

**MISSISSAUGAS OF THE CREDIT FIRST NATION  
INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COUNCIL  
PUBLIC MINUTES  
Tuesday, August 8, 2023**

**Start 9:10 am**

**Finish 1:21 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**  
**Guests from OPP**

**R. Stacey Laforme**  
**Erma Ferrell**  
**Ashley Sault**  
**Andrea King**  
**Fawn Sault**  
**Kelly LaForme (via Zoom)**  
**Veronica King-Jamieson**  
**Claire Sault (Vacation)**  
**Katelyn Laforme**  
**Kerri King**  
**Alisha Anderson (Excused)**  
**Charlotte Smith**  
**Inspector Jodi Kays, Community Liaison Rod Leclair**

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 – OPEN MEETING**

Chair/Gimaa Stacey Laforme opened the meeting at 9:10 am.

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

**MOTION NO. 1**

MOVED BY ANDREA KING

SECONDED BY VERONICA KING-JAMIESON

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

- Agenda Item No. 12a) – In-Camera Item;
- Agenda Item No. 15a) – Clarification on Sewage Direction (KK);
- Agenda Item No. 15b) – Motion to be read into the Minutes – Council House Table;
- Agenda Item No. 15c) – United Church Update (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, MAY 9, 2023**

**MOTION NO. 2**

MOVED BY ASHLEY SAULT

SECONDED BY VERONICA KING-JAMIESON

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Intergovernmental Relations Council accepts the Public Minutes of Intergovernmental Relations Council Meeting dated Tuesday, May 9, 2023.

Carried

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 3a) – FYI – SUMMARY OF MOTIONS & DIRECTIONS FROM THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COUNCIL MEETING DATED TUESDAY, MAY 9, 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 Guests – Rod Leclair, Jody Kays, Craig in at 9:15 am.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 5 – OPP INSPECTOR JODI KAYS TO PRESENT MONTHLY OPP REPORT FOR JULY 2023**

OPP Inspector Jodi Kays highlighted her Monthly Report to MCFN. In reviewing occurrences for July 2023, there were a total of 45. There is one report for MCFN and the other is an overview of everything in Haldimand County.

Gimaa questioned if there has ever been a request for a light or stop sign at 4<sup>th</sup> Line and No. 6 Highway. Jodi answered not yet, but others have been requesting that something be done, and the OPP will look into it.

Councillor EF asked for an update on the occurrence that happened with an MCFN Member and the OPP. Jodi replied that it was an integrated response, by that we (OPP) had to ensure the safety of the public as there was a question of the MCFN Member being in possession of guns. Hence, the SWAT Team showed up.

Gimaa requested that Jodi coordinate with Councillor AK, and whoever else would need to be involved in order for this kind of situation (if it ever happens again) to have a better outcome. Further, it would be a good idea for the OPP to have some cultural training of our First Nation.

Councillor EF reminded the OPP that when situations like this arose, former Inspector Phil Carter would always send Chief and Council all the news.

**MOTION NO. 3**

MOVED BY ANDREA KING

SECONDED BY FAWN SAULT

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Intergovernmental Relations Council accepts the OPP Monthly Report for July 2023 as prepared by Jody Kays (Interim OPP Inspector).

Carried

OPP Guests – Rod Leclair, Jody Kays, Craig out at 9:25 am.

Early Years Administrator in at 9:26 am.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 6 – LLOYD S. KING ELEMENTARY SCHOOL KINDERGARTEN CUBBIES REPLACEMENT (EARLY YEARS ADMINISTRATOR)**

Early Years Administrator noted in her Briefing Note that she is seeking approval of Council to approve the expenditure to remove and replace the kindergarten cubbies. The quote is from Finell Custom Cabinetry for \$12,325.40.

