

**MISSISSAUGAS OF THE CREDIT FIRST NATION
INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COUNCIL
PUBLIC MINUTES
Tuesday, February 11, 2025**

Start 9:04 am

Finish 4:20 pm

Chief (Ogimaa-Kwe) Councillor (Chair)
Councillor
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Councillor
Chief Administration Officer
Recorder
HR Manager
Senior Dir. of Operations
Peacekeeper Coordinator
Director of Lifelong Learning
MCFN Member

Claire Sault
Erma Ferrell
Jesse Herkimer
Leslie Maracle
Fawn Sault
Veronica King-Jamieson
Ashley Sault
Larry Sault (Away on Other Council Business)
Tracy Brant (On Leave)
Charlotte Smith
Sonya Morningstar
Drew Denton
Krissa Staats
Patti Barber
Veronica Tobicoe

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 – OPEN MEETING

Chair/Ogimaa-Kwe Claire Sault opened the meeting at 9:04 am. Councillor Larry Sault is away on other Council Business.

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

MOTION NO. 1

MOVED BY ERMA FERRELL

SECONDED BY VERONICA KING JAMIESON

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Intergovernmental Relations Council accepts the Agenda with the following additions and deletions:

- Agenda Item No. 14 – Deleted;
- Agenda Item No. 15 – Deleted;
- Agenda Item No. 17a) – Administrative Matters (ML);
- Agenda Item No. 17b) – Galer’s Creek (EF);
- Agenda Item No. 17c) – Gift Cards for Family Day (AS);
- Agenda Item No. 19 – In-Camera Item – Deleted;
- Agenda Item No. 20 – In-Camera Item – Deleted;
- Agenda Item No. 24a) – In-Camera Item (CS);
- Agenda Item No. 24b) – In-Camera Item (CS);
- Agenda Item No. 24c) – In-Camera Item.

Carried

There were no Conflicts of Interest on any of the Agenda Items.

Council moved to Agenda Item No. 5.

OPP Officer Rod Leclair in at 9:00 am.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5 – PRESENTATION OF MONTHLY REPORT FOR JANUARY 2025 FROM OPP OFFICER ROD LECLAIR

Rod Leclair highlighted the OPP Monthly Report for January 2025.

Rod informed that the Peacekeeper Supervisor (Krissa Staats) and Peacekeeper Coordinator (Nadine LaForme) and will be presenting the Peacekeeper Program to the OPP.

MOTION NO. 2

MOVED BY VERONICA KING-JAMIESON

SECONDED BY ERMA FERRELL

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Intergovernmental Relations Council accepts the Monthly OPP Report for January 2025 from OPP Officer Rod Leclair.

Carried

OPP Officer Rod Leclair out at 9:15 am.

Council moved to Agenda Item No. 5.

Council moved back to Agenda Item No. 3.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 – REVIEW & ACCEPT THE PUBLIC MINUTES OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COUNCIL MEETING DATED TUESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2025

DIRECTION NO. 1

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Intergovernmental Relations Council directs the Admin Clerk to follow up and see if the Directions that the Chief Administration Officer, Chief Financial Officer, and other Directors were directed to do have been carried out. The Admin Clerk will start checking as far back as December 1, 2024 to present. This item will be brought back to the next Lifelong Learning & Awareness & Nation Well-Being Council Meeting on Tuesday, February 18, 2025.

MOTION NO. 3

MOVED BY ERMA FERRELL

SECONDED BY VERONICA KING-JAMIESON

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Intergovernmental Relations Council accepts the Public Minutes In-Principle of the Intergovernmental Relations Council Meeting dated Tuesday, January 14, 2025.

Carried

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3a) – SUMMARY OF MOTIONS/DIRECTIONS FROM THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COUNCIL MEETING DATED TUESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2025

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.

Council moved to Agenda Item No. 6.

Gary Miedema zoomed in at 9:35 am.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6 – TEAM/ZOOM PRESENTATION BY GARY MIEDEMA REGARDING NATIVE CANADIAN CENTRE (EF)

Councillor EF noted that Gary Miedema contacted herself and Darrin Wybenga. Gary works with Three Sisters Consulting and his request is he would like to collect information from MCFN Members and other MCFN Members who have worked and/or resided in Toronto. He would like to compile a document that can be shared to ensure specific areas could be marked as historical.

