

**MISSISSAUGAS OF THE CREDIT FIRST NATION
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
PUBLIC MINUTES
Tuesday, April 7, 2026**

Start 9:02 am

Finish 3:37 pm

Chief Councillor

Margaret Sault

Councillor

Larry Sault

Councillor

Leslie Maracle

Councillor/Chair

Fawn Sault (teams)

Councillor

Ashley Sault (teams/sick)

Councillor - Chair

Jesse Herkimer

Councillor

Erma Ferrell

Councillor

Jai King-Green

Senior Director of Operations

Veronica King-Jamieson

Recorder

Marlene Morton

Chief Financial Officer

Tabitha King (teams)

Guests

Mark LaForme (SDIA)

Mayor David West, Ruth Rendon, Krysten Bates

Stephanie Graham

Melanie Debassign , Drew Hill, Arland Laforme,

Jeremy Sardine

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 LESLIE MARACLE

SECONDED BY JAI KING-GREEN

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

Agenda 7- move to In-Camera

Agenda 10- Change to a FYI

Agenda 11-add b) Councillor Fawn has a verbal report

Agenda 5- move to the Special Council Meeting – April 22-24, 2026

Agenda 24- move to the Special Council Meeting- April 22-24, 2026

Carried

Second Reading Waived

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 – REVIEW & ACCEPT PUBLIC MINUTES OF
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING DATED TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 2026**

After the Council review the Public Meetings for Tuesday March 24, 2026 they accepted it with noted changes:

1. Change Ashley and Fawn attendance to Council Business
2. Agenda 6a) add handwritten notes typed from the Council Meeting
3. 6a) take out last paragraph three
4. Always use Council Coordinator instead of Admin Clerk when writing minutes
5. Do spell check on pages 4 and 5

MOTION NO. 2

MOVED BY MARGARET SAULT

SECONDED BY JAI KING-GREEN

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Regular Council accepts the Public Minutes as of March 24, 2026, with the noted changes:

1. Change Ashley and Fawn attendance to Council Business
2. Agenda 6a) add handwritten notes typed from the Council Meeting
3. 6a) take out last paragraph three
4. Always use Council Coordinator instead of Admin Clerk when writing minutes
5. Do spell check on pages 4 and 5

Carried

Second Reading Waived

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4 – MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no Matters Arising from the Minutes.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5 – CULTURE & EVENTS UNIT SEPARATION FROM COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT(ML)

Senior Director of Intergovernmental Affairs brought this item to the table. Culture and Events folded as a stand-alone unit, under and along with, the Governance Department in June 2024. It was then relocated under the Department of Consultation and Accommodation, which only focused on external outreach. An Acting Manager of Culture was appointed. Two full-time permanent positions were created; Cultural Outreach Coordinator and Cultural Outreach Assistant and hires were done in May 2025. In December 2025, an administrative decision by a former CAO was made to place Culture & Events back under the Communications Department and currently the Culture and Events Manager is supervised by the Communications Manager.

Culture and Event Unit was proposing to become its own stand-alone department, expanding with more positions and in the future separating Events for each to become its own. Culture and Language Department and Tourism and Events together.

Councillor Leslie Maracle and Councillor Larry Sault requested that this item be brought forward to the Special Council Meeting scheduled for April 22–24, 2026, along with the Organizational Chart, for discussion.

Chief Margaret Sault stated that it is necessary to consider the broader, overall picture. She noted that the Special Council Meeting would be an appropriate forum to review the matter in its entirety and to ensure that any proposed changes are appropriate and beneficial.

The matter was then brought forward as a motion; however, the motion did not carry and was declared defeated.

Following this, consensus was reached to provide direction to the Chief Operating Officer to bring this item forward to the Special Council Meeting, together with the Organizational Chart, for further review and discussion.

MOTION NO. 3

MOVED BY ASHLEY SAULT

SECONDED BY FAWN SAULT

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Regular Council approves the Culture and Events proposed plan to become a stand-alone department, separating out from under the Communications Department.

4 opposed- Councillor Larry Councillor Leslie Maracle, Chief Margaret Sault, and Councillor Erma

Motion Dead

DIRECTION 1

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Regular Council directs the A/CAO to bring this item to the Special Council Meeting on April 22-24, 2026 along with the Organizational Chart.

Mark LaForme (SDIA) left at 9:41 a.m.

Council moved to Agenda Item 9:

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9- UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO MISSISSAUGA CAMPUS-(EF)

Councillor Erma Ferrell brought this item to the table. Council Erma shared a bit of history with the Council. Building a relationship with the University of Toronto Mississauga Campus (UTM) began in the 2017-2018 fiscal year.

Since relationship building began with UTM, the Professor Sherry Fukuzawa has worked with former Councillor Veronica King-Jamieson, to apply for Grants to support projects.

During the 2026-2027 fiscal year funding from the Grants will flow through the MCFN Finance Department for disbursement to fund programming, ie: Artifact Camp, and Video Camp.

Currently Professor Fukuzawa is requesting a signature on two of their MOUs to secure additional Grant Funding for the 2026-2027 fiscal year.

