

SERPENT RIVER FIRST NATION

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SRFN Chief and Council Meeting
Wednesday, May 24, 2022
Approved Minutes

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

Director of Operations (DOO): Tracey Seabrook

Staff: Lilli Doughty, POLEA

Recording Secretary: Lilli Doughty

1) Call to Order/Opening Prayer/Remarks:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">- The duly convened Chief and Council meeting was called to order at 6:02pm- Councillor Trudeau said an opening prayer |
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2) Adoption of Agenda

MOTION: 2023-05-24-01

That Chief and Council adopt the Agenda for the Chief and Council Meeting of Wednesday, May 24, 2022, as amended.

Moved by	Shirley McLeod
Seconded by	Wilma-Lee Johnston
CARRIED	By Consensus
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Item 8.b) to be removed as the minutes are not completed. Will be re-submitted at the next Chief and Council meeting	

3) Declaration of Conflict of Interest:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">- None declared at this time |
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4) Community Presentations

a) SK8 Presentation

MOTION: 2023-05-24-02	
That Chief and Council support the project, instruct Administration to look into costs, funding and find a good spot for the Skate Park	
Moved by	Wilma-Lee Johnston
Seconded by	Steve Meawasige
CARRIED	By Consensus
<p>- Community Members Steven Baranyai and Montana Pelletier presented a PowerPoint on a skate park project here in Serpent River First Nation</p> <p>Skateboarding, biking, and scootering does in fact provide a host of benefits for those who partake in these sports; benefits that could have a positive effect within the North Shore, not just here in Serpent River First Nation. In addition to these benefits, this park can facilitate healthy psychological development - teaching confidence, control, self-motivation, feelings of accomplishment, determination, and limitations- skateboarding, biking, and scootering can also be a great way for youth and teens to maintain an active lifestyle</p> <p>The successful construction of this skate park here in Serpent River First Nation and the North Shore will accomplish a number of objectives. These include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide skateboarders, bikers, and scooter riders with a designated and safe recreational area. In addition, by having a designated area, there can be rules set to ensure safety even within the facility itself. These rules can include the wearing of adequate safety equipment (e.g. helmets, knee and elbow pads, etc.). 2. Provide a healthy and active activity for kids and teens. It's no secret that the popularity of skateboarding, biking, and scooters have been on a constant rise in recent years. Serpent River First Nation would combat the sedentary lifestyle of kids and teens by engaging them in some type of physical activity. As mentioned, this could also work to benefit the North Shore as well. 3. Provide a great opportunity for kids/teens to become involved in their community. Often, in order to successfully build a skate park, kids and teens are often encouraged to volunteer at their local skate parks. 	

5) Approval of Previous Minutes

a) April 25, 2023

MOTION: 2023-05-24-03	
That Chief and Council approve the Council Meeting Minutes of April 25, 2023 as presented	
Moved by	Kerri Commanda
Seconded by	Shirley McLeod
CARRIED	By Consensus

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b) May 3, 2023

MOTION: 2023-05-24-04	
That Chief and Council approve the Council Meeting Minutes of May 3, 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) Chiefs' Report

MOTION: 2023-05-24-05	
That Chief and Council accept the Chief's Report dated May 24, 2023 as presented	
Moved by	Steve Meawasige
Seconded by	John (Jack) Trudeau
CARRIED	By Consensus
- The Chief presented his written report dated May 24, 2023, and answered questions from Council	

b) ELNOS Report - Councillor McLeod

MOTION: 2023-05-24-06	
That Chief and Council accept Councillor McLeod's ELNOS report, dated March 28, 2023 as presented	
Moved by	Kerri Commanda
Seconded by	Steve Meawasige
CARRIED	By Consensus
- Councillor McLeod presented a report on the ELNOS board meetings she has been attending, and answered questions from Council	

c) Language Conference Report - Councillor McLeod

MOTION: 2023-05-24-07	
That Chief and Council accept Councillor McLeod's report on the Annual Anishinaabemowin-teg Conference that she attended March 30 - April 1, 2023	
Moved by	Kerri Commanda
Seconded by	Steve Meawasige
CARRIED	By Consensus

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8) Doodem & Committee Minutes & Reports

a) Mukwa Doodem Minutes - February 8, 2023

MOTION: 2023-05-24-08	
That Chief and Council accept the Mukwa Doodem Minutes dated February 8, 2023 as presented	
Moved by	Michelle Owl
Seconded by	John (Jack) Trudeau
CARRIED	By Consensus

b) Child Wellbeing Minutes - September 6, 2022

- This item was removed as the minutes were not completed
- Will be re-submitted at the next Chief and Council meeting

c) Child Wellbeing Minutes - February 6, 2023

MOTION: 2023-05-24-09	
That Chief and Council accept the Child Wellbeing Minutes dated February 6, 2023 as presented	
Moved by	Kerri Commanda
Seconded by	John (Jack) Trudeau
CARRIED	By Consensus

d) Child Wellbeing Discussion Notes - February 23, 2023

e) Child Wellbeing Minutes - March 6, 2023

f) Child Wellbeing Minutes - May 1, 2023

MOTION: 2023-05-24-10	
That Chief and Council acknowledge the Child Wellbeing Discussion Notes from February 2, 2023, the Minutes from March 6, 2023 and the minutes from May 1, 2023	
Moved by	John (Jack) Trudeau
Seconded by	Michelle Owl
CARRIED	By Consensus
- Just an acknowledgement as the minutes have not yet been approved by the committee	

g) Child Wellbeing Community Work Plan

- Councillor Johnston presented the CWB Community Work Plan to Council, asked them to review it when they have a moment and give their feedback on it

