

**MISSISSAUGAS OF THE CREDIT FIRST NATION
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
PUBLIC MINUTES**

Monday July 6, 2026

Start 9:12 am

Finish 4:55pm

**Chief Councillor
Councillor
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Councillor
Councillor/Chair
Councillor
Recorder**

**Margaret Sault
Larry Sault
Leslie Maracle (left at 14:50)
Fawn Sault (TEAMS)
Ashley Sault (arrived at 09:26, left at 15:00)
Jesse Herkimer
Erma Ferrell
Jai King-Green (arrived at 09:37)
Kerri L. King**

Guests

**Arland LaForme
Lorraine LaForme
Colette Webb
Jeremy Sardine
Caitlin LaForme
Craig King
Maggie Copeland
Nuri Fame
Lillianne Shaw
Elizabeth Whelan-Marcolini
David Angelemi
Dorse Jalalion
Phil Lee
Warren Sault
Joanne General**

**Director of Public Works
Housing Director
Housing Assistant
Technical Resource Manager
Culture and Events Manager
Culture and Design Specialist
Director of Health Services
PST Law
PST Law
Canada Lands Company
Canada Lands Company
Canada Lands Company
Giardina Lee & Associates
MCBC
Jays Care Coordinator**

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 – OPEN MEETING

Chair/Councillor Erma Ferrell opened the meeting at 9:12 am.

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

Councillor/Chair Erma Ferrell provided the table with additional information on the Water Claim submission of 2016 (Interoffice Memorandum from former COO, Kailey Thomson, dated October 23, 2019).

Discussion took place on the various HR related items on the agenda and it was agreed that these would be removed until after the July 27, 2026 meeting with Acosys.

MOTION NO. 1

MOVED BY LESLIE MARACLE

SECONDED BY JESSE HERKIMER

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation Regular Council accepts the agenda for Monday, July 7th, 2026, with added agenda items:

Item 14 a) Community Member Complaint (FS)

b) Education Matter (EF)

And with the deletion of the following items:

Item 16 a) Supervisory and Leadership Position Realignment (Department of Lifelong Learning)

b) Creation of New Operations & Facilities Positions (Department of Lifelong Learning)

Item 18 a) First Quarter Report -OMT (SDO)

b) Budget and Workplan – OMT (SDO)

NOTE: Deleted items can return after the July 27, 2026, Special Council.

CARRIED

A conflict of interest was declared for Councillor Jai King-Green on item #14a).

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 - REGULAR COUNCIL PUBLIC MINUTES FROM JUNE 30, 2026

MOTION NO. 2

MOVED BY MARGARET SAULT

SECONDED BY LARRY SAULT

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation Regular Council accepts the Public Minutes of June 30, 2026, with the following revisions:

- Pages to be numbered/check motion and direction #'s (duplicates).
- Add a last name to the Funding Writer.
- Spelling correction on pgs 3 and 10.
- Add "and approval" to Direction #2 on pg 4.
- Pg 6 d) include Brant and Haldimand in item #2.
- Pg 7/8 – expand acronym "BCSF" directory stream.

CARRIED

Councillor gave a reminder that updated minutes are put in the previous week's calendar invites. Councillor Ashley Sault arrived at 09:26.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4 – RAIL SAFETY WEEK – BCR (MS)

This is a national campaign promoted by CN Rail and the Operation Lifesaver Canada to raise public awareness on rail safety. Discussion took place as to whether a BCR is necessary, and it was clarified that it is part of the campaign, however, if MCFN did not want to provide a BCR, they didn't have to.

Support could be given to this initiative, and a letter of support could be provided. It was noted that Chief Margaret Sault could write a letter of support and highlight that we are supporting in the memory of one of our Members who lost their life at the tracks.

Councilor Jai King-Green arrived at 09:37.

DIRECTION NO. 1

That Chief Margaret Sault writes a letter to CN Rail indicating that while the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation will support Rail Safety in our community and on our social media, we will not provide a BCR. Further, MCFN further supports this safety awareness in memory of Member, Roy Secord.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5 – SMUDGING AT THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR'S SUITE (EF)

Councillor Erma Ferrell presented a briefing note about smudging in the Lieutenant Governor's (LG) Suite, specifically during the opening ceremony of the upcoming Treaty Week, beginning November 2, 2026.

As a means of providing an alternate, she has obtained information on liquid smudge and requested Council consider this.

It was noted that the LG had previously spoken about treaty training, and this was seen as an opportunity to educate bureaucrats and cabinet ministers on protocols. If the traditional method of smudging wouldn't be permitted, then it was confirmed that the liquid smudge costs would not be at MCFN's expense.

Discussion then quickly took place regarding the lack of parking at Queen's Park.

DIRECTION NO. 2

That Councillor Erma Ferrell reach out to her contact for Treaty Week and advise that while the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation would prefer to smudge traditionally, if this is not permitted due to fire regulations, that liquid smudge can be used, provided the costs of such are covered by the Lieutenant Governor's office.

Further, Councillor Erma Ferrell will look into transportation services for the list of invited guests for Treaty Week, recognizing the lack of public parking on site.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6 – RESTORATION OF QUEEN'S PARK LEGISLATION BUILDING (EF)

An invitation has been sent to Council to participate in a tour of the legislative grounds and building. Last year, a delegation of Council attended Queen's Park with the intention of providing suggestions on how to restore the building, recognizing it is situated on Treaty 13 lands.

