

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

Tuesday, January 28, 2025

Start 9:05 am

Finish 4:10 pm

Ogimaa-Kwe (Chief) Councillor
Councillor
Councillor
Councillor/Chair
Councillor

Claire Sault
Erma Ferrell
Larry Sault
Veronica King-Jamieson
Leslie Maracle (Away on Other Council Business)

Councillor
Councillor
Councillor
Chief Admin. Officer (CAO)
Senior Dir. of Intergov. Affairs
Senior Dir. of Operations
Recorder
DSED
MCFN Member

Fawn Sault
Ashley Sault
Jesse Herkimer
Tracy Brant (Sick)
Mark LaForme
Drew Denton
Charlotte Smith
Amanda Braun
Veronica Tobicoe

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 – OPEN MEETING

Chair/Councillor Veronica King-Jamieson opened the meeting at 9:05 am.

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

MOTION NO. 1

MOVED BY ERMA FERRELL

SECONDED BY JESSE HERKIMER

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

- Agenda Item No. 10d) – ATR Letter to be signed by Ogimaa-Kwe;
- Agenda Item No. 15a) – In-Camera Item;
- Agenda Item No. 15b) – In-Camera Item;
- Agenda Item No. 15c) – In-Camera Item;
- Agenda Item No. 15d) – In-Camera Item;
- Agenda Item No. 15e) – In-Camera Item;
- Agenda Item No. 15f) – In-Camera Item;
- Agenda Item No. 15g) – In-Camera Item.

Carried

When we get to Agenda Item No. 15f), Councillor Veronica King-Jamieson will excuse herself because of a Conflict of Interest.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 – REVIEW & ACCEPT THE PUBLIC MINUTES OF LIFELONG LEARNING & AWARENESS & NATION WELL-BEING COUNCIL MEETING DATED TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2024

MOTION NO. 2

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 Public Minutes of Lifelong Learning & Awareness & Nation Well-Being Council Meeting dated Tuesday, November 26, 2025.

Carried

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3a) – FYI – SUMMARY OF MOTIONS & DIRECTIONS FROM LIFELONG LEARNING & AWARENESS & NATION WELL-BEING COUNCIL MEETING DATED TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2024

This is an FYI for Ogimaa-Kwe & Council.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3b) – REVIEW & ACCEPT PUBLIC MINUTES OF INFRASTRUCTURE & ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES DATED TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2024 (THESE MINUTES ARE A CARRY-OVER FROM LAST WEEK'S MEETING)

DIRECTION NO. 1

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Lifelong Learning & Awareness & Nation Well-Being Council directs the Chief Administration Officer to follow up with Direction No. 8 of the above Minutes. Direction No. 8 is listed below:

DIRECTION NO. 8

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Infrastructure & Environmental Stewardship Council directs that, in the event that Hillcore Group does donate to the First Nation, direction is given to the Chief Administration Officer to figure out where these donations will go eg. Meals on Wheels, New Years Event, extra food hampers etc.

It is also directed that Councillor Jesse Herkimer will contact Gene Gomes of the Hillcore Group to follow up with their donation request.

Senior Director of Intergovernmental Affairs informed that there is a severe lack of capacity in the Governance Department. Also, Culture & Events is a Unit, not a Department. He added that we are having to start from scratch, and he is going to the HR Department to get these positions filled.

Councillor EF noted that the Governance Department falls under Councillor LS's Pillar.

Councillor LS noted that he has a problem with Councillor AS in that she has language classes in her own home. The language classes have not yet resumed as there is no one in the Culture

and Events Unit. Councillor AS replied that yes, she does have language classes in her home and it is no one's business. Councillor LS reminded her that the Governance Department is under his Pillar and that includes the Culture & Events Unit.

Councillor FS stated that we cannot tell Administration what to do.

Councillor VKJ stated that she is working on a language program and will share this with the Senior Director of Intergovernmental Affairs.

MOTION NO. 3

MOVED BY LARRY SAULT

SECONDED BY FAWN SAULT

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Lifelong Learning & Awareness & Nation Well-Being Council accepts the Public Minutes of Infrastructure & Environmental Stewardship Council Meeting, with edits, dated Tuesday, December 17, 2024.