9) Business Arising from Minutes & Reports

None at this time

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10) Standing Items

- None at this time

11) New Business

a.) SRFN Van Purchase

MOTION: 2023-05-24-11	
That Chief and Council approve to purchase two 7 passenger vans from Algoma Chrysler at the proposed quote of \$66,000 per van to provide additional transportation services to our members for educational purposes	
Moved by	Steve Meawasige
Seconded by	John (Jack) Trudeau
CARRIED	By Consensus
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Serpent River First Nation has a need to provide transportation for educational related activities - Serpent River First Nation has adequate funding available through the Indigenous Services Canada transportation budget 	

b.) Reception Area Renovations

MOTION: 2023-05-24-12	
That Chief and Council approve that Preeminent Construction Inc. be awarded the tender for Phase III of the Band Office Renovation project - Reception and Lobby Area	
Moved by	Shirley McLeod
Seconded by	Steve Meawasige
CARRIED	By Consensus
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Serpent River First Nation has funding to support a third phase of Band Office Renovations from Indigenous Services Canada - A fully completed bid was received from Preeminent Construction Inc. in the amount of \$94,000 	

c.) Disposal of Band Owned Vehicles

MOTION: 2023-05-24-13	
That Chief and Council approve that Serpent River First Nation list for sale both the 2011 GMC Savana School Bus and the 2000 Ford Sterling Tandem Truck with a starting bid for the bus of \$9,000 and respectively \$17,000 for the truck	
Moved by	Wilma-Lee Johnston
Seconded by	Kerri Commanda
CARRIED	By Consensus
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A Band Council Resolution is required to support the sale of any band owned property - Estimated values have been obtained from local business to support a fair and reasonable bid 	

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d) Financial Process Review - P & ID (Professional and Institutional Development)

MOTION: 2023-05-24-14	
That Chief and Council support the application under the P & ID program in the amount of \$35,000 to accomplish the review of all current financial processes	
Moved by	Steve Meawasige
Seconded by	Shirley McLeod
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 - A BCR is required to support the funding request 	

e) Membership Vote Results

That Chief and Council approve the Membership Band Adoption to Serpent River First Nation for the following:	
MOTION: 2023-05-24-15 - Shyanne Vautour-Ivey (Moved: Shirley McLeod, Seconded: Steve Meawasige)	
MOTION: 2023-05-24-16 - Sienna Vautour-Ivey (Moved: Kerri Commanda, Seconded: John (Jack) Trudeau)	
MOTION: 2023-05-24-17 - Shawn Johnston (Moved: Michelle Owl, Seconded: Kerri Commanda)	
MOTION: 2023-05-24-18 - Kellie Grace (Moved: John (Jack) Trudeau, Seconded: Shirley McLeod)	
MOTION: 2023-05-24-19 - Jacob Coughlin (Moved: John (Jack) Trudeau, Seconded: Kerri Commanda)	
MOTION: 2023-05-24-20 - Alexander Coughlin (Moved: Michelle Owl, Seconded: Steve Meawasige)	
Moved by	
Seconded by	
CARRIED	By Consensus
<p>Loon Doodem presented to Council on the Band Adoption process for Shyanne Vautour-Ivey, Sienna Vautour-Ivey, Shawn Johnston, Kellie Grace, Jacob Coughlin, and Alexander Coughlin. Council passed motions to approve the Loon Doodem recommendations that the Band Adoption process be completed on May 19, 2023.</p> <p>Serpent River First Nation has been accepting votes for membership by accepting that as long as a majority of the votes cast are in favor of granting membership to the petitioner, we have accepted the membership results.</p> <p>Therefore, the results of the vote were as follows:</p> <p>Shyanne Vautour-Ivey: Yes - 86 No - 23 Spoiled - 0</p> <p>Sienna Vautour-Ivey: Yes - 85 No - 24 Spoiled - 0</p> <p>Shawn Johnston: Yes - 81 No - 26 Spoiled - 0</p> <p>Kellie Grace: Yes - 80 No - 28 Spoiled - 0</p> <p>Jacob Coughlin: Yes - 91 No - 20 Spoiled - 0</p> <p>Alexander Coughlin: Yes - 90 No - 20 Spoiled - 0</p>	

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12.) Community Questions and Answers

- Community Members brought up concerns about the housing waitlist, and asked how it is being prioritized. IDOO was able to provide the answers.
- A Community Member joined an “Entertainment Production”, that is hosting wrestling events. An event will be held in Serpent River First Nation at the Lifestyle Centre on June 10, 2023

13.) Next Meeting Dates

a) C&C Duly Convened Meeting Tuesday, June 13, 2023

14.) Adjournment

MOTION: 2023-05-24-21	
That Chief and Council adjourn the Chief and Council Meeting of Wednesday, May 24, 2022, at 7:39 p.m.	
Moved by	Shirley McLeod
Seconded by	
CARRIED	By Consensus

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