

SERPENT RIVER FIRST NATION

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SRFN Chief and Council Meeting
Wednesday, April 12, 2023
Approved Minutes

Chair: Wilma-Lee Johnston

Council: Chief Brent Bissaillion (zoom), Kerri Commanda, Michelle Owl, Steve Meawasige, Shirley McLeod

Regrets: John (Jack) Trudeau

Director of Operations (DOO): Tracey Seabrook

Staff: Christopher Weatherley, Director of Social Services; Lilli Doughty, POLEA

Recording Secretary: Lilli Doughty

1) Call to Order/Opening Prayer/Remarks:

- The Duly Convened Chief and Council meeting was called to order at 6:11pm
- Councillor McLeod said an opening prayer

2) Adoption of Agenda

MOTION: 2023-04-12-01

That Chief and Council adopt the Agenda for the Chief and Council Meeting of Wednesday, April 12 , 2023, as amended.

Moved by Brent Bissaillion

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)

MOTION: 2023-04-12-02	
That Chief and Council approve the Council Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, March 28 , 2023 as presented	
Moved by	Steve Meawasige
Seconded by	Shirley McLeod
CARRIED	By Consensus

6) Business Arising from Minutes

- None at this time

7) Reports

a) Chief’s Report

MOTION: 2023-04-12-03	
That Chief and Council accept the Chiefs’ written Report dated March 28 - April 12 , 2023, as presented	
Moved by	Michelle Owl
Seconded by	Steve Meawasige
CARRIED	By Consensus
- The Chief presented his written report and answered questions from Council and Community Members	

b) Director of Operations Report

MOTION: 2023-04-12-04	
That Chief and Council accept the Director of Operations (Interim) written Report dated April 12, 2023 as presented	
Moved by	Brent Bissaillion
Seconded by	Shirley McLeod
CARRIED	By Consensus
- The Director of Operations (Interim), presented her written report and answered questions from Council and Community Members	

8) Doodem & Committee Minutes & Reports

None at this time

9) Business Arising from Minutes & Reports

None at this time

10) Standing Items

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a.) State of Emergency

- None at this time

11) New Business

a.) Ministry of Transportation - Corporate Officer/Director Designation

MOTION: 2023-04-12-05	
That Chief and Council designate TRACEY SEABROOK as a Corporate Officer/Director for SERPENT RIVER FIRST NATION	
Moved by	Brent Bissaillion
Seconded by	Steve Meawasige
CARRIED	By Consensus
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Serpent River First Nation is required under the Ontario <i>Highway Traffic Act</i> to notify the Ministry of changes to your record - The update is completed through a CVOR (Commercial Vehicle Operator's Registration) Update application - In order to complete this the Ministry of Transportation requires a Resolution of Directors document listing TRACEY SEABROOK as a corporate officer/director 	

b.) Covid Related Education Funding Expenditures

MOTION: 2023-04-12-06	
That Chief and Council approve of tables and chairs be purchased suitable for an educational space and the balance of the funding be utilized to purchase laptops for students to ensure their success in their educational pursuit	
Moved by	Steve Meawasige
Seconded by	Kerri Commanda
CARRIED	By Consensus
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Funding to support education related needs for Serpent River First Nation was received from the Ministry of Education in the amount of \$105,000 and this funding was not expended and the deadline for expenditures was March 31, 2023 - Approval was sought to utilize the funds March 30, 2023 via e-mail due to the special circumstances to purchase laptops for students to ensure they have the supports necessary to be successful in their educational pursuits in times where virtual attendance is frequent - It was also necessary to have a community space with suitable furniture to provide educational supports for school aged children 	

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c.) Health Benefits and Pension Plan Broker

MOTION: 2023-04-12-07	
That Chief and Council approve the change in Brokerage to Maximus Rose Living Benefits, align the health and dental benefits with the suggested carrier to realize the \$4800.00 per month savings and to allocate 50% of the savings to enhance the current benefits and the remaining 50% recognized as overall savings, effective May 1, 2023	
Moved by	Brent Bissaillion
Seconded by	Shirley McLeod
CARRIED	By Consensus
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Current Health and Dental Benefits are up for renewal at May 1, 2023 with our current Broker and benefit provider - Serpent River First Nation has used the same broker for a number of years, Robert Miller. He is located in Thunder Bay, ON. Serpent River currently works with the Manulife and Canada Life representatives as required. Contact with the current Broker is limited - The Director of Operations and the Director of HR went out to market and it resulted in a presentation with another Broker, Maximus Rose, from Sudbury. They have provided us with new quotes for dental and extended health benefits which results in savings of \$4800.00 per month. These savings can be used to enhance our current health benefits and create overall savings. The working relationship with this Broker is anticipated to exceed the current service we receive 	

12. Next Meeting Dates

a) C&C Duly Convened Meeting Tuesday, April 25, 2023

13.) Adjournment

MOTION: 2023-04-12-08	
That Chief and Council adjourn the Chief and Council Meeting of Wednesday, April 12, 2023, at 7 p.m.	
Moved by	Shirley McLeod
Seconded by	
CARRIED	By Consensus

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