

MISSISSAUGAS OF THE CREDIT FIRST NATION
FINANCIAL PLANNING & FISCAL OVERSIGHT COUNCIL
PUBLIC MINUTES
Tuesday, December 5, 2023

Start: 9:08 am

Finish: 4:50 pm

Gimaa (Chief) Councillor
Councillor
Councillor

R. Stacey Laforme (Sick)
Kelly LaForme (via Zoom)
Veronica King-Jamieson (Excused – away at AFN)

Councillor
Councillor
Councillor
Councillor

Erma Ferrell
Andrea King
Ashley Sault
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

LSK Drum Group favored us with three opening songs.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 – OPEN MEETING

Chair/Councillor Claire Sault opened the meeting at 9:08 am. Gimaa Stacey Laforme is away sick. Councillor Veronica King-Jamieson is away at the Assembly of First Nations Conference (AFN).

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

MOTION NO. 1

MOVED BY ANDREA KING

SECONDED BY ASHLEY SAULT

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

- Agenda Item No. 6a) – Leadership Policy (KK);
- Agenda Item No. 8a) – MNCFN Community Trust – Youth Trustee (KK);
- Agenda Item No. 16 – In-Camera Item;
- Agenda Item No. 26e) – In-Camera Item;
- Agenda Item No. 26f) – In-Camera Item;
- Agenda Item No. 26g) – In-Camera Item.

Carried

When we get to Agenda Item No. 10, Councillor Andrea King will excuse herself 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, NOVEMBER 7, 2023

DIRECTION NO. 1

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Financial Planning & Fiscal Oversight Council directs the Executive Director of Operations to reach out to the various Departments and have them (Directors) begin building relationships with Knowledge Keepers.

MOTION NO. 2

MOVED BY FAWN SAULT

SECONDED BY ANDREA KING

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Financial Planning & Fiscal Oversight Council directs the Executive Director of Operations to confirm with OMT that all incoming speakers/guests and volunteers who work with vulnerable sectors ensure that they have a vulnerable sector screen on file with the First Nation?

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

MOTION NO. 3

MOVED BY FAWN SAULT

SECONDED BY ASHLEY SAULT

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Financial Planning & Fiscal Oversight Council accepts the Public Minutes of the Financial Planning & Fiscal Oversight Council Meeting dated Tuesday, November 7, 2023.

Carried

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3a) – FYI - SUMMARY OF MOTIONS/DIRECTIONS FROM FINANCIAL PLANNING & FISCAL OVERSIGHT COUNCIL MEETING DATED TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2023 (FOR PUBLIC MINUTES)

This is an FYI for Gimaa and Council.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3b) – REVIEW & ACCEPT PUBLIC MINUTES OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COUNCIL MEETING DATED TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2023

MOTION NO. 4

MOVED BY FAWN SAULT

SECONDED BY ASHLEY SAULT

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Financial Planning & Fiscal Oversight Council accepts the Public Minutes of the Intergovernmental Relations Council Meeting dated Tuesday, October 10, 2023.

Carried

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3c) – FYI – SUMMARY OF MOTIONS/DIRECTIONS FROM INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COUNCIL MEETING DATED TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 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 – LETTER OF SUPPORT REQUEST – GUELPH PROPOSED PARK (EF)

Councillor EF noted in her Briefing Note that Councillor FS and she (EF) met with Brian Skerrett, on November 27, 2023 to discuss his request for a letter of support for an Urban Park in Guelph. Brian is also requesting a letter of support to move forward with illustrating art work, poetry etc. that was created by the inmates at the Guelph Reformatory.

While incarcerated at the Guelph Reformatory, First Nation inmates created art murals on the basement walls and produced booklets of poems. The inmates also had a sweat lodge for ceremonies for a short period of time, until it was ruled unsafe.

Only one former inmate, who contributed to the art at the Reformatory and provided input on the book of poems, remains alive, and has given his permission to Mr. Skerrett to use the book of poems for his project.

Two copies of the booklets have been provided to MCFN.

