

SERPENT RIVER FIRST NATION

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SRFN Chief and Council Meeting

June 27, 2023

Approved Minutes

Chair: Chief Brent Bissailion

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

Regrets:

Director of Operations (DOO): Tracey Seabrook

Staff: Jeff Moulton, Director of HR; 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 6:04 pm
- Councillor Trudeau said an opening prayer

2) Adoption of Agenda

MOTION: 2023-06-27-01

That Chief and Council adopt the Agenda for the Chief and Council Meeting of Tuesday, June 27, 2023, as amended.

Moved by Michelle Owl

Seconded by Shirley McLeod

CARRIED By Consensus

- Item "4. a) Carol Shawana" was added

3) Declaration of Conflict of Interest:

- Councillor Commanda declared conflict for item 11. c)

4) Community Presentations

a) Carol Shawana

Carol Shawana, along with other Community Members brought forward the following concerns in regard to the Darien Project:

- Could harm our drinking water
- Many questions that are unanswered

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- No reports have been submitted by Darien
 - Need more information before we support the project
 - Should go to a community vote, not only Chief & Councils' decision
 - Should focus more on the smoke in the area and climate change
 - SRFN should be doing the quarry on their own
 - Demanding for Chief and Council to rescind motion 2023-06-13-05:
- 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**
- Chief and Council will not rescind the motion and will explore the options with Darien
 - Another Community meeting will take place once the IBA (Impact Benefit Agreement) has been looked at

5) Approval of Previous Minutes

a) June 13, 2023

MOTION: 2023-06-27-02	
That Chief and Council approve the Council Meeting Minutes of June 13, 2023 as presented	
Moved by	Michelle Owl
Seconded by	Shirley McLeod
CARRIED	By Consensus

6) Business Arising from Minutes

N/A

7) Reports

a) Chief's Verbal Report

- The Chief gave a verbal update on events that have taken place in the past 2 weeks, and answered questions from Council

b) Deputy Chiefs' Report/Update

MOTION: 2023-06-27-03	
That Chief and Council accept the Director of Operations Report dated June 21, 2023 as presented	
Moved by	Shirley McLeod
Seconded by	John (Jack) Trudeau
CARRIED	By Consensus
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Deputy Chief presented her written report and answered questions from Council - That report was also mailed out to the Community 	

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8) Doodem & Committee Minutes & Reports

None at this time

9) Business Arising from Minutes & Reports

None at this time

10) Standing Items

None at this time

11) New Business

a.) C&C Meeting Schedule July - Dec, 2023

- The Chief & Council meeting schedule was presented to Chief and Council
- It will also be shared with the Community on social media

b.) Hydro One MicroGeneration Station Settlement Agreement

MOTION: 2023-06-27-04
That Chief and Council in consideration of the covenants and agreements contained in this Agreement and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby irrevocably acknowledged, the Parties covenant and agree as laid out in the Agreement

Moved by	John (Jack) Trudeau
Seconded by	Kerri Commanda
CARRIED	By Consensus

- As part of the First Nation Empowerment Capacity Development Project, Serpent River First Nation has been working to complete community engagement related to renewable energy opportunities
- During the information gathering process, Serpent River First Nation identified a hydro generation station located on SRFN lands
- Hydro One was unable to find any connection agreement or compensation associated with the Facility
- The Parties would like to move towards a distribution connection agreement with respect to the Facility, and so have agreed to a settlement for the Facility's generation for the period 2012 to 2022

c.) Koognaasewin - Marketing Request

MOTION: 2023-06-27-05
That Chief and Council approve Koognaasewin's Marketing Request as laid out in the letter

Moved by	John (Jack) Trudeau
Seconded by	Wilma-Lee Johnston
CARRIED	By Consensus

- Councillor Commanda declared conflict and stepped out
- SRFN received a letter from Koognaasewin, seeking approval to display a billboard in our community with three specific requests for consideration:
 - 1) Koognaasewin Community Signage in SRFN
 - 2) Koognaasewin banner at the baseball fields/recreational centers

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3) Including a Koognaasewin website link on the SRFN community website

d.) Creation of a Land Holding Company

MOTION: 2023-06-27-06	
That Chief and Council approve the creation of the Serpent River First Nation Land Holding Company and designate Chief Brent Bissaillon, Deputy Chief Wilma-Lee Johnston and Director of Operations (Int.) Tracey Seabrook as the Board of Directors	
Moved by	John (Jack) Trudeau
Seconded by	Shirley McLeod
CARRIED	By Consensus
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Serpent River First Nation has a need and desire to purchase land as the First Nation- A Land Holding Company is the mode in which that can be accomplished	

