

**MISSISSAUGAS OF THE CREDIT FIRST NATION
INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COUNCIL
PUBLIC MINUTES
Tuesday, June 10, 2025**

Start 9:00 am

Finish 2:10 pm

Chief (Ogimaa-Kwe) Councillor/Chair
Councillor
Councillor
Councillor
Councillor
Councillor
Recorder
OPP Guests
Peace Hills Trust
Legal Counsel
Chief Financial Officer
Sr. Dir. of Operations

Claire Sault
Erma Ferrell
Jesse Herkimer
Leslie Maracle
Fawn Sault
Ashley Sault (Vacation)
Larry Sault (Away on other Council Business)
Charlotte Smith
Rod Leclair and Andrew Fox
Georgina Villeneuve and Jeremy Vander Hoek
Caitlin Beresford & Rebecca Wong
Tabitha King
Veronica King-Jamieson

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 – OPEN MEETING

Chair/Ogimaa-Kwe Claire Sault opened the meeting at 9:00 am.

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

MOTION NO. 1

MOVED BY FAWN SAULT

SECONDED BY LESLIE MARACLE

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

- Agenda Item No. 15a) – In-Camera Item
- Agenda Item No. 15b) – In-Camera Item
- Agenda Item No. 15c) – In-Camera Item
- Agenda Item No. 15d) – In-Camera Item
- Agenda Item No. 15e) – In-Camera Item
- Agenda Item No. 15f) – In-Camera Item

Carried

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

OPP Officer Rod Leclair and Haldimand Detachment Inspector Andrew Fox in at 9:00 am.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2a) – PRESENTATION OF MONTHLY OPP REPORT FOR MAY 2025 FROM DEPARTMENT COMMANDER ANDREW FOX & ROD LECLAIR

Andrew highlighted the OPP Report for May.

The rest of this item was moved In-Camera for privacy purposes of certain individuals.

OPP Monthly Report for May 2025 was accepted as information.

OPP Officer Rod Leclair and Haldimand Detachment Inspector Andrew Fox out at 9:20 am.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 – FYI – THERE WERE NO MINUTES FROM INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COUNCIL MEETING DATED TUESDAY, MAY 13, 2025 AS THERE WAS NO QUORUM. COUNCIL HAD LISTENED TO THE PRESENTATIONS BUT NO ACTION WAS TAKEN.

No Minutes were available for today's meeting.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4 – MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no Matters Arising from the Minutes.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5 – DONATION REQUEST FROM INDIAN DEFENSE LEAGUE OF AMERICA (BORDER CROSSING) (CS)

Indian Defense League of America (Border Crossing) in commemoration of the Jay Treaty of 1794 has once again requested a donation from MCFN for the Celebration which will be held on Saturday, July 19, 2025.

MOTION NO. 2

MOVED BY ERMA FERRELL

SECONDED BY LESLIE MARACLE

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Intergovernmental Relations Council gives approval to the Admin Clerk for Administration to fill out the application to the Special Events Donation Policy in the amount of \$1,000.00 (One Thousand Dollars) to be donated to the Indian Defense League of America.

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6 – NIAGARA REINFORCEMENT LINE (NRL) FINANCIAL UPDATE (EF)

Councillor EF provided a quarterly report from Hydro One regarding MCFN's investment in the Niagara Reinforcement Line.

MOTION NO. 3

MOVED BY LESLIE MARACLE

SECONDED BY FAWN SAULT

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Intergovernmental Relations Council acknowledges the Financial Report received from Jeffrey Smith/Managing Director Hydro One, as information.

The Financial Report states the Niagara Reinforcement Line (NRL), is generating revenue 5% higher than the original 2025 projection.

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

MOTION NO. 4

MOVED BY FAWN SAULT

SECONDED BY ERMA FERRELL

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Intergovernmental Relations Council moved to an In-Camera session at 9:30 am.

Carried

MOTION NO. 10

MOVED BY LESLIE MARACLE

SECONDED BY JESSE HERKIMER

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Intergovernmental Relations Council moved out of the In-Camera session at 10:30 am.

Carried

Senior Director of Operations in at 10:37 am.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 15b) – FIRST NATIONS WITH SCHOOLS COLLECTIVE (FNWSC) – VALUE OF ENGAGING GOVERNMENT WITH SUPPORT OF REGISTERED LOBBYISTS (LESLIE WHITE-EYE) (SENIOR DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS SPOKE TO THIS ITEM)

Leslee Whie-Eye noted in her Briefing Note that as part of the two pronged approach to reach an agreement with the Government of Canada, the FNWSC is requesting approval to engage StrategyCorp, a strategic advisory and government relations firm to perform specific lobbying activities that will assist in facilitating further negotiations with the Crown.

StrategyCorp is able to provide strategic advisory services without registering as lobbyists on behalf of FNWSC, such as drafting letters, Briefing Notes, and advising on who in different ministries that FNWSC should contact once those individuals are in place. However, FNWSC is unable to benefit from the full range of StrategyCorp's value and advance the Collective's objectives through its relationship with Ministers, political staffers, and senior bureaucrats in registerable activity. The excluded ability to directly email, call, and text current and former colleagues and acquaintances or to attend meetings alongside FNWSC reduces the "soft power" ability of StrategyCorp to influence the government on behalf of FNWSC.

