

**MISSISSAUGAS OF THE NEW CREDIT FIRST NATION  
REGULAR COUNCIL  
PUBLIC MINUTES  
Monday, April 18, 2016**

**Start 7:00 pm**

**Finish 10:20 pm**

**Chief Councillor/Chair**

**R. Stacey Laforme**

**Councillor**

**Erma Ferrell**

**Councillor**

**Arland LaForme**

**Councillor**

**Veronica King-Jamieson (Excused)**

**Councillor**

**Casey Jonathan**

**Councillor**

**Margaret Sault**

**Councillor**

**Evan Sault**

**Councillor**

**Cathie Jamieson**

**Executive Director**

**Cynthia Jamieson**

**Recorder**

**Charlotte Smith**

**DSED**

**Kevin Wassegijig**

**Communications Director**

**Deanna Dunham**

**OPP Inspector**

**Phil Carter**

**Guest**

**Barb Motley (Part of Cultural Committee)**

**Band Members**

**Walter & Brenda Secord, Carolyn King, Carol Tobicoe, Faith Rivers, Caitlin LaForme**

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 – OPEN MEETING**

Chair/Chief R. Stacey Laforme opened the meeting at 7:00 pm. OPP Inspector Phil Carter in at 7:00 pm. Councillor Veronica King-Jamieson is away on Council business.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 2 – REVIEW & ACCEPT AGENDA**

**MOTION NO. 1**

MOVED BY ERMA FERRELL

SECONDED BY EVAN SAULT

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

- Agenda Item No. 7 was moved In-Camera to Agenda Item No. 15a);
- Agenda Item No. 12a) – Honorarium Clarification;
- Agenda Item No. 12b) – Webpage Question (EF);
- Agenda Item No. 15b) – In-Camera Item.

Carried

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 – REVIEW & ACCEPT THE PUBLIC MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL DATED MONDAY, MARCH 21, 2016**

**MOTION NO. 2**

MOVED BY MARGARET SAULT

SECONDED BY CATHIE JAMIESON

That the MNCFN Regular Council accepts the Public Minutes of Regular Council dated March 21, 2016.

Carried

**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 DO MONTHLY REPORT**

OPP Inspector Phil Carter presented his report for the month of March 2016. He informed that things are relatively good on the Reserve. He further informed that the project regarding the intersection at No. 6 Highway and First has been delayed by the Ministry of Transportation. However, there will be an increased presence of the OPP at this intersection for safety reasons.

Councillor stated that there was a shooting on Tuscarora Road. Phil stated that it happened on Six Nations, and they (Six Nations Police) took care of the incident.

It was noted that at the Monthly Gathering in May 2016 one of the topics will be hunting. Phil will contact someone from the Ministry of Natural Resources & Forestry who is more informed about hunting then he (Phil) is, and who could attend this meeting.

Councillor reiterated that Council made a Motion in the 1980's that high powered rifles were banned at New Credit.

The following report for the month of March from OPP Inspector Phil Carter was accepted by Council:

**Re: Mississaugas of the New Credit monthly Police Incident report:**

**March:** 14 Incidents (2015 – 30 incidents, 2014 -22 incidents).

**Incident Breakdown:**

**Assault:** Dispute at the New Credit Gas station, Female charged.

**Community Service:** PLT meeting with Chief LaForme, Push for Change and PLT role.

**Collision:** 2 car minor property damage Hwy 6 & the 1<sup>st</sup> Line.

**Disturb the Peace:** Threatening complaint against attendant at the Gas/Variety, alternate resolution.

**Family Dispute:** Non-criminal verbal dispute with Family member.

**Found Property:** Bell employee located purse in ditch, unknown owner.

**Impaired Driver:** Stop sign violation, driver found to be impaired.

**Mischief:** Tire slashed

**Police Assistance:** Request by Peel Regional Police to contact owner of stolen vehicle had been recovered.

**Police Information:** Anonymous complaint of a suspended driver. Investigation confirmed driver was licensed,

**Suspicious Person:** area checked, not located

**Suspicious Vehicle:** Vehicle stopped, newspaper delivery

**2 Traffic Enforcement:** Radar enforcement, Suspended drive & plate unattached

**Trespass to Property:** Owner called, bow hunter refused to identify himself.

**DIRECTION NO. 1**

That the MNCFN Regular Council gives direction to Records Management to search for a Motion (sometime in the 80's) whereby high powered rifles were banned from the First Nation.

**DIRECTION NO. 2**

That the MNCFN Regular Council gives direction to A/LMR Director to search for a Motion (sometime in the 80's) whereby high powered rifles were banned from the First Nation. A/LMR Director will bring this information forward to Council.

OPP Inspector Phil Carter out at 7:20 pm.

