

MISSISSAUGAS OF THE CREDIT FIRST NATION
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
PUBLIC MINUTES
Tuesday, January 13, 2026

Start 9:03 am

Finish 1:45 pm

Chief Councillor/Chair

Margaret Sault

Councillor

Larry Sault (Joined the meeting via Teams)

Councillor

Leslie Maracle

Councillor

Fawn Sault

Councillor

Ashley Sault

Councillor

Jesse Herkimer

Councillor

Erma Ferrell

Councillor

Jai King-Green

Chief Administrative Officer

Adam McDonald

Recorder

Charlotte Smith

Chief Financial Officer

Tabitha King

MNP Auditor

Darren Rennie (Joined the meeting via Teams)

OPP Officers

Andy Fox, Tom Hutton, Rod Leclair

MCFN Members

Austin Sault, Rebecca Hill

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 – OPEN MEETING

Chair/Chief Margaret Sault opened the meeting at 9:03 am.

OPP Officers Andy Fox, Tom Hutton and Rod Leclair in at 8:55 am.

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

MOTION NO. 1

MOVED BY JESSE HERKIMER

SECONDED BY JAI KING-GREEN

That this MCFN Regular Council accepts the Agenda with the following additions and deletions:

- Agenda Item No. 9b) – Overtime Hours (EF)
- Agenda Items No. 17a), 17b) and 17c) – In-Camera Items – deferred to the next Council Meeting on Tuesday, January 20, 2026
- Agenda Item No. 19 – In-Camera Item

Carried

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

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 – REVIEW & ACCEPT PUBLIC MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING DATED TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2025

MOTION NO. 2

MOVED BY JESSE HERKIMER

SECONDED BY LARRY SAULT

That this MCFN Regular Council accepts the Public Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting dated Tuesday, December 2, 2025.

Carried

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3a) – REVIEW & ACCEPT PUBLIC MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING DATED THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2025

MOTION NO. 3

MOVED BY JESSE HERKIMER

SECONDED BY LARRY SAULT

That this MCFN Regular Council accepts the Public Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting dated Tuesday, November 27, 2025.

Carried

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4 – MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no Matters Arising from the Minutes.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4a) – FYI – EXPENSE REMINDER FOR CHIEF & COUNCIL

This item will be a standing item on each Agenda as a reminder to Chief and Council to forward their expenses to the Finance Department.

OPP Officers Andy Fox, Tom Hutton and Rod Leclair in at 8:55 am.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5a) – PRESENTATION OF OPP MONTHLY REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2025 AS PRESENTED BY OPP CAYUGA DETACHMENT COMMANDER ANDY FOX

Andy highlighted November 2025's Monthly Report. There were 39 occurrences, but nothing noteworthy that needed to be discussed.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5b) – PRESENTATION OF OPP MONTHLY REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2025 AS PRESENTED BY OPP CAYUGA DETACHMENT COMMANDER ANDREW FOX

Andy highlighted December 2025's Monthly Report as well. There were 70 occurrences, which is substantially higher than November.

Councillor LM reiterated that there are a lot of complaints from Community Members about drug abuse and other incidents, but no one wants to talk.

With regard to the robbery on First Line, Six Nations knew about the incident long before the OPP Cayuga Detachment knew. It happened on the Six Nations side of the boundary road so Six Nations Police was on the scene first.

Andy informed that he would work with all relevant parties to have better communication between the police and the First Nation.

Rod stated that he continues to work with Social Services on steps to get Members more help.

Andy noted that Amy Bernardo works in the Crime Stoppers section of the OPP and she may be able to come and present to the Community.

Councillor FS questioned if OPP has specific numbers on homeless people, and Andy answered no, but he would find out more information.

Councillor EF suggested that the Chief write a letter to Six Nations Police Department regarding the robbery incident, and how to better inform and communicate with MCFN.

Rod will continue sharing with Chief and Council until an updated protocol is put in place.

