

**MISSISSAUGAS OF THE CREDIT FIRST NATION
INFRASTRUCTURE & ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL
MEETING
PUBLIC MINUTES**

Tuesday, December 17, 2024

Start 9:10 am

Finish 3:30 pm

Ogimaa-Kwe (Chief) Councillor
Councillor
Councillor
Councillor
Councillor/Chair
Councillor
Councillor

Chief Administration Officer
Recorder
Sen Dir. of Intergov. Affairs
Senior Director of Operations
Guests from OPP

Claire Sault (via Zoom)
Erma Ferrell
Larry Sault (via Zoom)
Veronica King-Jamieson
Leslie Maracle (via Zoom)
Fawn Sault
Jesse Herkimer
**Ashley Sault (Left meeting at 11:45 am, and
went home to attend via Zoom)**
Tracy Brant
Charlotte Smith
Mark LaForme
Drew Denton
Rod Leclair and Andrew Fox

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 – OPEN MEETING

Chair/Councillor Fawn Sault opened the meeting at 9:10 am.

NOTE: Councillor VKJ kindly requested that any part of today's Council Meeting not be recorded.

Council moved to Agenda Item No. 2a).

OPP Officers Andrew Fox and Rod Leclair in at 9:05 am.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2a) – PRESENTATION OF OPP MONTHLY REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 2024

OPP Officer Rod Leclair presented the Monthly OPP Report for November 2025.

Councillor VKJ questioned if the OPP notify anyone on the First Nation when they (OPP) are coming to observe. Rod answered that they do not do that unless it is for a big event.

MOTION NO. 1

MOVED BY JESSE HERKIMER SECONDED BY VERONICA KING-JAMIESON
That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Infrastructure & Environmental Stewardship Council accepts the OPP Monthly Report for November 2024.

Carried

OPP Officers Andrew Fox and Rod Leclair out at 9:35 am.

Council moved back to Agenda Item No. 2.

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

MOTION NO. 2

MOVED BY JESSE HERKIMER

SECONDED BY VERONICA KING-JAMIESON

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Infrastructure & Environmental Stewardship Council accepts the Agenda with the following additions:

- Agenda Item No. 13a) – Letter of Support for FNWSC (VKJ);
- Agenda Item No. 13b) – Anishinaabemowin Classes for the Nation (AS);
- Agenda Item No. 13c) – Hillcore Group would like to contribute to MCFN (JH);
- Agenda Item No. 13d) – Organizational Review Chart (TB);
- Agenda Item No. 13e) – Housing Update (TB);
- Agenda Item No. 13f) – Complaint from Ogimaa-Kwe regarding recording of Council Meetings;
- Agenda Item No. 19a) – In-Camera Item;
- Agenda Item No. 19b) – In-Camera Item.

Carried

When we get to Agenda Item No. 15, Councillor VKJ will excuse herself because of a Conflict of Interest.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 – REVIEW & ACCEPT THE PUBLIC MINUTES OF INFRASTRUCTURE AND ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL MEETING DATED TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2024

DIRECTION NO. 1

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Infrastructure & Environmental Stewardship Council directs the Chief Administration Officer to investigate whether or not the LSK Drum Group has been paid. This item will come back to the Council Table once the Motions/Directions are located.

MOTION NO. 3

MOVED BY ASHLEY SAULT

SECONDED BY VERONICA KING-JAMIESON

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Infrastructure & Environmental Stewardship Council accepts the Public Minutes of Infrastructure and Environmental Stewardship Council Meeting dated Tuesday, November 19, 2024.

Carried

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3a) – FYI – SUMMARY OF MOTIONS & DIRECTIONS FROM INFRASTRUCTURE AND ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL MEETING DATED TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2024

This is an FYI for Ogimaa-Kwe and Council.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4 – MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no Matters Arising from the Minutes.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5 – OJIBWAY NAMES REGARDING ROADS (EF)

Councillor EF received an email request from Carolyn Van Sligtenhorst who is the Supervisor for Heritage Conservation Planning Development for the City of Oakville.

Carolyn Van Sligtenhorst is requesting a list of road names that will be translated into Ojibway. A list was submitted by one of our MCFN Members.

The second request is to approve the written translation from our Member from the Mississaugas of Curve Lake First Nation as their dialect matches MCFN's dialect.

MOTION NO. 4

MOVED BY VERONICA KING-JAMIESON

SECONDED BY JESSE HERKIMER

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Infrastructure & Environmental Stewardship Council acknowledges and approves the list of suggested Road names to be translated into Ojibway, for the Oakville Project being supervised by the Oakville Heritage Conservation Planning Development Department.

