

SERPENT RIVER FIRST NATION

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SRFN Chief and Council Meeting
Tuesday May 05, 2020
Minutes

Chair: Chief Brent Bissaillion
Council: Jack Trudeau, Marlene Essex, Kerri Commanda, Michelle Owl, Earl Commanda, Shirley McLeod, Steven Baranyai, Steve Meawasige, Nicole Pelletier-Southwind, Miranda Pelletier
Regrets: Joey Jacobs, Tillie McLeod
Director of Operations: Cheryl Nahwegahbow
Staff: Wilma Bissaillion, Leila Macumber
Recording Secretary: Erin Carne

1) **Call to Order/Opening Remarks:**

6:05pm

Will be live streaming meetings on youtube by the next meeting. Will send it to Matt to upload as a finished product.

2) **Adoption of Agenda**

MOTION: 2020-05-05-01	
That Council adopts the Agenda for the Chief and Council Meeting of Tuesday May 05, 2020 with noted changes	
Moved by	Kerri Commanda
Seconded by	Earl Commanda
CARRIED	
Add under new business-CAF Motion	

3) **Declaration of Conflict of Interest:** N/A

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4) **Approval of Previous Minutes**

a) *Tuesday April 21, 2020*

MOTION: 2020-05-05-02	
That Council approves the Council Meeting Minutes of Tuesday April 21, 2020 with noted changes	
Moved by	Steven Baranyai
Seconded by	Marlene Essex
CARRIED	
Council suggests using titles moving forward. Send council a list of titles-names Meeting dates change (EOCG every Mon and Fri)	

5) **Business Arising from Minutes**

- a) **Financial Report-N/A**
- b) **Council/SMT Training-Waiting on dates**
- c) **Funeral Policy**

MOTION: 2020-05-05-03	
That under the authority of BY-LAW NO.2020-03-26-01 of the Serpent River First Nation Band Council moves to approve Funeral and Burials Order No.2020-03-26-02	
Moved by	Steve Meawasige
Seconded by	Jack Trudeau
CARRIED	
Funeral Bylaw Review-Thank you Kerri/Steve for editing. Was approved by Loon Committee, with a recommendation put forward to Council. Cremation option-change only 10 people allowed in attendance. Could have sacred fire at pow wow grounds to allow the space Burial Option C-"5" should be "D" Only 7 spots for Council to sign-Order is only for 7. Make a recommendation-entire document be brought for signature Recommendation-Anyone present and in agreement should sign the document. Everyone is in agreement. Using E-Signatures-Need to look whether it is accepted with INAC. Follow Up.	

- d) **Border Policy**-Should have done by end of week, send to EOCG for recommendations, then to Loon, then back to C&C

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6) Chief's Report, Director of Operations Report

a) Chief's Report:

MOTION: 2020-05-04	
That Council moves to accept the Chief's report dated April 28-May 4, 2020.	
Moved by	Kerri Commanda
Seconded by	Shirley McLeod
CARRIED	
<p>Algoma Region currently has NO cases of COVID. C&C are being sued by cannabis retailers in other communities RCMP back in Ontario Community with Land Codes can pass out fines, need more info for our community Germany easing lockdown, everyone excited however, not a good idea. COO recommends opening 2-3 weeks after Ontario does to be cautious</p>	

b) Director of Operations Report:

MOTION: 2020-05-05-05	
That Council moves to accept the Director of Operations report dated May 01, 2020	
Moved by	Marlene Essex
Seconded by	Steve Meawasige
CARRIED	
<p>Changed Geka protocol-working well Aware of concerns with guards-SMT will be spending time at the border. Policy in the works CDM-will be able to hire pt students for a longer period of time to Feb 2021. SMT to determine which Dept's can carry them CHIM-Spring Clean up successful. Another fire, fire ban still in effect Finance-Updating financial reports (AR). Resumed rent collection. Report on COVID based funding at next council meeting HR-3 additional staff requested layoffs due to childcare concerns CAF Recommendations-Discussed putting on hold. No motion put on the table Q-Was the financial aspect for the food co-op looked at? Need to meet and discuss next steps on Thursday SMT CHIM had mentioned she could be involved, make sure she is Q-JP Application-are those applications for off reserve? On-reserve only. Off reserve can apply and utilize our staff for the application or apply on their own.</p>	

