

**MISSISSAUGAS OF THE CREDIT FIRST NATION
INFRASTRUCTURE & ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL
MEETING
PUBLIC MINUTES
Tuesday, September 17, 2024**

Start 9:25 am

Finish 4:10 pm

Ogimaa-Kwe (Chief) Councillor
Councillor
Councillor
Councillor
Councillor/Chair
Councillor
Councillor
Chief Administration Officer
Recorder
MCFN Members

Claire Sault
Erma Ferrell
Larry Sault (Away on Council Business)
Veronica King-Jamieson
Leslie Maracle
Fawn Sault
Jesse Herkimer
Ashley Sault
Tracy Brant
Charlotte Smith
Veronica Tobicoe, Rebecca Hill, Norman Tobicoe and partner

LSK Drum Group favored us with two opening songs.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 – OPEN MEETING

Chair/Councillor Fawn Sault opened the meeting at 9:25 am.

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

MOTION NO. 1

MOVED BY JESSE HERKIMER

SECONDED BY ASHLEY SAULT

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

- Agenda Item No. 7e) – Fall Harvest (AS);
- Agenda Item No. 7f) – Business/Vendors List;
- Agenda Item No. 14a) – In-Camera Item;
- Agenda Item No. 14b) – In-Camera Item;
- Agenda Item No. 14c) – In-Camera Item.

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, AUGUST 20, 2024

DIRECTION NO. 1

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Infrastructure & Environmental Stewardship Council directs Councillor Jesse Herkimer and Employment Support Worker (Erin Clarke) to work together and prepare a Notice that will go in the Newsletter informing the MCFN Community that families are more than welcome to use the Hagersville Food Bank as MCFN Ogima-Kwe and Council donates to them (Hagersville Food Bank).

MOTION NO. 2

MOVED BY JESSE HERKIMER

SECONDED BY ASHLEY SAULT

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Infrastructure & Environmental Stewardship Council accepts the Public Minutes of Infrastructure & Environmental Stewardship Council Meeting dated Tuesday, August 20, 2024.

Carried

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3a) – FYI – SUMMARY OF MOTIONS & DIRECTIONS FROM INFRASTRUCTURE AND ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL MEETING DATED TUESDAY, AUGUST 20, 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.

PW Director in at 9:30 am.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5 – FIRST NATIONS INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT PLAN (FNIIP) (PW DIRECTOR) (BCR TO BE SIGNED IF APPROVED)

PW Director noted that a Motion and BCR are required to fulfill the reporting requirements of Reports Ontario and Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) with respect to the First Nations Infrastructure Investment Plan (FNIIP) Submission for 2024/2025 fiscal year.

In the past, MCFN has fulfilled the reporting requirements with planning in mind for the next ten (10) years where Housing and Asset Condition Reporting System (ACRS) Housing and Health and Safety issues are addressed.

As Director of Public Works, the responsibility of the department is to ensure succession planning and future development needs from an Infrastructure perspective are being met and that ISC is cognizant of future development within our First Nation Territory so that we do not jeopardize nor are excluded from the potential funding opportunities that may be available for MCFN.

Proposal Funded Activities Priority List

1. LSK Expansion – **(in progress)**
2. Fibre Optics – MCFN – **(complete)**
3. Fibre Optics – Community Wide – **(complete)**
4. Bridge #19 – Rehabilitation – Assessment – **(in progress)**
5. Solid Waste Collection / Recycling – **(new agreement until 2025)**
6. Water / Wastewater – Eagle Lane Estates – (Planned following Townline Estates Development Project Completion)
7. Administration Building – (Pending MCFN Approval – Revisions / Costing – In Progress)
8. Wastewater Completion – MCFN – (ISC provided comments)
9. Master Planning Study – Development Areas
10. Property Management Division
11. Water Tower
12. Equipment & Resources
13. Complete Road Re-Surfacing / Widening
14. Training Centre
15. Business Incubator
16. Industrial Park
17. Community Clean-Up
18. IT Specialist

PW Director informed that there is no decision yet on where the Water Tower will be.

Regarding the New Credit United Church (which will also be added to the above list), Councillor LM will bring this back to the Council Table for further discussion.

Chief Administration Officer suggested changing Social Services, New Credit United Church, and Willow Project to a high priority and adding \$150,000.00.

MOTION NO. 3

MOVED BY ERMA FERRELL

SECONDED BY VERONICA KING-JAMIESON

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Infrastructure & Environmental Stewardship Council authorizes the Public Works Director to finalize the First Nations Infrastructure Investment Plan (FNIIP) including the Asset Condition Reporting System (ACRS) Housing and Health and Safety issues for Reports Ontario and Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) to be submitted September 30, 2024. Further, MCFN Council authorize Chief and Council to sign the prepared Band Council Resolution (BCR) to be included with the submission.

