

# SERPENT RIVER FIRST NATION

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SRFN Chief and Council Meeting

**Tuesday, July 28, 2020**

**Zoom**

**Draft Minutes**

**Chair:** Chief Brent Bissaillion  
**Council:** Jack Trudeau, Michelle Owl, Marlene Essex, Tillie McLeod, Earl Commanda, Kerri Commanda, Joey Jacobs (late arrival - 6:53 p.m.), Shirley McLeod (late arrival - 7:18 p.m.)  
**Regrets:** Steven Baranyai, Miranda Pelletier, Nicole Pelletier-Southwind, Steve Meawasige  
**Director of Operations:** Candace Marten (Interim)  
**Staff:** Wilma Bissiallon (left meeting following 7)c) - 7:26 p.m.), Matt Lachance  
**Recording Secretary:** Erin Carne  
**Guest:** Cheryl Hankard-Maamwesying

1) **Call to Order/Opening Remarks:** 6:05 p.m. Thoughts and prayers for the 8 new cases of COVID in the Sudbury district, thoughts are with community members.

2) **Adoption of Agenda**

<b>MOTION: 2020-07-28-01</b>	
<b>That Council adopts the Agenda for the Chief and Council Meeting of Tuesday, July 28, 2020</b>	
<b>Moved by</b>	Tillie McLeod
<b>Seconded by</b>	Earl Commanda
<b>CARRIED</b>	
-New business to add to Council Attendance- Council Reports	
-New business to add-Approved Minutes	

3) **Declaration of Conflict of Interest:** No conflicts declared.

4) **Community Presentation: Naandwe Noojimowin (Cheryl Hankard)**

-History of the Naandwe Noojimowin Program
-Overview of the program
-Aftercare support available
-Program runs for 5 ½ days, 5 programs throughout the year: 3 programs at the Anishinaabe Cultural Center, 2 at Dan Pine Healing Center

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- New program being developed for Leadership, Management, and Front Line Workers
- can apply by calling (844)864-0523, (705)844-2001, or emailing: mwmintake@nmninoeyaa.ca
- Free for participants, only cost is for transportation to the program.
- childcare expenses are available to eligible participants

5) **Approval of Previous Minutes**

a) **Thursday, July 14, 2020**

<b>MOTION: 2020-07-28-02</b>	
<b>That Council approves the Council Meeting Minutes of Thursday, July 14, 2020</b>	
<b>Moved by</b>	Michelle Owl
<b>Seconded by</b>	Kerri Commanda
<b>CARRIED</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-7b-Use "Interim" Director of Operations</li> <li>-Correction to numerical order of motions</li> <li>-Use full names/positions, not acronyms</li> </ul>	

6) **Business Arising from Minutes**

a) **Community Safety Zone**

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Gathering information</li> <li>-Follow up will be next meeting</li> <li>-Meeting planned Aug 12, 2020 with OPP to include discussion about safety zone</li> </ul>
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7) **Chief's Report, Director of Operations Report**

a) **Chief's Report: Tuesday, July 28, 2020**

<b>MOTION: 2020-07-28-03</b>	
<b>That Council moves to accept the Chief's report dated Tuesday, July 28, 2020</b>	
<b>Moved by</b>	Tillie McLeod
<b>Seconded by</b>	Marlene Essex
<b>CARRIED</b>	
<p>Read report aloud</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-8 new, active cases in Sudbury since writing report</li> <li>-Council training, governance policies and bylaws to create process and transparency with Rodney Nelson</li> <li>-Chief will be on vacation July 29 - 31, Head Councillor Earl Commanda to be available while Chief is gone</li> </ul>	

b) **Director of Operations Report: Friday, July 24, 2020**

<b>MOTION: 2020-07-28-04</b>	
<b>That Council moves to accept the Interim Director of Operations report dated Friday, July 24, 2020</b>	
<b>Moved by</b>	Michelle Owl
<b>Seconded by</b>	Kerri Commanda
<b>CARRIED</b>	
Summary of Report provided by the Interim Director of Operations, including review of the SMT Task Sheet	

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- Tulloch Engineering delays on their end. Follow up with the Chief, send notice to the community.
- Need an aggressive plan to keep ahead of pothole issue
- Street lights at the pow wow grounds and highway were to be provided as part of the HONI agreement; HONI permits and agreement, follow up from Chief after speaking with Lawyers
- Look at developing leadership program for students to offer for the summer (next year)
- Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation, site work completed this year, building will start in 2021

**c. EDC Report:**

<b>MOTION: 2020-07-28-05</b>	
<b>That Council acknowledges the Economic Development Corporation report dated Tuesday, July 28, 2020</b>	
<b>Moved by</b>	Jack Trudeau
<b>Seconded by</b>	Joey Jacobs
<b>CARRIED</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Gas pumps 7 &amp; 8 will be replaced by mid August</li> <li>-Also read financial statement dated Apr 01, 2020-June 30, 2020</li> </ul>	

