

MISSISSAUGAS OF THE NEW CREDIT FIRST NATION
Executive Finance Council Meeting
Monday, September 22, 2014

Start: 9:00 am	Finish: 3:02 pm
Chief Councillor	Bryan LaForme (Vacation)
Councillor	Larry Sault
Councillor	R. Stacey Laforme
Councillor/Chair	Arland LaForme
Councillor	Cecil Sault
Councillor	Clynten King
Councillor	Erma Ferrell
Councillor	Sharon Bonham
Executive Director	Cynthia Jamieson
Executive Assistant	Deb Aaron
Recording Officer	Charlotte Smith
Finance Director	Lilia Moos
Community Consultation/Lands & Membership Officer	Julie Laforme

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 – OPEN MEETING

Chair/Councillor Arland LaForme opened the meeting at 9:03 am. Councillor R. Stacey Laforme will be present until 9:45 am at which time he will be leaving to attend a PAGS (Pan Am Games Secretariat) event. Chief Bryan LaForme is on vacation.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2 – REVIEW & ACCEPT AGENDA

MOTION NO. 1

MOVED BY ERMA FERRELL

SECONDED BY R. STACEY LAFORME

That the MNCFN Executive Finance Council accepts the Agenda with the following additions:

- Agenda Item No. 8a) – MNCFN Ontario Works Administrator;
- Agenda Item No. 8b) – Regular Council – Community Trust Trustees;
- Agenda Item No. 8c) – Discussion on Zoning By-Law Amendment;
- Agenda Item No. 8d) – In-Camera Letter from Band Member;
- Agenda Item No. 8e) – Zizzo Allen (Contract) Request for More Funds;
- Agenda Item No. 8f) – In-Camera – Facebook Page.

Carried

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 – REVIEW AND ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE FINANCE COUNCIL – MONDAY, AUGUST 25, 2014

Councillor stated that the Finance Director is in violation as she does not have the proper credentials for investing in GIC's. For example, there is a difference between individual investing and organizational investing. He pointed out that he did some research and will bring forward further information.

On Page 3 – Agenda Item No. 5 – fourth paragraph: Councillor wanted his words added: "Councillor stated this is Canada, not Mexico".

Recorder made the above correction to the Executive Finance Council Minutes of Monday, August 25, 2014.

MOTION NO. 2

MOVED BY CECIL SAULT

SECONDED BY LARRY SAULT

That the MNCFN Executive Finance Council accepts the Minutes of Executive Finance Council dated Monday, August 25, 2014.

Carried

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3a) – REVIEW & ACCEPT SPECIAL COUNCIL MINUTES – COMMUNITY TRUST DATED MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2014

Councillor questioned if copies of Community Meetings are put at Reception for Band Members and Executive Assistant said no. She also pointed out that some of these Minutes are In-Camera, and Councillor agreed. However, if there is no Motion to go In-Camera, the Minutes would be public which, in this case there is no Motion to go In-Camera. It was agreed that this will be further discussed at the next Executive Finance Council meeting on Monday, October 27, 2014.

Councillor requested adding another Agenda Item to this Agenda – 8f) – Facebook Page Needs more Discussion.

MOTION NO. 3

MOVED BY SHARON BONHAM

SECONDED BY LARRY SAULT

That the MNCFN Executive Finance Council accepts the Special Council Minutes – Community Trust dated Monday, September 15, 2014.

Carried

NOTE: Discussion on Special Council Minutes and if they should go on the Website will be put on the Agenda of Executive Finance Council on Monday, October 27, 2014.

MOTION NO. 4

MOVED BY ERMA FERRELL

SECONDED BY CECIL SAULT

That the MNCFN Executive Finance Council agrees to add another Agenda Item to today's Agenda. This will be Agenda Item No. 8f) – Facebook Page Needs More Discussion.

Carried

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4 – MATTERS ARISING FROM COUNCIL MINUTES

There were no matters arising from the Minutes.

Finance Director in at 9:10 am.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5 – MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FROM FINANCE DIRECTOR

Finance Director informed that on Page 5 – Day Care – there is a deficit but it is nothing to worry about. Day Care is waiting for funding. Councillor would like a Motion/Direction to the Finance Director to meet with Mackie Capital Investment Corporation regarding the GIC's that are coming to maturity in November. Finance Director stated that three bank accounts need to be opened for these GIC's. Councillor advised Finance Director not to open these accounts until she (Finance Director) has met with Mackie.