Mr. Miedema informed that he is the son of Dutch immigrants. He has worked with Carolyn King and Darrin Wybenga in the past. He stated that he would like to hear from Communities and what they want. He has been working with Three Sisters Consulting on this project to serve Indigenous Communities in other areas and not only in Toronto. Three Sisters Consulting are hired as a Consultant to work on the Indigenous Heritage Engagement Project. He noted that he works for the City of Toronto and is directed by them.

Mr. Miedema stated that Three Sisters Consulting is not addressing land rights. He also stated that he had meetings with the Toronto York Metis Council five years ago. They (Toronto York Metis Council) informed Mr. Miedema that they have places in Toronto that they feel connected to.

Senior Director of Intergovernmental Affairs stated that MCFN First Nation should have been contacted first as we are the Rights Holders. Mr. Miedema answered that Three Sisters Consulting reaches out broadly and according to Regulation 906.

Councillor EF informed that herself and Darrin Wybenga had a discussion with Mr. Miedema. Councillor EF's concern is the Metis history. Mr. Miedema replied that this project has no interest in land concerns with regard to the Metis.

Councillor VKJ asked Mr. Miedema where the funding was coming from. Mr. Miedema answered the City of Toronto. He is a Project Manager in Heritage Planning within the City Planning Division in Toronto.

Councillor AS stated that the Inuit should not be compared with the Metis. She also questioned why Mr. Miedema has not spoken to more people at MCFN. Mr. Miedema answered that he would be happy to engage with MCFN any time.

Ogimaa-Kwe suggested taking “Inuit and Metis” out of the letter and asked that they (Three Sisters Consulting and Gary Miedema) come and present to the Community.

Councillor AS noted that AIAI uses Three Sisters Consulting as well.

DIRECTION NO. 2

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Intergovernmental Relations Council directs Councillor Erma Ferrell to contact Gary Miedema and inform him that the phrase “**when representatives of First Nations, Metis and Inuit communities**” be removed from the letter.

Gary Miedema zoomed out at 10:00 am.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7 – HALDIMAND OPP DETACHMENT BOARD – TERMS OF REFERENCE (VKJ & LM)

Councillor LM informed that the Haldimand OPP Detachment Board want MCFN to accept the Terms of Reference, and by accepting the Terms of Reference we will have to pay a net levy of \$2,740.00.

Councillor AS does not believe that we should have to pay to be part of the Board.

Regarding honorarium, Senior Director of Intergovernmental Affairs noted that an honorarium is a payment covering costs for meals, travel, etc. Councillor VKJ disagreed and informed that honorarium does not include mileage. From her Pillar 4 budget, Councillor VKJ pays honorarium plus mileage and food. Councillor LM disagrees and says that is too much.

MOTION NO. 4

MOVED BY ERMA FERRELL

SECONDED BY VERONICA KING-JAMIESON

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Intergovernmental Relations Council approves the Terms of Reference and Proposed Budget of the Haldimand OPP Detachment Board.

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

MCFN Member Veronica Tobicoe in at 9:20 am.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8 – NOTICE FOR 13TH ANNUAL HISTORICAL GATHERING (VKJ)

The 13th Annual Historical Gathering is scheduled for April 29th to May 1st, 2025 at the Ancaster Fairgrounds.

Councillor VKJ noted in her Briefing Note that she is requesting MCFN Council to approve the budget for the upcoming MCFN Historical Gathering (HG) event dates from Tuesday, April 29 to Thursday, May 1st 2025. Funds to be allocated to Pillar 4 Budget for monitoring with Admin Lead of Lifelong Learning.

MCFN is in its 13th year for the upcoming event. MCFN Council made a Motion for Pillar 4, Councillor Veronica King-Jamieson to coordinate the event along with Pillar 5, Councillor Erma Ferrell. Also, there will be discussion planning with surrounding municipalities to partnership with hosting this Historical Gathering.

We have held 5 working group sessions and discussed changing the date from the middle of February to hopefully better weather to late April / first week in May.

We have a draft agenda and attach draft budget for approval to start implementing next steps.

