

MISSISSAUGAS OF THE CREDIT FIRST NATION
INFRASTRUCTURE & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
COUNCIL MEETING
PUBLIC MINUTES
Tuesday, February 22, 2022

Start 10:07 am

Finish 4:30 pm

Chief Councillor
Councillor
Councillor/Chair
Councillor
Councillor
Councillor
Councillor
Councillor

Recorder
Executive Director of Operations
Chief Financial Officer
A/Ex. Dir. Of Intergovernmental Affairs

R. Stacey Laforme
Erma Ferrell
Ashley Sault
Evan Sault
Kelly LaForme (via Zoom)
Veronica King-Jamieson (Sick)
Andrea King (via Zoom)
Fawn Sault
Charlotte Smith
Kerri King
Gary Phillips
Margaret Sault

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 – OPEN MEETING

Chair/Councillor Ashley Sault opened the meeting at 10:07 am. Councillor Veronica King-Jamieson is away sick. Councillor Evan Sault will be leaving at 2:30 pm for an appointment.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2 – REVIEW AND ACCEPT AGENDA & DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

MOTION NO. 1

MOVED BY R. STACEY LAFORME

SECONDED BY EVAN SAULT

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Infrastructure and Community Development Council accepts the Agenda with the following additions and one change:

- Agenda Item No. 14a) – DOCA Review – Special Council Meeting is required (KK);
- Agenda Item No. 14b) – Indigenous Healing and Wellness Strategy Service Contract (KK);
- Agenda Item No. 17a) – In-Camera Item;
- Agenda Item No. 20 will be moved to become Agenda Item No. 22a).

Carried

When we get to Agenda Item No. 22a), Recorder will be excused because of a Conflict of Interest.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 – REVIEW & ACCEPT PUBLIC MINUTES OF INFRASTRUCTURE & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL MEETING DATED TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2021

MOTION NO. 2

MOVED BY R. STACEY LAFORME

SECONDED BY ERMA FERRELL

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Infrastructure and Community Development Council accepts the Public Minutes of the Infrastructure & Development Council Meeting dated Tuesday, October 26, 2021.

Carried

DIRECTION NO. 1

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Infrastructure and Community Development Council directs the A/Executive Director of Intergovernmental Affairs to forward Motion of the meeting with Caledon Council.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4 – MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

4.1 – Letter dated February 9, 2022 signed by the Chief and sent to Matthew Beaudoin Ph.D. regarding Long Term Archaeological Collections. (This is an FYI for Council)

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5 – INDIGENOUS SERVICES CANADA (ISC) FUNDING OF \$6,021.00 AGREEMENT 1819-ON-000001 AMENDMENT 0063 (CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER)

Chief Operating Officer noted in his Briefing Note that Indigenous Services Canada has issued funding amendment #0063 to the agreement 1819-ON-000001 in the amount of \$6,021.00 for Education to be accepted by Chief and Council.

Funding amendment 0063 will provide funding for initiatives in the amount of \$6,021.00 from Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) in fixed funding and available for Fiscal 2021/ 2022. The funding will cover the following areas Public Works \$6,021 for waste management.

MOTION NO. 3

MOVED BY R. STACEY LAFORME

SECONDED BY FAWN SAULT

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Infrastructure and Community Development Council moves to accept Indigenous Services Canada Agreement 1819-ON-000001 Amendment 0063 the \$6,021 (Six thousand and twenty-one dollars and nil cents) for fiscal 2021 / 2022 and authorize A/COO Kerri King to acknowledge acceptance via email with **"I confirm that I have the authorization of the Council of Mississaugas of the Credit to enter into the attached amendment on behalf of Mississaugas of the Credit by way of electronic mail. Mississaugas of the Credit agrees to the terms and conditions set out in the attached amendment, including any reporting requirements."**

Public Works Department's Recycling Program 200304 and Waste Management Plan 200305 revenue account fixed funding 40300 split between departments.

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6 – INDIGENOUS SERVICES CANADA (ISC) CANADA’S COVID-19 ECONOMIC RESPONSE PLAN IELCC SECTOR FUNDING (CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER)

Chief Financial Officer noted in his Briefing Note that Indigenous Services Canada originally provided Canada's Covid-19 Economic Response Plan IELCC Sector Funding which is due to end March 31, 2022 however, they are offering to extend an additional year until March 31, 2023.

The funding for Canada's Covid-19 Economic Response Plan IELCC Sector Funding will end March 31, 2022 unless the offer to extend until March 31, 2023 is accepted before March 4, 2022.

MOTION NO. 4

MOVED BY FAWN SAULT

SECONDED BY ERMA FERRELL

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Infrastructure and Community Development Council moves to accept Indigenous Services Canada offer to extend Canada's Covid-19 Economic Response Plan IELCC Sector Funding to NC-INDIGENOUS_PROG-PROG_AUTOCHTONE-GD@hrsdc-rhdcc.gc.ca confirming the agreement to extend.

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7 – HARMONIZED SALES TAX (HST) LETTERS (KK)

A/COO – Executive Director of Operations noted in her Briefing Note that she is requesting approval of the revised HST letters for the First Nation.

