

**MISSISSAUGAS OF THE CREDIT FIRST NATION
INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COUNCIL
PUBLIC MINUTES**

Tuesday, December 10, 2024

Start 9:15 am

Finish 2:20 pm

**Chief (Ogimaa-Kwe) Councillor
Councillor
Councillor
Councillor**

**Claire Sault
Erma Ferrell
Jesse Herkimer
Leslie Maracle (Away on Other Council
Business)**

**Councillor
Councillor**

**Fawn Sault (Via Zoom)
Veronica King-Jamieson (Away on Other
Council Business)**

**Councillor
Councillor (Chair)
Chief Administration Officer
Recorder
OPP Guest**

**Ashley Sault
Larry Sault
Tracy Brant
Charlotte Smith
OPP Officer Rod Leclair**

**Director of Lifelong Learning
Elementary/Secondary Advisor
Guests from GEDSB
Senior Dir. of Operations
LSK Principal
MCFN Member**

**Patti Barber
Angela Sault
Kevin Graham, John Paul, Deneen Montour
Drew Denton
Matt King
Veronica Tobicoe**

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 – OPEN MEETING

Chair/Councillor Larry Sault opened the meeting at 9:15 am.

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

MOTION NO. 1

MOVED BY JESSE HERKIMER

SECONDED BY FAWN SAULT

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

- Agenda Item No. 3a) – OPP Report;
- Agenda Item No. 6a) – MCBC – Annual General Meeting (JH);
- Agenda Item No. 6b) – Question on Funding Regarding Healing Forest (EF);
- Agenda Item No. 11 – Deleted;
- Agenda Item No. 12a) – In-Camera Item (LS);
- Agenda Item No. 12b) – In-Camera Item (LS).

Carried

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

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 – REVIEW & ACCEPT PUBLIC MINUTES OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COUNCIL MEETING DATED TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2024

The Public Minutes for the above meeting were not available as the Recorder was away sick. These Minutes will be on the next Intergovernmental Relations Council Meeting dated Tuesday, January 14, 2025.

OPP Officer Rod Leclair in at 9:00 am.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3a) – MONTHLY OPP REPORT

This report will be added to the next Infrastructure and Environmental Stewardship Council Meeting dated Tuesday, December 17, 2024.

OPP Officer Rod Leclair out at 9:20 am.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4 – MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no Matters Arising from the Minutes.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5 – NEW YEARS EVE PARTY (LM)

Councillor LM would like to organize a New Year's Eve Party at the Community Centre. 2022 and 2023 have seen successful (for the most part) New Year's Eve Parties.

Councillor LM is requesting a budget of \$5,000.00 and the Chief Financial Officer (Sergey Hovosapyan) indicated that there are funds available.

In the event that Public Works Staff are not available, and it is snowing, Councillor LM will bring in an independent contractor for snow removal.

MOTION NO. 2

MOVED BY ERMA FERRELL

SECONDED BY FAWN SAULT

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Intergovernmental Relations Council approves a New Year's Eve Event to happen at the MCFN Community Centre on December 31, 2024. Councillor Leslie Maracle will be taking the lead and will be using dollars (not to exceed \$5,000.00) from the Pillar 2 Budget. Senior Director of Finance stated that there are dollars in the Pillar 2 Budget. In the event that it will be snowing, and Public Works staff are not available, Councillor LM will bring in an independent contractor for snow removal.

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

Jason Peltier zoomed in at 9:40 am.

Senior Director of Finance in at 9:42 am.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6 – MCFN FIRST NATIONS FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT BOARD PRESENTATION (JASON PELTIER)

Jason Peltier of the Financial Management Board zoomed in today to speak with Council about the Financial Management Board.

Below is an email from Mr. Peltier and what he is requesting from MCFN:

*Aanii Hello Chief Sault, Sergey and Marlene
Miigwech for the invitation to meet with Chief & Council this morning.*

I attached updated BCR and Letter of Cooperation to include Ashley Sault on the signature block.

