

SERPENT RIVER FIRST NATION

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SRFN Chief and Council Meeting
Tuesday, June 02, 2020
Zoom
Minutes

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

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

Call to order at 6:12 p.m.

Long afternoon, its national indigenous heritage month, but doesn't feel right celebrating with all of the other business happening in the world, BLM. June is pride month and NIMH, and BLM is happening. Will address later in the meeting.

Smudging and laying our tobacco, hearts open, ears open to move forward in good ways.

2) **Adoption of Agenda**

MOTION: 2020-06-02-01	
That Council adopts the Agenda for the Chief and Council Meeting of Tuesday, June 02, 2020	
Moved by	Tillie McLeod
Seconded by	Jack Trudeau
CARRIED	

3) **Declaration of Conflict of Interest:** None at this time

4) **Approval of Previous Minutes**

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a) May 19, 2020

MOTION: 2020-06-02-02	
That Council approves the Council Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, May 19, 2020	
Moved by	Kerri Commanda
Seconded by	Joey Jacobs
CARRIED	
EOCG Section 8-Ashley secured Masks from Canadian Tire Next Meeting Dates-Blanks	

b) May 26, 2020

MOTION: 2020-06-02-03	
That Council approves the Council Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, May 26, 2020	
Moved by	Jack Trudeau
Seconded by	Steven Baranyai
CARRIED	

5) Business Arising from Minutes

a) Financial Report

<p>-DOO-Financial reports are forthcoming, accounts payable up to date. Bank req's, Acct receivable being worked on by clerk</p> <p>Q-Firm date of report? Waiting for a while, even though COVID. ANY update, even if it's not complete?</p> <p>-I will commit in two weeks time to present, with what we have.</p> <p>-Clarification-update we're expecting, second quarter? Is it for the 1st quarter?</p> <p>-4th quarter update? Yes, we have not seen anything since we started</p> <p>-Recognize that Council has been patient, will make the commitment to have it ready</p> <p>Accepted timeline of Financial Reporting</p> <p>June 16 - Chief and Council Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1st and 2nd quarter to be presented to Council <p>June 25 - Finance Meeting (tentative, pending Council portfolio availability)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review 3rd quarter <p>June 30 - Chief and Council Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3rd quarter to be presented to Council <p>July 9 - Finance Meeting (tentative, pending Council portfolio availability)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review 4th quarter <p>July 14 - Chief and Council Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4th quarter to be presented to Council <p>August 13 - Finance Meeting (tentative, pending Council portfolio availability)</p>
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- Review current fiscal year 1st quarter
- Establish timelines / work plan for finance committee for the remainder of the fiscal year

August 25 - Chief and Council Meeting

- 1st quarter to be presented to Council
- Committee workplan, with timelines presented to Council

MOTION: 2020-06-02-04

That Council recommends the Director of Operations is to have the Financial Report submitted to Council for

The June 16, 2020 meeting

Moved by	Tillie McLeod
Seconded by	Kerri Commanda
CARRIED	

b) Council/SMT Training

Mandatory for Councillors to attend, will be happening June 13th, 14th, 2020

c) Border Policy

Still at the Loon Doodem, should have an update for June 16th C&C

Q-Making changes in the policy? No, recommendations, bringing back to EOCG for a second set of eyes

d) FNMH Fund-Briefing Note

MOTION: 2020-06-02-05

That Council supports Administration with moving forward in updating the letter of agreement with the First

Nations Market Housing Fund.

Moved by	Jack Trudeau
Seconded by	Marlene Essex
CARRIED	

Read over Briefing Note to Council

-Sat down with Ruth Deatcher to speak about accessing the 3.9 mill for our community in regards to capacity building and homeownership.

-Used 19 months with 31 months left to access.

-Read BN; part of the reason why they do the reassessment is to identify the need.. Take a look at how we're operating our Housing Dept, if it's working, good governance. Good for us to receive capacity building funds

-Thanks for Councillor Earl for bringing forward, regards to housing needs-seniors, upgrades to seniors homes?

-Would have to qualify for fair market rent. Would make it harder for seniors.

-Originally, an application was submitted for 6 dwelling, what would it require to make it work and affordable. -Geared to new home ownership

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- Could possibly qualify for more money eventually, once we've completed the capacity building
- Does the clock start ticking once the letter of agreement is signed?
- Yes, once we sign.
- If clock starts ticking, are there training opportunities available?
- Yes, capacity training development is available
- can be used to renovate, use it for many different areas.
- Q-how do you determine what is needed? Housing? Numbers?
- It's all part of the plan and assessment
- Q-Band has their own homes they rent out, hope that it's considered. Some units are 30 years old and no major renos have happened.
- *Clarification: some of the info that earl has presented is different from what ruth presented.
- It's not just 3.6 mill at our fingertips.
- Need to be able to go to lenders to apply, that they need to be able to afford a mortgage. For first nation members that want to buy or renos.
- Would have to be in a financial position, as a first nation, we give the loan.
- We will have to build a program through edc, or a brand new housing authority, to run it all.
- Certainly not social housing

e) First Nation Fiscal Management Act

Deferring June 16th

6) Chief's Report, Director of Operations Report

a) Chief's Report:

