

**MISSISSAUGAS OF THE NEW CREDIT FIRST NATION
REGULAR COUNCIL
PUBLIC MINUTES
Monday, August 17, 2015**

Start 6:15 pm

Finish 10:40 pm

Chief Councillor/Chair

Bryan LaForme

Councillor

Erma Ferrell

Councillor

Arland LaForme

Councillor

R. Stacey Laforme

Councillor

Larry Sault

Councillor

Clynten King

Councillor

Cecil Sault (Away Sick)

Councillor

Sharon Bonham

Executive Director

Cynthia Jamieson (Vacation)

Recorder

Charlotte Smith

Communications Director

Deanna Dunham

Millards Chartered Accountants

Cameron Johnston (Annual Audit)

Community/Family Support Supervisor

Lonnie Montour

DSED

Kevin Wassegijig

Finance Director

Lilia Moos

Legal Counsel

Alex Monem

SVS

Don Richardson

Band Members

Carolyn King, Garry Sault

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 – OPEN MEETING

Chief/Chair Bryan LaForme opened the meeting at 6:15 pm. Councillor Cecil Sault is away sick.

NOTE:

It was agreed by Chief and Council to begin the meeting at 6:00 pm with In-Camera items first. (Some of these items were deferred from Education & Social Services Council Meeting dated August 10, 2015). It is also noted that OPP Inspector Phil Carter will not be present as he is on vacation.

Council moved out of the In-Camera session at 8:50 pm.

Alex Monem (Legal Counsel), Don Richardson (SVS) and DSED in at 8:45 pm for the next item.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8 – GUESTS ALEX MONEM & DON RICHARDSON TO DO PRESENTATION ON TREATY STRATEGY

Councillor Larry Sault gave an introduction to this item. The Committee has put together four initial roadmaps which he characterizes as “low hanging fruit”. These four roadmaps are: Ontario Power Generation, ITC Lake Erie, TransCanada and Billy Bishop Airport.

Don Richardson of SVS informed that the roadmaps are to make sure that everyone involved knows the end goals. One end goal is the reconciliation of stewardship and economic opportunities for New Credit.

DSED pointed out that these documents outline the strategy and will stay with Council and not be put on the Website.

Band Member Garry Sault informed that Walpole Island procured gigantic sums of money for environmental assessments and perhaps New Credit should ask Walpole how they did this.

It is noted that Consultation & Accommodation are involved in this project and the Director will be informed.

Alex Monem (Legal Counsel) stated that the roadmaps just set out objectives and structure, and will go through ebbs and flows. A team has been set up which is very important. With regard to resourcing, projects should not go ahead if New Credit has to pay as these projects did not originate from New Credit. Regarding relationship, sometimes New Credit does not ask for the right amount when negotiating. All four roadmaps (listed above) can be done at the same time in order to achieve much broader objectives. New Credit should build a relationship with Ontario Power Generation (OPG).

Don Richardson (SVS) stated that the message from OPG is that they are waking up, especially after the Pan Am Games. They are now more aware that New Credit is on the map. He also noted that TransCanada is striking lots of agreements with First Nations in BC.

In this package is a letter that was prepared by Alex Monem (Legal Counsel) to TransCanada, and this letter should be addressed to the President of TransCanada.

MOTION NO. 6

MOVED BY LARRY SAULT

SECONDED BY ARLAND LAFORME

That the MNCFN Regular Council gives approval that the letter regarding Engagement with MNCFN (prepared by Alex Monem – Legal Counsel) will be addressed to the President of TransCanada and signed by Chief Bryan LaForme and sent immediately upon signing.

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

Alex Monem (Legal Counsel), Don Richardson (SVS) and DSED out at 9:40 pm.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9 – REVIEW & ACCEPT REGULAR COUNCIL (PUBLIC) MINUTES OF TUESDAY, MAY 19, 2015

MOTION NO. 7

MOVED BY ERMA FERRELL

SECONDED BY ARLAND LAFORME

That the MNCFN Regular Council accepts the Regular Council (Public) Minutes of Tuesday, May 19, 2015.

Carried

AGENDA ITEM NO. 10 – UPDATE ON STATUS CARDS

Councillor received a call from a Band Member who was unable to get to the LMR Office on the days specified for a Status Card. Councillor would like to know if any consideration has been given to accommodate Off-Reserve Band Members on days other than is specified (Thursdays and Fridays are the days Status Cards are issued).

Direction was given to the LMR Director to see if there are any other options available to Off-Reserve Band Members and Status Cards.

DIRECTION NO. 1

That the MNCFN Regular Council gives direction to the LMR Director to bring back a recommendation that will accommodate Off-Reserve Band Members who are unable to come to the LMR Office on the days specified to apply for a Status Card.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 11a) – 2015 STAFF CHRISTMAS PARTY VENUE

MOTION NO. 8

MOVED BY LARRY SAULT

SECONDED BY R. STACEY LAFORME

That the MNCFN Regular Council approves the recommendation of the Christmas Committee, and that the 2015 Staff Christmas Party will be held at the Hagersville Legion on 18 December 2015. The alternative venue is the Hagersville Community Centre.

Opposed: Councillors Sharon Bonham, Erma Ferrell and Arland LaForme

Motion Defeated

AGENDA ITEM NO. 11b) – INVITATION TO MISSISSAUGI #8 FIRST NATION

NOTE:

Chief received an invitation from Chief Reg Niganobe of Mississauga #8 First Nation that MNCFN Chief and Council are invited to visit #8 First Nation for the purpose of discussing Nationhood. The date is scheduled for September 23 – 27, 2015. Chief Bryan LaForme, Councillors Larry Sault, R. Stacey Laforme, Arland LaForme and his son, Communications Director and Elder Garry Sault plan on attending. Chief will find out what will be on the Agenda.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 11c) – FOLLOW-UP LETTER TO RANDY KING

NOTE:

Chief will find out if a follow up letter has been sent to Randy King. Randy was inquiring whether Chief and Council would consider giving him a mortgage on a house he would like to buy on the Territory, much like to Housing Loan Pilot Project to another Band Member.

Attached is copy of the letter from Mr. King.

Council moved to an In-camera session at 10:03 pm.