Guests were thanked for their presentation and left at 9:30 am.

MOTION NO. 4

MOVED BY FAWN SAULT

SECONDED BY ERMA FERRELL

That this MCFN Regular Council acknowledges the OPP Monthly Reports for November and December 2025 as presented by Any Fox, Tom Hutton and Rod Leclair.

Carried

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6 – MASSEY COLLEGE TOBACCO PINS AND TOBACCO GARDENS (EF)

Councillor EF noted that this is an update regarding the Tobacco Gardens (beds) at Massey College and MCFN.

The decision to create a Tobacco Pin was originally suggested by our Elder Garry Sault who passed away in 2025.

Nathan Tidridge prepared a letter explaining when and where the Tobacco Design was recommended and the process. He is requesting permission from Chief and Council to approve the update on the history of the Tobacco Pin and the Tobacco Beds.

Councillor JH suggested that some of the facts in the letter prepared by Mr. Tidridge should be verified.

Councillor EF will confirm the facts with Nathan Tidridge and will bring this recommendation back to the next Council Meeting on Tuesday, January 20, 2026.

DIRECTION NO. 1

That this MCFN Regular Council directs Councillor Erma Ferrell to confirm the facts in the letter which was prepared by Nathan Tidridge. Once confirmed, Councillor Ferrell will bring this item back to the next Regular Council Meeting on Tuesday, January 20, 2026.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7 – DAVID SUZUKI WORKSHOP (EF)

Councillor EF noted that the Suzuki Foundation contacted Ruth Rendon who is Manager of Sustainability for the City of Richmond Hill. David Suzuki Foundation is hosting a workshop on environmental issues on Saturday, February 28, 2026.

The event is by invitation only, and the Richmond Hill staff have extended an invitation to Chief and Council.

Ruth Rendon is requesting Councillor EF to submit names from Chief and Council who would be interested in attending this workshop.

Chief questioned whether Community Members could attend, and Councillor EF answered that she would find out. Councillor EF also questioned whether the Chief would like to do the opening remarks to which Chief answered yes.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7a) – INDIGENOUS SERVICES CANADA (ISC) UPDATE (EF)

Councillor EF informed that she attended the meeting with Indigenous Services Canada on November 25 and 26, 2025.

Indigenous Services Canada has provided an update on the restructuring of their departments and information on their budgets. The information sheets are listed by departments.

Anyone wishing to obtain a copy of any of the presentations can log onto the official ISC Website (<https://www.sfn.ca/registration-package.html>).

Chief would like someone to obtain all the presentations/reports and put them in a binder. CAO informed that the Admin Clerk can do this. Councillor EF will give the link to the Admin Clerk.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8 – MCFN COMMUNITY MEETING JAN.24, 2026 (MS)

Chief has suggested that at the next Monthly Community Meeting on Saturday, January 24, 2026, this meeting will be a meet and greet of the new Council. Each Councillor can give an update on their Pillar. Chief further suggested that Crimestoppers from the Cayuga Detachment of the OPP come and present to the Community, after which time there will be open dialogue with the Community.

Councillor LM reiterated that everyone needs to work together eg. Native Horizons Treatment Centre, Social Services, Victim Services etc. Councillor LM also suggested having a skit prepared, and she will take care of arranging this.

Councillor EF stated that we need data/numbers.

Chief stated that she would like to see focus groups set up regarding the Pillars at the meeting. Chief Administrative Officer will assign note takers for this event.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9a) – CHIEF & COUNCIL COMMITTEE LISTINGS DISCUSSION (AM)

Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) informed that the Chief and Council Committee Listings still has to be completed. CAO would like some direction from Chief and Council on how best to deal with this.

Councillor JH suggested that each Councillor forward to the CAO all the Committees that each Pillar Lead is currently on.

