

**MISSISSAUGAS OF THE CREDIT FIRST NATION
INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COUNCIL
PUBLIC MINUTES
Tuesday, March 12, 2024**

Start 9:03 am

Finish 5:30 pm

Chief (Gimaa-Kwe) Councillor
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Councillor/Chair
Ex. Dir. of Operations
Interim Ex. Dir. of Operations
Interim Ex. Dir. of Intergov. Affairs
Recorder
Guests from OPP
MCFN Members

Claire Sault
Erma Ferrell
Jesse Herkimer
Leslie Maracle
Fawn Sault (Away on other Council Business)
Rodger LaForme
Veronica King-Jamieson
Larry Sault
Kerri King
Warren Sault
Richard Karsseboom
Charlotte Smith
Officer Andy Fox & Rod Leclair
Sonya Sault, Robert Sault, Cassandra Sault,
Dale Sault, Ashley Sault, Abbey Sault, Veronica
Tobicoe

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 – OPEN MEETING

Chair/Councillor Larry Sault opened the meeting at 9:05 am. LSK Drum Group will not be entertaining us with any opening songs as the students are on March Break.

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

MOTION NO. 1

MOVED BY VERONICA KING-JAMIESON

SECONDED BY RODGER LAFORME

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

- Agenda Item No. 15a) – Phone System (KK);
- Agenda Item No. 24 – Deleted until further notice;
- Agenda Item No. 25a) – In-Camera Item;
- Agenda Item No. 25b) – In-Camera Item;
- Agenda Item No. 25c) – In-Camera Item;
- Agenda Item No. 25d) – In-Camera Item;
- Agenda Item No. 25e) – In-Camera Item.

Carried

When we get to Agenda Item No. 25a) Warren Sault will leave because of a Conflict of Interest.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 – REVIEW & ACCEPT THE PUBLIC MINUTES OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COUNCIL MEETING DATED TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2024

MOTION NO. 2

MOVED BY JESSE HERKIMER

SECONDED BY RODGER LAFORME

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Intergovernmental Relations Council accepts the Public Minutes of the Intergovernmental Relations Council Meeting dated Tuesday, February 13, 2024.

Carried

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3a) – FYI – SUMMARY OF MOTIONS & DIRECTIONS FROM THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COUNCIL MEETING DATED TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 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.

OPP Officers Andy Fox and Rod Leclair in at 9:00 am.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5 – OPP OFFICER ANDY FOX WILL BE PRESENTING THE MONTHLY OPP REPORT. INSPECTOR JODI KAYS IS AWAY ON ANOTHER ASSIGNMENT

OPP Officer Andy Fox highlighted the OPP Monthly Report. The format for the report has been changed and is a bit easier to understand.

OPP Officer Rod Leclair informed that they are working with the SPCA, and they (OPP) can pick up stray dogs, but aggressive dogs is another story. Ogimaa-Kwe stated that aggressive dogs are a concern in the Community.

Ogimaa-Kwe noted that two Saturday's ago, someone hit the ditch and took out a hydro pole. She did not know if the OPP were called.

Rod stated that the OPP made Crimestopper signs available last year, but he does not see any posted. Executive Director of Operations will follow up with Ryan Thomas in the Housing Department.

Councillor RBL questioned what E-tickets were. Rod answered that tickets can now be handed out from the police car.

Guests were thanked for their presentation and left at 9:25 am.

Council moved to Agenda Item No. 7.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7 – ANNUAL GRAND RIVER LEADERSHIP PRAYER BREAKFAST (EF)

The Annual Grand River Leadership Prayer Breakfast is being held on Saturday, April 27, 2024 at 8:00 am at the Fisherville Lions Hall in Fisherville, Ontario.

Everyone who is attending will give their names to Councillor EF for her to pass on to the Committee who is overseeing everything.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8 – COUNCIL PACKAGES AVAILABLE (FS)

Councillor FS noted in her Briefing Note that she would like Council Packages available to Community Members who attend the Council Meetings.