The First Nation regularly requires these letters for service providers and we also provide these letters for Members who require the same.

The Chief Financial Officer has revised/updated the HST letter to be more reflective of the current needs and criteria utilized when obtaining the HST exemption. Recognizing the forms includes the signature of Gimaa LaForme, formal approval is being requested for the attached two documents.

MOTION NO. 5

MOVED BY R. STACEY LAFORME

SECONDED BY FAWN SAULT

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Infrastructure and Community Development Council approves the revised Harmonized Sales Tax (HST) letters for the First Nation and for the MCFN Members.

Carried

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8 – GRAND ERIE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD (GEDSC) LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT (EF)

Councillor EF noted in her Briefing Note that Robin Staats/System Principal Leader of Indigenous Education and Equity of the Grand Erie District School Board (GEDSB), wrote a Land Acknowledgement (listed below).

“Proposed Land Acknowledgement”:

The Grand Erie District School Board acknowledges that the land on which we gather, known as the Haldimand Tract, is the home of Six Nations of the Grand River and Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. This traditional and sacred territory is mutually covered by the Dish with One Spoon Covenant, an agreement between the Anishnaabe, the Rotinonhsyonni/Haudenosaunee, and other Allied Nations, to peaceably share and care for the land and resources around the Great Lakes. We commit to uphold these agreements as we continue our learning here today.”

Councillor EF provided Darrin Wybenga (Traditional Knowledge and Land Use Coordinator) with a copy of the above Land Acknowledgement. Darrin then provided some comments as listed below:

- The Grand Erie District School Board (GEDSB) acknowledges that the land on which we gather, known as the Haldimand Tract, is home to Six Nations of the Grand River and Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation;
- The Grand Erie District School Board operates schools in Communities far outside the Haldimand Tract – Haldimand, Norfolk, Brant and the City of Brantford, and this is not an accurate statement;
- It should be mentioned that GRDSB, in its entirety, operates within the Treaty Lands and Territory of MCFN. The rightful Treaty Holders should be mentioned in Land Acknowledgements.

Councillor EF sent these comments to one of the GEDSB’s members, and, to date, has not received a response.

It is noted that all of Darrin’s comments will be forwarded in a letter signed by the Chief and sent to the GEDSB.

MOTION NO. 6

MOVED BY FAWN SAULT

SECONDED BY ANDREA KING

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Infrastructure and Community Development Council directs Chief R. Stacey Laforme to reach out to the Grand Erie District School Board via a letter (to be prepared by the A/Executive Director of Intergovernmental Affairs) to formally respond to their proposed Land Acknowledgement, officially stating the concerns of the MCFN.

Carried

DIRECTION NO. 2

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Infrastructure and Community Development Council directs the A/Executive Director of Intergovernmental Affairs to write a letter for signature by the Chief in response to their proposed land Acknowledgement. The list below will be included in the letter:

List of Concerns:

Commentary and Critique: The proposed land acknowledgement by the Grand Erie School Board raises a number of concerns for the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation.

1. *"The Grand Erie District School Board acknowledges that the land on which we gather, known as the Haldimand Tract, is the home of Six Nations of the Grand River and Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation."*
 - a) The Grand Erie District School Board operates schools in communities far outside the boundaries of the Haldimand Tract, in all of the counties, in which it operates. These counties include: Haldimand, Norfolk, Brant and the City of Brantford. It is not geographically accurate to make such a statement.
 - b) It should be mentioned that the board, in its entirety, operates within the Treaty Lands and Territory of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN). It is highly problematic, and disrespectful, when constructing land acknowledgements to not mention the Treaty Holders, after all, they were the First Nations people who completed the treaty arrangements enabling the settlement of the land. The specific treaty between the MCFN and the Crown to be cited, within a land acknowledgement produced by the GEDSB, is the Between the Lakes Treaty, No. 3 of 1784 and ratified in 1792.
 - c) The Haldimand Tract was born out of the Between the Lakes Treaty between the MCFN and the Crown. Needing to settle Six Nation Loyalist refugees at the conclusion of the American Revolution, the Crown had first to acquire the needed land from the MCFN before it could be granted to the Haudenosaunee. The land grant of the Haldimand Tract is subordinate to the Treaty reached between the Crown and the Mississaugas- the proposed statement gives the granting of the Haldimand Tract undue prominence.

2. *"This traditional and sacred territory is mutually covered by the Dish with One Spoon Covenant, an agreement between the Anishnaabe, the Rotinonhsyonni/Haudenosaunee, and other Allied Nations, to peaceably share and care for the land and resources around the Great Lakes."*
 - a) The Dish with One Spoon Covenant comes out of the peace treaty known as the Great Peace of Montreal (1701). The Great Peace of Montreal was a peace treaty brokered by the French between the Haudenosaunee and the Anishinaabe along with their allied nations in the Great Lakes Region. The Great Peace and the "Dish with One Spoon Agreement must be interpreted at its face value as a peace treaty and not an agreement to peaceably share resources. Later renewals of the peace agreement, especially at the Credit River in 1840, reaffirmed the earlier principles of peace and friendship but did not speak to the sharing of resources as suggested in the proposed acknowledgement.

