

**MISSISSAUGAS OF THE CREDIT FIRST NATION
INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COUNCIL
PUBLIC MINUTES
Tuesday, April 8, 2025**

Start 9:08 am

Finish 5:00 pm

Chief (Ogimaa-Kwe) Councillor/Chair
Councillor
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Councillor
A/Chief Administration Officer
Recorder
OPP Guest
Peacekeeper Coordinator

Claire Sault
Erma Ferrell
Jesse Herkimer
Leslie Maracle
Fawn Sault
Veronica King-Jamieson
Ashley Sault
Larry Sault
Eddy Robinson (Excused)
Charlotte Smith
Rod Leclair
Krissa Staats

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 – OPEN MEETING

Chair/Ogimaa-Kwe Claire Sault opened the meeting at 9:08 am.

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

MOTION NO. 1

MOVED BY ERMA FERRELL

SECONDED BY ASHLEY SAULT

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

- Agenda Item No. 5 – Deferred to the next Infrastructure and Environmental Stewardship Council Meeting dated Tuesday, April 15, 2025;
- Agenda Item No. 6 – Deferred to the next Infrastructure and Environmental Stewardship Council Meeting dated Tuesday, April 15, 2025;
- Agenda Item No. 13a) – Release of Funds for Purchase of Tractor (JH);
- Agenda Item No. 13b) – Text of MCFN Treaties (LS);
- Agenda Item No. 13c) – Meals and Mileage Allowance Chart for 2025 (Admin Clerk);
- Agenda Item No. 17a) – In-Camera Item;
- Agenda Item No. 17b) – In-Camera Item;
- Agenda Item No. 20a) – In-Camera Item;
- Agenda Item No. 20b) – In-Camera Item;
- Agenda Item No. 20c) – In-Camera Item;
- Agenda Item No. 20d) – In-Camera Item.

Carried

When we get to Agenda Item No. 20b), Councillor VKJ will excuse herself because of a Conflict of Interest.

OPP Officer Rod Leclair and Peacekeeper Coordinator Krissa Staats in at 8:55 am.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2a) – PRESENTATION OF MONTHLY REPORT FOR MARCH 2025 FROM OPP OFFICER ROD LECLAIR

Rod Leclair highlighted the OPP Monthly Report and asked if anyone had any questions.

Councillor LS informed that there was an accident at MJ's. Councillor LM was present and offered her assistance. This item is now before the courts.

Rod was thanked for his presentation and left at 9:20 am. Peacekeeper Coordinator left at the same time.

MOTION NO. 2

MOVED BY LARRY SAULT

SECONDED BY VERONICA KING-JAMIESON

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Intergovernmental Relations Council acknowledges the OPP Monthly Report for March 2025.

Carried

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 – REVIEW & ACCEPT THE PUBLIC MINUTES OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COUNCIL MEETING DATED TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 2025

DIRECTION NO. 1

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Intergovernmental Relations Council directs the Social Services Director (Yvonne Bomberly) and Health Services Director (Maggie Copeland) to follow up on Direction No. 1 of the Public Minutes of Intergovernmental Relations Council Meeting dated Tuesday, March 11, 2025 (See Direction below):

DIRECTION NO. 1

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Intergovernmental Relations Council directs the A/Chief Administration Officer to find out if there is a policy regarding the giving out of gift cards to MCFN Members. For example, Social Services was giving out gift cards for Family Day. Only 50 cards were given out, and those cards were gone a few minutes after it was announced. There is a gap in services which needs to be corrected.

It is noted that this is the second request to fix the gap in these services.

MOTION NO. 3

MOVED BY FAWN SAULT

SECONDED BY LESLIE MARACLE

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Intergovernmental Relations Council accepts the Public Minutes of Intergovernmental Relations Council Meeting dated Tuesday, March 11, 2025.

Carried

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3a) – SUMMARY OF MOTIONS/DIRECTIONS FROM THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COUNCIL MEETING DATED TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 2025

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 – REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO APPLY FOR FUNDING TO MNCFN COMMUNITY TRUST (PB)

This Briefing Note has been deferred to the next Infrastructure and Environmental Stewardship Council Meeting dated Tuesday, April 15, 2025.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6 – ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDS FROM JORDAN'S PRINCIPLE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 (PB)

This Briefing Note has been deferred to the next Infrastructure and Environmental Stewardship Council Meeting dated Tuesday, April 15, 2025.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7 – ZERO TOLERANCE OF HARASSMENT AND ABUSE FROM MEMBERS TOWARDS STAFF (CS)

Councillor LS reminded everyone that there was an aggressive non-member here in the Council Chambers a few weeks ago.

It is noted that the Zero Tolerance Policy will come back to the Council Table at a later date.

