

# SERPENT RIVER FIRST NATION

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SRFN Chief and Council Meeting  
**September 7, 2021**  
**Approved Minutes**

**Chair:** Chief Brent Bissaillion  
**Council:** Steven Baranyai (via zoom), Earl Commanda (via zoom), Kerri Commanda, Joey Jacobs (via zoom), Marlene Essex, Steve Meawasige, Tillie McLeod, Michelle Owl, Nicole Pelletier-Southwind (via zoom), Jack Trudeau  
**Regrets:** Shirley McLeod, Miranda Pelletier  
**Director of Operations:** Candace Martin  
**Recording Secretary:** Candace Martin  
**Staff:** Tyler Gary, Communications Officer; Leila Macumber, Community Wellness Department Manager  
**Guests:**

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

-The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. -Chief Bissaillion noted that the community presentation for the evening would be delayed to the next meeting
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**2) Adoption of Agenda**

<b>MOTION: 2021-09-07-01</b> That Chief and Council adopt the agenda as presented for the Chief and Council Meeting of September 7, 2021	
<b>Moved by</b>	Jack Trudeau
<b>Seconded by</b>	Steve Meawasige
<b>CARRIED</b>	By Consensus

**3) Declaration of Conflict of Interest:**

None declared at this time
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4) Community Presentations

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5) Approval of Previous Minutes

a) July 27, 2021

<b>MOTION: 2021-09-07-02</b>	
<b>That Chief and Council approve the Chief and Council Minutes of July 27, 2021</b>	
<b>Moved by</b>	Kerri Commanda
<b>Seconded by</b>	Steven Baranyai
<b>CARRIED</b>	By Consensus
-Michelle Owl abstained as she was not present for the meeting	

b) August 19, 2021

<b>MOTION: 2021-09-07-03</b>	
<b>That Chief and Council approve the Chief and Council Minutes of August 19, 2021</b>	
<b>Moved by</b>	Marlene Essex
<b>Seconded by</b>	Kerri Commanda
<b>CARRIED</b>	By Consensus
-Steven Baranyai abstained	

6) Business Arising from Minutes

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7) Reports

a) Chief's Report

<b>MOTION: 2021-09-07-04</b>	
<b>That Chief and Council accept the Chief's Report for the period August 24 – September 7, 2021</b>	
<b>Moved by</b>	Tillie McLeod
<b>Seconded by</b>	Michelle Owl
<b>CARRIED</b>	By Consensus
-Chief Bissaillon presented his written report for the period of August 24 – September 7, 2021, and answered questions from Council	

b) Director of Operations Report

<b>MOTION: 2021-09-07-05</b>	
<b>That Chief and Council acknowledge the verbal report from the Director of Operations</b>	
<b>Moved by</b>	Steve Meawasige
<b>Seconded by</b>	Marlene Essex

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<b>CARRIED</b>	By Consensus
-The Director of Operations provided a verbal update (as on annual leave) and answered questions from Council	

c) EOCG Report

<b>MOTION: 2021-09-07-06</b>	
<b>That Chief and Council acknowledge the EOCG Report dated September 7, 2021</b>	
<b>Moved by</b>	Marlene Essex
<b>Seconded by</b>	Tillie McLeod
<b>CARRIED</b>	By Consensus
- The Incident Commander presented the written report dated September 7, 2021 and answered questions from Council	

8) **Doodem & Committee Minutes & Reports**

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9) **Business Arising from Minutes & Reports**

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10) **Standing Items**

a) Safe House

-The Community Wellness Manager confirmed that policy is under development, the draft to date is shared with Chief and Council as part of this meetings package; safe house working committee is meeting on Friday to further work on the policy manual
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b) National Day for Truth and Reconciliation – September 30<sup>th</sup>

-Chief confirmed with Council that the first National Day for Truth and Reconciliation will be taking place on a Thursday, entertained discussion about providing Friday October 1st as a mental health day for administration or move the holiday to the Friday
-The holiday will be observed on Thursday September 30th

11) **New Business**

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12) **Next Meeting Dates**

a) C&C Duly Convened Meeting - Wednesday, September 22, 2021 @ 6:00 p.m.

-Chief Bissaillon requested that the meeting be moved to Wednesday to accommodate travel arrangements
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**13) Adjournment:**

<b>MOTION: 2021-09-07-07</b>	
<b>That Chief and Council adjourn the Chief and Council Meeting of September 7, 2021 at 6:48 p.m.</b>	
<b>Moved by</b>	Michelle Owl
<b>Seconded by</b>	Jack Trudeau
<b>CARRIED</b>	By Consensus

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