

**MISSISSAUGAS OF THE CREDIT FIRST NATION
LIFELONG LEARNING & AWARENESS & NATION WELL-BEING
COUNCIL MEETING
PUBLIC MINUTES**

Tuesday, July 23, 2024

Start 9:10 am

Finish 4:30 pm

Ogimaa-Kwe (Chief) Councillor

Claire Sault

Councillor

Erma Ferrell

Councillor

Larry Sault

Councillor

Veronica King-Jamieson

Councillor/Chair

Leslie Maracle

Councillor

Fawn Sault (Sick)

Councillor

Jesse Herkimer

Interim Ex. Dir. of Operations

Warren Sault

Recorder

Charlotte Smith

Executive Management Assistant

Kate Bakos

Director of Health Services

Maggie Copeland

Director of Lifelong Learning

Patti Barber

Policy Analyst/Writer

Cindy Agius

MCBC

Gary Loft

MCFN Members

Veronica Tobicoe and Carolyn King

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 – OPEN MEETING

Chair/Councillor Leslie Maracle opened the meeting at 9:10 am.

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

MOTION NO. 1

MOVED BY CLAIRE SAULT

SECONDED BY ERMA FERRELL

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Lifelong Learning & Awareness & Nation Well-Being Council accepts the Agenda with the following additions:

- Agenda Item No. 14b) – Question regarding Finances (EF);
- Agenda Item No. 27a) – In-Camera Item;
- Agenda Item No. 27b) – In-Camera Item.

Carried

Interim Executive Director of Operations will excuse himself when we get to Agenda Item No. 21.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 – REVIEW & ACCEPT THE PUBLIC MINUTES OF LIFELONG LEARNING & AWARENESS & NATION WELL-BEING COUNCIL MEETING DATED TUESDAY, JUNE 25, 2024

MOTION NO. 2

MOVED BY LARRY SAULT

SECONDED BY VERONICA KING-JAMIESON

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Lifelong Learning & Awareness & Nation Well-Being Council accepts the Public Minutes of the Lifelong Learning & Awareness & Nation Well-Being Council Meeting dated Tuesday, June 25, 2024.

Carried

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3a) – FYI – SUMMARY OF MOTIONS & DIRECTIONS FROM LIFELONG LEARNING & AWARENESS & NATION WELL-BEING COUNCIL MEETING DATED TUESDAY, JUNE 25, 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.

Maggie Copeland (Director of Health Services) in at 9:15 am.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4a) – AIAI – HEALTH/SOCIAL ADVISORY BOARD (H/SAB) (BCR TO BE SIGNED IF APPROVED (THIS ITEM WAS MOVED FROM AGENDA ITEM NO. 14a)

A BCR was signed appointing Director of Health Services (Maggie Copeland), Director of Social Services (Yvonne Bomberry) and Councillor Leslie Maracle to the AIAI Health/Social Advisory Board.

MOTION NO. 3

MOVED BY LARRY SAULT

SECONDED BY ERMA FERRELL

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Lifelong Learning & Awareness & Nation Well-Being Council directs the Director of Health Services (Maggie Copeland), Director of Social Services (Yvonne Bomberry), and Councillor Leslie Maracle as representatives to the AIAI Health/Social Advisory Board. A written report will be brought back to the Council Table from Councillor Leslie Maracle.

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

Maggie Copeland (Director of Health Services) out at 9:20 am.

See BCR No. 366 – 2024-2025.

Gary Loft from MCBC in at 9:00 am.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5 – PRESENTATION BY GARY LOFT OF MCBC REGARDING NEW GAS STATION AND STORE PROJECT

Garry Loft from MCBC provided a project update on the New Gas Station and Store. He noted that this is a high-level preliminary project overview for consideration regarding a new gas station and store with diesel fueling/cardlock for large trucks.

Councillor LS questioned if the old store is going to stay open while the new one is being built, and Gary said yes.

Interim Executive Director of Operations noted that the tanking system at NCVGB is double walled.

Councillor LS suggested that we should be using our own people (Blaine LaForme, Bobby Sault) for excavating etc.

Gary presented the following options:

Current Advantages

1. It is a well-known established business.
2. Good high traffic flow in a convenient location.
3. Profit generating.

Current Drawbacks

1. The overall appearance of the existing station and store is dated.
2. The layout causes internal traffic confusion and congestion.
3. The entrance and exit of vehicles are shared with the Plaza.
4. The lot is also shared with an ATM drive through bank machine causing further congestion for the gas station traffic flow.
5. There is no direct entrance for vehicles on to Highway 6 heading north.
6. There is no direct exit for vehicles heading north on Highway 6.

Opportunities

1. Create a new, fresh overall look.
2. Improve traffic flow.
3. Make entering and exiting the site easier and safer.
4. Upgrade the station and store with new equipment and technology.
5. Add diesel fueling/cardlock for large trucks.

Options For Consideration

1. Build a new gas station and store within the industrial park.
2. Build a new separate site for diesel fueling/cardlock for large trucks.
3. Modernize and update the existing gas station and store.
4. Do nothing and let it run as is for now.

