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SRFN Chief and Council Meeting
December 14, 2021
Draft Minutes

Chair:	Chief Brent Bissaillon
Council:	Kerri Commanda, Wilma-Lee Johnston, Shirley McLeod, Steve Meawasige, Michelle Owl, John (Jack) Trudeau
Regrets:	

Director of Operations (DOO): Candace Martin

Staff: Lilli Doughty, Executive Assistant to Chief & Council; Tyler Gary, Communications Officer; Leila Macumber, Incident Commander; Michelle Pelletier, Housing Manager; Wilma Bissaillon, Economic Development Manager (6:56pm)

Recording Secretary: Lilli Doughty

1) Call to Order/Opening Prayer/Remarks:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">- The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m.- John (Jack) Trudeau said an opening prayer- Chief Bissaillon welcomed Council and community; noted that it was the last Chief and Council meeting of the year 2021 |
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2) Adoption of Agenda

MOTION: 2021-12-14-01

That Chief Council adopted the Agenda for the Chief and Council Meeting of December 14, 2021, as amended.

Moved by	Steve Meawasige
Seconded by	Wilma-Lee Johnston
CARRIED	By Consensus
- Item 11.c) Community Member Acknowledgement was added to the agenda	

3) Declaration of Conflict of Interest:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">- None declared at this time |
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4) **Community Presentations**

- None at this time

5) **Approval of Previous Minutes**

a) November 30, 2021

MOTION: 2021-12-14-02	
That Chief Council approve the Council Meeting Minutes of November 30, 2021 as presented	
Moved by	Shirley McLeod
Seconded by	Michelle Owl
CARRIED	By Consensus
- Add "AGM being delayed" under DOO report from November 30, 2021	

6) **Business Arising from Minutes**

- None at this time

7) **Chief's Report, Director of Operations Report**

a) Chief's Report

MOTION: 2021-12-14-03	
That Chief and Council accept the Chief's Report dated for December 14, 2021	
Moved by	Steve Meawasige
Seconded by	John (Jack) Trudeau
CARRIED	By Consensus
- The Chief presented his written report dated December 14, 2021, and answered questions from Council - Will be embarking on strategic planning in the New Year, and setting goals for the next four years - Attended AFN meetings for a whole week – resolutions package was emailed to Council - A 2SLGBT Council within the AFN Executive structure was established - All-day Council meetings will take place monthly - Areas of focus are Housing, Long-Term Care and Opiates/Drugs – will begin engagement on strategies for all 3 in the new year - Chief spoke on meetings attended, as well as upcoming meetings in the new year	

b) Director of Operations Report

MOTION: 2021-12-14-04	
That Chief and Council accept the Director of Operations Report dated December 10, 2021	
Moved by	Jack Trudeau
Seconded by	Wilma-Lee Johnston

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CARRIED	By Consensus
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - DOO presented her written report dated December 10, 2021, and answered questions from Council - Explained priority tasks such as a second orientation for Chief & Council, as well as coordinating a governance training - Proper planning for the Christmas Slowdown, Christmas Parade and staff, as well as community members christmas cards - Preparation to begin annual Performance Reviews for all staff to begin as soon as possible (January) - DOO also gave an update on the Finance Department, Community Housing & Infrastructure Department, Education Department, as well as Community Wellness Department - Question was raised by Council, when the financial statements/budgets will be finalized. DOO said they will be provided as soon as possible. 	

c.) EOCG Report

MOTION: 2021-12-14-05	
That Chief and Council acknowledge the EOCG Report dated December 14, 2021	
Moved by	Steve Meawasige
Seconded by	Shirley Mcleod
CARRIED	By Consensus
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -The Incident Commander presented her written report dated December 14, 2021, and answered questions from Council - Currently zero cases in SRFN - Discussed KHC hours of operation during holidays - Group has been meeting more frequently due to increase in cases - 600 home testing kits have been ordered and will be picked up December 14 	

d.) SRFNEDC Report

MOTION: 2021-12-14-06	
That Chief and Council acknowledge the EOCG Report dated October and November, 2021	
Moved by	Steve Meawasige
Seconded by	Kerri Commanda
CARRIED	By Consensus
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -The Economic Development Manager presented her written report dated October and November, 2021, and answered questions from Council - Trading Post saw a slight decrease in visitors, due to Covid - Orders for next year were placed with suppliers however, there are some delays in manufacturing in some cases - As of December 4, 2021, hours for the Gas Bar are 8am - 8pm - SRFNEDC still exploring possible partnerships with First Nation construction companies 	

8) Doodem & Committee Minutes & Reports

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- None at this time

9) Business Arising from Minutes & Reports

- None at this time

10) Standing Items

a) State of Emergency Declaration

MOTION: 2021-12-14-07	
That Chief and Council extend the State of Emergency another 30 days, to January 21, 2022, or until the first meeting of the next term of Chief & Council	
Moved by	Steve Meawasige
Seconded by	Jack Trudeau
CARRIED	By Consensus