MOTION: 2020-06-02-05

That Council moves to accept the Chief's report dated June 02, 2020

Moved by	Shirley McLeod
Seconded by	Tillie McLeod
CARRIED	

- Re-opening will be the community's biggest issue, Canadian Government pushing the reopening stages back
- Broadband horrible throughout the community
- Food security an issue in the community
- Border security is still an ongoing issue with community
- Education-re: next year. First Nations are not included in education planning with government
- Chief directs the Eagle Dodem to look at the issues
- Under the Taiwan model-strict border control, strict testing

- Food Security-request from previous meetings to look into our own co-op, Councillor wants to make a motion to bring it back to the table, not how it's not going to work, show us our options of what the costs are going to be. Cornerstone, it's so important. What's food security next winter? What if shelves go bare? No matter what the cost is going to be, beginning this process is of the utmost important to our community. Vital to

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growth of community.

- Q-Finance support-confusion of who will be responsible for this? Let's discuss now so there's a plan.
- Two different suggestions, co-op and grocery store.
- Person to be assigned to the plan, so there's accountability.
- Temp grocery stores are separate from co-op, and need a place designated for these things to happen. Make sure whoever picks it up moves forward with it. Councillor Commanda (Kerri) is willing to assist and can be of use.
- EcDev can find money and can assist part, Lands and Niigaaniin for harvesting, offering a butchering course instead of outsourcing. Departments to work together with this project
- Marten doodem can come up with long term

RHT Trustee

Council to appoint someone new?

TBD

MOTION: 2020-06-02-06

That Council recommends the Director of Operations to revisit the food sustainability program

Moved by	Steven Baranyai
Seconded by	Miranda Pelletier
CARRIED	

b) Director of Operations Report:

MOTION: 2020-06-02-07

That Council moves to accept the Director of Operations report dated Tuesday, June 02, 2020

Moved by	Shirley McLeod
Seconded by	Marlene Essex
CARRIED	

- glad to see radars up, do they record the speeds?
- They give us all kinds of information(range of speed, times of day, averages) with an app.
- NOTE: Woodland drive sign picks up the hwy speed.
- Are they insured, solar panels in case they're ripped off or stolen?
- Will follow up with finance manager and update
- Q-assessment of need for the technical requirements of needs for staff working from home?
- Admin would not have to go to council for dollars if someone needs equipment
- Communications Officer has needs that aren't' being met. Needs to be done.
- DOO would need to work with him, he is the expert on the situation.
- Staff has an obligation to speak with the Director of Operations to say what they need, otherwise it is unknown.

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(i) Executive Assistant Job Description

MOTION: 2020-06-02-08	
That Council moves to accept the Executive Assistant Job Description and allow Director to post	
Moved by	Michelle Owl
Seconded by	Steve Meawasige
CARRIED	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">-Change application date from June 15.-Deadline is two weeks from approval-Where are funds coming from? CAF-Finance Committee meeting? Recommended by the Finance Manager that they meet once reports are done. CAF can be any time.**Director of Operations will follow up with Finance Manager to schedule meetings	

(ii) Executive Assistant Job Posting

-Approved to post in previous motion (MOTION: 2020-06-02-08)

c) Economic Development Update

MOTION: 2020-06-02-09	
That Council accepts the Economic Development Corporation report dated Tuesday, June 02, 2020	
Moved by	Michelle Owl
Seconded by	Steve Meawasige
CARRIED	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">-Decision to open Trading Post-June 08, as a tentative date. Need policies and safe operations in place before.-Not hiring staff until July, existing staff will work.-Looking at backroom of trading post for temp store if needed-Q-Safety-more than 3 people in the store, customers don't know where to stand.-Can you rearrange the store? Arrows on the floor?-Discussed, met with staff that there has to be a guide on the floor. Will be done before extending hours.Maintenance is back to working at the Trading Post-Where is the inventory? Cigarettes, confectionery?-Suppliers having the same issue, might be experiencing a shortage of workers.-other stores are functioning properly?-Just a matter of calling suppliers for normal-Management of supervisor?-Chriss was the manager, but took layoff-Miles is in charge of this-How old do you have to be for lotto?-be careful with staff who is working-when the gas bar closes early there's no notice. Was closed at 5 with no notice (no date given)-One day it was closed	

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-due to the employee being off, another employee called in sick.
 -Why didn't miles come in?
 -Not sure.
 Q-has gas bar stopped ordering water?
 -Will check into this
 Q-are you still making contacts re: bike trail?
 -wasn't able to get paperwork in time WSIB Insurance liability , lost funding. Looking again for funding.
 Noted: trails are growing in
 -internet in community, we were supposed to be looking into this.
 -whole community was connected. Looking for new funding, the EDC will be sending out a tender. Bell is interested, other private companies interested as well.

