

**MISSISSAUGAS OF THE CREDIT FIRST NATION  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
PUBLIC MINUTES  
Tuesday, March 3, 2026**

**Start 9:02 am**

**Finish 2:40 pm**

**Chief Councillor**

**Margaret Sault**

**Councillor**

**Larry Sault**

**Councillor**

**Leslie Maracle**

**Councillor**

**Fawn Sault**

**Councillor**

**Ashley Sault (Sick)**

**Councillor/Chair**

**Jesse Herkimer**

**Councillor**

**Erma Ferrell**

**Councillor**

**Jai King-Green (Vacation)**

**Senior Director of Operations**

**Veronica King-Jamieson**

**Recorder**

**Charlotte Smith**

**Chief Financial Officer**

**Tabitha King**

**Sr. Dir. of Intergov. Affairs**

**Mark LaForme**

**Communications Department**

**Victoria Gray, Caitlin LaForme**

**Legal Counsel**

**Kent Elson (joined meeting via Teams)**

**Director of Lifelong Learning**

**Patti Barber**

**LSK School**

**Principal Matt King & Catherine Shawana**

**HR Manager**

**Julie Monture**

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 – OPEN MEETING**

Chair/Councillor Jesse Herkimer opened the meeting at 9:02 am.

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

**MOTION NO. 1**

MOVED BY LARRY SAULT

SECONDED BY FAWN SAULT

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

- Agenda Item No. 9a) – Seasonal Ceremonies (LSK Principal)
- Agenda Item No. 9b) – Monthly Community Meeting on March 21, 2026 (MS)
- Agenda Item No. 9c) – Letter of Support from Oakville (MS)
- Agenda Item No. 9d) – Request for a Meeting with the Diocese of Toronto (MS)
- Agenda Item No. 9e) – List of Knowledge Holders (MS)
- Agenda Item No. 9f) – Request from MCBC – Date for AGM (MS)
- Agenda Item No. 9g) – 2026 Census (MS)
- Agenda Item No. 9h) – FIFA Update (MS)
- Agenda Item No. 9i) – Employment & Training Committee (LM)
- Agenda Item No. 9j) – Comprehensive Funding Agreement to be signed by Chief & Council (CFO)

- Agenda Item No. 10 – Deferred to next Regular Council Meeting on Tuesday, March 10, 2026 (CFO)
- Agenda Item No. 16d) – 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, FEBRUARY 24, 2026**

**MOTION NO. 2**

MOVED BY MARGARET SAULT

SECONDED BY LARRY SAULT

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Regular Council accepts the Public Minutes of Regular Council Meeting dated Tuesday, February 24, 2026.

Carried

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 4 – MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

There were no Matters Arising from the Minutes.

**MOTION NO. 3**

MOVED BY MARGARET SAULT

SECONDED BY FAWN SAULT

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Regular Council moved to an In-Camera session at 9:15 am.

Carried

**MOTION NO. 4**

MOVED BY FAWN SAULT

SECONDED BY LARRY SAULT

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Regular Council moved out of the In-Camera session at 9:40 am.

Carried

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 6 – SENIORS & YOUTH – IF THEY HAVE ANYTHING TO PRESENT**

No MCFN Members were in attendance for this item.

Council moved to Agenda Item No. 8.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 8 – ACTIVITY REPORT FROM SENIOR DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS**

Chief and Council received this Activity Report/Update from Senior Director of Operations/Chief Administrative Officer as information.

Council moved to Agenda Item No. 9b).

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 9b) – MONTHLY COMMUNITY MEETING ON SATURDAY, MARCH 21, 2026**

**DIRECTION NO. 1**

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Regular Council directs the Senior Director of Operations to contact Communications Department to book the Community Centre on Saturday, March 21, 2026 for the Monthly Community Meeting from 8:00 am to 11:30 am.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 9c) – LETTER OF SUPPORT – OAKVILLE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION (MS)**

Chief MS noted in her Briefing Note that a Letter of Support from MCFN is being requested for the Debwewin Oakville Projects.