FMV stands for Fair Market Value.

On Pg. 2/5.1 Motion No. 8 and Motion No. 6 (both regarding SVS) there are no amounts for these Motions. It was noted that the costs were very high. It was agreed that the Executive Assistant would bring back costs, expenditures etc. that were charged to the MNCFN Credit Card regarding the Pipeline Education Trip and Workshop. LMR Director will bring back a list of all the other expenses from SVS regarding this trip. Regarding Motion No. 6 there were no amounts and Executive Assistant coded it to Chief's Travel. It was pointed out that a lot of other people went on this trip and Councillor stated that the bus was full. Councillor asked Nancy Rowe to go and do the Water Ceremony, which she did. There were some political people, but no media. Another Councillor stated that as a Councillor he should have known who all went on this trip. There was a Motion that was approved by Council that only certain people were going on this Trip, and it appears to have been challenged by Administration. Councillor would like to know who is responsible for changing this Motion. There is nothing in the Personnel Policy to this affect.

Coucillor would like a more simplified report regarding the \$10 Million for Community Infrastructure, \$2 Million for Land Acquisition and \$2 Million for that has been set aside for education. Some of this money has been spent and he would like to know the exact amount that is left.

Councillor stated that the trip was valuable to the people who attended. There was supposed to be a Community Event along with a video after returning from the trip, but it never happened. The Motion said three people would go (Chief, Councillor RSL and Carolyn King). Carolyn King made a request to Executive Director that Fawn Sault was needed on the trip. Executive Director polled Chief and Council and Fawn went.

Councillor R. Stacey Laforme stated that his intent behind his Facebook post regarding Carolyn is that he believes she does a great job and works hard. He was paying respect to her. He also stated that he has been working on the Personnel Committee for 14 years and in no way would this influence his decisions on the Personnel, but Chief and Council can decide how they want to proceed.

It was agreed that the LMR Director would contact SVS regarding the Community Event that is supposed to take place and will follow-up.

With regard to ALFDC Councillor would like to know where the audited report is. Since Councillor R. Stacey Laforme is the Chair he should be reporting on this. It was agreed that the Executive Director will check and see whether the ALFDC Audit has been reported to MNCFN. It was noted that this contract with ALFDC ends March 31, 2015.

DIRECTION NO. 1

That the MNCFN Executive Finance Council gives direction to the Finance Director to sit down with Mackie Research Investment Corporation regarding the GIC's, number of accounts and investments. Finance Director will have this discussion with Mackie Investments before the next Infrastructure & Development Council meeting on Monday, October 6, 2014, at which time the Finance Director will bring back some recommendations for further discussion and approval.

DIRECTION NO. 2

That the MNCFN Executive Finance Council gives direction to the Executive Assistant to bring back costs, expenditures etc that were charged to the MNCFN Credit Card with regard to the Pipeline Education Trip and Workshop (see attached Motion No. 6 from Executive Finance Council dated April 28, 2014). LMR Director was given direction to bring back a list of all the other expenses and updates from Shared Value Solutions (SVS) also regarding this trip, attendees, provide Chief and Council with a report of what was done, and the future Community Event that is to take place.

DIRECTION NO.3

That the MNCFN Executive Finance Council gives direction to the Executive Director to check and see whether the ALFDC Audit has been reported to MNCFN.

MOTION NO. 5

MOVED BY ERMA FERRELL

SECONDED BY CLYNTEN KING

That the MNCFN Executive Finance Council accepts the Monthly Financial Statements from the Finance Director.

Carried

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6 – UPDATE ON THE DEBIT MACHINE

Finance Director has the agreement prepared and signed by the supplier but it needs to be signed by the Chief and he is on vacation. The Debit Machine will be set up at Reception, Public Works and Day Care. Finance Director will bring a further update to the next Infrastructure & Development Council meeting on Monday, October 6, 2014.

DIRECTION NO. 4

That the MNCFN Executive Finance Council gives direction to the Finance Director to bring a further update and paperwork regarding the Debit Machine for Reception, Public Works and Day Care to the next Infrastructure & Development Council meeting on Monday, October 6, 2014.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7 – SUGGESTED FINANCIAL POLICY CHANGE

Councillor pointed out that “back in the day” Chief and Council had to fight for dollars in every department and he observed that this is not true anymore. Departments want dollars from Casino Rama and he likens Casino Rama to a political slush fund. Councillor stated that he went directly to the Minister and not to underlings when seeking dollars.

