

MISSISSAUGAS OF THE CREDIT FIRST NATION
FINANCIAL PLANNING & FISCAL OVERSIGHT COUNCIL
PUBLIC MINUTES

Tuesday, April 1, 2025

Start: 9:05 am

Finish: 4:45 pm

Ogimaa-Kwe (Chief) Councillor
Councillor
Councillor
Councillor/Chair
Councillor
Councillor
Councillor
Councillor
Recording Officer
A/Chief Admin. Officer
Guests from Northcrest
MCFN Members

Claire Sault
Veronica King-Jamieson
Erma Ferrell
Jesse Herkimer
Leslie Maracle
Fawn Sault (Sick)
Larry Sault
Ashley Sault
Charlotte Smith
Eddy Robinson
Ian & Derek
Veronica Tobicoe, Carolyn King

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 – OPEN MEETING

Chair/Councillor Jesse Herkimer opened the meeting at 9:05 am. Councillor Fawn Sault is away sick. Councillor Larry Sault will be a bit late as he has a doctor's appointment in Hamilton.

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

MOTION NO. 1

MOVED BY VERONICA KING-JAMIESON

SECONDED BY ASHLEY SAULT

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Financial Planning & Fiscal Oversight Council accepts the Agenda with the following additions:

- Agenda Item No. 17a) – In-Camera Item;
- Agenda Item No. 17b) – In-Camera Item;
- Agenda Item No. 17c) – In-Camera Item;
- Agenda Item No. 17d) – In-Camera Item;
- Agenda Item No. 17e) – In-Camera Item.

Carried

When we get to Agenda Item No. 13, Ogimaa-Kwe, Councillor Larry Sault and Recorder will be excused from the meeting because of a Conflict of Interest.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 – REVIEW AND ACCEPT THE PUBLIC MINUTES OF FINANCIAL PLANNING & FISCAL OVERSIGHT COUNCIL MEETING DATED TUESDAY, MARCH 4, 2025

DIRECTION NO. 1

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Financial Planning & Fiscal Oversight Council directs the A/Chief Administration Officer to bring back to the Council Table the Job Description of the Senior's Advocate (new position), along with a budget.

Council requested that Motion No. 4 on Page 5 of the above Minutes be re-sent to the A/Chief Administration Officer to be actioned.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7 – NEW CREDIT CHURCH RECORDS (EF)

MOTION NO. 4

*MOVED BY FAWN SAULT SECONDED BY VERONICA KING-JAMIESON
That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Financial Planning & Fiscal Oversight Council directs the A/Chief Administrator Officer Eddy Robinson, to obtain a license to access our digitized Records, currently on the computer system at the Lands & Membership Department.*

AND FURTHER, upon receiving access to the digitized United Church Records, a copy is to be made available for the Chapel of the Delaware United Church on the 3rd Line of the Six Nations Reservation.

*Carried
2nd Reading Waived*

MOTION NO. 2

MOVED BY LESLIE MARACLE

SECONDED BY ASHLEY SAULT

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Financial Planning & Fiscal Oversight Council accepts the Public Minutes of Financial Planning & Fiscal Oversight Council Meeting dated Tuesday, March 4, 2025.

Carried

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3a) – FYI – SUMMARY OF MOTIONS & DIRECTIONS FROM FINANCIAL PLANNING & FISCAL OVERSIGHT COUNCIL MEETING DATED TUESDAY, MARCH 4, 2025

This is an FYI for Ogimaa-Kwe & Council.

Councillor Larry Sault in at 9:33 am.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4 – MATTERS ARISING FROM COUNCIL MINUTES

There were no Matters Arising from the Minutes.

Guests from Sheridan College joined the meeting via Teams at 9:40 am.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5 – PRESENTATION ON TEAMS REGARDING SHERIDAN MOU (EF)

Guests from Sheridan College presented a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Sheridan College and MCFN. The MOU was reviewed and there were some corrections that will need to be made.

This item will come back to the next Intergovernmental Relations Council Meeting on Tuesday, April 8, 2025 after the corrections have been made.

Council moved to Agenda Item No. 7.

Guests from Northcrest (Ian & Derek) in at 10:00 am.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7 – PRESENTATION ON TEAMS – INTRODUCTORY MEETING WITH DEREK GORING OF NORTHCREST YZD

Ian and Derek provided a verbal update regarding the Downsview Development Project, but they are also here just to see the First Nation and what MCFN is all about.

Ian stated that they (Northcrest) would like to further their partnerships with MCFN.

The Downsview Project includes 370 acres and used to be an airport.

Councillor LS suggested that Council should visit the site and make a promotional video. Ian and Derek were in agreement.

Guests were thanked for their presentation and left at 10:15 am.

DIRECTION NO. 2

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Financial Planning & Fiscal Oversight Council directs Councillor Jesse Herkimer to arrange a site visit with Northcrest/Downsview for Ogimaa-Kwe & Council after June 15, 2025.

Zishan Chaudry (Grant Writer) in at 10:20 am.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8 – PRESENTATION BY ZISHAN CHAUDRY (GRANT WRITER)

Zishan noted in his Briefing Note that he would like to present to Chief and Council the Canada Housing Infrastructure Fund (CHIF), a funding opportunity that is aimed to support the enhancement of MCFN's water and solid waste infrastructure, thereby facilitating future housing development within the Community.

