

MISSISSAUGAS OF THE CREDIT FIRST NATION
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
PUBLIC MINUTES
Tuesday, October 14, 2025

Start 9:03 am

Finish 11:55 am

Ogimaa-Kwe (Chief) Councillor/Chair
Councillor
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Councillor
Councillor
Recorder
Chief Admin. Officer
Sr. Dir. of Intergov. Affairs
DOCA Consultation Manager
Peacekeeper Supervisor
Lands & Membership Officer
MCFN Member
OPP Guests

Claire Sault
Erma Ferrell
Larry Sault
Leslie Maracle
Fawn Sault (joined the meeting via Teams)
Ashley Sault (joined the meeting via Teams)
Jesse Herkimer
Charlotte Smith
Adam McDonald
Mark LaForme
Megan DeVries
Nadine LaForme
Madison Watson
Veronica Tobicoe
Rod Leclair, Andrew Fox, Lorne Boyko

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 – OPEN MEETING

Chair/Ogimaa-Kwe opened the meeting at 9:03 am.

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

MOTION NO. 1

MOVED BY JESSE HERKIMER

SECONDED BY LARRY SAULT

That the MCFN Regular Council accepts the Agenda with the following additions:

- Agenda Item No. 22a) – In-Camera Item
- Agenda Item No. 22b) – In-Camera Item

Carried

When we get to Agenda Item No. 20, Recorder will be excused because of a Conflict of Interest.

OPP Detachment Commander Andrew Fox, OPP Officer Rod Leclir, and OPP Detachment Board Chair Lorne Boyko and Peacekeeper Supervisor in at 8:55 am.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2a) – PRESENTATION OF OPP MONTHLY REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 2025 (ANDREW FOX, ROD LECLAIR)

OPP Detachment Commander Andrew Fox highlighted the OPP Monthly Report for September 2025. He noted that the OPP assisted in the Truth and Reconciliation events in Hagersville which was very successful.

Councillor JH noted that the Food Bank does not own the property where the above event took place. Rod Leclair will work things out with the owner.

Ogimaa-Kwe and Council acknowledged the OPP Monthly Report for September 2025 from Detachment Commander Andrew Fox.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2b) – PRESENTATION OF ANNUAL REPORT OF HALDIMAND OPP DETACHMENT FOR 2024 (LORNE BOYKO)

Haldimand County OPP Detachment Board Chair Lorne Boyko highlighted the Annual Report of Haldimand OPP Detachment for 2024.

In his handout, Lorne Boyko noted that in accordance with Section 68(1)(f) of the Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019 (CSPA), the Haldimand OPP Detachment Board is pleased to present its 2024 Annual Report.

This report outlines key policing activities, community safety initiatives, and priorities over the past year. It reflects the Board's commitment to effective oversight, transparent governance, and collaborative community-based policing in partnership with the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP).

The Police Services Act has been changed to Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019. One big change is the addition of the formation of Indigenous Policing. Councillor Leslie Maracle and Nadine LaForme are on the Board.

Lorne is the Chair of the Haldimand OPP Detachment Board and he meets with Andrew Fox regularly.

Councillor LS stated that the Chiefs of Ontario have a lawsuit against policing in Ontario. His concerns are policing should be an essential service, police on reserve are underpaid, and the OPP and Peacekeepers cannot enforce on the reserve.

Lorne stated that a new action plan is forthcoming. He also believes it is wise to build a good relationship with the OPP Detachment Commander.

OPP Detachment Commander Andrew Fox, OPP Officer Rod Leclair, and OPP Detachment Board Chair Lorne Boyko and Peacekeeper Supervisor were thanked for their presentations and left the meeting at 9:45 am.

SEPARATE ITEM

Madison Watson was invited to the meeting to introduce herself to Ogimaa-Kwe and Council. She is the newest Lands and Membership Officer to be working in the Lands and Membership Office/Department. She started work on Monday, October 13, 2025. Ogimaa-Kwe and Council welcomed her to the MCFN organization.

Council moved to Agenda Item No. 5

Kent Elson (Legal Counsel) joined the meeting via Teams at 9:55 am.

MOTION NO. 2

MOVED BY JESSE HERKIMER

SECONDED BY LARRY SAULT

That the MCFN Regular Council moved to an In-Camera session at 9:55 am.

Carried

MOTION NO. 3

MOVED BY LARRY SAULT

SECONDED BY ERMA FERRELL

That the MCFN Regular Council moved out of the In-Camera session at 10:05 am.