MOTION NO. 11

MOVED BY FAWN SAULT

SECONDED BY JESSE HERKIMER

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Intergovernmental Relations Council approves the following:

That the MCFN Chief and Council recognize the importance of building and continuing relationships with the Government of Canada, and that the support of StrategyCorp's government relations expertise, including through registrable lobbying activities, working alongside FNWSC, will help to facilitate those relationships toward the successful negotiation of an agreement with the Crown. And that Chief and Council contribute \$7,000.00 (Seven Thousand Dollars) to FNWSC for the resourcing of lobbying activities. Dollars will come from Community Well-Being Jurisdictional Initiative Funding, Account No. 100130.

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

AGENDA ITEM NO. 15f) – IN-CAMERA ITEM – EMERGENCY TREATMENT FUND (ETF) 2024 – FUNDING OPPORTUNITY AND PROPOSAL FOR MISSISSAUGAS OF THE CREDIT FIRST NATION (MCFN) (HEALTH DIRECTOR)

Director of Health Services (Maggie Copeland) noted in her Briefing Note that the Emergency Treatment Fund (ETF) is a federal funding initiative aimed at supporting urgent and financially feasible projects that address the opioid overdose crisis and other substance use issues with Canadian communities. For 2024, the ETF anticipates funding projects that can be completed by March 31, 2025, with priority given to proposals that address urgent needs and are project ready.

The key goals of the EFT include increasing access to substance use services and improving the capacity of communities to respond to the overdose crisis. Indigenous communities, which have been disproportionately impacted by the opioid crisis, are encouraged to apply for this funding to develop culturally relevant, community driven solutions to substance use challenges.

Director of Health is taking care of this initiative.

Councillor FS questioned if some of these dollars could go to building a sweat lodge.

MOTION NO. 12

MOVED BY FAWN SAULT

SECONDED BY LESLIE MARACLE

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Intergovernmental Relations Council approves the acceptance of Emergency Treatment Funds (EFT) in the amount of \$1,013,627.00 (One Million & Thirteen Thousand Six Hundred Twenty-Seven Dollars).

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

Senior Director of Operations out at 11:10 am.

Council moved to Agenda Item No. 15a).

Legal Counsel Caitlin Beresford and Rebecca Wong joined the meeting via Teams at 11:10 am.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 15a) – IN-CAMERA ITEM – REVIEW OF ELECTION LAW (CB & RW)

Cait reviewed the Election Law and it was agreed that there would be more changes.

Caitlin Beresford and Rebecca Wong will carry on with reviewing the Election Law on Tuesday, June 24, 2025 – Lifelong Learning & Awareness & Nation Well-Being Council Meeting from 1:00 to 3:00 pm.

Rebecca Wong left at 1:00 pm and Caitlin Beresford left at 1:30 pm.

Council moved back to Agenda Item No. 14.

Georgina Villeneuve and Jeremy Vander Hoek joined the meeting via Teams at 1:30 pm.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 14 – TORONTO PURCHASE TRUST – INTERIM REPORT & Q1 2025 PERFORMANCE REPORT (GEORGINA VILLENEUVE & JEREMY VANDER HOEK FROM PEACE HILLS TRUST JOINING THE MEETING VIA TEAMS)

Jeremy Vander Hoek reviewed the Performance Report and the Interim Report with Ogimaa-Kwe and Council.

Georgina reiterated that Mawer should be removed as Investment Manager as they have not been performing well for at least the last three to four years.

DIRECTION NO. 2

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Intergovernmental Relations Council directs Georgina Villeneuve of Peace Hills Trust to bring back options with regard to Mawer Portfolio. This item will come back to the next Lifelong Learning & Awareness & Nation Well-Being Council Meeting on Tuesday, June 24, 2025.

Georgina Villeneuve and Jeremy Vander Hoek left the meeting at 1:50 pm.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7 – WILLOW PROJECT FEASIBILITY STUDY (AS)

Councillor AS noted that Pillar 6 was tasked to create a plan for the former Green Willow property.

A committee has been established and has worked hard to sort out everything pertaining to this property. And further, the committee has been able to finalize the feasibility study. This study includes all community input as well as the financials and costs of the overall project.

MOTION NO. 13

MOVED BY JESSE HERKIMER

SECONDED BY LESLIE MARACLE

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Intergovernmental Relations Council accepts and approves the Feasibility Plan/Report by Bain & Smith for the Green Willow Property (aka The Willow Project) as presented by the Willow Project Committee.

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

DIRECTION NO. 3

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Intergovernmental Relations Council directs Councillor Ashley Sault to provide a Committee Summary and next steps regarding the Willow Project.

Council moved to Agenda Item No. 13.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 13 – IN-CAMERA ITEM – PROJECT MANAGER JOB DESCRIPTION (AS) (BACK-UP WILL FOLLOW)

This item will come back to the Council Table on Tuesday, June 24th.

DIRECTION NO. 4

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Intergovernmental Relations Council directs Councillor Ashley Sault to forward the Project Manager Job Description to Ogimaa-Kwe & Council via email for approval.

Council moved to Agenda Item No. 16.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 16 – ADJOURNMENT

MOTION NO. 14

MOVED BY LESLIE MARACLE

SECONDED BY JESSE HERKIMER

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Intergovernmental Relations Council adjourned this meeting at 2:10 pm.

Carried