

SERPENT RIVER FIRST NATION

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SRFN Chief and Council Meeting
July 27, 2021
Zoom Meeting
Approved Minutes

Chair: Chief Brent Bissaillon
Council: Steven Baranyai, Earl Commanda, Kerri Commanda, Joey Jacobs, Tillie McLeod (6:45 p.m.), Steve Meawasige, Nicole Pelletier-Southwind, Jack Trudeau
Regrets: Shirley McLeod, Marlene Essex, Michelle Owl, Miranda Pelletier
Director of Operations: Candace Martin
Recording Secretary: Candace Martin
Staff: Wilma Bissallion, General Manager SRFNEDC (until 8:09 p.m.); Tyler Gary, Communications Officer; Michelle Pelletier, Community Housing & Infrastructure Manager (until 7:35 p.m.)
Guests:

1) Call to Order/Opening Remarks:

-The meeting was called to order at 6:07 p.m.
-Chief Bissaillon welcomed Council and community, expressed appreciation for the recent rain and shared thoughts for those under evacuation orders or suffering from poor air quality due to the forest fires in Northern Ontario

2) Adoption of Agenda

MOTION: 2021-07-27-01	
That Chief and Council adopt the agenda as presented for the Chief and Council Meeting of June 29, 2021	
Moved by	Steve Meawasige
Seconded by	Jack Trudeau
CARRIED	By Consensus

3) Declaration of Conflict of Interest:

None declared at this time

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4) Community Presentations:

a) Red Market Brand

-Presenters Isadore Day, Brittany Day and Heather Pelky referred to their power point presentation dated May 31, 2021 and provided additional material while sharing screen with respect to opportunities with cannabis, and answered questions from Council
 -Chief Bissaillon requested a copy of the presentation that shared on screen from the presenters, to better review the options put forward
 -Discussion took place around SRFNEDC involvement, the barriers to moving forward, approaches that may be taken, the need for a constitution, the need for additional community discussion, potential for interim safety policy, the potential for direct competition with local retailers; more work is required on this file including the development of a strategy, policies, etc.

b) Door North Port Authority

MOTION: 2021-07-27-02
That Chief and Council direct administration to begin the consultation process with Door North Port Authority

Moved by	Earl Commanda
Seconded by	Joey Jacobs
CARRIED	By Consensus

-Presenters Denis Meawasige, Jessie Gionette and Kelly McMillan thanked Chief and Council for the opportunity to represent after poor connection the last time, and provided an overview of their project first presented in 2016 and held up due to lack of investors that are now in place, seeking use of land and quarry, has been told an environmental assessment would be needed and was seeking confirmation they will be able to proceed should the results of the environmental assessment were favourable
 -Council clarified that in addition to an environmental assessment the consultation protocol would also apply and additional reports may be required including a feasibility study; a community referendum will be required as the project impacts common band land; no guarantee can be offered and much work remains to provide the community with the information that will be required throughout the consultation and referendum processes

5) Approval of Previous Minutes:

a) June 15, 2021

MOTION: 2021-07-27-03
That Chief and Council approve the Chief and Council Minutes of June 15, 2021

Moved by	Earl Commanda
Seconded by	Tillie McLeod
CARRIED	By Consensus

b) June 29, 2021

MOTION: 2021-07-27-04
That Chief and Council approve the Chief and Council Minutes of June 29, 2021 as corrected

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Moved by	Steven Baranyai
Seconded by	Kerri Commanda
CARRIED	By Consensus
-The motion number for item 13) Adjournment was corrected to be 2021-06-29-15	

c) July 15, 2021

MOTION: 2021-07-27-05	
That Chief and Council approve the Chief and Council Minutes of July 15, 2021	
Moved by	Steven Baranyai
Seconded by	Tillie McLeod
CARRIED	By Consensus

6) **Business Arising from Minutes:**

a) SRFN/Agawa Restructuring

MOTION: 2021-07-27-06	
That Chief and Council reaffirm Band Council Resolution 2021-07-24-01 approving the formation of a Limited Partnership to take over the for-profit activities of the Serpent River First Nation Economic Development Corporation, and that the first and interim directors will be Councilors Steven Baranyai, Steve Meawasige and Miranda Pelletier	
Moved by	Jack Trudeau
Seconded by	Joey Jacobs
CARRIED	By Consensus
-Chief Bissaillon requested that Council reaffirm the BCR passed at a joint meeting with the EDC board the Saturday prior in Agawa (July 24 th) authorizing the creation of an LP to further restructuring and take over the for-profit work of EDC and naming the first directors required to start the process; and informed community a name contest would take place before the official name of the LP was determined	

7) **Reports:**

a) Chief's Report

MOTION: 2021-07-27-07	
That Chief and Council accept the Chief's Report for the period July 15 – July 27, 2021	
Moved by	Tillie McLeod
Seconded by	Steve Meawasige
CARRIED	By Consensus
-Chief Bissaillon presented his written report for the period of July 15 - 27, 2021, and answered questions from Council	

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b) Director of Operations Report

MOTION: 2021-07-27-08	
That Chief and Council acknowledge the verbal report from the Director of Operations	
Moved by	Earl Commanda
Seconded by	Steven Baranyai
CARRIED	By Consensus
-The Director of Operations provided a verbal update and answered questions from Council	

c) Economic Development Report

MOTION: 2021-07-27-09	
That Chief and Council acknowledge the Economic Development Report for June 2021	
Moved by	Jack Trudeau
Seconded by	Kerri Commanda
CARRIED	By Consensus
-The General Manager of SRFNEDC presented her written report for June 2021 and answered questions from Council	

d) EOCG Report

MOTION: 2021-07-27-10	
That Chief and Council acknowledge the EOCG Report dated July 27, 2021	
Moved by	Earl Commanda
Seconded by	Steve Meawasige
CARRIED	By Consensus
- Chief Bissaillon read the written report dated July 27, 2021 and reminded community to remain diligent	

8) Doodem & Committee Minutes & Reports

9) Business Arising from Minutes and Reports

10) Standing Items

a) Safe House

-Chief Bissaillon confirmed policies are being worked on and will be brought forward in the near future

11) New Business

a) Judicial Review – Environmental Assessment Act

MOTION: 2021-07-27-11	
That Serpent River First Nation become a party to Olthuis, Kleeer Townshend LLP joint judicial review of the Ministers decision of the Environmental Assessment Act of O. Reg. 511/21, subject to a minimum of fifteen First Nations becoming a party to limit financial risk	

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Moved by	Steve Meawasige
Seconded by	Steven Baranyai
CARRIED	By Consensus
<p>-Chief and Council reviewed the briefing note and memorandum from Olthuis, Kleer, Townshend LLP offering participation in filing a legal challenge to O. Reg 511/21 passed on July 1, 2021</p> <p>-Discussion took place highlighting the seriousness of the impacts of this regulation including with respect to the duty to consult</p>	

12) Next Meeting Dates

- a) C&C Duly Convened Meeting - Tuesday, August 10, 2021 @ 6:00 p.m.

13) Adjournment:

MOTION: 2021-07-27-12	
That Chief and Council adjourn the Chief and Council Meeting of July 27, 2021 at 8:32 p.m.	
Moved by	Steven Baranyai
Seconded by	
CARRIED	By Consensus

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