

MISSISSAUGAS OF THE CREDIT FIRST NATION
FINANCIAL PLANNING & FISCAL OVERSIGHT COUNCIL
PUBLIC MINUTES
Tuesday, January 9, 2024

Start: 9:17 am

Finish: 2:25 pm

Ogimaa-Kwe (Chief) Councillor
Councillor
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Councillor/Chair
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Councillor/Chair
Recording Officer
Ex. Dir. of Operations
Ex. Dir. of Intergovernmental Affairs
Legal Counsel

Claire Sault
Rodger LaForme
Veronica King-Jamieson (via Zoom)
Erma Ferrell (via Zoom)
Jesse Herkimer
Leslie Maracle
Fawn Sault
Larry Sault
Charlotte Smith
Kerri King
Katelyn LaForme
Kim Fullerton

LSK Drum Group favored us with three opening songs.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 – OPEN MEETING

Chair/Councillor Jesse Herkimer opened the meeting at 9:17 am. Councillor Erma Ferrell was to chair, but she zoomed in as she is ill.

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

MOTION NO. 1

MOVED BY LARRY SAULT

SECONDED BY CLAIRE SAULT

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

- Agenda Item No. 6b) – Souharissen Pond Area Development – Nathan Tidridge (EF).

Carried

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

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

Page 3 – Agenda Item No. 5 of above Minutes: Councillor LS questioned if there is any Indigenous Protected Conservation in terms of our role to co-manage the Guelph Park. Councillor EF answered that nothing has been started yet. Councillor LS informed that there is funding from Parks Canada for the First Nation if we want this, but we would need capacity and responsibility.

Executive Director of Intergovernmental Affairs stated that we can explore this further, and she could invite all the players to come here.

DIRECTION NO. 1

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Financial Planning & Fiscal Oversight Council directs the Executive Director of Intergovernmental Affairs to invite all relevant parties to come and present to Ogimaa-Kwe and Council regarding co-managing/explore the proposed Guelph Park.

MOTION NO. 2

MOVED BY RODGER LAFORME

SECONDED BY LARRY SAULT

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

Carried

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3a) – FYI - SUMMARY OF MOTIONS/DIRECTIONS FROM FINANCIAL PLANNING & FISCAL OVERSIGHT COUNCIL MEETING DATED TUESDAY, DECEMBER 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 PROJECTS-UPDATE (EF)

Councillor EF noted in her Briefing Note that she had a meeting with Madeleine McDowell on Saturday, September 9, 2023 to discuss projects that her Working Group – Humber River Calling and MCFN could elaborate on.

Three projects requests are:

- Work together to re-word a plaque on the Humber River to include an Ojibway translation;
- Work together to change the name of a street in Toronto;
- Work together to have the Humber River named as a Personhood with MCFN taking the lead.

The next steps are:

- Councillor EF will seek Legal Counsel who will work Pro-Bono on the Humber River Personhood request;
- Humber River Calling will seek political support;
- A Press Release will be prepared;
- MCFN will recommend changes for the Humber River Plaque language;
- Ojibway Translator from Curve Lake First Nation will be contacted to provide the wording.

Kim Fullerton (Legal Counsel) was questioned as to whether any of this would affect our water rights. Kim answered that he does not see a problem with the Humber River Personhood. He believes that it will strengthen our water claim. Kim added that Donald Smith's book names all the rivers in Ontario.

MOTION NO. 3

MOVED BY CLAIRE SAULT

SECONDED BY RODGER LAFORME

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Financial Planning & Fiscal Oversight Council grants Councillor Erma Ferrell to contact Harry S. LaForme and see if he is interested in assisting with an application to obtain "Personhood" status for the Humber River.

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

DIRECTION NO. 2

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Financial Planning & Fiscal Oversight Council directs Councillor Erma Ferrell that after she meets with Harry S. LaForme, this project will be explored further.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6a) – SOUHARISSON POND AREA DEVELOPMENT 2024 – REQUEST FROM NATHAN TIDRIDGE (EF)

Nathan Tidridge is a teacher at Waterdown High School, and teaches a Treaty Studies class. He is requesting, with regard to the 10th Anniversary Project – Souharissen Natural Area be developed further with signage identifying this 7.05 acre space as part of the Souharissen Natural Area and have the Treaty relationships highlighted.

DIRECTION NO. 3

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Financial Planning & Fiscal Oversight Council directs Councillor Erma Ferrell to bring this item back to the Council Table with more information in order to have further discussion on the project.

MOTION NO. 4

MOVED BY RODGER LAFORME

SECONDED BY CLAIRE SAULT

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Financial Planning & Fiscal Oversight Council moved to an In-Camera session at 10:10 am.

Carried

