

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

Tuesday, October 8, 2024

Start 9:18 am

Finish 3:25 pm

Chief (Ogimaa-Kwe) Councillor
Councillor
Councillor (Chair)
Councillor
Councillor
Councillor
Councillor
Chief Administration Officer
Recorder
OPP Guests
MCFN Member

Claire Sault (via Zoom)
Erma Ferrell
Jesse Herkimer
Leslie Maracle
Fawn Sault
Veronica King-Jamieson (via Zoom)
Ashley Sault (Away on Other Council Business)
Larry Sault (Away on Other Council Business)
Tracy Brant
Charlotte Smith
OPP Officers Andrew Fox and Rod Leclair
Veronica Tobicoe

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 – OPEN MEETING

Chair/Councillor Jesse Herkimer opened the meeting at 9:18 am.

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

NOTE: Council had to move to the Lower Board Room in the Administration Building as the Internet at the Community Centre was not in working order.

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

MOTION NO. 1

MOVED BY FAWN SAULT

SECONDED BY ERMA FERRELL

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

- Agenda Item No. 4a) – Youth & Elder Nominations for “First Nations Leading the Way” (VKJ);
- Agenda Item No. 9 – Deferred to next week’s meeting;
- Agenda Item No. 13b) – CAO designated to Administrator of Ontario Works;
- Agenda Item No. 13c) – CAO & Senior Director of Finance to be designated as Administrators in Binding Authority for MCFN – Senior Director of Finance – June 24, 2024; Chief Administration Officer (CAO) – September 9, 2024;
- Council House Review (AS);
- Agenda Item No. 13d) – Chief Designation while Chief is away on vacation – October 12 – 20, 2024 (CS);
- Agenda Item No. 18a) – In-Camera Item;
- Agenda Item No. 18b) – In-Camera Item;
- Agenda Item No. 18c) – In-Camera Item;
- Agenda Item No. 18d) – In-Camera Item.

Carried

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

Council moved to Agenda Item No. 5.

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

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5 – PRESENTATION OF MONTHLY REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 2024 FROM OPP

OPP Officer Andrew Fox highlighted the OPP Monthly Report for September. He added that they (OPP) now have a new School Resource Officer – Abigail.

OPP Officer Rod Leclair noted that the OPP came to Caring Together Week, and also to the Truth and Reconciliation Event. Rod stated that the OPP are planning a Community Safety Night in early September, and Crimestoppers Program will be included. There will also be brochures to be handed out.

Ogimaa-Kwe informed that a Senior’s mailbox was damaged, and she (Ogimaa-Kwe) questioned if a Victim Services Report is required. Andrew Foax answered that, yes, Victim Services can do a report. She also reiterated that some Seniors are afraid of the homeless people who wander about the Territory. In particular, this Senior was victimized.

Chief Administration Officer informed that there is policy around damaged mailboxes, however, CP Holders are responsible for their mailboxes. The exception is Seniors.

Councillor VKJ suggested setting up some kind of fund for Seniors who experience these kinds of situations.

OPP Officers Andrew Fox and Rod Leclair were thanked for their presentation and left at 9:40 am.

DIRECTION NO. 1

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Intergovernmental Relations Council directs the CAO (Chief Administration Officer) to put a policy in place regarding CP Holders being responsible for their own damages (mailboxes) to their property, with the exception of Seniors and MCFN Members who are disabled.

MOTION NO. 2

MOVED BY LESLIE MARACLE

SECONDED BY FAWN SAULT

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Intergovernmental Relations Council accepts the OPP Monthly Report for the month of October, 2024 as presented by OPP Officers Andrew Fox and Rod Leclair.

Carried

OPP Officers Andrew Fox and Rod Leclair out at 9:40 am.

Council moved to Agenda Item No. 3.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 – REVIEW & ACCEPT THE PUBLIC MINUTES OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COUNCIL MEETING DATED MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2024

MOTION NO. 3

MOVED BY FAWN SAULT

SECONDED BY LESLIE MARACLE

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Intergovernmental Relations Council accepts the Public Minutes of Intergovernmental Relations Council Meeting dated Monday, September 10, 2024.

Carried

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3a) – SUMMARY OF MOTIONS & DIRECTIONS FROM INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COUNCIL MEETING DATED MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 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. 4a) – YOUTH AND ELDER NOMINATIONS FOR “FIRST NATIONS LEADING THE WAY” CONFERENCE (VKJ)

Councillor VKJ is requesting that an Elder and Youth be nominated to attend the First Nations Leading the Way Conference, and that they be paid. She suggested putting a call out to MCFN Members to see who would be interested.

This conference is in Edmonton, Alberta on November 26 – 28, 2024.

Councillor VKJ noted that Pillar 4 dollars can be used.

DIRECTION NO. 2

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Intergovernmental Relations Council directs Councillor Veronica King-Jamieson to work with the Council Coordinator to facilitate two Youths to attend the First Nations Leading Way Conference from November 26 – 28, 2024 in Edmonton, Alberta.