Guest and Band Members in at 7:05 pm.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 6 – GUEST – NEW CREDIT POW WOW COMMITTEE (FAITH RIVERS) – OTHER FINANCIAL SPONSORSHIPS ETC.**

Band Member (Chair of the New Credit Cultural Committee - CCC) wrote a letter to Chief and Council which was dated April 5, 2016. In her presentation to Council she read from this letter. She stated that the Cultural Committee needs clear direction from Council as she was told not to contact anyone who was affiliated with Council regarding seeking donations. Chief stated that Council never had an issue with this. CCC also informed that the Cultural Committee was told not to go to proponents. Councillor stated that unless it is a formal Motion/Direction from this Council Table, the Cultural Committee can proceed; however, Chief advised that if the CCC will be approaching proponents, it would be better to have a formal, written Motion.

Councillor reiterated that there are two other items that should be discussed: 1) Capital Projects; 2) Home Base for the Pow Wow. CCC replied that the Pow Wow would not be moving to the former Green Willow Property this year. The DSED told the CCC that the Cultural Committee could go and tour the property themselves, but she felt this was unsafe to do so.

It was suggested that moving the Pow Wow to the former Green Willow Property could be a topic for discussion at one of the Monthly Gatherings, and another suggestion is to make up a questionnaire/brochure and hand it out at the Pow Wow to gauge peoples' responses.

CCC advised that the Arbor is not in very good shape. Councillor questioned if the Arbor is a health and safety issue, and if it is, then it needs to be addressed immediately. Another issue is the bleachers need to be repaired. He also informed that once the permanent home for the Pow Wow is in place then Council can infuse capital dollars. As an example, there is the health and growth of the trees that need to be cared for etc.

Another Band Member spoke up and said they (Cultural Committee) are a Volunteer Committee. The Pow Wow started 30 years ago. At that time the Cultural Committee worked with Council. She stated she receives comments about why the Pow Wow is not better than it is. Ever since the Land Claim Settlement, the Cultural Committee has gotten hardly anything from Council. She further stated that the Cultural Committee is at the mercy of Council financially. The Pow Wow is a cash event. The Cultural Committee keeps track of every cent. The event is getting bigger and bigger. The Cultural Committee is emotionally attached to where the Pow Wow is presently held. The Arbor is not a capital structure. People do not like the tarp. Band Member informed that the Cultural Committee sends out letters and received small gifts; they sell 50/50 tickets etc. Where else will they (Cultural Committee) go for dollars? She requested more dollars for the Cultural Committee as well as a paid Cultural Coordinator.

CCC was asked to write a letter to Peace Hills Trust asking for a donation, which she did. The response was five cheques totalling \$15,000.00 was received (she passed these cheques around so Council could have a look). The cheques are made out to Council.

CCC informed that there is a meeting of the Cultural Committee scheduled for Wednesday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm. It was agreed that Councillors Cathie Jamieson and Casey Jonathan would be the Council Liaison Reps for the Cultural Committee. Communications Director informed that the Cultural Events Coordinator (Caitlin LaForme) will also be attending the meeting.

Chief made it clear to everyone that Council is not focused on the past, but on the future.

Councillor pointed out that if there is any short fall of funds for the Pow Wow, Council would cover this. Chief advised that there may be some things that need to be covered under the Chief's signature. For example, any more letters from the Cultural Committee that are being sent out requesting funding should be sent out under the Chief's signature.

Band Member suggested that Band Member Edith King to be nominated as a volunteer to cook the meal on the last day of the Pow Wow.

**DIRECTION NO. 3**

That the MNCFN Regular Council gives direction to the DSED to take the New Credit Cultural Committee on a tour of the Green Willow grounds (possibly the future home of the New Credit Pow Wow).

**DIRECTION NO. 4**

That the MNCFN Regular Council gives direction to Councillors Casey Jonathan and Cathie Jamieson and Veronica King-Jamieson (if Veronica feels so inclined) to be the Council Liaison Reps for the New Credit Cultural Committee. There is a scheduled meeting of the Cultural Committee on Wednesday, April 27, 2016 at the old Council House at 5:00 pm.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 7 – IN-CAMERA ITEM – PRESENTATION BY BAND MEMBER**

This item was moved to Agenda Item No. 15a) – In-Camera.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 8 – STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSION (MS)**

Councillor brought this item to Council as she feels there is a need to put some plans in place. One or two days will need to be set aside for this.

Another Councillor suggested prioritizing issues ie. MRP, Transfer Policy etc.

It was pointed out that the previous Council was having Strategy Meetings, and one of the priorities was separating the role of Chief and Council from Administration. However, this new Council has changed that. He (Councillor) thought this new Council would carry this forward from the last term.

Executive Director questioned where Council was going with this. If Council wants a Consultant, a Request for Proposals would need to be done. Council would have to hire a Consultant who would have to sit down and work with Chief and Council, whereas Council could do this themselves. A Consultant would not know anything unless Council conveyed the information. Chief stated that a Consultant would help Council in prioritizing and strategizing projects. Executive Director then questioned what the timeline would be ie. until the end of the term or five years down the road. Councillor agreed that it would be long term and ongoing for future Councils. She also stated that this new Council has not done anything politically.

Another Councillor stated that Chief and Council were elected to lead, so we should lead, and we do not need a Consultant. Council can do this themselves.

Executive Director reiterated that Council has the Comprehensive Community Strategic Plan. For example, completion of the water line; Departments can work on these things but they would need Council to take the lead.