(i) Education Support Program Worker Job Description

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MOTION: 2020-05-05-06	
That Council accepts the job description of the Education Support Program Worker	
Moved by	Steven Baranyai
Seconded by	Kerri Commanda
CARRIED	
Position as a result of COVID 1 on 1 support for parents Reaching out to all students to provide support to students Q-What age range is this for? -Elementary school students. HS kids are being looked after by Traditional Student Mentor	

c. EDC Report:

MOTION: 2020-05-05-07	
That Council accepts the Economic Development Corporation report dated May 05, 2020	
Moved by	Steve Meawasige
Seconded by	Marlene Essex
CARRIED	
No Changes in operation of Trading Post, remain closed until province opens up. Gas Bar operating on 3 staff, had to close on April 29, 2020, Open 10-3 Tuesday – Saturday Looking at installing permanent plexiglass barrier at cashier Misunderstanding at gas bar, community member thought 3 customers were going to rob gas bar. Agawa Crafts still closed, same category as Trading Post, same plan as trading post, will open at same time May be conducting interviews for staff-Agawa Cannabis-Mississauga gave permission to attend their cannabis store. Looking at budget of 500k to be built and ready to open doors. **Miranda has left the meeting 6:56** Community business agreed to have their business at the trading post, will update next council.	

7) Doodem Reports

- a) Deer Doodem-working on meeting.
- b) Bear Doodem-Picking a date
- c) Eagle Doodem-Meeting this week
- d) Crane Doodem-Made recommendations for policy to the Loon
- e) Turtle Doodem
- f) Loon Doodem
- g) Marten Doodem-N/A

i. Community Member Request Form

MOTION: 2020-05-05-08	
That Council accepts the Community Member Request Form with noted changes	

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Moved by	Steve Meawasige
Seconded by	Steve Baranyai
CARRIED	
<p>*accept with changes-Have a valid residency permit *every meeting will be available to community If community members would like to join in on council meetings, just a checklist. Will enforce going to SMT and following the proper channels before coming to Council Q-Roll out in the next meeting, Erin to help with filling out application. Also can mail out. Follow up documents of when it's received. Q-Do we want to have community members at any meeting? Q-Band Members-is it just Band Members that have a say? Not a matter of band members, we can extend to others who live here. Want to support anyone who lives here in bringing concerns to the table. Q-Should follow current policy and discuss further Q-If this is a form for anyone to bring to the table, definitely think anyone in the community should be able to share concerns and not be restricted by Indian Act. -Moved every meeting to be available to community meetings. Duly convened meeting for everyone. Q-every meeting we have moving forward open to community Q-If we allow community to have a voice, they should respect our process and have a valid residency permit to attend Council meetings to address concerns. Should be part of the process</p>	

ii. Draft Communications Strategy and Privacy Policies

MOTION: 2020-05-09	
That Council moves to accept the Communications Strategy and Privacy Policies	
Moved by	Earl Commanda
Seconded by	Steve Meawasige
CARRIED	
<p>Passed by both Loon and Crane Doodem, only changes were that NO member is allowed access to community members, changed to communications officer and membership clerk. Website/Blog portion-at any time departments submit a blog once a month. Avenue for community members to write about things they are passionate about. End of the month, put into a newsletter and put out to community. Enhance the community dialogue. Q-Control Group will be safe guarding the information, but no access to emails. Is there a way to make sure those are meeting up? Would have to ask the support person to send info out. Q-What happens when community members don't have access to internet? They will get through the mail. Meant to enhance, not replace.</p>	

