

MISSISSAUGAS OF THE CREDIT FIRST NATION
LIFELONG LEARNING & AWARENESS & NATION WELL-BEING
COUNCIL MEETING
PUBLIC MINUTES
Tuesday, November 26, 2024

Start 9:10 am

Finish 1:35 pm

Ogimaa-Kwe (Chief) Councillor
Councillor
Councillor
Councillor

Claire Sault
Erma Ferrell
Larry Sault (Away on Other Council Business)
Veronica King-Jamieson (Away on Other Council Business)

Councillor/Chair
Councillor
Councillor
Councillor
Chief Admin. Officer (CAO)
Senior Dir. of Intergov. Affairs
Recorder
Peace Hills Trust
MCFN Member

Leslie Maracle
Fawn Sault
Ashley Sault
Jesse Herkimer
Tracy Brant (Sick)
Mark LaForme
Charlotte Smith
Georgian Villeneuve & Ryan Bruce (via Zoom)
Veronica Tobicoe

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 – OPEN MEETING

Chair/Councillor Leslie Maracle opened the meeting at 9:10 am.

Senior Director of Intergovernmental Affairs (Mark LaForme) is taking the Chief Administration Officer's (Tracy Brant) place, as Tracy is away sick.

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

MOTION NO. 1

MOVED BY CLAIRE SAULT

SECONDED BY JESSE HERKIMER

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Lifelong Learning & Awareness & Nation Well-Being Council accepts the Agenda with the following additions and deletion:

- Agenda Item No. 13a) – Primary Public Safety Answering Point (OPP) (Executive Management Assistant);
- Agenda Item No. 13b) – OFNTSC (EF);
- Custodian for Council House;
- Agenda Item No. 18a) – In-Camera Item.

Carried

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

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 – REVIEW & ACCEPT THE PUBLIC MINUTES OF LIFELONG LEARNING & AWARENESS & NATION WELL-BEING COUNCIL MEETING DATED WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2024

DIRECTION NO. 1

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Lifelong Learning & Awareness & Nation Well-Being Council directs the Chief Administration Officer to reach out to the Grant Writer (Zishan Mchaudry) to see if he has applied for any dollars regarding the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation Grant to commemorate residential school survivors.

MOTION NO. 2

MOVED BY ERMA FERRELL

SECONDED BY JESSE HERKIMER

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Lifelong Learning & Awareness & Nation Well-Being Council accepts the Public Minutes of Lifelong Learning & Awareness & Nation Well-Being Council Meeting dated Wednesday, October 23, 2024.

Carried

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3a) – FYI – SUMMARY OF MOTIONS & DIRECTIONS FROM LIFELONG LEARNING & AWARENESS & NATION WELL-BEING COUNCIL MEETING DATED WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2024

This is an FYI for Ogimaa-Kwe & Council.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4 – MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no Matters Arising from the Minutes.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5 – NEW CREDIT UNITED CHURCH & DINING HALL RENOVATIONS (EF)

Councillor EF noted in her Briefing Note that there are Members who have expressed interest in renting the Dining Hall for special events, but due to safety issues, the Dining Hall cannot be rented.

PW Director has estimated the cost to renovate it at approximately \$1 Million dollars.

In the event that Council does renovate, dollars could be used from the Community Development Fund, Gaming Dollars or dollars from Enterprise Fund.

It is important to discuss with the Chief Financial Officer the best funding source to be used.

Councillor JH stated that we can build a new building for a lot less. Further, we also need to think about maintenance upkeep. Senior Director of Intergovernmental Affairs noted that we would need a survey if we are going to rebuild.

Councillor AS stated that we should engage the Community. We would also need a Project Manager as we have no capacity to build. It is an asset that we own and should be using it as we are responsible for it. She suggested using culture dollars instead of own source revenue.

Councillor VKJ suggested asking Community Members to help.

Councillor FS noted that a feasibility study would not be necessary.

Ogimaa-Kwe stated that we should start to take action today.