1. Hiring for a HG Coordinator
2. HG Coordinator develop a workplan with dates / costs associated with each tasks per budget line items with coordination with Councillor Pillar Leads
3. Advertisement for dates / registration
4. Advertisement for catering
5. Historical Gathering Planning working group to meet on progress

Councillor VKJ is suggesting that everyone pay a \$100.00 entrance fee. Councillor EF answered that she disagrees with people paying \$100.00. However, Councillor LM thinks there should be a \$100.00 charge.

Councillor AS stated that Educators and students should not be charged anything.

Ogimaa-Kwe stated that she would send out a letter to all our law firms requesting that they donate \$1,000.00 each.

Another suggestion was only charging \$25.00 for the entrance fee.

MOTION NO. 5

MOVED BY JESSE HERKIMER

SECONDED BY LESLIE MARACLE

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Intergovernmental Relations Council approves the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation Historical Gathering’s (April 29 – May1, 2025) estimated budget of \$129,000.00 (One Hundred Twenty-Nine Thousand Dollars), which includes \$35,000.00 (Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars) from MCFN Gaming Funds, a submission to the Community Trust for funds of \$35,000.00 (Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars), in addition, securing estimated sponsorships of \$40,000.00 (Forty Thousand Dollars), and \$19,000.00 (Nineteen Thousand Dollars) (registration fees).

See Draft Agenda for approval to start implementing next steps:

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Account Code (Pillar 4 Budget G/L)

Carried
2nd Reading Waived

Council moved to Agenda Item No. 11.

Director of Lifelong Learning in at 10:45 am.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 11 – BOARD OF LIFELONG LEARNING – TERMS OF REFERENCE APPROVAL OF REVISIONS (PB)

Director of Lifelong Learning is seeking approval of minor changes to the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation Terms of Reference and attached as Appendix A. Additions are in yellow highlight and deletions with red strike through.

MOTION NO. 6

MOVED BY ASHLEY SAULT

SECONDED BY LESLIE MARACLE

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Intergovernmental Relations Council approves the 2025 updated changes to the Board of Lifelong Learning Terms of Reference as presented in Appendix A.

Carried
2nd Reading Waived

Council moved back to Agenda Item No. 9.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9 – TRAUMA OF MONEY PRESENTATION (CS)

Mark Sevestre of the MNCFN Community Trust sent the following email to Ogimaa-Kwe:

Hi Chief Sault,

The MCFN Community Trust Chairperson Margaret Sault and I met with the proponents of the Trauma of Money group recently. The Community Trust is interested in providing this valuable presentation for our Community Members and would like to discuss the opportunities with you and perhaps the Council.

One of our thoughts is that we could have the Trauma of Money facilitator in and run a session as part of the monthly Community Information sessions at the Community Centre. The Community Trust would cover the costs for the facilitator for the in-person Community Session. Depending upon the response from the Members, we did discuss with the Trauma of Money group, the option to have further virtual sessions if there is enough interest from the Members,

Please let me know your thoughts and I hope we can provide this to our members.

MOTION NO. 7

MOVED BY FAWN SAULT

SECONDED BY JESSE HERKIMER

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Intergovernmental Relations Council approves Mark Sevestre of the MNCFN Community Trust to offer the workshop titled “Trauma of Money”. This will be expensed to the MNCFN Community Trust.

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

DIRECTION NO. 3

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Intergovernmental Relations Council directs Councillor Jesse Herkimer to speak with Mark Sevestre and ask him to facilitate the “Trauma of Money” workshop. Further, for people who would rather do a one on one, Councillor Jesse Herkimer will ask Mark if he can also do this.

Council moved to Agenda Item No. 12.

Leslie White-Eye zoomed in at 11:05 am.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 12 – FIRST NATIONS WITH SCHOOLS COLLECTIVE – UPDATED INFORMATION AND DIRECTION FROM COUNCIL IS BEING SOUGHT (PB)

Leslie White-Eye highlighted the Briefing Note of the Director of Lifelong Learning regarding the following:

The purpose of this Briefing Note is to seek direction and approval from the Intergovernmental Affairs Council with respect to updated information from the First Nations with Schools Collective Governance Working Group.

