

SERPENT RIVER FIRST NATION

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SRFN Chief and Council Meeting
June 15, 2021
Zoom Meeting
Approved Minutes

Chair: Chief Brent Bissaillon
Council: Earl Commanda, Kerri Commanda, Marlene Essex, Shirley McLeod, Tillie McLeod, Michelle Owl, Miranda Pelletier, Jack Trudeau
Regrets: Steven Baranyai, Joey Jacobs, Steve Meawasige, Nicole Pelletier-Southwind
Director of Operations: Candace Martin
Recording Secretary: Candace Martin
Staff: Wilma Bissallion, General Manager SRFNEDC; Tyler Gary, Communications Officer; Leila Macumber (Community Wellness Manager), Michelle Pelletier (Community Housing & Infrastructure Manager)
Guests: Denis Meawasige (Item 4. a)); Jesse Gionette (Item 4. a)); Jennifer Simpson (Item 4. b))

1) Call to Order/Opening Remarks:

-The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m. -The Chief welcomed Council and community, and noted a lengthy agenda for this meeting

2) Adoption of Agenda

MOTION: 2021-06-15-01	
That Chief and Council adopt the agenda as amended for the Chief and Council Meeting of June 15, 2021	
Moved by	Michelle Owl
Seconded by	Jack Trudeau
CARRIED	By Consensus
-Councilor S. McLeod requested that financial statements, budget and funding agreement be added to the agenda, it was confirmed that these items would be spoken to in the Director of Operations Report -Councilor Pelletier requested that John Island be added to the agenda (as item 11. e))	

3) Declaration of Conflict of Interest:

None declared at this time

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4) **Community Presentations:**

a) Door North Port Authority – Deep Water Project Proposal

MOTION: 2021-06-15-02	
That Chief and Council defer the Door North Port Authority Deep Water Project Proposal to a future meeting to allow for time to review, put forward inquiries and consider how to move forward	
Moved by	Miranda Pelletier
Seconded by	Michelle Owl
CARRIED	By Consensus
<p>-Presenters Denis Meawasige and Jesse Gionette provided a summary of the project, in addition to the printed material provided to Chief and Council, and offered the opportunity for questions</p> <p>-Council questions included the status of a feasibility study and environmental assessments, in addition to the role of EDC, to support potential next steps</p> <p>-Council noted that there are competing interests in, and use of, the site</p> <p>-Item deferred pending additional review and opportunity to put forward questions / consider how to move forward</p>	

b) Community Member (Jennifer Simpson) Discussion Request

-This item was deferred as the community member had not yet joined the meeting
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5) **Approval of Previous Minutes:**

a) May 18, 2021

MOTION: 2021-06-15-03	
That Chief and Council approve the Chief and Council Minutes of May 18, 2021	
Moved by	Marlene Essex
Seconded by	Kerri Commanda
CARRIED	By Consensus
-Councilor Owl abstained from the vote	

b) June 1, 2021

MOTION: 2021-06-15-04	
That Chief and Council approve the Chief and Council Minutes of June 1, 2021	
Moved by	Marlene Essex
Seconded by	Tillie McLeod
CARRIED	By Consensus

c) June 8, 2021

MOTION: 2021-06-15-05	
That Chief and Council approve the Chief and Council Minutes of June 8, 2021	
Moved by	Tillie McLeod

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Seconded by	Jack Trudeau
CARRIED	By Consensus

6) **Business Arising from Minutes:**

a) Teaching Lodge

MOTION: 2021-06-15-06	
That Chief and Council refer the Teaching Lodge to the Deer Doodem for community engagement with respect to the location of the lodge	
Moved by	Jack Trudeau
Seconded by	Michelle Owl
CARRIED	By Consensus
<p>-The Chief noted that the project was being put on hold after Council and community feedback with respect to the location of the teaching lodge; suggested the item be deferred to allow time to hold a community engagement session</p> <p>-The briefing note provided at the June 8th Chief and Council meeting, and resulting discussion, was reviewed</p> <p>-Support and positivity with respect to the project remains however Chief and Council do want to address community questions in a timely manner; as we do want to proceed with the project and provide supports required to meet the communities needs surrounding teaching and healing</p> <p>-It was noted that community could forward questions following this meeting to the Deer Doodem for consideration at the June 22nd meeting</p>	

