

**MISSISSAUGAS OF THE CREDIT FIRST NATION
 INFRASTRUCTURE & ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL
 MEETING
 PUBLIC MINUTES
 Tuesday, November 19, 2024**

Start 9:00 am	Finish 3:50 pm
<i>Ogimaa-Kwe (Chief) Councillor</i>	<i>Claire Sault</i>
<i>Councillor</i>	<i>Erma Ferrell</i>
<i>Councillor</i>	<i>Larry Sault</i>
<i>Councillor</i>	<i>Veronica King-Jamieson</i>
<i>Councillor</i>	<i>Leslie Maracle (Sick)</i>
<i>Councillor</i>	<i>Fawn Sault (Away on Other Council Business)</i>
<i>Councillor/Chair</i>	<i>Jesse Herkimer</i>
<i>Chief Administration Officer</i>	<i>Ashley Sault</i>
<i>Recorder</i>	<i>Tracy Brant</i>
	<i>Charlotte Smith</i>

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 – OPEN MEETING

Chair/Councillor Ashley Sault opened the meeting at 9:00 am.

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

MOTION NO. 1
 MOVED BY JESSE HERKIMER SECONDED BY VERONICA KING-JAMIESON
 That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Infrastructure & Environmental Stewardship Council accepts the Agenda with the following additions and deletions:

- Agenda Item No. 8 – Deferred to the next Lifelong Learning & Awareness & Nation Well-Being Council Meeting on Tuesday, November 26, 2024;
- Agenda Item No. 29a) – In-Camera Item;
- Agenda Item No. 29b) – In-Camera Item.

Carried

When we get to Agenda Item No. 20, Councillor Veronica King-Jamieson will excuse herself because of a Conflict of Interest.

When we get to Agenda Item No. 24, Councillor Jesse Herkimer will excuse himself because of a Conflict of Interest.

SECOND READING APPROVED

Rec. 17/24

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 – REVIEW & ACCEPT THE PUBLIC MINUTES OF
INFRASTRUCTURE AND ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL MEETING DATED
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2024**

DIRECTION NO. 1

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Infrastructure & Environmental Stewardship Council directs the Chief Administration Officer to follow up regarding the Direction below from the above Infrastructure & Environmental Stewardship Council Meeting dated Tuesday, October 15, 2024.

DIRECTION NO. 5

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Infrastructure & Environmental Stewardship Council directs the Chief Administration Officer to obtain an update on the status of the report from the Ontario First Nation Technical Corporation (OFNTC) on the buildings behind the DOCA Department.

DIRECTION NO. 2

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Infrastructure & Environmental Stewardship Council directs the Chief Administration Officer to follow up regarding the Direction below from the above Infrastructure & Environmental Stewardship Council Meeting dated Tuesday, October 15, 2024.

DIRECTION NO. 6

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Infrastructure & Environmental Stewardship Council directs the CAO to investigate and sort out all the information regarding the digitized church records and passwords. This item will be brought back to the next Financial Planning & Fiscal Oversight Council Meeting on Tuesday, November 5, 2024.

DIRECTION NO. 3

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Infrastructure & Environmental Stewardship Council directs the Senior Director of Finance to follow up regarding the Direction below from the above Infrastructure & Environmental Stewardship Council Meeting dated Tuesday, October 15, 2024.

DIRECTION NO. 10

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Infrastructure & Environmental Stewardship Council directs the Senior Director of Finance to check and see if any payments have been made to the LSK Drum Group. If not, how much do we owe them?

MOTION NO. 2

MOVED BY VERONICA KING-JAMIESON

SECONDED BY JESSE HERKIMER

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, October 15, 2024.

Carried

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3a) – FYI – SUMMARY OF MOTIONS & DIRECTIONS FROM INFRASTRUCTURE AND ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL MEETING DATED TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 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 – COUNCILLOR ASHLEY SAULT TO BE ASSIGNED THE HOUSING PILLAR (NEED FORMAL MOTION) (CS)

MOTION NO. 3

MOVED BY VERONICA KING-JAMIESON

SECONDED BY JESSE HERKIMER

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Infrastructure & Environmental Stewardship Council approves that Councillor Ashley Sault will be assigned as Pillar Lead 6 – Infrastructure, Community and Membership Development.

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6 – APPOINT AN ACTING CHIEF WHILE OGIMAA-KWE CLAIRE SAULT IS ON VACATION (LEAVING ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2024)

DIRECTION NO. 4

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Infrastructure & Environmental Stewardship Council directs that Councillor Veronica King-Jamieson will be appointed as Acting Chief while Ogimaa-Kwe Claire Sault is away on vacation which starts on Friday, December 13, 2024. This item will be sent to the Communications Department to be put on the MCFN Website.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7 – CHOOSE A DATE IN THE NEW YEAR FOR ALL STAFF AND COUNCIL MEETING

Though there was some discussion, the Chief Administration Officer will bring this item back to the next Lifelong Learning & Awareness & Nation Well-Being Council Meeting for further discussion and setting a date to have an all Staff and Council Meeting in the New Year.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8 – MCMASTER UNIVERSITY UPDATE (CS)

