

**MISSISSAUGAS OF THE CREDIT FIRST NATION
LIFELONG LEARNING & AWARENESS & NATION WELL-BEING
COUNCIL MEETING
PUBLIC MINUTES
Tuesday, May 27, 2025**

Start 9:05 am

Finish 2:50 pm

Ogimaa-Kwe (Chief) Councillor
Councillor
Councillor
CouncillorChair
Councillor
Councillor
Councillor
Recorder
LM Director
Child & Family Services of Grand Erie
WP Benefits

Claire Sault
Erma Ferrell
Larry Sault
Leslie Maracle
Fawn Sault
Ashley Sault
Jesse Herkimer
Charlotte Smith
Delainie King (joined meeting via Teams)
Sally Johnson
Ilija Parojcic & Cheryl-Ann Binnai

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 – OPEN MEETING

Chair/Councillor Leslie Maracle opened the meeting at 9:05 am.

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

MOTION NO. 1

MOVED BY LARRY SAULT

SECONDED BY FAWN 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. 13a) – Caledon Golf Tournament (EF)
- Agenda Item no. 13b) – Will there be Council Meetings on June 10th and 17th, 2025?
- Agenda Item No. 13c) – Animal Welfare Services (FS)
- Agenda Item No. 21a) – In-Camera Item – Personnel Issue (CS)
- Agenda Item No. 21b) – In-Camera Item – Personnel Issue

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, APRIL 22, 2025

MOTION NO. 2

MOVED BY JESSE HERKIMER

SECONDED BY FAWN 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, April 22, 2025.

Carried

AGENMDA ITEM NO. 3a) – FYI – SUMMARY OF MOTIONS & DIRECTIONS FROM LIFELONG LEARNING & AWARENESS & NATION WELL-BEING COUNCIL MEETING DATED TUESDAY, APRIL 22, 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.

Council moved to Agenda Item No. 6.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6 – WEST HALDIMAND GENERAL HOSPITAL & HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION GOLF TOURNAMENT SPONSOR (LM)

Councillor LM noted that the West Haldimand General Hospital is looking for sponsorship for their 2025 golf tournament. Last year the Community was invited to play and they loved it.

A spot has been confirmed for a foursome, and along with that we need to decide the sponsorship level and who will be attending.

MOTION NO. 3

MOVED BY LARRY SAULT

SECONDED BY JESSE HERKIMER

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Lifelong Learning & Awareness & Nation Well-Being Council approves the sponsorship of \$2,000.00 (Two Thousand Dollars) for the West Haldimand General Hospital & Healthcare Foundation Golf Tournament, and requests that one or two members of the Health Team participate along with Pillar Lead 2 (Councillor Leslie Maracle) and a member from the Community. Councillor LM will confirm where the dollars are coming from.

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

MOTION NO. 4

MOVED BY FAWN SAULT

SECONDED BY ERMA FERRELL

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Lifelong Learning & Awareness & Nation Well-Being Council moved to an In-Camera session at 9:20 am.

Carried

MOTION NO. 5

MOVED BY LARRY SAULT

SECONDED BY ERMA FERRELL

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Lifelong Learning & Awareness & Nation Well-Being Council moved out of the In-Camera session at 9:45 am.

Carried

Council moved to Agenda Item No. 7.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7 – VICTIM SERVICES GALA (LM)

The Victim Services Gala is on Thursday, June 12, 2025 at The Greens at Renton. It is noted that Councillors Leslie Maracle and Jesse Herkimer will be attending.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8 – EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE FOR MEMBERS (LM)

Councillor LM noted in her Briefing Note that MCFN has an emergency fund policy for members who fit into the low income bracket or receive assistance from OW/ODSP, etc. We do not have help for our working members who experience trauma and need immediate assistance. This is discriminatory

As requested an emergency policy has been created. I am seeking approval or suggestions.

A new policy for emergency funding has been created and needs to be approved or revised for Councillor Leslie to apply to the Trust Fund and create an account with the Finance Team. This fund will be delegated to the Nation Well-Being Pillar 2 to maintain consistency for all members.

Councillor LS questioned what is deemed an emergency. We need a list of the information and we need parameters. Councillor AS added that natural disasters need to be added to the list.

On another note, Councillor LS reiterated that we want to create a long-term plan for topping up Seniors' incomes etc. The Community Trust should be utilized also.

DIRECTION NO. 3

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Lifelong Learning & Awareness & Nation Well-Being Council directs Councillor Leslie Maracle to speak with the Senior Director of Operations (Veronica King-Jamieson) and request that she (VKJ) revise the policy titled Emergency Policy – Band Funds (Admin).