DIRECTION NO. 2

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Financial Planning & Fiscal Oversight Council directs Councillor Erma Ferrell to give the booklets (of poems) that were produced by inmates in the former Guelph Reformatory to the Traditional Knowledge and Land Use Coordinator (Darrin Wybenga) for safekeeping.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6 – COUNCIL HOUSE RENOVATION COMMITTEE PROJECT PLANS (KK)

Executive Director of Operations is bringing back some options on how to move forward with the Council House Renovation Project reporting requirements and a succession plan in the event that Councillor AS is not successful in the upcoming election.

March 31, 2024 is the deadline when the Project should be completed.

Executive Director of Operations is recommending that a short-term purchase of service contract person be hired to ensure the administrative continuity of the Council House Renovation Project. Further, dollars from the Enterprise Fund can be used.

MOTION NO. 5

MOVED BY ANDREA KING

SECONDED BY ERMA FERRELL

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Financial Planning & Fiscal Oversight Council approves the use of the Enterprise dollars in the amount of \$7,500.00 (Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars) to cover the costs of a short-term purchase of service contract to ensure the administrative continuity of the Council House Renovation Committee Project.

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6a) – LEADERSHIP POLICY (KK)

Executive Director of Operations is seeking Council approval of the Leadership Policy.

As part of the Council Orientation, we have been working on updating the Leadership Policy.

Executive Director of Operations has made the necessary revisions and updates as directed by the Council Table.

Legal has been contacted regarding the Code of Conduct and consequences, but have not received a formal opinion as of this time in order to make any amendments.

Admin has significant work to prepare for the Orientation Process, and this document is a main piece of the materials. It is being recommended that the Policy be approved, as Council has reviewed it in its entirety three times, and once a Legal Opinion is obtained about the Code of Conduct, that it return to the Council Table if the current process puts the First Nation in a liability position.

MOTION NO. 6

MOVED BY ASHLEY SAULT

SECONDED BY ANDREA KING

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Financial Planning & Fiscal Oversight Council approves the Leadership Policy 2023 as presented. And further, that the Code of Conduct and Removal of Office sections will return for further discussion upon a legal review.

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7 – PURCHASE OF ADDITIONAL LINE BOOSTERS FOR LSK AND EARLYON (ECC) (DIRECTOR OF LIFELONG LEARNING)

Director of Lifelong Learning noted that she would like to purchase line boosters for LSK and Early Years Hub, simply because they (line boosters) are needed to counteract excessive signals being received at LSK and ECC from the nearby Rogers tower. The cost of this Project is \$14,975.28, and dollars will come from deferred revenues from previous year.

MOTION NO. 7

MOVED BY FAWN SAULT

SECONDED BY ASHLEY SAULT

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Financial Planning & Fiscal Oversight Council approves of the purchase of cell phone line boosters in the approximate amount of \$14,975.28 (Fourteen Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy-Five Dollars and Twenty-Eight Cents) from Ewee-NS Inc. The Department of Lifelong Learning will utilize surplus funds for this expenditure as is reflected on the Finance Verification Form.

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8a) – OPP HALDIMAND DETACHMENT BOARD (EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS)

Executive Director of Intergovernmental Affairs was directed by Council to request a seat on the Haldimand OPP Detachment Board.

Executive Director of Intergovernmental Affairs has received notice that the Haldimand OPP Detachment Board will accommodate a change to allow representation by MCFN from a Councillor and an MCFN Community Member.

MOTION NO. 8

MOVED BY FAWN SAULT

SECONDED BY ASHLEY SAULT

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Financial Planning & Fiscal Oversight Council approves and accepts both seats on the Haldimand OPP Detachment Board, one Council appointed seat, and one Community represented appointed seat.

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8b) – MNCFN COMMUNITY TRUST – YOUTH TRUSTEE (KK)

Executive Director of Operations advised that Council needs to appoint a Youth Trustee for the MNCFN Community Trust.

Three applications have been received (see attached applications) from MCFN Members Gregory Porter, Randy William King and Austin Sault. All three meet the trust requirements.

MOTION NO. 9

MOVED BY ASHLEY SAULT

SECONDED BY ERMA FERRELL

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Financial Planning & Fiscal Oversight Council appoints Randy William King to the MNCFN Community Trust as Youth Trustee, effective January 1, 2024 with term ending December 31, 2025.

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

MOTION NO. 10

MOVED BY ASHLEY 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 10:07 am.

Carried