The Government of Canada, through Budget 2024, established the Canada Housing Infrastructure Fund (CHIF) with a commitment of \$6 Billion over ten years. The fund aims to accelerate the construction and upgrading of essential infrastructure, specifically drinking water, wastewater, stormwater, and solid-waste systems, to directly support the creation of new housing and increase community densification.

Zishan noted that Ogimaa-Kwe and Council can also help set up the reporting of these dollars, should the application be approved.

On another note, Ogimaa-Kwe noted that consideration for one person to drive the Culture and Events Unit is important.

Further, Councillor AS will seek quotes for traffic signs in Ojibway and, a person from Curve Lake will do the translation.

DIRECTION NO. 3

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Financial Planning & Fiscal Oversight Council directs Councillor Ashley Sault to seek quotes for traffic signs (in Ojibway language). The language person from Curve Lake will be engaged regarding the language. Further, Councillor AS will bring forward the Motion that was approved by Chief and Council last term, which former Councillor Andrea King brought to the Council Table.

DIRECTION NO. 4

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Financial Planning & Fiscal Oversight Council directs the A/Chief Administration Officer to reinforce to the Directors to utilize the Grant Writer to pursue funds in their respective areas.

DIRECTION NO. 5

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Financial Planning & Fiscal Oversight Council directs Councillor Ashley Sault to provide the Grant Writer (Zishan) with previous documents regarding infrastructure engineers.

MOTION NO. 3

MOVED BY CLAIRE SAULT

SECONDED BY ASHLEY SAULT

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Financial Planning & Fiscal Oversight Council approves the preparation and submission of an application to the Canada Housing Infrastructure Fund under the Direct Delivery Stream. This funding will be instrumental in advancing MCFN's infrastructure capabilities, thereby supporting the community's housing development goals and enhancing the quality of life for current and future members.

Potential items to ask for funding through CHIF to unlock community development:

- **Engineering studies** to assess the capacity of existing water and wastewater infrastructure and identify upgrades required to support new housing;
- **Design and costing** for system expansion or connection of unserved parcels identified in MCFN's land use or housing plans;
- **Servicing strategy** for future residential zones, including stormwater and solid waste management;
- **Project management** and coordination to advance shovel-ready infrastructure tied to housing creation.

Next Steps:

Support from MCFN Chief and Council, and Administrative Leadership, to:

1. **Engage Community Stakeholders:** Consult with community leaders to ensure the projects align with their needs and priorities, and define scope of work to best address gaps that exist.

By pursuing this funding opportunity, MCFN can proactively address infrastructure challenges and lay the groundwork for sustainable community development.

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

Zishan Chaudry (Grant Writer) out at 11:32 am.

LM Director joined the meeting via Teams at 11:35 am.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6 – DONATION POLICY – ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (LM DIRECTOR)

LM Director noted in her Briefing Note that she would like to submit an application to the MNCFN Community Trust regarding the Donation Policy for the 2025-2026 fiscal year.

Council requested additional information regarding funding that had been denied to MCFN Members as a result of depletion of funds. Further Council requested additional information on how the LM Director arrived at the figure of \$80,000.00 to be requested from the Community Trust.

The total amount received from the MCFN Community Trust was \$70,000.00. This amount was split between Lesson/Registration reimbursement (\$35,000) and Event Funding(\$35,000). By early December 2024, the lesson/registration portion was fully utilized. By early February 2025 the event portion was fully utilized. There were 17 applications that were not processed due to a lack of available funds. These applications totaled \$9,085.11.

Since the amount of denied funding was just under \$10,000.00, it was determined that the request would be \$80,000.00.

Councillor EF suggested raising the application for funding to \$100,000.00 and if more dollars are needed the LM Director can bring a request to Council. She also added that something should be put in the policy that when the dollars run out bring a request to Council for more money.

Ogimaa-Kwe stated that the Donation Policy should be moved to another department.

It was pointed out that the donation dollars should not be given to the same people year after year.

Councillor VKJ stated that all this data should be added to the Annual Report.

MOTION NO. 4

MOVED BY ASHLEY SAULT

SECONDED BY VERONICA KING-JAMIESON

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Financial Planning & Fiscal Oversight Council agrees to support the submission of the Donations Policy proposal to the Mississaugas of the Credit Community Trust, in the amount of \$100,000.00 (One Hundred Thousand Dollars) for the 2025-2026 fiscal year.

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

DIRECTION NO. 6

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Financial Planning & Fiscal Oversight Council directs the A/Chief Administration Officer to review the Donation Policy and bring back to the Council Table for approval.

Items to be added into the Donation Policy – if the dollars should run out before the end of the fiscal year, come to the Council Table and request more dollars; do not give the dollars to the same people every year.

MOTION NO. 5

MOVED BY VERONICA KING-JAMIESON

SECONDED BY LARRY SAULT

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Financial Planning & Fiscal Oversight Council moved to an In-Camera session at 11:50 am.

Carried