Council moved to Agenda Item No. 6.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6 – REPORT OF CARING TOGETHER WEEK – SEPTEMBER 16 – 19, 2024 (ADMIN CLERK)

Council suggested that the report include the budget and line items eg. separate costs for everything and a total. Also, where the dollars coming from? This will come back to the Council Table once corrected.

DIRECTION NO. 3

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Intergovernmental Relations Council directs the Admin Clerk to bring this item back to the Council Table with the proper information and which account the dollars came from.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7 – REPORT OF NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION – SEPTEMBER 30, 2024 (ADMIN CLERK)

Council suggested that the report include the budget and line items eg. separate costs for everything and a total. Also, where the dollars are coming from. This will come back to the Council Table once corrected.

Chief Administration Officer noted that the Caring Together Week Report and the Truth and Reconciliation Report should be approved by Administration and should not have to come to the Council Table. However, Councillor EF stated that as long as there is money coming in and money going out, it has to come to the Council Table.

DIRECTION NO. 4

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Intergovernmental Relations Council directs the Admin Clerk to bring this item back to the Council Table with the proper information and which account the dollars came from. Further, spell out the words for acronym CJWI.

Director of Lifelong Learning in at 10:00 am.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 8 – FYI – GRAND ERIE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD (GEDSB)
TRUSTEE UPDATE (PB)**

Councillor EF stated that this report is very vague, and some examples could have been added. Ogimaa-Kwe added that we only need high level information from GEDSB.

Councillor VKJ will talk with T. Sault and revamp the Trustee Update.

DIRECTION NO. 5

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Intergovernmental Relations Council directs Councillor Veronica King-Jamieson to reach out to LSK Principal Matt King and request that he bring a more in-depth report of the GEDSB Update to the Wednesday, October 23, 2024 Lifelong Learning & Awareness & Nation Well-Being Council Meeting which meeting will be held in the Lower Board Room of the Admin Building.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 8a) – REQUEST OF 10% FROM MNCFN COMMUNITY TRUST FOR
SPORT & RECREATION INFRASTRUCTURE FUND APPLICATION (PB)**

Director of Lifelong Learning noted in her Briefing Note that she is seeking approval to access the MNCFN Community Trust to cover the requested 10% of the total funding allotment from the Community Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Fund. This is for repairing the LSK Track which is in dire need of repairs.

The Community Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Fund is a cost-sharing program, where the provincial contribution to the project will vary based on the eligible applicant type. Being considered as an Indigenous organization, 90% of the project costs will be covered by the Community Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Fund. The remaining 10% is required to be paid by the applicant. We are seeking to apply to the MNCFN Community Trust for up to the maximum amount of \$100,000 (One Hundred Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents). The actual cost to be decided upon quotes received.

MOTION NO. 4

MOVED BY VERONICA KING-JAMIESON

SECONDED BY FAWN SAULT

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Intergovernmental Relations Council authorizes the Department of Lifelong Learning to apply to access the MNCFN Community Trust up to \$100,000.00 (One Hundred Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents), final amount to be based on the quotes received. Further, also apply to access the MCFN Community Trust to cover the requested 10% of the total funding allotment from the Community Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Fund to upgrade the LSK school track.

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

Director of Lifelong Learning out at 10:10 am.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9 – PRESENTATION FROM GILLIAN MCLAREN VIA ZOOM REGARDING DEBWEGIN OAKVILLE – WAMPUM BELT EXCHANGE (COMMUNICATIONS & ENGAGEMENT LEAD)

Gillian McLaren did not show up on Zoom or in person.

Ogimaa-Kwe informed that MCFN received a grant from Debwegin, but no one seems to know where the dollars are.

DIRECTION NO. 6

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Intergovernmental Relations Council directs the CAO to investigate who applied for the grant from Debwegin Oakville Truth Project, and where the dollars went.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 10 – TORONTO PURCHASE TRUST – PURCHASES FROM COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE, LAND ACQUISITION, AND EDUCATION FUNDS (10 + 2 + 2) (EF)

Councillor EF noted that in 2010 the Toronto Purchase Trust Land Claim was settled with the Federal Government and the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation, (MCFN).

Part of the settlement agreement stated that payments of ten million and two million and an additional two million would be paid directly to MCFN Chief and Council. The ten, two and two would be used for community infrastructure, land acquisition and education.

Any purchases from the ten, two and two would be reported to the MCFN Membership at an annual community meeting. This reporting has not been done in the last couple of years, and Councillor EF would like a full report to go to the MCFN Membership before the end of December 2024.

DIRECTION NO. 7

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Intergovernmental Relations Council directs the Chief Administrative Officer to obtain all required purchases that were expensed to the Toronto 10 + 2 + 2 (Community Infrastructure Fund , Land Acquisition Fund and Education Fund) from the MCFN Department Supervisors.

Upon receipt of the information, the Senior Finance Director will prepare a report of expenses which will be presented to the MCFN Chief and Council, to obtain approval to be presented to the MCFN Membership before December 2024.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 11 – REPRINTING REQUESTS FOR PILLAR 5 BOOKLETS – BUDGET (EF)

This is an FYI for Ogimaa-Kwe & Council.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 12 – NIAGARA REINFORCEMENT LINE (NRL) HONORARIUMS (EF)

Councillor EF is still trying to track down the honorariums from Hydro One. These honorariums used to come directly to Council, and now they are forwarded to Peace Hills Trust.

