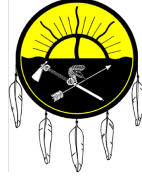


# SERPENT RIVER FIRST NATION

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SRFN Chief and Council Meeting  
**Tuesday, September 22, 2020**  
**Zoom Meeting**  
**Approved Minutes**

**Chair:** Chief Brent Bissaillon  
**Council:** Earl Commanda, Shirley McLeod, Kerri Commanda, Steve Meawasige, Tillie McLeod, Joey Jacobs, Miranda Pelletier, Jack Trudeau, Joey Jacobs, Steven Baranyai, Michelle Owl, Marlene Essex, Nicole Pelletier-Southwind (6:19)  
**Regrets:** N/A  
**Director of Operations:** Candace Marten (Interim)  
**Staff:** Michelle Pelletier, Leila Macumber  
**Recording Secretary:** Erin Carne

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

The Chief welcomed Council and Community members at 6:06 p.m.

2) **Adoption of Agenda**

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| <b>MOTION: 2020-09-22-01</b>  |                |
| That Chief and Council adopts the Agenda for the Chief and Council Meeting of Tuesday, September 22, 2020 |                |
| <b>Moved by</b>   | Earl Commanda  |
| <b>Seconded by</b>  | Kerri Commanda |
| <b>CARRIED</b>  |                |

3) **Declaration of Conflict of Interest:** Steve Meawasige (10a)

4) **Community Presentation:** Janet Day

Janet Day Presenting the three ceremonies that she hosts at Thunder Mountain, looking for support from Council.

- Spring Fasting in May
- Women's Retreat Gathering in October
- Fall Fasting in October

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5) **Approval of Previous Minutes**

a) **Tuesday, August 25, 2020**

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| <b>MOTION: 2020-09-22-02</b>   |                 |
| <b>That Chief and Council approves the Council Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, August 25, 2020</b> |                 |
| <b>Moved by</b>  | Steven Baranyai |
| <b>Seconded by</b>   | Kerri Commanda  |
| <b>CARRIED</b>   |                 |

6) **Business Arising from Minutes**

a) **Healing Strategy Update**

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| <p>Gramma's and Aunties Program</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-For outreach, geared towards child welfare but for everyone</li> <li>-Included in Nog Service Agreement?</li> <li>-no, worked with Nogdawindamin to make a budget to spend last years money, and this year's</li> </ul> |
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b) **Safe House Update**

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Completely renovated inside of the house</li> <li>-Completely furnished</li> <li>-Scheduled a focus group Oct 7 for community members, Nogdawindamin will be there for support with Family well being Unit</li> <li>-Will need to start a child welfare committee</li> <li>-Intended for a foster house in the future? Or emergency shelter? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-If a child is in need of a safe place, short term, until they find a place within the community</li> </ul> </li> <li>-Funding from INAC for Community Wellness and Children</li> <li>-Anticipated opening date? Not yet, will have a date for next Chief &amp; Council meeting</li> <li>-Is the community lacking in foster homes? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Absolutely</li> </ul> </li> <li>-Possible to move under the Nogdawindamin funding to free up INAC funding for other Child services? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-yes, it can be done.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |
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c) **State of Emergency Extension**

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| <b>MOTION: 2020-09-22-03</b>  |                 |
| <b>That Chief and Council extends the State of Emergency from Sept 28, 2020 to Oct 28, 2020</b> |                 |
| <b>Moved by</b>   | Steven Baranyai |
| <b>Seconded by</b>  | Steve Meawasige |
| <b>CARRIED</b>  |                 |

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

a) **Chief's Report: September 22, 2020**

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| <b>MOTION: 2020-08-11-04</b>  |                 |
| <b>That Chief and Council moves to accept the Chief's report dated September 22, 2020</b> |                 |
| <b>Moved by</b>   | Kerri Commanda  |
| <b>Seconded by</b>  | Steven Baranyai |
| <b>CARRIED</b>  |                 |

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- The Chief has read his report aloud to Council
- Membership Code being sent to community for review
- Bembowopka opening date-Oct 7
- Nogdawindamin Joint Working Group to be formed

**i) Online Chief's Assembly-Resolution Package**

Tuition agreements and funding

**ii) State of Council Report Card**

- Will sum up what is being worked on
- year one report for community members
- Will present on next Council meeting for approval to send to community
- Will not replace the Annual General Meeting

