



**Serpent River First Nation  
Chief and Council Meeting**

Monday February 24, 2020

6:00 pm

Council Chambers

Minutes

Participants:

Chair: Chief Brent Bissaillon  
Council: Steve Meawasige, Earl Commanda, Kerri Commanda, Tillie McLeod, Marlene Essex, Jack Trudeau, Shirley McLeod, Joey Jacobs, Nicole Pelletier-Southwind  
Regrets: Steven Baranyai, Miranda Pelletier  
Conference Call: Michelle Owl  
Community Members: Caroline Meawasige, Ken Meawasige  
Guests: Ray Owl  
Director of Operations: Cheryl Nahwegahbow  
Staff: Matt Lachance  
Recording Secretary: Erin Carne

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Meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Chief Bissaillon  
Chief welcomed everyone to the meeting, community members Caroline Meawasige and Ken Meawasige.

1) Opening Prayers/Remarks

Chief Bissaillon welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2) Review and Adoption of Agenda:

Council reviewed the Agenda:

**Motions #2020-02-24-01**

**That Council adopts the Agenda for the Chief and Council Business Meeting of Monday February 24, 2020**

**Moved by: Earl Commanda**

**Seconded by: Shirley McLeod**

**CARRIED**

3) Declaration of Conflict of Interest:

Councillor Joey Jacobs 8b

4) Approval Of Previous Minutes

a) Review Previous Minutes –December 16, 2019

Deferred until next meeting March 09, 2020

b) Review Previous Minutes – January 29, 2020

Deferred until next meeting of March 09, 2020

c) C&C Task Sheet-January 29,2020-Updates were given, task sheet to be updated. 101 River Rd briefing not to be given next meeting March 09, 2020

**Our Vision** *Serpent River First Nation will have self-sufficient people within a community of caring and compassionate families.*

**Our Mission** *Serpent River First Nation will use all available financial, human, natural, technological and cultural resources to achieve self-sufficiency through the efforts of all Community Members. Our strong and unique cultural and spiritual identity will drive us to ensure a healthy community that is safe and secure for all generations.*

5) Business Arising:

- a. Doodem Meeting Dates-Reminder to set dates of meetings (all clans). Loon Clan, set meeting dates. Very important items coming ie: constitution. Agreed to a set date of Thursday February 27, 2020 from 4-6pm

New schedule of meetings to be uploaded on the shared Google Drive and sent out to community members.

- b. Financial Report-Will be given in the DOO report.  
c. Position Paper on ANGA-There was no directive from Council to be able to write a paper as it wasn't clear what our position was. Brief meeting took place with Communication Director and Finance Manager to see where we're at to finish up community meetings. Once those meetings take place, a 1-2 page report will be drafted but need councilors input and to acknowledge communication by stating "noted".  
d. Doodem Task Sheet-Currently there is no task sheet, look at developing. Doodems to accomplish, they need to be accountable.

6) Chief's Report, Director of Operations and Doodem Reports:

Chief's Report:

Need for a permanent land based camp, Marten clan to look at Mount Lake to have a BCR stating it is Serpent River's

NSTC Cannabis 1 day meeting on March 23, 2020. Brent is not available to attend.

Send youth to Cannabis working group, from the community to understand at a treaty level.

INAC willing to discuss Serpent River taking over half of the French school in Spanish. Biggest challenges are our small children on the bus, makes for a long day. Community engagement is needed.

Satsan (Herb George) presentation-bring to Chief & Council for a presentation (Look at video or Conference call)

Chief has recommended Sue Pelletier as Ratification Officer, Council has agreed. Timeline changes are coming up regarding constitution vote. We can move money into constitution meetings, 2 more community meetings, dinner. Motion to sign new agreement date.

**Motion#2020-02-24-02**

**Council moves to accept a new agreement date**

**Moved by: Jack Trudeau**

**Seconded by: Nicole Pelletier-Southwind**

**CARRIED**

**Motion #2020-02-24-03**

**Council moves to accept the Chief's report from January 27, 2020 to February 21, 2020**

**Moved by: Shirley McLeod**

**Seconded by: Marlene Essex**

**CARRIED**

b) Director of Operations Report:

Cheryl Nahwegahbow, Director of Operations reviewed her report dated February 20, 2020

Community Safety Update, working with Bev Gautier to provide community safety presentations.

