

**MISSISSAUGAS OF THE CREDIT FIRST NATION
INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COUNCIL
PUBLIC MINUTES
Tuesday, April 9, 2024**

Start 9:10 am

Finish 5:05 pm

Chief (Gimaa-Kwe) Councillor
Councillor
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Councillor/Chair
Councillor

Claire Sault
Erma Ferrell
Jesse Herkimer
Leslie Maracle
Fawn Sault
Rodger LaForme
Veronica King-Jamieson
Larry Sault (Away on Council Business – back at 12 pm)
Warren Sault
Alisha Anderson
Charlotte Smith

Interim Ex.Dir. of Operations
Ex. Dir. of Finance/HR
Recorder

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 – OPEN MEETING

Chair/Councillor Veronica King-Jamieson opened the meeting at 9:10 am. LSK Drum Group favored us with some opening songs. Councillor Larry Sault is away on Council Business and will join the meeting on his return.

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

MOTION NO. 1

MOVED BY JESSE HERKIMER

SECONDED BY RODGER BILL LAFORME

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

- Agenda Item No. 17a) – In-Camera Item;
- Agenda Item No. 17b) – In-Camera Item;
- Agenda Item No. 17c) – In-Camera Item;
- Agenda Item No. 17d) – In-Camera Item;
- Agenda Item No. 17e) – In-Camera Item;
- Agenda Item No. 17f) – In-Camera Item;
- Agenda Item No. 17g) – In-Camera Item;
- Agenda Item No. 17h) – In-Camera Item.

Carried

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

MCFN Member Veronica Tobicoe in at 9:15 am.

Council moved to Agenda Item No. 5.

OPP Guests – Lindsay VanPassen, Andrew Fox, Rod Leclair in at 9:10 am.

Peacekeepers Coordinator (Nadine LaForme) in at 9:10 am.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5 – PRESENTATION OF THE OPP MONTHLY REPORT

Rod Leclair provided the OPP Monthly Report for March 2024.

Councillor EF had a concern regarding domestic disputes. She stated that we need something to encourage Members to come forward with their complaints. Rod answered yes, something can be done. Councillor LM added that she would provide all the information to the OPP regarding the programs that MCFN Social Services Department has.

Rod informed that Ride Programs are set up anytime, and the Community is not informed. Otherwise, what would be the sense of setting them up.

Councillor FS pointed out that the last two months of incidents almost total the whole year.

Rod informed that the OPP will be doing a presentation on drug abuse at the Native Horizons Treatment Centre (NHTC). He also informed that the OPP is working with the Peacekeeper Coordinator (Nadine LaForme).

MCFN Member Veronica Tobicoe has a concern regarding an MCFN Member who is being abused, and what, if anything, can the Community do? Councillor VKJ suggested putting something in the Newsletter regarding elder abuse. Ogimaa-Kwe added that elder abuse is against the law.

MOTION NO. 2

MOVED BY FAWN SAULT

SECONDED BY JESSE HERKIMER

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Intergovernmental Relations Council accepts the OPP Monthly Report for March 2024 as presented by OPP Guests.

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

Lorne Boyco in at 9:15 am.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5a) – LORNE BOYCO TO PRESENT ON COMMUNITY SAFETY POLICE ACT (CSPA)

Lorne Boyco from Haldimand OPP Detachment Board presented information on a new Haldimand OPP Detachment Board, which new structure is taking effect on April 1, 2024. The first meeting is in May 2024.

The cost to MCFN will be a remuneration to a Council Member and an MCFN Member.

Would MCFN like to opt in? New members would have to take training before they are sworn in.

Mr. Boyco stated that the new law does not enforce First Nation By-Laws.

Councillor VKJ noted that Chief and Council will need to have more discussion, and will follow up with next steps. It is also noted that Councillor LM will be the contact.

OPP Guests, Lorne Boyco and MCFN Members out at 9:50 am.

MOTION NO. 3

MOVED BY FAWN SAULT

SECONDED BY RODGER BILL LAFORME

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Intergovernmental Relations Council moved to an In-Camera session at 9:55 am.

Carried

MOTION NO. 3

MOVED BY JESSE HERKIMER

SECONDED BY CLAIRE SAULT

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Intergovernmental Relations Council moved out of the In-Camera session at 11:37 am.

Carried

Council moved back to Agenda Item No. 3.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 – REVIEW & ACCEPT THE PUBLIC MINUTES OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COUNCIL MEETING DATED TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 2024

DIRECTION NO. 1

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Intergovernmental Relations Council directs Interim Executive Director of Operations to follow up with the Technical Resource Support/Rental (Ryan Thomas) regarding the Crimestopper signs that were to be posted last year. OPP Officer Rod Leclair informed that he made these signs available to the First Nation last year (See page 2, Agenda Item No. 5 of above Minutes).