It was agreed that each Councillor/Pillar Lead would forward a list of all the Committees that they are currently on.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9b) – OVERTIME HOURS (EF)

Councillor EF gave a brief history of some staff getting paid for a lot of overtime hours, and other staff had to flex their time. She thought this was unfair.

Chief Administrative Officer talked about what the law says, and that we do have clear policies in place that allow for overtime being paid out and/or flexing their time.

MCFN Member R. Hill in at 10:00 am.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9c) – SUGGESTION FROM MCFN MEMBER

MCFN Member R. Hill brought an idea to the Council Table. She would like to set up a fund whereby families of loved ones could access in times of sickness, death, hardship etc. She is requesting Chief and Council and anyone else who wants to donate to this fund can do so. She has \$500.00 to start the fund.

Chief stated that we could add this under the Crime Stopper's item at the upcoming Monthly Community Meeting on Saturday, January 24, 2026.

Darren Rennie from MNP Auditors joined the meeting via Teams at 11:20 am.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 10 – MCFN AUDIT PRESENTATION (CFO)

Chief Financial Officer requested that this item be put on the Agenda so the two new Council Members (Chief Margaret Sault and Councillor Jai King-Green) could be updated regarding the latest Audit presentation.

Darren Rennie highlighted the Audit Presentation – March 31, 2025 Year-end and the Management Letter.

The Audit highlights the responsibilities of Management (MCFN Finance Department), Chief and Council and MNP.

Audit Process includes Finance Department – bookkeeping and prepares financial records and schedules.

Auditors complete the Audit procedures and testing, and formulates their opinion.

Chief and Council Meet with the Auditors and reviews and approves the Financial Statements.

The Audit Results include the Audit Opinion, Going Concern – no events or conditions that cast doubt on the entity's ability to continue as a going concern, Fraud – no instances of fraud were identified during the course of our Audit.

Included in the Consolidated Financial Statements is MCFN programs such as Council Administration, Public Works, Housing Economic Development, Education, Childcare, New Credit Variety & Gar Bar etc. Not included are Community Trust and Toronto Purchase Trust.

Assets are things that MCFN owns or has owing to MCFN, such as: Cash and Restricted Cash, Portfolio Investments, Accounts Receivable, Amounts Due from First Nation Members, Amounts Due of Community Trust Land Claim Fund, Investment in Business Enterprise (MCBC), Ottawa Trust fund, Other Assets (eg. Prepaid Expenses, Loans, Inventory), and Capital Assets such as buildings, Equipment, Furniture.

Liabilities are things that MCFN owes or has not earned yet, such as CMHC Loans/Debt, Accounts payable (operating payables such as salaries, vendor invoices), and Deferred Revenue (funding received but not spent).

Revenues include money received or receivable from sources such as Government Funding, OFNLP, Toronto Purchase Trust, Community Trust, Business Enterprises, Other Funding (ie. Own Source).

Expenditures include costs to various programs and operations:

- Council Administration
- Public Works & Housing
- Economic Development
- Health
- Social Services
- Education
- Land, Membership & Research
- Childcare
- Employment & Training
- Consultation & Accommodation
- Business Enterprises
- Community Funds

The Management Letter from MNP stated that this is a clean Audit.

Chief Administrative Officer stated that he is putting together a team to assist in Asset Management.

Darren Rennie was thanked for his presentation and left the meeting at 11:37 am.

On another note, Councillor EF suggested sending out RFP's for a new Auditor. MNP has been our Auditors for a few years now. Chief added that we need to do the same thing with Peace Hills Trust. Councillor EF stated that we do not have to pay any taxes with Peace Hills Trust.

Chief reiterated that the Community needs to know how we spend the dollars that come into the First Nation.

MCFN Members R. Hill and Austin Sault were excused at 11:50 am.

MOTION NO. 4

MOVED BY JESSE HERKIMER

SECONDED BY FAWN SAULT

That this MCFN Regular Council moved to an In-Camera session at 11:50 am.

Carried