

**MISSISSAUGAS OF THE CREDIT FIRST NATION  
INFRASTRUCTURE & ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL  
MEETING  
PUBLIC MINUTES  
Tuesday, October 17, 2023**

**Start 9:20 am**

**Finish 3:15 pm**

**Gimaa (Chief) Councillor**

**R. Stacey Laforme (Excused at Mississauga Nation Meeting)**

**Councillor**

**Erma Ferrell**

**Councillor**

**Ashley Sault (Excused)**

**Councillor**

**Kelly LaForme (via Zoom)**

**Councillor**

**Veronica King-Jamieson (Excused at Mississauga Nation Meeting)**

**Councillor**

**Andrea King (via Zoom)**

**Councillor/Chair**

**Fawn Sault**

**Councillor**

**Claire Sault (via Zoom)**

**Executive Director of Operations**

**Kerri King (via Zoom)**

**Recorder**

**Charlotte Smith**

**Ex. Dir. of Intergov. Affairs**

**Katelyn LaForme**

**Ex. Dir. of Finance/HR**

**Alisha Anderson**

**MNP Auditors**

**Darren Rennie, Duncan Wilson, Cole Wendland**

LSK Drum Group favored us with some opening songs. Gimaa Stacey Laforme, Councillors Ashley Sault and Veronica King-Jamieson are away on other Council Business.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 – OPEN MEETING**

Chair/Councillor Fawn Sault opened the meeting at 9:20 am.

Guests from MNP – Darren Rennie, Duncan Wilson, and Cole Wendland in at 9:10 am.

**SEPARATE ITEM: MNP AUDITORS WILL BE JOINING MCFN GIMAA & COUNCIL TO PRESENT THE 2021-2022 AUDIT**

Darren Rennie spoke first and highlighted the Financial Statements. There were some errors and the Statements will need to be revised. The Finance Sub Committee along with MNP will revise the Statements and bring them back to the Council Table to be approved.

**DIRECTION NO. 1**

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Infrastructure & Environmental Stewardship Council directs the Finance Sub-Committee (Executive Director of Finance/HR, Finance Controller Lead, Councillors Andrea King and Erma Ferrell) to review the Draft Consolidated Financial Statements from MNP to MCFN. Together, the Finance Sub-Committee and MNP will make some revisions and present the Financial Statements at the next Lifelong Learning, Awareness and Well-Being Council Meeting on Tuesday, October 24, 2023.

Guests from MNP – Darren Rennie, Duncan Wilson, and Cole Wendland out at 10:30 am.

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

**MOTION NO. 1**

MOVED BY ERMA FERRELL

SECONDED BY CLAIRE SAULT

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

- Agenda Item No. 10a) – Request Approval of LSK School Equipment Expenditure (Director of lifelong Learning);
- Agenda Item No. 10b) – Communikit App Press Release (KK);
- Agenda Item No. 10c) – Verbal Update (FS);
- Agenda Item No. 12 – In-Camera Item - Deleted;
- Agenda Item No. 17 – In-Camera Item - Deleted;
- Agenda Item No. 19 – In-Camera Item – Deleted;
- Agenda Item No. 20 – In-Camera Item – Deleted;
- Agenda Item No. 27a) – In-Camera Item;
- Agenda Item No. 27b) – In-Camera Item;
- Agenda Item No 27c) – In-Camera Item.

Carried

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

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 – REVIEW & ACCEPT PUBLIC MINUTES OF INFRASTRUCTURE & ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL MEETING DATED TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2023**

There were no Minutes prepared for this meeting. These Minutes will be presented on the next Infrastructure & Environmental Stewardship Council Meeting on Tuesday, November 21, 2023.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 3a) – FYI – SUMMARY OF MOTIONS & DIRECTIONS FROM TUESDAY, SEPT, 19, 2023 – INFRASTRUCTURE & ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL MEETING**

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.

**SEPARATE ITEM – INTRODUCTION OF THE NEW COUNCIL COORDINATOR**

Julia Johnson who was recently hired as the Council Coordinator was introduced to the Council Table. She was welcomed by all.



**AGENDA ITEM NO. 5 – AFN – SPECIAL CHIEFS ASSEMBLY & NATIONAL CHIEF ELECTION 2023; CHIEFS OF ONTARIO – FALL CHIEFS ASSEMBLY 2023**

Councillor Claire Sault will be attending the November 21-23, 2023 Chiefs of Ontario – Fall Chiefs Assembly in Toronto, and anyone else who would like to attend.

Councillors Claire Sault and Andrea King will be attending the AFN Special Chiefs Assembly and National Chief Election 2023 on December 5 – 7, 2023 in Ottawa, and anyone else who would like to attend.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 6 – MEMORIAL FOREST RESULTS (AS)**

MCFN Council directed Councillor AS to look into the potential Memorial Forest. She conducted a Community Survey for approximately three months and garnered 45 responses.

This information is being provided today for discussion. Some of the people who voted believe the grove would be the best option due to it being the Pow Wow Grounds.

It is noted that the Memorial Forest will not be on LSK's trail.