Recently we have had Members coming in for our Council meetings. Having an Agenda available does not allow Members to follow along or understand what is being discussed.

It was suggested we make five paper copies of packages available to begin with and have them available electronically on the website for members.

Councillor EF noted that this is extra work for the Recorder. Further, someone else should be covering Reception from 12:00 to 1:00 pm each day as this takes away time for the Recorder to do her own work.

MOTION NO. 3

MOVED BY LESLIE MARACLE

SECONDED BY ERMA FERRELL

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Intergovernmental Relations Council approves having printed and electronic packages available for Members on days of the Council Meetings.

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

DIRECTION NO. 1

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Intergovernmental Relations Council directs Executive Director of Operations (Kerri King & Warren Sault) to follow up regarding extra Council Packages being made available for MCFN Members when they attend Tuesday's Council Meetings. This will be extra work for the Recorder. Only the Public Section of the package will be made available, and the In-Camera Section will not be available. Further, follow up with why the Recorder has to cover Reception as this takes away an hour of her doing her own work.

Council moved back to Agenda Item No. 6.

LM Director zoomed in at 9:35 am.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6 – REQUEST FROM NATIVE HORIZONS TREATMENT CENTRE (LM DIRECTOR)

LM Director noted in her Briefing Note that there is a request from Native Horizons Treatment Centre (NHTC) to clear brush and installation of two yurts, cook shed, fire pit, composting toilets, wood and equipment sheds and water bins.

NHTC has a permit to use and occupy Lot 6-9, Con 1, Township of Tuscarora, RSO 6688R. According to the terms and conditions of the permit if the permittee wishes to cut trees (condition #25 Trees) or erect structures (condition # 26 Approval of Construction, Extensions or Relocation) they must get approval from MCFN and ISC.

Wanda Smith, Executive Director of NHTC, has submitted a request to remove small trees and underbrush from the 150' sq. area in the north part of Lot 6-9 (see attached google earth image). This space will be used to deliver the Land Based program. All efforts are being made to utilize all resources removed as part of the program. Wood foliage, brush, will be used in the program – (firewood, medicines, lean-to's, etc.). Only small saplings/trees are to be removed and used; larger trees will be protected and aerated around, if possible.

LM Director informed that this permit is registered in the Land Registry.

Councillor RBL will go with the LM Director to view the property.

MOTION NO. 4

MOVED BY LESLIE MARACLE

SECONDED BY RODGER LAFORME

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Intergovernmental Relations Council agrees to sign a BCR allowing the Native Horizons Treatment Centre plan to clear brush and the installation of two yurts, cook shed, fire pit, composting toilets, wood and equipment sheds and water bins. The Lot Number is Lot 6-9, Concession 1, Township of Tuscarora, RSO 6688R.

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6a) – CLARIFICATION OF MOTION NO. 12 OF INFRASTRUCTURE & ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL MEETING DATED TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2024 (LM DIRECTOR)

LM Director noted that clarification needed for lease of Lot 7-1-1, Con 2, Tusc, RSO 1506. Council Motion #12 from February 21, 2024 states to NOT lease out the lot. Was this the decision of Council or was this a typo?

It was agreed by Ogimaa-Kwe and Council that the above property would be rented.

LM Director zoomed out at 9:45 am.

Council moved to Agenda Item No. 9.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9 – PERMISSION TO SOLICIT – PREMIUM HEALTH AND SAFETY (KK)

Executive Director of Finance/HR noted in her Briefing Note that there is an external organization requesting permission to solicit on reserve.

An email was received from a Member who advised of a company on the Territory that was going door to door without the permission to solicit letter. I followed up and sent an email to the company.

The company, Premium Health and Safety, acknowledged my email and have sent an email back requesting permission to solicit residential fire safety information to the Community.