The Mandate Document dated November 22, 2024 was a jointly developed document by participating First Nations of First Nations with Schools Collective (FNWSC), including MCFN and reflects the concepts that were agreed upon to be addressed in an education jurisdiction sectoral agreement model template. MCFN agrees with the draft mandate document.

The proposed First Nation Lifelong Learning Education Funding Model outlined in the following document reflects six years of discussions between participating First Nations of the First Nations with Schools Collective (FNWSC). The resulting lifelong learning model is designed to serve diverse First Nations, including remote and isolated communities, large and small, with immersion schools or not, to develop self-determined education systems tailored to the needs of each community.

It's time to renew the One Mind Renewal Agreement. As newly elected leaders join the work at FNWSC, it is important that participating First Nations affirm (via BCR) their continued involvement in the FNWSC and update their named representatives to the Joint Education Technical Table (JETT) having the delegated authority to represent the First Nation during negotiations. The last approval took place two years ago. The expectation is that those named will be regular attendees at working sessions leading to negotiations at the JETT. A draft BCR will be prepared for signature if approved.

Councillor EF questioned Leslie if she has a back-up plan regarding the election. Leslie answered that we will use everything we have to push an action plan on education before the election.

MOTION NO. 8

MOVED BY ERMA FERRELL

SECONDED BY VERONICA KING-JAMIESON

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Intergovernmental Relations Council approves the Mandate Document dated November 22, 2024. The Mandate Document, jointly developed by participating First Nations of the First Nations with Schools Collective including [insert First Nation], reflect the concepts, agreed upon, to be addressed in an education jurisdiction sectoral agreement model template. Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation agrees with the mandate document.

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

MOTION NO. 9

MOVED BY ERMA FERRELL

SECONDED BY VERONICA KING-JAMIESON

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Intergovernmental Relations Council approve the Technical Guide: Proposed First Nation Life-Long Learning Education Funding Model Version 8.6 as presented. The technical guide will become the foundation from which FNWSC technical team will prepare the materials for funding parity plus negotiations with Canada. It is agreed that the funding model reflects the funding resources needed to support a life-long learning system of Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation.

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

See BCR No. 394 – 2024-2025.

Leslie White-Eye zoomed out at 11:35 am.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 13 – UPDATED POLICIES (THIS ITEM IS COMING BACK FROM JANUARY 28, 2025 – LIFELONG LEARNING & AWARENESS & NATION WELL-BEING COUNCIL MEETING (HR MANAGER))

This item has been deleted until further notice.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 14 – RECONCILIATION ACTION PLAN REGARDING NORFOLK GENERAL HOSPITAL & WEST HALDIMAND HOSPITAL (LM)

This item has been deferred until further notice.

Council moved back to Agenda Item No. 10.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 10 – COUNCIL APPROVAL FOR OGIMAA-KWE CLAIRE SAULT TO SIT ON A COMMITTEE FOR THE CNE (CS)

Ogimaa-Kwe has been pre-emptively designated as the Appointee to sit on a Committee for the CNE Association. She asked for and received more information.

The first step is that one would have to be on the Committee. The Board seats are opening in June.

Councillors AS and FS agree that it should be a staff member to be appointed. Ogimaa-Kwe noted that whoever is appointed to sit on this Committee will have some background on governance structure, strategic plans and Board of Directors etc. of the CNEA.

MOTION NO. 10

MOVED BY ERMA FERRELL

SECONDED BY

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Intergovernmental Relations Council approves the committee seats for Ogimaa-Kwe (Chief) Claire Sault for the CNE Association.

Chair called for a Secunder three times and no one responded.

Motion is Dead.

DIRECTION NO. 4

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Intergovernmental Relations Council agrees that Ogimaa-Kwe Claire Sault, in the interim, will sit on the CNE Committee until such time that a staff member will be appointed.

Council moved to Agenda Item No. 16.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 16 – FOLLOW-UP – COMPLAINT FROM MCFN MEMBER (LM, TB & PW DIRECTOR)

This is regarding an incident that an MCFN Member called an ambulance, and the ambulance driver had a hard time finding the address in the Townline Estates.

Councillor LM informed that they spoke with the Ministry of Health and Hamilton Paramedics and this has been resolved.