One of the latest projects has been creating and housing an Indigenous Gathering Space, where the governance and use will be determined by the local Indigenous Community. An event is being planned for March 3<sup>rd</sup>, where a gathering is taking place to develop a shared vision. This event is being led by Elder Peter Schuler.

The Oakville Community Foundation is applying for the Telus “Indigenous Communities Fund” Grant to assist them with costs associated with this project. A proposed letter is attached.

Councillor LM questioned if Craig King should be involved in this. Chief answered yes along with Peter Schuler.

**MOTION NO. 5**

MOVED BY LESLIE MARACLE

SECONDED BY MARGARET SAULT

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Regular Council approves the attached Letter of Support for Oakville Community Foundation, recognizing that they are applying to the Telus Indigenous Communities Fund for support with costs for the Indigenous Gathering Space Project.

Carried

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Waived

Chief MS has signed the letter and forwarded to the Senior Director of Operations to be sent out.

Council moved back to Agenda Item No. 7.

Victoria Gray and Caitlin LaForme in at 9:50 am.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 7 – MERCHANDISE CAPACITY INCREASE PLUS CAMERA PURCHASE (VICTORIA GRAY)**

Victoria Gray (Communications & Engagement Manager) noted in her Briefing Note that the Communications Department requests to purchase an in-house engraver to provide flexibility for small-batch and time-sensitive needs, reduce reliance on external vendors, and

allow Council and the organization to respond more efficiently to recognition and ceremonial requirements. The department also requires two new DSLR cameras - Cannon EOS R6 Mark II kits.

Purchasing an xTool laser engraver would allow engraving to be completed in-house, significantly reducing per-unit costs over time.

This will also allow us to engrave many other products, everything from coffee mugs, wooden products, leather, acrylic and more.

We have sourced three quotes and determined the unit that will suit our purposes: xTool F2 Ultra 60W MOPA & 40W Diode Dual Laser Engraver.

Chief MS informed that Moccasin Identifier has a machine similar to the above which they have never used. Victoria will meet with Laurie Froman (MI) to discuss this item.

**MOTION NO. 6**

MOVED BY FAWN SAULT

SECONDED BY LESLIE MARACLE

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Regular Council approves and authorizes Communications Department to purchase both the laser engraver and cameras at a cost of up to \$21,000.00 (Twenty-One Thousand Dollars), and funds will be taken from Account No. 100400.

Carried

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Waived

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 9d) – REQUEST FOR A MEETING WITH THE DIOCESE OF TORONTO (MS)**

Chief MS noted that the Diocese of Toronto are requesting a meeting with Chief and Council, preferably in April or May 2026 to discuss relationship building.

**DIRECTION NO. 2**

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Regular Council directs the Chief's Assistant (Kerri King) to arrange a date whereby the Diocese of Toronto can meet with Chief and Council.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 9e) – DRAFT UPDATED LIST OF KNOWLEDGE HOLDERS (VKJ)**

Senior Director of Operations noted that this List was prepared and sent by all the departments.

Caitlin LaForme noted that there is a lot more work that needs to be done regarding this list. She informed that there are Event Participation Forms and Chief and Council Requests in their files that can be utilized.

Councillor LS questioned who these people on the list are accountable to.

This Draft Updated List of Knowledge Holders has been accepted as information by Chief and Council.

Victoria Gray and Caitlin LaForme out at 10:07 am.

Council moved back to Agenda Item No. 9a).

Catherine Shawana and LSK Principal Matt King in at 10:07 am.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 9a) – SEASONAL CEREMONIES (LSK PRINCIPAL)**

LSK Principal Matt King noted in his Briefing Note that LSK is asking for approval from Chief and Council to continue on with our Seasonal Ceremonies and Sweats. Seasonal ceremonies will resume at LSK, as it is a longstanding and valued component of our school culture. Providing students with opportunities to participate and learn through this experience remains a priority.

