

MISSISSAUGAS OF THE CREDIT FIRST NATION
FINANCIAL PLANNING & FISCAL OVERSIGHT COUNCIL
PUBLIC MINUTES
Tuesday, October 3, 2023

Start: 9:10 am

Finish: 3:00 pm

Gimaa (Chief) Councillor
Councillor
Councillor
Councillor
Councillor
Councillor/Chair
Recording Officer
Ex. Dir. of Operations
Ex. Dir. of Intergovernmental Affairs
Ex. Dir. of Finance/HR

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

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 – OPEN MEETING

Chair/Councillor Claire Sault opened the meeting at 9:10 am. LSK Drum Group will be joining us at 10:00 am. Gimaa Stacey Laforme is away on other Council Business.

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:

- Agenda Item No. 7a) – National Trust Conference (AS);
- Agenda Item No. 7b) – MCFN Gala Venue (AS);
- Agenda Item No. 7c) – Notice of Public Community Meeting – Battery Energy Storage in Haldimand (CS);
- Agenda Item No. 14a) – In-Camera Item;
- Agenda item No. 14b) – In-Camera Item;
- Agenda Item No. 14c) – In-Camera Item.

Carried

Councillor VKJ will excuse herself when we get to Agenda Item No. 9 because of a Conflict of Interest.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 – REVIEW AND ACCEPT THE PUBLIC MINUTES OF FINANCIAL PLANNING & FISCAL OVERSIGHT COUNCIL MEETING DATED TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2023

DIRECTION NO. 1

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Financial Planning & Fiscal Oversight Council directs the Director of Lifelong Learning to bring back more information and clarification on Agenda Item No. 6, Direction No. 1, page 3 of the above Minutes:

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6 – BRIEFING NOTE – COO RELATIONSHIP WITH AFN ON EDUCATION (DIRECTOR OF LIFELONG LEARNING)

DIRECTION NO. 1

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Financial Planning & Fiscal Oversight Council directs Gimaa Stacey Laforme to meet with the Executive Director of Intergovernmental Affairs to discuss the issue of the strained relationships with Chiefs of Ontario (COO) and Assembly of First Nations (AFN), and further, discuss the issue of AFN getting all the dollars. This report will be brought back to the Intergovernmental Relations Council Meeting on Tuesday, October 10, 2023 for further discussion.

MOTION NO. 2

MOVED BY ASHLEY SAULT

SECONDED BY ANDREA KING

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Financial Planning & Fiscal Oversight Council accepts the Public Minutes of Financial Planning and Fiscal Oversight Council Meeting dated Tuesday, September 5, 2023.

Carried

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3a) – FYI - SUMMARY OF MOTIONS/DIRECTIONS FROM FINANCIAL PLANNING & FISCAL OVERSIGHT COUNCIL MEETING DATED TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 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.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5 – HUMBER RIVER PROJECT (EF)

Councillor EF noted in her Briefing Note that on September 9, 2023, she participated in the unveiling of a revised plaque by the Etobicoke Historical Society. The plaque the MCFN worked on together included our Ojibway language, as well as English and French. Councillor EF was introduced to Madeleine McDowell. Madeleine is a Member of an Environmental Heritage Group, and would like the support of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation Chief & Council on the projects listed below.

Madeleine would like to work with the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Chief & Council, on three projects.

Project #1 – Humber River Calling – to establish the Humber River as a “Personhood”. This process was successful in New Zealand.

Project #2 – Revised Plaque (near the Carrying Place on the Humber River) Replace a current plaque written in English & French; revise the plaque to include Ojibway.

Project #3- Rename a Toronto Street to the Ojibway word for “Carrying Place”. The Street is currently named, “Humber Court Blvd.”

Madeleine McDowell would like to obtain a supporting letter from the MCFN Chief & Council, to move forward with the three projects.

Councillor KL suggested that we should do this “Personhood of the Humber River” ourselves.

Executive Director of Intergovernmental Affairs advised that Cindy Agius will also do some research.

DIRECTION NO. 2

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Financial Planning & Fiscal Oversight Council directs Councillor Erma Ferrell to follow up with Madeleine McDowell who is a Member of an Environmental Heritage Group to inquire about MCFN being the lead on the Project to have the Humber River named as a “Personhood”.

DIRECTION NO. 3

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Financial Planning & Fiscal Oversight Council directs the Executive Director of Intergovernmental Affairs to prepare two letters that will be signed by Gimaa Stacey; one going to Madeleine McDowell regarding MCFN establishing the Humber River as a “Personhood” themselves, instead of an outside party doing this; and two, another letter going to Madeleine McDowell regarding the two bullet points below that Gimaa and Council have approved:

- To revise a current plaque near the Carrying Place on the Humber River, to include Ojibway alongside the English & French wording.
- With regard to renaming “Humber Crest Blvd”, Councillor Erma Ferrell will contact M. Taylor.

MCFN supports both projects and will send letters of support.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6 – NIAGARA REINFORCEMENT LINE (NRL) (EF)

Councillor EF noted in her Briefing Note that On September 25, 2023, an NRL Board meeting was held at the Gathering Place on Chiefswood Road, Ohsweken.

Attached is the Quarterly Report ending August 31, 2023.

Please note maintenance costs were down this year as the forestry maintenance has been placed on hold until the spring of 2024.

Each quarter approximately \$200,000.00 (two hundred thousand dollars) is transferred to the Toronto Purchase Trust.

A true up will be paid to the Toronto Purchase Trust in early 2024.

