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SRFN Chief and Council Meeting  
**September 22, 2021**  
**Approved Minutes**

**Chair:** Chief Brent Bissaillion  
**Council:** Steven Baranyai (via zoom), Kerri Commanda, Marlene Essex, Shirley McLeod (6:07 p.m.), Steve Meawasige, Tillie McLeod (6:32 p.m.), Miranda Pelletier, Nicole Pelletier-Southwind, Jack Trudeau  
**Regrets:** Earl Commanda, Joey Jacobs, Michelle Owl  
**Director of Operations:** Candace Martin  
**Recording Secretary:** Candace Martin  
**Staff:** Tyler Gary, Communications Officer; Michelle Pelletier, Community Housing & Infrastructure Manager (via zoom)  
**Guests:**

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

-The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. -Chief Bissaillion welcomed Council and community
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**2) Adoption of Agenda**

<b>MOTION: 2021-09-22-01</b>	
<b>That Chief and Council adopt the agenda as amended for the Chief and Council Meeting of September 22, 2021</b>	
<b>Moved by</b>	Miranda Pelletier
<b>Seconded by</b>	Kerri Commanda
<b>CARRIED</b>	By Consensus
-Item 4. b) was removed from the agenda (delayed until next meeting)	

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

-Nicole Pelletier-Southwind declared a conflict with respect to item 4. a) Elliot Lake Women's Group
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**4) Community Presentations**

**a) Elliot Lake Women’s Group**

-Presenters Jennifer Carling and Susan provided an overview of the Elliot Lake Women’s Group who operate Maplegate House for Women and Larry’s Place in Elliot Lake, in addition to the letter submitted  
-Presenters focused on reaching out as part of their recruitment of new board members to ensure a good board complement and described what they are looking for in a board member and the process  
-Chief Bissaillion requested that administration work with the Elliot Lake Women’s Group to put out a community notice with respect to their call out for board members

**5) Approval of Previous Minutes**

-Deferred to the next meeting

**6) Business Arising from Minutes**

**7) Reports**

**a) Chief’s Report**

**MOTION: 2021-09-22-02**  
**That Chief and Council accept the Chief’s Report for the period September 8 - 22, 2021**

<b>Moved by</b>	Marlene Essex
<b>Seconded by</b>	Steve Meawasige
<b>CARRIED</b>	By Consensus

-Chief Bissaillion presented his written report for the period of September 8 - 22, 2021, and answered questions from Council

**b) Director of Operations Report**

**MOTION: 2021-09-22-03**  
**That Chief and Council accept the Director of Operations Report dated September 20, 2021**

<b>Moved by</b>	Steve Meawasige
<b>Seconded by</b>	Jack Trudeau
<b>CARRIED</b>	By Consensus

-The Director of Operations presented her written report dated September 20, 2021, and answered questions from Council

**c) SRFNEDC Economic Development Report**

-The item was deferred to the next meeting

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d) EOCG Report

<b>MOTION: 2021-09-22-04</b>	
<b>That Chief and Council acknowledge the EOCG Report dated September 22, 2021</b>	
<b>Moved by</b>	Marlene Essex
<b>Seconded by</b>	Kerri Commanda
<b>CARRIED</b>	By Consensus
- Chief Bissaillon read the written report dated September 22, 2021	

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9) Business Arising from Minutes & Reports

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10) Standing Items

a) Safe House

-Policy development continues
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b) State of Emergency Declaration

<b>MOTION: 2021-09-22-05</b>	
<b>That Chief and Council extend the State of Emergency another 30 days, to October 23, 2021</b>	
<b>Moved by</b>	Marlene Essex
<b>Seconded by</b>	Miranda Pelletier
<b>CARRIED</b>	By Consensus

c) Custom Election Code

-Added as a standing item as awaiting an updated proposal with the First Nation Market Housing Fund; timelines are being adjusted to accommodate community engagement
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11) New Business

a) Letter of Resignation

<b>MOTION: 2021-09-22-06</b>	
<b>That Chief and Council accept the resignation letter of Joey Jacobs from Chief and Council and wish him the best in the future</b>	
<b>Moved by</b>	Steve Meawasige
<b>Seconded by</b>	Jack Trudeau
<b>CARRIED</b>	By Consensus

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b) Director of Education Hiring Committee representative request