MOTION NO. 3

MOVED BY CLAIRE SAULT

SECONDED BY ERMA FERRELL

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Lifelong Learning & Awareness & Nation Well-Being Council agrees to move forward with a demolition and rebuild of the New Credit United Church Dining Hall, and start the process of gathering details.

Carried

Opposed: Councillor Ashley Sault – We should know where the dollars are coming from.

2nd Reading was not approved.

This item will come back to the next Financial Planning & Fiscal Oversight Council Meeting on Tuesday, December 3, 2024.

Council moved to Agenda Item No. 7.

Michelle Bomberry in at 9:25 am.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7 – BRANT COMMUNITY HEALTH CARE SYSTEM – INTRODUCTION OF NEW INDIGENOUS HEALTH TEAM MANAGER – MICHELLE BOMBERRY (LM)

Michelle Bomberry wanted to be on the Agenda to introduce herself and informed Council that she has been hired as a new Indigenous Health Team Manager at the Brant Community Healthcare System (BCHS). Her goal is to build a more welcoming and equitable visit for our people using BCHS. Currently, herself and Margaret Copeland (Director of Health Services at MCFN) sit on the Indigenous Advisory Committee with BCHS, and MCFN will now have a voice at the table.

Michelle informed that she also works with the Navigators. Ogimaa-Kwe informed that her nephew was in both the Brantford General and Hamilton General and there were no Navigators to assist him. Michelle answered that we need to do a better job at excellence of care. Ogimaa-Kwe further advised that Navigators names should be put in our Newsletter.

Councillor LM informed that MCFN is also trying to build relationships with other hospitals.

Michelle was thanked for her presentation and left at 10:10 am.

Council moved back to Agenda Item No. 6.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 6 – 2024-2025 INDIGENOUS HEALTH EQUITY FUND ALLOCATION
(DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES – MAGGIE COPELAND)**

Director of Health Services (Maggie Copeland) noted in her Briefing Note that the annual allocation of the Indigenous Health Equity Fund (IHEF) for Mississaugas of the Credit has been approved. Pursuant to the Chiefs of Ontario resolution passed at the Annual Chiefs Assembly in June 2024, the approved allocation will follow the Ontario First Nations Limited Partnership (OFNLP) formula for this fiscal year; an allocation of \$222,114.00 for fiscal year 2024/2025.

Through the approved allocation method, Ontario Region has prepared an amendment to MCFN's existing funding agreement to include the allocation of \$222,114.00 for fiscal year 2024/2025. Requesting and seeking approval to direct the IHEF of \$222,114.00 to the existing health plan to enhance the Primary Health Care program to hire 1 full time Nurse Practitioner, .5 Chronic Disease Nurse and 1 full time Executive Administrative Assistant.

Senior Director of Intergovernmental Affairs (who is covering for the Chief Administration Officer) informed that the Salary Grid will need to be upgraded.

MOTION NO. 4

MOVED BY ERMA FERRELL

SECONDED BY CLAIRE SAULT

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Lifelong Learning & Awareness & Nation Well-Being Council agrees to receive and approve the Indigenous Health Equity Fund (IHEF) of \$222,114.00 (Two Hundred Twenty-Two Thousand One Hundred Fourteen Dollars) to the existing health plan (Block Funding) to enhance the Primary Health Care Program to support the Health Human Resources by hiring one full time Nurse Practitioner, .5 Chronic Disease Nurse and one Full-Time Executive Administrative Assistant. Dollars will go into Account # 700050.

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

Council moved to Agenda Item No. 8.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 8 – PROPERTY AT 4136 HIGHWAY NO. 6 – REAL ESTATE AGENT
WOULD LIKE TO GIFT THE FIRST NATION WITH SOMETHING (JH)**

Councillor JH noted that the real estate agent contacted him, and they would like to gift something to the First Nation for buying the property at 4136 No. 6 Highway.