Ogimaa-Kwe and Council agreed to deny the letter permitting Premium Health and Safety to solicit on the First Nation.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 10 – FIRST NATION LOCATION 40A DIRECTION (KK)

Executive Director of Operations noted in her Briefing Note that she is bringing forward collective concerns regarding the direction to utilize First Nation Location 40A.

Direction #3 of the January 2024 Lifelong Learning and Awareness and Nation Well-Being Council directed EMT to change the definition of off territory, on territory to “First Nation Location 40A.

When this Direction was given, the Executive Director of Operations was not in attendance. When the Direction was distributed, I sought clarification from both the Recorder and the Director of Lifelong Learning who confirmed the Direction as is.

This Direction was given during the past OMT meeting and staff shared the same concern. Specifically, concern about off territory not being First Nation Location 40A, and moreover, the fact that a BCR was just approved by the Council for submission to Ottawa to have our reserve name changed to the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. In addition, the trademark and use of the name was also referenced.

OMT just wishes to ensure that there will be no potential matters that arise from following the Direction to update the name of the current New Credit Indian Reserve #40A to First Nation Location 40A.

Councillor LS will follow up and will need all the back-up information.

Interim Executive Director of Operations noted that ISC has numbered us as 40A, and that will likely not change.

Executive Director of Operations and Interim Executive Director of Operations will follow up.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 11 – FUNDRAISING EVENT/GALA EVENT (KK)

Executive Director of Operations noted in her Briefing Note that she is bringing forward a Fundraising Committee that was discussed with the last Council.

Direction #4 from the Financial Planning and Fiscal Oversight Council indicates that the Executive Director of Operations is to designate a Committee for fundraising in areas where there is a shortfall. My notes indicate that the Council wanted this matter brought forward to the new Council to see if they wish for this to be done. This was an initiative that was approved by the table for Councillor Ashley Sault to spearhead, in an effort to raise funds for the Council House Renovations. When quotes came back for a large-scale gala, along with timeframes, it was determined that it was too tight and that this can be looked at in the future.

As information, the plan was to host a black tie event in either Toronto or Mississauga, inviting dignitaries, partners and colleagues across Ontario to purchase a table and enjoy an evening of MCFN planned entertainment.

I am now bringing this back to see if Council wants to move forward with this at all. If so, I highly recommend that this continue to be a Council initiative, as departments do not have the capacity to take this on.

This item has been put in abeyance until such time that the finances are in order.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 12 – FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT POLICY CLARIFICATION (KK)

Executive Director of Operations noted in her Briefing Note that she is seeking a Motion if Council is going to change the current approval processes within the Financial Management Policy.

During the January 30th Lifelong Learning and Awareness and Nation Well-Being Council Meeting, Council directed that a number of policies and new programs did not have to come forward to the table as the department had the dollars in their budgets to support the proposed programs.

It was shared during the meeting that this was not in line with our current policy, so a direction was given to this effect.

Clarification is being sought as to how administration moves forward. As per the Financial Management Policy:

Ability to Incur Expenses

Section 8.2.d) - Supplies and services of \$5,000.00 or more, but not exceeding \$10,000.00 after inviting written quotations from at least three suppliers and after receiving approval to purchase from the CFO or the Chief Operating Officer (COO) or designate.

Section 8.2.f) - Supplies, services and projects of \$10,000.00 - \$100,000, must be approved by MCFN CR as per Section 12 of this policy.

Approval of Invoices

Section 9.2 - CFO or COO to approve payments in excess of \$10,000.00 for expenses contained in budget approved by Council.

There is currently no administrative authority for departments or the relevant Executive Director to incur expenses, approve invoices or approve new programming for things outside of the approved budget. If Council wishes to have departments move forward in this manner provided the funding is available, a Motion clarifying such would be required, as it is not in line with current policy and it will change the materials that are provided to Finance to support payment.

At the present time, it is being recommended that we remain status quo and direct Finance to bring forth a recommendation to increase financial limits for Directors and Executive Directors, as the current threshold is very low.

Further, it is recommended that Council continue to approve new policies for departments, and that the relevant Executive Director be provided with the ability to approve administrative changes once in place.

