

**MISSISSAUGAS OF THE CREDIT FIRST NATION  
INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COUNCIL  
PUBLIC MINUTES  
Tuesday, January 16, 2024**

**Start 9:30 am**

**Finish 3:25 pm**

**Chief (Gimaa-Kwe) Councillor**

**Claire Sault**

**Councillor**

**Erma Ferrell**

**Councillor**

**Jesse Herkimer**

**Councillor**

**Leslie Maracle**

**Councillor**

**Fawn Sault (Sick)**

**Councillor**

**Rodger LaForme**

**Councillor**

**Veronica King-Jamieson (via Zoom)**

**Councillor/Chair**

**Larry Sault**

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

**Katelyn Laforme**

**A/COO – Ex. Dir. of Operations**

**Kerri King**

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

**Alisha Anderson (Excused)**

**Recorder**

**Charlotte Smith**

**Guests from OPP**

**Jodi Kays, Rod Leclair, Lindsay VanPassen,**

**Patti Cote, Andy Fox**

**Knowledge Keeper**

**MCFN Member Mark Sault**

LSK Drum Group entertained us with some opening songs.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 – OPEN MEETING**

Chair/Councillor Larry Sault opened the meeting at 9:30 am. Knowledge Keeper Mark Sault in at 9:30 am.

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

**MOTION NO. 1**

MOVED BY RODGER LAFORME

SECONDED BY JESSE HERKIMER

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

- Chief & Council 2023-2025 Committee Listings (Ogimaa-Kwe – Claire Sault);
- Organizational Review (Ogimaa-Kwe – Claire Sault);
- Repatriation of Human Remains (Ogimaa-Kwe – Claire Sault);
- Nathan Tidridge Request (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, NOVEMBER 14, 2023**

**DIRECTION NO. 1**

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Intergovernmental Relations Council directs that the following Agenda Item will come back to the next Infrastructure and Environmental Stewardship Council Meeting on Tuesday, January 23, 2024:

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 6 – NOMINEE FOR AN OFNLP2008 REPRESENTATIVE ON THE OLG BOARD OF DIRECTORS (COUNCIL COORDINATOR)**

**DIRECTION NO. 1**

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Intergovernmental Relations Council directs that the Executive Director of Intergovernmental Affairs will bring this item back to the new Council next year.

**MOTION NO. 2**

MOVED BY ERMA FERRELL

SECONDED BY JESSE HERKIMER

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Intergovernmental Relations Council accepts the Public Minutes of the Intergovernmental Relations Council Meeting dated Tuesday, November 14, 2023.

Carried

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 3a) – FYI – SUMMARY OF MOTIONS & DIRECTIONS FROM THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COUNCIL MEETING DATED TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2023**

This is an FYI for Ogimaa-Kwe and Council.

Council moved back to Agenda Item No. 3a).

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

**DIRECTION NO. 2**

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Intergovernmental Relations Council directs the Executive Director of Intergovernmental Affairs to follow up with Direction No. 1 below:

**DIRECTION NO. 1**

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Intergovernmental Relations Council directs the Executive Director of Intergovernmental Affairs to follow up with Huron Wendat First Nation to confirm meeting scheduled for April 2024.

Further, Mississauga Chiefs will be invited to the above meeting.

**DIRECTION NO. 3**

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Intergovernmental Relations Council directs Councillor Jesse Herkimer to inquire at the MCBC meeting tonight about the Hedley Battery Energy Storage Project in Haldimand. Councillor Herkimer will bring this information back to a Council Meeting.

**MOTION NO. 3**

MOVED BY RODGER LAFORME

SECONDED BY CLAIRE SAULT

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Intergovernmental Relations Council accepts the Public Minutes of Intergovernmental Relations Council Meeting dated Tuesday, October 10, 2023 with noted discussion.

Carried

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 3c) – FYI – SUMMARY OF MOTIONS & DIRECTIONS FROM THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COUNCIL MEETING DATED TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2023**

This is an FYI for Gimaa-Kwe and Council.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 4 – MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

There were no Matters Arising from the Minutes.

OPP Guests – Jodi Kays, Andy Fox, Lindsay VanPassen, and Patti Cote in at 9:00 am.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 5 – OPP INSPECTOR JODI KAYS WILL PRESENT THE OPP MONTHLY REPORT; ALSO IN ATTENDANCE WILL BE STAFF SARGEANT ANDY FOX AND MEDIA OFFICER CONSTABLE PATTI COTE FOR INTRODUCTION PURPOSES**

Inspector Jodi Kays spoke first and introduced her team. She informed that the Cayuga Detachment will have more staffing in the coming months.

Jodi highlighted her report for the month of December 2023. She will send an additional report on the whole county. She stated that legislative changes are coming.

Jodi is requesting someone from MCFN to sit at the CSPA Table.

Councillor LS requested a different format from the OPP for the Monthly Reports.

