

MISSISSAUGAS OF THE CREDIT FIRST NATION
LIFELONG LEARNING & AWARENESS & NATION WELL-BEING
COUNCIL MEETING
PUBLIC MINUTES
Wednesday, October 23, 2024

Start 9:07 am

Finish 4:20 pm

Ogimaa-Kwe (Chief) Councillor
Councillor
Councillor
Councillor

Claire Sault
Erma Ferrell
Larry Sault
Veronica King-Jamieson (Away on Other
Council Business)

Councillor/Chair
Councillor
Councillor
Councillor
Chief Admin. Officer (CAO)
Recorder
Senior Director of Finance
MCFN Member

Leslie Maracle
Fawn Sault
Ashley Sault
Jesse Herkimer
Tracy Brant
Charlotte Smith
Sergey Hovasapyan
Andrea King

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 – OPEN MEETING

Chair/Councillor Leslie Maracle opened the meeting at 9:07 am.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2 – REVIEW & ACCEPT AGENDA & DECLARE ANY CONFLICT OF INTEREST

MOTION NO. 1

MOVED BY JESSE HERKIMER

SECONDED BY ASHLEY SAULT

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Lifelong Learning & Awareness & Nation Well-Being Council accepts the Agenda with the following additions:

- Agenda Item No. 9c) – AIAI Youth Appointments – Deleted as already dealt with;
- Agenda Item No. 14a) – In-Camera Item;
- Agenda Item No. 14b) – In-Camera Item;
- Agenda Item No. 14c) – In-Camera Item;
- Agenda Item No. 14d) – In-Camera Item;
- Agenda Item No. 14e) – In-Camera Item.

Carried

There were no Conflicts of Interest on any of the Agenda Items.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 – REVIEW & ACCEPT THE PUBLIC MINUTES OF
LIFELONG LEARNING & AWARENESS & NATION WELL-BEING COUNCIL MEETING
DATED TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2024**

MOTION NO. 2

MOVED BY ASHLEY SAULT

SECONDED BY LARRY SAULT

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Lifelong Learning & Awareness & Nation Well-Being Council accepts the Public Minutes of Lifelong Learning & Awareness & Nation Well-Being Council Meeting dated Tuesday, September 24, 2024.

Carried

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4 – MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no Matters Arising from the Minutes.

MCFN Member Andrea King in at 9:00 am.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 5 – REQUEST FOR A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR A FUNDING
APPLICATION – HEALING FOREST (EF)**

Councillor EF noted in her Briefing Note that Joanna Sparrow Archibald and Jackie Findley are volunteers who take care of the Healing Forest for Truth and Reconciliation in Burlington. They are requesting two letters of support. One for submitting their application to the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation Grant to commemorate residential school survivors; and the other letter is for a Ceremonial Fire Pit to be placed in the Forest to assist in relationship building with the MCFN Members. This letter will be sent to the Mayor in Burlington.

MCFN Member Andrea King stated that these people came to Chief and Council in 2020, and were applying for dollars from the David Suzuki Foundation.

The community around the area of the Healing Forest do not like it as they do not want to see any trees cut down.

MCFN Member Andrea King informed that she has been a Knowledge Keeper since 2020.

With regard to the Indigenous Advisory Circle, Councillor LS stated that there are too many “Pretendians”, and he would like to know who is applying for the grant. Is it our Grant Writer – Zishan Mchaudry?

Andrea King stated that if MCFN applies for the dollars, that we need to keep the dollars in the Community as the CHRT dollars is sun setting soon.

Ogimaa-Kwe noted that there is a political element to this.

Chief Administration Officer will reach out to the Grant Writer to see if he has applied for these dollars.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6 – NATIONAL CENTRE FOR TRUTH & RECONCILIATION GRANT APPLICATION (EF)

This item was dealt together with Agenda Item No. 5 above.

MCFN Member Andrea King out at 9:40 am.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7 – GARAGE SALE AT DOCA CANCELLED – FUNDS RETURNED (EF)

Councillor EF noted that she is returning the \$150.00 which was given to her to host the garage sale, which was cancelled.

There is a lot of furniture in the outbuilding that was to be sold at the garage sale. The furniture still has to be moved or sold.

OFNTC (Ontario First Nations Technical Corp) was to do a report of the outbuilding to see if it can be renovated.

Councillor JH informed that by the end of this year, this item will be brought back to the Council Table with more information. He also informed that the new Director of Economic Development is already working on this. The job posting for her (DSED) Assistant will go out in January 2025.

Ogimaa-Kwe noted that the DOCA Department needs the space.

MOTION NO. 3

MOVED BY FAWN SAULT

SECONDED BY ASHLEY SAULT

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Lifelong Learning & Awareness & Nation Well-Being Council acknowledges receipt of a cheque in the amount of \$150.00 (One Hundred Fifty Dollars) from Councillor Erma Ferrell.

The cheque is to return funds provided by the MCFN Chief & Council, to Councillor Ferrell, for repayment of funds paid to her to host a Garage Sale at the Duty of Consultation out building.

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

DIRECTION NO. 1

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Lifelong Learning & Awareness & Nation Well-Being Council Chief Administration Officer (CAO) to follow up and find out if OFNTC has sent or will be sending the letter to MCFN regarding inspection of the outbuilding at the DOCA Department.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8 – MEDIA TRAINING FOR MCFN/MCBC (JH)

NOTE: A Special Council Meeting has been arranged for Wednesday, November 13, 2024 from 1:00 to 4:00 pm.

Chief Administration Officer will send out the invite.

It is also noted that Victoria Gray, Mark LaForme, Tracy Brant, Claire Sault and the new Communications & Engagement Lead will take the Media Training for MCFN/MCBC and the National PR Firm.

Principal of LSK in at 10:15 am.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9b) – LLOYD S. KING ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ANNUAL REPORT (2023-2024) (PRINCIPAL AT LSK)

Councillor LS informed the Principal (Matt King) that Chief and Council met with the LSK staff quite a while ago to listen to their concerns.

Matt informed that Chief and Council are always invited to the Assemblies at LSK which happen weekly.

Principal informed that he is working to get his full credentials.

He (Matt) highlighted the Annual Report. LSK has 168 students right now, and 25 of those students are non-Members.

Regarding counselling, Matt informed that there is a deficit in our Community. Students (16) are getting counselling through a counselling firm called Qualia.

MOTION NO. 4

MOVED BY CLAIRE SAULT

SECONDED BY ASHLEY SAULT

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Lifelong Learning & Awareness & Nation Well-Being Council accepts the Lloyd S. King Elementary School 2023-2024 Annual Report as information. This Annual Report will be effective Tuesday, October 23, 2024, and will be shared online as well as with Indigenous Services Canada (ISC).

It is noted that some changes to the Annual Report will be, for example, take out the word “New”, add page numbers, and add more cultural items before the Report is released.

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

MOTION NO. 5

MOVED BY ERMA FERRELL

SECONDED BY FAWN SAULT

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Lifelong Learning & Awareness & Nation Well-Being Council moved In-Camera at 11:30 am.

Carried