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6 – HEALING FOREST BURLINGTON – LETTER OF SUPPORT (EF)

Councillor EF received a request from Jackie Findlay and Joanna Sparrow Archibald of the Healing Forest in Burlington. They are requesting a letter of support to submit with their grant application for funding from the Truth and Reconciliation Fund. This was placed on hold pending confirmation that this did not interfere with any applications to the same source from MCFN.

Councillor EF is now requesting a letter of support be provided to the Healing Forest Volunteers to host their recognition celebration to honour the MCFN Members who attended Residential Schools.

Chief Administration Officer suggested a letter of support should be done by the requesters. Councillor EF will request a draft letter.

DIRECTION NO. 2

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Infrastructure & Environmental Stewardship Council directs Councillor Erma Ferrell to obtain a template of a Letter of Support from Jackie Findley and Joanna Sparrow Archibald (Healing Forest Volunteers in Burlington), and bring the letter of Support back to the Council Table along with the application to the Truth and Reconciliation Fund.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7 – REQUEST FOR A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR A FUNDING APPLICATION – HEALING FOREST (EF)

This has been dealt with together with Agenda Item No. 6 above.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8 – LETTER DATED DECEMBER 9, 2024 REGARDING JUST WORKING CONSTRUCTION INC. (SENIOR DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS – DREW DENTON)

Senior Director of Operations brought a reference letter to Council for approval. The letter is in reference to Just Working Construction Inc. who did a superb job in renovating the Council House.

A walk-through has not been completed yet.

DIRECTION NO. 3

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Infrastructure & Environmental Stewardship Council directs the Senior Director of Operations to bring back a final report of the walk-through of the Renovated Council House. This will come back in January 2025.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9 – STANDING COMMITTEE ON PROCEDURE AND HOUSE AFFAIRS (JH)

Councillor JH noted that the Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs at the Legislative Assembly of Ontario is requesting a meeting with MCFN regarding consulting on Indigenous representation as part of the Legislative Building Rehabilitation, and in particular, the ways in which Indigenous representation and viewpoints can be reflected at the Sir John A. Macdonald statue installation.

DIRECTION NO. 4

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Infrastructure & Environmental Stewardship Council directs Ogimaa-Kwe Claire Sault to contact the Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs and inform them that MCFN Council is inviting them to be on the Agenda for Tuesday, January 28, 2025. Ogimaa-Kwe will inquire as to what time is most suitable for them.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 10 – NATIONAL PR FIRM’S VISIT TO MCFN (JH)

Councillor JH noted in his Briefing Note that he is requesting proposed dates for National (PR Firm) to visit MCFN for cultural education to enhance their understanding of MCFN and the broader First Nation’s culture, eg. MCFN history, governance, treaties, discussions with Youth and Community Members, Elders and Knowledge Keepers, and employees as needed. This visit is a critical step towards fostering a respectful and informed relationship.

MOTION NO. 5

MOVED BY VERONICA KING-JAMIESON

SECONDED BY ERMA FERRELL

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Infrastructure & Environmental Stewardship Council recommends that the Chief Administration Officer collaborate with the Senior Director of Intergovernmental Affairs (regarding National PR Firm’s visit) to align and finalize the proposed dates ensuring availability of all parties involved.

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

AGENDA ITEM NO. 11 – MCBC – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM) (JH)

MCBC is requesting a meeting with MCFN to schedule the 2023 AGM and determine a suitable date.

DIRECTION NO. 5

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Infrastructure & Environmental Stewardship Council directs Councillor Jesse Herkimer to email Caytlen Burning of MCBC and inform her that Ogimaa-Kwe and Council have set a date for the Annual General Meeting of MCBC and MCFN on Friday, January 24, 2025. And further, Caytlen Burning will be the Recorder for this meeting.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 12 – REQUESTING USE OF THE COMMUNITY CENTRE DURING THE TWO WEEK ORGANIZATION SHUTDOWN FOR TWO EVENTS (VKJ)

Councillor VKJ (Pillar 4 Lead) is requesting the use of the Community Centre during the two-week organizational shutdown for three events – Brunch and Recognition on Saturday, December 21, 2024; Prepare and deliver Meals on Wheels one day per week during the shutdown (Friday, December 27, 2024 and Saturday, January 4, 2025). Permission was granted.

