

SERPENT RIVER FIRST NATION

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SRFN Chief and Council Meeting
Tuesday, June 13, 2023
Approved Minutes

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

Director of Operations (DOO): Tracey Seabrook
Staff: 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 6:05pm- Councillor Trudeau said an opening prayer- The Deputy Chief thanked Community member Bill Meawasige for organizing a Wrestling event in the community this past weekend and hoping for better attendance at the next one on July 2, 2023

2) Adoption of Agenda

MOTION: 2023-06-13-01	
That Chief and Council adopt the Agenda for the Chief and Council Meeting of Tuesday, June 13, 2023 as presented	
Moved by	John (Jack) Trudeau
Seconded by	Shirley McLeod
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) **May 24, 2023**

MOTION: 2023-06-13-02	
That Chief and Council approve the Council Meeting Minutes of May 24, 2023 as amended	
Moved by	Kerri Commanda
Seconded by	Shirley McLeod
CARRIED	By Consensus
- 11. e) Corrected to "Loon Doodem"	

6) **Business Arising from Minutes**

- None at this time

7) **Reports**

a) **Chief's Report**

- None at this time

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

a) **Child Wellbeing Minutes - September 6, 2022**

MOTION: 2023-06-13-03	
That Chief and Council approve the Child Wellbeing Minutes of September 6, 2023 as presented	
Moved by	Michelle Owl
Seconded by	John (Jack) Trudeau
CARRIED	By Consensus

b) **Child Wellbeing Minutes - May 1, 2023**

MOTION: 2023-06-13-04	
That Chief and Council approve the Child Wellbeing Minutes of May 1, 2023 as presented	
Moved by	Kerri Commanda
Seconded by	Shirley McLeod
CARRIED	By Consensus

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

None at this time

10) **Standing Items**

- None at this time

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11) New Business

a.) 2020-21 Audited Financial Statements Preliminary Review Correspondence

- The IDOO presented the correspondence letter from ISC that confirms that Serpent River’s 2020-21 audit has been accepted and is therefore completed

b.) Niigaaniin Letter seeking Approval - Chicken Coop

- Council approved by consensus to give Niigaaniin approval to build a chicken coop

c.) Nick Deleary - Memorandum of Understanding

- In April 2023 Nick Deleary upon recommendation by Four Worlds engaged in discussions with the Chief and elders of Serpent River First Nation. Four Worlds encouraged this engagement to support the implementation of the work plan that would be developed as a result of the Comprehensive Community Plan
- Nick Deleary followed upon with a draft Memorandum of Understanding outlining the deliverables and the costing associated with his proposed work at Serpent River First Nation. At the time of presentation there was no budget to support entering into contract, however subsequently the Director of Operations has secured potential funding to support the costs
- Council decided by consensus to not continue with Nick Deleary and instead hire someone locally for this job

d.) Updated BCR - P & ID - Financial Management

MOTION: 2023-06-13-05	
That Chief and Council support the the application under the P & ID program in the amount of \$60,000 to accomplish the review of all current financial processes	
Moved by	John (Jack) Trudeau
Seconded by	Steve Meawasige
CARRIED	By Consensus
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - An assessment of all current financial processes is necessary to support the streamlining and automation of financial processes for Serpent River First Nation 	

e.) Policy and Procedure - Overtime

- The IDOO presented a draft policy on “Overtime” and answered questions from Council

f.) Rankin Construction

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MOTION: 2023-06-13-06

That Chief and Council have agreed by consensus to begin negotiating an Impact Benefit Agreement with Rankin Construction Inc. also known as Darien Aggregates Inc. in the interest of this and the next seven generations whom we believe will thrive with the additional revenue and support that this agreement will bring to our Community and its Membership

Moved by John (Jack) Trudeau

Seconded by Kerri Commanda

CARRIED By Consensus

- Serpent River First Nation Chief and Council have a favorable opinion of the proponent known as Rankin Construction Inc. and believe they will make a strong Community Partner
- Serpent River First Nation Chief and Council, in an effort to provide financial stability and support to the Community support the project known as Darien Aggregates Inc.
- Serpent River First Nation Chief and Council appoint Serpent River First Nation Limited Partnership (SRFN-LP) Board of Directors to begin negotiations in a good way with Rankin Construction and Darien Aggregates Inc. Serpent River First Nation Lands and Environment Department will support the LP in negotiations to best protect the interests of the People, Land, Water and Wildlife
- The SRFN-LP must report to Chief and Council any progress, updates and concerns on a monthly basis, at a minimum
- Chief and Council will allocate a percentage annually to the Lands and Environment Department for the purpose of building capacity, achieving program outcomes and providing oversight of the Territory of Serpent River First Nation
- Chief and Council will advise the Community if a successful negotiation is reached and the terms of the agreement once finalized, in a Community meeting not open to the public

12.) Community Questions and Answers

- Community Members brought forward some concerns with their homes and were assured that the Housing department will follow up ASAP
- Loose dogs are still a concern and safety hazard. SRFN signed a contract with "Rainbow Animal Control", to get that issue under control
- SRFN is in discussion with CMHC in regards to funding for new homes and should receive a definite answer by July

13.) Next Meeting Dates

- a) C&C Duly Convened Meeting Tuesday, June 27, 2023

14.) Adjournment

MOTION: 2023-06-13-07

That Chief and Council adjourn the Chief and Council Meeting of Tuesday, June 13, 2023, at 6:53 p.m.

Moved by Shirley McLeod

Seconded by

CARRIED By Consensus

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