

SERPENT RIVER FIRST NATION

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SRFN Chief and Council Meeting
July 11, 2023
Approved Minutes

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

Director of Operations (DOO): Tracey Seabrook

Staff: Mary-Ann Southwind, Admin Support to the IDOO; Lilli Doughty, POLEA

Recording Secretary: Lilli Doughty

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

<ul style="list-style-type: none">- The duly convened Chief and Council meeting was called to order at 6:06pm- Councillor McLeod said an opening prayer
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2) **Adoption of Agenda**

MOTION: 2023-07-11-01	
That Chief and Council adopt the Agenda for the Chief and Council Meeting of Tuesday, July 11, 2023 as presented	
Moved by	John (Jack) Trudeau
Seconded by	Shirley McLeod
CARRIED	By Consensus

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

<ul style="list-style-type: none">- None at this time

4) **Community Presentations**

<ul style="list-style-type: none">- None at this time

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5) **Approval of Previous Minutes**

a) June 27, 2023

MOTION: 2023-07-11-02	
That Chief and Council approve the Council Meeting Minutes of June 27, 2023 as amended	
Moved by	Kerri Commanda
Seconded by	John (Jack) Trudeau
CARRIED	By Consensus
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Name correction on page #1 - McLeod, not Mcleod - Name correction in the motion on item 11. e) McLeod, not Meawasige 	

6) **Business Arising from Minutes**

- None at this time

7) **Reports**

a) Chief's Report

MOTION: 2023-07-11-03	
That Chief and Council accept the Chief's Report dated July 11, 2023	
Moved by	Steve Meawasige
Seconded by	John (Jack) Trudeau
CARRIED	By Consensus
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Chief presented his written report and answered questions from Council 	

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

MOTION: 2023-07-11-04	
That Chief and Council accept the Child Wellbeing Minutes of June 5, 2023 as presented	
Moved by	Shirley McLeod
Seconded by	Kerri Commanda
CARRIED	By Consensus

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

- None at this time

10) **Standing Items**

- "Governance" to be added going forward
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11) New Business

a.) Housing Policy - Appliance Replacement

MOTION: 2023-07-11-05	
That Chief and Council agree with the recommendation made by the Housing and Infrastructure Department to suspend and terminate the provisions of Washer and Dryer in the tenant agreements	
Moved by	John (Jack) Trudeau
Seconded by	Steve Meawasige
CARRIED	By Consensus
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - That the housing department is in a deficit position and requires to streamline various components of its housing program and services. Therefore, it is proposing to terminate provisions for Washer / Dryer in the housing policy and tenant agreements. For clarity, the housing department will no longer provide Washer / Dryer in rental housing. This will become the tenants responsibility to acquire such appliances 	

b.) Nogdawindamin - Supervised Parenting Home MOU

MOTION: 2023-07-11-06	
That Chief and Council approve the funding agreement as presented and authorize the Director of Operations (Int.) to approve the memorandum of understanding and direct the Director of Operations (Int.) to work with Nogdawindamin to do an adjustment to the budget to secure additional funding to support the current budget in place for the lot preparation and servicing	
Moved by	Chief Brent Bissaillion
Seconded by	Steve Meawasige
CARRIED	By Consensus
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Serpent River First Nation had in good faith entered into a verbal agreement with Nogdawindamin to - Under the proposed funding to support the lot servicing was inadequate - The provision of these services are critical to the families and children of Serpent River First Nation 	

c.) Tender Award - Nogdawindamin Home Foundation

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Moved to in-camera by consensus 	
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d.) SRFN SOAR Education Department Pilot Program

MOTION: 2023-07-11-07	
That Chief and Council support the approval of the SOAR pilot with the conditions it is cost neutral for Serpent River First Nation authorize the Director of Operations (Int.) to enter into agreement with Glen Oak should the above noted conditions be satisfactorily met for a one year period with an evaluation to follow prior to proceeding with year two	
Moved by	Kerri Commanda
Seconded by	Shirley McLeod
CARRIED	By Consensus
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - SRFN staff have begun the analysis of funding to support the implementation of the SOAR program at Serpent River First Nation 	

