

SERPENT RIVER FIRST NATION

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SRFN Chief and Council Meeting
Tuesday, April 25, 2023
Approved Minutes

Chair: Chief Brent Bissaillion

Council: Wilma-Lee Johnston, Kerri Commanda, John (Jack) Trudeau, Shirley McLeod

Regrets: Steve Meawasige, Michelle Owl

Director of Operations (DOO): Tracey Seabrook

Staff: 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 6:34pm
- Councillor Trudeau said an opening prayer

2) Adoption of Agenda

MOTION: 2023-04-25-01

That Chief and Council adopt the Agenda for the Chief and Council Meeting of Tuesday, April 25, 2023 as presented.

Moved by Wilma-Lee Johnston

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, 2023

MOTION: 2023-04-25-02	
That Chief and Council approve the Council Meeting Minutes of April 12, 2023 as presented	
Moved by	Wilma-Lee Johnston
Seconded by	Kerri Commanda
CARRIED	By Consensus

6) **Business Arising from Minutes**

N/A

7) **Reports**

a) Deputy Chiefs' Report

MOTION: 2023-04-25-03	
That Chief and Council accept the Deputy Chiefs' Report dated April 25, 2023 as presented	
Moved by	John (Jack) Trudeau
Seconded by	Shirley McLeod
CARRIED	By Consensus
- The Deputy Chief presented her report and answered questions from Council	

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

None at this time

9) **Business Arising from Minutes & Reports**

None at this time

10) **Standing Items**

N/A

11) **New Business**

a.) CMHC Resumption of Subsidy Suspension Policy

- The Director of Operations (Interim), presented the "Resumption of Subsidy Suspension Policy" from Canada Mortgage Housing Corporation (CMHC), and answered questions from Council
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b.) YouTube Livestream at Chief and Council Meetings

- Chief and Council Meeting will no longer be livestreamed
- Community members will be provided a zoom link to join
- Communications with instructions will go out to the Community

c.) Snow Removal Services - Extraordinary Circumstances Policy Exemption

MOTION: 2023-04-25-04
That Chief and Council approve the exception to the current Home and Community Care criteria for snow removal in these circumstances to the “driveway” to their homes, the entrance to their home to remain the responsibility of the respective member until such time as they qualify under Home and Community Care and/or there is a change in policy and that this decision with the motion number be communicated in writing to each of the impacted members and a copy to be kept on file for future reference when changes in administration occur

Moved by	John (Jack) Trudeau
Seconded by	Kerri Commanda
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- Snow Removal Services - Extraordinary Circumstances Policy Exemption
- Snow removal and lawn care under the First Nation is made available to those who meet the criteria for those services under the Home and Community Care program. There is an assessment completed with the band member to determine their eligibility. It is a fair and consistent process for all members. In 2022 it was identified the approved policy was not consistently being followed. As a result a decision was made to follow the approved policy to ensure all members were treated fairly and equitably. The list was reviewed with Home and Community Care program staff to ensure members of the Housing and Infrastructure department had a clear understanding of who should be receiving such services. There is no documentation to support why some decisions were made in the past
- There is a list of home addresses that are approved for snow removal and lawn care and staff are to adhere to that list with the exception of when there are extraordinary snowfalls of which we have attempted as an administration to assist members without the ability to do snow removal of that magnitude. Lawn care is not an issue.
- There are four addresses that are determined to be extraordinary “driveways” due to the location of their homes:
 - 511 Highway 17
 - 183 Walkhouse Bay Road
 - 64 Village Road West
 - Camp Lake Road (2 Addresses)
- These “driveways” have either a significant grade to them or they are extremely long in length. They would be cost prohibitive for those members to maintain the snow removal. Infrastructure staff have

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been assisting with some snow removal throughout the past season when snow amounts have been extraordinary.

d.) Save on Energy - First Nations Community Building Retrofit Program

MOTION: 2023-04-25-05	
That Chief and Council approve the submission of an application under the First Nations Community Building Retrofit Program - Direct Install Track	
Moved by	Kerri Commanda
Seconded by	John (Jack) Trudeau
CARRIED	By Consensus
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Community infrastructure buildings were identified as high consumption energy users on the First Nation - There is an opportunity through the First Nations Community Building Retrofit Program to address some of these inefficiencies - The current capacity of SRFN Housing and Infrastructure staff is consumed with other pressing projects related to housing initiatives 	

e.) Update on Reporting 2022/23

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Serpent River First Nation received \$2.9m from CDWAI - Serpent River First Nation had to come up with \$650k prior to receiving that money - The Director of Operations (Interim), will present a full report to Chief and Council soon
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f.) Verbal Update - Summer Student Positions

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Director of Operations (Interim), gave a verbal update on Summer Student positions and answered questions from Council
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12. Next Meeting Dates

a) C&C Duly Convened Meeting Tuesday, May 9th, 2023

13.) Adjournment

MOTION: 2023-04-25-06	
That Chief and Council adjourn the Chief and Council Meeting of Tuesday, April 25, 2023 at 6:57 p.m.	
Moved by	Shirley McLeod
Seconded by	
CARRIED	By Consensus

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