

# SERPENT RIVER FIRST NATION

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SRFN Chief and Council Meeting  
**August 25, 2020**  
**Zoom/Community Center**  
**Approved Minutes**

**Chair:** Chief Brent Bissaillon  
**Council:** Jack Trudeau, Joey Jacobs, Michelle Owl, Steve Meawasige, Steven Baranyai, Kerri Commanda, Earl Commanda, Shirley McLeod, Marlene Essex, Miranda Pelletier (6:09) Nicole Pelletier Southwind (6:19)  
**Regrets:** Tillie McLeod  
**Director of Operations:** Candace Martin(Interim)  
**Staff:** Wilma Bissiallon, Matt Lachance  
**Recording Secretary:** Erin Carne

1) **Call to Order/Opening Remarks:** 6:06p.m.

Chief Bissaillon has opened the meeting with thoughts and prayers for the community and the children for the new school year

2) **Adoption of Agenda**

<b>MOTION: 2020-08-25-01</b>	
<b>That Chief and Council adopts the Agenda for the Chief and Council Meeting of Tuesday, August 25, 2020</b>	
<b>Moved by</b>	Kerri Commanda
<b>Seconded by</b>	Steven Baranyai
<b>CARRIED</b>	

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

4) **Community Presentation:** None at this time

5) **Approval of Previous Minutes**

a) **Tuesday, August 11, 2020**

<b>MOTION: 2020-08-25-02</b>	
<b>That Chief and Council approves the Council Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, August 11, 2020</b>	
<b>Moved by</b>	Joey Jacobs
<b>Seconded by</b>	Earl Commanda
<b>CARRIED</b>	

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6) **Business Arising from Minutes**

a) **Tulloch Engineering Follow up**

-Completed work to release tender package  
 -Will have package for Council for September 08, 2020

b) **ANGA Agreement**

-How to move forward, are we removing ourselves from this until we finish with all the projects  
 -If we pull out, we return any funds not used  
 -Agreed to proceed to vote for agreeing or denying. We needed a constitution in place, we should still focus on the constitution  
 -Two separate issues: Anga and the Constitution

c) **Approved Chief and Council Minutes**

-Previous minutes are located on the drive

7) **Chief's Report, Director of Operations Report**

a) **Chief's Report: August 25, 2020**

<b>MOTION: 2020-08-25-03</b>	
<b>That Chief and Council moves to accept the Chief's report dated August 11, 2020 - August 25, 2020</b>	
<b>Moved by</b>	Steven Baranyai
<b>Seconded by</b>	Steve Meawasige
<b>CARRIED</b>	
-Chief has read his report aloud -Chief's of Ontario meeting -well attended? 100 people, give or take 40 -Environmental changes, Bill 197, First Nations to look into legal action (Crane Doodem)	

b) **Director of Operations Report (Interim):**

<b>MOTION: 2020-08-25-04</b>	
<b>That Chief and Council moves to accept the Interim Director of Operations report dated August 25, 2020</b>	
<b>Moved by</b>	Miranda Pelletier
<b>Seconded by</b>	Nicole Pelletier Southwind
<b>CARRIED</b>	
-Administration working through challenges -HR matters are increasing for Administration -Education planning with Eagle Doodem is high priority -Audits and Budgets, Milestones will be met in the next few weeks -Reschedule finance committee meeting -Audit question raised of when it will be completed and when the AGM could possibly happen- End of Sept Early Oct, AGM completed by November	

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- Draft budget will be going to the Finance Committee
- Bylaw coming with transfer station
- Grandma and Aunties program is being established
- proactive outreach program, all at risk families will be contacted, being run out of the seniors rec building
- Education piece to be brought to the program for trauma-informed practices.
- Interim Director of Operations to provide a briefing note: where we're at with the Healing Strategy
- Briefing note to council regarding the safe house to be presented by the Interim Director of Operations
- Crane Doodem was directed to develop a section on website to post request for procurements

**i) Human Resources Job Description**

<b>MOTION: 2020-08-25-05</b>	
<b>That Chief and Council approves the Human Resources Job Description as provided by John Singleton</b>	
<b>Moved by</b>	Miranda Pelletier
<b>Seconded by</b>	Nicole Pelletier Southwind
<b>CARRIED</b>	