(i) Income Statement

Was read aloud to the Council table

7) Doodem Reports

a) N/A

8) Standing Items

a) EOCG Updates

MOTION: 2020-06-02-10	
That Council moves to approve the EOCG Updates dated June 02, 2020	
Moved by	Michelle Owl
Seconded by	Shirley McLeod
CARRIED	
<p>-Group continues to meet -Looked at shelter in place -Daily calls of border -2 people are in quarantine -Reopening plans are being looked at -PPE rec 4000 masks from Candadian Tire that the Community Health Nurse secured. -Geka still closed to visitors -4.00/hr increase for essential health front line workers that we have not received. Staff at Geka will not be getting at this point. -Working on strategy incase of an influx across the north shore. Who does what amongst different agencies along the North Shore. -Possible to take pictures of the Quarantine Center? Yes.</p>	

b) Primary Care Providers

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Was not supposed to be on Agenda-Included in DOO report (6b)

c) Shelter In Place Order

MOTION: 2020-06-02-11

That Council accepts EOCG shelter in Place changes of Changing the curfew to midnight, and social gatherings of up to 5 people within the same household.

Moved by Tillie McLeod

Seconded by Earl Commanda

CARRIED

- Changing curfew
- Changing number of people in a social gathering to go with Ontario guidelines.
- 2 bubble household, restrictions are loosening, we need to change things a little in prep for reopening, slowly
- family within the Algoma District would like to come home.
- We need to give time to have things in place before saying come home, whatever that looks like
- Sharing information that it is clear that changes are being made, as a result this is what's happening.
- Sending out 1 pager with info,
- Hot spots, if you come from this area, you'll have to self-quarantine
- Community Wellness Manager- I know they aren't following rules, I'm going to work with the people wanting to be protected.
- Councillor has had the test, having a test done before they come to the community could be an option.
- A month is too long for the changes to take effect. Even if we have another meeting. Every surrounding community is lessening, why does it take us a month?
- Just so we know, do you think we should take down the border? Why does this take a month? A little bit of leeway
- As a council will we have to make decisions that are not popular.
- we should be giving community the trust and put the responsibility back on the people
- we are already trusting community
- when did the government extend? June 30th
- Sometimes are unfair that council members weren't able to see
- recommendations following the province, remember that eocg lifted the fire ban before the province.
- We're trying to make the best decisions of health and safety for the community. We know we can change things if we need to. We need guidance from somewhere.
- Stress the importance of social distancing
- is there consistency at border, accountability?
- Hasn't been a single person who hasn't done anything wrong. The Director of Operations will have to have a conversation with each and every one of them. Progressive discipline.
- Up to community members to speak up when border security is not following proper procedures?
Absolutely
- Staff taking on this responsibility, what kind of debrief happens? Maybe taking that approach, mental health checks for them before discipline happens. Looking at it from a different perspective.
- When does the community take responsibility

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-Need more communication, more information going out to the community
 -Telling people all the negative, we've changed and we're focussing on positive messaging.

9) New Business

a) Agreement NO: 1617-ON-000064 Amendment: 0034

MOTION: 2020-06-02-12	
That Council accepts the program funding Amended Agreement of \$49,380.00	
Moved by	Shirley McLeod
Seconded by	Marlene Essex
CARRIED	

(ii) Forest Stewardship Council

MOTION: 2020-06-02-13	
That Council approves the motion to participate as a member of the FSC over the next 2 years as the membership is free.	
As a participating member of the FSC, SRFN will have a voice at the national level of fibre movement and timber management as well as secure a place for indigenous people to have a voice at the federal and international level of timber and fibre movement. Evaluate the benefits of the membership once the 2-year term has reached its expiry date.	
Moved by	Steve Meawasige
Seconded by	Kerri Commanda
CARRIED	

(iv) Mount Lake-MOVED TO IN-CAMERA

MOTION: 2020	
That Council	
Moved by	
Seconded by	
CARRIED	

(v) Pronto Field Station-MOVED TO IN-CAMERA

MOTION: 2020	
That Council	
Moved by	
Seconded by	
CARRIED	

(vi) Spine Road Protection-MOVED TO IN-CAMERA

MOTION: 2020	
That Council	

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Moved by	
Seconded by	
CARRIED	

10) **Next Meeting Dates**

- a) C&C Duly Convened Meeting-Tuesday, June 16, 2020 @ 6:00 p.m.
- b) C&C Duly Convened Meeting- Tuesday, June 30, 2020 @ 6:00 p.m.

11) **Adjournment:**

MOTION: 2020-06-02-14	
That Council adjourns the Chief and Council Meeting of Tuesday, June 02, 2020	
Moved by	Shirley McLeod
Seconded by	Kerri Commanda
CARRIED	

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