Option 1 - Relocating and building a new gas station and store within the industrial park and removing the old station

The overall project would cost approximately \$5M. Using the current gas station and store average revenue and gross margin at 100%, the Return on Investment would be just over 7years. Operational improvements could reduce the investment return time.

No cost has been factored in for possible environmental issues associated with the removal of the existing gas station. This would not be known until we removed the old tanks and piping.

Option 2 - Build a new separate site for diesel fueling/cardlock for large trucks

This would not operate the same as a retail self-serve setup. Cardlock and truck fueling is all set up with accounts that need to be brought in by someone, whereas with a retail gas bar, you build it, and cars show up. With a cardlock system someone needs to be out there chasing clientele and getting accounts set up for the traffic to start flowing. It is not that this is not an option for the site, or beside it, but this option would require a completely different business model with a team to oversee it and constantly monitor it to be successful. I think we should have further discussion around option 2. At this point I have not asked for a quote.

Option 3 - Modernize and update the existing gas station and store

I have not put together a cost for this, however it is an option to keep in mind. With this option focus would be placed on updating equipment, signage, and management functions.

Option 4 - Do nothing in terms of physical upgrades and concentrate on business improvements

There may be opportunities to better the business through an overall in-depth review of areas relating to marketing, pricing, inventory controls, and management

Gary was thanked for his presentation and left at 10:00 am.

Executive Management Assistant (Kate Bakos) in at 9:40 am.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6 – BC TRIP – JURISDICTIONAL TOUR (EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT ASSISTANT – KATE BAKOS)

It is noted that, at this time, the date for the Jurisdictional Tour will be Monday, October 21, 2024, leaving on Sunday, October 20th and returning the afternoon of Thursday, October 24, 2024.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7 – RICHMOND HILL – LENDER’S FEE – WAR OF 1812 MCFN DISPLAY (EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT ASSISTANT)

Executive Management Assistant noted in her Briefing Note that Richmond Hill Heritage Centre will be hosting the War of 1812 exhibition that the City of Vaughan has curated and will include the MCFN display approved by Council. As part of the loan agreement, in the amount of \$2,000.00, Richmond Hill will make payment of the lender’s fee to MCFN. The dollars will be deposited into Council’s own source revenue account.

MOTION NO. 4

MOVED BY JESSE HERKIMER

SECONDED BY CLAIRE SAULT

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Lifelong Learning & Awareness & Nation Well-Being Council agrees that the amount of \$2,000.00 (Two Thousand Dollars) which is the lender’s fee amount from Richmond Hill for the use of the War of 1812 Exhibition, will be deposited into Council’s own source revenue account.

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

Executive Management Assistant (Kate Bakos) out at 10:20 am.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8 – REQUEST FOR LETTER OF SUPPORT FROM HENRY CHALLEN/ SWIM, DRINK, FISH GROUP (EF)

Councillor EF noted in her Briefing Note that Mr. Challen’s request is for a Letter of Support for the Swim/Drink/Fish Group to obtain real-time monitoring (RTM) of the sewer overflows in Toronto’s Western Beaches to protect public health and the environment.

Mr. Challen contacted our Nation when he became aware we are pursuing “personhood” for the Humber River.

The link for the letter is <https://www.swimdrinkfish>

MOTION NO. 5

MOVED BY VERONICA KING-JAMIESON

SECONDED BY CLAIRE SAULT

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Lifelong Learning & Awareness & Nation Well-Being Council agrees to sign Mr. Challen’s Letter of Support to obtain real-time monitoring (RTM) for the sewer overflows in Toronto’s Western Beaches to protect public health and the environment. There will be no cost to the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN).

The letter for the Swim/Drink/Fish organization can be located at <https://www.swimdrinkfish.ca/cso-letter-of-support>.

The Letter of Support will be signed by Ogiima-Kwe Claire Sault.

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9 – REQUESTING PERMISSION TO PRESENT A VIDEO TO THE MCFN MEMBERSHIP (EF)

NOTE:

It was agreed by Ogimaa-Kwe and Council that Lucas Gambacort will be granted time at the Caring Together Week in September, 2024, to present a video on the potentially problematic landmarks and monuments in Hamilton.

Mr. Gambacort is employed by the City of Hamilton and wishes to obtain input from the MCFN on the landmarks and monuments.

Councillor LS noted that Six Nations is claiming the City of Hamilton as their Treaty Lands. He stated that Ogimaa-Kwe and Council need to put out a stronger letter that corrects who the real Treaty Holders are. Interim Executive Director of Operations suggested that Legal can prepare the letter.

Director of Lifelong Learning and Cindy Agius in at 10:40 am.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 10 – ADDENDUM TO THE POST-SECONDARY STUDENT ASSISTANT POLICY (CHILD CARE REIMBURSEMENT) AND CHILD CARE REIMBURSEMENT APPLICATION (PB)

Director of Lifelong Learning noted in her Briefing Note that an addendum to the Post-Secondary Student Assistant Policy and a Child Care Reimbursement Application have been prepared to assist with the reimbursement of child care expenses for our post-secondary students. Payment of these funds have previously been pre-approved by Council. These two documents are attached for approval. Once approved, this information will be shared online with the MCFN community via the website and social media accounts.

