

**MISSISSAUGAS OF THE CREDIT FIRST NATION
INFRASTRUCTURE & ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL
MEETING
PUBLIC MINUTES
Tuesday, June 18, 2024**

Start 9:05 am

Finish 4:45 pm

Ogimaa-Kwe (Chief) Councillor

Claire Sault

Councillor

Erma Ferrell

Councillor

Larry Sault

Councillor

Veronica King-Jamieson

Councillor

Leslie Maracle

Councillor/Chair

Fawn Sault

Councillor

Jesse Herkimer

Interim Ex. Dir. of Operations

Warren Sault

Recorder

Charlotte Smith

PW Director

Arland LaForme

LM Director

Delainie King

Guest

Diane Longboat

Guests from Therme

Various people

MNP (Auditors)

Darren Rennie and Cole Wendland

Executive Director of Finance/HR

Alisha Anderson

Finance Controller Lead

Trudy Porter

LSK Drum Group favored us with some opening songs.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 – OPEN MEETING

Chair/Councillor Fawn Sault opened the meeting at 9:05 am.

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

MOTION NO. 1

MOVED BY JESSE HERKIMER

SECONDED BY LESLIE MARACLE

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

- Agenda Item No. 14a) – ISC Meeting on June 26, 2024 (WS);
- Agenda Item No. 14b) – Public Works Department – Equipment Purchases (AL);
- Agenda Item No. 14c) – Councillor VKJ – Verbal Update;
- Agenda Item No. 14d) – Councillor JH – Verbal Update.

Carried

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

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 – REVIEW & ACCEPT THE PUBLIC MINUTES OF INFRASTRUCTURE AND ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL MEETING DATED TUESDAY, MAY 21, 2024

MOTION NO. 2

MOVED BY VERONICA KING-JAMIESON

SECONDED BY LESLIE MARACLE

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Infrastructure & Environmental Stewardship Council accepts the Public Minutes of Infrastructure and Environmental Stewardship Council Meeting dated Tuesday, May 21, 2024.

Carried

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3a) – FYI – SUMMARY OF MOTIONS & DIRECTIONS FROM INFRASTRUCTURE AND ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL MEETING DATED TUESDAY, MAY 21, 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.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5 – FORMER EKWAAMJIGENANG CHILDREN’S CENTRE (LM)

Councillor LM noted in her Briefing Note that she is requesting to use the space of the former Ekwaamjigenang Children’s Centre (ECC) for the summer camp sessions.

The ECC building remains empty and needs a few renovations to allow the Community Support Program to operate the Summer Day Camps at this location. It could also be used to house the Community Support Department permanently, along with other programs.

To my knowledge there are a few toilets that would need to be changed to regular toilets and perhaps a couple of sinks raised for the interim. As to date, the Community Support Program has been resilient in making spaces work for their programs. I have talked to Yvonne regarding this recommendation and she agreed that the space would be ideal for camp.

If approved, perhaps Employment and Training could fund a cleaner to do a deep clean of the rooms and washrooms at the end of each day.

Dollars will come from the Community Wellness Jurisdictional Initiative Fund (CWJI).

MOTION NO. 3

MOVED BY LARRY SAULT

SECONDED BY JESSE HERKIMER

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Infrastructure & Environmental Stewardship Council agrees to hire someone to do some minor repairs to the former ECC in order for the Community Support Program to utilize the two rooms, kitchen and three washrooms for the interim, to support their summer camps. Dollars will come from the Community Wellness Jurisdictional Initiative (CWJI) Fund.

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6 – OPP COMMAND POST (LM)

Councillor LM noted that Constable Rod Leclair has requested a space where the OPP officers can meet if ever there is an emergency or ongoing situation in the MCFN Community. Two contacts with keys are required.

A Briefing Note was provided previously requesting a building to be used for a command post for the OPP if needed. The old communication building was approved by Council, however, clarification is needed on who to contact that will have access to the keys for this building.

MOTION NO. 4

MOVED BY JESSE HERKIMER

SECONDED BY VERONICA KING-JAMIESON

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Infrastructure & Environmental Stewardship Council agrees to appoint two members of Council to be the contacts for the OPP and have Public Works Department provide these two with keys to the former Communication Building located at 2789 Mississauga Rd. These two (Councillor Leslie Maracle and Interim Executive Director of Operations) will be able to delegate to other Council members if needed. Once approved Leslie will forward the contacts to Rod Leclair (OPP).

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

Diane Longboat in at 9:20 am.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7 – PRESENTATION BY DIANE LONGBOAT REGARDING LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND CAMH (LM)

Councillor LM noted in her Briefing Note that Diane Longboat would like to discuss co-creating a marker/indoor art/outdoor to honour the land where CAMH sits today. We know from the Colonial Records that MCFN used the land as Council Grounds.

The following is a letter/request from Diane Longboat to Councillor LM:

I am writing today to ask for your guidance from CAMH-Centre for Addiction and Mental Health, Shkaabe Makwa Centre for First Nations, Inuit and Metis Wellness. CAMH is the largest hospital in Canada for these challenges and an international centre for research. Shkaabe Makwa is concerned with the

development of culturally appropriate clinical services for our people, research, strategic initiatives, and wellness innovation.