These two items are the main documents to be signed to get started.

1. Please have C/C review and sign the Band Council Resolution to request a formal review by FMB. (See Attached) This document represents Chief and Council's instruction to FMB for a review of their Financial Administration Law ("FAL")

2. Please have C/C review and sign the Letter of Cooperation with FMB. (See Attached) This is a legal non-binding document that provides us with the primary contacts designated to represent your community in the development of your FAL and support your First Nation in developing the capacity to meet their financial management requirements. Services are at no cost.

3. After we receive the above two documents we will send over a funding agreement. We will provide \$7,500 to offset legal costs associated with the review and development of the Financial Administration Law.

I am here to support you through this process. Please reach out if you have any questions.

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Jason Peltier
Relationship Manager

Mr. Peltier stated that MCFN is now scheduled for the First Nations Fiscal Management Act. He also advised that MCFN should get legal advice, and there are dollars available for obtaining such, in the amount of \$7,500.00. He stressed that MCFN should review the Letter of Cooperation.

Mr. Peltier was thanked for his presentation and zoomed out 10:05 am.

Councillor LS stated that past Councils did not accept the 10 year grant. He questioned if this Council wants to accept this. If we join this Financial Management Board we will have to accept the 10 year grant.

DIRECTION NO. 1

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Intergovernmental Relations Council directs the Senior Director of Finance to inquire and clarify with Jason Peltier if it is optional to accept the 10 year grant – what is mandatory and what is not.

DIRECTION NO. 2

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Intergovernmental Relations Council directs the Senior Director of Finance to write a report on the risk factors of joining the Financial Management Board, and further, write a report on why other people's money can be used.

Senior Director of Finance out at 10:30 am.

Kevin Graham, John Paul, Deneen Montour zoomed in at 10:43 am.

Director of Lifelong Learning, Elementary Secondary Advisor (Angela Sault) in at 10:43 am.

Senior Director of Operations (Drew Denton) in at 10:45 am.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7 – PRESENTATION BY KEVIN GRAHAM - GRAND ERIE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD (GEDSB) EDUCATION SERVICES AGREEMENT PROGRESS REPORT 2023-2024

Director of Lifelong Learning noted in her Briefing Note that she is providing Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation Intergovernmental Relations Council with a progress report on the Grand Erie District School Board (GEDSB) Education Service Agreement from the 2023 academic year. Kevin Graham has agreed to present this data as information to MCFN today.

The GEDSB Superintendent of Education, Kevin Graham has the accumulated data requested through our Reciprocal Education Service Agreement on Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation students attending GEDSB schools. The data report includes, enrolment numbers, attendance records, suspension totals, credit accumulation by grade, EQAO test results, and IEP data.

MOTION NO. 3

MOVED BY JESSE HERKIMER

SECONDED BY ASHLEY SAULT

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Intergovernmental Relations Council accepts the Grand Erie District School Board Education Services Agreement Progress Report for 2023-2024.

Carried

Kevin Graham, John Paul, Deneen Montour zoomed out at 11:30 am.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8 – INQUIRING ABOUT WHETHER THERE IS INTEREST IN THE EDUCATION PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM WITH AIAI (PB)

AIAI has sent a Briefing Note inquiring whether MCFN would like to join the Education Partnerships Program (EPP) through the Association of Iroquois & Allied Indians (AIAI).

The EPP does have a specific list of types of eligible activities they support: Education Partnerships Program: Partnerships: National Program Guidelines 2025-2026.

AIAI will submit the proposal, final reports, and attend meetings with funders. We will also connect with the member Nations who are a part of the EPP to get an understanding of the progression and success of the EPP funded programs.

MOTION NO. 4

MOVED BY CLAIRE SAULT

SECONDED BY ERMA FERRELL

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Intergovernmental Relations Council approves of our (MCFN) participation for the application from the Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians to Indigenous Services Canada Education Partnerships Program.