Carried

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3c) – FYI – SUMMARY OF MOTIONS & DIRECTIONS FROM INFRASTRUCTURE & ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL MEETING DATED TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2024 (THESE ARE A CARRY-OVER FROM LAST WEEK'S MEETING)

This is an FYI for Ogimaa-Kwe & Council.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4 – MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no Matters Arising from the Minutes.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5 – UPDATED POLICIES (HR MANAGER)

5a) – PENSION PLAN

5b) – PROBATIONARY PERIOD

This item has been deferred to the next Intergovernmental Relations Council Meeting dated Tuesday, February 11, 2025. Ogimaa-Kwe & Council would like more time to review this item.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6 – ELECTIONS CANADA – POLLING PLACE STANDARD LEASE (CS) (THIS IS A CARRY-OVER FROM LAST WEEK'S MEETING)

MOTION NO. 4

MOVED BY ASHLEY SAULT

SECONDED BY ERMA FERRELL

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Lifelong Learning & Awareness & Nation Well-Being Council agrees to allow Federal Elections Canada to set up a Polling Station at the MCFN Community Centre, 659 New Credit Road, Building No. 4, Hagersville, Ontario. Six Nations will be voting at this Polling Station.

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

MOTION NO. 5

MOVED BY ASHLEY SAULT

SECONDED BY ERMA FERRELL

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Lifelong Learning & Awareness & Nation Well-Being Council gives permission to post the Elections Canada Job Posting of an Indigenous Community Relations Officer. Ogiimaa-Kwe (Claire Sault) will clarify when to post for the job.

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7 – CHICAGO FIELD MUSEUM (EF)

Councillor EF noted in her Briefing Note that during the past two years the MCFN Artifacts Committee has been communicating with a representative from the Chicago Museum.

Representatives from the MCFN Artifacts Committee met with staff at the Royal Ontario Museum (ROM) in the fall of 2024. The staff from the ROM offered to assist our Nation in repatriating the artifact to the ROM to make an easier transfer from Museum to Museum.

What our Artifact Committee requires is a point person at MCFN approved by a letter of authorization. We require the letter to be signed by Ogiima Kwe Claire Sault to appoint Adam LaForme/Manager of Archaeology/Department of Consultation and Accommodation as the lead for our Nation, to work with staff from the ROM and the Chicago Museum.

Councillor EF noted that she will get the Consultant to prepare the letter.

Councillor LS stated that we need some kind of protocol for Chief and Council to understand.

Senior Director of Intergovernmental Affairs informed that the Terms of Reference, which is already completed, will dictate what needs to be done.

MOTION NO. 6

MOVED BY CLAIRE SAULT

SECONDED BY LARRY SAULT

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Lifelong Learning & Awareness & Nation Well-Being Council approves the request for Ogiima-Kwe Claire Sault to sign a letter for Adam LaForme/Manager of Archaeology/Department of Consultation and Accommodation. The letter will be sent to the Chicago Field Museum that Adam LaForme will work with their staff and staff from the Royal Ontario Museum, to repatriate an Artifact currently being housed at the Chicago Museum.

NOTE: The letter will be copied to staff at the ROM (Royal Ontario Museum).

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8 – RECONCILIATION ACTION PLAN REGARDING NORFOLK GENERAL HOSPITAL & WEST HALDIMAND GENERAL HOSPITAL (TB & LM)

This item has been deferred to the next Intergovernmental Relations Council Meeting on Tuesday, February 11, 2025.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9 – NATIVE CANADIAN CENTRE (EF)

Councillor EF has invited Gary Meidema, and Gary has accepted, to present to Ogimaa-Kwe & Council on the project he is working on.

Councillor LS reiterated that the Metis stuff is now dead, and Metis is not a Nation. He further added that we should get a letter from the Regional Chief to this effect.

DIRECTION NO. 2

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Lifelong Learning & Awareness & Nation Well-Being Council directs Councillor Larry Sault to request a support letter and that it be signed by Regional Chief Abram Benedict regarding the Metis issue.

See Councillor LS's email below responding to Direction No. 2 above:

Good morning all;

As per direction from yesterday's Council meeting, I reached out to Chief's of Ontario's Director of Justice who has responsibility for all legal matters concerning Bill C-53 the controversial Self-Government legislation that Metis Nation of Ontario (MNO) was trying to ram through Parliament. As I understand, Bill C-53 is now dead, but that does not mean it will not resurrect itself in the future.