DIRECTION NO. 5

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Intergovernmental Relations Council directs Councillor Ashley Sault to reach out to the Housing and Public Works Department to get all the necessary information regarding addresses on the Territory, in the event that paramedics, ambulance and/or police and peacekeepers need the information.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 16a) – MCFN MEMBER – FRONT LAWN FLOODED & WATER CONTAINS CHLORINE

It was noted that an MCFN Member's front lawn was flooded and the water contained chlorine.

PW Director informed that First Nation Engineering is working on this draining issue. He (PW Director) had a concern about whether or not Council would be paying for this, as they (Council) have approved two people to have their work done, and Council paid for it. Normally, it is the Member's responsibility since it is on their property.

Councillor LM stated that it is the responsibility of the CP Holder, otherwise it could get very costly.

Councillor AS informed that she can bring back costs of what Council has paid in the past.

DIRECTION NO. 6

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Intergovernmental Relations Council directs Councillor Ashley Sault to bring back the Water Wastewater Policy to see whether or not it needs to be amended. For example, is Chief and Council paying for the costs of flooding on MCFN Member's properties?

AGENDA ITEM NO. 17a) – ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS – UPDATE (ML)

Senior Director of Intergovernmental Affairs provided some general updates to Council regarding Administration. He stated that Finance is on a good track since the two CPA's started.

Darren Rennie (MNP) will provide audited Financial Statements to the bank.

Senior Director of Intergovernmental Affairs stated that the finances should be straightened out by the end of the month.

Councillor EF reiterated that she still needs the Pillar Budgets.

Senior Director of Intergovernmental Affairs informed that Drew Denton (Senior Director of Operations) is leaving within three to four weeks. Payroll Manager (Cindy Skye) is having surgery on March 17th, and will be off work for a few weeks. Payroll will be managed ok as plans have already been made regarding Cindy's absence, and who will be taking on her responsibilities.

Senior Director of Intergovernmental Affairs would like to know what is happening with the Records Management position. Further, is there going to be a Monthly Community Meeting in February? Ogimaa-Kwe answered yes. Senior Director of Intergovernmental Affairs inquired whether the Peacekeeper Program would be on the Agenda to introduce themselves to the Community.

Yes, there is a Community Meeting scheduled for Saturday, February 22, 2025, and yes, the Peacekeepers will be in attendance to introduce themselves.

Senior Director of Intergovernmental Affairs what is called a Bare Trust.

A Bare Trust is a Trust Agreement where the beneficiary of the Trust (in this case MCFN) has complete control over the trustee's action as it relates to the trust property and the trustee has no independent power, discretion, or responsibility over the property. The \$30 Million Advance Payment by Canada to MCFN for the Treaty 22 & 23 Land Claim negotiations is being put into a Bare Trust for use by MCFN in any way they (Chief and Council) see fit.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 17b) – APPROVAL FOR NAME REQUEST (EF)

Elizabeth Miller from the Office of the Surveyor General is requesting permission to change the name of a body of water in Hamilton to “Galer’s Creek”.

MOTION NO. 11

MOVED BY LESLIE MARACLE

SECONDED BY ERMA FERRELL

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Intergovernmental Relations Council grants permission to Elizabeth Miller from the Office of the Surveyor General the use of the name Galer’s Creek for a body of water near Hamilton. The ministry will rename the Creek after the family who owns the farm.

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

AGENDA ITEM NO. 17c) – GIFT CARDS FOR FAMILY DAY – MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2025 (AS)

Councillor AS noted that Social Services was giving out gift cards for Family Day. There were 50 cards in total. The day that they were being handed out, by 9:15 to 9:30 am all the gift cards were gone. This is a gap in services that needs to be rectified.

DIRECTION NO. 7

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Intergovernmental Relations Council directs the Senior Director of Operations (Drew Denton) to bring back information identifying gaps in services eg. what the policy is for disbursing any gift cards and also, bring back solutions/options. There was an incident that happened at Soclai Services wherein only 50 gift cards were given out, and the cards were all gone by 9:15 am on the day that they were given out.

MOTION NO. 12

MOVED BY VERONICA KING-JAMIESON

SECONDED BY JESSE HERKIMER

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Intergovernmental Relations Council moved to an In-Camera session at 2:10 pm.

Carried