- b) The Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation are a subgroup of the Anishinaabe people, and are the only Anishinaabe people to occupy, control, and exercise stewardship over the lands in which the Grand Erie District School Board operates. While the MCFN has no issues regarding the wise stewardship of lands, waters, and resources, it does assert that it is erroneous and insincere to attach such sentiments to an agreement in which it was not intended.

3. The proposed land acknowledgements should be utilized to promote peace, respect, and friendship among all peoples on the lands in which the Grand Erie District School Board operates. Citing the “Dish with One Spoon” as part of the acknowledgement raises a discordant note, especially as there is no agreement about the meaning of the “Dish Agreement” among the Anishinaabe and the Haudenosaunee. As it is rendered now, the proposed acknowledgement, mentioning the “Dish” with its interpretation as given, might be regarded as disrespectful, or perhaps deliberately insulting to the actual treaty holders.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9 – RENAMING OF DUNDAS STREET – TORONTO (EF)

Councillor EF noted in her Briefing Note that in 2020 the Toronto City Council received a petition signed by fourteen thousand (14,000) individuals, requesting the name of Dundas Street Toronto be changed.

Jennifer Frank (Indigenous Affairs Office Consultant in Toronto) would like to know if MCFN would like to submit a name for consideration on the renaming of Dundas Street. A final decision on a new name will be made in June 2022.

Councillor FS suggested something in English and provide the translation by one of our MCFN Members.

MOTION NO. 7

MOVED BY FAWN SAULT

SECONDED BY EVAN SAULT

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Infrastructure and Community Development Council approves the submission of **The Truth – Debwewin** as a replacement name for Dundas Street in Toronto.

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

It is noted that Councillor Erma Ferrell will follow up on this item.

MOTION NO. 8

MOVED BY FAWN SAULT

SECONDED BY ERMA FERRELL

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Infrastructure and Community Development Council moved In-Camera at 11:10 am.

Carried

MOTION NO. 11

MOVED BY R. STACEY LAFORME

SECONDED BY FAWN SAULT

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Infrastructure and Community Development Council moved Out of Camera at 1:55 pm.

Carried

NOTE: Councillor Andrea King zoomed out of the meeting at 1:38 pm as she was not feeling well.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 12 – REVIEW OF THE RESULTS FROM THE RETURN TO WORK SURVEY (KK)

A/COO – Executive Director of Operations highlighted the Return to Work Survey. This was accepted by Chief and Council as information.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 13 – NEW CREDIT LIBRARY (EF)

Councillor EF noted in her Briefing Note that the New Credit Library was housed in the Rumpus Hall for years, but was relocated to a temporary space behind the gym.

The Library Board and staff are in the process of packing up their books, equipment, supplies etc to move to Admin Building No. 2 (the one room school house), but a moving date has not been provided. The Library staff would like to know if Chief and Council have approved their move under the same rule as the reopening of the administration staff for February 22, 2022.

A/COO – Executive Director of Operations will follow up with Carolyn King and Library staff.

DIRECTION NO. 5

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Infrastructure and Community Development Council directs the A/COO – Executive Director of Operations to follow up regarding the New Credit Library.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 14a) – DOCA REVIEW – REQUESTING A SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING (KK)**DIRECTION NO. 6**

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Infrastructure and Community Development Council directs the A/COO – Executive Director of Operations to contact the Council Coordinator to send out a doodle poll requesting dates from Chief and Council for a Special Council Meeting to discuss the DOCA Review.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 14b) – INDIGENOUS HEALING AND WELLNESS STRATEGY SERVICE CONTRACT (KK)

A/COO – Executive Director of Operations noted in her Briefing Note that she is seeking approval to sign off on the Indigenous Healing and Wellness Strategy Service (IHWS) contract for 2021-2022.

The attached transfer payment agreement (TPA) with the province needs to be approved for signature.

The 21-22 TPA is attached. This would be a standard contract required in order to receive funding as it relates to the IHWS Program. The total outlined in the contract is \$194,451.00 (one hundred and ninety-four thousand, four hundred and fifty-one dollars).

A/COO – Executive Director of Operations has requested confirmation from SHS Finance staff to advise as to the appropriate department allocations and hope to have that by the meeting date.

MOTION NO. 12

MOVED BY ER. STACEY LAFORME

SECONDED BY FAWN SAULT

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Infrastructure and Community Development Council approves the 2021-2022 Indigenous Healing and Wellness Strategy Service Contract in the amount of \$194,451.00 (one hundred and ninety-four thousand, four hundred and fifty-one dollars) and authorizes the A/Chief Operating Officer and Gimaa to sign the transfer payment agreement. Further, that the dollars be allocated to the following departments:

- 700500 - \$120,853.00 (IHWS – AHW);
- 700091 - \$ 47,436.00 (HB/HC);
- 700520 - \$26,162.00 (Mental Health Program).

Carried
2nd Reading Waived

MOTION NO. 13

MOVED BY R. STACEY LAFORME

SECONDED BY FAWN SAULT

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Infrastructure and Community Development Council moved In-Camera at 2:15 pm.

Carried