

SERPENT RIVER FIRST NATION

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SRFN Chief and Council Meeting
June 8, 2021
Zoom Meeting
Approved Minutes

Chair: Chief Brent Bissaillion
Council: Steven Baranyai, Joey Jacobs, Shirley McLeod, Tillie McLeod, Michelle Owl (6:33 p.m.), Jack Trudeau, Steve Meawasige (until 7:12 p.m.)
Regrets: Earl Commanda, Kerri Commanda, Marlene Essex, Miranda Pelletier, Nicole Pelletier-Southwind
Director of Operations: Candace Martin
Recording Secretary: Candace Martin
Staff:
Guests: Elaine Johnston (until 6:39 p.m.)

1) Call to Order/Opening Remarks:

-The special meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m. -Two agenda items for this meeting

2) Adoption of Agenda

MOTION: That Chief and Council adopts the Agenda for the Chief and Council Meeting of May 13, 2021	
Moved by	
Seconded by	
CARRIED	By Consensus
-Chief Bissaillion outlined the two item agenda during opening remarks and proceeded by consensus to the Community Presentation -Agenda items: Community Presentation – Elaine Johnston – Support for Candidacy for Ontario Regional Chief New Business – Teaching Lodge	

3) Declaration of Conflict of Interest:

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4) Community Presentations:

a) Elaine Johnston – Support for Candidacy for Ontario Regional Chief

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MOTION: 2021-06-08-01	
That Chief and Council support Elaine Johnston in her candidacy for Ontario Regional Chief with the Chiefs of Ontario by vote, and through the use of band office equipment such as printers and fax machine, and that potential funding be explored to support her campaign monetarily.	
Moved by	Steve Meawasige
Seconded by	Jack Trudeau
CARRIED	By Consensus
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Chief Bissaillion congratulated Elaine Johnston on her nomination -Elaine Johnston offered tobacco, virtually, to the Chief who accepted -Elaine Johnston presented a preview of the speech she was preparing to present for the Chiefs of Ontario to outline her campaign and platform; she also provided her contact information -Elaine Johnston answered questions and from Council and engaged discussion on her platform 	

5) **New Business**

a) Teaching Lodge

MOTION: 2021-06-08-02	
That Chief and Council approve the construction of a teaching lodge in collaboration with Nogdawindamin on the powwow grounds with community participation and consideration for noise pollution, how the lodge will be booked, SRFN priority booking, cleaning and maintenance expectations and appropriate signage.	
Moved by	Steven Baranyai
Seconded by	Michelle Owl
CARRIED	By Consensus
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Chief Bissaillion provided an overview of the briefing note, and answered questions from Council -Council discussed the project and potential for an educational institution that is also cultural and spiritual, a step toward healing; location, and potential for alternative locations in the future; not a permanent structure so should not impact any land claims -Discussion included identifying additional clarification that will need to be reviewed as the project moves forward 	

11) **Next Meeting Dates**

- a) C&C Duly Convened Meeting - Tuesday, May 18, 2021 @ 6:00 p.m.

12) **Adjournment:**

MOTION: 2021-06-08-03	
That Chief and Council adjourn the Chief and Council Meeting of June 8, 2021 at 7:22 p.m.	
Moved by	Brent Bissaillion
Seconded by	
CARRIED	By Consensus

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