

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

Start 6:55 pm

Finish 9:50 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

Councillor

Sharon Bonham (Sick)

Executive Director

Cynthia Jamieson (Excused)

Executive Assistant

Deb Aaron

Recorder

Charlotte Smith

DSED

Kevin Wassegijig

Band Member

Carolyn King

Guests

Derek Bond, Nathan Tidridge, Joanne Lewis

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 – OPEN MEETING

Chair/Chief Bryan LaForme opened the meeting at 6:55 pm. Councillor Sharon Bonham is away sick as she had a fall at the Community Centre. This incident will be reported to Economic Development Department.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2 – REVIEW & ACCEPT AGENDA

MOTION NO. 1

MOVED BY R. STACEY LAFORME

SECONDED BY CLYNTEN KING

That the MNCFN Regular Council accepts the Agenda with the following deletions and additions:

- Agenda Item No. 5 – Deleted;
- Agenda Item No. 6 – Deleted;
- Agenda Item No. 10a) – Councillors on Committees (EF);
- Agenda Item No. 10b) – Recreation Committee Request (AL);
- Agenda Item No. 13a) – Aboriginal Community Energy Plan Application (DSED);
- Agenda Item No. 13b) – Change of Trust Name – Zizzo Allan Professional Corp to Ziizo Allan DeMarco LLP (DSED).

Carried

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 – REVIEW & ACCEPT REGULAR COUNCIL (PUBLIC) MINUTES OF MONDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2014

MOTION NO. 2

MOVED BY ERMA FERRELL

SECONDED BY LARRY SAULT

That the MNCFN Regular Council accepts the Regular Council (Public) Minutes of Monday, December 15, 2015.

Carried

SEPARATE NOTE

It was noted by Councillor Larry Sault (he is one of the Chairs for Infrastructure & Development) that when he is chairing his meeting he does not want anything on the Agenda that does not belong there i.e. if something belongs on the Education & Social Services Agenda he will not deal with it with the exception of time sensitive items.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4 – MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no matters arising from the Minutes.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5 – OPP INSPECTOR – PHIL CARTER – TO PRESENT MONTHLY REPORT (BACK-UP TO FOLLOW)

OPP Inspector Phil Carter is not able to be here as he has a family commitment.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6 – GUESTS – JAYME GASPAR & FAITH RIVERS TO GIVE AN UPDATE ON HERITAGE MISSISSAUGA

Faith Rivers and Jayme Gaspar are unable to be here tonight, but will be present at the next Regular Council meeting on Monday, March 16, 2015.

Carolyn King and Nathan Tidridge in at 7:10 pm for the next item.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7 – GUESTS – CAROLYN KING & NATHAN TIDRIDGE TO DO PRESENTATION ON PROPOSAL – CANOE GARDEN

Mr. Tidridge's Grade 12 Canadian History, Identity and Culture students intend to collaborate with MNCFN to participate in a school-community driven project that promotes aspects of community connectedness as well as reconciliation and healing through participating in the Canoe Garden Initiative. Mr. Tidridge stated that he also went to Six Nations for additional information. Chief questioned why Mr. Tidridge would go to Six Nations since most of Southern Ontario is New Credit's Traditional Homeland. Mr. Tidridge answered that it was because of the residential school.

Carolyn informed that this initiative came out of the Life of the Grove Project. She would like to see New Credit linked with Toronto and surrounding areas within the Traditional Territory and the Pan Am Games. She used the analogy of the Canoe Garden Initiative to think of it as a big flower pot filled with Native plants. Native seeds could be collected.

As a legacy of the Pan Am/ParaPan Am Games, the Canoe Garden would serve to link the Waterdown community to the event, the City of Hamilton, and MNCFN (the primary purpose of the natural area). By creating such a space and involving students from across the system, the Canoe Garden will inspire other active projects that both enhance local communities and will be a link to the Indigenous partners – providing opportunities to learn about Treaties, Indigenous Issues and Canada's plural society.

Specifically, the Canoe Garden would be located within the Souharissen Natural Area. A sign would be placed near the Souharissen Monument Stone directing pedestrians to the Garden. The signage is what will cost money. Mr. Tidridge would like to assign a stone and this cost will be \$1,000.00 with a deadline of mid-April 2015. Councillor suggested they could apply to the Events Funding.