DIRECTION NO. 6

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Infrastructure & Environmental Stewardship Council directs the Senior Director of Operations to approach Public Works staff and see if any of them are available for snow plowing, and will be paid overtime for the following dates:

- December 21, 2024
- December 27, 2024
- December 31, 2024
- January 3, 2025

AGENDA ITEM NO. 13a) – LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR FIRST NATIONS WITH SCHOOLS COLLECTIVE (FNWSC) (VKJ)

MOTION NO. 6

MOVED BY ERMA FERRELL

SECONDED BY ASHLEY SAULT

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Infrastructure & Environmental Stewardship Council approves Letter of Support for First Nations With Schools Collective (FNWSC) submission to the Education Partnership Program – Structural Readiness 2025-2026.

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

AGENDA ITEM NO. 13b) – ANISHINAABEMOWIN CLASSES FOR THE NATION (AS)

Councillor AS stated that some MCFN Members have approached her curious as to when the language classes will resume.

The Culture and Events Unit was handling this language class, but the Unit currently is without staff and there is no Language Program.

Councillor AS would like to move forward with the Language Class and there are dollars that can be used.

Councillor LS stated that he is not supportive of this program, which he also opposed in the previous Council Meeting last week.

Chief Administration Officer informed that she took the initiative to set up a meeting, and the Executive Management Assistant sent out a notice. The meeting did not go ahead.

Councillor LS reiterated that the Culture & Events Unit is under the Senior Director of Intergovernmental Affairs, and this is under Councillor LS's portfolio.

Councillor LM informed that she has no problem with the Language Program going ahead, but she is questioning the cost, for example, why pay a language instructor \$150.00.

Councillor VKJ stated that Councillor LS should be meeting with the Senior Director of Intergovernmental Affairs regarding this item.

Ogimaa-Kwe questioned who would teach.

Councillor VKJ stated that concerns should now come to the Council Table in written form.

MOTION NO. 7

MOVED BY LESLIE MARACLE

SECONDED BY ASHLEY SAULT

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Infrastructure & Environmental Stewardship Council agrees to donate just the use of the Council House on Wednesdays from 6pm-8pm for the use of an Anishinaabemowin Language class. Understanding this will not provide the teacher with honorarium and that he/she would be Volunteering their knowledge. Similar to how Councillor Leslie provided the space to members to run their canning sessions – I can provide the access as I attend as well. (No budget as space has not been assigned a rental value yet – it is currently \$0.00).

Chair called for agreement for the Motion.

Opposed: Ogimaa-Kwe Claire Sault, Councillors Veronica King-Jamieson, Erma Ferrell, Larry Sault

Motion is Denied.**MOTION NO. 8**

MOVED BY ASHLEY SAULT

SECONDED BY

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Infrastructure & Environmental Stewardship Council agree to utilize Culture & Events Dollars to provide an honorarium for the Language teacher honorarium, materials, as well as \$150.00 per week for food. And donations of the space it can be held (I propose the Council House on Wednesdays so as not to take away from potential rentals at CC, I can provide access and ensure it is cleaned and secure afterward like any other meeting). (Budget Attached).

Chair called for Secunder three times and no one responded.

Motion is Dead.**DIRECTION NO. 7**

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Infrastructure & Environmental Stewardship Council directs the Chief Administration Officer to find a solution for the language classes to restart.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 13c) – HILLCORE GROUP WOULD LIKE TO CONTRIBUTE TO MCFN (JH)

Councillor JH received an email from Gene Gomes of the Hillcore Group. Gene would like to know if Hillcore can contribute towards the MCFN Community Services during the holiday season.

Councillor LS questioned if we have a relationship with Hillcore. Councillor JH replied that we have a talking relationship with them, but their (Hillcore) vision does not align with MCBC.

DIRECTION NO. 8

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Infrastructure & Environmental Stewardship Council directs that, in the event that Hillcore Group does donate to the First Nation, direction is given to the Chief Administration Officer to figure out where these donations will go eg. Meals on Wheels, New Years Event, extra food hampers etc.

It is also directed that Councillor Jesse Herkimer will contact Gene Gomes of the Hillcare Group to follow up with their donation request.

Council moved to Agenda Item No. 13e).

Colette Webb and Amanda LaForme zoomed in at 11:15 am.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 13e) – HOUSING UPDATE – CHIEF ADMINISTRATION OFFICER & HOUSING STAFF

Housing Financial Assistant Colette Webb provided a detailed update on Housing.

The current situation is from 2021/22 to present, a total of \$1,664,600.00 funding deficit has accumulated.

This is due to the additional funds needed for extra homes not being identified to cover the project costs, as well as the Toronto Purchase Trust funds not being allocated to the Housing New Program since Council Motion No. 6 dated April 6, 2022 took effect. For both 2023-24 and 2024-25, Housing approached the Community Trust requesting \$250,000.00 each year to assist financially with the construction of one home, whereas, formerly, the Motion to increase to six homes at \$300,000.00 did not increase the allotment amounts from the identified funding sources.