**DIRECTION NO. 2**

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Infrastructure & Environmental Stewardship Council directs Councillor Ashley Sault to invite an Elder/Knowledge Keeper to come and present to Gimaa and Council some perspectives on where the Memorial Forest should be located. And further, Councillor Ashley Sault will have a conversation with the Cultural Committee regarding the plaques around the Historic Council House, and whether or not it is a partial burial ground.

**MOTION NO. 2**

MOVED BY CLAIRE SAULT

SECONDED BY ANDREA KING

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Infrastructure & Environmental Stewardship Council accepts the results of the Community Memorial Forest Survey.

Carried

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 7 – SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING REQUEST (KK)**

Executive Director of Operations is requesting a Special Council Meeting be scheduled for Tuesday, October 31, 2023 (the 5<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month) to review and approve all orientation materials.

**MOTION NO. 3**

MOVED BY CLAIRE SAULT

SECONDED BY KELLY LAFORME

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Infrastructure & Environmental Stewardship Council agrees to a Special Council Meeting on Tuesday, October 31, 2023 to review Council Orientation Materials.

Carried

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Waived

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 8 – HUMBER RIVER – REQUEST TO APPLY FOR “PERSONHOOD” (EF)**

Councillor EF noted that she had a request from Madeleine McDowell who is a member of the Etobicoke Historical Society.

Madeleine participated in the project to rewrite the wording on the Plaque that was installed in 1967 in Etobicoke. She worked in collaboration with MCFN. The Plaque was rewritten in Ojibway, English and French and the official unveiling was on Saturday, September 9, 2023.

A request was to begin working in collaboration with Madeleine and her Environment Heritage Group to apply to have the Humber River designated as a “Personhood”. The River would then have the same rights as a person.

MCFN Council wish to take the lead on this project. Councillor EF contacted Madeleine and she (Madeleine) is in full agreement.

There was a concern that perhaps this could affect MCFN’s Water Claim and other claims.

**MOTION NO. 4**

MOVED BY ANDREA KING

SECONDED BY ERMA FERRELL

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Infrastructure & Environmental Stewardship Council approves the request to apply for “Personhood” of the Humber River. MCFN will take the lead on this project working with Madeleine McDowell and the Environmental Heritage Group/Toronto.

And further, MCFN Gimaa and Council will provide a letter to Madeleine McDowell advising her that MCFN are supportive of this project to make application to have the Humber River granted legal rights as a human being with MCFN as the lead.

Carried

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Waived

**DIRECTION NO. 3**

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Infrastructure & Environmental Stewardship Council directs the Executive Director of Intergovernmental Affairs to contact Legal Counsel and inquire as to whether or not it would be an issue with our Water Claim and other Claims to have the Humber River declared “Personhood”.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 9 – PILLAR 3 UPDATE (FS)**

Councillor Fawn Sault has forwarded her Pillar 3 Update to Gimaa and Council for their information.



**AGENDA ITEM NO. 10a) – REQUEST APPROVAL OF LSK SCHOOL EQUIPMENT EXPENDITURE (DIRECTOR OF LIFELONG LEARNING)**

Director of Lifelong Learning noted in her Briefing Note that she is seeking approval of the approximate total amount of the invoice (\$21,831.90) for the LSK Food Equipment Expenditure. A 50 percent deposit of \$10,915.95 (Ten Thousand Nine Hundred Fifteen Dollars and Ninety-Five Cents) is necessary to process this order. I am therefore, seeking approval of immediate payment of the deposit, with the balance to be paid upon receipt of the goods. A Finance Verification form is attached as Appendix B confirming sufficient funds in account/department 58600-500300 surplus funds.

**MOTION NO. 5**

MOVED BY ANDREA KING

SECONDED BY KELLY LAFORME

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Infrastructure & Environmental Stewardship Council approves the food equipment expenditure for Lloyd S. King Elementary School in the approximate amount of \$21,831.90 (Twenty-One Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty-One Dollars and Ninety Cents) with a 50 percent deposit of \$10,915.95 (Ten Thousand Nine Hundred Fifteen Dollars and Ninety-Five Cents) payable immediately to process the order. The Finance Verification form is included confirming sufficient funds from accounts 58600-500300 surplus funds (Lifelong Learning Budget).

Carried

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Waived

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 10b) – COMMUNIKIT APP PRESS RELEASE (KK)**

Executive Director of Operations is requesting approval of the Press Release regarding the Communikit App.

This item will come back to the next Lifelong Learning, Awareness & Nation Well-Being Council Meeting on Tuesday, October 24, 2023 for further explanation and approval.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 10c) – VERBAL REQUEST – TEAM BUILDING EXERCISE OF PAINTING (FS)**

Councillor Fawn Sault will contact Gimaa and Council to see if they are interested in engaging in a team building exercise. If there is an interest this item will be put on the Special Council Meeting Agenda of Tuesday, October 31, 2023.

**MOTION NO. 6**

MOVED BY ERMA FERRELL

SECONDED BY KELLY LAFORME

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Infrastructure & Environmental Stewardship Council moved to an In-Camera session at 11:50 am.

Carried