Some years ago, then CEO Catherine Zahn, and I developed the land acknowledgement. We understood from our research that the site of the hospital on Queen Street West in Toronto stands on the Council Grounds of the Mississaugas of the Credit. Trade, commerce, governance, treaty making were all conducted in this region. I asked Stacey LaForme to check over our writing and he took it to Council for their input. They liked it and approved. Now I am reaching out to share news that new buildings are going up on this campus area and we want to mark the land with recognition of its importance to MCFN and CAMH.

We are convening a committee for discussion on how we might proceed. To date, we have Jay Havens from Six Nations working on outdoor water art and Michael Belmore working on rock (erratics) carving also an outdoor art piece. We would like to invite you or a representative from MCFN to sit with us to guide the discussion on what might best represent the presence of MCFN and honour the Council Grounds.

I am at Six Nations and happy to drop over for a conversation. Thanks so much!

Ms. Longboat reiterated that she would like Council to review the attached Land Acknowledgement, and the development of a marker from MCFN. At the present time, she is just gathering information. She added that there are two new buildings being built on the CAMH property – a new forensics building and another new building connected to the Justice System.

Ogimaa-Kwe stated that we need some kind of plaque recognizing MCFN as the Treaty Holders.

Ms. Longboat noted that what Hagersville and Hamilton need is a clinic. She also questioned if someone from MCFN Council would create a committee who would be willing to work on the marker.

Ms. Longboat was thanked for her presentation and left at 9:50 am.

Councillor LS questioned how this item got on the Agenda. Councillor LM answered that it was through her Dad. Councillor LS then questioned if we are an afterthought. What about the Metis – do they have a part in this? Councillor EF answered that the Metis did not have land in Ontario. Ogimaa-Kwe added that COO said that only the Red River Metis were legitimate.

DIRECTION NO. 1

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Infrastructure & Environmental Stewardship Council directs Councillor Leslie Maracle to form a Committee regarding the art she was requesting.

With regard to the Land Acknowledgment – take out the word “New” in the first paragraph; in the second paragraph take out the word “today”; remove the third paragraph in its entirety.

Council moved to Agenda Item No. 10.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 10 – FYI – ZINNIA HOUSE – EMANCIPATION HERITAGE WORKSHOP (VKJ)

This is an FYI for Ogimaa-Kwe and Council.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 11 – FOR DISCUSSION – WYANDOT OF ANDERDON NATION (OGIMAA-KWE)

This is an FYI for Council. Ogimaa-Kwe brought it to the attention of Council. There is a plaque in a high traffic area of Toronto. The plaque is from Wyandot of Anderton Nation.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 12 – WHO WILL BE ATTENDING THE AFN ANNUAL ASSEMBLY FROM JULY 9 – 11, 2024 AT THE MONTREAL CONVENTION CENTRE? (EF)

So far, Councillor Larry Sault, and Ogimaa-Kwe Claire Sault will be attending the AFN Conference. There is a possibility that Councillors Leslie Maracle and Jesse Herkimer will be attending also.

Council moved to Agenda Item No. 14a).

AGENDA ITEM NO. 14a) – ISC (INDIGENOUS SERVICES CANADA) MEETING ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26, 2024

The meeting will start at 9:00 am, and not 11:00 am. Councillors Leslie Maracle and Veronica King-Jamieson will not be attending. Recognition of Indigenous Rights to Self Determination (RIRSD) people will be required to be present. Interim Executive Director of Operations will be arranging a conference room at the Holiday Inn in Brantford, ON.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 14b) – PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT – EQUIPMENT PURCHASES

This item has been put on hold until verification is confirmed on where the dollars will come from.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 14c) – MISSISSAUGA NATION ARCHAEOLOGY – VERBAL UPDATE (VKJ)

Councillor Veronica King-Jamieson provided a verbal update on Pillar 4 Lifelong Learning & Education Awareness Project - Mississaugas of Credit Archeology Camp - media release, dates from July 7 - 12, 2024 in Mississauga City location.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 14d) – VERBAL UPDATE – RBC FINANCIAL LITERACY COURSES (JH)

Councillor JH met with three people from RBC – Michael Caverly, Ashley Phillips and Edward Duschl. These three RBC employees have agreed to provide educational financial sessions to the MCFN Community through various departments within the organization.

DIRECTION NO. 2

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Infrastructure & Environmental Stewardship Council directs Councillor Jesse Herkimer and Interim Executive Director of Operations to work together with EMT to administer Financial Literacy Courses from RBC.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 14e) – SCHEDULING OF A MEETING WITH AIAI TO INFORM MCFN OF THEIR PROGRAMS

The Executive Management Assistant (Kate Bakos) will be scheduling a meeting with AIAI.

Council moved back to Agenda Item No. 9.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9 – PRIDE FLAG RAISING (COMMUNICATIONS & ENGAGEMENT LEAD)

Communications and Engagement Lead noted in her Briefing Note that as June is Pride Month, many cities/towns/municipalities fly the pride flag as it is a symbol of unity – recognizing that LGBTQ+ folks have historically faced unjust circumstances. This is a way to show you stand in solidarity with the community.

