eight Dollars & Twenty Cents) will come from the Enterprise Fund.

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

AGENDA ITEM NO. 11 – UPDATE ON REV. PETER JONES ARTIFACTS COLLECTION (EF)

Councillor EF noted in her Briefing Note that she had a zoom call with staff from the Atlantic Ave. Museum regarding how to move forward with repatriating the known artifacts collection of Rev. Peter Jones.

Councillor EF has been asked to write another letter to the CEO of Metropolitan Museum of New York whose name is Max Holliein, and for Gimaa and Council to pass another Motion stating our intent. This letter will be signed and sent as soon as possible with a copy going to other museums involved.

Curator of the museum in New York does not want to give up the bandolier bag.

MOTION NO. 12

MOVED BY ANDREA KING

SECONDED BY FAWN SAULT

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Financial Planning & Fiscal Oversight Council approves Councillor Erma Ferrell/Pillar 5 Lead, to draft a letter to Max Hollein/Director and Chief Executive Officer of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, (the Met) in New York City New York. The letter to Max Hollein will be signed by Chief R. Stacey Laforme and copied to:

Cheryl Blackman/Director Museum Service and Heritage Services/City of Toronto
City of Toronto Indigenous Services
Steven Loft/National Gallery of Canada

Carried
2nd Reading Waived

AGENDA ITEM NO. 12 – WHERE DID THE METROPOLITAN MUSEUM OF ART GET ITS NATIVE AMERICAN OBJECTS? (EF)

This is an FYI for Gimaa and Council from Councillor EF.

MOTION NO. 13

MOVED BY GIMAA STACEY LAFORME

SECONDED BY ANDREA KING

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Financial Planning & Fiscal Oversight Council acknowledges the article by Kathleen Sharp for ProPublica, titled, “Where did the Metropolitan Museum of Art get its Native American Objects”.

Carried

AGENDA ITEM NO. 13a) – BLUE JAYS CARE FOUNDATION ROOKIE BASEBALL TOURNAMENT AT MCFN AUGUST 19, 2023 (VKJ)

Councillor VKJ noted in her Briefing Note that she is requesting to use the LSK baseball diamond and creating another baseball play area with bases in the soccer field area. At the same time, we would like to have access to the Splash Pad for these youth coming from across the six Mississauga Nations.

We will have coaches/volunteers from each community to chaperone the baseball youth. At the last baseball tournament in Curve Lake on July 22nd there were approximately 300+ participants, and we would have the same estimated participants for the upcoming tournament. Curve Lake and Alderville will be bringing two busses each from their communities.

We have been involved with the Jays Care Foundation last year and again this year. The six communities across the Mississauga Nation come together to host two tournaments. MCFN will be hosting the next tournament.

Councillor AS informed that hopefully the Splash Pad will be fixed, but we are waiting for Hydro One as this is a hydro issue.

Councillor VKJ stated that no budgets have been entered, and she (VKJ) was going to use dollars from the Pillar 4 Budget. She has applied to the Blue Jays Foundation, and if we get any dollars we will reimburse.

Councillor VKJ also questioned if we could get Auditors to come in and help bring the budgets and finances up to date. She reiterated that she is looking for the data entry to be entered.

Executive Director of Finances/HR reiterated that the budgets have not been approved.

MOTION NO. 14

MOVED BY GIMAA STACEY LAFORME

SECONDED BY ANDREA KING

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Financial Planning & Fiscal Oversight Council approves the use of the baseball diamond at LSK and setting up another baseball area on the soccer field behind the LSK school grounds; in addition, to use the Splash Pad for the Jays Care Foundation Rookie Baseball Tournament being hosted by MCFN on August 19th, 2023.

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

MOTION NO. 15

MOVED BY ERMA FERRELL

SECONDED BY ANDREA KING

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Financial Planning & Fiscal Oversight Council approves a budget of \$10,000.00 (Ten Thousand Dollars) with regard to the Blue Jays Care Foundation Rookie Baseball Tournament at MCFN on August 19, 2023. Dollars will come from the Pillar 4 budget.

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

AGENDA ITEM NO. 13b) – SOCIAL AND HEALTH IDEAS FOR DONATION (KK)

Executive Director of Operations noted in her Briefing Note that \$15,000.00 was received from AVISKA, and Council is seeking to put the funds towards shortfalls in social and health programming.

Executive Director of Operations reached out to Home and Community Care Supervisor regarding Meals on Wheels, and she (Home and Community Care Supervisor) indicated that with the remaining 33 weeks left in this fiscal, client fees would be collected in the amount of \$2,625.00. At the present time Meal on Wheels Program is anticipating a deficit in the food expenses for this year in the amount of \$5,000.00.

Both Councillors EF and AS stated that our seniors should not have to pay for Meals on Wheels.

Executive Director of Operations noted that it takes a lot of dollars to run this program.

MOTION NO. 16

MOVED BY ASHLEY SAULT

SECONDED BY FAWN SAULT

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Financial Planning & Fiscal Oversight Council approves the recommendation of the Executive Director of Operations (EDO) to allocate \$15,000.00 (Fifteen Thousand Dollars) donation from Aviska to the following Social and Health Programs:

- \$7,500.00 (Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars) to the Meals on Wheels Reserve fund;
- \$7,500.00 (Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars) to a Social Program as approved by the Executive Director of Operations.

Carried
2nd Reading Waived

DIRECTION NO. 3

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Financial Planning & Fiscal Oversight Council directs the Executive Director of Operations to bring back a recommendation regarding the cost of the senior/client portion for the Meals on Wheels.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 13c) – POW WOW INVITATIONS (FS)

Councillor FS is requesting who will be invited to the Pow Wow. Gimaa and Council can ask dignitaries, political alliances, Mississauga Nation etc. We will have to do this soon so letters can be sent out.

MOTION NO. 17

MOVED BY FAWN SAULT

SECONDED BY ANDREA KING

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Financial Planning & Fiscal Oversight Council moved to an In-Camera session at 11:05 am.

Carried