

# SERPENT RIVER FIRST NATION

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SRFN Chief and Council Meeting  
**Tuesday August 22, 2023**  
**Approved Minutes**

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

**Director of Operations (DOO):** Tracey Seabrook

**Staff:** Taylor Commanda

**Recording Secretary:** Mary Ann Southwind

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

- The duly convened Chief and Council meeting was called to order 6:07 p.m.
- Councillor John (Jack) Trudeau said opening prayer

2) **Adoption of Agenda**

<b>MOTION: 2023-08-22-01</b>	
That Chief and Council adopt the Agenda for the Chief and Council Meeting of Tuesday, August 22, 2023 as presented.	
<b>Moved by</b>	Steve Meawasige
<b>Seconded by</b>	Kerri Commanada
<b>CARRIED</b>	By Consensus

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

- None at this time
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**4) Community Presentations**

- Isadore Day presented his PowerPoint in regards to Waasayaa Energy Inc. and answered questions from Council.
- The request for C&C to set aside a time to meet with Waasayaa Energy Inc. to discuss next steps has been deferred to the next meeting date.

**5) Approval of Previous Minutes**

a) Draft minutes of July 11, 2023.

<b>MOTION: 2023-08-22-02</b>	
<b>That Chief and Council approve the Council Meeting Minutes of July 11, 2023 as amended.</b>	
<b>Moved by</b>	Jack Trudeau
<b>Seconded by</b>	Shirley McLeod
<b>CARRIED</b>	By Consensus

**6) Business Arising from Minutes**

None at this time

**7) Reports**

a) Deputy Chief's Report

<b>MOTION: 2023-08-22-03</b>	
<b>That Chief and Council accept the Deputy Chief's Verbal Report for August 22, 2023 as Presented.</b>	
<b>Moved by</b>	Jack Trudeau
<b>Seconded by</b>	Shirley McLeod
<b>CARRIED</b>	By Consensus

<b>MOTION: 2023-08-22-04</b>	
<b>That Chief and Council accept the Membership Booth Report for August 11<sup>th</sup> &amp; 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023 as Presented.</b>	
<b>Moved by</b>	Jack Trudeau
<b>Seconded by</b>	Michelle Owl
<b>CARRIED</b>	By Consensus

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

a) Loon Doodem Minutes July 5, 2023

<b>MOTION: 2023-08-22-05</b>	
<b>That Chief and Council accept the Loon Doodem Minutes for July 5, 2023 as Presented.</b>	
<b>Moved by</b>	Jack Trudeau
<b>Seconded by</b>	Michelle Owl
<b>CARRIED</b>	By Consensus

b) Membership Request for Audrianna Virginia McLeod

<b>MOTION: 2023-08-22-06</b>	
<b>That Chief and Council acknowledged and accepted the Membership of Audrianna Virginia McLeod.</b>	
<b>Moved by</b>	Jack Trudeau
<b>Seconded by</b>	Shirley McLeod
<b>CARRIED</b>	By Consensus

c) Membership Request for Kaison Gordon

<b>MOTION: 2023-08-22-07</b>	
<b>That Chief and Council acknowledged and accepted the Membership of Kaison Gordon McLeod.</b>	
<b>Moved by</b>	Jack Trudeau
<b>Seconded by</b>	Michelle Owl
<b>CARRIED</b>	By Consensus

d) Residency Permit Request - Mary Wabegijig

<b>MOTION: 2023-08-22-08</b>	
<b>That Chief and Council approve the delivery of residency permit issued to Mary Wabegijig</b>	
<b>Moved by</b>	Shirley McLeod
<b>Seconded by</b>	Kerri Commanda
<b>CARRIED</b>	By Consensus

e) Residency Permit Request - Jennifer Presutti

<b>MOTION: 2023-08-22-09</b>	
<b>That Chief and Council approve the delivery of residency permit issued to Jennifer Presutti</b>	
<b>Moved by</b>	John (Jack) Trudeau
<b>Seconded by</b>	Shirley McLeod
<b>CARRIED</b>	By Consensus

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

None at this time
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**10) Standing Items**

- Governance
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**11) New Business**

a.) Roundhouse Project – CHRT 41 Application for Funding

<b>MOTION: 2023-08-22-10</b>	
That Chief and Council approve the Canadian Human Rights Tribunal Order #41 application for the Roundhouse Project – Feasibility and Design Study developed by BrookMcIlroy in the amount of \$38,500.	
<b>Moved by</b>	Kerri Commanda
<b>Seconded by</b>	Steve Meawasige
<b>CARRIED</b>	By Consensus
Request Bill Meawasige would like some more information on this project.	

b.) Hydro One Agreement

<b>MOTION: 2023-08-22-11</b>	
That Chief and Council approve option #2 moving forward with the terms already negotiated by Serpent River First Nation and its supporting Legal team.	
<b>Moved by</b>	Jack Trudeau
<b>Seconded by</b>	Shirley McLeod
<b>CARRIED</b>	By Consensus

c.) Finance Policies

<b>MOTION: 2023-08-22-12</b>	
That Chief and Council approve the implementation of the following policies and procedures effective immediately: Delegated Authorities, Accounting Systems, Risk Management, Insurance, Investments, Tangible Capital Assets.	
<b>Moved by</b>	Jack Trudeau
<b>Seconded by</b>	Shirley McLeod
<b>CARRIED</b>	By Consensus

d.) **September 26<sup>th</sup> Meeting – CDWAI National Gathering – Proposed Movement**

Option #2 by consensus of council was approved to reschedule the C&C meeting in moving the date to Monday, September 25, 2023 due to the CDWAI National Gathering held on Tuesday, September 26, 2023.

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e.) Public Works Snowplow Garage – Additional Funding Request – Briefing Note & BCR **XXXXX**

<b>MOTION: 2023-08-22-13</b>	
<b>That Chief and Council support the application for funding for the Community Enhancement Fund under the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation.</b>	
<b>Moved by</b>	
<b>Seconded by</b>	
<b>CARRIED</b>	By Consensus

f.) Ooga Lodge Briefing Note presented by Lands & Environment Manager

<b>MOTION: 2023-08-22-14</b>	
<b>That Chief and Council agree to issue a letter of support recognizing Ooga lodge and the use of land as outlined in the briefing.</b>	
<b>Moved by</b>	Steve Meawasige
<b>Seconded by</b>	Jack Trudeau
<b>CARRIED</b>	By Consensus
Recommendations: To be brought to the Lands Committee for review at the next lands meeting on Sept. 19, 2023 and for Taylor to draft up the letter.	

**12. Community Questions and Answers**

Band member concern about the tender applications saying that young contractors have concerns with not having a chance given the stipulations outlined in section 3 of the procurement requirements. Suggestion to have WSIB and insurance companies to provide a presentation and have workshops to help support young contractors in getting what they need to meet the tender requirements.
Indigenous Services Canada are we seeing that money coming back into the community? Some has been staggering through CDWAI.
Community concerns on if there is enough advocacy on a higher Governance level.

**13. Next Meeting Dates**

a) C&C Duly Convened Meeting – September 12, 2023.

**14. Adjournment**

<b>MOTION: 2023-08-22-15</b>	
<b>That Chief and Council adjourn the Chief and Council Meeting of Tuesday, August 22, 2023, at 8:53 p.m.</b>	
<b>Moved by</b>	Shirley
<b>Seconded by</b>	
<b>CARRIED</b>	By Consensus

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