

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

Tuesday, February 25, 2025

Start 9:05 am

Finish 3:55 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
Recorder

Fawn Sault
Ashley Sault
Jesse Herkimer
Eddy Robinson (Excused)
Mark LaForme
Charlotte Smith

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 – OPEN MEETING

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

- Agenda Item No. 9b) – Email from York University (VKJ);
- Agenda Item No. 9c) – Youth Council (VKJ);
- Agenda Item No. 9d) – Direction to LM regarding Dollars for Housing;
- Agenda Item No. 15 – In-Camera Item – Deleted;
- Agenda Item No. 16a) – In-Camera Item;
- Agenda Item No. 16b) – In-Camera Item;
- Agenda Item No. 16c) – In-Camera Item;
- Agenda Item No. 16d) – In-Camera Item;
- Agenda Item No. 16e) – In-Camera Item.

Carried

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

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 – REVIEW & ACCEPT THE PUBLIC MINUTES OF LIFELONG LEARNING & AWARENESS & NATION WELL-BEING COUNCIL MEETING DATED TUESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2025

DIRECTION NO. 1

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Lifelong Learning & Awareness & Nation Well-Being Council directs Councillor Jesse Herkimer to follow up with Direction No. 1 below from the above Public Minutes.

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.

DIRECTION NO. 2

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Lifelong Learning & Awareness & Nation Well-Being Council directs Councillor Erma Ferrell to follow up with sending the letter regarding the Native Canadian Centre to Gary Miedema.

MOTION NO. 2

MOVED BY ASHLEY SAULT

SECONDED BY CLAIRE SAULT

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, January 28, 2025 with edits.

Carried

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3a) – FYI – SUMMARY OF MOTIONS & DIRECTIONS FROM LIFELONG LEARNING & AWARENESS & NATION WELL-BEING COUNCIL MEETING DATED TUESDAY, JANUARY 28, 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.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 5 – MISSISSAUGAS OF THE CREDIT FIRST NATION
JURISDICTIONAL TOUR – DATE CHANGE (CS & LS)**

DIRECTION NO. 3

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Lifelong Learning & Awareness & Nation Well-Being Council directs Councillor Larry Sault to follow up with Admin Clerk/Council Coordinator (Marlene Morton) regarding getting some alternate dates for the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation Jurisdictional Tour to be held in BC. Those attending will be Ogimaa-Kwe Claire Sault, Councillors Larry Sault and Jesse Herkimer.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6 – AWARDS & RECOGNITION (VKJ)

An email was received from Jamie-Lyn Gillingham regarding the 4th Annual Awards and Recognition Dinner which was held on Sunday, January 26, 2025. By all accounts it was successful, however, there were a few glitches.

Councillor JH noted that Ogimaa-Kwe and Council were not invited. This is a reminder that Ogimaa-Kwe and Council will be invited to the next one.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7 – REPORT OF AWARDS AND RECOGNITION COMMITTEE (CS)

Because the Awards and Recognition Committee has not been working out as planned, it was decided that the Committee would be disbanded effective immediately.

MOTION NO. 3

MOVED BY ASHLEY SAULT

SECONDED BY FAWN SAULT

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Lifelong Learning & Awareness & Nation Well-Being Council approves moving to disband the Awards and Recognition Committee, effective immediately, until such time that the Senior Director of Intergovernmental Affairs has had time to review the Terms of Reference which the previous A/Director of Intergovernmental Affairs brought to the Council Table. No decision was made.

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 8 – PRESENTATION VIA TEAMS OF SHERIDAN MOU DRAFT (AMY
READER & AUDREY ROCHETTE) (CS)**

Councillors VKJ and EF will review the MOU with Sheridan College before Council approves it.

It is further noted that the Admin Clerk will clarify that all the presenters will have the correct information in order for them to be linked in.

Councillor LS noted that there are clauses in the MOU that need to be clarified.

DIRECTION NO. 4

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Lifelong Learning & Awareness & Nation Well-Being Council directs Councillors Veronica King-Jamieson and Erma Ferrell to meet with Sheridan College (Randi Jacob and others) regarding the Memorandum of Understanding between MCFN and Sheridan College.