Communications and Engagement Lead Georgia LaForme was reached out to by several MCFN Members with inquiries about what the Nation is doing during Pride Month, and if we will show support by raising the Pride flag.

MCFN has a Pride flag from videos filmed in previous years that is able to be raised upon Chief and Council approval, the Communications and Engagement Lead has also drafted an accompanying statement.

MOTION NO. 5

MOVED BY LESLIE MARACLE

SECONDED BY VERONICA KING-JAMIESON

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Infrastructure & Environmental Stewardship Council approves that Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) will raise the pride flag and post the following statement:

MCFN Raises the Pride Flag

Aanii MCFN Community,

June is nationally recognized as pride month in Canada. The Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) are proud to fly the pride flag as a celebration of diversity. During the month of June, we will fly the Pride flag alongside the MCFN, Mississauga Nation, and Every Child Matters Flag.

We believe that our First Nation should be a safe space for everyone. Raising the Pride flag reaffirms our commitment to the focus on well-being for our membership and staff.

As we celebrate Pride Month, we will continue the important work of building a more inclusive and equitable Nation where all members of the 2SLGBTQIA+ feel welcome. Happy Pride!

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MCFN Chief and Council

Carried
Reading Waived

MOTION NO. 6

MOVED BY JESSE HERKIMER

SECONDED BY ERMA FERRELL

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Infrastructure & Environmental Stewardship Council moved to an In-Camera session at 10:55 am.

Carried

MOTION NO. 8

MOVED BY JESSE HERKIMER

SECONDED BY LARRY SAULT

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Infrastructure & Environmental Stewardship Council moved out of the In-Camera session at 12:27 pm.

Carried

Council moved to Agenda Item No. 13.

Georgina Villeneuve and Jeff Frketich, Ryan Bruce and Brian Maddox zoomed in at 12:55 pm.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 13 – PRESENTATION VIA ZOOM BY PEACE HILLS TRUST
(GEORGINA VILLENEUVE & JEFF FRKETICH) REGARDING TORONTO PURCHASE
TRUST INTERIM REPORT & Q1 2024 PERFORMANCE REPORT**

Georgina highlighted the Interim Report. She stated that 2/3 of the Trust is now taxable because of new rules. This will slow down the growth of the Trust.

Jeff introduced two new people - Ryan Bruce and Brian Maddox who are working at Peace Hills Trust.

Jeff informed that Mawer is not doing good. Mawer should be getting better returns, and Jeff may change this.

Fiera does does not look good at present, but they are coming back.

Jeff is always stressing that MCFN needs to focus on the long term. He noted the following in his report:

The story for the markets since the pandemic has been centered on inflation and interest rates. Interest rates were increased dramatically to counter high levels of inflation that had not been seen for decades. The economy slowed, and people feared that we could face a recession. The good thing is that the strategy worked: higher interest rates succeeded in bringing inflation down to a manageable level. It peaked in June 2022 but is now down to around 2.8%.

The question now is when will the Bank of Canada (BoC) and the Federal Reserve in the US (Fed) start to lower interest rates? Most economists thought that rates would have started to decline by this time, but BoC and the Feds have remained firm that there is still some work to be done before rates can come down.

Peace Hills works with several of the top independent investment managers across the country. Generally, they were not in agreement with the consensus view that rates would come down in the short term. In the fall of 2023, most of these managers felt that interest rates would stay 'higher for longer', and this is exactly how it has played out. Some of them now are of the opinion that higher rates will be here for a while. We must remember that historically, interest rates hover around 4% and that the ultra-low rates we had during the pandemic were a temporary measure.

Higher rates have both positive and negative effects on your Trust portfolio. Higher interest rates mean that any bonds you buy now will pay a much higher rate of interest than bonds did a few years ago. On the other hand, higher interest rates usually mean poor stock market performance because the economy slows down.

Fortunately, the 'soft landing' that people were hoping for seems to have occurred. High interest rates helped to lower inflation without causing the economy to stall. The markets took this as a good sign, as can be seen in the 2024 first quarter results: Canada was up 6.6%, the US was up 13% while the international market finished 8% higher. The only asset class to do poorly was bonds, down 1.2% for the quarter.

The simple fact is that no one can accurately predict when interest rates will begin to decline. Your managers don't worry about the market 'noise' that investors are constantly bombarded with. They focus on a long-term approach: purchase good companies and hold them for a long time, which allows the companies to grow, resulting in an increase in their stock price. This is a perfect fit for your Trust, because its long-term time perspective fits perfectly with the way your managers build wealth. It is a simple approach that works.

Councillor VKJ questioned what can be done, if anything, regarding paying higher taxes. Georgina answered that she is lobbying with a couple of firms, but she will get back to MCFN once she does more investigating.

Georgina Villeneuve and Jeff Frketich, Ryan Bruce and Brian Maddox zoomed out at 1:40 pm.

MOTION NO. 9

MOVED BY JESSE HERKIMER

SECONDED BY LARRY SAULT

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Infrastructure & Environmental Stewardship Council moved to an In-Camera session at 1:43 pm.

Carried