8) Standing Items

a) EOCG Updates

<p>Changed to Mon and Fri. Continue to work on PPE, send in counts every day.</p>
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Working with Maamewesying on securing PPE
 Geka had staff leave, moving staff around
 Screening tool has been changed
 Repurposing staff-making sure they are helping where they can
 Kenabutch Health Center is still open, can get a call back or come in. Doing blood work, immunization, new baby visits
 Quarantine Centre-Up and ready to go.
 Meals on Wheels-list of 21 people. Will find money in budget for the program rather than charging a fee
 Shopping program to start by the end of the week, putting in policies
 FPW-Continue to work with NOG, been busy
 Mental Wellness-reaching out to community, working with Ashley in the clinic
 Updates twice a week, working with other members of EOCG Group
 -Great Job Leila, and everyone

9) New Business

a) CMHC Loan Renewal-\$111, 170.58

MOTION: 2020-05-05-10	
That Council moves to accepts the CMHC Account #: 16-134-967-001 Loan Renewal for \$111,170.58	
Moved by	Steven Baranyai
Seconded by	Earl Commanda
CARRIED	
Annual Loan renewal for \$111,170.58 Extended 4 years	

b) Draft Agreement-Spanish/Serpent River

MOTION: 2020-05-05-11	
That Council accepts the amended agreement between Serpent River First Nation and the Corporation And Town of Spanish to share supports and services during a time of emergency.	
Moved by	Steve Meawasige
Seconded by	Steven Baranyai
CARRIED	
Update to original agreement Reviewed document with Council Sharing the supports between both communities Replace text Serpent River to Serpent River First Nation	

c) Briefing Note-New Construction Application

MOTION: 2020-05-05-12	
That Council moves to approve the CMHC Expression of Interest-New Construction Application with the	

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condition of clarification.	
Moved by	Shirley McLeod
Seconded by	Steve Meawasige
CARRIED	
<p>Approval from Council on the condition it is clarified; what the new builds consist of. 4 new builds-1 bdrm units Clarification of units and housing list Q-4 plex? More viable than 4 separate units Need to look at lot size. **briefing note from Cheryl</p>	

d) CAF Applications-

MOTION: 2020-05-05-13	
That Council accepts the recommendation that CAF applications are suspended for all Non-emergency applications; until reviewed after the State of Emergency has lifted.	
Moved by	Steve Meawasige
Seconded by	Nicole Pelletier-Southwind
CARRIED	
<p>Governments are funding different places, Rama is our only source of revenue, why is there no lobbying group to keep money flowing? IF we don't lobby, no one will give it to us. Will receive same amount of funding this year, but will affect next year's dollars. Ensure we have a cushion. Need to work with what we have. -Any applications to food security? Certain applications to improve? No applications as of yet. Will consider through the doodems with blanket approval, group approval. Will still have access, emergency funds. Q-Food network plan, want to expand along the North Shore Q-Members still have option if denied to go to Council.</p>	

10) Next Meeting Dates

- a) C&C Duly Convened Meeting-Tuesday May 19, 2020 @ 6:00 p.m.
- b) C&C Duly Convened Meeting- Tuesday June 02, 2020 @ 6:00 p.m.

MOTION: 2020-05-05-14	
That Council accepts the motion to move Council Meeting Updates RE: EOCG to an update email sent to Council every other Tuesday.	
Moved by	Steve Meawasige

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Seconded by	Steven Baranyai
CARRIED	
<p>Can we have updates via email updates instead of meeting as Council every Tuesday? We can submit updates via email. Can EOCG group send minutes to Council? Where would questions go? Leila is incident commander. Council is only to be in contact with DOO, can we make a recommendation to have contact with Leila Direct? Already in emergency plan. Questions can be directed to Cheryl and will be acknowledged.</p>	

11) **Adjournment:**

8:26pm

MOTION: 2020-05-05-15	
That Council adjourns the Chief and Council Meeting of Tuesday May 05, 2020 at 8:26 p.m.	
Moved by	Kerri Commanda
Seconded by	Shirley McLeod
CARRIED	

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