

**MISSISSAUGAS OF THE CREDIT FIRST NATION
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
PUBLIC MINUTES**

Tuesday, July 29, 2025

Start 9:07 am

Finish 11:55 am

Ogimaa-Kwe (Chief) Councillor
Councillor
Councillor
CouncillorChair
Councillor
Councillor
Councillor
Recorder
Chief Admin. Officer
Sr. Dir. of Intergov. Affairs
MCFN Member
Guest

Claire Sault (joined the meeting via Teams)
Erma Ferrell
Larry Sault
Leslie Maracle
Fawn Sault (joined the meeting via Teams)
Ashley Sault
Jesse Herkimer
Charlotte Smith
Adam McDonald
Mark LaForme
Carolyn King
Kelly Hashemi

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 – OPEN MEETING

Chair/Councillor Leslie Maracle opened the meeting at 9:07 am.

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

MOTION NO. 1

MOVED BY JESSE HERKIMER

SECONDED BY ASHLEY SAULT

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Lifelong Learning & Awareness & Nation Well-Being Council accepts the Agenda with the following additions:

- Agenda Item No. 6a) – Gun Usage on MCFN First Nation (JH)
- Agenda Item No. 6b) – Appointment of Senior Director of Operations to become Ontario Works Administrator
- Agenda Item No. 12a) – 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, JUNE 24, 2025

MOTION NO. 2

MOVED BY LARRY SAULT

SECONDED BY JESSE HERKIMER

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, June 24, 2025.

Carried

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3a) – FYI – SUMMARY OF MOTIONS & DIRECTIONS FROM LIFELONG LEARNING & AWARENESS & NATION WELL-BEING COUNCIL MEETING DATED TUESDAY, JUNE 24, 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 – AIAI CHIEFS COUNCIL – BRIEFING NOTE DATED MONDAY, JULY 21, 2025 FOR DISCUSSION (CS)

Councillor LS provided the following Briefing Note to Council from the Director of Operations (Geoff Stonefish) from AIAI:

The purpose is to provide information to the AIAI Chiefs regarding the proposed funding cuts by Prime Minister Carney, specifically to Indigenous Affairs Canada and Crown Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs.

The Prime Minister has recently directed his Cabinet Ministers to seek savings and to cut operational spending by 7.5% for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, 10% for 2027-2028 and 15% in 2028-2029.

- No proposed cuts to transfers to the provinces for health and social programs, pensions or old age security, child care, pharma care and dental care.
- Previous to this announcement ISC had already started to implement a planned funding cut of \$5 Billion over the next three years.
- Carney's 15% cut would be over and above ISC planned reduction.
- CIRNAC will also cut funding by 15% over the next three years.
- Funding reduction plans are due to be completed before the next federal budget which will likely be in the fall of 2025.

Regarding internal structuring of ISC:

- ISC has undertaken a “Sustainability Review Strategy which is a three-year plan to address priorities and also includes an internal review and restructuring of the Ministry. ISC has completed an internal restructuring and will be implementing this as of September 2, 2025.
- A major change will be the implantation of a new Regional Delivery Sector which consolidates the management of First Nation and Inuit Health and Regional Operations. This seems to be reversing efforts over the years to separate FNIHB from ISC Operations.
- The overall goal of this restructuring is to increase efficiency to administration, programs and services which at the end of the day will result in cost savings for the Ministry.

As mentioned earlier, ISC had proposed \$5 Billion in funding reductions prior to the Prime Minister’s announcement. The current budget of ISC is approximately \$27.2 Billion, which is the second largest budget of a government Ministry, ISC has forecast a reduced budget of \$25.3 Billion for 2025-2026, \$21.4 Billion for 2026-2027 and \$20.1 Billion for 2027-2028 for a total reduction of \$5 Billion over the next three years.

Councillor LS stated that for Child and Family Services, land claims etc. the government will eventually tell us to use our own source revenue. Across the board, lots of staff will lose their jobs. He also stated that our big issue is that royalties were not paid to us.

Councillor LS and Ogimaa-Kwe are taking responsibility to understand budget cycles which is due in October.

Councillor LS stated that this information is more for the Chief Administrative Officer. All departments will need to know where the funding budget cuts are going to be. Councillor LS will be meeting with the Chief Administrative Officer following this meeting regarding upcoming funding cuts.

