

# SERPENT RIVER FIRST NATION

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**SRFN Chief and Council Meeting**  
**Tuesday, May 19, 2020**  
**Minutes**

**Chair:** Chief Brent Bissiallion

**Council:** Tillie McLeod, John Trudeau, Shirley McLeod, Kerri Commanda, Earl Commanda, Jack Trudeau, Steve Meawasige, Steven Baranyai, Michelle Owl, Nicole Pelletier-Southwind, Marlene Essex

**Regrets:** Miranda Pelletier

**Director of Operations:** Cheryl Nahwegahbow

**Staff:**

**Recording Secretary:** Erin Carne

- 1) **Call to Order/Opening Remarks:** 6:04 p.m  
Chief welcomed everyone to the meeting  
Day 54 of Pandemic, a lot of talk of reopening.

- 2) **Adoption of Agenda**

<b>MOTION: 2020-05-19-01</b>	
<b>That Council adopts the Agenda for the Chief and Council Meeting of May 19, 2020</b>	
<b>Moved by</b>	Tillie McLeod
<b>Seconded by</b>	Steven Baranyai
<b>CARRIED</b>	
Moving Financial and Pay increase to in-camera portion.	

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

- 4) **Approval of Previous Minutes**  
**May 05, 2020**

<b>MOTION: 2020-05-19-02</b>	
<b>That Council approves the Council Meeting Minutes of May 05, 2020</b>	
<b>Moved by</b>	Kerri Commanda
<b>Seconded by</b>	Jack Trudeau
<b>CARRIED</b>	

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5) **Business Arising from Minutes**

- a) **Financial Report**
  - (i) **COVID Financial Report**-Moved to in-camera
  - (ii) **COVID Pandemic Pay Increase**-Moved to in-camera
- b) **Council/SMT Training**-Still waiting for the trainer to call back, looking at alternative training.
- c) **Border Policy**-Still reviewing at the Loon Doodem, will have questions and comments back to Director of Operations
- d) **Briefing Note-Temporary Store**

<b>MOTION: 2020-05-19-03</b>	
<b>That Chief and Council direct the Emergency Operations Control Group (EOCG) to complete conceptual planning in order to be prepared to quickly implement a temporary grocery store within the community should the Covid-19 situation worsen and food supply becomes a significant concern.</b>	
<b>Moved by</b>	Steven Baranyai
<b>Seconded by</b>	Marlene Essex
<b>CARRIED</b>	
<p>-Looked at a number of options</p> <p>-Finance Manager, Economic Development Manager, and Lands Coordinator did a lot of the groundwork of potential costs along with the Marten Doodem.</p> <p>-Concerns would be location, looked at the lifestyle center but it's being utilized for isolation centre. Band office is currently being used by the food bank.</p> <p>Comments-Glad to see there's movement, admin working with EDC of logistics. Still worth looking at for long term planning. People are leaving the community because they have no choice.</p> <p>-Food Sustainability-Long term food accessibility, will keep moving forward.</p> <p>-Originally suggested the community centre, not using the whole room, just a part of the hall. Looked at delivery, curbside pickup.</p> <p>-Sharing with the food bank. Jarring/canning, long term plan of how to move forward.</p> <p>-Will still be pushing for food sustainability</p> <p>DOO-Discussed the different options for long term. The immediate need for the temp store wasn't as feasible. More of a long term solution.</p> <p>Questions: If we accept this recommendation is it 6K for start up or is it already covered?</p> <p>No. This was the proposed cost of set up for the immediate store.</p> <p>-Break down recommendations for motions</p>	

**MOTION: 2020-05-19-04**

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<b>That Chief and Council support the use of Covid-19 funding to support the Food Bank weekly all-inclusive distribution,, the Meals on Wheels and the Grocery Shopping/Delivery programs to be administered by request to the Emergency Operations Control Group (EOCG).</b>	
<b>Moved by</b>	Jack Trudeau
<b>Seconded by</b>	Joey Jacobs
<b>CARRIED</b>	