DIRECTION NO. 5

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Lifelong Learning & Awareness & Nation Well-Being Council directs the A/Chief Administration Officer to notify the Admin Clerk/Council Coordinator (Marlene Morton) that whenever anyone is scheduled to be on the Agenda for a presentation and they are zooming/teaming in, she (Marlene) will make sure that they (presenters) have all the information in order for them to be linked in.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9a) – REQUEST FOR DOCUMENTS FROM ACROSS MCFN ORGANIZATION (VKJ)

Councillor VKJ is requesting documents such as policies, procedures, proposals/studies/final reports etc. from across the MCFN organization. She will be setting up a File Share Folder for the following documents across MCFN in each department: Terms of Reference, Budget, Workplan, Study, Final Findings, Completion, any recommendations and next steps.

DIRECTION NO. 6

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Lifelong Learning & Awareness & Nation Well-Being Council directs Councillor Veronica King-Jamieson to speak with the A/Chief Administration Officer and request all policies within the organization, any proposals, completed recommendations, and the Comprehensive Community Plan.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9b) – EMAIL FROM YORK UNIVERSITY (VKJ)

Councillor VKJ informed that we do not have any students enrolled at York University.

Councillor LS reiterated that because international students are no longer allowed to get an education in Canada, the universities are now in a deficit.

DIRECTION NO. 7

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Lifelong Learning & Awareness & Nation Well-Being Council directs Ogimaa-Kwe and Councillor Veronica King-Jamieson to meet with York University to discuss why the Indigenous Studies Program was abruptly suspended via email on Friday, February 21, 2025.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9c) – YOUTH COUNCIL (VKJ)**NOTE:**

Youth Council will be meeting Friday February 28th, and Saturday, March 1, 2025 at the MCFN Community Centre. The second session will be on March 21 – 23, 2025 in Niagara Falls.

Ogimaa-Kwe informed that Youth Council will not be dealing with Administration issues.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9d) – DIRECTION TO COUNCILLOR LESLIE MARACLE REGARDING DOLLARS FOR HOUSING SERVICES

Ogimaa-Kwe informed that Joel Abram (Regional Chief) stated that there are a lot of emergency dollars available that MCFN can utilize.

DIRECTION NO. 8

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Lifelong Learning & Awareness & Nation Well-Being Council directs Councillor Leslie Maracle to follow up with MCFN Finance to determine if we have received our portion of the emergency housing dollars through the Child and Family Services from the Chiefs of Ontario (COO). Councillor Maracle will also track the dollars through the COO.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9e) – KEY CARD ACCESS FOR OGIMAA-KWE AND COUNCIL FOR THE COUNCIL HOUSE AND COMMUNITY CENTRE

MOTION NO. 4

MOVED BY ERMA FERRELL

SECONDED BY CLAIRE SAULT

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Lifelong Learning & Awareness & Nation Well-Being Council approves that Ogimaa-Kwe and Council will have access key card to the Council House 24/7. Ogimaa-Kwe and Council will have access to the Community Centre and will follow the normal schedule through the Community Centre and book through the Admin Clerk/Council Coordinator.

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

DIRECTION NO. 9

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Lifelong Learning & Awareness & Nation Well-Being Council directs the A/Chief Administration Officer to amend the key codes to the Council House, effective immediately.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9f) – SOME MEMBERS CANNOT ACCESS THE MCFN WEBSITE UNDER MEMBERS ONLY

It was noted that on the Website under Members Only, some Members cannot access the Website, and when they questioned someone in the Communications Department they got no answer. Councillor AS informed that the Website has not been working properly for quite some time.

DIRECTION NO. 10

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Lifelong Learning & Awareness & Nation Well-Being Council directs the A/Chief Administration Officer to follow up with Communications Department as some MCFN Members were unable to access the Website.

MOTION NO. 5

MOVED BY LARRY SAULT

SECONDED BY JESSE HERKIMER

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Lifelong Learning & Awareness & Nation Well-Being Council moved to an In-Camera session at 11:12 am.

Carried