

**MISSISSAUGAS OF THE CREDIT FIRST NATION
EDUCATION & WELLNESS COUNCIL
PUBLIC MINUTES
Tuesday, November 22, 2022**

Start 10:10 am

Finish 2:25 pm

Chief

R. Stacey Laforme

Councillor

Erma Ferrell

Councillor

Ashley Sault

Councillor

Veronica King-Jamieson (via Zoom)

Councillor/Chair

Andrea King

Councillor

Fawn Sault

Councillor

Kelly LaForme

Councillor

Claire Sault (via Zoom)

A/COO – Ex. Dir. of Operations

Kerri King

A/Ex. Dir of Intergov. Affairs

Margaret Sault

Ex. Dir. of Finance/HR

Alisha Anderson

Recorder

Charlotte Smith

Director of Lifelong Learning

Patti Barber

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 – OPEN MEETING

The LSK Drum Group performed an opening song.

Chair/Councillor Andrea King opened the meeting at 10:10 am.

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

MOTION NO. 1

MOVED BY FAWN SAULT

SECONDED BY KELLY LAFORME

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Education & Wellness Council accepts the Agenda with the following additions:

- Agenda Item No. 16a) – In-Camera Item;
- Agenda Item No. 16b) – In-Camera Item;
- Agenda Item No. 16c) – In-Camera Item;
- Agenda Item No. 16d) – In-Camera Item.

Carried

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 – REVIEW & ACCEPT PUBLIC MINUTES OF EDUCATION & WELLNESS COUNCIL MEETING DATED TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2022

MOTION NO. 2

MOVED BY FAWN SAULT

SECONDED BY KELLY LAFORME

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Education & Wellness Council accepts the Public Minutes of the Education and Wellness Council Meeting dated Tuesday, September 27, 2022.

Carried

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4 - MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no Matters Arising from the Minutes.

Nathan Tidridge zoomed in at 10:20 am.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5 – CHAPEL ROYAL TOBACCO BEDS (EF)

Councillor EF noted in her Briefing Note that Nathan Tidridge is an Indigenous History Teacher at Waterdown District High School. He began working with former Chief Carolyn King a number of years ago. During this time Nathan and Carolyn have worked on many projects together. MCFN Members still continue to work with Nathan on various projects. Introductions were made around the Council Table.

Former Chief Carolyn King, Elder Garry Sault, and Gimaa Stacey Laforme have worked on the Chapel Royal Tobacco Garden and the Chapel Royal Tobacco Badge.

Nathan talked about the Dedication of the Souharissen Natural Area which took place on August 21, 2014. The Honourable David C. Only, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario and former Chief Bryan LaForme were part of the ceremony.

Nathan teaches Treaty Studies and Canadian History.

MOTION NO. 3

MOVED BY GIMAA STACEY LAFORME

SECONDED BY FAWN SAULT

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Education & Wellness Council acknowledges the information provided by Mr. Nathan Tidridge/Indigenous History Teacher from the Waterdown District High School.

- (a) List of activities on the Chapel Royal Tobacco Gardens;
- (b) List of Chapel Royal Tobacco Pin;
- (c) Toddlers from the Waterdown Children's Centre participating in activities at the Souharissen Forest.

Carried

Nathan Tidridge zoomed out at 10:35 am.

DIRECTION NO. 1

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Education & Wellness Council directs Councillor Erma Ferrell to follow up with Nathan Tidridge and Gimaa Stacey Laforme regarding the MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) and the Tobacco Badge.

Sara Wilbur-Collins in at 10:35 am.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6 – PRESENTATION BY SARA WILBUR-COLLINS REGARDING RIVERWOOD CONSERVANCY (SHE WILL BE IN ATTENDANCE)

Everyone was introduced.

Sara Wilbur-Collins highlighted the Briefing Note below which was sent by the Council Coordinator.

Council Coordinator noted in her Briefing Note that Sara Wilbur-Collins, the Executive Director of the Riverwood Conservancy reached out to MCFN to present a general information presentation on The Riverwood Conservancy (TRC). TRC is located at [Riverwood Park](#) in Mississauga within a 150-acre natural area comprised of Credit River shoreline, forest and garden areas. They offer a range of [public nature and horticulture programs](#) and support thousands of primary and secondary students with curriculum-based education in a range of areas.

Over the past few years they have also facilitated several Elder-led programs including a recent [Treaties webinar with Garry Sault](#), as well as a covid-modified Jingtamok celebration last September (with another planned for September 24.) They are also an active partner with The Indigenous Network as well as Aboriginal Legal Services (Giiweden Anang), with whom they are developing Full Moon and Land-based Healing Programs. Through a partnership with Credit Valley Conservation, they have also indicated a willingness to become involved in the development of a dodem site as well as The Moccasin Identifier Project.