<b>MOTION: 2020-05-19-05</b>	
<b>That Chief and Council requests that Serpent River First Nation Economic Development to consider expanding the gas bar inventory to include some supply of essential grocery products, in support of ensuring food accessibility for the community.</b>	
<b>Moved by</b>	Tillie McLeod
<b>Seconded by</b>	Steve Meawasige
<b>CARRIED</b>	

**6) Chief’s Report, Director of Operations Report**

**a) Chief’s Report: May 14, 2020**

<b>MOTION: 2020-05-19-06</b>	
<b>That Council moves to accept the Chief’s report dated May 14, 2020</b>	
<b>Moved by</b>	Shirley McLeod
<b>Seconded by</b>	Steve Meawasige
<b>CARRIED</b>	
<p>Highlighted report</p> <p>Police enforcing BCR’s-Reaching out to local OPP</p> <p>OHIP #-Community members to change your address so public health will know</p> <p>Funeral supports offered by Government</p> <p>School is out for the rest of the year</p> <p>Government opening slowly, EOCG looking at the opening as well</p> <p>Q-Students may have problems learning online, who do they reach out to?</p> <p>-Education Department will connect you with someone with appropriate support</p> <p>Q-Mental health-this is dragging on too long. Where can they access support? All information is being posted and sent out.</p>	

**b) Director of Operations Report: May 14, 2020**

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**MOTION: 2020-05-19-07**

**That Council moves to accept the Director of Operations report dated May 14, 2020**

**Moved by** Earl Commanda

**Seconded by** Jack Trudeau

**CARRIED**

Director Of Operations highlighting the report:

Younger students/parents have support in place through Education Department

Eagle Doodem looking at policies for online learning, for next term.

Jordans principle application accepted, tablets and laptops being ordered.

Food Bank delivering weekly, any surplus items offered up to community

Niigaaniin-all program accessible via zoom. Additional funds avail until June 2020. Survey out in survey monkey for community re: skills assets. Live launch on FB will be an incentive

Infrastructure - Waiting to hear back regarding our minor capital applications

Tulloch-surveying in the community

Sanitation-trying to clean the transfer station, bears are out.

Finance-rent collection, year end audit, not sure what the process is going to look like

HR-Another staff member is on leave

Working on moving forward, how are we going to manage bringing staff back into the office, supports and services. June 19th to have a plan in place,

Q-Patrol-asked for a phone number? Was he asking for your number or ticket number?

No direction of requesting phone number was given,Councillor to follow up with an email with DOO

Q-Radar signs-2 placed on east and west, some for the community at high volume areas. Delayed, came in during the snow, Infrastructure will be installing, will have to receive training. Able to pull reports from the sign program.

Q-Waste Transfer Station-increasing hours for people who are working? Some people can't get there in the time frame

Wasn't in the plans but can be looked at.

Q-2020 budget, has it been done? Not sure where we're at. Needed monthly reconciliations but this was before the pandemic. Different new expenditures, new funding, new projects that have carried over. \*DOO to update next meeting

Q-Next finance committee? Not sure will touch base with Finance Manager

Q-Membership-Can they ask questions? There's a process, will funnel through the appropriate channels

Q-Finance meeting in 2 weeks, can we get an update? Director of Operations will work with Finance to have an update

**7) Doodem Reports**

a) Deer Doodem-N/A

b) Bear Doodem-N/A

c) Eagle Doodem-Chief requests Eagle Doodem to really look at post secondary policies, everything is changing.

d) Crane Doodem-N/A

e) Turtle Doodem-N/A

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- f) Loon Doodem-N/A
- g) Marten Doodem-N/A

