

**MISSISSAUGAS OF THE CREDIT FIRST NATION
INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COUNCIL
PUBLIC MINUTES
Monday, June 10, 2024**

Start 9:04 am

Finish 1:45 pm

Chief (Gimaa-Kwe) Councillor
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Councillor/Chair
Councillor
Interim Ex.Dir. of Operations
Recorder
LM Director
Director of Lifelong Learning
OPP Guests
MCFN Members

Claire Sault
Erma Ferrell
Jesse Herkimer
Leslie Maracle
Fawn Sault (via Zoom)
Rodger LaForme
Veronica King-Jamieson
Larry Sault
Warren Sault
Charlotte Smith
Delainie King
Patti Barber
Jeff and Jodi
Dorothy Lee (Sault) Lowe, Brenda Secord

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 – OPEN MEETING

Chair/Ogimaa-Kwe Claire Sault opened the meeting at 9:04 am.

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

MOTION NO. 1

MOVED BY LARRY SAULT

SECONDED BY JESSE HERKIMER

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

- Agenda Item No. 8a) – Celebrating Hagersville's 150 years (JH);
- Agenda Item No. 19 – Deferred to the next Infrastructure and Environmental Stewardship Council Meeting on Tuesday, June 18, 2024 (CS);
- Agenda Item No. 25b) – In-Camera Item;
- Agenda Item No. 25c) – In-Camera Item.

Carried

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

Council moved to Agenda Item No. 5.

OPP Guests in at 9:05 am.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5 – PRESENTATION OF MONTHLY OPP REPORTS FOR APRIL AND MAY 2024

Jodi Kays OPP Inspector went through the OPP Monthly Reports for May and June 2024. She stated that their detachment (Cayuga) has some brand new recruits.

Ogimaa-Kwe informed that homeless people are camping next to T. Herkimer's. Ogimaa-Kwe will check with the home owners and see if permission has been granted for these people to be on their property. Jeff (OPP Officer) added that the Lawson House in Hagersville is now closed and the people who were living there are wandering around the area.

There was a disturbance around T. Herkimer's property, and the OPP were called. Jeff will follow up.

Jodi pointed out that when these people are picked up by the OPP, there is nowhere to take them.

OPP Guests were thanked for their presentation and left at 9:15 am.

MCFN Member Brenda Secord in at 9:10 am.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5a) – MCFN MEMBER BRENDA SECORD – DISCUSSION ON CANNABIS FILE

MCFN Member B. Secord requested that she be on the Agenda to talk about Cannabis, and that she is totally against it.

Ogimaa-Kwe stated that the previous Council approved cannabis for MCFN. However, last week Council agreed not to move forward with it (cannabis).

Councillor LS reiterated that Council is banning cannabis – selling, growing etc.

Ogimaa-Kwe informed that Council is working on a Cannabis Statement that will go to MCFN Members.

Councillor VKJ questioned if we are still invested in WeedMD. Ogimaa-Kwe answered that MCFN has retrieved their investment from WeedMD. Councillor VKJ also stated that she is against cannabis.

MCFN Member Brenda Secord was thanked for coming in and left at 9:25 am.

Council moved back to Agenda Item No. 3.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 – REVIEW & ACCEPT THE PUBLIC MINUTES OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COUNCIL MEETING DATED TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 2024

MOTION NO. 2

MOVED BY JESSE HERKIMER

SECONDED BY LARRY SAULT

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Intergovernmental Relations Council accepts the Public Minutes of Intergovernmental Relations Council Meeting, with noted discussion, dated April 9, 2024.

Carried

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3a) – FYI – SUMMARY OF MOTIONS & DIRECTIONS FROM THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COUNCIL MEETING DATED TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 2024

This is an FYI for Ogimaa-Kwe and Council.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4 – MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

4.1 – FYI – Letter dated May 24, 2024, signed and sent by Ogimaa-Kwe Claire Sault regarding the Education Equity Human Rights Case.

4.2 – FYI – Letter dated May 15, 2024, signed and sent by Ogimaa-Kwe Claire Sault to various parties regarding Humber River Personhood.

Council moved to Agenda Item No. 6.

LM Director in at 9:45 am.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6 – BAND TRANSFER POLICY – ADULT AND MINOR (LM DIRECTOR)

LM Director provided an update as to what is happening with the Adult and Minor Transfer Policy.

Councillor LS stated that we should do our own Membership Code and not let ISC decide who should be on our List. He also stated that we have serious issues with identity fraud.

There was a suggestion that the LM Director strike a Committee, and Councillor VKJ added that we would need a Knowledge Keeper on this Committee. She also suggested that we put this policy together with the MRP.

DIRECTION NO. 1

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Intergovernmental Relations Council directs the LM Director to set up a meeting within a month (Tuesday, June 9, 2024 – Intergovernmental Relations Council Meeting, for one hour) regarding the Band Transfer Policy and Membership List.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7 – SIX (6) WEEK WAIT FOR LOST/STOLEN CERTIFICATE OF INDIAN STATUS CARDS (LM DIRECTOR)

LM Director brought this item to Council as MCFN Members are complaining that six weeks is too long to wait for a renewed status card when it has been lost.

An MCFN Member has raised concerns with Chief and Council regarding the current policy that mandates a six-week waiting period for the replacement of lost or stolen status cards. This waiting period has been identified as a significant inconvenience, impacting the Member's ability to access essential services and benefits tied to their status card. The member has requested that Chief and Council review and potentially revise this policy to expedite the process and alleviate the challenges faced by Community Members during this waiting period.

Given the change in circumstances, with no longer a shortage of Status Cards from ISC, and a reduced volume of reported lost or stolen cards, the LM Department is now able to amend the process and revisit the six-week waiting period.

Though we are able to amend the waiting period, the LM Department will still have to follow ISC rules in the Indian Registration Administrators Training Manual states that

"A registered individual may possess only one (1) CIS at any given time. For fraud prevention, a maximum of two (2) CIS' shall be issued to the same individual within a 12 month period."

MOTION NO. 3

MOVED BY JESSE HERKIMER

SECONDED BY LARRY SAULT

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Intergovernmental Relations Council agrees to modify Motion #11 from the Land, Water & Sustainable Prosperity Council meeting from November 15, 2022. From a mandatory 6-week waiting period for all lost or stolen Certificates of Indian Status cards to a 3-week waiting period for all lost CIS cards and no waiting period for all stolen CIS cards with a valid police report. This new rule will apply to both Secure Certificates of Indian Status cards and Certificate of Indian Status cards.

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

LM Director out at 10:05 am.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8a) – TOWN OF HAGERSVILLE CELEBRATING 150 YEARS (JH)

Councillor JH will bring back a Briefing Note with the information of the Town of Hagersville celebrating 150 years.

MOTION NO. 4

MOVED BY JESSE HERKIMER

SECONDED BY ERMA FERRELL

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

Carried