Mukwa Doodem has agreed Jack Trudeau will reach out to Bev for follow up and planning.

Water update – Report of costs from WTP from water main break.

Recommendation-monies are available through FNMHF, invite Ruth Beecher to do a presentation to look at different options, capitalizing infrastructure, and capacity development.

**Motion#2020-02-24-04**

**Council moves to accept the Director of Operations' report dated February 20, 2020**

**Moved by: Jack Trudeau**

**Seconded by: Nicole Pelletier-Southwind**

**CARRIED**

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- c) Doodem Reports:
- vii) Marten Doodem: Advancing Northern Maple/Quebec Tour  
Follow up with Sonya, more info needed

7) Standing Items:

8) New Business

- a) Start Up Agreement #1617-ON-000064

**Motion#2020-02-24-05**

**Council moves to approve Start Up Agreement #1617-ON-000064 in the amount of \$2,772,897.66**

**Moved by: Shirley McLeod**

**Seconded by: Marlene Essex**

**CARRIED**

- b) Briefing Note Sponsorship

**Motion#2020-02-24-06**

**Council moves to approve Sponsorship to the First Nation Housing Professionals Conference in the amount of \$1000.00 at the Silver Sponsorship Level**

**Moved by: Nicole Pelletier-Southwind**

**Seconded by: KerriCommanda**

**CARRIED**

- c) Council Training Retreat-  
Dates/Locations needed from Council. Quotes from Little Current, SSM. Date suggested of April 25, 26, 2020. Google training will be sooner-Sunday March 08, 2020 from 12-1p.m. in Council Chambers.

- d) BCR#2020-02-24-001 Aerial Spraying

**Council moves to approve BCR#2020-02-24-001 that Chief and Council asks the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry to cease aerial spraying of herbicides and find alternate methods of controlling undergrowth that promotes a healthier Ontario for all citizens.**

**Moved by: Earl Commanda**

**Seconded by: Steve Meawasige**

**CARRIED**

- e) BCR#2020-02-24-002 ELO Position

**Council moves to approve BCR#2020-02-24-002 that Chief and Council is in occurrence with the scope and budget incorporated in the Lands and Economic Development Service Program Application, titled, "Lands & Environmental Liaison-Cutler Acid Project". And be it further resolved that Serpent River First Nation requests the Department of Indigenous Services Canada to provide funding for the resource person and program based on the cost presented.**

- f) BCR#2020-02-24-003 Capital Planning Study Update

**Council moves to approve BCR#2020-02-24-003 that Chief and Council support the Housing & Infrastructure Department with their Minor Capital Submission (MCA) to update the Capital Planning Study.**

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g) BCR#2020-02-24-004 MCA/Backhoe

**Council moves to approve BCR#2020-02-24-004 that Chief and Council support the Housing & Infrastructure Department with their Minor Capital Submission (MCA) for the reimbursement of the backhoe**

h) BCR#2020-02-24-005 MCA/Excavator

**Council moves to approve BCR#2020-02-24-005 that Chief and Council support the Housing & Infrastructure Department with their Minor Capital Submission (MCA) for the reimbursement of the new excavator.**

i) BCR#2020-02-24-006 MCA/Waste Management

**Council moves to approves BCR#2020-02-24-006 that Chief and Council support the Agreement for Professional Consulting Services of Neegan Brunside Ltd. In the amount of \$55,810.00**

j) BCR#2020-02-24-007 MCA/Waste Truck

**Council moves to approve BCR#2020-02-24-007 that Chief and Council support the Minor Capital Application for a Waste Truck.**

k) BCR#2020-02-24-008 MCA/Tandem Truck

**Council moves to approve BCR#2020-02-24-008 that Chief and Council support the Minor Capital Application for a new Tandem Truck.**

9) Community Presentations:

Ray Owl-Aerial Spraying

10) Next Meeting Dates:

C&C Meeting

Monday March 09, 2020 @ 6:00 p.m.

C&C Meeting

Monday March 23, 2020 @ 6:00 p.m.

11) Adjournment at 8:50 pm

**Motions #2020-02-24-07**

**That Council adjourns the Chief and Council Meeting of Monday February 24, 2020 at 8:50 p.m.**

**Moved by: Shirley McLeod**

**Seconded by: Steve Meawasige**

**CARRIED**

In-Camera Meeting to follow

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