This item will be brought back to the next Lifelong Learning & Awareness & Nation Well-Being Council Meeting as Ogimaa-Kwe was attending to other Council Business and was not available to provide the update.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9 – ACKNOWLEDGE REPORT OF INDIGENOUS SERVICES CANADA-ONTARIO JOINT GATHERING (EF)

This item is accepted as information.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 10 – ACKNOWLEDGING REPORT OF CLOSING THE INFRASTRUCTURE GAP – ISC JOINT PANELING GATHERING (EF)

This item is accepted as information.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 11 – NIAGARA REINFORCEMENT LINE (NRL) REVENUE (EF)

Councillor EF noted in her Briefing Note that each quarter of earnings is emailed by Jeffrey Smith/Managing Director of Hydro One Indigenous Partnerships in a report to both Six Nations and MCFN. The report is emailed to two Councillors at MCFN who represent MCFN on the NRL Board.

Each quarter one of the two Councillors prepares a Briefing Note to MCFN Council to be recorded in the Minutes on the revenue generated each quarter. The revenue is transferred from Hydro One directly to Peace Hills Trust to be applied to the MCFN Toronto Purchase to grow the Trust.

Councillor EF is recommending beginning November 19, 2024 that all NRL revenue generating reports should be sent directly to MCFN Senior Director of Finance who would be responsible for reporting the NRL earnings directly to MCFN Council.

Councillor LS stated that we should revisit this contract.

DIRECTION NO. 5

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Infrastructure & Environmental Stewardship Council directs the Chief Administration Officer speak with Georgina Villeneuve of Peace Hills Trust regarding the Niagara Reinforcement Line in order to have a better understanding of who holds the contracts, and how the funds are to be flowed.

MOTION NO. 4

MOVED BY LARRY SAULT

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 10:30 am.

Carried

MOTION NO. 6

MOVED BY LARRY SAULT

SECONDED BY VERONICA KING-JAMIESON

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Infrastructure & Environmental Stewardship Council moved out of the In-Camera session at 10:35 am.

Carried

Council moved back to Agenda Item No. 12.

PW Director in at 10:40 am.

Wilf Ruland zoomed in at 10:40 am.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 12 – THLS 2023 MONITORING REPORT – WILF RULAND (AL)

PW Director noted that a Motion of Council is required to approve Wilf Ruland’s Review and Recommendations for the 2023 THLS Monitoring Report.

MOTION NO. 7

MOVED BY VERONICA KING-JAMIESON

SECONDED BY LARRY SAULT

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Infrastructure & Environmental Stewardship Council accepts Wilf Ruland’s (P.Geo) report and recommendations as outlined in his correspondence dated October 11, 2024 in reference to the 2023 Annual Monitoring Report of the Tom Howe Landfill Site. This report dated April 2024 was prepared for Haldimand County by WSP Canada Inc. Further, authorized Chief Claire Sault to sign a letter that will be included with this report be forwarded to Haldimand County. See further recommendations below:

Recommendation 1 – In light of the anomalous test results at PW3, the well should be monitored on a quarterly basis in 2025, and the well should be inspected in 2025 to ensure it is functioning properly.

Recommendation 2 – In light of the anomalous 2023 test results at OW26-5 and OW27-5, the wells should be monitored on a quarterly basis in 2025, and the wells should be inspected in 2025 to ensure they are functioning properly.

Recommendation 3 (ongoing) – The County needs to continue its diligent work to ensure that as much leachate as possible is pumped out of the leachate collection facilities in all of the landfill cells on an ongoing basis, in order to keep the potential for leachate mounding to a minimum.

Recommendation 4 (ongoing) – The County should continue pumping as much leachate as possible out of the leachate collection facilities in the Tire Fire cell and should aim to keep leachate levels in the Tire Fire cell below the design level of 213.5 meters above sea level.

Recommendation 5 – The 2024 Operations Report for the landfill should include an overview description of the outcome of the County of Haldimand’s review of long-term leachate management options for the Tom Howe Landfill.

Recommendation 6 – Copies of this review should be submitted to the County and the MECP once they have been reviewed by MCFN Council.

Carried
2nd Reading Waived

DIRECTION NO. 6

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Infrastructure & Environmental Stewardship Council directs the PW Director to check with Haldimand County regarding the light at the Tom Howe Landfill Site on Regional Road 55, and how that light works.

Wilf Ruland zoomed out at 10:55 am.

Ogimaa-Kwe zoomed out at 11:00 am for another meeting.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 13 – COMMUNITY CENTRE AV SYSTEM UPGRADE (AL)

PW Director noted in his Briefing Note that the Community Centre has been experiencing audio/visual issues for some time prior to COVID 19. With the onset of COVID 19 this further crippled MCFN preventing the Nation from effectively communicating with its membership through media and live streaming capabilities. Council’s desire to live stream community meetings has been very problematic thus far. PWD has worked with Hamilton, Video & Sound Ltd. to assess the current system and provide upgrade solutions of this system to effectively address all these past issues.

PWD have worked alongside Hamilton, Video & Sound Ltd. to assess the current sound system to address these issues and proposed a solution for sound quality and live streaming (see attached proposal).

