

SERPENT RIVER FIRST NATION

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

Chair: Chief Brent Bissaillion
Council: Steven Baranyai, Earl Commanda, Kerri Commanda, Marlene Essex (6:40 p.m.), Joey Jacobs, Shirley McLeod, Tillie McLeod, Steve Meawasige, Michelle Owl, Miranda Pelletier, Nicole Pelletier-Southwind, Jack Trudeau
Regrets:
Director of Operations: Candace Martin
Recording Secretary: Candace Martin
Staff: Tyler Gary, Communications Officer; Leila Macumber, Community Wellness Manager (until 8:34 p.m.); Lee Simpson-Johnston, Cultural Coordinator (until 8:34 p.m.)
Guests:

1) Call to Order/Opening Remarks:

-The meeting was called to order at 6:07 p.m. -Chief Bissaillion welcomed Council and community
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2) Adoption of Agenda

MOTION: 2021-07-15-01	
That Chief and Council adopt the agenda for the Chief and Council Meeting of July 15, 2021	
Moved by	Tillie McLeod
Seconded by	Steven Baranyai
CARRIED	By Consensus

3) Declaration of Conflict of Interest:

-Councilor Tillie McLeod declared with respect to item 4.b) -Councilor Pelletier declared with respect to item 4.b)
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4) Community Presentations:

a) Community Member (Erin Carne) Discussion Request

MOTION: 2021-07-15-02

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That SRFNEDC will repatriate the masks being offered for sale at Agawa Crafts & the Canadian Carver back to Miran Hill	
Moved by	Earl Commanda
Seconded by	Steve Meawasige
CARRIED	By Consensus
<p>-Presenter Erin Carne presented her concerns with respect to certain cultural items being sold at Agawa Crafts & the Canadian Carver, particularly masks and headdresses, and provided an overview of her communications with SRFNEDC</p> <p>-Miran Hill, a member of a Repatriation Committee from Six Nations where the masks originated from, accompanied Erin Carne to provide support and willingness to assist with the repatriation</p> <p>-It was confirmed that the board of directors at SRFNEDC had been made aware, and that a policy regarding the sale of cultural products would need to be developed</p>	

MOTION: 2021-07-15-03	
That SRFNEDC complete cultural competency training including all EDC, gas bar and trading post staff, the staff at Agawa Crafts & the Canadian Carver and the board of directors	
Moved by	Steven Baranyai
Seconded by	Earl Commanda
CARRIED	By Consensus

b) Maamwesying – Ontario Health Team Application

MOTION: 2021-07-15-04	
That Serpent River First Nation become a core partner within the Maamwesying Ontario Health Team	
Moved by	Earl Commanda
Seconded by	Steve Meawasige
CARRIED	By Consensus
<p>-Edith Mercieca, Lisa Meawasige and Jennifer McKenzie from Maamwesying presented their power point presentation with respect to becoming an Ontario Health Team, and answered questions from Council</p> <p>-Continued engagement will take place throughout the process</p>	

5) Approval of Previous Minutes:

a)

-Item deferred

6) Business Arising from Minutes:

7) Reports:

a) Chief's Report

MOTION: 2021-07-15-05	
That Chief and Council support Chief Brent Bissaillon in running for the Chair of North Shore Tribal Council	
Moved by	Steven Baranyai

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Seconded by	Earl Commanda
CARRIED	By Consensus
<p>- Chief Bissaillion presented his written report for the period of June 29 – July 15, 2021, and answered questions from Council</p> <p>-Discussion took place with respect to Chief Bissaillion’s interest in running for Chair (two year term) at the NSTC AGM on July 22nd</p>	

MOTION: 2021-07-15-06	
That Chief and Council accept the Chief’s Report for the period June 29 – July 15, 2021	
Moved by	Kerri Commanda
Seconded by	Marlene Essex
CARRIED	By Consensus

b) Director of Operations Report

MOTION: 2021-07-15-07	
That Chief and Council acknowledge the verbal update from the Director of Operations	
Moved by	Miranda Pelletier
Seconded by	Steven Baranyai
CARRIED	By Consensus
<p>-The Director of Operations provided a verbal update as just returning from a period of illness</p> <p>-Confirmation has been received that the currently expired Mount Lake Land Use Permit has been approved and we now await the documentation</p> <p>-Road resurfacing project to commence in the next week</p> <p>-Restructuring work is continuing and an update will be provided following receipt of legal advice</p> <p>-Financial updates being provided under New Business this evening</p>	

c) EOCG Report

MOTION: 2021-07-15-08	
That Chief and Council acknowledge the EOCG Report dated July 13, 2021	
Moved by	Marlene Essex
Seconded by	Kerri Commanda
CARRIED	By Consensus
<p>-The Incident Commander presented her written report dated July 13, 2021, and answered questions from Council</p>	

