

**MISSISSAUGAS OF THE CREDIT FIRST NATION
INFRASTRUCTURE & ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL
MEETING**

PUBLIC MINUTES

Tuesday, January 21, 2025

Start 11:40 am

Finish 1:05 pm

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

Claire Sault
Erma Ferrell
Larry Sault
Veronica King-Jamieson
Leslie Maracle
Fawn Sault
Jesse Herkimer
Ashley Sault
Tracy Brant
Charlotte Smith
Malcolm King

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 – OPEN MEETING


Chair/Councillor Fawn Sault opened the meeting at 11:40 am.

MCFN Member Malcolm King in at 11:30 am.

Chief Administration Officer and Recorder in at 11:40 am.

Council moved to Agenda Item No. 17.

SECOND READING APPROVED

Feb. 18/25 

AGENDA ITEM NO. 17 – PRESENTATION BY MCFN MEMBER MALCOLM KING AND COUNCILLOR LM

MCFN Member Malcolm King noted in his Briefing Note that this initiative was initiated during previous Councillor Andrea King's term as Councillor and Pillar II lead.

Many external agencies – universities, colleges, health organizations and municipalities, particularly within the GTA – are interested in research that would involve our Nation, its citizens or the lands and waters that it stewards. Research requests often reflect the priorities of the researcher rather than those of the Community/Nation. However, for the MCFN to engage, the research should align with the priorities of the Community, and potential outcomes should be beneficial to the Community. Further, in the past, the Community often supplied resources for the researcher at no or little cost to them e.g., organizing and hosting meetings, providing refreshments, identifying and communicating with potential participants, administrative costs.

Partnering in research, if done in a good way, will bring a number of benefits to MCFN. It will better ensure that the costs of research are borne by the researcher and not by MCFN. It will better ensure that employment and capacity strengthening come to MCFN citizens. It will also ensure that the Nation and its citizens benefit from research partnerships, and that MCFN is

able to negotiate about individual and collective benefits. Finally, it will better ensure that the sovereignty of MCFN data is respected, and that MCFN citizens take an appropriate role in the governance of their own data, including the essence, structure, analysis and knowledge mobilization of resulting data.

The Request:

To best ensure the interests of MCFN are prioritized in research requests, a committee of the Nation should be established to expertly review any such requests and make recommendations to Council for action. Expert review and advice to Council will best ensure that the interests of MCFN are prioritized and that MCFN and its citizens will derive maximum benefit from the research.

Malcolm King reiterated that we should establish our own Research Committee and drive it ourselves. Councillor LS answered that we need some cost factors, also, Councillor LS did not know that there was a needs assessment going on. Chad Cowie (as a Mississauga Nation) is also doing research, so how would we fit in?

Malcolm reiterated that we (MCFN) need to develop our own research and Research Committee. He questioned if Council wants someone from McMaster University or from New Credit to gather information. Malcolm stated that we have expertise to go after homelessness. We need people in our own Community to assist. Or, we can just be an add-on to Six Nations, Hamilton etc., but we would rather have our own.

Ogimaa-Kwe added that we have three things that are very obvious, and that is addictions, homelessness, and economic development or lack thereof.

Councillor VKJ stated that we need a budget to be added to the Terms of Reference, and she is familiar with different grants. Further, she stated that the funding should come to us to do research. Malcolm replied that we would be offering our services for free, and we want the grants coming to us (Research Committee).

DIRECTION NO. 1

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Infrastructure & Environmental Stewardship Council directs Councillor Leslie Maracle to work with MCFN Member Malcolm King and bring back more information on the Terms of Reference and a budget with regard to the establishment of an MCFN Research Committee.

MCFN Member Malcolm King was thanked for his presentation and left at 12:10 pm.

Council moved back to Agenda Item No. 5

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5 – HEALING FOREST VOLUNTEERS REQUEST FOR LETTER OF SUPPORT RE: FUNDING APPLICATION (EF)

Councillor EF noted in her Briefing Note that the volunteers from the Burlington Healing Forest presented their request for a Letter of Support to the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation Council (MCFN), on October 23, 2024. The Letter of Support request was for the Healing Forest in Burlington for their opening ceremonies. The two volunteers, Joanna Sparrow Archibald and Jackie Findlay would like to host an Opening Ceremony in 2025 to acknowledge the First Nation Survivors of the Residential Schools.

Information is to be provided by MCFN staff and Council will ensure no one within MCFN had applied for this funding.

It is Councillor EF's understanding the MCFN can provide a Letter of Support for the Burlington Healing Forest without jeopardizing any applications that could be submitted by employees or politicians of the MCFN.

MOTION NO. 1

MOVED BY VERONICA KING-JAMIESON

SECONDED BY CLAIRE SAULT

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Infrastructure & Environmental Stewardship Council directs Ogimaa-Kwe Claire Sault to sign the Letter of Support submitted by Joanne Sparrow Archibald and Jackie Findlay.

NOTE: The letter will be sent via email to jackiefindlay1@gmail.com and joarchibald@gmail.com.

Carried
2nd Reading Waived

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6 – WAR OF 1812 DISPLAY (EAST GWILLIMBURY) (EF)

Council gave approval that the War of 1812 Display will be borrowed by the Town of East Gwillimbury for the months of June and July 2025.

MOTION NO. 2

MOVED BY LARRY SAULT

SECONDED BY VERONICA KING-JAMIESON

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Infrastructure & Environmental Stewardship Council approves the request from Shannon Giannitsopoulou from East Gwillimbury, to borrow the MCFN War of 1812 Display for the months of June and July 2025.

AND FURTHER: East Gwillimbury will be sent a written loan agreement that lists the rental fee of \$2,500.00 (two thousand five hundred dollars), plus transportation fee and be responsible for any repairs need to the display.

Carried
2nd Reading Waived

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7 – REQUEST TO USE “THREE FIRES” FOR A STREET NAME IN MISSISSAUGA (EF)

Councillor EF received an email request via Consultation Coordinator (Craig King) that John Dunlop from the City of Mississauga would like to use the name “Three Fires” for a street name for an upcoming development in Mississauga.

DIRECTION NO. 2

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Infrastructure & Environmental Stewardship Council directs Councillor Erma Ferrell to notify John Dunlop of the City of Mississauga that he has permission to use the name “Three Fires”, to be used on a street in the City of Mississauga. MCFN Chief and Council have no objection.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8 – APPROVAL OF Q4 NEWSLETTER/UPDATE FROM PEACE HILLS TRUST (THIS ITEM WILL BE PUT ON THE WEBSITE ONCE APPROVED)

MOTION NO. 4

MOVED BY LARRY SAULT

SECONDED BY ERMA FERRELL

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Infrastructure & Environmental Stewardship Council accepts the Q4 Newsletter/Update from Peace Hills Trust regarding the MCFN Toronto Purchase Trust. This item will be sent to Communications to be put on the Website.

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

MOTION NO. 5

MOVED BY VERONICA KING-JAMIESON

SECONDED BY ERMA FERRELL

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Infrastructure & Environmental Stewardship Council moved to an In-Camera session at 12:40 pm.

Carried