DIRECTION NO. 2

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Intergovernmental Relations Council directs A/Chief Administration Officer to collaborate with Senior Director of Intergovernmental Affairs to review the Zero Tolerance Policy and bring it back to the Council Table.

In addition, the purpose was to see if there is anything regarding members with staff on Zero Tolerance Policy on harassment and a suggestion to check the Communication Policy as well.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8 – CANADIAN OPEN TOURNAMENTS – UPDATES (EF)

Councillor EF noted in her Briefing Note that the Caledon Golf Tournament will be held at the Osprey Valley Golf Course, and will begin on June 4 – 8, 2025.

The Mississauga Golf and Country Club will host the Women's Canadian Open Golf Tournament beginning August 20, 2025.

All of our “asks” were agreed upon and we are waiting for confirmation in writing from the organizers of the Canadian Open and from the Mississauga Golf and Country Club.

- Knowledge Keeper/Elder opening Prayer and Hand Drum Song
- Opening remarks by Ogiima Kwe Claire Sault
- Ogiima Kwe Claire Sault part of closing ceremonies
- Presentation of a gift to the winner of both tournaments by Ogiima Kwe Claire
- Tents available for MCFN at both tournaments, for information, vendors, food and space to advertise work by MCFN Artists.

In order for the MCFN to participate in the events as listed above, a budget should be approved now in order for the Committee to provide some promotional items, purchase gifts for specific delegates, also for rooms, travel, meals etc. will be required for some members participating in ceremonies and our information booth. Other expenses are required for Fire Keepers at the Mississauga Golf and Country Club.

MOTION NO. 4

MOVED BY VERONICA KING-JAMIESON

SECONDED BY LESLIE MARACLE

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Intergovernmental Relations Council agrees to set aside an estimated budget of \$100,000.00 (One Hundred Thousand Dollars) for the two Canadian Open Golf Tournaments to be held at the Caledon Osprey Valley Golf Course and at the Mississauga Golf and Country Club with the agreement that we will ask the Golf Courses and Proponents for funding. Funding to be secured from the MCFN Gaming Fund.

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

Council moved to Agenda Item No. 10.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 10 – CANOE TRIP ON THE CREDIT RIVER – JUNE 1, 2025 (EF)

Councillor EF noted in her Briefing Note that Lee Benson, Lead for the Ontario Kayakers has reached out to me to work with her to coordinate a Canoe Trip on the Credit River on June 1, 2025.

Due to insurance issues for the Nation, no one under the age of 16 will be invited to participate in the canoe trip scheduled for June 1, 2025. This is an invitation only event. I will be contacting Legal Counsel on issues in regard to insurance for all participants.

More information will follow.

MOTION NO. 5

MOVED BY LARRY SAULT

SECONDED BY VERONICA KING-JAMIESON

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Intergovernmental Relations Council acknowledges the information provided on the proposed Canoe Trip on the Credit River for June 1, 2025.

AND FURTHER: Additional information will be provided on Tuesday April 22, 2025, by Councillor Erma Ferrell.

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

MCFN Member Carolyn King in at 9:25 am.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 11 – OPEN MIC PLAN/BUDGET (AS)

Councillor AS is interested in planning an open mic session for the Community and friends. It will be a place where their talent would be on display as well as a social event.

Councillor LS informed that MCFN Member Phil Sault has monthly jam sessions at his church where many people come to play and sing, and others come to listen. These sessions have become quite popular for on-reserve and off-reserve talent and those who come to listen.

On another note, Ogimaa-Kwe noted that Council needs to have a larger discussion regarding dollars that Ogimaa-Kwe and Council should be paid when we are invited to various venues to speak.

Councillor LS noted that the trash that is on Facebook about Chief and Council making so much money is ridiculous and untrue.

It was agreed that this item would be put on the Agenda of a Special Council Meeting.

MOTION NO. 6

MOVED BY FAWN SAULT

SECONDED BY LARRY SAULT

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Intergovernmental Relations Council approves the Open Mic 2025 Pilot Plan and Budget. Dollars in the amount of \$5,400.00 (Five Thousand Four Hundred Dollars) will come from the Pillar 6 Budget.

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

Council moved back to Agenda Item No. 9.

Gary Miedema and Adriana Chartrand in at 10:10 pm.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9 – PRESENTATION BY GARY MIEDEMA & ADRIANA CHARTRAND (EF)

Gary Miedema stated that he works in heritage places. He would like to work with MCFN regarding any ideas that MCFN may have in the City of Toronto.

Councillor LS informed that the Host Community is Toronto for us and we need to set the foundations. He added that he takes issue with others that say “this is our land!” We are the rights holders, not stake holders. The Haudenosaunee are recognized as the Host Nation, when they are not.

Ogimaa-Kwe informed that we have 62 municipalities in our Traditional Territory and they are asking for our help.