<b>MOTION: 2021-09-22-07</b>	
<b>That Nicole Pelletier-Southwind act as the Council representative on the Director of Education Hiring Committee</b>	
<b>Moved by</b>	Marlene Essex
<b>Seconded by</b>	Steven Baranyai
<b>CARRIED</b>	By Consensus
-The Director of Operations requested a representative from Council for the Director of Education hiring committee, with interviews to proceed the following week	

c) Infrastructure Vehicle Replacement

<b>MOTION: 2021-09-22-08</b>	
<b>That Chief and Council approve the purchase of a 2021 Ford F550 in the amount of \$131,260.57 plus the cost of registration financed with Ford Credit over a term of 72 months, and that administration continue to seek funding for the purchase</b>	
<b>Moved by</b>	Steve Meawasige
<b>Seconded by</b>	Nicole Pelletier-Southwind
<b>CARRIED</b>	By Consensus
-The Director of Operations presented a briefing note outlining the need for a new infrastructure vehicle, and answered questions from Council	

d) CMHC Loan Renewal Account # 16-134-967-003

<b>MOTION: 2021-09-22-09</b>	
<b>That Chief and Council approve CMHC Loan Renewal Account number 16-134-967-003 effective November 1, 2021</b>	
<b>Moved by</b>	Steven Baranyai
<b>Seconded by</b>	Shirley McLeod
<b>CARRIED</b>	By Consensus
-The Director of Operations presented a briefing note outlining the loan renewal and the loan renewal agreement	

e) Comprehensive Funding Agreement Amendments

<b>MOTION: 2021-09-22-10</b>	
<b>That Chief and Council accept Amendment No. 0002 on Agreement 2122-ON-000028 in the amount of \$185,762.00</b>	
<b>Moved by</b>	Marlene Essex
<b>Seconded by</b>	Jack Trudeau
<b>CARRIED</b>	By Consensus

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-The Director of Operations presented a briefing note outlining a total of three ISC funding amendments requiring approval

**MOTION: 2021-09-22-11**

**That Chief and Council accept Amendment No. 0003 on Agreement 2122-ON-000028 in the amount of \$7,500.00**

<b>Moved by</b>	Kerri Commanda
<b>Seconded by</b>	Marlene Essex
<b>CARRIED</b>	By Consensus

**MOTION: 2021-09-22-12**

**That Chief and Council accept Amendment No. 0004 on Agreement 2122-ON-000028 in the amount of \$96,222.25**

<b>Moved by</b>	Steven Baranyai
<b>Seconded by</b>	Shirley McLeod
<b>CARRIED</b>	By Consensus

**f) First Nation Market Housing Fund Schedule B11 Housing Strategy**

**MOTION: 2021-09-22-13**

**That Chief and Council accept the First Nation Market Housing Fund Capacity Development Plan Schedule B11 (File # 012) Housing Strategy (Flamand Management Services)**

<b>Moved by</b>	Marlene Essex
<b>Seconded by</b>	Jack Trudeau
<b>CARRIED</b>	By Consensus

-The Director of Operations presented the schedule from the First Nation Market Housing Fund and the proposal from the consultant Flamand Management Services, with respect to an operational review and development of a strategic plan for the housing department

-Date of the agreement to be corrected

**g) SRFNEDC For-Profit**

**MOTION: 2021-09-22-14**

**That Chief and Council authorize the Chief and board members of the new for-profit economic development entity to sign the required documentation as prepared by legal counsel, and proceed with the transfer of assets and employees from the non-profit to the for-profit**

<b>Moved by</b>	Nicole Pelletier-Southwind
<b>Seconded by</b>	Marlene Essex
<b>CARRIED</b>	By Consensus

-Chief Bissaillon provided an update on the formation of the new for-profit economic development entity and confirmed that the documents to establish the corporation had been received and would need to be executed, package of documents was shared with Council

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-Chief Bissaillion summarized the need for a for-profit entity in order to return profits to the band and for tax purposes; SRFNEDC will remain with a non-profit mandate  
 -Former BCR already authorizes the creation of the for-profit entity, this motion is to reaffirm that direction following SRFNEDC member's meetings  
 -One correction required to the documents (correct name of board member Steve Meawasige)

**12) Next Meeting Dates**

- a) C&C Duly Convened Meeting – Tuesday October 5, 2021 @ 6:00 p.m.

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**13) Adjournment:**

<b>MOTION: 2021-09-22-15</b>	
<b>That Chief and Council adjourn the Chief and Council Meeting of September 22, 2021 at 7:30 p.m.</b>	
<b>Moved by</b>	Miranda Pelletier
<b>Seconded by</b>	
<b>CARRIED</b>	By Consensus

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