e.) ELNOS - AGM SRFN Nomination

MOTION: 2023-06-27-07	
That Chief and Council appoint Councillor Shirley McLeod to serve as a representative on the Board of Directors for ELNOS for the fiscal term 2023-2024	
Moved by	John (Jack) Trudeau
Seconded by	Wilma-Lee Johnston
CARRIED	By Consensus
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- The Nominating Committee is preparing to put forward the proposed slate for Membership ratification at the next ELNOS Annual General Meeting, tentatively scheduled in mid November, 2023- The Nominating Committee is requesting Council submit a candidate to serve as a representative on the Board of Directors for the fiscal term 2023-2024	

f.) Business Park Redevelopment Civil Engineering Services Study Proposal

MOTION: 2023-06-27-08	
That Chief and Council award the contract to Neegan Burnside in the amount of \$39,300. to conduct an engineering study for the utilities (water and sanitation) for the purposes of the Business Park Redevelopment	
Moved by	Michelle Owl
Seconded by	John (Jack) Trudeau
CARRIED	By Consensus
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Serpent River First Nation is working in partnership with the Serpent River First Nation Limited Partnership and Serpent River First Nation Economic Development Corporation to Redevelop the Business Park area- Serpent River First Nation already has work underway by Neegan Burnside to do a water distribution feasibility study which presents some opportunities to capitalize on work underway- Funding has been acquired to support this work	

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g.) Repurposing ISC Water Treatment Dechlorination Funds

MOTION: 2023-06-27-09	
That Chief and Council approve the repurposing of the funding originally sought for the Dechlorination Process with Indigenous Services Canada to further support the refurbishing and repairs within the SRFN water treatment facility	
Moved by	Shirley McLeod
Seconded by	Kerri Commanda
CARRIED	By Consensus
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Funding has been previously received in the amount of \$500,000 to support the creation of a Dechlorination Process at the Water Treatment Plant - Work has been underway to refurbish the Water Treatment Facility and it's been determined the Dechlorination Process is no longer required at this time, however as part of the repairs 56 filters are required to be replaced to complete full replacement of filters at the Water Treatment Plant - This should eliminate the need for future water haulage 	

h.) YMCA of Eastern Ontario - SRFN Memorandum of Understanding

MOTION: 2023-06-27-10	
That Chief and Council approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the YMCA of North Eastern Ontario for the access to John Island and further recommend that negotiations for an increase to the financial allocation occur in 2024 begin immediately following this year's camp season	
Moved by	Wilma-Lee Johnston
Seconded by	John (Jack) Trudeau
CARRIED	By Consensus
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A newly revived partnership with the YMCA of North Eastern Ontario and Serpent River First Nation is underway - Work has been underway to improve upon the relationship between the two parties - The YMCA of North Eastern Ontario is in agreement of the new articles in the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) - The new MOU opens up spaces for the children of Serpent River First Nation to access John Island camps and increases the financial contribution to Serpent River First Nation - There is a continued commitment to make steps to improve upon the relationship between the SRFN community and the YMCA 	

i.) Children's Bed Project

MOTION: 2023-06-27-11	
That Chief and Council approve the Director of Operations (Int.) to move forward with the purchase of mattresses, box springs and bed frames as outlined in the survey results	
Moved by	John (Jack) Trudeau
Seconded by	Shirley McLeod
CARRIED	By Consensus
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Serpent River First Nation Chief and Council previously approved the Director of Operations (Int.) to move forward to seek estimates for beds for all children who were identified in the survey - There is funding to support this expenditure 	

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- The lowest estimate received was from Seidel's Brand Source Home Furnishings in the amount of \$66,416.00

j.) Hydro One - North East Project Memorandum of Understanding

- Moved to in-camera

k.) CHRT 41 Application - Mount Lake

- A feasibility study has been approved
- Waiting on Chief and Council to sign the BCR tonight for the Land Holding Company
- SRFN currently working with a Lawyer to move forward
- A community consultation will take place soon

l.) Hydro One - Street Light Project

- Hydro One was in the community last week for a meeting and to assess where the street lights should be installed
- 4 lights were already installed a few years ago
- SRFN will contact an Electrician to replace old/broken bulbs
- A few spots for the lights are on MTO road allowance and SRFN will have to have a discussion with MTO about it. Hydro One is offering to assist in those discussion
- The Lands Manager has a map of where the light are suppose to go

12.) Community Questions and Answers

A community member had some questions about the summer jobs for students, and the IDOO answered:

- SRFN received funding for students that are up to 18 years old
- 16 students applied
- Positions were posted in April, 2023
- An orientation for the summer students is taking place all next week

13.) Next Meeting Dates

a) C&C Duly Convened Meeting Tuesday, July 11, 2023

14.) Adjournment

MOTION: 2023-06-27-12	
That Chief and Council adjourn the Chief and Council Meeting of Tuesday, June 27, 2023, at 8:12 p.m.	
Moved by	Shirley McLeod
Seconded by	
CARRIED	By Consensus

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