

**MISSISSAUGAS OF THE CREDIT FIRST NATION**  
**FINANCIAL PLANNING & FISCAL OVERSIGHT COUNCIL**  
**PUBLIC MINUTES**  
*Tuesday, June 4, 2024*

**Start: 9:05 am**

**Finish: 5:05 pm**

**Ogimaa-Kwe (Chief) Councillor**  
**Councillor**  
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**Councillor/Chair**  
**Councillor**  
**Councillor**  
**Councillor**  
**Recording Officer**  
**Interim Ex. Dir. of Operations**  
**DOCA Director**  
**MCFN Members**

**Claire Sault**  
**Veronica King-Jamieson**  
**Erma Ferrell**  
**Jesse Herkimer**  
**Leslie Maracle**  
**Fawn Sault (via Zoom)**  
**Larry Sault**  
**Charlotte Smith**  
**Warren Sault**  
**Mark LaForme**  
**Valarie King, Veronica Tobicoe, Rebecca Hill,**  
**Ashley Sault & others**

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 – OPEN MEETING**

Chair/Councillor Jesse Herkimer opened the meeting at 9:05 am.

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

**MOTION NO. 1**

MOVED BY LARRY SAULT

SECONDED BY ERMA FERRELL

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. 8a) – MCFN Council rejoining AIAI (LS);
- Agenda Item No. 21a) – In-Camera Item;
- Agenda Item No. 24a) – In-Camera Item;
- Agenda Item No. 24b) – In-Camera Item;
- Agenda Item No. 24c) – In-Camera Item.

Carried

When we get to Agenda Item No. 23, Ogimaa-Kwe and Councillor VKJ will excuse themselves because of a Conflict of Interest.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 – REVIEW AND ACCEPT PUBLIC MINUTES OF FINANCIAL PLANNING & FISCAL OVERSIGHT COUNCIL MEETING DATED TUESDAY, APRIL 2, 2024**

**DIRECTION NO. 1**

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Financial Planning & Fiscal Oversight Council directs Interim Executive Director of Operations, A/Executive Director of Intergovernmental Affairs, and Executive Director of Finance/HR to discuss at their EMT meeting more efficient ways on how to follow up with Motions and Directions that are sent to staff, and whether they are completed or not completed. Ogimma-Kwe and Council would like to be kept informed.

**MOTION NO. 2**

MOVED BY VERONICA KING-JAMIESON

SECONDED BY CLAIRE SAULT

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Financial Planning & Fiscal Oversight Council accepts the Public Minutes of the Financial Planning and Fiscal Oversight Council Meeting dated Tuesday, April 2, 2024.

Carried

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 3a) – REVIEW & ACCEPT PUBLIC MINUTES OF INFRASTRUCTURE AND ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL MEETING DATED TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2023 (THESE MINUTES WERE RECORDED BY COUNCIL COORDINATOR)**

**MOTION NO. 3**

MOVED BY VERONICA KING-JAMIESON

SECONDED BY CLAIRE SAULT

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Financial Planning & Fiscal Oversight Council accepts the Public Minutes, with noted corrections, of Infrastructure and Environmental Stewardship Council Meeting dated Tuesday, December 19, 2023.

Carried

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 3b) – FYI - SUMMARY OF MOTIONS/DIRECTIONS FROM FINANCIAL PLANNING & FISCAL OVERSIGHT COUNCIL MEETING DATED TUESDAY, APRIL 2, 2024**

This is an FYI for Ogimaa-Kwe and Council.

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

**4.1 – FYI** – Letter of Support dated May 31, 2024, signed and sent by Ogimma-Kwe regarding the VIA High Frequency Rail (HFR) Project.

MCFN Members in at 9:25 am – Rebecca Hill, Ashley Sault, Veronica Tobicoe, Valarie King, Clyde and Fiona King, and others.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 5 – SENIORS & YOUTH – INVITATION TO BE ON AGENDA TODAY (FIRST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH)**

MCFN Member Rebecca Hill informed that there are three students who live in Hagersville whose parents are struggling to find dollars for their children, and the parents cannot get funding from MCFN for off reserve students.