8) Doodem & Committee Minutes & Reports

a) Councilors Report (S. McLeod) – ELNOS meeting June 22, 2021

MOTION: 2021-07-15-09

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That Chief and Council acknowledge Councilor McLeod's report concerning the ELNOS board meeting of June 22, 2021	
Moved by	Marlene Essex
Seconded by	Michelle Owl
CARRIED	By Consensus
-Provided for information, no action required	

9) Business Arising from Minutes and Reports

10) Standing Items

a) Safe House

-Policies are still required
-Next steps following the current pilot project will focus on returning to the original plan for the Safe House and having an individual or family reside in the home to provide a place of safety

b) State of Emergency Declaration

MOTION: 2021-07-15-10	
That Chief and Council extend the State of Emergency another 30 days, to August 26, 2021	
Moved by	Joey Jacobs
Seconded by	Shirley McLeod
CARRIED	By Consensus
-Discussion took place surrounding the need to extend the State of Emergency, due to the risk of variants it is prudent to ensure quick decision making ability remains to ensure protection of the community	

11) New Business

a) Comprehensive Funding Agreement

-The Director of Operations presented her briefing note outlining information with respect to the five-year Comprehensive Funding Agreement with ISC and next steps in terms of building capacity with respect to operating under the agreement, and answered questions from Council
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b) Draft Budget

-The Director of Operations presented her memo and draft budget spreadsheets, also confirmed the work remaining to finalize the budget including review and adjustments with senior managers, with a timeline for completion in August
-Council may reach out in the interim with preliminary questions or comments

c) Draft Financial Statements

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MOTION: 2021-07-15-11	
That Chief and Council acknowledge the draft financial statements and memo	
Moved by	Steven Baranyai
Seconded by	Nicole Pelletier-Southwind
CARRIED	By Consensus
-The Director of Operations presented draft financial statements including a memo to clarify specific details within the statements, and answered questions from council	

d) Amendment A01 Agreement 2122-ON-000028

MOTION: 2021-07-15-12	
That Chief and Council accept Amendment No. 0001 on Agreement 2122-ON-000028 in the amount of \$128,164.00	
Moved by	Marlene Essex
Seconded by	Steve Meawasige
CARRIED	By Consensus
-The Director of Operations verbally presented the amendment providing additional funding in response to the Covid-19 pandemic	
-The amendment will be accepted electronically, as per ISC processes during the pandemic	

e) Pow Wow

MOTION: 2021-07-15-13	
That Chief and Council support a community based pow wow at the SRFN ball field formatted to meet all relevant Covid-19 pandemic restrictions	
Moved by	Earl Commanda
Seconded by	Marlene Essex
CARRIED	By Consensus
-Councilor Baranyai declared a conflict on the item	
-The Cultural Coordinator presented his briefing note and engaged Council in discussion around how to host an appropriate event now that in-person events are permitted up to 100 people	

f) SRFNEDC Restructuring

MOTION: 2021-07-15-14	
That Chief and Council approve the draft Band Council Resolution with respect to the restructuring of SRFNEDC in principal and request a joint meeting with SRFNEDC to review and confirm directors and name for the Limited Partnership	
Moved by	Steve Meawasige
Seconded by	Miranda Pelletier
CARRIED	By Consensus

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-Chief Bissaillion reviewed the memo and draft BCR from Olthuis, Kleer, Townshend LLP with respect to the selected restructuring option for SRFNEDC
-Transition planning will be required

12) Next Meeting Dates

- a) C&C Duly Convened Meeting - Tuesday, July 27, 2021 @ 6:00 p.m.

13) Adjournment:

-Chief Bissaillion adjourned the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

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