LSK paused our Seasonal Ceremonies and Sweats in the fall of 2025, and we want to bring them back. LSK fought to bring Ceremony to our school many years ago, and our students have benefited from these Ceremonies – strengthening their Cultural Identity and instilling a sense of being part of our Anishinabek community.

Chief MS is agreeable that LSK continue with the Seasonal Ceremonies and Sweats. However, Councillor LM disagrees and believes that sweats and ceremonies should be done at home with the parents and not at school.

Catherine Shawana (Teacher at LSK) stated that by doing these sweats and ceremonies we are reaffirming our cultural activities with our students.

Chief stated that she thinks the Briefing Note is somewhat misleading. Matt answered that he takes full responsibility for the Briefing Note. He also informed that it was the former Chief Administrative Officer who requested the pause.

Councillor FS stated that we need to stop the discriminating.

Catherine Shawana and LSK Principal Matt King were thanked for their presentation and left at 10:37 am.

**MOTION NO. 7**

MOVED BY

SECONDED BY

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Regular Council approves the following:

*Our LSK Cultural Team (6 staff members), LSK Admin (Matt King and Tammy Beauvais) and our CAO (Veronica King-Jamieson) all support continuing with our seasonal ceremonies, sweats and other opportunities for our students to participate in the Anishinabek culture. We wish to continue to educate all students, staff and decision makers about the Anishinabek culture.*

There was no Mover for the above Motion.

**Motion has been defeated.**

There will be a further In-Camera discussion of this item later in the meeting.

Councillor EF returned at 10:35 am from her doctor's appointment.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 9f) – REQUEST FROM MCBC – DATE FOR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (MS)**

It is noted that MCBC would prefer to meet with Chief and Council in June. Councillor JH will make these arrangements.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 9g) – CENSUS 2026 (MS)**

**DIRECTION NO. 3**

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Regular Council directs Chief Margaret Sault to write a letter to the relevant department of the government regarding the Census 2026 and inform them that it is up to the individual whether or not he/she wants to be involved.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 9h) – FIFA UPDATE**

Caitlin LaForme stated that we are approved for the “Caravan” to be here on Tuesday, July 7<sup>th</sup>, and livestreaming will be at 4:00 pm.

Victoria Gray reiterated that the cost to MCFN will be \$50,000.00 to have the Caravan stop here. There will be a lot of extras that will prove to be costly.

Chief MS stated that the \$50,000.00 was approved by previous Council.

Chief MS stated that Caitlin can give us all the information we need to make a decision.

Councillor FS reiterated that FIFA has done nothing for MCFN.

Victoria informed that the agreement between FIFA and MCFN has to be signed by March 13, 2026.

This verbal update was provided by the Communications Department and no action was taken at this time.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 9i) – EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING COMMITTEE (LM)**

After dissolving the Employment & Training Board, it was decided that Employment & Training Board would become Employment & Training Committee, and a Briefing Note would come back to the Council Table as to who would be on the E & T Committee.

**MOTION NO. 8**

MOVED BY FAWN SAULT

SECONDED BY LESLIE MARACLE

That the Employment and Training Committee consists of Senior Director of Operations, Pillar 2 Lead and Employment and Training Coordinator. Alternates for the ALFDC Board will be (currently Councillor Erma Ferrell) and Pillar 1 Lead (currently Councillor Jesse Herkimer).

Carried

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Waived

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 9j – COMPREHENSIVE FUNDING AGREEMENTS 0055 AND 0057 TO BE SIGNED BY CHIEF & COUNCIL**

Both Comprehensive Funding Agreements – No. 0055 and 0057 have been signed by Chief and Council.

All guests left at 11:00 am.

**MOTION NO. 9**

MOVED BY FAWN SAULT

SECONDED BY LARRY SAULT

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Regular Council moved to an In-Camera session at 11:15 am.

Carried