7) **Reports:**

a) Chief's Report

MOTION: 2021-06-15-07	
That Chief and Council accept the Chief's Report for the period May 19 – June 15, 2021	
Moved by	Marlene Essex
Seconded by	Miranda Pelletier
CARRIED	By Consensus
<p>-Chief Bissaillon presented his written report for the period of May 19 – June 15, 2021, and answered questions from Council</p> <p>-Chief Bissaillon requested that the Marten Doodem undertake review of the Capital Plan and Strategic Infrastructure Plan moving forward</p> <p>-Chief Bissaillon reminded Council and administration that all minutes from Doodems, Committees and external boards should be provided for Council review</p>	

b) Director of Operations Report

MOTION: 2021-06-15-08	
That Chief and Council accept the Director of Operations Report dated June 11, 2021	
Moved by	Jack Trudeau

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Seconded by	Miranda Pelletier
CARRIED	By Consensus
-The Director of Operations presented her written report dated June 11 2021 with support from the Community Wellness Manager for specific department updates, and answered questions from Council	

c) Economic Development Report

i) Mississagi Park Commission

MOTION: 2021-06-15-08	
That Chief and Council commit to providing \$3,500.00 as Serpent River First Nations 1/3 share of the total budget of \$10,500.00 once implemented in the Mississagi Park Commission 2022 season.	
Moved by	Earl Commanda
Seconded by	Tillie McLeod
CARRIED	By Consensus
-The General Manager noted that this was not the regular report of SRFNEDC, and that two briefing notes and outstanding Agawa Crafts and the Canadian Carver Corporation financial statements were being provided this evening (questions from the financial reports may follow at the June 29 th meeting)	
-The General Manager of SRFNEDC presented her briefing note and supporting information (copy of 2018 City of Elliot Lake Report RE: Mississagi Park Commission; Mississagi Park Commission Draft Mandate/Terms of Reference for Incorporation as Non-Profit; Mississagi Park Commission Framework Draft; Mississagi Park Commission Business Plan 2019; Mississagi Park Commission Meeting Minutes April 15, 2020, April 8, 2020, October 20, 2020, April 17, 2019, March 6, 2019; Mississagi Park Commission Draft Corporate By-Laws), and answered questions from Council	
-Additional information to be provided to Chief and Council with respect to next steps	
-Once a Lands Manager is in place they will assume representation on the Commission from the General Manager, along with a member of Council	

ii) Darian Resources

MOTION: 2021-06-15-09	
That Chief and Council approve the sharing of information with the community during the months of July and August and that the SRFNEDC will provide support to Darien Aggregates in sending out the information to community until such time the Lands Manager position is filled;	
And that upon completion of the sharing of information it is recommended that Community Consultation begin as per the Consultation Protocol in the month of September including a total of three sessions with Darien Aggregates.	
Moved by	Earl Commanda
Seconded by	Tillie McLeod
CARRIED	By Consensus

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-The General Manager of SRFNEDC presented her briefing note and supporting information (Darien Aggregates Inc. Proposed Darien Quarry power point), and answered questions from Council
 -Council noted that the consultation process should be followed; it was clarified that at this time only information sharing will take place (consultation later following additional updates); this process will allow for completion of the MOU and allow for community decision and potential Impact Benefit Agreement
 -Once a Lands Manager is in place they will assume this project

d) EOCG Report

MOTION: 2021-06-15-10	
That Chief and Council acknowledge the EOCG Report dated June 15, 2021	
Moved by	Shirley McLeod
Seconded by	Kerri Commanda
CARRIED	By Consensus
<p>-The Incident Commander presented her written report dated June 15, 2021 and verbally provided vaccine statistics: 357 vaccinated (158 men, 199 women); 75 have received first dose, 282 have received both doses; 269 Moderna vaccine, 86 Pfizer vaccine; 214 on reserve, 23 other members within the community, 55 non-Indigenous, 11 for other FN members currently in community, 12 staff from outside community -One additional clinic taking place to finish second doses, with ages 12-17 receiving their second dose the last week of June</p>	