MOTION NO. 6

MOVED BY ERMA FERRELL

SECONDED BY CLAIRE SAULT

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Lifelong Learning & Awareness & Nation Well-Being Council approves of the Child Care Reimbursement Addendum to the Post-Secondary Student Assistant Policy as well as the Child Care Reimbursement Application, effective date of Wednesday, May 29, 2024. Once approved, these documents can be shared with the Community via the MCFN Website and the MCFN social media platforms.

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

AGENDA ITEM NO. 11 – MNCFN COMMUNITY TRUST – REPAYMENT OF UNUSED FUNDS (PB)

Director of Lifelong Learning noted that \$24,800.00 was overpaid to the MNCFN Community Trust. MNCFN Community Trust did not send the full amount of \$248,000.00 but instead sent \$223,200.00 less the 10% holdback which amounts to \$24,800.00.

Director of Lifelong Learning would like to have Motion No.12 from June 11, 2024 revised to reflect the repayment to the Community Trust of \$74,208 (Seventy-four thousand Two hundred and eight dollars and zero cents), and to have \$24,800.00 (Twenty-four thousand and Eight hundred dollars and Zero cents) accepted to come back to the Nation of the unexpected error of oversight of calculations.

MOTION NO. 7

MOVED BY VERONICA KING-JAMIESON

SECONDED BY ERMA FERRELL

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Lifelong Learning & Awareness & Nation Well-Being Council approves the return of funds to MCFN in the amount of \$24,800.00 (Twenty-Four Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars), and to revise the Motion with the correct amount of \$74,208.00 (Seventy-Four Thousand Two Hundred Eight Dollars).

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

Council moved to Agenda Item No. 13.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 13 – TO APPROVE AND SIGN AGREEMENT BETWEEN CONESTOGA COLLEGE AND MCFN (PB)

Director of Lifelong Learning noted in her Briefing Note that Council previously approved the Returning to Our Land Project between Conestoga College and MCFN. This arrangement is solidified in an Agreement between Conestoga College and MCFN. Execution of the Agreement is necessary to give the relationship full effect. The Agreement has a five-year term and runs until January 31, 2029. Under the Agreement, the parties agree to many things (see Agreement attached as Schedule A). Funding in the amount of \$122,400.00 will be transferred to MCFN upon full execution of the Agreement and will continue annually for the life of the Agreement. Appendix A to the Agreement sets out the annual equal installments. As part of the Agreement, MCFN must submit a financial statement by April 30th of each year setting out the expenditures and how the funds have been spent. Attached as Schedule B is a copy of the Statement of Account.

Incorporated into the Agreement is a Policy on ethics which governs the practices employed by the researcher while undertaking research on humans. Attached as Schedule C is a copy of the Tri-Council Policy Statement: Ethical Conduct for Research involving Humans. It is reassuring for this department that there are ethical standards governing the research relationship between the parties.

Director of Lifelong Learning will follow up with Finance as to where the dollars will go.

MOTION NO. 8

MOVED BY VERONICA KING-JAMIESON

SECONDED BY ERMA FERRELL

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Lifelong Learning & Awareness & Nation Well-Being Council approves the Terms of the Agreement between Conestoga College and MCFN, and further, signing of the Agreement by Ogimaa-Kwe Claire Sault in the amount of \$122,400.00 (One Hundred Twenty-Two Thousand Four Hundred Dollars) each year for five years.

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

It is noted that the Director of Lifelong Learning will follow up with the Finance Department as to where the dollars will go.

Director of Lifelong Learning and Cindy Agius out at 10:55 am.

Council moved back to Agenda Item No. 12.

Guests: Quentin Hanchard, Raiden Levesque and Jesse De Jager from Credit Valley Conservation in at 10:55 am.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 12 – GUESTS FROM CREDIT VALLEY CONSERVATION TO PRESENT TO OGIMAA-KWE & COUNCIL (CS)

Quentin Hanchard along with the other guests highlighted the 25 page power point presentation regarding the Credit Valley Conservation Engagement Update (see presentation).

Consultation Coordinator (Craig King) is the staff contact, and Councillor FS is the Council contact.

Councillor VKJ questioned if the guests would be willing to get a bus and give Ogimaa-Kwe and Council a tour of the Credit Valley Conservation Lands. The answer was yes, they would love to do that.

MOTION NO. 9

MOVED BY LARRY SAULT

SECONDED BY ERMA FERRELL

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Lifelong Learning & Awareness & Nation Well-Being Council accepts the presentation of the Credit Valley Conservation.

Carried

Guests: Quentin Hanchard, Raiden Levesque and Jesse De Jager from Credit Valley Conservation were thanked for their presentation and left at 11:55 am.

MOTION NO. 10

MOVED BY LARRY SAULT

SECONDED BY JESSE HERKIMER

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Lifelong Learning & Awareness & Nation Well-Being Council moved to an In-Camera session at 12:40 pm.

Carried