Councillor commended Carolyn King and Nathan Tidridge for their hard work.

Mr. Tidridge out at 8:30 pm.

Derek Bond and Joanne Lewis in at 7:25 pm for the next item.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8 – GUESTS – DEREK BOND & CAROLYN KING TO GIVE PRESENTATION ON LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEERISM

Carolyn King introduced Derek Bond who is the Chair of the Lifetime Achievement Award Committee.

Mr. Bond informed that the Committee recognizes volunteerism from Branford, Brant County, Six Nations and New Credit. Allen Cook got the award last year. This is also tied to National Volunteer Week. Mr. Bond will know on Friday, February 20th who the recipients are for the Lifetime Achievement Award.

There are 191 Community Foundations across Canada. When a person's name is chosen There will be a fund (which lasts forever) set up in his/her name. Ms. Lewis stated that the Community Foundation also gives out grants but one would have to apply.

There is a formal ceremony in April, but no gala. Mr. Bond would like New Credit's help to get the word out.

Chief thanked the guests for their presentation and stated that volunteers are the backbone of The New Credit Community.

Guests out at 7:40 pm.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9 – PRESENTATION BY CAROLYN KING – HARMONY PROJECT ARTS

Carolyn King introduced the Harmony Project. Joanne Bidini is taking the lead. This project has two elements: 1) an art exhibit of the mural sketches (2015, City of Mississauga) and 2) an art performance developed, performed in the City of Mississauga and New Credit in 2017.

Carolyn is requesting access to all the information ie. videos and documentation around the mural and sketches.

Councillor stated that MNCFN would need clear protection for their (Band Members) artists (not all artists are Band Members) on their (Band Members) sketches. Carolyn informed that there are copyright laws and the artists never lose their right to the art.

Councillor pointed out that copyright laws are a big issue and he is not in support of giving any information to this Committee.

MOTION NO. 3

MOVED BY CLYNTEN KING

SECONDED BY ERMA FERRELL

That the MNCFN Regular Council supports via the New Credit Cultural Committee involvement with the Harmony Project Collaboration Exhibit & Performance and gives permission to Joanne Bidini to access and use information to develop the two projects proposed within this initiative. And further, that a basic agreement be developed for the parties to sign that would outline the relationship for the development of the projects, including the rights and protection of the artists.

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

Opposed: Councillor Larry Sault

AGENDA ITEM NO. 10a) – COUNCILLORS ON COMMITTEES (EF)

Councillor brought this item to the Council Table as she would like some direction from Council regarding Councillors on Committees, in particular, the Matrimonial Real Property Committee.

Members of Chief and Council have been discussing for more than a year about removing themselves from certain Committees. The intent is to separate administration from politics. Staff should be allowed to do their job and follow the process of bringing issues and/or projects forward to Chief and Council for final approval.

Mark LaForme is now an employee of MNCFN. The question arose of whether Mark should be attending any meetings of the Matrimonial Real Property Committee during his workday. Before he became an employee he was a Representative of the MRP Committee as a Band Member.

Councillor Larry Sault will email LMR Director and Director of Consultation & Accommodation (DOCA) and have them on the I & D Agenda to further discuss this issue as well as any others that might be applicable. Councillor will also send a copy of the email Chief and the rest of Council.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 10b) – RECREATION COMMITTEE REQUEST – CONCESSION STAND CONSTRUCTION

Councillor pointed out that there will be a wind-up report from the Recreation Committee. This Committee is made up of all volunteers. He also stated that 90% of the ball diamond rentals are from Six Nations.

Councillor questioned how the Recreation Committee is not controlled by Council. Is there a plan in place with the Youth Group and the Recreation Committee?

All these items will be covered in the report.

MOTION NO. 4

MOVED BY R. STACEY LAFORME

SECONDED BY CECIL SAULT

The MNCFN Regular Council gives approval to process the payment to Insta Insulation in the amount of \$2,500.00 (Concession Stand Construction) to cover the cost of the expanding spray foam insulation in the ceiling space to prevent further damage to the masonry due to any extreme weather conditions. In addition, cover the budget over run of \$194.44 to ensure no further delays in the process. These two extra costs totaling \$2,694.44 for purposes of auditing and financial tracking funds are to come from the Enterprise Fund.

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

Rationale - so MNCFN Finance can process the payment.

Council moved to an In-Camera session.