

SERPENT RIVER FIRST NATION

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SRFN Chief and Council Meeting
February 14, 2023
Approved Minutes

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

Director of Operations (DOO): Tracey Seabrook

Staff: Katrina Owl, Receptionist; Lilli Doughty, POLEA; Hillary Trudeau, Director of Education (left at 6:46pm)

Recording Secretary: Lilli Doughty

1) **Call to Order/Opening Prayer/Remarks:**

- Councillor Trudeau said an opening prayer

2) **Adoption of Agenda**

MOTION: 2023-02-14-01	
That Chief and Council adopt the Agenda for the Chief and Council Meeting of Tuesday, February 14, 2023 as amended.	
Moved by	Steve Meawasige
Seconded by	Shirley McLeod
CARRIED	By Consensus

3) **Declaration of Conflict of Interest:**

- Councillor Owl declared conflict on item 11. b)

4) **Community Presentations**

- None at this time

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5) **Approval of Previous Minutes**

a) January 24, 2023

MOTION: 2023-02-14-02	
That Chief and Council approve the Council Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, January 24, 2023 as presented	
Moved by	John (Jack) Trudeau
Seconded by	Steve Meawasige
CARRIED	By Consensus

6) **Business Arising from Minutes**

N/A

7) **Reports**

a) Chiefs' Report

MOTION: 2023-02-14-03	
That Chief and Council accept the Chiefs' written report dated February 14, 2023 as presented	
Moved by	Michelle Owl
Seconded by	Kerri Commanda
CARRIED	By Consensus
- The Chief presented his written report and answered questions from Council	

b) Deputy Chiefs' Report

MOTION: 2023-02-14-04	
That Chief and Council accept the Deputy Chiefs' written report dated February 10, 2023 as presented	
Moved by	Shirley McLeod
Seconded by	John (Jack) Trudeau
CARRIED	By Consensus
- The Deputy Chief presented her written report and answered questions from Council	

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

a) Mukwa Minutes - September 14, 2022

MOTION: 2023-02-14-05	
That Chief and Council accept the Mukwa Doodem minutes dated September 14, 2022 as amended	
Moved by	John (Jack) Trudeau
Seconded by	Kerri Commanda
CARRIED	By Consensus
- Councillor McLeod answered questions from the Chief and Councillors	

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b) Mukwa Minutes - October 19, 2022

MOTION: 2023-02-14-06	
That Chief and Council accept the Mukwa Doodem minutes dated October 19, 2022 as amended	
Moved by	Michelle Owl
Seconded by	John (Jack) Trudeau
CARRIED	By Consensus
- The Chief reminded Council to make sure doodems are following the strategic plan and mandates	

c) Mukwa Minutes - January 11, 2023

- The January 11, 2023 Mukwa Doodem minutes have not been approved by the Committee yet

9) Business Arising from Minutes & Reports

a) Request for Additional Information re: Ontario Health Team - Response/Update

- The Director of Operations (Interim), has advised that updates about the Ontario Health Team have been posted in the February Community Newsletter
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10) Standing Items

- None at this time

11) New Business

a.) Director of Education - Regional Education Planning Meeting - Briefing Note

MOTION: 2023-02-14-07	
That Chief and Council support a letter to ISC indicating community support for NSTC to receive funding from SRFN to continue directing formula education funding to Mamaweswen, The North Shore Tribal Council (NSTC) for education advisory services and second-level programs and services Apr 1, 2023 and to request the Director of Education to invite Kinomaadziwin Education Board to present to Chief and Council their programs/services offered under their REA that currently represents 23 First Nations	
Moved by	Wilma-Lee Johnston
Seconded by	Kerri Commanda
CARRIED	By Consensus
North Shore Tribal Council requested the community's Chief and Council to send a letter of support to ISC regarding support for NSTC Education department. As of April 1 2023, NSTC will not receive funding from ISC for secondary services. NSTC sent requests to Chiefs in late 2022 and early January of this year with a letter template to send to ISC.	
As of April 1, 2023 all Program funding provided through agreements with block funding, including those who have previously opted-out, will be calculated annually based on nominal roll data and the Ontario interim regional funding formula. Annual growth will be generated by the interim regional funding formula rates and student enrolment as reported on the nominal roll, and will not be determined by a set escalator.	

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The elementary and secondary program block funding authority has been modified and effective in fiscal year 2023-2024, the annual adjustment factor is subject to the Recipient's annual nominal roll data and the Ontario interim regional funding formula. The implementation of the Program's new interim regional funding formula to the Recipient's block funding may result in a potential reduction of the Recipient's Block funding.

If member First Nations would like for the Department to continue directing formula education funding to Tribal Councils for advisory services, they will need to inform ISC Ontario Region by October 15, 2022 of the services that will be provided by the Tribal Council and the cost associated with these services.

b.) Madison Owl - Little NHL

MOTION: 2023-02-14-08	
That Chief and Council confirms that Madison Owl resides in Serpent River First Nation. She has resided there since her birth in March of 2005	
Moved by	Kerri Commanda
Seconded by	Steve Meawasige
CARRIED	By Consensus
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Serpent River First Nation Chief and Council recognize the Annual LNHL hockey tournament each year in March as a valuable sports event for First Nation Youth - The LNHL Executive Committee requires verification of players to complete the registration - Madison Owl has been invited to play hockey on the SRFN U18 Girls team 	

c.) Amending Agreement #0028

MOTION: 2023-02-14-09	
That Chief and Council approve Assisted Living \$50,711.81 for In-Home Care. And Professional and Institutional Development Program for \$150,000 for Basic Admin Government Capacity Development	
Moved by	John (Jack) Trudeau
Seconded by	Shirley McLeod
CARRIED	By Consensus
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Assisted Living \$50,711.81 for In-Home Care. And Professional and Institutional Development Program for \$150,000 for Basic Admin Government Capacity Development 	

d.) CDWAI Funding Proposal

MOTION: 2023-02-14-10	
That Chief and Council support the application to Indigenous Services Canada, Community Development Wrap Around Initiative for the following:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Water Distribution Feasibility Study \$150 k ● Addition to Reserve \$75 k ● Economic Development Project Manager/Trading Post Feasibility Study \$250 k 	
Moved by	John (Jack) Trudeau
Seconded by	Steve Meawasige

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<p>BACKGROUND: Under the CDWAI priorities of Water, Housing and Economic Development support is being sought to fund the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feasibility Study for Water Distribution for the First Nation - \$150 k • Addition to Reserve - City of Elliot Lake - Initial costs of administration - \$75 k • Economic Development Project Manager/Trading Post Feasibility Study - \$250 k <p>CURRENT STATUS: Initial discussions took place with the CDWAI team from Indigenous Services Canada on Wednesday, February 8, 2023. On Friday, February 10, 2023 the Director of Operations (Int.) was contacted to advise us to put in a request for the funding as per above including a brief overview of each initiative including a budget.</p>	

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12. Next Meeting Dates

- a) C&C Duly Convened Meeting Tuesday, February 28, 2023

13.) Adjournment

MOTION: 2023-02-14-11	
That Chief and Council adjourn the Chief and Council Meeting of Tuesday, February 14, 2022, at 6:58 p.m.	
Moved by	Shirley McLeod
Seconded by	
CARRIED	By Consensus

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