The existing cubbies in the kindergarten room are small and the seating (bench) area is not an appropriate size for children to sit to change shoes. As well the height of the current cubbies shelf has been an ongoing source of bumped heads due to the awkward placement. Removing and replacing the cubbies will provide a larger bench, eliminate the low shelf and widen the overall size of storing children’s outerwear and belongings. Additional storage for classroom supplies are included in the new design. This work can be done prior to the start of the new school year pending approval. Two quotes were obtained and Finelli Custom Cabinetry is the preferred vendor for this work. The complete cost of this improvement is \$12,325.40 (twelve thousand, three hundred and twenty-four dollars and forty cents) we have received verification of this funding.

**MOTION NO. 4**

MOVED BY VERONICA KING-JAMIESON

SECONDED BY ASHLEY SAULT

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Intergovernmental Relations Council approves the quote from “Finelli Custom Cabinetry” and the expenditure of \$12,325.40 (twelve thousand, three hundred and twenty-four dollars and forty cents). The funds will be expensed from Department 500300 under Equipment 58600 from deferred revenue.

Carried

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Waived

Early Years Administrator out at 9:27 am.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 7 – LEGAL NAME CHANGE OF RESERVE – PROCESS (KK)**

Executive Director of Operations noted in her Briefing Note that EMT was directed to bring forward information on how to change the name of the New Credit Indian Reserve.

Lands and Membership contacted a representative from Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) to obtain information on how to change the legal name of the reserve, currently known as New Credit Indian Reserve #40A.

The First Nation will need to submit a Band Council Resolution to ISC (Indigenous Services Canada). They will complete the necessary paperwork, and will need to submit for an Order in Council.

ISC has advised that typically, an Order in Council takes 1-2 years to be completed, as there are multiple levels of approvals and notification that are required. Once completed, all future Canada Land Survey Requirements (CLSR's) would bear the new name of the Indian Reserve.

Executive Director of Operations noted that our formal name is "New Credit Indian Reserve 40A".

As an aside, Executive Director of Operations stated that MCFN does not provide blood quantum letters, however, Executive Director of Intergovernmental Affairs will confirm.

LM Director will bring this back to the Council Table.

**MOTION NO. 5**

MOVED BY ERMA FERRELL

SECONDED BY ASHLEY SAULT

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Intergovernmental Relations Council agrees to move forward with the preparation of a BCR for a formal name change from the New Credit Indian Reserve #40A to the Mississaugas of the Credit.

Carried

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Waived

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 8 – PLAQUE UNVEILING PRESS RELEASE – ETOBICOKE HISTORICAL SOCIETY (EF)**

Councillor EF noted in her Briefing Note that MCFN Chief and Council were contacted in early 2021, to be updated on the plans the Etobicoke Historical Society had to replace a monument that was installed in 1967.

The members of the Etobicoke Historical Society agreed the wording on the monument should be replaced, and contacted MCFN.

A new plaque has been created, which contains the wording in, Ojibway, French and English.

The Etobicoke Historical Society has posted a media release. During the past couple of years Councillor EF has been the contact person and reviewed the media release before it was posted.

An employee of the Six Nations of the Grand River First Nation, contacted the President of the Etobicoke Historical Society and asked what they were doing, why, and who gave them permission.

The email from the SN's employee was forwarded to Councillor EF and she had a few calls and emails from the President of the Etobicoke Historical Society.

Councillor EF responded to the SN employee and explained the reasons for the monument being replaced. The employee then contacted the President of the Etobicoke Historical Society, and asked why their email was sent to me. The President of the Society responded and explained they have been working with our Nation for over two years and the Toronto Parks Department provided permission for the old monument to be removed and a new plaque to be installed.

Conclusion: The Press Release was posted and plans will be going forward for the unveiling scheduled for Saturday September 9, 2023.

**MOTION NO. 6**

MOVED BY ASHLEY SAULT

SECONDED BY ANDREA KING

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Intergovernmental Relations Council accepts the Report on the Etobicoke Historical Society on the questions received on the reasons for replacing the monument with a new plaque and acknowledge the Press Release.

Carried

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Waived

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 9 – BOOKLET FOR PILLAR 5 (EF)**

This item has been placed at the end of the Agenda as more information is being received.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 10 – CREDIT RIVER – STEWARDSHIP REQUEST (EF)**

Councillor EF noted in her Briefing Note that Emma Abramowicz contacted Darin Wybenga and herself to discuss the Halton Hills Heritage Cultural Heritage Master Plan.