TRC would like to ensure that going forward they are proceeding in a good way, and that as the Treaty Holders, MCFN is up to date on happenings at Riverwood. It was noted they have many individual relationships within MCFN, but have never made a general information presentation to Council or asked how best to go forward in a systematic way.

Ms. Wilbur-Collins presented a slide deck. The organization is volunteer-led. The Riverwood Conservancy is partly owned by Credit Valley Conservation and the City of Mississauga. There are many programs. There are 500 volunteers and 16 staff.

Gimaa Stacey Laforme advised Ms. Wilbur-Collins to follow up with Councillor Erma Ferrell.

It was noted that Credit Valley did a presentation on August 2, 2022, and Gimaa would like a copy.

DIRECTION NO. 2

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Education & Wellness Council Councillor Fawn Sault to follow up with Credit Valley Conservation, and bring the map with all the sites, and more information back to the Council Table.

MOTION NO. 4

MOVED BY FAWN SAULT

SECONDED BY ERMA FERRELL

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Education & Wellness Council accepts the presentation as presented by Sara Wilbur-Collins of the Riverwood Conservancy.

Carried

Sara Wilbur-Collins out at 11:00 am.

Director of Lifelong Learning in at 10:20 am.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7 – ACCEPTANCE OF LSK ANNUAL REPORT (2021-2022) (DIRECTOR OF LIFELONG LEARNING)

Director of Lifelong Learning noted in her Briefing Note that Lloyd S. King Elementary School releases an Annual Report yearly which sets out statistical data for the students for the previous year as well as recommendations for the following year. For 2021-2022, the report has been finalized and is attached as Appendix A for your review and consideration. This report is broken down into categories which include:

Category 1: Social/School Climate Goals

Category 2: Cultural Goals

Category 3: Literacy Goals

This report also includes a Cultural Lead Summary and Recommendations for the 2022-2023 school year which are as follows:

1. Building capacity in Literacy Instruction pertaining to the foundations of reading and support by the science of reading research;
2. Implement UFLI Foundations from the University of Florida Literacy Institute.
3. Re-evaluate our current school-wide assessment to ensure they align with current research in the science of reading.
4. It would be beneficial for select staff to attend the 6th Annual Conference of the Reading League; Bringing the Science of Reading to Light. The Reading League's mission is to advance the understanding, awareness, and use of evidence-aligned reading instruction.
5. New Science Curriculum Year Roll-Out.
6. Math 2020 Roll-Out Phase 2.

A/Executive Director of Intergovernmental Affairs stated that she would like to see the graphs for 7 and 8.

Councillor AS questioned what kinds of incidents would not get addressed by the Principal.

Gimaa Stacey Laforme noted that 40% of the students are not reading at their level, and where are the incidents looked at. Director of Lifelong Learning answered that the Principal looks at these incidents.

Gimaa questioned if parents are accessing Jordan's Principle, and Director of Lifelong Learning answered no. Councillor CS questioned if we have a Jordan's Principle Navigator. A/COO –

Executive Director of Operations answered that the Community Coordinator will be assisting with this.

Councillor CS pointed out that the Director of Lifelong Learning could reach out to her (Councillor CS) as she has some background information on Jordan's Principle.

A/COO – Executive Director of Operations stated that past practice has been that it is very important for the parents to be involved regarding applying to Jordan's Principle, but the reporting requirements can be cumbersome.

Councillor AK noted that we are not advocating for our students.

Councillor CS noted that Education Assistants are very underpaid.

A/COO – Executive Director of Operations informed that Jordan's Principle pays the parent, not the school.

A/Executive Director of Intergovernmental Affairs stated that the report does not mention anything about the parents.

DIRECTION NO. 3

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Education & Wellness Council directs the Director of Lifelong Learning, Councillors Veronica King-Jamieson, Claire Sault and Andrea King to set up a meeting regarding the Jordan's Principle Navigator, and obtain more information from Councillor Claire Sault.

MOTION NO. 5

MOVED BY KELLY LAFORME

SECONDED BY GIMAA STACEY LAFORME

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Education & Wellness Council accepts the 2021-2022 Lloyd S. King Elementary School Annual Report and the 2022-2023 recommendations set out therein for information purposes.

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8 – OTHER/NEW BUSINESS

There was no Other/New Business.

MOTION NO. 6

MOVED BY FAWN SAULT

SECONDED BY ERMA FERRELL

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Education & Wellness Council moved In-Camera at 11:45 am.

Carried