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

See BCR No. 370 – 2024-2025.

DIRECTION NO. 2

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Infrastructure & Environmental Stewardship Council directs Councillor Leslie Maracle to follow up with PW Director, Director of Social Services, and Director of Health regarding the section of the list that will be sent to the 2024/2025 First Nation Infrastructure Investment Plan (FNIIP). See addition below that will be added to the application:

- Social & Health Services – Infrastructure – High;
- New Credit United Church – High;
- Willow Project – High.

PW Director out at 10:10 am.

MCFN Member Veronica Tobicoe out at 10:10 am.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6 – PM WORKSHOP CONTINUATION (AS) (THIS ITEM IS COMING BACK FROM LAST WEEK’S MEETING)

Councillor AS noted that Pillar 6 Lead is interested in a leadership/project training course, along with employees under Pillar 6.

The first part of this training was done by Pillar 6 Lead (and PW Director) last term, however, this part of the course will be more in-depth for a better understanding. Along with three other employees under Pillar 6 who are interested, Pillar 6 Lead will complete the training, if approved.

The Council requested the Verification Form be brought forward to establish that the Pillar’s budget can be utilized for this. Senior Director of Finance provided the Verification Forms for all four participant’s amounts.

MOTION NO. 4

MOVED BY JESSE HERKIMER

SECONDED BY LESLIE MARACLE

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Infrastructure & Environmental Stewardship Council agrees to allow Pillar 6 Lead, Councillor Ashley Sault, to register for the Case-Based Training Workshop through Environmental Project Management & Sustainability Solutions, in the amount of up to \$5,000.00 (FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS) – Registration amount may be less if other employees are able to register. Dollars to come from Pillar 6 Budget – according to attached verification form.

And further, that the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Infrastructure & Environmental Stewardship Council agrees to allow Pillar 6 Lead Councillor Ashley Sault, Director of Public Works, and 2 Employees from Housing to register for the Case-Based Training Workshop through Environmental Project Management & Sustainability Solutions in the amount of \$18,800.00 (Eighteen Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars) total. Dollars to come from the Pillar 6 Budget in the interim until budgets are approved and, if available, the individual costs will be GL'd back to the relevant departments – process recommended by Finance Lead.

In addition to the above, Councillor Fawn Sault will be registered to take the training at a further cost of \$4,700.00 (Four Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars) for a total of \$23,500.00 (Twenty-Three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars).

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

Council moved to Agenda Item No. 7b).

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7b) – WILLOW PROJECT COMMITTEE – DONATION REQUEST (AS)

Councillor AS noted the Willow Project Committee (WPC) needs their budget approved for a portion of the Feasibility Study to be completed as well as engagement to be done.

It is my understanding that former Councillor Bill Laforme brought forward the WPC's established budget earlier this year in order for the Committee to push forward with the Feasibility Study portion of the Next Steps. A big part of this budget includes the cost of engagement with the Community for input.

The budgets have not been approved yet, and the Willow Project has stalled, and a big part of the Feasibility Study is engagement.

The WPC is looking to push through with engagement which includes a survey out to our Youth right now. It has not gotten great attention, so we are going to offer a gift card draw as an incentive for our Youth. We are also going to set up a table at all three days of Caring Together Week (CTW) and have separate youth/adult surveys available and once they complete it – they can enter their name in a draw that will be drawn at the end of CTW. These are two separate draws.

Right now, without budgets approved – the committee cannot use the budgeted dollars to get these gift cards so we, as the committee members, have put together our own monies and have been able to come up with \$250 towards these two draws. The plan is to split them between both draws right now. We are coming to ask Council if – in the event our budgets remain unapproved – this table will donate \$1,000.00 to the Willow Project Committee for us to complete some engagement in the coming weeks. It will not cover all the engagement process, but it will make the draws better.

MOTION NO. 5

MOVED BY JESSE HERKIMER

SECONDED BY LESLIE MARACLE

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Infrastructure & Environmental Stewardship Council agrees to approve \$1,000.00 (One Thousand Dollars) to come from Green Willow Project to the Willow Project Committee to be used towards Engagement/Outreach efforts.

It is noted that these dollars will be used to buy gift cards as incentives for the Caring Together Week Event.

Opposed: Councillor Erma Ferrell – Did not follow proper protocol.

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

Council moved to Agenda Item No. 7d).