Another Councillor suggested adding to 9.2 the words “for expenses contained in budget approved by Council”. Everyone agreed to this addition.

MOTION NO. 5

MOVED BY ERMA FERRELL

SECONDED BY CLYNTEN KING

That the MNCFN Executive Finance Council grants approval to the following revisions to the Finance Policy as follows:

9. Approval of payments

- Revise 9.1 to read, “All payments under \$10,000 are to be approved by the Director/Supervisor or designate.”
- Revise 9.2 to read, “Executive Director to approve all payments in excess of \$10,000 **for expenses contained in budget approved by Council**”.
- Revise 9.3 to read, “All payments not contained in the fiscal budget approved by Council are to be accompanied by Council approval documents.” (Note: Housing New Loans, will still go to Council as a BCR is require to sign the land over to Council, until the loan is repaid in full)

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

Finance Director out at 9:45 am. Councillor R Stacey Laforme out at 9:45 am.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8a) – APPOINTMENT OF RACHELLE INGRAO (SHS DIRECTOR) AS MNCFN ONTARIO WORKS ADMINISTRATOR

Executive Assistant noted that this Motion is required for the Ontario Works funding agencies to sign off on these agreements.

Councillor questioned if MNCFN got the AIAI dollars transferred to the various departments. The answer was yes and the Executive Director is following up.

MOTION NO. 6

MOVED BY LARRY SAULT

SECONDED BY SHARON BONHAM

That the MNCFN Executive Finance Council hereby appoints Rachelle Ingrao, Director of Social & Health Services as the MNCFN Ontario Works Administrator.

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8b) – MEETING WITH TRUSTEES OF COMMUNITY TRUST

Councillor Larry Sault stated that he negotiated this Community Trust. Along with the Department of Justice officials, the whole concept was Chief and Council wanted to maintain the integrity of the principle of \$18 Million dollars. It was set up this way so that successive Chiefs and Councils could not use this as a slush fund. And further, it was set up as a protective custody of funds so that Chiefs and Councils could not politically interfere. However, he agrees that the Community Trust has outlived its time. It has been 20 years and the costs are high for administering the dollars. All parties need to sit down like professionals and discuss this.

There are rumours circulating in the Community about what is going to be done with the Trust and it has made the relationship with the Trustees and Chief and Council even more difficult. The postings on Facebook simply are not true and the Community needs to be educated on what is happening.

Wednesday, October 8, 2014 at 6:00 pm has been **tentatively** scheduled at the New Credit Community Centre for a meeting with Chief and Council and the Trustees of the MNCFN Community Trust. It is noted that refreshments will be served. Julie Laforme will confirm with Councillor Cecil Sault if the Trustees will be available.

A follow-up meeting regarding the MNCFN Community Trust is **tentatively** scheduled for Monday, October 20, 2014 at 6:00 pm prior to Regular Council at 7:00 pm. Councillor Cecil Sault will contact the Recorder to clarify.

It is noted that the Chief and Councillor Larry Sault are having a dinner meeting with Mohegan Sun on Monday, October 6, 2014.

This meeting was recessed at 10:30 am until the conclusion of the Special Council meeting which is next.

Councillor Clynten King out at 12:30 pm and will not be returning as he has another meeting to attend.

This meeting was called back to order at 1:30 pm and Alternate Chair/Councillor Sharon Bonham took over chairing.

Councillor Cecil Sault has to leave at 3:00 pm.

Executive Director in at 1:30 pm.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8c) – ZONING BY-LAW DISCUSSION BEFORE TODAY’S MEETING AT 3:00 PM

There will not be a quorum for the Zoning By-Law Amendment Meeting at 3:00 pm and Executive Director asked Julie Laforme to come and explain the process to Council and inquire as to whether a quorum is needed.

Council moved to Agenda Item No. 8e) while waiting for Julie.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8e) – ZIZZO ALLEN (CONTRACT) REQUEST FOR FURTHER FUNDS

Councillor Erma Ferrell will bring back more information/request.

Council moved to an In-Camera session.

IN-CAMERA ITEMS

MOTION NO. 7

MOVED BY LARRY SAULT

SECONDED BY ERMA FERRELL

That the MNCFN Executive Finance Council moves to an In-Camera session at 1:40 pm.

Carried

Council moved to Agenda Item No. 8d).

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8d) – LETTER OF COMPLAINT FROM A BAND MEMBER

It was agreed that Councillor Cecil Sault will go and speak with George Sault regarding his letter.