**b) Director of Operations (Interim) Report dated September 22, 2020**

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| <b>MOTION: 2020-09-22-05</b>   |                 |
| <b>That Chief and Council accept the Interim Director of Operations report dated September 22, 2020</b>  |                 |
| <b>Moved by</b>  | Steve Meawasige |
| <b>Seconded by</b>   | Steven Baranyai |
| <b>CARRIED</b>   |                 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Communications Officer will not be fulfilling their full contract</li> <li>-Fall Harvest Oct 2-9</li> <li>-Allowing staff time off to participate</li> <li>-would need a sign in sheet for staff</li> <li>-Fall Harvest briefing note due for the 26th joint Chief &amp; Council meeting</li> <li>-Make sure the program is following guidelines for gatherings</li> <li>-Annual General Meeting tentative date in November</li> <li>-CAF approx \$100k over budget</li> <li>-Changes to the package</li> <li>-briefing notes being submitted</li> </ul> |                 |

**i) SMT Task Sheet-August 2020**

**c) Economic Development Report**

Joint meeting Sept 26 9am-1pm  
 -Can accept verbal report with exception of financial report which will be provided on Saturday, 26, 2020

**i) Mississagi Park Commission**

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| <b>MOTION: 2020-09-22-06</b>   |                 |
| <b>That Chief and Council SRFN accepts the Mississagi Park Commission Bylaws on September 22, 2020</b> |                 |
| <b>Moved by</b>  | Steve Meawasige |
| <b>Seconded by</b>   | Earl Commanda   |
| <b>CARRIED</b>   |                 |
| -Where is the head office?   |                 |

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- will be located in Serpent River First Nation
- Why Dec 31 for the financial fiscal year?
- The way the Province entered into agreements with Parks
- Need to create a Non Profit Corporation
- need one staff and one Councillor
- Will need a letter of interest

**8) Doodem Reports**

**a) Deer Doodem-September 2, 2020 Minutes**

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| <b>MOTION: 2020-09-22-07</b>  |                 |
| <b>That Chief and Council accepts the recommendation from the Deer Doodem for the approval of the membership application for Michael McCormick.</b> |                 |
| <b>Moved by</b>   | Steven Baranyai |
| <b>Seconded by</b>  | Steve Meawasige |
| <b>CARRIED</b>  |                 |

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| <b>MOTION: 2020-09-22-08</b>  |                 |
| <b>That Chief and Council accepts the recommendation from the Deer Doodem for the approval of the membership application for Joshua Urquhart.</b> |                 |
| <b>Moved by</b>   | Steven Baranyai |
| <b>Seconded by</b>  | Steve Meawasige |
| <b>CARRIED</b>  |                 |
| -Michelle Owl has declared conflict   |                 |

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| <b>MOTION: 2020-09-22-09</b>  |                 |
| <b>That Chief and Council accepts the Deer Doodem recommendation to defer the residency permit application for Julie Bruce until updated character references are provided.</b> |                 |
| <b>Moved by</b>   | Jack Trudeau    |
| <b>Seconded by</b>  | Steve Meawasige |
| <b>CARRIED</b>  |                 |

**d) Deer Doodem Minutes dated September 2, 2020**

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| <b>MOTION: 2020-09-22-10</b>   |                            |
| <b>That Chief and Council accepts the Deer Doodem minutes of September 2, 2020</b> |                            |
| <b>Moved by</b>  | Earl Commanda              |
| <b>Seconded by</b>   | Nicole Pelletier-Southwind |
| <b>CARRIED</b>   |                            |

**9) Standing Items:**

**a) EOCG Updates**

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| <b>MOTION: 2020-09-22-11</b>   |  |
| <b>That Chief and Council accepts the Incident Commanders EOCG report dated September 17, 2020</b> |  |

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| <b>Moved by</b>  | Jack    |
| <b>Seconded by</b>   | Shirley |
| <b>CARRIED</b>   |         |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Moving back to biweekly meetings</li> <li>-Completed debriefing session with First Nations Technical Services Advisory Group</li> <li>-Elders program, call out for volunteers to continue this program</li> </ul> |         |

## 10) New Business

### a) **SRFN Roads Rehabilitation - Tender Results**

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| <b>MOTION: 2020-09-22-12</b>   |               |
| <b>That Chief and Council Chief support the tender process and award the Serpent River First Nation Road Upgrades Project Contract to Wendell Farquhar Trucking Limited.</b> |               |
| <b>Moved by</b>  | Earl Commanda |
| <b>Seconded by</b>   | Jack Trudeau  |
| <b>CARRIED</b>   |               |
| -Will be installing 6 culverts and widening the roads starting on Monday   |               |