Councillor EF questioned if there is anyone who could meet one on one or with a Committee?

Councillor LS inquired what information has been compiled and dedicated to MCFN? Also, how would you differentiate between us and others? Adriana Chartrand answered that they will work on a book and maps, and illustrations and glimpses from the past.

Councillor VKJ inquired what information do they have and where do they get it from? For example, the resources you are putting into the project. Gary answered that they have information from the Traditional Knowledge and Land Use Coordinator (Darrin Wybenga).

Councillor LS mentioned that his great grandfather, Peter Sault, had a pharmacy business in the City of Toronto in the 1840’s. Peter Sault did not move with the people to New Credit as he tended his business. Gary replied that he would like to hear more stories like this from the past.

Councillor EF volunteered to work with Gary and Adriana to arrange something with the Community.

Ogimaa-Kwe informed that the Senior Director of Intergovernmental Affairs has a good grasp on the burial sites in Toronto. He could be a contact also.

Gary Miedema and Adriana Chartrand were thanked for their presentation and left at 11:00 am.

MOTION NO. 7

MOVED BY VERONICA KING-JAMIESON

SECONDED BY JESSE HERKIMER

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Intergovernmental Relations Council acknowledges the presentation of Gary Miedema and Adriana Chartrand regarding the Indigenous Heritage Engagement Project (IHEP).

Carried

Council moved to Agenda Item No. 12.

Amy and Audrey joined the meeting at 11:00 am via Teams.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 12 – PRESENTATION OF SHERIDAN MOU (EF & VKJ)

Amy highlighted the MOU, but there are still some changes that Ogimaa-Kwe and Council would like to see amended.

Councillor LS stated that we should send out our latest Land Acknowledgement to be added to The MOU.

This item will come back to the Council Table once further corrections have been made.

Guests were thanked for their presentation and left at 11:10 am.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 13a) – RELEASE OF FUNDS FOR PURCHASE OF TRACTOR (JH)

MOTION NO. 8

MOVED BY JESSE HERKIMER

SECONDED BY LESLIE MARACLE

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Intergovernmental Relations Council agrees that the list below is a notification to the Shareholder (Ogimaa-Kwe & Council).

WHEREAS this matter was originally scheduled to be addressed in February 2025 under the direction of the former Director of Economic Development, Amanda Braun;

AND WHEREAS there remains an urgent need to proceed with the acquisition of a tractor to support the corporation's ongoing development and operations;

AND WHEREAS the following comparable tractor quotes have been reviewed and considered:

- **2013 John Deere 6170M** – \$149,995
- **John Deere 5100E** – \$75,900
- **John Deere 6115M** – \$109,900

AND WHEREAS a **2014 John Deere 6125M** tractor has been identified as the most suitable and cost-effective option for purchase from **Walnut Grove Farms Ltd., PO Box 568, Hagersville, ON; (Former property Owners)**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Directors of Corporation 1001076350 Ontario INC. hereby approves the release of **sixty-five thousand dollars (\$65,000)** from the corporate business account ending in **1808**;

AND THAT these funds be used for the immediate purchase of the **John Deere 6125M** tractor;

AND THAT this matter be deemed urgent and prioritized due to the delay caused by the change in staffing.

Dated April 7, 2025

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

AGENDA ITEM NO. 13b) – TEXTS OF MCFN TREATIES (LS)

Councillor LS noted in his Briefing Note that this item is about enhancing public awareness of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Treaties (1781 – 1820) by making their texts more publicly accessible.

MCFN has a long history of Treaty Agreements with the Crown, covering approximately 3.0 million acres of land in Southern Ontario. These Treaties are fundamental to MCFN's historical and legal relationship with the Crown, yet they remain largely inaccessible to the general public.

At present, the text of these Treaties is stored within the Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC) website. However, this platform is not widely known or easily accessible to the public. As a result, awareness and understanding of these treaties and their ongoing significance, are limited. Providing public access to these documents would promote education, transparency, and a greater appreciation of MCFN history and treaty rights.

DIRECTION NO. 3

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Intergovernmental Relations Council directs the Communications Department, A/Chief Administration Officer and Senior Director of Intergovernmental Affairs connect the link to the MCFN Treaties Text on the MCFN Website to provide easier public access and allow for public education and awareness of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation's treaty rights and history.

Councillor FS left at 12:05 pm as she was not feeling well. She will rejoin the meeting via Teams.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 13c) – MEALS AND MILEAGE ALLOWANCE CHART FOR 2025

DIRECTION NO. 4

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Intergovernmental Relations Council directs the Senior Director of Intergovernmental Affairs, A/Chief Administration Officer to work with the Admin Clerk and correct this chart.

MOTION NO. 9

MOVED BY JESSE HERKIMER

SECONDED BY ASHLEY SAULT

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

Carried