DIRECTION NO. 5

That the MNCFN Executive Finance Council gives direction to Councillor Cecil Sault to go and have a talk with Band Member George Sault regarding his Letter of Complaint.

Council moved back to Agenda Item No. 8c).

Julie Laforme (Community Consultation/Lands & Membership Officer) in at 1:40 pm.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8c) – ZONING BY-LAW DISCUSSION BEFORE TODAY'S MEETING AT 3:00 PM

Julie informed that public notice has been sent to all Band Members and they will be attending today. The normal procedure is for Full Council or at least a quorum will need to be present.

The BCR for Lawrence Bice can be signed today.

Councillor Arland LaForme has declared a conflict of interest and left momentarily.

It was agreed that Councillors Sharon Bonham, R. Stacey Laforme, Arland LaForme, Erma Ferrell and Larry Sault would be present for the Zoning By-Law meeting.

Julie Laforme out at 2:08 pm and will return at 3:00 pm.

MOTION NO. 8

MOVED BY CECIL SAULT

SECONDED BY SHARON BONHAM

That the MNCFN Executive Finance Council approves and signs BCR 108 – 2014-2015 allowing Lawrence Bice a Site Specific Amendment to Lot 6-21 Concession 2 Tuscarora Township, to allow for the development and operation of a Gasoline Station and Convenience Store under Zoning By-Law 2012-03. The property is currently zoned as RU Rural Residential and has been rezoned as C1, Commercial Zone pursuant to Section 9.0 of Zoning By-Law 2012-03.

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

Councillor Arland LaForme back in at 3:02 pm.

Council moved to Agenda Item No. 8f).

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8f) – FACEBOOK PAGE/ARTICLE

Executive Director stated that she had spoke with Veronica Jamieson who has two Facebook pages. One is for PAGS (Pan Am Games Secretariat) and the other is her own personal Facebook page that she used in her previous position to communicate with the Youth for programs being offered at Social & Health Services. It was also noted that PAGS has permission to use the MNCFN Logo.

Councillor Clynten King has removed all relevant information his Facebook page.

Executive Director stated that Councillor R. Stacey Laforme did not get a copy of Motion No. 9 of Special Council meeting dated Monday, September 15, 2014.

The issue is, more comments were posted by Councillor RSL since he was required to remove this information from his Facebook page.

It was agreed that another Motion will go to Councillor RSL to immediately remove confidential information from his Facebook page. Councillor Cecil Sault (Alternate for Chief) or Chair/Councillor Arland LaForme will email Councillor RSL to convey this information.

MOTION NO. 9

MOVED BY CECIL SAULT

SECONDED BY ERMA FERRELL

That the MNCFN Executive Finance Council gives direction to Councillor R. Stacey Laforme to immediately remove any unauthorized use of the MNCFN First Nation Governments' documents, Logo and any other confidential information from his Facebook page.

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

It is noted that Chair/Councillor Arland LaForme or Councillor Cecil Sault (Alternate to Chief) will email Councillor R. Stacey Laforme to inform him.

SEPARATE NOTE:

Executive Director received an email from Wendy Johnson (PAGS) and two representatives are invited to attend the Angus Glen Golf Club to play in a golf tournament and the evening will be capped off with an evening gala. Is anyone interested in attending?

No one is interested in attending and Executive Director will inform Wendy Johnson.

MOTION NO. 10

MOVED BY CECIL SAULT

SECONDED BY ERMA FERRELL

That the MNCFN Executive Finance Council moves out of the In-Camera session at 3:02 pm.

Carried

Councillor R. Stacey Laforme back in at 2:47 pm.

SEPARATE NOTE:

Councillor Larry Sault informed everyone that he met with the Chief for breakfast to discuss the upcoming meeting of OFNLP. Councillor stated he is not certain where New Credit is going in terms of jurisdiction. He believes that New Credit is in a prime position to spearhead gaming in Ontario.

Councillor pointed out that she would like a report. And further, written reports should be made available from Chief and Council on any outside meetings being attended.

Another Councillor noted that he was surprised that the OFNLP meeting is going to be three days. Councillor Sault stated that is why he wanted to meet with the Chief. People are not happy with the process.

“Stand alone vs independent” will need to be addressed.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9 - ADJOURNMENT

MOTION NO. 11

MOVED BY CECIL SAULT

SECONDED BY LARRY SAULT

That the MNCFN Executive Finance Council adjourns this meeting at 3:03 pm.

Carried

