

SERPENT RIVER FIRST NATION

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SRFN Chief and Council Meeting

November 30, 2021

Draft Minutes

Chair: Chief Brent Bissaillion
Council: Kerri Commanda (via Zoom), Wilma-Lee Johnston, Shirley McLeod, Steve Meawasige (via Zoom, Michelle Owl
Regrets: John (Jack) Trudeau
Director of Operations (DOO): Candace Martin
Staff: Lilli Doughty, Executive Assistant to Chief & Council; Tyler Gary, Communications Officer; Lee Simpson-Johnston, Cultural Coordinator (via zoom, from 7:11-7:19pm); Leila Macumber, Incident Commander; Melody Neiva, Membership Clerk (until 6:05pm)
Recording Secretary: Lilli Doughty

1) Swear in Ceremony – Michelle Owl

- Michelle Owl declared her Oath of Office verbally in the presence of the Membership Clerk (Commissioner of Oaths & Affidavits) and those in attendance; also signed the Oath of Office

2) Adopt Meeting Procedures

MOTION: 2021-11-30-01

That Chief and Council adopt and agree to the Interim Rules of Procedure as attached hereto as Schedule "A", and agree to abide by these rules until they are replaced by Resolution of this Council

Moved by Wilma-Lee Johnston

Seconded by Shirley McLeod

CARRIED By Consensus

-DOO presented materials prepared by Lawyer Patrick Nadjiwan, and answered questions from Council
- No longer under the Indian Act (now under First Nation Election Act)
- Lawyer Patrick Nadjiwan suggesting to proceed with previous procedures until new ones are in place- BCR to be signed by Chief & Council

- Whereas the Serpent River First Nation has chosen to elect our Chief and Council pursuant to the First Nation Elections Act;

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And Whereas this means that Council is no longer selected under s.74 of the Indian Act, and the Indian Band Council Procedure Regulation passed under the Indian Act no longer applies to our Council;

And Whereas the Council will be drafting and setting such rules of procedure which we agree are appropriate, fair, and consistent with the traditions and customs of our First Nation;

And Whereas the Council wishes to clearly set the rules of procedure for the operation of our Council until the drafting of our own rules is completed;

And Whereas attached hereto as Schedule "A" are the Interim Council Rules of Procedure, which is the Indian Band Council Procedure Regulation modified for use by our Council;

Now, therefore, we, the Council of the Serpent River First Nation, do hereby adopt and agree to the Interim Rules of Procedure as attached hereto as Schedule "A", and agree to abide by these rules until they are replaced by Resolution of this Council.

3) Call to Order/Opening Remarks:

- Chief welcoming Council to the first Chief and Council meeting for the 2021-2025 term- Meeting was called to order at 6:15 p.m.

4) Adoption of Agenda

MOTION: 2021-11-30-02
That Chief and Council adopt the Agenda as presented for the Chief and Council Meeting of November 30, 2021

Moved by	Michelle Owl
Seconded by	Shirley McLeod
CARRIED	By Consensus

5) Declaration of Conflict of Interest:

- None declared at this time

6) Community Presentation

- No community presentations scheduled for this meeting

7) Approval of Previous Minutes

a) October 19, 2021

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MOTION: 2021-11-30-03	
That Chief and Council approve the Council Meeting Minutes of October 19, 2021 as presented	
Moved by	Michelle Owl
Seconded by	Kerri Commanda
CARRIED	By Consensus

8) **Business Arising from Minutes**

- None at this time

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

a) Chief's Report:

MOTION: 2021-11-30-04	
That Chief and Council accept the Chief's report, dated November 30, 2021	
Moved by	Wilma-Lee Johnston
Seconded by	Michelle Owl
CARRIED	By Consensus
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Chief presented his written report - Sending thoughts and prayers to the Waindubence Family in regards of the passing of Gordon Waindubence (Shiikenh), and held a moment of silence in his honor - Thanked community for the support during elections - Introduced new reporting format and answered questions from Council 	

b) Director of Operations Report:

MOTION: 2021-11-30-05	
That Chief and Council accept the verbal Director of Operations report for November 30, 2021	
Moved by	Michelle Owl
Seconded by	Shirley McLeod
CARRIED	By Consensus

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- The Director of Operations presented a verbal report and answered questions from Council:
 “A verbal report will be provided tonight as we did just recently provide a good overview of all departments, key files and projects during orientation, and will continue to brief Council on operations at a second orientation session focused on finances and some additional legal training/orientation. We had given you a heads up of some upcoming business and have a number of those items under new business this evening. Administration is focused on completing the planning, follow-up and work required to get the momentum of this term of Chief & Council going including:
 -second orientation session
 -governance training
 -strategic planning
 -procedural by-law, and
 -Doodem recruitment campaign.
 We hoped to proceed with governance training and strategic planning in December however the facilitator is not available until January so we will be scheduling these sessions for then.