Additional needs for this accommodation will include power and electrical panel upgrades due to limited circuits available.

PWD would like to ensure there is capacity to accommodate two (2) EV stations at this location given that it is the location for larger community events and electric vehicles are becoming more common (to be added as a future budget item).

Dollars will come from the Community Development Fund.

MOTION NO. 8

MOVED BY VERONICA KING-JAMIESON

SECONDED BY ERMA FERRELL

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Infrastructure & Environmental Stewardship Council approves Public Works Department to proceed with the Community Centre Upgrades as follows:

1. Approve a contract with Hamilton, Video & Sound Ltd. located at 1350 Osprey Drive, Ancaster, Ontario L9G 4V5 in the amount of SIXTY-TWO THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED SIXTY-TWO DOLLARS AND FOUR CENTS (\$62,262.04) with a 10% contingency of: SIX THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED TWENTY-SIX DOLLARS AND TWENTY CENTS (\$6,226.20) for a total amount of: SIXTY-EIGHT THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED EIGHTY-EIGHT DOLLARS AND TWENTYFOUR CENTS (\$68,488.24)

2. Approve a contract with Southern Ontario Electric Inc. located at 2-1370 Sandhill Drive, Ancaster, Ontario L9G 4V5 in the amount of: TWO THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED NINETY-NINE DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$2,799.00) with a 10% contingency of: TWO HUNDRED SEVENTY-NINE DOLLARS AND NINETY CENTS (\$279.90) for a total amount of: THREE THOUSAND SEVENTY-EIGHT DOLLARS AND NINETY CENTS (\$3,078.90) to address the power consumption needs for the sound system upgrade.

3. Approve a contract with Forward Acoustics Inc. located at 65 Earl St., Hamilton, Ontario L8L 6L1 in the amount of: FIFTEEN THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED SIXTY-FIVE DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$15,865.00) plus a 10% contingency amount of: ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED EIGHTY-SIX DOLLARS FIFTY CENTS (\$1,586.50) for a total amount of: SEVENTEEN THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED FIFTY-ONE DOLLARS AND FIFTY CENTS (\$17,451.50) to address the sound attenuation at the Community Centre.

4. A grand total for the project of: EIGHTY-NINE THOUSAND EIGHTEEN DOLLARS AND SIXTY-FOUR CENTS (\$89,018.64) to address the AV SYSTEM UP UPGRADE, POWER CONSUMPTION AND SOUND ATTENUATION NEEDS at the Community Centre.

Carried
2nd Reading Waived

PW Director out at 11:10 am.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 14 – DISCUSSION REGARDING INDIGENOUS ARTS FESTIVAL 2025 (MARK LAFORME & CRAIG KING)

Ogimaa-Kwe received the following email request:

My name is Kathy Fenton, and I am the Supervisor of Special Events at Fort York. In this role, I am responsible for the planning and coordination of the annual Indigenous Arts Festival which takes place at Fort York Garrison Common with partners MCFN and Na-Me-Res.

The Indigenous Arts Festival takes place each year on the weekend leading up to or on National Indigenous Peoples Day. As June 21st falls on a Saturday this year, Na-Me-Res has requested that they would like to hold their Pow Wow on Saturday June 21st this year. Would MCFN be in agreement with that weekend being chosen?

Consultation Coordinator (Craig King) informed that everything has been approved. We will need to send all information to our Drum Groups.

DIRECTION NO. 7

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Infrastructure & Environmental Stewardship Council directs the Chief Administration Officer to speak with the Senior Director of Intergovernmental Affairs (Mark LaForme) regarding the Indigenous Arts Festival which will be held on Saturday, June 21, 2025, and investigate the preferences of priority for the First Nation. For example, who will be drumming, dancing or fulfilling other duties etc.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 15 – HOUSING PROGRAM FUNDING (TB)

Housing Director and Housing Financial Assistant put together an in-depth housing report.

At present, there are still two more homes that need to be built, and we will have to find the money.

Councillor LS questioned why there is no movement on Housing as a Business. Chief Administration Officer answered that we can do this, but right now, we need to find the money to build the two houses.

Chief Administration Officer stated that the Toronto Purchase Trust dollars did not get increased, and housing is in a huge deficit. There are 15 people who have rewritten their agreements, and there are still two more to be done. We are still in the process of working this out.

Councillor VKJ suggested that every department should have contingency dollars.

DIRECTION NO. 8

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Infrastructure & Environmental Stewardship Council directs Councillors Erma Ferrell and Jesse Herkimer to investigate where the dollars will come from to complete two more homes on the First Nation in the amount of \$600,000.00.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 16 – WILLOW PROJECT COMMITTEE BUDGET APPROVAL (AS)
(BACK-UP WILL FOLLOW)**

Councillor AS noted that this has not been completed yet and will come back to the Council Table at a later date.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 17a) – TORONTO REGION CONSERVATION AUTHORITY YOUTH GRANT (VKJ) (BACK-UP WILL FOLLOW)

Councillor VKJ informed that she is still working on this item.

MOTION NO. 9

MOVED BY LARRY SAULT

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 11:50 am.

Carried