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 acknowledges the Financial Report on the Niagara Reinforcement Line (NRL) dated August 31, 2023, and a copy of the Agenda for the September 25, 2023, NRL Board meeting.

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7a) – NATIONAL TRUST CONFERENCE 2023 (AS)

Councillor AS noted in her Briefing Note that the Council House Renovation Committee has received an invite to attend/speak at the National Trust Conference 2023 on October 26-28th, 2023.

The Committee consists of seven members – including two Councillors. Unfortunately, the two council members (Ashley and Erma) are unavailable to attend this conference – so the committee has opted to send a delegate.

The Committee is requesting that Council cover the costs of the delegate’s accommodations, travel, and meals to this event – The costs are unknown for the rooms at this point so I would suggest reimbursement. If necessary – these funds could come from Pillar 6’s budget.

MOTION NO. 4

MOVED BY ANDREA KING

SECONDED BY FAWN SAULT

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Financial Planning & Fiscal Oversight Council approves to cover the costs of travel, meals, and accommodations for the Council House Renovation Committees Delegate to attend the National Trust Conference in Ottawa on October 26th-28th, 2023 on a reimbursement basis, i.e. request that the National Trust Conference reimburse all the costs of the Conference, and if not, then the dollars are to be taken from Pillar 6 working budget.

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7b) – MCFN GALA VENUE (AS)

Councillor AS noted in her Briefing Note that the Council Table discussed hosting a Fundraising Gala for MCFN initiatives. Councillor Ashley Sault (Pillar 6) brought forward the issue of the overage costs of the Council House Renovation – with a suggestion to do a Gala to fundraise for it. The table agreed but stated it should be a general fundraiser for the Nation so we aren't limited in what the money can be used for. It was stated that it would be ideal to have this Gala before elections to ensure the initiative does not get dropped.

Councillor AS has been arranging this event and we were lucky enough to find a venue at Claireport Place in Toronto that is available November 18th, 2023. The price will include food, décor, cash bar, and up to 700 people if needed. As well as A/V, coffee, tea, and fruit infused water station. Cocktail hour included.

The cost is \$75 per person for Buffet style (highly decorative – Servers serving as well) or \$85 per person for a sit-down style dinner.

It is important to note that only this venue was available for this date – one other venue had the 17th open but their price was 65\$ not including décor, audio video, or servers.

Councillor AS notified the venue of our interest when she toured the location on Thursday, but informed him that we have a formal process, and could notify him officially on Tuesday, assuming this receives approval today and she (Councillor AS) can lock in this date/venue. The Save the Dates and sponsorship tier information will go out immediately for the Table and Departments to share with all proponents. The costs of this venue will be reimbursed by funds raised.

Councillor VKJ noted that the timeframe is not realistic. Councillor AS answered that, yes, she knows it is short notice, but believes she can do it. Councillor AK added that we need more information.

Executive Director of Operations informed that we need an “Event Planner”. She stated that she will add this to the Council Orientation package.

Executive Director of Intergovernmental Affairs stated that her concern is Casey's connection to the proponents.

Councillor EF suggested that if Councillor AS gets back in as Councillor, she can pick this back up, however, Councillor AS informed that she does not want to do it then.

MOTION NO. 5

MOVED BY KELLY LAFORME

SECONDED BY VERONIC AKING-JAMIESON

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Financial Planning & Fiscal Oversight Council does not approve of the suggested venue and date – and direct the Council Table to discuss this again next year.

Carried

DIRECTION NO. 4

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Financial Planning & Fiscal Oversight Council directs the Executive Director of Operations to designate a Committee for fund raising in areas where there is a short fall.

MOTION NO. 6

MOVED BY VERONICA KING-JAMIESON

SECONDED BY KELLY LAFORME

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Financial Planning & Fiscal Oversight Council moved to an In-Camera session at 11:15 am.

Carried

MOTION NO. 8

MOVED BY ANDREA KING

SECONDED BY FAWN SAULT

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Financial Planning & Fiscal Oversight Council moved out of the In-Camera session at 1:00 pm.

Carried

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7c) – NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMUNITY MEETING – BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE IN HALDIMAND (CS)

Councillor CS brought this Notice of a Public Community Meeting to the Council Table. The meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 11, 2023 between 5:30 – 8:00 pm.

Aypa Power Canada Development LP (Aypa Power) is currently exploring a Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) Project in proximity to an existing Hydro One Networks Transmission Line in Haldimand County located at the intersection of Concession 9 Walpole and Cranston Road.

Aypa Power prioritizes strong community engagement with all affected stakeholders, including landowners, community leaders, Indigenous Nations, and members of the public. Everyone is invited to attend the upcoming meeting to learn more about our local investments and engage in meaningful discussions on our shared project priorities.

Councillor CS reminded everyone that whoever attends this meeting should make it known that we are attending as a rights holder and not a stakeholder.

Councillor FS stated that attending these kinds of meetings is DOCA's responsibility. Councillor CS answered that we, as a Council, need to make it clear that we are the rights holder.

DIRECTION NO. 6

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Financial Planning & Fiscal Oversight Council directs the Executive Director of Intergovernmental Affairs to write a letter on behalf of Gimaa Stacey Laforme to Aypa Power Canada LP and inform them that MCFN is the Treaty Rights Holder, and not a stake holder. The letter will come back to the Council Table for approval on Tuesday, October 10, 2023.

MOTION NO. 9

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 1:05 pm.

Carried