<b>MOTION: 2020-05-19-08</b>	
<b>That Council approves a blanket motion to change the Terms of Reference for each Doodem to approve meeting minutes via email.</b>	
<b>Moved by</b>	Tillie McLeod
<b>Seconded by</b>	Steven Baranyai
<b>CARRIED</b>	
-When you are planning meetings, send dates so community members can join. -Approval of doodem minutes via email to avoid time lag, will happen quicker -blanket motion to change TOR	

**8) Standing Items**

**a) EOCG Updates**

<b>MOTION: 2020-05-19-09</b>	
<b>That Council accepts the EOCG Update dated May 14, 2020</b>	
<b>Moved by</b>	Steve Meawasige
<b>Seconded by</b>	Steven Baranyai
<b>CARRIED</b>	
Week 10 of COVID Meeting 2 times a week Gathering info from numerous sites Sitting on COVID North Group-Group from North Shore, Indigenous strategy if there's a surge in the community. What resources we have Reopening plans and what that would look like Infection Prevention-how it plays into reopening PPE-ongoing sage, continue to report with Tribal Council, last week or so have been at a critical level but Geka is using our masks as well. Ashley has secured some masks through Canadian Tire Did receive PPE from province but not a lot \$4.00 increase for front line health care staff- would have received a notification by May 15th if we were receiving this, email sent to contact. Surveillance screening at Geka to ensure safety of residents Staff-all my staff have been repurposed or still working Kenabutch-people are wanting to come in for regular routine visits Mental Wellness Staff-information sent out. Face to face contact-our staff will not be offering at this time, will be over the phone. Counselling of East Algoma-continuously releasing information Q-EOCG-Decided on postponing Pow wow but funds to be used to forward to next year's pow wow -No strategy in place should there be an outbreak Lack of PPE, major need when talking about opening back up in the band office -What do we need in place to open?	

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-we need a strategy, we are on our own. Opening is going to be difficult. Trying to get the everyday things done but it's hard keeping the distance. We shouldn't be using the PPE until we absolutely need to because of the shortage.

Councillor Shirley McLeod was on a conference call with Zah-geh-do-win and they have donated 500.00

-Deer doodem to look at masks

-Border-no masks being worn, they need to be reminded to wear them

-SMT to attend the border, how is that going? Director has gone, CWM has gone, but after pylons were moved. DOO came back with recommendations to move pylons and it seems to be working a lot better.

Q-Letters that are issued, what is considered frequent? 7 times in a twelve day period

Need a sign to say PLEASE STOP for Checkpoint, at the gates

**MOTION: 2020-05-19-10**

**That Council accepts the recommendation that the Pow wow be postponed until 2021. Any funding received from CAF will be directed to the 2021 Pow Wow.**

<b>Moved by</b>	Joey Jacobs
<b>Seconded by</b>	Kerri Commanda
<b>CARRIED</b>	

**9) New Business**

a) **Councillor Responsibilities during the pandemic**-We are leaders in the community, kind reminder, rules apply to us as well.

b) **Market Housing Fund-**

Move along further with the funding, it's been brought up two or three times. We've only used 20 months, have roughly 3 months for training policies, or wherever our policies are. Forwarded email address (Ruth Deacher) and cell phone to and will be available to do a presentation to whoever needs it. Something we should be taking advantage of. Director Of Operations to follow up with a briefing note to Council.

<b>Moved by</b>	
<b>Seconded by</b>	
<b>CARRIED</b>	

c) **First Nations Fiscal Management Act (FNB)**-Director of Operations follow up and provide a briefing note

**10) Next Meeting Dates**

- a) C&C Duly Convened Meeting-Tuesday, May 26, 2020 @ 6:00 p.m.
- b) C&C Duly Convened Meeting- Tuesday June 02, 2020 @ 6:00 p.m.

**11) Adjournment:**

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<b>MOTION: 2020-05-19-11</b>	
<b>That Council adjourns the Chief and Council Meeting of Tuesday May 19, 2020</b>	
<b>Moved by</b>	Shirley McLeod
<b>Seconded by</b>	Jack Trudeau
<b>CARRIED</b>	

In-Camera to follow

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