Councillor LS questioned how to close this gap.

MCFN Member Clyde King suggested using Jordan's Principle dollars.

Councillor VKJ informed that she had a grandson who is not even listed at Hagersville Secondary School.

MCFN Member Rebecca Hill suggested using cards instead of having to cash cheques.

**DIRECTION NO. 2**

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Financial Planning & Fiscal Oversight Council the Interim Executive Director of Operations to meet with the Director of Lifelong Learning, and bring back solutions with regard to programs and services and funding for all students off reserve. This item will be brought back to the next Lifelong Learning & Awareness & Nation Well-Being Council Meeting on Tuesday, June 25, 2024.

MCFN Member Valarie King would like to know what is happening with the Cannabis File, as she has not heard of any follow up; and further, Youth need to know when they are on the Agenda; further still, Members want a forensic audit; and, how do we keep our Community safe; In addition, Valarie also stated that she would like some space on the Community Meeting Agenda.

Councillor LM answered that Ogimaa-Kwe and Council would like a month to answer all Valarie's concerns.

Councillor LS stated that all Valarie's issues are directed to the Directors. Ogimaa-Kwe and Council direct staff. He also added that we need to put some order to these meetings such as who is responsible for what.

Councillor FS noted that this is also a funding issue.

Interim Executive Director of Operations informed that our primary concern is the Jordan's Principle application/request which has already been sent for approximately \$3 Million dollars.

MCFN Member Valarie King reiterated that someone from this Council Table is working for another First Nation. She also questioned why the letter regarding the resignation of the MEC Committee was taken off the website.

DOCA Director in at 10:00 am.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 8a) – MCFN CHIEF & COUNCIL MEETING WITH NORFOLK MAYOR & COUNCIL (DOCA DIRECTOR)**

DOCA Director noted in his Briefing Note that in an effort to provide the Norfolk County Mayor and Elected Council with a proper history of the MCFN and the MCFN Treaties, DOCA staff have been working with Norfolk County planning department staff to secure a meeting with the Norfolk County Mayor and Council Members and the MCFN Chief and Council.

Norfolk County Mayor Amy Martin and Members of her Elected Council have agreed to meet with the MCFN Chief and Council to hear a MCFN history presentation and to discuss a political relationship with one another. The Norfolk County representatives would like to meet at MCFN on June 25, 2024, from 12:00 Noon to 3:00 p.m. The proposed agenda for the meeting is as follows:

- 12:00 pm - Opening remarks and introductions
- 12:15 pm - Lunch and MCFN History Presentation (Darin Wybenga)
- 1:15 pm - History Q&A
- 1:30 pm - Brief DOCA Overview (Mark LaForme)
- 1:45 pm - Break
- 2:00 pm - MCFN/Norfolk Relationship Discussion
- 3:00 pm - Closing

**MOTION NO. 4**

MOVED BY CLAIRE SAULT

SECONDED BY VERONICA KING-JAMIESON

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Financial Planning & Fiscal Oversight Council accepts the invitation from the Norfolk County Mayor and Council to meet on Tuesday, June 25, 2024 at the MCFN Community Centre from 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm.

Carried

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Waived

DOCA Director out at 10:15 am.

Council moved back to Agenda Item No. 6.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 6 – FYI – FOLLOW-UP TO DIRECTION NO. 4 OF INFRASTRUCTURE & ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL MEETING DATED TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 2024 (A/SED DIRECTOR)**

At the present time, this is an FYI for Ogimaa-Kwe and Council.

Councillor EF suggested contacting the Working Manager of NCVGB for more information.

**DIRECTION NO. 3**

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Financial Planning & Fiscal Oversight Council directs the Interim Executive Director of Operations to readdress the pricing of cigarettes from the New Credit Variety and Gas Bar (NCVGB).