Mike Schreiner, MPP for Guelph and Candace LePage in at 10:40 am.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7d) – PRESENTATION BY MIKE SCHREINER – GREEN PARTY LEADER & MPP (CS) (REQUIRES ONE HOUR)

Ogimaa-Kwe introduced Mike Schreiner to everyone around the Council Table. Mike is part of the Green Party. He came here today to meet Council, and to talk about the proposed park in Guelph. The buildings used to be a correctional facility, and there are murals that were painted by Indigenous inmates, and the murals need to be preserved.

There are issues in Guelph regarding Treaty Holders.

Mike stated that he has not endorsed the lands yet as Guelph is looking to build a new hospital, and he wants to wait until the hospital is finalized. Guelph is not engaged in where to build the hospital yet. Mike stated it was important for him to tell MCFN right up front as MCFN is the Treaty Holder.

The property is 350 acres and sits on a flood plane. Only 49 acres are not sitting on the flood plane.

Ogimaa-Kwe stated that our challenge is Indigenous people popping up everywhere that are not really Indigenous.

Mike would have to come up with the criteria of who he would be endorsing. He also stated that he will be asking Guelph Council to consult with MCFN as there are a lot of competing groups. Ogimaa-Kwe stated that she would be happy to help.

Step 1 will be no paving over green space. Step 2 is making sure our infrastructure is climate ready. He further stated that he would like to work with MCFN regarding climate change and renewable energy. Step 3 would be learning how to electrify heat pumps.

Ogimaa-Kwe stated that MCFN would like to be an asset to Mike and the Green Party.

Mike Schreiner, MPP for Guelph and Candace LePage were thanked for their presentations and left at 11:15 am.

Council moved back to Agenda Item No. 7c).

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7c) – AIAI DATA GOVERNANCE GATHERING – NOVEMBER 26 – 27, 2024 (CS)

Ogimaa-Kwe informed that there is an AIAI Data Governance Gathering that is scheduled for November 26-27, 2024.

The Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians (AIAI) is hosting an in-person 1.5 Day Data Governance Gathering to take place on **Tuesday, November 26, 2024 – Wednesday, November 27, 2024 (Half Day)**. The purpose of this event is to begin dialogue about: OCAP, Data governance, asserting jurisdiction over data, development of community capacity to support data governance. This event would be beneficial for Chiefs, Councillors, Health/Social and Education Directors to attend.

Council moved to Agenda Item No. 7e).

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7e) – FALL HARVEST BUDGET APPROVAL (LM)

Councillors Ashley Sault and Leslie Maracle noted that the Fall Festival is historically organized and run by the Culture and Events Unit who are off on sick leave. It is imperative to move forward immediately as the Fall Festival is only one month away – October 18, 2024.

Councillor LM informed that she talked with her Dad (Mark Sault) who advised her to go ahead and plan the Fall Festival.

Councillor JH mentioned that there are a lot of proponents who would like to help. He can reach out to CLC. Councillor EF suggested sending a letter to the proponents.

Councillor AS noted that we need to send out a flyer as soon as possible.

Ogimaa-Kwe suggested putting together a list of events and costs.

As a side note, Councillor VKJ questioned if all the Pillar Leads had their work plans and budgets completed, but the answer was no.

MOTION NO. 6

MOVED BY JESSE HERKIMER

SECONDED BY VERONICA KING-JAMIESON

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Infrastructure & Environmental Stewardship Council agrees to allow Pillar 6 Lead – Councillor Ashley Sault, and Pillar 3 Lead – Leslie Maracle to work with Harvest Leads (Mark and Eric Sault) to host Fall Harvest 2024. Total amount of budget is \$19,650.00 (Nineteen Thousand Six Hundred Fifty Dollars). Dollars will come from the Special Events and Culture Unit Funds. These dollars are approved in principle pending the Funding Verification form is received.

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7f) – BUSINESS/VENDORS LIST (CS)

It was noted that this list is an FYI.

Councillor EF suggested that the A/Executive Director of Intergovernmental Affairs get the Communications Department to do a booklet. Ogimaa-Kwe noted that this item should be under Economic Development Department.

Councillor JH will follow up with getting a more up to date list.

DIRECTION NO. 3

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Infrastructure & Environmental Stewardship Council directs Councillor Jesse Herkimer to put a call out to MCFN Members who own businesses, and request that the business owners send in all their up to date information.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7g) – GRAND OPENING FOR THE COUNCIL HOUSE (AS)

The grand opening for the Council House is scheduled for October 24 and 25, 2024 from 2:00 to 7:00 pm.

MOTION NO. 7

MOVED BY JESSE HERKIMER

SECONDED BY VERONICA KING-JAMIESON

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Infrastructure & Environmental Stewardship Council moved to an In-Camera session at 12:25 pm.

Carried