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- The implementation of a different model of education will be critical to the success of some of the most vulnerable students and promote self-efficacy of its students
- This pilot is proposed for a one year term with an evaluation period post that year's completion

e.) Nogdawindamin Partnership Agreement

MOTION: 2023-07-11-08	
That Chief and Council approve the funding agreement as presented and duly authorize the Director of Operations (Int.) to enter into this agreement for the year 2023/24	
Moved by	John (Jack) Trudeau
Seconded by	Steve Meawasige
CARRIED	By Consensus
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Serpent River First Nation enters into an annual funding agreement with Nogdawindamin for the provision of family preservation services - Under the current model of services this funding is critical to providing services on the First Nation to children and families 	

f.) Business Park Redevelopment Schedule Update

- A letter from Neegan Burnside with an outlined schedule was presented to Council for review

g.) SRFN Against Aeria Herbicides

MOTION: 2023-07-11-09	
That Chief and Council ask the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry to cease aerial spraying of herbicides and find alternate methods of controlling undergrowth that promotes a healthier Ontario for all citizens	
Moved by	Steve Meawasige
Seconded by	Shirley McLeod
CARRIED	By Consensus
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Chief and Councils representing the respective First Nations of Serpent River First Nation, Mississauga First Nation #8, and Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation, share a common traditional territory and have signed a Relationship Accord acknowledging that relationship - In our shared territories we jointly find the forestry management practice of aerial spraying of herbicides, specifically glyphosate (Round-Up) to be archaic, unnecessary and harmful to our environment - Other provinces in Canada have moved away from this practice, and found more sustainable practices of forestry management. Ontario has always been a leader in technology and progress and we believe there are options that are not harmful to people and the environment, and could potentially create jobs for Northern Ontario - We are aware of current lawsuits being pursued, and further successfully launched in other countries that have found glyphosate to be harmful. In the age of reconciliation, we are asking that Ontario be open to discussing the matter with us to avoid costly litigation for all Parties. Our three First Nation's have always been open to discussion with Ontario and the Crown, to reach agreements and necessary resolutions 	

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h.) Rapid Housing Initiative Round 3 Application Update

MOTION: 2023-07-11-10	
That Chief and Council authorize the Director of Operations (Int.) to sign off on the Contribution Agreement as per the above pending receipt	
Moved by	Steve Meawasige
Seconded by	Shirley McLeod
CARRIED	By Consensus
<p>Chief and Council supported the application for new builds under the Rapid Housing Initiative 3 which includes the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● RHI # 26969261 – 7 Modular Duplexes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ GPS 46.2029650,-82.4310452, Woodland Dr, Serpent River First Nation ○ GPS 46.2039888,-82.4449927, Woodland Dr, Serpent River First Nation ○ CLSR 57385 Lot 39 & 40, Sulphur Circle, Serpent River First Nation ○ CLSR 57385 Lot 32 & 33, Sulphur Circle, Serpent River First Nation ○ CLSR 77622 Lot 23-2, Walkhouse Bay Rd, Serpent River First Nation ○ CLSR 86309 Lot 128, Walkhouse Bay Rd, Serpent River First Nation ○ GPS 46.2007856,-82.4779091, Walkhouse Bay Rd, Serpent River First Nation ● RHI # 26968149 – Two Five-Plexes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Lot 22 CLSR 57385 Village Rd, Serpent River First Nation ○ 3 Woodland Dr, GPS 46.2038347, -82.4465732, Serpent River First Nation <p>The total amount of the application was for \$7,767,066 which included \$652,000 of Community Development Wrap Around Initiative funding to leverage an increased scoring</p> <p>Serpent River First Nation Housing Department will be confirming the final locations for new builds over the next week</p> <p>preliminary approval was received this date for the full \$7,767,066 for Serpent River First Nation with the Contribution Agreement anticipated over the next few days</p> <p>it is required to be signed off by July 21, 2023</p>	

12. Next Meeting Dates

a) C&C Duly Convened Meeting Tuesday, August 22, 2023

13.) Adjournment

MOTION: 2023-07-11-11	
That Chief and Council adjourn the Chief and Council Meeting of Tuesday, July 11, 2022 at 6:56 p.m.	
Moved by	Shirley McLeod
Seconded by	
CARRIED	By Consensus

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