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 7 – FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDING MARCH 31, 2024 (EF)**

Councillor EF noted that she and Councillor JH received a print out of financial statements in April 2024.

Councillor EF had many questions on the information that was provided to herself and Councillor JH. These questions include the accounts of Enterprise Fund, Toronto Purchase Trust for Members turning 18, Toronto Purchase Trust 10 + 2 + 2, Future Generations Fund, Council House Renovation Project; 8392692 Canada Inc., Nanticoke Solar.

Councillor EF would like an update on all the balances of the above accounts for 2023-2024.

Councillor LS reiterated that every issue MCFN Member Valarie King made was with staff. He questioned if we are dealing with incompetence. Ogimaa-Kwe answered that we have policy issues, hiring issues, gaps in communication, and the Finance Department should be putting out Monthly Financial Statements. Interim Executive Director of Operations added that we need to get a structure in place. Councillor EF added that our staff need training.

Ogimaa-Kwe stated that she does not want to cross the line with staff.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 8b) – MCFN OGIMMA-KWE AND COUNCIL TO REJOIN AIAI (OGIMAA-KWE)**

Councillor LS has been requested to attend the AIAI Meeting on Thursday, June 6, 2024.

Councillor VKJ suggested he (Councillor LS) take some gifts – smudge kits and pins to give the others who will be in attendance at this meeting.

**DIRECTION NO. 4**

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Financial Planning & Fiscal Oversight Council directs Councillor Larry Sault to attend the AIAI Meeting on Thursday, June 6, 2024 to discuss MCFN rejoining AIAI.

Executive Director of Finance/HR in at 12:40 pm.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 9 – FISCAL OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (FOC) UPDATE (AA)**

Executive Director of Finance/HR noted in her Briefing Note that the Fiscal Oversight Committee (FOC) meets to review the most current financial information and content for the organization to report to the Council as a whole. The May 2024 meeting was cancelled and will resume in June 2024.

The Fiscal Oversight Committee met on April 18, 2024, to discuss the financials as of March 31, 2024. The NCVGB financials were not included in the meeting package but have since been included in this report up to March 31, 2024. It was noted that these statements are in draft form as there are entries that are still required after meeting with departments to ensure that allocations, funding and deferred revenues have been recorded. The FY2023 audit is nearing completion and MNP is set to present the draft financial statements to Chief & Council at the June 18th Meeting. They are just finalizing their end of things and creating the statements to

bring forward for approval. Once this is approved, we will then be current with our finances and will be able to obtain an engagement letter for the next current year and be aligned with the normal auditing process and expect to have that completed by July 2024 for the FY2024.

The approved minutes of the meeting from March are attached for transparency of the meeting.

The draft Financials as of March 31, 2024 are also attached as requested by the Committee. These statements will be final once we have made necessary transactions to close out the year once everything has been recorded and prepared for the auditors.

**DIRECTION NO. 5**

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Financial Planning & Fiscal Oversight Council directs the Executive Director of Finance/HR and the Interim Executive Director of Operations to prepare a Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2021/22 for the Community Meeting to be held on Saturday, June 15, 2024. The report will provide a summary of the information contained in the audit illustrating the cost to operate the First Nation including breakdown of revenue including own source, allocations from trusts, and funding agencies, and expenses for each department.

And further, for the Community Meeting in July 2024, the Director of Finance/HR and the Interim Executive Director of Operations request presentation from the auditors, MNP, for Fiscal Year 2022/23. The report will provide a summary of the information contained in the audit illustrating the cost to operate the First Nation including breakdown of revenue including own source, allocations from trusts, and funding agencies, and expenses for each department.

The Fiscal Oversight Committee Update was acknowledged as information.

**MOTION NO. 6**

MOVED BY LESLIE MARACLE

SECONDED BY VERONICA KING-JAMIESON

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Financial Planning & Fiscal Oversight Council moved to an In-Camera session at 12:46 pm.

Carried