Councillor JH stated that we would have this resolved in January 2025.

Colette Webb and Amanda LaForme were thanked for their presentation and zoomed out at 11:55 am.

Councillor Ashley Sault left the meeting at 11:45 am and went home and will attend via zoom.

Council moved back to Agenda Item No. 13d).

AGENDA ITEM NO. 13d) – ORGANIZATION REVIEW CHART (TB)

Chief Administration Officer noted in her Briefing Note that she is bringing the MCFN Organizational Chart forward for approval. She has been tasked with adjusting the MCFN Organizational Chart to meet the needs of the organization.

The Organizational Chart reflects the current structure and reporting relationships. It will serve as a living document, subject to future updates as needed.

Chief Administration Officer stated that nothing is jeopardizing any funding agreements.

Councillor FS noted that we need more information.

Ogimaa-Kwe noted that two jobs were posted, but it is not known where the dollars are coming from. Councillor FS answered that the job postings have been taken down until further notice.

Councillor EF informed that the dollars could fall under DOCA. Chief Financial Officer answered that the DOCA dollars are already budgeted for, and he is requesting that any more expenses not be added to the DOCA dollars.

Councillor VKJ asked if she could have a copy of the Financial Statements from April 2024, and Chief financial Officer answered yes and he would provide them on Tuesday, January 14, 2025.

MOTION NO. 9

MOVED BY JESSE HERKIMER

SECONDED BY ERMA FERRELL

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Infrastructure & Environmental Stewardship Council moved to an In-Camera session at 12:35 pm.

Carried

MOTION NO. 11

MOVED BY JESSE HERKIMER

SECONDED BY VERONICA KING-JAMIESON

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Infrastructure & Environmental Stewardship Council moved out of the In-Camera session at 2:00 pm.

Carried

Council moved back to Agenda Item No. 13f).

AGENDA ITEM NO. 13f) – COMPLAINT FROM OGIMA-KWE REGARDING RECORDING OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

Ogimaa-Kwe informed that there was a recording of part of one of our Council Meetings that was sent to the Community.

Ogimaa-Kwe will bring this back to one of the meetings in the new year, when everyone can be in the room. She will also obtain Legal Counsel on the issue.

DIRECTION NO. 9

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Infrastructure & Environmental Stewardship Council directs Ogimaa-Kwe Claire Sault to obtain a Legal Opinion regarding a Councillor who recorded parts of a Council Meeting on Tuesday, December 10, 2024 without anyone's knowledge or permission.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 13g) – MEMBER WOULD LIKE TO USE THE GYM DURING THE TWO WEEK CHRISTMAS SHUTDOWN

Councillor LM informed that an MCFN Member would like to utilize the gym over the two-week shutdown. Councillor LM is suggesting to keep the gym open for essential services.

Councillor VKJ answered that we would have to hire outside help.

Councillor LM will inform the Member that we are unable to do it this year, but can look at keeping it open next year.

MOTION NO. 12

MOVED BY JESSE HERKIMER SECONDED BY VERONICA KING-JAMIESON
That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Infrastructure & Environmental
Stewardship Council moved to an In-Camera session at 2:24 pm.

Carried

MOTION NO. 17

MOVED BY JESSE HERKIMER SECONDDED BY ERMA FERRELL
That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Infrastructure & Environmental Stewardship Council moved out of the In-Camera session at 3:25 pm.

Carried

Council moved back to Agenda Item No. 12.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 12 – REQUESTING USE OF THE COMMUNITY CENTRE DURING THE TWO WEEK ORGANIZATION SHUTDOWN FOR THREE EVENTS (VKJ)

MOTION NO. 5a)

MOVED BY ERMA FERRELL

SECONDED BY CLAIRE SAULT

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Infrastructure & Environmental Stewardship Council approves the use of the community Centre for Pillar 4 Lifelong Learning during the two week shut down (over the holiday break) from December 21, 2024 to January 4, 2025 for the following three events:

- Pillar 4 Lifelong Learning Brunch & Recognition
- 2 meals for approximately 50 Elders/Seniors on Friday, December 27, 2024 & Friday, January 3, 2025.

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

Council moved to Agenda Item No. 20.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 20 – ADJOURNMENT

MOTION NO. 18

MOVED BY JESSE HERKIMER
That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Infrastructure & Environmental Stewardship Council adjourned this meeting at 3:30 pm.

SECONDDED BY ERMA FERRELL

Carried

