

**MISSISSAUGAS OF THE CREDIT FIRST NATION
INFRASTRUCTURE & ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL
MEETING
PUBLIC MINUTES
Tuesday, September 19, 2023**

Start 9:05 am

Finish 1:00 pm

Gimaa (Chief) Councillor
Councillor
Councillor/Chair
Councillor
Councillor
Councillor
Councillor
Councillor

R. Stacey Laforme
Erma Ferrell
Ashley Sault
Kelly LaForme (via Zoom)
Veronica King-Jamieson (via Zoom)
Andrea King (via Zoom)
Fawn Sault (Sick)
Claire Sault (Excused – on other Council Business)
Kerri King
Charlotte Smith
Katelyn LaForme
Alisha Anderson (Excused)

Executive Director of Operations
Recorder
Ex. Dir. of Intergov. Affairs
Ex. Dir. of Finance/HR

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 – OPEN MEETING

Chair/Councillor Ashley Sault opened the meeting at 9:05 am.

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

MOTION NO. 1

MOVED BY GIMAA STACEY LAFORME

SECONDED BY ERMA FERRELL

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

- Agenda Item No. 10a) - Request from LSK for Gimaa or Councillor or EMT to do a presentation to the Grade 5 class regarding MCFN Chief and Council roles, Election Process etc.;
- Agenda Item No. 11a) – ECC Closure & Re-Opening (Director of Lifelong Learning);
- Agenda Item No. 27c) – In-Camera Item;
- Agenda Item No. 27d) – 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 INFRASTRUCTURE AND ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL MEETING DATED TUESDAY, AUGUST 15, 2023

MOTION NO. 2

MOVED BY GIMAA STACEY LAFORME

SECONDED BY ERMA FERRELL

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Infrastructure & Environmental Stewardship Council accepts the Public Minutes of Infrastructure & Environmental Stewardship Council Meeting dated Tuesday, August 15, 2023.

Carried

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3a) – FYI – SUMMARY OF MOTIONS & DIRECTIONS FROM TUESDAY, AUGUST 15, 2023

This is an FYI for Gimaa and Council.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4 – MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

4.1 – FYI – Letter dated September 14, 2023, signed by Gimaa Stacey Laforme and sent to the Repatriation Office in Washington, DC, USA regarding the repatriation of Rev. Peter Jones' Artifacts.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5 – RUMPUS HALL – LOWER LEVEL SPACE AVAILABLE (EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS)

Executive Director of Intergovernmental Affairs informed that there is office space in the basement of the Governance Building (former Rumpus Hall). She questioned if Council would like to use the space. If not, it will be handled administratively.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6 – RAIL SAFETY WEEK – BCR REQUEST (EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS) (BCR TO BE SIGNED IF APPROVED)

Executive Director of Intergovernmental Affairs noted in her Briefing Note that CN has requested MCFN Participation in Rail Safety Week by signing a BCR and educating the Community about Rail Safety

In July 2023 Gimaa Laforme received a request from CN regarding MCFN participation in Rail Safety Week. Following this they reached out again in September hoping MCFN would sign a BCR and commit to educating the Community on Rail Safety.

MOTION NO. 3

MOVED BY GIMAA STACEY LAFORME

SECONDED BY ERMA FERRELL

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Infrastructure & Environmental Stewardship Council agrees to sign a BCR as noted below:

WHEREAS, Rail Safety Week is to be held across Canada from September 18 to 24, 2023;

WHEREAS, 232 railway crossing and trespassing incidents occurred in Canada in 2022; resulting in 66 avoidable fatalities and 43 avoidable serious injuries;

WHEREAS, educating and informing the public about rail safety (reminding the public that railway rights-of-way are private property, enhancing public awareness of the dangers associated with highway rail grade crossings, ensuring pedestrians and motorists are looking and listening while near railways, and obeying established traffic laws) will reduce the number of avoidable fatalities and injuries cause by incidents involving trains and citizens; and

WHEREAS, Operation Lifesaver is a public/private partnership whose aim is to work with the public, rail industry, governments, police services, media and others to raise rail safety awareness;

WHEREAS, CN requests the Chief and Council to adopt this resolution in support of its ongoing effort to save lives and prevent injuries in communities, including our community;

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED to support National Public - Rail Safety Week, to be held from September 18 to 24, 2023.