**c. EDC Report:**

<b>MOTION: 2020-08-25-06</b>	
<b>That Chief and Council acknowledges the Economic Development Corporation report dated August 25, 2020</b>	
<b>Moved by</b>	Earl Commanda
<b>Seconded by</b>	Nicole Pelletier Southwind
<b>CARRIED</b>	

**i)**

<b>MOTION: 2020-08-25-07</b>	
<b>That Chief and Council moves to accept the recommendation to continue the pursuit of a partnership with Mississauga First Nation and the City of Elliot Lake for the Park Commission for management of the Mississagi Provincial Park through the creation of a separate entity of a not-for-profit corporation and will review the draft bylaws to make a decision at the next Duly Convened Chief and Council meeting of Tuesday, September 08, 2020</b>	
<b>Moved by</b>	Steven Baranyai
<b>Seconded by</b>	Kerri Commanda
<b>CARRIED</b>	
-will look at the bylaws next council meeting	

<b>MOTION: 2020-08-25-08</b>	
<b>That Chief and Council moves to have the Senior Management Team available and in attendance for Council meetings.</b>	
<b>Moved by</b>	Michelle Owl
<b>Seconded by</b>	Shirley McLeod
<b>CARRIED</b>	

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8) **Doodem Reports**

- a) Turtle Doodem-Still need a meeting date

9) **Standing Items**

a) EOCG Updates

ii) **State of Emergency**

<b>MOTION: 2020-08-25-09</b>	
<b>That Chief and Council extends the State of Emergency for September 2020 until October 25, 2020</b>	
<b>Moved by</b>	Earl Commanda
<b>Seconded by</b>	Miranda Pelletier
<b>CARRIED</b>	

10) **New Business**

a) **Cannabis Laws & Policy Briefing Note**

i) **Draft Cannabis Policy**

<b>MOTION: 2020-08-25-10</b>	
<b>That Chief and Council accepts the work completed by the Cannabis Working Group and will continue on with the work with an Indigenous approach by forming a new Cannabis Working Group.</b>	
<b>Moved by</b>	Steven Baranyai
<b>Seconded by</b>	Steve Meawasige
<b>CARRIED</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Councillor Baranyai suggesting to not approve the policy and disband the Cannabis working Group</li> <li>-Legal advice provided, is this not what it was supposed to be?</li> <li>-Inherent rights, Chi-Naakinagewin, we're putting laws in place for our community owned businesses but now we're opening our own business</li> <li>-There's a negative bias</li> <li>-Cautions of health conflicts, education around it</li> <li>-Need to move away from Fear, Power and Control</li> <li>-Law firm is willing to work with us, direction given to lawyer and they developed from there</li> </ul>	

ii) **Draft Cannabis Control Law**

<b>MOTION: 2020-08-25-11</b>	
<b>That Chief and Council does not accept the Draft Cannabis Control Law as presented.</b>	
<b>Moved by</b>	Steven Baranyai
<b>Seconded by</b>	Steve Meawasige
<b>CARRIED</b>	
-Councillor Joey Jacobs has abstained	

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**b) Band Office Reno's Briefing Note**

<b>MOTION:2020-08-25-12</b>	
That Chief and Council support administration in reviewing the band hall renovation project including engaging Indigenous Services Canada to allow for construction of Council Chambers, with an updated plan to be presented as soon as possible (task will continue to be tracked via the SMT Task Sheet).	
<b>Moved by</b>	Nicole Pelletier Southwind
<b>Seconded by</b>	Steve Meawasige
<b>CARRIED</b>	
-Briefing note read to Council	

**c) Doodem Attendance**

-Council being addressed for attending doodems -Policies for councillors in being accountable -Advocating for our own Child welfare Laws and Development
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8) **Next Meeting Dates**

- a) C&C Duly Convened Meeting-Tuesday, September 8, 2020 @ 6:00 p.m.
- b) C&C Duly Convened Meeting- Tuesday, September 22, 2020 @ 6:00 p.m.

9) **Adjournment:**

<b>MOTION: 2020-08-25-14</b>	
That Chief and Council adjourns the Council Meeting of Tuesday, August 25, 2020	
<b>Moved by</b>	Miranda Pelletier
<b>Seconded by</b>	
<b>CARRIED</b>	

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