

SERPENT RIVER FIRST NATION

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SRFN Chief and Council Meeting
April 26, 2022
Draft Minutes

Chair: Wilma-Lee Johnston
Council: Kerri Commanda, Michelle Owl, John (Jack) Trudeau, Shirley McLeod
Regrets: Chief Brent Bissaillion, Steve Meawasige
Director of Operations (DOO): Tracey Seabrook (via Zoom)
Staff: Lilli Doughty, POLEA; Tyler Gary, Communications Officer
Recording Secretary: Lilli Doughty

1) Call to Order/Opening Prayer/Remarks:

- The Chief and Council meeting was called to order at 6:01pm - Councillor Trudeau said an opening prayer
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2) Adoption of Agenda

MOTION: 2022-04-26-01 That Chief and Council adopt the Agenda for the Chief and Council Meeting of Tuesday, April 26 2022, as amended.	
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Moved by	Michelle Owl
Seconded by	Kerri Commanda
CARRIED	By Consensus

3) Declaration of Conflict of Interest:

- None declared at this time

4) Community Presentations

- None at this time

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5) **Approval of Previous Minutes**

a) April 12, 2022

MOTION: 2022-04-26-02	
That Chief and Council approve the Council Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, April 12 2022, as presented	
Moved by	John (Jack) Trudeau
Seconded by	Kerri Commanda
CARRIED	By Consensus
- Chief Bissaillion to be added to "Regrets"	

6) **Business Arising from Minutes**

N/A

7) **Reports**

a) Chief's Report

- None at this time

b) Director of Operations Report

- None at this time

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

- Councillor Owl is holding her first Waawaashkesh (Deer) Doodem meeting on May 12, 2022, at 4:30pm, at the Family Centre, and is encouraging SRFN members that are 18 or older, to join
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9) **Business Arising from Minutes & Reports**

None at this time

10) **Standing Items**

a.) Renewal of State of Emergency – May 24, 2022

MOTION: 2022-04-26-03	
That Chief and Council approve of the renewal of the "State of Emergency" for one more month, until May 24, 2022	
Moved by	Kerri Commanda
Seconded by	Michelle Owl
CARRIED	By Consensus
<p>On March 27, 2020, Serpent River First Nation declared a State of Emergency in accordance with its Emergency Pandemic Plan. The Chief and Council of Serpent River First Nation passed the Serpent River First Nation COVID-19 By-law. This by-law is a further step in ensuring our community remains safe.</p> <p>The current State of Emergency has been in place since March 27, 2020. There are currently 4 KNOWN active cases of Covid in our community. There has been a total number of 110 resolved cases in SRFN. In keeping with the rest of Canada, the true number of cases in our community is unknown as testing and many of the positive cases are no longer being reported to the Kenabutch Health Centre.</p>	

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Although much of the Province of Ontario has ended mask mandates and eased public health measures, all SRFN staff are still currently following mask mandates and continue to wear their masks in the office in public places. THIS WILL CONTINUE. Keeping the mask mandates in place, helps to ensure the safety of our community members, staff and visitors.

SRFN will however ease its Proof of Vaccination policy for any public bookings in band owned buildings.

SRFN will also ease COVID screening in all band buildings, except for the Health Centre, where screening will continue. We strongly encourage those experiencing symptoms to take this into consideration before visiting any band buildings.

In order to enforce the Mask Mandate, the EOCG requires the State of Emergency be in place. The EOCG as a collective, is recommending the State of Emergency to be renewed for one more month, considering the state of the rest of the Province and surrounding communities

KEY CONSIDERATIONS:

1. 6th wave of COVID
2. Continuation of daily positive cases in the Community

11) New Business

a.) Barret Dokis (RHT) Community Presentation – May 18, 2022, 5-8pm

- Barret Dokis and his team, are scheduled to hold a community presentation on Robinson Huron Treaties in SRFN, on May 18, 2022, from 5-8pm (more information to follow)

b.) Joint Dinner with the City of Elliot Lake

- A joint dinner with the City of Elliot Lake, is taking place on May 4th, 2022 in Elliot Lake, at the Hampton’s Inn

c.) Long Term Care Application

- The Interim DOO, gave an update on the Long Term Care Application, and answered questions from Council

12. Next Meeting Dates

a) C&C Duly Convened Meeting:

Tuesday, May 10, 2022

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13.) Adjournment

MOTION: 2022-04-26-04	
That Chief and Council adjourn the Chief and Council Meeting of Tuesday, April 26, 2022, at 6:12 p.m.	
Moved by	Michelle Owl
Seconded by	Kerri Commanda
CARRIED	By Consensus

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