11) New Business

a. Everbridge Alert System

MOTION: 2021-12-14-08	
That Chief and Council support the participation of the community in the Everbridge Alert System project in partnership with Niigaaniin and the North Shore Tribal Council	
Moved by	Michelle Owl
Seconded by	Jack Trudeau
CARRIED	By Consensus
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The DOO and Community Wellness Manager presented information on the Everbridge Alert System and answered questions from Council - One of the questions raised by Council was if Everbridge will remain at no cost. Unfortunately we don't have an answer to that right now, but we will look into it further - Everbridge was founded in 2002 in the aftermath of the tragic events of 9/11, with the mission of helping to keep people safe amid critical situations. Everbridge initially focused on building out the industry's most reliable and scalable notification engine, backed with redundancies in SMS and other message delivery capabilities, and with very fast execution, to ensure messages are received without fail when life safety is at risk. This high bar has provided Everbridge with an extremely reliable underlying infrastructure - There is no such service currently available in the community. During Covid-19 Council and staff travelled door to door when getting an important message out. We rely on social media, the website, community boards and mail outs to communicate emergency messaging. Most community members have cell phones and if they were willing to sign up for the alert system it would be an excellent way to get emergency messages out to them - The Everbridge system would be used to deliver community alerts for reasons such as: - Evacuation 	

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- Missing Person
- Active Shooter
- Covid-19.
- The Everbridge system is available to us at NO COST.

b. Long Term Care Home Development Potential Partnership

MOTION: 2021-12-14-09	
That Chief and Council support the request by the Community Wellness Department Home and Community Care Unit to work with St. Joseph's Manor, St. Joseph's Hospital and Maamwesying Home and Community Care Support Services to explore a potential partnership to develop long term care beds in Serpent River First Nation	
Moved by	Steve Meawasige
Seconded by	Kerri Commanda
CARRIED	By Consensus
<p>- The DOO and Community Wellness Manager provided information on the Long Term Care Home Development and answered questions from Council</p> <p>- On November 19th, 2021 the CWM, HCCM and CWMEA met with Jeremy Stevenson, the CEO of St. Joseph's Hospital in Elliot Lake regarding an application he would like to work with us on for funding for LTC beds. On December 1st, 2021 a meeting was held with Edith Mercieca from Maamwesying regarding the application and working together. Edith had also been approached by Jeremy to work together. The project would be a campus style arrangement where SRFN would have some LTC beds here in the community that would be attached to the Manor in Elliot Lake. The goal is to work with the hospital to get the money and then venture out on our own once we are up and running.</p> <p>- OPTIONS:</p> <p>- Serpent River First Nation to provide a BCR (attached) in support of the exploration of this potential partnership to develop long-term care beds within our community</p> <p>-SRFN CWM will accommodate the request by the St. Joseph's Hospital CEO for a tour of the Geka Wigwam to provide him with a better understanding of the current facilities and services to better respond to any questions by the Ministry</p> <p>-Maamwesying's Director of Home and Community and Support Services to continue to engage and act as the point person and to provide ongoing updates and requirements</p> <p>- BCR to be signed by Chief and Council</p>	

c. Governance Training and Work Plan Development

MOTION: 2021-12-14-10	
That Chief and Council accept the Governance Training and Work-Plan Development Proposal from Valerie Richer, LL.B. in the amount of \$12,250.00 and direct administration to continue with coordinating the training.	
Moved by	Jack Trudeau

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Seconded by	Wilma-Lee Johnston
CARRIED	By Consensus
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - DOO provided information on Governance Training & Work Plan Development, and answered questions from Council - During discussion at Chief and Council orientation, the opportunity to benefit from governance training was identified, particularly in conjunction with the need to develop a procedural by-law under the First Nations Election Act (FNEA). Chief and Council also identified the need to undergo strategic planning. - Please note this is not a replacement for strategic planning, which will follow and look much more extensive including Chief and Council, administration and the community. It was recommended that we proceed with a work-plan first to achieve some of the short to medium term goals and some priority work in an efficient and expedient way - A breakdown of total costs is attached (on the Drive); we would anticipate a total cost of approximately \$16,000.00 including administrative incidentals. 	

d. Community Member Acknowledgement

MOTION: 2021-12-14-11	
That Chief and Council recognize and acknowledge community member achievements	
Moved by	Steve Meawasige
Seconded by	Michelle Owl
CARRIED	By Consensus
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Councillor Jack Trudeau shared that his Grandson plays football, and recently won the National Championship of Senior Highschools in Canada - MPP as well as PM sent a letter to recognize his achievement - Councillor Jack recommended that SRFN should recognize and acknowledge community achievements - Chief was talking about implementing a recognition award system 	

12) Next Meeting Dates

- a. C&C Duly Convened Meeting January 11, 2022

13) Adjournment:

MOTION: 2021-12-14-12	
That Chief and Council adjourn the Chief and Council Meeting of December 14, 2021 at 7:29 p.m.	
Moved by	Shirley McLeod
Seconded by	
CARRIED	By Consensus

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