Emma wanted to know if we would support the request to pay special recognition to the Credit River.

Attached for the MCFN Council's review and direction on whether they wish to support the request from Halton Hills.

“Recommendation 5.3.4: Explore opportunities and mechanisms to recognize, conserve, steward and celebrate the Credit River as a Character Corridor of significance in Halton Hills.”

**MOTION NO. 7**

MOVED BY ANDREA KING

SECONDED BY ASHLEY SAULT

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Intergovernmental Relations Council agrees to participate in activities with Halton Hills on their Heritage Cultural Heritage Master Plan.

Carried

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Waived

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 11 – CITY OF VAUGHN CITIZENSHIP CEREMONY & EVERY CHILD MATTERS WALKWAY/CROSSWALK (EF)**

Councillor EF noted in her Briefing Note that on Friday September 22, 2023 at 10:00 am, the City of Vaughan will be hosting a Citizenship Ceremony at their Library and unveiling an Every Child Matters Walkway/Crosswalk.

An invitation to MCFN Chief & Council has been received via email to attend the event, and Councillors Andrea King and myself have confirmed our attendance. We have been invited to participate in the ceremony, to provide welcoming remarks and share the importance of remembering the children who did not come home from Residential School, during the unveiling of the Every Child Matters Walkway/Crosswalk unveiling.

The event is happening on the same day as Caring Together week in our Community and I had confirmed by participation prior to receiving the information on Caring Together Week.

Citizenship Ceremony is at 2191 Major McKenzie Drive beginning at 10:00 a.m. and, the unveiling will begin at 1:00 p.m.

Councillor EF informed the organizers of the event that our Council will be attending events in our Community and will not be able to attend the ceremonies in the City of Vaughan.

**MOTION NO. 8**

MOVED BY ASHLEY SAULT

SECONDED BY FAWN SAULT

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Intergovernmental Relations Council accepts the Report on the City of Vaughan Citizenship Ceremony and Every Child Matters Walkway/Crosswalk on veiling for September 22, 2023, as information only.

Carried

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Waived

Council moved to Agenda Item No. 13.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 13 – CANADIAN INDIAN RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL GALA – SEPTEMBER 2023 (EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS)**

Executive Director of Intergovernmental Affairs asked Gimaa and Council if they wish to sponsor the Canadian Indian Residential School Gala in September 2023.

Indigenous Justice Coordinators in Hamilton, Kitchener, and St. Thomas have been working alongside community partners to plan the Canadian Indian Residential School Survivors Gala. The Gala is being held at the Museum London, in London ON on September 30, 2023.

The purpose of this Gala is to bring Survivors in the Southwest and Golden Horseshoe Regions together to celebrate their strength, resilience, wisdom, and knowledge. This Gala will honor them as Survivors while recognizing them as Indigenous Heroes.

While the attendance is limited based on space, they are offering an opportunity for people to participate by sponsoring a floral arrangement what will provide colour and celebratory décor during the event.

**MOTION NO. 9**

MOVED BY ASHLEY SAULT

SECONDED BY ANDREA KING

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Intergovernmental Relations Council approves of sponsoring the Canadian Indian Residential School Survivors Gala participating in sponsorship Option 1 in the amount of \$250.00 (Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars).

Carried

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Waived

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 14 – OLIVIA CHOW'S PLAN/PLATFORM FOR THE CITY OF TORONTO (EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS)**

Executive Director of Intergovernmental Affairs is requesting that an invitation be sent to Mayor of Toronto Olivia Chow to come and meet with MCFN Gimaa and Council.

The platform for Mayor Olivia Chow has been reviewed, analyzed and summarized. There is little reference for initiatives or supports specific for Indigenous people. While there are references for affordable housing and creating a secure affordable Homes Fund, preventing homelessness, improving crisis response times, creating good local jobs, keeping Ontario Place and creating a Toronto's Renters Action Committee, there is only one specific benefit to Indigenous peoples which is as follows:

Olivia will create the Secure Affordable Homes Fund to help buy affordable units and transfer them to non-profits, like land trusts....