Carried

Council moved to Agenda Item No. 3.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 – REVIEW AND ACCEPT THE PUBLIC MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING DATED TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2025

MOTION NO. 4

MOVED BY LARRY SAULT

SECONDED BY ERMA FERRELL

That the MCFN Regular Council accepts the Public Minutes of the regular Council Meeting dated Tuesday, September 2, 2025.

Carried

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3a) – REVIEW AND ACCEPT THE PUBLIC MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING DATED TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2025

MOTION NO. 5

MOVED BY JESSE HERKIMER

SECONDED BY FAWN SAULT

That the MCFN Regular Council accepts the Public Minutes of the regular Council Meeting dated Tuesday, September 23, 2025.

Carried

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4 – MATTERS ARISING FROM COUNCIL MINUTES

There were no Matters Arising from the Minutes.

MOTION NO. 6

MOVED BY JESSE HERKIMER

SECONDED BY LARRY SAULT

That the MCFN Regular Council moved to an In-Camera session at 10:10 am.

Carried

MOTION NO. 8

MOVED BY LARRY SAULT

SECONDED BY JESSE HERKIMER

That the MCFN Regular Council moved out of the In-Camera session at 10:30 am.

Carried

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7 – YOUTH CULTURAL CAMP ALLOCATION, ASSOCIATION OF IROQUOIS AND ALLIED INDIANS (AIAI) (PB)

Director of Lifelong Learning noted in her Briefing Note that she is requesting Council to accept a transfer payment from Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians (AIAI). AIAI is providing a transfer payment of \$12,000.00 (Twelve thousand dollars and zero cents) to spend or reimburse any activities that connect with their own identities, diverse languages, teachings, practices, sports, territories, and culture.

The funds will need to be expensed by March 31, 2026, and by accepting the funds Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) agrees to adhere to all requirements outlined in the agreement.

Chief Administrative Officer questioned why a Motion is necessary to accept funding. Councillor EF answered that it has to be recorded publicly – money in and money out.

Councillor LS believes that our Youth Reps for AIAI should be involved in this as well eg. activities that connect with their own identities, diverse languages, teachings, practices, sports, territories and culture.

MOTION NO. 9

MOVED BY JESSE HERKIMER

SECONDED BY ERMA FERRELL

That the MCFN Regular Council accepts the transfer payment of \$12,000.00 (Twelve thousand dollars and zero cents) to help our Youth be active in their own identities, diverse languages, teachings, practices, sports, territories, and culture.

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8 – APPROVAL OF NEW CREDIT UNITED CHURCH RECORDS (EF)

Councillor EF noted in her Briefing Note that after several attempts at trying to access the New Credit United Church Records, it is her understanding our Records Department can provide her with the information originally requested on September 5, 2023 from our Records Department.

At this time, she (Councillor EF) is requesting our Nation purchase the necessary USB's to have our current Records Department load the New Credit United Church Records to the USB's.

Upon receipt of the information from our Records department, she (Councillor EF) will then provide the Delaware United Church with the USB's.

Chief Administrative Officer stated that when files are on USB's there is no security.

MOTION NO. 10

MOVED BY LARRY SAULT

SECONDED BY ERMA FERRELL

That the MCFN Regular Council grants the MCFN Records Manager permission to copy the New Credit United Church Records onto two USB's.

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9 – MCFN RECORDS DEPARTMENT RETENTION (EF)

Councillor EF noted that it is important that we secure funding to maintain an employee for our Records Department.

Funds can also be transferred from the Toronto Purchase – Community Development Account and/or from the Gaming dollars.

DIRECTION NO. 1

That the MCFN Regular Council directs the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to secure funding to maintain our MCFN Records Department and elevate this as a sustainable priority.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 10a) – FUNDING REQUEST FOR PILLAR 5

It was agreed that Councillor EF would hold off pursuing this funding request until she has had further discussion with the Chief Financial Officer.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 10b) – PROPOSAL TO RELOCATE REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE (AM)

A Briefing Note has been prepared by the Admin Clerk wherein she is putting forward a proposal to relocate the Annual Remembrance Day Service from the Veteran's Memorial Service in the Grove to the Community Centre.

Councillor LS suggested having an extra tent and extra heaters.

Councillor LM suggested that we have the ceremony outside and have the meal inside.

It was agreed that the Remembrance Day Service would continue to be hosted at the Veterans Memorial in the Grove.

Further, there will be a tribute for our late Elder Garry Sault to be done by his sons.

MOTION NO. 11

MOVED BY JESSE HERKIMER

SECONDED BY FAWN SAULT

That the MCFN Regular Council moved to an In-Camera session at 11:15 am.

Carried