DIRECTION NO. 2

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Intergovernmental Relations Council directs the Executive Director of Operations (Kerri King and Warren Sault) and Executive Director of Finances/HR to meet and discuss this item more thoroughly and bring back to the Council Table with recommendations.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 13 – SEEKING APPROVAL OF IELCC MAJOR CAPITAL FUNDING (TIME SENSITIVE) (DIRECTOR OF LIFELONG LEARNING)

Director of Lifelong Learning noted in her Briefing Note that the Chiefs of Ontario Social Service Coordination Unit has an **urgent request** and are seeking approval of 23-24 Indigenous Early Learning and Child Care, Major Capital funding as requested by Employment and Social Development Canada (ESDC) **by March 15, 2024**.

In September, 2023, Social Services Coordination Unit (Chiefs of Ontario) discussed the Indigenous Early Learning and Child Care major capital funding for all the Ontario Region, a total amount of \$848,444 for 2023-2024. The amount is low. It was suggested that PTOs, unaffiliated and Independent First Nations take the funds and either disperse it out to member First Nations through their specific processes or use the funding to plan/survey/perform feasibility studies in preparation for future years of funding. Employment and Social Development Canada has provided a presentation elaborating on Major Capital for IELCC and such is attached at Appendix A.

The interim formula which relies on amounts determined by the Ontario First Nations Limited Partnership (OFNLP) as it is usually used would see all 133 First Nations receive a portion of the IELCC major capital funding for 2023-2024, \$848,444 for 23-24 is not recommended as the process to address all the amendment requirements in their internal system will take too long for the federal ministries to process. There is a huge risk that funding will lapse.

A special use of the interim formula could allow PTOs, unaffiliated First Nations and Independent First Nations, to receive IELCC major capital funding for 2023-24. This is recommended by Chiefs of Ontario Social Service Coordination Unit as it would allow for less processing time and still allow for First Nation leadership to direct the funding as they deem needed. MCFN would receive a portion of the major capital funds. The eligible expenditures under the Indigenous Early Learning and Child Care Transformation Initiative are broad and flexible and include items such as salaries, training and development, materials and supplies,

nutrition and food, honoraria, etc. It is estimated that MCFN would receive approximately \$6,400 (Six Thousand Four Hundred Dollars and Zero Cents) for the 2023-2024 fiscal year.

MOTION NO. 5

MOVED BY VERONICA KING-JAMIESON

SECONDED BY LESLIE MARACLE

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Intergovernmental Relations Council recommends that the Indigenous Early Learning and Child Care major capital funding for 23-24, an amount of \$848,444 (Eight Hundred Thousand Eight Hundred Four Hundred Forty-Four Dollars and Zero Cents), to be advanced through the PTOs, unaffiliated and Independent First Nations as determined by Ontario First Nations Limited Partnership (OFNLP). The amount received for Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation can be used towards Indigenous Early Learning and Child Care eligible expenditures and will be determined at a later date. It is estimated that MCFN would receive no less than \$6,400 (Six Thousand Four Hundred Dollars and Zero Cents) for the 2023-2024 fiscal year.

The Department of Lifelong Learning recommends that we accept the funds, the exact amount and notification thereof will be determined at a later date.

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

AGENDA ITEM NO. 14 – REQUEST TO SEEK FUNDING SUPPORT FOR THE NEW CREDIT LIBRARY (CAROLYN KING) THIS ITEM IS A FOLLOW-UP FROM JANUARY 16, 2024 INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COUNCIL MEETING

This item has been deleted.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 15a) – PHONE SYSTEM (KK)

There was no action on this item. It will be brought back to the next Infrastructure & Environmental Stewardship Council Meeting on Tuesday, March 19, 2024.

MOTION NO. 6

MOVED BY RODGER LAFORME

SECONDED BY JESSE HERKIMER

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Intergovernmental Relations Council moved to an In-Camera session at 10:20 am.

Carried