Councillor LM will be the contact for OPP Liaison Rod Leclair.

Councillor EF questioned if they (OPP) let Chief and Council know when they are dealing with a threat in the Community. Jodi answered yes.

Ogimaa-Kwe Claire Sault will follow up with Chief Montour of Six Nations Police to further discuss target practice in the Community.

Chair/Councillor Larry Sault reminded everyone of the Chiefs of Ontario Meeting on February 6, 2024 regarding policing.

**DIRECTION NO. 4**

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Intergovernmental Relations Council directs that regarding Target Practice with the Six Nations Police, MCFN Ogimaa-Kwe and Council need further information and discussion.

OPP Guests – Jodi Kays, Andy Fox, Lindsay VanPassen, and Patti Cote were thanked for their presentation and left at 10:00 am.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 4 – MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

There were no Matters Arising from the Minutes.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 6 – USE OF THE WORD “GIMAA” FOR COUNCIL (KK)**

Executive Director of Operations noted in her Briefing Note that Gimaa is an Anishinaabemowin word. Like many Anishinaabemowin words, there are a number of broad meanings that can be understood by the speaker and the recipient.

*Ojibwe People’s Dictionary – a leader, a boss, a chief, a king*

*Nishnaabemwin Online Dictionary – chief, king, president, prime minister, boss, head*

Past Council’s have had preliminary discussions on identifying all elected Council members as Gimaa, however the hesitation has been the acceptance of such by the Community. This was a question in previous election law surveys and the input was mixed, with no solid decision being made.

It is recognized that many outside officials tend to be more willing to meet with “Chiefs” than with “Councillors,” but this is not always the case. There are other Council’s that identify their members as Chiefs, with the title of Head-Chief or Grand Chief for their elected Chief.

Knowledge Keeper Mark Sault stated that “Gimaa” is referred to as Chief. Mark also stated that anyone here can smudge. He does not need to be here to do that. Everyone agreed.

Culture & Events Manager reminded everyone that this is an elected system, not a traditional one.

Everyone agreed that this would be left as is.

**DIRECTION NO. 5**

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Intergovernmental Relations Council directs the Executive Director of Operations that Council will maintain status quo with the title of Councillor for all Council Members, and maintain Ogimaa-Kwe for the elected Chief only.

Carolyn King, Culture & Events Manager, Special Events & Culture Unit Assistant in at 10:00 am.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 7 – REQUEST TO SEEK FUNDING SUPPORT FOR THE NEW CREDIT LIBRARY (CAROLYN KING)**

Carolyn King (Chair of New Credit Library) is requesting to seek funding support to carry out a needs assessment for the Revitalization of the New Credit Public Library and its role, its space and programming to the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation Membership and the Community.

As the world of accessing information has changed, it's not just books. It's more digital and more social and many things have changed in the Community, due to governmental changes, organizational & structural changes, and population growth.

Undertaking a needs assessment study will assist the First Nation and its Library in addressing the above-noted changes in the Community and help prepare a plan to address them.

Councillor JH informed that the internet (Google) says the Library is temporarily closed and is still in the Rumpus Hall, although the Library has moved to the one room school house.

Executive Director of Operations informed that all this information is in the Annual Report.

Councillor VKJ noted that we have done many youth meetings at the Library.

Councillor LS questioned why the Library could not be put in the school. The answer is that the public cannot go into the school.

Ogimaa-Kwe stated that we need to sort out our own source revenue to see where the dollars would come from to keep the Library going.

**DIRECTION NO. 6**

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Intergovernmental Relations Council directs that this item (New Credit Public Library) will be put in abeyance until such time that other issues can be resolved. This item will come back to the Council Table in two months (Intergovernmental Relations Council Meeting – Tuesday, March 12, 2024).

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 8a) – CHIEF & COUNCIL 2023 – 2025 COMMITTEE LISTINGS**

Ogimaa-Kwe went through the Committee Listing.

Executive Director of Operations noted that the A/SED Director oversees 839 Co. and the Solar Flow Through Fund. Councillor EF added that these companies are winding down.

Ogimaa-Kwe suggested moving 839 Co. under MCBC. A/SED Director will have all the information. Councillor JH would like two weeks to go through the documents.

Ogimaa-Kwe questioned if the Artifacts Committee should go under the DOCA Department. Councillor EF stated that only one Councillor is needed for this Committee. It was agreed that that only one member is needed and it will go under the DOCA Department.

Regarding Chiefs of Ontario Political Confederacy, Ogimaa-Kwe would like to appoint a Vice Chief. Executive Director of Operations informed that the Council Coordinator was working with the former Chief and Council to send others to these meetings.

Councillor LS stated that he is still willing to go to the Chiefs of Ontario meetings as the MCFN rep. If it is a General Assembly anyone can go as long as it is not on a Tuesday unless there is a quorum. Meetings are usually in Toronto.