Chief Margaret Sault and Councillor Jai King-Green have not had the opportunity to participate or give feedback on the process. We have also had no one from the Culture and Events Unit participate. It was noted that there should be a MCFN influence and that there was potential for Moccasin Identifier to be involved.

DIRECTION NO. 3

That Chief Margaret Sault and EA Kerri L. King determine some dates in August that could work for a tour of Queen's Park, ensuring Culture and Design Specialist Craig King is included.

Further, Councillor Erma Ferrell will then work with Queen's Park rep Christopher Tyrell to determine a suitable date for the group visit.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7 – MCMASTER REPOSITORY (EF)

Councillor Erma Ferrell provided the table with a letter to review and confirmed that Council could decide via email if they would proceed with issuing it as written.

DIRECTION NO. 4

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation Chief and Council review the draft letter prepared by Adam Laforme, on behalf of the "Care of Ancestral Objects and Remains Committee," and addressed to the Indigenous Education Council of McMaster University, with the understanding that an email poll will be circulated to confirm it can be sent out.

Chair called a break at 09:52, resumed at 10:02.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8 – LAWN MAINTENANCE POLICY APPROVAL (AL)

Director of Public Works (DPW) attended to speak to the updated Lawn Maintenance Policy and Procedures

The revised policy went to EMT a number of times and had yet to receive approval as there was a direction to provide an appeal process on decisions. Councillor questioned why would we provide an appeal process or this service and the DPW indicated this is not a mandatory service, but one that is provided to eligible Members upon request.

Discussion took place on an approval process for the cuts, the requirement to have yards free of debris, along with the timeframes for bringing damage forward. Overall, Council felt that the policy was ready for approval, with a slight amendment.

MOTION NO. 3**MOVED BY: MARGARET SAULT****SECONDED BY: LARRY SAULT**

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation Regular Council approve the Lawn Maintenance Policy as presented by the Director of Public Works, with the understanding that section #10 (Member/Client Sign Off) will be removed.

CARRIED.**SECOND READING WAIVED**

DPW left the meeting.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9 – MCFN CONSTRUCTION STAGES & SPECIFICATIONS (LL)

Housing Director, Housing Assistant and the Technical Resource Manager joined the table via TEAMS to present the updated MCFN Construction Stages and Specifications document. This document was last updated in 2015 and due to the significant number of updates to the Ontario building Code, the department has been working with Ontario First Nations Technical Services Corporation to review and update.

Various inquiries were made by the table and it was agreed that overall, the document could be approved with the noted changes pertaining to liability waivers and releases, as well as the inclusion of metal roof specifications.

MOTION NO. 4**MOVED BY: JAI KING-GREEN****SECONDED BY: FAWN SAULT**

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation Regular Council approve the revised MCFN Construction Stages and Specification Document with the noted changes proposed by Chief Margaret Sault (liability waivers and releases, metal roof specs).

CARRIED.

Housing staff left the meeting.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 10 – DRAFT CULTURE GUIDELINES (CL)

The Culture and Events Manager and the Culture and Design Specialist joined the meeting to quickly see if there was follow up from the document that was provided to the table previously.

Guests from the Canada Land Company joined and shared that they were proud that the Council and CLC was moving forward with reviewing and approving a document that reflects their shared commitment to working together.

Council confirmed that they were in agreement with the proposed leadership statement and as there were no more comments, moved forward with a motion.

DIRECTION NO. 5

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation Regular Council confirm their approval of the MCFN Cultural Design Document, along with the prepared Leadership statement, recognizing that the word Mississaugas will be corrected from Mississauga's.

The guests thanked Council and left the meeting.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 11 – BCR FOR ST. JOSEPH'S HEALTH CENTRE GUELPH (LM)

Feedback was received from the Culture and Design Specialist as well as DOCA on the proposed BCR being requested for the support of the Guelph St. Joseph's Health Centre. As such, Councillor Leslie Maracle has worked with Policy Analyst Cindy Aguis to update the proposed BCR to reflect the comments.

Councillor noted that the Mississaugas of the Credit Business Corporation comments didn't appear to be reflected, so he forwarded the table an email. Council agreed that the recommendations were reasonable and that the BCR should be updated to reflect such.

DIRECTION NO. 6

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation Regular Council directs Councillor Leslie Maracle to work with Admin to update the proposed BCR, including MCBC's comments, and bring back to the July 28, 2026, Regular Council meeting for approval.

Discussion arose with the consultation with First Nations and it was strongly suggested that MCFN ensure that they are recognized as the sole Treaty holder of the area. As the proposal is calling for the designation of 32 of the 160 beds to be designated for Indigenous seniors and others requiring long-term care, MCFN needs to reassert themselves.

DIRECTION NO. 7

That Councillor Leslie Maracle will confirm with St. Joseph's Health Centre which First Nations were consulted on the construction and operations of the proposed Long Term Care Home project and bring back this info to the table at her earliest convenience.

This concluded the public portion of the meeting.

MOTION NO. 5**MOVED BY: LARRY SAULT****SECONDED BY: JESSE HERKIMER**

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation Regular Council agrees to move in-camera.

CARRIED.