

MISSISSAUGAS OF THE CREDIT FIRST NATION
LIFELONG LEARNING & AWARENESS & NATION WELL-BEING
COUNCIL MEETING
PUBLIC MINUTES
Tuesday, March 25, 2025

Start 9:12 am

Finish 4:20 pm

Ogimaa-Kwe (Chief) Councillor
Councillor
Councillor
Councillor/Chair
Councillor
Councillor
Councillor
Councillor

Claire Sault
Erma Ferrell
Larry Sault (Away on Other Council Business)
Veronica King-Jamieson
Leslie Maracle
Fawn Sault (joined the meeting via Teams)
Ashley Sault (Sick)
Jesse Herkimer (Away on Other Council Business)
Eddy Robinson (Excused)
Charlotte Smith

ACHief Admin. Officer (CAO)
Recorder

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 – OPEN MEETING

Chair/Councillor Veronica King-Jamieson opened the meeting at 9:12 am. Councillors Larry Sault and Jesse Herkimer are away on other Council Business. Councillor Ashley Sault is away sick.

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

MOTION NO. 1

MOVED BY ERMA FERRELL

SECONDED BY CLAIRE 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. 10a) – Contract Choreographer – Christine Friday (CS);
- Agenda Item No. 10b) – 4 Pillars – Godfriedson Update (CS);
- Agenda Item No. 23b) – In-Camera Item;
- Agenda Item No. 23c) – In-Camera Item;
- Agenda Item No. 23d) – In-Camera Item;
- Agenda Item No. 23e) – 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, FEBRUARY 25, 2025

DIRECTION NO. 1

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Lifelong Learning & Awareness & Nation Well-Being Council directs the A/Chief Administration Officer to follow up with where the dividing line is when Townline Road becomes Indian Line. Emergency Services, ambulance police etc. need the proper address in the event of an emergency.

DIRECTION NO. 2

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Lifelong Learning & Awareness & Nation Well-Being Council directs the A/Chief Administration Officer to follow up on Direction No. 10 below of the above Public Minutes:

DIRECTION NO. 10

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Lifelong Learning & Awareness & Nation Well-Being Council directs the A/Chief Administration Officer to follow up with Communications Department as some MCFN Members were unable to access the Website.

MOTION NO. 2

MOVED BY CLAIRE SAULT

SECONDED BY LESLIE MARACLE

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, February 26, 2025.

Carried

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3a) – FYI – SUMMARY OF MOTIONS & DIRECTIONS FROM LIFELONG LEARNING & AWARENESS & NATION WELL-BEING COUNCIL MEETING DATED TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2025

This is an FYI for Ogimaa-Kwe and Council.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4 – MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no Matters Arising from the Minutes.

Director of Lifelong Learning in at 9:10 am.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5 – HIGH-COST SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM FUNDS (PB)

Director of Lifelong Learning is requesting from Council to accept the incoming High-Cost Special Education funding of \$320,000.00 (three hundred and twenty thousand dollars and zero cents) for Lloyd S King Elementary High-Cost Special Education funding for the services provided to students in need of support.

MOTION NO. 3

MOVED BY LESLIE MARACLE

SECONDED BY CLAIRE SAULT

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Lifelong Learning & Awareness & Nation Well-Being Council approves and accepts the incoming (HCSE) High-Cost Special Education funding of \$320,00.00 (three hundred and twenty thousand dollars and zero cents) from Indigenous Services Canada to department 500302. And further, this funding is provided for Lloyd S. King Elementary High-Cost Special Education Funding students in need of support.

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6 – ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDS FROM JORDAN'S PRINCIPLE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 (PB)

Director of Lifelong Learning is seeking approval from Chief and Council to accept the incoming Jordan's Principle funding of \$81,850.00 (Eighty-one thousand and eight hundred and fifty dollars and zero cents) for the Jordan's Principal Service Coordination position and approval to post for the role on our MCFN website.

MOTION NO. 4

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Lifelong Learning & Awareness & Nation Well-Being Council approves and accepts the funds of \$81,850.00 (Eighty-one thousand eight hundred fifty dollars and zero cents) For the Jordan's Principal Service Coordination position from First Nations and Inuit Health Branch Ontario Region. These funds can be carried over to 2025-2026 fiscal.

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

Wanda Smith from Native Horizons Treatment Centre in at 9:40 am. Ron Gersh joined the meeting via Teams at 9:40 am.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7 – NATIVE HORIZONS TREATMENT CENTRE – GUESTS WANDA SMITH & RON GERSH TO DO FURTHER PRESENTATION REGARDING BUILDING A GYM (LM)

Councillor LM informed that the lease has already been approved, and now a BCR is required.

DIRECTION NO. 4

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Lifelong Learning & Awareness & Nation Well-Being Council directs that Wanda Smith and Ron Gersh will send the BCR wording and the layout of the land in question.