Regarding the Culture & Design Committee, Councillor EF stated that only one Councillor is needed. That person should be talking with MCBC and PST Law. Ogimaa-Kwe suggested removing Councillor EF and replacing her with Councillor FS.

Regarding the NRL Committee, appointees have yet to be determined.

Regarding Armbruster Estate, this will go to Councillor JH. Councillor JH informed that there is a property manager looking after this estate. Ogimaa-Kwe suggested moving this under MCBC.

Regarding the Land Claims Committee, this will be put in place for all land claims.

**MOTION NO. 4**

MOVED BY ERMA FERRELL

SECONDED BY RODGER LAFORME

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Intergovernmental Relations Council accepts the Negotiation Team (T23/24 & RRVT) as listed below:

- Chief: Ogimaa-Kwe Claire Sault;
- Pillar 3: Fawn Sault;
- Pillar 7: Larry Sault;
- Knowledge Keeper: Harry LaForme;
- Katelyn LaForme: Recorder;
- Kim Fullerton: Legal Counsel.

Carried

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Waived

Councillor VKJ out at 12:20 pm – Conflict of Interest.

Regarding the Mississauga Nation Language Working Group, it was agreed that Cathie Jamieson would be left in this group.

Councillor VKJ informed that she has a Job Description for Cathie, although it is a Working Group.

Regarding the Major Events Committee, Councillor LS does not want to be a part of this Committee. Executive Director of Operations will clarify if only one Councillor is needed.

Regarding the Nanticoke Solar...Board of Director, it will remain status quo for now. Opportunities & Coordination Committee will be removed.

Regarding the Toronto City Council...Committee, Ogimaa-Kwe will be meeting with Doug Ford and Olivia Chow whenever a meeting is scheduled.

Regarding the Indigenous Advisory Committee it will stay status quo.

**DIRECTION NO. 7**

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Intergovernmental Relations Council directs Ogimaa-Kwe Claire Sault to contact Harry LaForme regarding the Negotiation Team for T23/24 & RRVT. Further, Ogimaa-Kwe Claire Sault will write a letter to MCFN Member Margaret Sault informing her of the update regarding the Negotiation Team.

**MOTION NO. 5**

MOVED BY RODGER LAFORME

SECONDED BY ERMA FERRELL

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Intergovernmental Relations Council approves that Councillor Jesse Herkimer is appointed to the MCBC Board as Council Liaison.

Carried

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Waived

**MOTION NO. 6**

MOVED BY RODGER LAFORME

SECONDED BY ERMA FERRELL

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Intergovernmental Relations Council hereby appoints Councillors Larry Sault and Jesse Herkimer to the Nanticoke Solar Limited Partnership – Board of Directors.

Carried

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Waived

See BCR No. 347 – 2023-2024.

**MOTION NO. 7**

MOVED BY RODGER LAFORME

SECONDED BY ERMA FERRELL

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Intergovernmental Relations Council hereby appoints Councillor Leslie Maracle to the Native Horizons Treatment Centre Board of Directors.

Carried

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Waived

See BCR No. 348 – 2023-2024.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 8b) – ORGANIZATIONAL REVIEW – OGIMAA-KWE (CLAIRE SAULT)**

Ogimaa-Kwe will hire a consultant to make a plan. She knows three good consultants. They will interview everyone, but this will take a few months.

Ogimaa-Kwe questioned if we want to move ahead, and everyone agreed yes. Do we need an RFP? Executive Director of Operations noted that it will cost at least \$10,000.00 to go through the RFP Process.

**DIRECTION NO. 8**

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Intergovernmental Relations Council directs Ogimaa-Kwe Claire Sault to refer the top three Consultants who will be interviewed to do the MCFN Organizational Review.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 8c) – REPATRIATION OF HUMAN REMAINS (OGIMAA-KWE CLAIRE SAULT)**

Ogimaa-Kwe reiterated that Indigenous human remains were found at a construction site in Toronto a couple of weeks ago. Adam LaForme got a call from someone who informed him of the remains. Adam informed that it was a massive grave.

Councillor LS stated that the Chiefs of Ontario do not have a protocol for this, therefore, we need to come up with one.

DOCA Director does not know who the people are, and advised not to pursue this.

Councillor EF advised that we should invite the DOCA Director and Elder Garry Sault to a Council Meeting.

No decision was made at this time.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 8d) – NATHAN TIDRIDGE REQUEST (EF)**

Nathan Tidridge sent an email to Councillor EF requesting support from MCFN for a proposed project in the Souharissen Pond Area.

**DIRECTION NO. 9**

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Intergovernmental Relations Council agrees to support the project as proposed by Nathan Tidridge titled Souharissen Pond Area Development, and he (Nathan Tidridge) will have a participant from MCFN.

**MOTION NO. 8**

MOVED BY RODGER LAFORME

SECONDED BY JESSE HERKIMER

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Intergovernmental Relations Council moved to an In-Camera session at 1:45 pm.

Carried