DIRECTION NO. 2

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Lifelong Learning & Awareness & Nation Well-Being Council directs Councillor Jesse Herkimer to talk with the Realtor who sold the property at 4136 Highway No. 6 to MCFN, and give her some suggestions such as:

- A sign at the property to be erected (in Ojibway & English);
- Lights at all the stop signs on the First Nation;
- Put cameras at all the stop signs on the First Nation.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9 – UPDATE COUNCIL TABLE ON A NAME FOR THE PROPERTY AT 4136 HIGHWAY NO. 6 (JH)

Councillor JH received a letter from Kim Fullerton's (Legal Counsel) partner Frank Meness, who is advising to put the name of the property in a Corporation/numbered company.

MOTION NO. 5

MOVED BY ERMA FERRELL

SECONDED BY CLAIRE SAULT

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Lifelong Learning & Awareness & Nation Well-Being Council approves the creation of a Corporation to hold the property at 4136 Highway No. 6 in Hagersville, Ontario.

Further, it is noted that the Board Members of the Corporation will be Ogimaa-Kwe Claire Sault, Councillor Jesse Herkimer, and Councillor Leslie Maracle.

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

Council moved to Agenda Item No. 12.

Georgina Villeneuve & Ryan Bruce from Peace Hills Trust zoomed in at 11:00 am.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 12 – PRESENTATION FROM PEACE HILLS TRUST VIA ZOOM – TORONTO PURCHASE TRUST INTERIM REPORT & Q3 2024 PERFORMANCE REPORT

Georgina highlighted the Interim Report. The net assets is \$117,242,873.00.

Georgina stated that as of June 2024, 1/3 is not taxable. She needs a BCR that says to leave 1/3 in the Trust. Income for tax purposes is 1/3.

Ryan Bruce highlighted the Performance Report.

There was a concern that Mawer was not doing so good. Councillor EF stated that we will reach out to PHT regarding Mawer and Fiera. Georgina suggested setting up a time next week.

MOTION NO. 6

MOVED BY CLAIRE SAULT

SECONDED BY FAWN SAULT

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Lifelong Learning & Awareness & Nation Well-Being Council accepts the Toronto Purchase Trust Interim Report and Q3 2024 Performance Report as at September 30, 2024.

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

DIRECTION NO. 3

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Lifelong Learning & Awareness & Nation Well-Being Council directs Councillors Jesse Herkimer and Erma Ferrell to explain to the Senior Director of Finance to specify the balance of the Toronto Purchase Trust Monies that is in the Revenue Account. This item will be on next week's Council Agenda.

Georgina Villeneuve & Ryan Bruce from Peace Hills Trust zoomed out at 11:35 am.

Council moved back to Agenda Item No. 10.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 10 – McMASTER UNIVERSITY UPDATE (CS)

Council agreed for Councillor VKJ and Ogimaa-Kwe to meet and follow up with the new President of McMaster University.

DIRECTION NO. 4

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Lifelong Learning & Awareness & Nation Well-Being Council directs Ogimaa-Kwe and Councillor Veronica King-Jamieson to meet and follow up with the new President of McMaster University.

DIRECTION NO. 5

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Lifelong Learning & Awareness & Nation Well-Being Council directs Councillor Veronica King-Jamieson to bring forward a recommendation on who to appoint to the McMaster Indigenous Committee.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 11 – APPRAISAL FOR THE 115kv POWER LINES, 2ND LINE (THIS ITEM IS COMING BACK FROM LAST WEEK'S COUNCIL MEETING WITH THE ADDED EXECUTIVE SUMMARY ON HYDRO AGREEMENTS – BCR TO BE SIGNED IF APPROVED) (LM DIRECTOR)

Chief Administration Officer noted that the LM Director was to bring back a summary on the Hydro Agreements which she did.

Every five (5) years Hydro One had the lands appraised where the 115kv lines through MCFN lands. The last appraisal was done in 2019 by Andrew, Thompson & Associates Ltd located in Barrie Ont.

The land has been appraised and the complete report is dated August 29, 2024.