Administration's other priority at this time is completion of the audit and this will require focus over the next month to regain momentum and bring this annual process to completion. With this focus over the next month we will be in a good position to move forward come January.”

c. EOCG Report:

MOTION: 2021-11-30-06	
That Chief and Council accept the EOCG report, dated November 30, 2021	
Moved by	Shirley McLeod
Seconded by	Wilma-Lee Johnston
CARRIED	By Consensus
- The Incident Commander presented her written report, dated November 30, 2021, and answered questions from Council	

10) Doodem Reports

- None at this time

11) Business Arising from Minutes & Reports

- None at this time

12) Standing Items

a) EOCG State Of Emergency Declaration

MOTION: 2021-11-30-07	
That Chief and Council extend the State of Emergency for another 30 days, to December 22, 2021	
Moved by	Kerri Commanda
Seconded by	Michelle Owl
CARRIED	By Consensus
-Extended, cases rising and new variant	

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13) New Business

a) Residency Permit Application – Jennifer Owl

MOTION: 2021-11-30-08	
That Chief and Council approve the Residency Permit Application for Jennifer Owl	
Moved by	Michelle Owl
Seconded by	Wilma-Lee Johnston
CARRIED	By Consensus
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - DOO presented briefing note and August 23, 2021 Deer Doodem minutes, and answered questions from Council -BCR to be signed by Chief & Council 	

b) Matrimonial Real Property Funding Application

MOTION: 2021-11-30-09	
That Chief and Council support the attached proposal for Category 1 - Education and Awareness, A. Understanding the Provisional Federal Rules (PFRs) funding and authorize its submission to the National Aboriginal Lands Managers Association	
Moved by	Kerri Commanda
Seconded by	Shirley McLeod
CARRIED	By Consensus
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - DOO presented briefing note and funding application, and answered questions from Council - BCR to be signed by Chief & Council 	

c) Waste Management System Plan

MOTION: 2021-11-30-10	
That Chief and Council are in support of moving forward to enhance the transfer station site as per the Waste Management System Plan – Implementation Report from Neegan Burnside; annual operating cost of \$204,754.00 and \$139,356 capital costs for a total of \$344,110.00	
Moved by	Kerri Commanda
Seconded by	Michelle Owl
CARRIED	By Consensus
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - DOO presented briefing note and Waste Management System Plan - Implementation Report prepared by Neegan Burnside, and answered questions from Council - BCR to be signed by Chief & Council 	

d) Community Roundhouse Funding Application

MOTION: 2021-11-30-11	
That Chief and Council support the application to the Cultural Spaces in Indigenous Communities Program Project for funding to begin the development of the Round House project in the amount of \$406,000.00	
Moved by	Michelle Owl
Seconded by	Shirley McLeod
CARRIED	By Consensus

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- The Cultural Coordinator verbally presented (via zoom) the funding application, operating cost forecast and Serpent River First Nation Roundhouse report prepared by Brook McIlroy, and answered questions from Council
- Explained how he had a vision and came up with that idea
- Already met with a Committee and Architects in Elliot Lake
- BCR to be signed by Chief & Council

e) Comprehensive Funding Agreement Amendment No. 0005

MOTION: 2021-11-30-12

That Chief and Council approve the Comprehensive Funding Agreement Amendment No. 0005

Moved by	Wilma-Lee Johnston
Seconded by	Kerri Commanda
CARRIED	By Consensus

- DOO presented briefing note and the Comprehensive Funding Arrangement Amendment No. 0005, and answered questions from Council
- Funding for Community Housing & Infrastructure
- BCR to be signed by Chief & Council

f) Doodem & Committee Recruitment

- Chief explained to community that Doodem & Committee Recruitment is coming up and to watch for information going into the new year
- Would also like community feedback

g) Spanish Residential School Project – Update

- Chief gave a verbal update on the Spanish Residential School Project and answered questions from Council
- Chief provided a copy of the Community Support Funding Request
- Joint proposal between Mississagi, Sagamok and Serpent River was sent 3 weeks ago and waiting to hear back
- Chief explained that people from over 100 communities attended the Spanish Residential School, and therefore wants to make sure that survivors outside of the community being supported as well
- Working together with the federal as well as provincial government
- Community engagement to follow

14) Next Meeting Dates

- a) C&C Duly Convened Meeting - December 14, 2021 at 6 p.m.

15) Adjournment:

MOTION: 2021-11-30-13

That Chief and Council adjourn the Chief and Council Meeting of November 30, 2021 at 7:32 p.m.

Moved by	Wilma-Lee Johnston
Seconded by	Shirley McLeod
CARRIED	By Consensus

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