### b) **CMHC On-Reserve Non-Profit Housing Program (Section 95) Supplementary Funding**

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| <b>MOTION: 2020-09-22-13</b>  |                  |
| <b>That Chief and Council support the Expression of Interest of Supplementary Funding for Repairs for Homes under the On-Reserve Non-Profit Housing Program (Section 95) CMHC Ref. No. 16134967 005</b>   |                  |
| <b>Moved by</b>   | Steven Meawasige |
| <b>Seconded by</b>  | Earl Commanda    |
| <b>CARRIED</b>  |                  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Joey Jacobs declaring conflict of interest</li> <li>-One time funding based on expression of interest</li> <li>-17 homes qualify for the funding</li> <li>-work must be completed by March 31, 2021</li> <li>-Will need to hire outside contractors, First Nations first, then outside</li> <li>-Emergency housing CAF applications can be funded through Niigaaniin providing they are clients</li> <li>-Contractors will hire band members</li> </ul> |                  |

### c) **A.J. Bus Lines Contract**

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| <b>MOTION: 2020-09-22-14</b>   |                 |
| <b>That Chief and Council accept the Agreement for Transportation Contract with A.J. Bus Lines for term September 8, 2020 – June 30, 2023, and that the Chief be authorized to execute the contract.</b> |                 |
| <b>Moved by</b>  | Steve Meawasige |
| <b>Seconded by</b>   | Jack Trudeau    |
| <b>CARRIED</b>   |                 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Built in 2% increase</li> <li>-Adding multiple staff as drivers for availability</li> </ul>  |                 |

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**d) SRFN Day Care Policies**

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| <b>MOTION: 2020-09-22-15</b>   |                |
| That Chief and Council approve of the following Day Care Policies and related documents:<br>-Assessment Locations in Our Area-Child, Parent Health Screen, Child Care Centre Cleaning (Parent Handbook), Dear Parent, Disinfecting Solution using Bleach, Encouraging Physical Distancing, Equipment (Indoor and Outdoor) Toy Usage and Restrictions, Exclusion of Ill Children, Food Provisions and Clothing and Outside Items, How To Report Illness, Parent Drop Off Procedure, Parent Fees, Parent Handbook cover page, Parent Review Form, Permission for Use of Hand Sanitizer, Protocols When a Child or Staff Demonstrates Symptoms or Becomes Sick, Rescheduling of Group Events or In Person Meetings, Screening Process |                |
| <b>Moved by</b>  | Earl Commanda  |
| <b>Seconded by</b>   | Shirley McLeod |
| <b>CARRIED</b>   |                |
| -Consent for release, legal guardian(worker) because there are kids in care  |                |

**e) Serpent River First Nation & Nogdawindamin Family and Community Services Protocol**

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| <b>MOTION: 2020-09-22-16</b>   |                            |
| That Chief and Council moves to defer the Nogdawindamin Family and Community Services Protocol to the October 6, 2020 Chief and Council meeting to make adjustments to the agreement.  |                            |
| <b>Moved by</b>  | Nicole Pelletier-Southwind |
| <b>Seconded by</b>   | Steven Baranyai            |
| <b>CARRIED</b>   |                            |
| -Same protocol as daycare as children in school? Nog completing an investigation within the school.<br>-It is the same, but not written in. Same as the caregivers program, ASP.<br>-Moving to defer to October 6 to make adjustments to the agreement |                            |

**f) ANGA**

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| <b>MOTION: 2020-09-22-17</b>  |                            |
| That Chief and Council moves to remove Serpent River First Nation from the ANGA agreement and return any unused funds to Anishinabek Nation, with an update to the community informing them of this decision. |                            |
| <b>Moved by</b>   | Steven Baranyai            |
| <b>Seconded by</b>  | Nicole Pelletier-Southwind |
| <b>CARRIED</b>  |                            |
| -Crane Clan to devise media release to community  |                            |

**11) Next Meeting Dates**

- a) C&C Duly Convened Meeting-Tuesday, October 06, 2020 @ 6:00 p.m.
- b) C&C Duly Convened Meeting- Tuesday, October 22, 2020 @ 6:00 p.m.

**12) Adjournment:**

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| <b>MOTION: 2020-08-11-18</b> |
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| <b>That Chief and Council adjourns the Chief and Council Meeting of Tuesday September 22, 2020 at 8:37 p.m.</b> |                            |
| <b>Moved by</b>   | Nicole Pelletier-Southwind |
| <b>Seconded by</b>  |                            |
| <b>CARRIED</b>  |                            |

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