**8) Doodem Reports**

**a) Deer Doodem-Electoral Reform Draft Proposal**

<b>MOTION: 2020-07-28-06</b>	
<b>That Council accepts the Electoral Reform Draft Proposal as presented by Leah Mack through the First Nation</b>	
<b>Market Housing Fund</b>	
<b>Moved by</b>	Earl Commanda
<b>Seconded by</b>	Kerri Commanda
<b>CARRIED</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-This is not the final proposal, needs to be approved in principle by this Council before a full proposal is prepared</li> <li>-Will be coming in two phases, phase one will be this term, second phase will roll into the next term</li> <li>-"Client" refers to Serpent River First Nation</li> <li>-Whats being presented is just phase one of a larger proposal</li> <li>-First phase focuses on community engagement and coming under the First Nations Election Act</li> </ul>	

**b) Loon Doodem-Organizational Review Draft Proposal**

<b>MOTION: 2020-07-28-07</b>	
<b>That Council accepts the Organizational Draft Proposal as presented by John Singleton through the First Nation Market Housing Fund</b>	
<b>Moved by</b>	Michelle Owl
<b>Seconded by</b>	Jack Trudeau
<b>CARRIED</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-John will provide Director of Operations and Human Resources job descriptions immediately</li> <li>-By Dec 2020 we will have implementation plans</li> </ul>	

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c) **Turtle Doodem-Meeting Dates**

Please come up with a meeting date

9) **Standing Items:**

a) **EOCG**

i) **Border Policy**

**MOTION: 2020-07-28-08**

**That Council accepts the Border Policy as a living document and sends it back to the Incident Commander and EOCG for appendix update and form insertion to the policy**

**Moved by** Jack Trudeau

**Seconded by** Tillie McLeod

**CARRIED**

- Passed by the Loon as a living document
- EOCG to fill in appendices
- Had a request to share reopening plans with NSTC
- EOCG and Administration to look at Closure plans
- EOCG will be going through debriefing sessions
- Survey will be going out to community for feedback from the closure
- Termination of closure, Chief & Council is not reflected in 1.11

ii) **State of Emergency Extension**

**MOTION: 2020-07-28-09**

**That Council extends the State of Emergency to August 28, 2020 and will assess again on August 25, 2020**

**Moved by** Kerri Commanda

**Seconded by** Marlene Essex

**CARRIED**

- Extended until Aug 28, revisit Aug 25, 2020

b) **Salary Grid-Task Sheet**

c) **Council Chambers Relocation**-Briefing note to be coming to next meeting

d) **Financial Updates**-Included in the Interim Director of Operations report

e) **Daycare/Education**-Task Sheet

f) **Sagamok Donations**-Included in Interim Director of Operations report

g) **Food Sustainability**-Task Sheet

h) **First Nation Fiscal Management Act**-Task Sheet

10) **New Business**

a) **Broadband Letter**

**MOTION: 2020-07-28-10**

**That Council accepts the recommendation by writing a letter of support reflecting the efforts of Mayor**

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<b>Georges Bilodeau seeking out effective broadband solutions, while Economic Development Corporation explores the options of available funding</b>	
<b>Moved by</b>	Jack Trudeau
<b>Seconded by</b>	Tillie McLeod
<b>CARRIED</b>	
-requesting a letter of support from Council in the creation of a community-based internet provider -will support the efforts of Mayor Georges Bilodeau	

**b) Council Attendance/Reports/Signatures**

-BCR's and cheques are ready, please be available for signatures
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**c) Hydro One Vegetation Maintenance**

<b>MOTION: 2020-07-28-11</b>	
<b>That Council approves in supporting Hydro One Vegetation Maintenance Program with the condition that There will be no aerial spraying</b>	
<b>Moved by</b>	Kerri Commanda
<b>Seconded by</b>	Shirley McLeod
<b>CARRIED</b>	
-Happens every few years -With some planning, this could be a job opportunity, requires collaboration with Employment and Training, nothing to say we couldn't clear our own land -Need to clarify on BCR that Council supports the maintenance with no aerial spraying	

**d) Meeting Minutes**

-Upload previous minutes to the drive by August 07, 2020
-Minutes will also be uploaded to the Website in the Member's Only portion

**11) Next Meeting Dates**

- a) C&C Duly Convened Meeting-Tuesday August 11, 2020 @ 6:00 p.m.
- b) C&C Duly Convened Meeting- Tuesday, August 25, 2020 @ 6:00 p.m.

**12) Adjournment:**

<b>MOTION: 2020-07-28-12</b>	
<b>That Council adjourns the Chief and Council Meeting of Tuesday, July 28, 2020 at 8:05 p.m.</b>	
<b>Moved by</b>	Shirley McLeod
<b>Seconded by</b>	
<b>CARRIED</b>	

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