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9 – YOUTH CULTURAL CAMP ALLOCATION, ASSOCIATION OF IROQUOIS AND ALLIED INDIANS (PB)

Director of Lifelong Learning noted in her Briefing Note that AIAI is providing a transfer payment of \$25,000.00 to spend or reimburse any activities that connect with their own identities, diverse languages, teachings, practices, sports, territories, and culture.

Accepting the transfer payment of \$25,000.00 from the Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians (AIAI) will help with:

- Program Materials
- Equipment costs
- Professional and/or Elder fees
- Honorariums for guest speakers, facilitators and/or chaperones
- Travel
- Accommodations
- Facility rentals
- Food & Supplies
- Funds to top up community-based plans for youth in community
- Office Supplies, Copying and Printing (Admin)
- Promotion & marketing materials

The funds will need to be expensed by March 31, 2025 and by accepting the funds Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) agrees to adhere to all requirements outlined in the agreement.

MOTION NO. 5

MOVED BY CLAIRE SAULT

SECONDED BY JESSE HERKIMER

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Intergovernmental Relations Council accepts the Transfer Payment of \$25,000.00 (Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars) to help our Youth be active in their own identities, diverse languages, teachings, practices, sports, territories and culture.

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

Director of Lifelong Learning, Elementary Secondary Advisor (Angela Sault) out at 11:40 am.

Council moved to Agenda Item No. 6a).

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6a) – MCBC REQUESTING AN ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING IN JANUARY 2025 (JH)

Councillor JH noted that MCBC is requesting an Annual General Meeting preferably Wednesday, January 22, 2025.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6b) – FUNDING FOR THE HEALING FOREST (EF)**DIRECTION NO. 3**

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Intergovernmental Relations Council directs Councillor EF to bring all pertinent information regarding the Healing Forest in Burlington back to the Council Table. Councillor EF was questioning whether or not any other department in our organization had applied for any of these dollars through the Truth and Reconciliation Fund.

Council moved to Agenda Item No. 11.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 11 – LANGUAGE CLASS INITIATIVE (AS)

Councillor AS is requesting that the Language classes resume.

It was agreed that the Chief Administration Officer will work with the Senior Director of Intergovernmental Affairs regarding this item as it falls under the Pillar 7 portfolio (Inclusive Leadership and Governance).

DIRECTION NO. 4

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Intergovernmental Relations Council directs the Chief Administration Officer to work with the Senior Director of Intergovernmental Affairs regarding the Language Class Initiative which Councillor AS brought to the Council Table. This item will come back to the next Infrastructure & Environmental Stewardship Council Meeting on Tuesday, December 17, 2024.

Council moved back to Agenda Item No. 10.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 10 – NCVGB QUOTA UPDATE (SED DIRECTOR)

DSED (Amanda Braun) noted in her Briefing Note that on March 21, 2024, the Intergovernmental Relations Council approved the Tobacco Quota Allocation Distribution for 2024/2025. New Credit Variety & Gas Bar (NCVGB) was allotted 15,853 cartons at that time.

NCVGB currently has (as of November 27, 2024) 9,500 quota cartons to purchase from Core-Mark before March 31, 2025. If these cartons are not purchased by March 31, 2025, the remaining quota cartons will be lost as they cannot be carried over in to the new fiscal allotment.

The DSED has already been contacted by one of the retailers asking if there will be a quota re-allotment for this fiscal. If a re-allotment is approved, the DSED would reach out to all retailers to offer the approved number of quota cartons prior to sending the re-allocation information in to the Ministry of Finance.

Ogimaa-Kwe suggested selling the 9,500 cartons for \$1.00 extra on each carton.

DSED will get the mark-up on the cost first. This item will come back to the Council Table in the new year.

MOTION NO. 6

MOVED BY JESSE HERKIMER

SECONDED BY ASHLEY SAULT

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Intergovernmental Relations Council moved to an In-Camera session at 1:10 pm.

Carried