8) Doodem & Committee Minutes & Reports

a) Marten Doodem Minutes – April 26, 2021

MOTION: 2021-06-15-11	
That Chief and Council acknowledge the Marten Doodem Minutes of April 26, 2021	
Moved by	Earl Commanda
Seconded by	Jack Trudeau
CARRIED	By Consensus

b) Finance Committee Minutes – May 11, 2021

MOTION: 2021-06-15-12	
That Chief and Council acknowledge the Finance Committee Minutes of May 11, 2021	
Moved by	Jack Trudeau
Seconded by	Kerri Commanda
CARRIED	By Consensus
<p>-It was noted that this was a special meeting of the Finance Committee focused on reviewing the CAF Program, which is funded by OFNLP revenues and has realized financial impact due to the Covid-19 pandemic</p>	

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MOTION: 2021-06-15-13	
That Chief and Council direct administration to complete the anticipated funding applications to recoup lost resource revenues	
Moved by	Earl Commanda
Seconded by	Jack Trudeau
CARRIED	By Consensus
-A funding announcement is expected which will be proposal based and allow the opportunity for First Nations to recover loss of resource revenues due to the Covid-19 pandemic, SRFN to apply in order to recoup lost OFNLP revenues	

c) Eagle Doodem Minutes – May 13, 2021

MOTION: 2021-06-15-14	
That Chief and Council acknowledge the Eagle Doodem Minutes of May 13, 2021	
Moved by	Marlene Essex
Seconded by	Tillie McLeod
CARRIED	By Consensus

9) Business Arising from Minutes and Reports

10) Standing Items

a) Safe House

-An update on the Safe House was provided during the Director of Operations Report
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b) State of Emergency Declaration

MOTION: 2021-06-15-15	
That Chief and Council extend the State of Emergency another 30 days, to July 25, 2021	
Moved by	Miranda Pelletier
Seconded by	Kerri Commanda
CARRIED	By Consensus

11) New Business

a) Pride Month

MOTION: 2021-06-15-16	
That Chief and Council proclaim the month of June as Indigenous History and Pride Month	
Moved by	Miranda Pelletier
Seconded by	Marlene Essex
CARRIED	By Consensus

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-Chief and Council reviewed a briefing note outlining plans for pride festivities, including a parade, flag raising, pride decorating contest

b) Roads Project Phase 2 – Surface Treatment & Asphalt Tender Results

MOTION: 2021-06-15-17

That Chief and Council support the tender process and award the SRFN Road Phase 2 Asphalt & Resurface Treatment to MSO Construction (a division of Miller Paving Ltd.)

Moved by	Jack Trudeau
Seconded by	Tillie McLeod
CARRIED	By Consensus

-The Director of Operations presented a briefing note and recommendation from Tulloch Engineering including a Memorandum on SRFN Roads Rehabilitation Budget
 -Council requested clarification on which areas were being resurfaced, and confirmed that calcium is being applied to reduce the dust until the work is completed
 -Additional resurfacing will be required, this project was limited in that the funding was associated with previously outlined bike path route

c) Green and Inclusive Community Buildings Funding Application

MOTION: 2021-06-15-18

That Chief and Council support administration in preparing and submitting an application to the Green and Inclusive Community Buildings Funding stream with Infrastructure Canada to build a new long-term care facility/Elders lodge.

Moved by	Marlene Essex
Seconded by	Tillie McLeod
CARRIED	By Consensus

-Council clarified that community engagement will be required including elder (and up and coming elders) feedback; also to consider expansion, location to be determined

d) Hiring Committee Representation Request

-Through discussion Councilor Essex was named to the hiring committee for the Director of Finance with Councilor Pelletier as an alternative
 -Through discussion Councilor Pelletier was named to the hiring committee for the Executive Assistant to Chief and Council

e) John Island

-It was noted that the Eagle Doodem minutes of May 13th addressed some questions and identified the Doodem working on John Island
 -Council expressed concern with respect to parking and speed when non-members are accessing John Island

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-Council also had concern with respect to John Island’s operating plans for the 2021 season and how cottage rentals were being managed, potential to bring in visitors from out of the region during the pandemic
 -Relationship is under review and we need a better value package from John Island, with a formal agreement in place
 -Land claim also a potential in the future
 -Eagle Doodem to continue negotiations

12) Next Meeting Dates

- a) C&C Duly Convened Meeting - Tuesday, June 29, 2021 @ 6:00 p.m.

13) Adjournment:

MOTION: 2021-06-15-19	
That Chief and Council adjourn the Chief and Council Meeting of June 15, 2021 at 9:47 p.m.	
Moved by	Tillie McLeod
Seconded by	Marlene Essex
CARRIED	By Consensus

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