MOTION NO. 5

MOVED BY JESSE HERKIMER

SECONDED BY CLAIRE SAULT

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Intergovernmental Relations Council accepts the Public Minutes of the Intergovernmental Relations Council Meeting dated Tuesday, March 12, 2024.

Carried

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3a) – FYI – SUMMARY OF MOTIONS & DIRECTIONS FROM THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COUNCIL MEETING DATED TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 2024

This is an FYI for Ogimaa-Kwe and Council.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4 – MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no Matters Arising from the Minutes.

Council moved to Agenda Item No. 7.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7 – TRAVEL EXPENSES FOR COUNCIL 2024-2025 (EF)

Ogimaa-Kwe and Council acknowledged the Report from Councillor EF as an FYI. Each will follow up with (his/her) Pillar.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8 – TAXES PAID ON THE KUYPER PROPERTY (EF)

Councillor EF noted in her Briefing Note that on December 5, 2023, she submitted a Briefing Note to the MCFN Chief and Council to discuss the total amount of taxes paid on the property formerly known as the Kuyper Property located at 4065 Hwy 6, Hagersville. On.

During her search of the Property Taxes paid on 4065 Hwy 6, Hagersville, she was able to obtain the amount from an employee of the Haldimand County Administration Office.

The original intent was to send a letter to the Federal Government requesting all funding paid to Haldimand County for property tax be returned to the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation.

On December 5, 2023, the former Executive Director of the Governance Department stated she would follow up on trying to obtain the total cost of taxes paid. The former Executive Director resigned and her last day was February 13, 2024.

Councillor EF is of the understanding the information on the taxes was forwarded to the A/SED Director by an employee of Haldimand County.

Councillor EF followed up with the MCFN A/SED Director and was informed the employee at Haldimand County stated she/he would have to manually go through file boxes to locate this information.

It does not appear that we will obtain all of the information we require from Haldimand on the property taxes paid by MCFN.

Is it possible to write a letter to Canada Revenue and obtain this information?

There is a possibility the Federal Government may not reimburse the MCFN for the property taxes paid while waiting for the Addition to Reserve to be completed, but a letter to the Federal Government is a possibility.

MOTION NO. 6

MOVED BY ERMA FERRELL

SECONDED BY JESSE HERKIMER

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Intergovernmental Relations Council directs the Interim Executive Director of Operations to speak with the Admin Clerk and A/SED Director and have them retrieve the Kuyper property taxes from December 2000 up to 2011.

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9 – TAXES PAID BY MCFN TO HALDIMAND COUNTY ON THE PROPERTY AT 4065 HWY 6 (EF)

This item has been deleted as it was dealt with in Agenda Item No. 8 above.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 10 – 4065 HWY 6 – BUILDING RENOVATION AND EVALUATION (EF)

Councillor EF noted in her Briefing Note that in the 2019-2020 fiscal year, a budget line was included for the possible renovation of the buildings at 4065 Hwy 6 behind the Duty of Consultation and Accommodation Department (DOCA).

Funding was allotted to have the buildings at 4065 Hwy 6 assessed by the Ontario First Nations Technical Service Corporation, <https://www.ofntsc.org/> to provide a report on the buildings behind DOCA department.

The assessment by the Ontario First Nations Technical Services Corporation did not take place due to the COVID 19 outbreak in 2020.

It has been almost two years since the COVID 19 restrictions have been lifted and our Nation has not contacted OFNTSC to assess the buildings at 4065 Hwy 6.

It is possible MCFN could renovate the buildings in question, to provide storage space, office space for MCFN or office space rentals.

The question is who does the Direction go to in order to have the first question answered; are the buildings stable enough to spend dollars to renovate?

Councillor EF's suggestion, at this time, is to provide the A/SED Director to reach out to OFNTSC to arrange for one of their employees to assess the buildings at 4065 Hwy 6 that are located behind the DOCA Department.

DIRECTION NO. 2

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Intergovernmental Relations Council directs the Interim Executive Director of Operations to follow up with contacting someone at (OFNTSC) Ontario First Nations Technical Services Corporation to assess the buildings belonging to MCFN that are located at 4065 Hwy 6 behind the DOCA (Department of Consultation and Accommodation).

AGENDA ITEM NO. 11a) – MCMASTER UNIVERSITY (EF)

Councillor EF informed that McMaster University does not recognize MCFN as the Treaty Holder. Councillor LS replied that we have not done a good job infiltrating universities with our message as Treaty Holder. MCBC is in the process of screening for a PR person to assist us.

Ogimaa-Kwe informed that she has a meeting with Claudine Vanevery-Albert and Mark Hill to discuss this item.

Councillor EF suggested that we get our Treaty Maps made into puzzles for our LSK students.

Councillor LS suggested getting a sign made and put it up in Toronto where it will be visible.

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