*"With an annual investment of \$100 million, we can keep thousands of homes affordable and secure by taking them off the private market and giving them to not-for-profits, community land trusts and **Indigenous housing providers**".*

Gimaa reiterated that MCFN is working on an MOU with the City of Toronto.

**MOTION NO. 10**

MOVED BY VERONICA KING-JAMIESON

SECONDED BY ASHLEY SAULT

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Intergovernmental Relations Council approves extending of an invitation to the Mayor of Toronto Olivia Chow to meet with Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation Chief and Council so that we may discuss the history of our territory and the long-standing relationship with the City of Toronto. Further, MCFN will use this meeting to discuss the Memorandum of Understanding with the City which provides parameters of this unique relationship between the City of Toronto and MCFN.

Carried

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Waived

Councillor Veronica King-Jamieson out at 10:10 am – Conflict of Interest

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 15a) – CLARIFICATION ON SEWAGE DIRECTION (KK)**

Executive Director of Operations noted in her Briefing Note that she is seeking clarification on the Direction relating to the sewage matter.

Council discussed the alleged raw sewage dumping in the Community, and discussed options on how to move forward, including requesting Health Canada come in and inspect residences of concern.

When the Recorder distributed the Council Motions and Directions of the June Infrastructure and Community Development meeting, feedback was received on what was included with some recommended revisions. An email was sent seeking clarification from the Council overall, but has not garnered any feedback. As such, it is coming back to the Council Table to formally request feedback.

The Motion was initially written as follows:

*“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. Gimaa and Council will notify the Executive Director of Operations of known locations of toilets/porta potties etc.”*

Admin’s understanding is that Council wanted to have the Environmental Health Officer come and inspect the Rowe property (across from SHS), as well as any other properties identified by Council. The rationale for the inspection was the allegation of raw sewage being dumped.

As such, it is requested that Council confirm if this was the Direction and further, identify if there are other locations to be inspected. Discussion did take place on residences with outhouses, but believe information was to be shared in general, about safe outhouse processes.

Further, Executive Director of Operations is seeking that Council identify the locations where this inspection should proceed.



Gimaa questioned if this includes every home that is suspected of not having infrastructure.

Councillor AS suggested only checking on the ones who have complaints. Councillor AK added that there definitely are two places.

Councillor EF suggested putting a notice on the Website and social media.

Gimaa stated that the only ones that should be checked are six trailers behind Errol King's property and the trailer across from Social Services.

**DIRECTION NO. 1**

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Intergovernmental Relations Council directs the Executive Director of Operations to put a notice on the Website regarding safe outhouse regulations.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 15b) – MOTION TO BE READ INTO THE MINUTES REGARDING COUNCIL HOUSE TABLE (AS)**

**MOTION NO. 11**

MOVED BY ANDREA KING

SECONDED BY VERONICA KING-JAMIESON

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Intergovernmental Relations Council agree to pay for the Council House Renovation Committee's trip for the collection of items required for the Custom Table for the Council House for 4 people in an amount up to \$2,500.00 (TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS). Monies to come from the Enterprise Fund.

Carried

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Waived

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 15c) – NEW CREDIT UNITED CHURCH (EF)**

Councillor EF received a telephone call from Caron Smith. The request is from the United Church of Canada, and they would like to do a digital recording of our church records.

**DIRECTION NO. 2**

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Intergovernmental Relations Council directs Councillor Erma Ferrell to follow up with the request from Caron Smith and the United Church of Canada regarding a digital recording of our records. Councillor Ferrell will also contact MCFN Member Carol Tobicoe who may have a lot of the information requested.

**MOTION NO. 12**

MOVED BY ANDREA KING

SECONDED BY ERMA FERRELL

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Intergovernmental Relations Council moved to an In-Camera session at 10:15 am.

Carried