Carried
2nd Reading Waived

See BCR No. 336 – 2023-2024

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7 – FYI – LETTER TO INDIGENOUS SERVICES CANADA (ISC) PREPARED BY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS)

This is an FYI for Gimaa and Council. It is a letter that has been prepared by the Executive Director of Intergovernmental Affairs regarding “Proposal for An Act respecting drinking water, wastewater and related infrastructure on First Nations lands – Comments on proposed legislation”.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8 – OPP DETACHMENT BOARD – WOULD COUNCIL LIKE A SEAT ON THIS BOARD? (EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS)

Executive Director of Intergovernmental Affairs questioned whether or not MCFN would like a seat on the OPP Detachment Board for Haldimand Ontario Provincial Police (OPP).

Ontario is developing a new oversight framework for OPP policing under the Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019 (CSPA). As part of this new framework, Section 67 of the CSPA states that there shall be an OPP detachment board for each detachment of the OPP that provides policing in a municipality or in a First Nation, except where the regulations create an exemption.

In spring 2021, the Ministry engaged municipalities and First Nations on the OPP Detachment Board framework. At that time, information was shared in relation to the options for local governance and oversight of OPP policing either through having a seat on an OPP Detachment Board, or, for First Nations, by requesting the Constitution of a First Nation OPP Board.

Although having a seat on the local detachment board is not mandatory, there will be a detachment board for the OPP detachment that provides policing to the MCFN Community, regardless of whether Chief & Council chooses to have a seat on the board.

At this time, Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation has not submitted a request to have a seat on a detachment board or to form their own board.

The Ministry has received one proposal for the establishment of one board for the Haldimand detachment area and that MCFN would fall within the catchment of this board.

At this time, Chief & Council should decide if they would like a seat on the Haldimand Ontario Provincial Police detachment board.

Councillor EF suggested asking someone from Administration because of the upcoming election. Councillor AK suggested asking Nadine LaForme (Peacekeeper Coordinator).

Gimaa Stacey stated that the Chief and/or a Councillor should be on this Board.

Councillor AS suggested asking the Pillar 2 Lead (Councillor AK).

MOTION NO. 4

MOVED BY ERMA FERREDLL

SECONDED BY GIMAA STACEY LAFORME

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Infrastructure & Environmental Stewardship Council approves of sending a request to have a seat on the Haldimand Ontario Provincial Police Detachment Board. And further, will assess the opportunity to have a Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation Detachment Board in the future.

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

Director of Lifelong Learning, Policy Analyst/Writer zoomed in at 9:25 am.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9 – 2023 ALL NATIONS GATHERING (DIRECTOR OF LIFELONG LEARNING)

Director of Lifelong Learning noted in her Briefing Note that she is seeking approval for MCFN to act as a flow through for the 2023 All Nations Gathering

The 2023 All Nations Gathering will be held on July 17-19th, 2024 at Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. First Nation Early Learning Collaboration will be assisting in the planning, coordination, and promotion of the conference and MCFN Early Years will be hosting Indigenous early learning educators from across the province. As part of the host community responsibilities MCFN Department of Lifelong Learning – Early Years will act as a flow-through for this event and will be accepting the registration fees for the event, booking and paying for the venues, food, speakers, and other expenses through revenues collected for the event. Typically, the Ministry of Education also makes a donation to support the overall costs. There will be no direct costs to MCFN in the provision of administrative services.

We are seeking Council’s approval to provide administrative support services for the 2023 All Nations Gathering. As noted above, the funds expended for venues, food, speakers, and other expenses are covered by the revenues collected for this event as well as any Ministry of Education donations.

MOTION NO. 5

MOVED BY GIMAA STACEY LAFORME

SECONDED BY KELLY LAFORME

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Infrastructure & Environmental Stewardship Council approves the provision of administrative support for the 2023 All Nations Gathering by the MCFN EarlyON staff. The 2023 All Nations Gathering will be held July 17 – 19, 2024. It is noted that MCFN Early ON staff will be accepting registrations for the event, booking, and paying for venues, food and speakers and other expenses relating to this event. All costs expended by MCFN are recoverable through revenues and donations collected for this event.

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

AGENDA ITEM NO. 10a) – REQUEST FROM LSK – GRADE 5 CLASS

Executive Director of Operations informed that the Grade 5 class at LSK is starting a Governance class right now. It was agreed that Councillor VKJ will present to the class.

DIRECTION NO. 1

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Infrastructure & Environmental Stewardship Council directs the Executive Director of Operations to send further information to Councillor Veronica King-Jamieson, who will be presenting to the Grade 5 class at LSK regarding Chief and Council roles, Election Process etc.

MOTION NO. 6

MOVED BY GIMAA STACEY LAFORME

SECONDED BY ERMA FERRELL

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Infrastructure & Environmental Stewardship Council moved to an In-Camera session at 9:35 am.

Carried