In this term of Council, MCFN has been on track to correct the lose land acknowledgement that has and still is circulating in Municipalities, cities and corporations throughout our historic treaty lands.

I was given direction from Council to ask for a draft support letter that would be signed off by Regional Chief Abram Benedict. The letter would confirm the 133 Ontario Chiefs position that MNO has no rights within the Province and more specifically in MCFN traditional treaty territory. To be clear, MCFN is simply asking for ORC to support our stand that the Metis have no jurisdiction in Toronto or any other region of Ontario. MCFN will have to draft our own letter to the City (Gary Miedema) with same messaging for Erma to deliver. Please review draft. Hope this helps Erma in her quest to finalize a position from MCFN.

DIRECTION NO. 3

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Lifelong Learning & Awareness & Nation Well-Being Council directs Councillor Erma Ferrell to contact Gary Miedema and invite him to give a presentation at the next Intergovernmental Relations Council Meeting dated Tuesday, February 4, 2025.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 10a) – VICTIM SERVICES APPOINTMENT (LM)

Councillor LM informed that we need a representative on the Victim Services of Haldimand/Norfolk/Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. Councillor LM has volunteered to be the representative.

MOTION NO. 7

MOVED BY ERMA FERRELL

SECONDED BY FAWN SAULT

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Lifelong Learning & Awareness & Nation Well-Being Council appoints Councillor Leslie Maracle to the Victim Services Haldimand-Norfolk/Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation Board.

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

AGENDA ITEM NO. 10b) – VICTIM SERVICES LOGO FOR MCFN (LM)

Councillor LM noted that we need a new logo for our Victim Services. Ogimaa-Kwe and Council chose Logo 1.

MOTION NO. 8

MOVED BY CLAIRE SAULT

SECONDED BY FAWN SAULT

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Lifelong Learning & Awareness & Nation Well-Being Council chooses Logo 1 from Councillor Leslie Maracle’s Briefing Note dated January 22, 2025.

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

AGENDA ITEM NO. 10c) – PILLAR 4 UPDATE – VIDEOGRAPHY (VKJ)

Councillor VKJ noted that this is her Update on Pillar 4 (Lifelong Learning & Education Awareness).

Councillor VKJ is requesting a Motion for cashflow funds to Pillar 4 Lifelong Learning & Awareness for MCFN/Mississauga Nation Videography Camp for July 2024 where funds will be reimbursed from UTM Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC Grant). The budget is attached for \$80,000.00 to cover expenses for the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation Youth Videography Camp.

Councillor FS questioned where the equipment would go after this Camp is finished. Councillor VKJ answered that it would be stored here. Ogimaa-Kwe added that the equipment will go to the Communications Department.

Councillor LS stated that this Briefing Note is too confusing, and he will not sanction.

Councillor VKJ stated that she will delete the Archaeology Camp, and bring back at a later date with more clarification, revisions and information.

MOTION NO. 9

MOVED BY CLAIRE SAULT

SECONDED BY ERMA FERRELL

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Lifelong Learning & Awareness & Nation Well-Being Council approves the cashflow budget of \$80,000.00 (Eighty Thousand Dollars) assigned to Pillar 4 Lifelong Learning for MCFN Videography Camp for the summer of 2024 and where funds will be reimbursed by University of Toronto Mississauga University Social Services and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC subgrant).

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

AGENDA ITEM NO. 10d) – SIGNATURE REQUIRED FOR ATTACHED LETTER REGARDING ADDITIONS TO RESERVE (ATR) (JH)

Ogimaa-Kwe and Council have signed the attached letter which will be sent via email to the Minister of CIRNAC (Crown Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada).

DIRECTION NO. 4

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Lifelong Learning & Awareness & Nation Well-Being Council directs Councillor Jesse Herkimer to put the attached letter which is addressed to the Minister of CIRNAC regarding the ATR Process on MCFN Letterhead for signature by Ogimaa-Kwe Claire Sault.

MCFN Member Veronica Tobicoe in at 11:00 am. She stated that it is very disheartening to see what is going on in the Community.

MOTION NO. 10

MOVED BY LARRY SAULT

SECONDED BY CLAIRE SAULT

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Lifelong Learning & Awareness & Nation Well-Being Council moved to an In-Camera session at 11:00 am.

Carried