Chief stated that one of the long term issues is governance. He would like to see Council have training in lobbying.

Councillor stated that she would like to continue with the Strategy Meetings and not hire a Consultant. Another suggestion is hiring someone who is trained in Project Management.

Executive Director advised that she would draft an RFP for Council for further discussion and approval.

**DIRECTION NO. 5**

That the MNCFN Regular Council gives direction to the Executive Director to put together a draft RFP to hire a Consultant to assist in the development of a strategic planning process and bring back to Council for further discussion and approval.

**MOTION NO. 3**

MOVED BY CASEY JONATHAN

SECONDED BY EVAN SAULT

That the MNCFN Regular Council agrees that there is a need for strategic planning in order for Council to clearly set a direction for the remainder of the term so that Council can be as effective and productive as they can be. Therefore, Council directs the Executive Director or her designate to obtain three quotes from Consultants to assist in the development of a strategic planning process.

Carried

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Waived

Opposed: Councillor Erma Ferrell – Utilize the methodology from the last Council term as opposed to hiring a Consultant.

Councillor Arland LaForme out at 8:40 pm – potential and future conflict of interest in the next item.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 9 – ROOF REPAIRS TO INDUSTRIAL BUILDING – WINGERS (DSED)**

**MOTION NO. 4**

MOVED BY ERMA FERRELL

SECONDED BY CATHIE JAMIESON

That the MNCFN Regular Council approves up to \$5,000.00 (Five Thousand Dollars) for repairs (re-seal area from peak of roof to edge where leaks are identified (2 areas) with Inland Coating and polyester, replace metal where required, approximately 50 feet) to Industrial Building roof over Wingers. Funds will come from the Toronto Purchase Community Development Fund.

Carried

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Waived

Councillor Arland LaForme back in at 8:43 pm.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 10 – RECOMMENDATION FROM THE OLD COUNCIL HOUSE RESTORATION COMMITTEE (AL)**

Councillor advised that he would like to keep Council informed through a paper trail. He is requesting that the Old Council Restoration Project Committee be allowed to use the MNCFN Website and offer a survey to increase awareness, improve communications and display the success of this project if it is approved. Laura Dent who is the Project Coordinator will work with the Communications Director to coordinate all aspects of getting this material on the Website. It is noted that Council approves everything that goes on the Website.

Councillor informed that there will be another Briefing Note coming to Council for approval of extension of Laura Dent's job.

**MOTION NO. 5**

MOVED BY MARGARET SAULT

SECONDED BY ERMA FERRELL

That the MNCFN Regular Council approves the MNCFN Media & Communications Department to assist Laura Dent (Dent Planning – Project Coordinator) to coordinate all aspects of uploading material to the MNCFN Website for the Council House Restoration Project. The uploaded material will include: a Survey Monkey project survey, associated conceptual sketches and further ensuring all correct web links to the MNCFN Secured Section of the Website are properly functioning.

Carried

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Waived

**DIRECTION NO. 6**

That the MNCFN Regular Council gives direction to the Communications Director to find and bring forward the Motion that gives her permission to put whatever she feels is important on the Website.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 11 – CHIEF & COUNCIL PLAQUES FOR THE COMMUNITY CENTRE (EF)**

It was agreed that the MNCFN Logo would be placed in the empty spaces where there are no pictures until such time that picture(s) could be located.

**MOTION NO. 6**

MOVED BY MARGARET SAULT

SECONDED BY CASEY JONATHAN

That the MNCFN Regular Council approves the proposed budget of \$1,000.00 (One Thousand Dollars) to cover the cost of the following:

1. 14 frames prepared for hanging from "Framing & Art", @ a projected cost of \$558.60.
2. 14 pictures from the Toronto Library, @ a cost of \$350.00

Funding will be provided by dollars from our Casino revenue.

Carried

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Waived

### **AGENDA ITEM NO. 11a) – IN-CAMERA ITEM – ST. CATHERINES CHAPEL**

This item was placed In-Camera.

### **AGENDA ITEM NO. 12a) – HONORARIUM CLARIFICATION**

Executive Director has received feedback from various Directors. Since the honorarium has increased to \$150.00 some Directors do not have these extra dollars in their budgets. It is noted that the Executive Director will find the extra dollars needed.

Band Member pointed out that honorarium off Reserve is \$250.00 per meeting and upward.

#### **DIRECTION NO. 7**

That the MNCFN Regular Council gives direction to the Executive Director to find additional dollars for the various budgets (ie. Day Care and Social & Health Services) to make up the difference in paying honorarium which has now been raised to \$150.00 per meeting.

### **AGENDA ITEM NO. 12b) – WEBPAGE QUESTION (EF)**

Councillor brought up the issue of a map on the Website from the DOCA office, but the map has not been approved by Council to be on the Website. However, the Communications Director stated that yes Mark LaForme has approved the map as well as Council.

#### **DIRECTION NO.8**

That the MNCFN Regular Council gives direction to the Executive Director to clarify if the map that is on the MNCFN Website has been approved by Council, and further, Executive Director will determine if the map should be on the Website.

Council moved to an In-Camera session at 9:25 pm.