Attached: Property Appraisal of Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation Reserve No. 40A Lands, County of Brant Executive.

MOTION NO. 7

MOVED BY FAWN SAULT

SECONDED BY JESSE HERKIMER

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Lifelong Learning & Awareness & Nation Well-Being Council approves the Appraisal for the easement for a 115 kv powerline over part of the Mississaugas of the Credit Indian Reserve #40A done by Andrew, Thompson & Associates Ltd.

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

MOTION NO. 8

MOVED BY JESSE HERKIMER

SECONDED BY FAWN SAULT

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Lifelong Learning & Awareness & Nation Well-Being Council agrees to sign a BCR to ISC – Receiver General in the amount of \$20,735.00 (Twenty Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty-Five Dollars) to recover from Canada.

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

Council moved to Agenda Item No. 13a).

AGENDA ITEM NO. 13a) – PRIMARY PUBLIC SAFETY ANSWERING POINT – ONTARIO PROVINCIAL POLICE (EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT ASSISTANT)

Chief Administration Officer noted in her Briefing Note that she is seeking approval to renew the Primary Public Safety Answering Point (P-PSAP) Service Agreement with the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP).

The updated Agreement must be signed and returned to the OPP by December 1, 2024, accompanied by a Band Council Resolution. The new terms will take effect on January 1, 2025, with billing adjustments based on population updates reflected in the annual billing issued in January 2025.

MOTION NO. 9

MOVED BY ERMA FERRELL

SECONDED BY FAWN SAULT

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Lifelong Learning & Awareness & Nation Well-Being Council approves the updated Agreement with the Ontario Provincial Police to maintain essential emergency services and compliance with NG9-1-1 requirements.

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

See BCR No. 388 – 2024-2025.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 13b) – WHO WILL CONTACT OFNTSC REGARDING RENOVATION OF DOCA BUILDING? (EF)

Councillor EF brought this item to the Council Table as she would like to know when and if the DOCA buildings will be renovated. She has called OFNTSC many times, but has not had a reply.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 13c) – CUSTODIAN SERVICES FOR COUNCIL HOUSE AND OTHER BUILDINGS

Ogimaa-Kwe would like to know who will be the Custodian for the Council House.

DIRECTION NO. 6

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Lifelong Learning & Awareness & Nation Well-Being Council directs the Chief Administration Officer to investigate who will be the Custodian for the Council House and other buildings eg. Peacekeepers Offices.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 13d) – RECORDS MANAGEMENT BUSINESS PROPOSAL (CAO)

Chief Administration Officer would like to hire Government Frameworks work on our Records Management System.

MOTION NO. 10

MOVED BY ASHLEY SAULT

SECONDED BY FAWN SAULT

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Lifelong Learning & Awareness & Nation Well-Being Council approves the Records Management Software and Services Proposal from Government Frameworks.

The proposal's total cost is \$69,954.72 (Sixty-Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty-Four Dollars & Seventy-Two Cents) annually. The Department of Consultation and Accommodations (DOCA) has committed \$23,000.00 (Twenty-Three Thousand Dollars) towards the service. The remaining \$46,954.72 will be allocated from the Education portion of the 10 + 2 + 2 Fund.

Future costs associated with maintaining this service, totaling \$69,954.72 (Sixty-Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty-Four Dollars & Seventy-Two Cents) annually will be recovered from DOCA proponents.

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

AGENDA ITEM NO. 13e) – FOLLOW UP WITH DEPARTMENTS WHO HAVE USED DOLLARS FROM THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND, EDUCATION FUND, AND INFRASTRUCTURE FUND (10 + 2 + 2)

Chief Administration Officer informed that she is following up with the departments that have used dollars from the Community Development Fund, Education Fund and Land Acquisition Fund.

MOTION NO. 11

MOVED BY JESSE HERKIMER

SECONDED BY ERMA FERRELL

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Lifelong Learning & Awareness & Nation Well-Being Council moved to an In-Camera session at 1:05 pm.

Carried