MOTION NO. 5

MOVED BY FAWN SAULT

SECONDED BY LESLIE MARACLE

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Lifelong Learning & Awareness & Nation Well-Being Council approves the BCR wording as listed below:

Native Horizons Treatment Center is seeking to construct a community gymnasium/multi-purpose facility that will serve its residents, and be fully available and accessible to the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation community and its members for communal utilization.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation hereby pledges its support to Native Horizons Treatment Center in its endeavors to obtain financial allocations from provincial and federal funding sources.

This includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- Sports and Recreation funding
- Infrastructure funding allocations
- Indigenous Services Canada funding allocations, specifically from the First Nation Inuit Health Branch
- Any other relevant funding opportunities that could facilitate the capital construction of the new community gymnasium.

This resolution reaffirms our commitment to fostering community development and enhancing the well-being of our Nation through infrastructure improvements.

By clearly outlining the support and potential funding avenues, this resolution aims to secure the necessary resources for the gym's construction.

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

See BCR No. 400 – 2024-2025.

Guests out at 9:55 am.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8 – GOLF CANADA – 2025 CANADIAN OPEN (EF)

Councillor EF will bring back the information to the next Financial Planning & Fiscal Oversight Council Meeting dated Tuesday, April 1, 2025. She informed that we have a lot of asks when we attend the meeting.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9 – COMMUNITY CONCERNS REGARDING RRVY CLAIM (LM)

Councillor LM noted that there are a lot of questions from the MCFN Community that need to be answered before the next Community Meeting on March 29, 2025. Councillor FS added that there are seven pages of questions.

Ogimaa-Kwe noted that she will not be in attendance at the March 29th meeting as she is travelling to Vancouver, BC on other Council Business, and the Legal Team does not have the time.

Councillor FS stated that Chief and Council have to answer the questions.

DIRECTION NO. 5

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Lifelong Learning & Awareness & Nation Well-Being Council directs Councillor Fawn Sault to work with Communications Department and go through all the questions and answers regarding the Rouge River Valley Land Claim, and have them prepared for the Monthly Community Meeting on Saturday, March 29, 2025, and further, have them posted on the Website.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 10a) – CONTRACT CHOREOGRAPHER – CHRISTINE FRIDAY (CS)

Ogimaa-Kwe noted in her Briefing Note that MCFN has many requests in the GTA for Youth Dance, Drum Singing, and specifically to sing Oh Canada in Ojibway.

Organizations such as MLSE, FIFA 2026, Waterfront Toronto, Ontario Place have made these requests that we have not been able to fulfill. More specifically, FIFA 2026 has asked if we can have our Youth world stage ready by the time the games are hosted here in Toronto.

The Education Department has been asked to have one of their staff be the Coordinator who will work with this Consultant.

Christine Friday is an experienced FN choreographer who has submitted her breakdown of costs in phases for a total of \$36,000.00 to get started on Phase 1 & 2. Target age group is 12 – 20 years old.

As discussed at the Council Meeting last week, we have been able to raise \$31,000.00 so far and that includes \$15,000.00 from Northland, \$10,000.00 from CN and \$6,000.00 from Jay's Care Foundation.

We agreed verbally last week to proceed with getting started and engaging Christine as soon as possible. Ogimaa-Kwe agreed to bring the Briefing Note to the Council Table to formalize this week. In the meantime, Council agreed that we would ask our individual business contacts for financial donations toward this very worthy cause.

In total, we will need to continue on through all phases and the cost is roughly \$200,000.00.

MOTION NO. 6

MOVED BY ERMA FERRELL

SECONDED BY LESLIE MARACLE

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Lifelong Learning & Awareness & Nation Well-Being Council approves and agrees to move forward so Christine Friday can get started working with the Youth who will be world stage ready for the International Federation of Association Football (FIFA 2026). Education Department has been asked to have one of their staff be the Coordinator who will work with the Consultant Christine Friday.

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

AGENDA ITEM NO. 10b) – 4 PILLARS SOCIETY AND GOTTFRIEDSON CASE (CS)

Ogimaa-Kwe noted that we have to apply for these dollars in phases. Councillor LM is doing the follow up. Zishan Chaudry (Grant Writer) is coming to present this to Council.

DIRECTION NO. 6

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Lifelong Learning & Awareness & Nation Well-Being Council directs Councillor Leslie Maracle to coordinate with Zishan Chaudry (Grant Writer), Cindy Agius and Senior Director of Intergovernmental Affairs to revive the 4 Pillars Society and Gottfriedson Case.

MOTION NO. 7

MOVED BY ERMA FERRELL

SECONDED BY CLAIRE SAULT

That the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Lifelong Learning & Awareness & Nation Well-Being Council moved to an In-Camera session at 10:40 am.

Carried