DIRECTION NO. 8

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Intergovernmental Relations Council directs Councillor Erma Ferrell to work on a letter to be written to Jeffrey Smith/NRL/Hydro One and signed by Ogiima-Kwe Sault, to request proof of all payments of honorariums paid to the MCFN from 2019 until September 30, 2024.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 13a) – 2024 MCFN VETERAN'S REMEMBRANCE DAY (ADMIN CLERK)

It was agreed by MCFN Council that the Veteran's Remembrance Day Event will be held on Sunday, November 10, 2024.

Chief Administration Officer informed that Charlie Sault (Librarian) has some memorabilia that he would like to present on Remembrance Day.

Councillor VKJ stated that we need a budget, and we should leave the ceremony in the grove, and have snacks in the Council House.

Ogimaa-Kwe informed that three names are missing from the Booklet, and one of them is William Tobicoe. Councillor VKJ answered that there is an updated list with all the names, and Charlie has that list. Also, poppies will need to be purchased.

Councillor FS advised that we need more chairs, a bigger tent, and heaters if the day is cold.

MOTION NO. 5

MOVED BY LESLIE MARACLE

SECONDED BY FAWN SAULT

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Intergovernmental Relations Council approves the recommendation to host the MCFN Veteran's Remembrance Day Event on Sunday, November 10, 2024 at 10:30 am in the Grove.

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

AGENDA ITEM NO. 13b) – CHIEF ADMINISTRATION OFFICER (CAO) TO BE APPOINTED TO THE ROLE OF ADMINISTRATOR FOR ONTARIO WORKS (CS)

MOTION NO. 6

MOVED BY FAWN SAULT

SECONDED BY ERMA FERRELL

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Intergovernmental Relations Council approves that the Chief Administration Officer (CAO) Tracy Brant will be appointed to the role of Administrator for Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation Ontario Works.

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

AGENDA ITEM NO. 13c) – CHIEF ADMINISTRATION OFFICER (CAO) TRACY BRANT AND SENIOR DIRECTOR OF FINANCE – SERGEY HOVASAPYAN APPOINTED AS ADMINISTRATORS FOR BINDING AUTHORITY OF MCFN

MOTION NO. 7

MOVED BY FAWN SAULT

SECONDED BY ERMA FERRELL

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Intergovernmental Relations Council approves that the Chief Administration Officer (CAO) Tracy Brant (commenced employment on September 9, 2024) and Senior Director of Finance Sergey Hovasapyan (commenced employment on June 24, 2024) be appointed as Administrators of Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Organization.

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

AGENDA ITEM NO. 13d) – COUNCILLOR JESSE HERKIMER TO BE DESIGNATED AS CHIEF WHILE OGIMAA-KWE (CLAIRE SAULT) IS AWAY ON VACATION

MOTION NO. 8

MOVED BY ERMA FERRELL

SECONDED BY FAWN SAULT

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Intergovernmental Relations Council designates Councillor Jesse Herkimer as Acting Chief while Ogimaa-Kwe (Claire Sault) is away on vacation from October 12th to October 20th, 2024.

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

AGENDA ITEM NO. 13e) – FOOD BANK DONATION (EF)

DIRECTION NO. 9

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Intergovernmental Relations Council directs the Senior Director of Finance to locate the Hagersville Food Bank Donation for this fiscal. This item will be brought back to the next Financial Planning & Fiscal Oversight Council Meeting on Tuesday, November 4, 2024.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 13f) – AGENDA FOR COUNCIL HOUSE GRAND OPENING (EF)

Councillor AS brought a draft Agenda for the Council House Grand Opening. It still needs to be revised somewhat. It will come back to the next Infrastructure & Environmental Stewardship Council Meeting on Tuesday, October 15, 2024 with any and all updates.

DIRECTION NO. 10

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Intergovernmental Relations Council directs Councillor Ashley Sault to bring the Agenda for Council House Grand Opening to the next Infrastructure & Environmental Stewardship Council Meeting on Tuesday, October 15, 2024 with any and all updates. Further, Councillor Ashley Sault is directed to investigate whether or not the van can be sent to pick up MCFN Members C. Tobicoe and G. Sault for the Grand Opening.

DIRECTION NO. 11

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Intergovernmental Relations Council directs the CAO to contact Victoria Gray (Communications & Engagement Lead) to publicize the Council House Grand Opening scheduled for October 24th and 25th, 2024 on the news media.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 13g) – HALLOWEEN PARTY ON OCTOBER 25, 2024 (FS)**DIRECTION NO. 12**

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Intergovernmental Relations Council directs Councillor Fawn Sault to bring all pertinent information and funding source for the planning of the Halloween Party on October 25, 2024. This item will be brought back to the next Infrastructure & Environmental Stewardship Council Meeting on Tuesday, October 15, 2024.

MOTION NO. 9

MOVED BY FAWN SAULT

SECONDED BY LESLIE MARACLE

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Intergovernmental Relations Council moved to an In-Camera session at 11:20 am.

Carried