Councillor Erma Ferrell brought forward the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for Council review. During the review, Councillor Jai King-Green noted that Veronica King-Jamieson's name required an associated position title. Councillor King-Green, Councillor Ashley Sault and Councillor Fawn Sault further suggested that, instead of listing individual names, the MOU should include position titles only.

Councillor Erma Ferrell asked Council if she could contact the University representative to confirm whether removing individual names and using titles only would impact the funding. Councillor Erma Ferrell later returned to the table and advised Council that, after speaking with the University representative, it was confirmed that there would be no issue with the funding if the MOU was amended to remove individual names and include position titles only.

The Council passed the MOU with the changes being made.

MOTION 4

MOVED BY LESLIE MARACLE

SECONDED BY LARRY SAULT

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Regular Council grant permission to sign the Memorandum of Understanding with the University of Toronto, Mississauga Campus (UTM), with the revision that all individual names be removed and only titles be included in the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).

The Council took a Break for 10 mins. at 9:45 a.m.

The Council came back to the table at 10:00 a.m.

Richmond Hill Mayor David West, Manager Sustainability Ruth Rendon, Strategy and Government Relation Coordinator Krysten Bates and Strategy and Government Relations Coordinator came in at 10:00 a.m.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6 –MAYOR WEST OF RICHMOND HILL(EF)

Councillor Erma Ferrell introduced Mayor David West of Richmond Hill, Ontario, who attended the Council meeting along with members of his staff. Mayor West greeted Council and spoke about the relationship Richmond Hill has developed with Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN), noting that Richmond Hill has been educating its residents through various initiatives. These include events, art shows, and exhibits highlighting the history of MCFN at the Richmond Hill Heritage Centre.

Councillor Larry Sault commented on the significant amount of history within the territory and emphasized the importance of **Truth and Reconciliation Call to Action 57**, particularly as it relates to ongoing territorial issues. Councillor Jesse Herkimer stated that MCFN is not in a partnership role, but we own the land through the treaties.

Chief Margaret Sault asked Mayor West whether Richmond Hill has a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with MCFN. Mayor West confirmed that there is currently no MOU in place. Chief Margaret Sault expressed interest in developing an MOU and having it signed by both parties.

Mayor West suggested that members of MCFN Council come to Richmond Hill to educate his Council. Chief Margaret Sault requested that Mayor West provide several potential dates. Councillor Jai King-Green also suggested that the entire Richmond Hill Council and staff be invited to MCFN for a traditional gathering with no formality. Mayor West agreed and stated that this would be a positive opportunity.

Mayor West concluded by confirming that Richmond Hill will move forward with planning a visit for MCFN Council to educate Richmond Hill Council, as well as coordinating dates for Richmond Hill Council and staff to visit MCFN.

Mayor West and his team left at 10:46 a.m.

OFNTSC (Ontario First Nations Technical Services Corporation) staff Melanie Debassign and Drew Hill and Public Works Director and Technical Resource Manager came in at 10:46 a.m.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8- OFNTSC REQUEST TO MEET-(CMS)

Melanie Debassige, Executive Director of the Ontario First Nations Technical Services Corporation (OFNTSC), delivered a presentation to Council.

Melanie provided an overview of OFNTSC's work during the 2024–2025 period, highlighting the technical advisory services delivered to First Nations across Ontario. These services included support in the areas of engineering, environment, fire and safety, housing, water and wastewater engineering, and infrastructure.

Ms. Debassige also spoke to anticipated challenges for 2027–2028, specifically identifying the First Nations Solid Waste Management Initiative as a key area requiring attention. She further noted that due to a shortage of OFNTSC Infrastructure Specialists, staff workloads have increased.

To address capacity challenges, OFNTSC plans to introduce a two-building cold training course. This course is intended to support First Nations by developing in-house building inspectors, thereby strengthening local capacity and reducing reliance on external resources.

Council accepted the presentation.

The Team from OFNTSE and Public Works Director and Technical Resource Manager left at 11:42 a.m.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 10 – IN-CAMERA ITEM-COURT CHALLENGES PROGRAM FUNDING-
WOODWARD & CO. LAYERS LLP-(CMS)**

A funding agreement in the amount of \$200,000 has been provided by the Court Challenges Program to Chief Margaret Sault. The funding will not flow to MCFN but will instead be directed in trust to Woodward & Co. Lawyers LLP, on behalf of the First Nations involved in the Bill C-5 / Bill 5 Charter challenge.

Following confirmation of the process by the Chief Financial Officer (CFO), the funding agreement has been signed. This item was presented to Council for information purposes only. Chief Margaret Sault advised that there is a report exceeding 70 pages related to this matter that could be shared with Council for review. All Council Members indicated that they would like to receive a copy of the report.

Council directed Chief Margaret Sault to forward a copy of the report to all Council Members.

DIRECTION 2

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Regular Council directs to send the report from the Court Challenges Program Funding-Woodward & Co. to all the Councillors for their review. And will send a update or directions.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 11 a) VERBAL REPORT FROM COUNCILLOR FAWN SAULT (FS)

The Chair Councillor Jesse Herkimer asked if this could come back to the table and invite the Animal Wellness.

Councillor Fawn Sault will put together a briefing note and bring it back to the table later.

Council moved IN-Camera at 11:30 a.m.