Council moved to Agenda Item No. 13a).

AGENDA ITEM NO. 13a) – CALEDON GOLF TOURNAMENT (EF) – WHO WILL BE ATTENDING?

It is noted that Councillors Erma Ferrell, Ashley Sault and Fawn Sault will attend the Caledon Golf Tournament.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 13b) – COUNCIL MEETINGS OF JUNE 10TH AND JUNE 17TH 2025 – WILL THERE BE QUORUM FOR THESE MEETINGS?

DIRECTION NO. 4

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Lifelong Learning & Awareness & Nation Well-Being Council directs Senior Director of Intergovernmental Affairs and Victoria Gray to post the following Notice on the Website:

It is noted that the Intergovernmental Relations Council Meeting on June 10, 2025 will have quorum and will go ahead.

The Infrastructure & Environmental Stewardship Council Meeting on Tuesday, June 17, 2025 will be cancelled as there will not be quorum. Ogimaa-Kwe & Council will be attending Chiefs of Ontario Annual General Assembly.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 13c) – ANIMAL WELFARE SERVICES – AGREEMENT OF PERMISSION (FS)

DIRECTION NO. 5

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Lifelong Learning & Awareness & Nation Well-Being Council directs the Senior Director of Intergovernmental Affairs to work on the edits regarding the Agreement of Permission (attached) i.e. in the body of the Agreement, do not use acronyms; in the third paragraph the date is May 27, 2025; in the fifth paragraph, add “s” to the word investigations. And further, put the Notice on MCFN Letterhead and bring back to Council for approval.

Council moved back to Agenda Item No. 9.

Sally Johnson Executive Director of Child and Family Services Grand Erie in at 10:20 am.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9 – CHILD & FAMILY SERVICES OF GRAND ERIE (LM)

Everyone was introduced.

Sally Johnson gave the following background information:

- Child & Family Services of Grand Erie is focused on reconciliation.
- There are five children in our care: two siblings in Simcoe, two at Six Nations and one in Oshawa.
- There are 17 ongoing files.
- We now have a Jordan's Principle Navigator in our office.

Regarding Customary Care, Director of Social Services (Yvonne Bomberry) is working on a policy so that children who are being apprehended could go to family or a Community member they know and trust and feel safe with, without severing the relationship.

Ms. Johnson requested Council's advice on customary care as we do have a protocol with MCFN. She also stated that they are trying to build a better relationship of how First Nations view the Children's Aid Society (CAS).

Ogimaa-Kwe informed that she has not seen a push in our Community for recruiting foster parents. However, Councillor LM says otherwise, and that there is a push for fostering.

Ogimaa-Kwe suggested doing an engagement with people who would step up. We could also send a notice to the Community,

DIRECTION NO. 6

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Lifelong Learning & Awareness & Nation Well-Being Council directs the Senior Director of Operations (Veronica King-Jamieson) to work with the Director of Social Services to plan a Community Engagement Session with Child and Family Services of Grand Erie which will include engaging potential foster parents.

Sally Johnson was thanked for her presentation and left at 10:40 am.

Council moved to Agenda Item No. 11.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 11 – REQUEST FOR DOLLARS FOR THE THREE FIRES
HOMECOMING POW WOW (CAROLYN KING)**

The Pow Wow Committee is requesting funding in the amount of \$132,700.00 for the 2025 Three Fires Homecoming Pow Wow.

The Pow Wow Committee would also like to send out donation letters to the MCFN Trust's and MCFN partnerships/investors.

Councillor EF questioned where the dollars would be coming from.

DIRECTION NO. 7

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Lifelong Learning & Awareness & Nation Well-Being Council directs Carolyn King (Library & Cultural Committee Chair) to clarify where the dollars are coming from and provide the budget from last year (2024). Further, define exactly what the "asks" are. This will be brought back to the Council Table when completed.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 12 – MCBC REQUESTING A MEETING TIME FOR THE ANNUAL
GENERAL MEETING FOR THE MISSISSAUGAS OF THE CREDIT BUSINESS
CORPORATION (WARREN SAULT)**

DIRECTION NO. 8

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Lifelong Learning & Awareness & Nation Well-Being Council directs Councillor Jesse Herkimer to convey to Warren Sault of MCBC that the date that Council chose for the Annual General Meeting is **Wednesday, June 25, 2025**.

MOTION NO. 6

MOVED BY FAWN SAULT

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 at 11:35 am.

Carried