On another note, Councillor LS reiterated that Jordan’s Principle has been abused.

DIRECTION NO. 1

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Lifelong Learning & Awareness & Nation Well-Being Council directs the Chief Administrative Officer to follow up with the Directors regarding services data and relationships with ISC.

MCFN Member Carolyn King in at 9:25 am.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6a) – GUN USAGE ON MCFN FIRST NATION (JH)

Councillor JH brought this item to the Council Table as he has somewhat of a concern regarding gun usage after hours. Police were called on the weekend regarding shots being fired but they (Police) did not know what to do.

Councillor EF reiterated that years ago there was some kind of discussion on gun law.

However, MCFN Member Carolyn King informed that there was too much push back from the Community and not much was done.

Councillor AS stated that there are signs around the First Nation about when guns can be used.

Councillor LS added that we need to post gun control in our Newsletter as well.

DIRECTION NO. 2

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Lifelong Learning & Awareness & Nation Well-Being Council directs the Chief Administrative Officer to gather information regarding gun control and bring it back to the Council Table.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6b) – SENIOR DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS APPOINTED AS ONTARIO WORKS ADMINISTRATOR (AM)

Chief Administrative Officer informed that since there is now a Senior Director of Operations who oversees health and social services among other departments, she will now be appointed as the Ontario Works Administrator and will take over from the Senior Director of Intergovernmental Affairs.

Senior Director of Intergovernmental Affairs stated that the role of the Administrator is signing off on Ontario Works applications.

MOTION NO. 3

MOVED BY ERMA FERRELL

SECONDED BY JESSE HERKIMER

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Lifelong Learning & Awareness & Nation Well-Being Council appoints the Senior Director of Operations (Veronica King-Jamieson) as the Ontario Works Administrator which is being transferred from Senior Director of Intergovernmental Affairs (Mark LaForme).

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

Carolyn King out at 10:00 am.

Ogimaa-Kwe joined the meeting via Teams at 10:00 am.

MOTION NO. 4

MOVED BY JESSE HERKIMER

SECONDED BY ASHLEY SAULT

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

Carried

MOTION NO. 8

MOVED BY JESSE HERKIMER

SECONDED BY ASHLEY SAULT

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Lifelong Learning & Awareness & Nation Well-Being Council moved out of the In-Camera session.

Carried

Kelly Heshemi in at 11:30 am

AGENDA ITEM NO. 13 – PRESENTATION BY THE ASSOCIATION FOR NATIVE DEVELOPMENT IN THE PERFORMING & VISUAL ARTS (ANDPVA) (LM)

Kelly Hashemi from the Association for Native Development in the Performing and Visual Arts (ANDPVA) was invited to give a presentation to Ogimaa-Kwe and Council by Councillor Leslie Maracle.

Everyone was introduced.

Ms. Hashemi highlighted her report and noted that ANDPVA serves as a haven to nurture Indigenous peoples' traditions, stories, and cultures; provides a cultural lens for Indigenous artists and audiences to see themselves reflected back; is dedicated to raising awareness about gender-based violence (GBV) and to suggesting that traditional teachings heal and prevent GBV; provides safe spaces for conversations and education about GBV.

The objective of ANDPVA is to build an understanding of stereotypes and how they perpetuate GBV in the community, and to cultivate ownership in developing policy and offering services in the community to end violence.

The goal is to increase awareness around GBV, brainstorm new approaches to creating awareness and recommendation for new policies, and proposing resources available in the community to help implement change.

ANDPVA uses Sharing Circles and Teachings.

Councillor LM noted in her Briefing Note that they (ANDPVA) would like to come to MCFN to conduct Sharing Circles and Teachings over two days in which we will conduct a survey to establish a baseline for gender-based violence attitudes in the community as well as conduct an audit with a policy analyst to learn more about the community.

Councillor LM also stated that we can use this project in a lot of our departments in the organization.

Kelly Heshemi was thanked for her presentation and left at 11:50 am.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 14 – OTHER/NEW BUSINESS

There was no Other/New Business.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 15 – ADJOURNMENT

MOTION NO. 9

MOVED BY JESSE HERKIMER

SECONDED BY ASHLEY SAULT

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Lifelong Learning & Awareness & Nation Well-Being Council adjourned this meeting at 11:55 am.

Carried

