

SERPENT RIVER FIRST NATION

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SRFN Chief and Council Meeting
February 13, 2024
Approved Minutes

Chair: Wilma-Lee Johnston

Council: Kerri Commanda, Michelle Owl, John (Jack) Trudeau, Steve Meawasige, Shirley McLeod

Regrets: N/A

Director of Operations (DOO): Tracey Seabrook

Staff: Jeff Moulton, Director of HR; Lilli Doughty, acting POLEA

Community members in person: 2

Attendees via Zoom: 15

Recording Secretary: Lilli Doughty

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

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| - The duly convened Chief and Council meeting was called to order at 6:06 pm |
| - The Deputy Chief welcomed Council and the Community |
| - Councillor Trudeau said an opening prayer |

2) **Adoption of Agenda**

MOTION: 2024-02-13-01

That Chief and Council adopt the Agenda for the Chief and Council Meeting of , February 13, 2024, as presented

Moved by	Steve Meawasige
Seconded by	Shirley McLeod
CARRIED	By Consensus

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

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

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| - None at this time |
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5) Approval of Previous Minutes

a) January 23, 2024

MOTION: 2024-02-13-02	
That Chief and Council approve the Council Meeting Minutes of January 23, 2024 as amended	
Moved by	Kerri Commanda
Seconded by	Shirley McLeod
CARRIED	By Consensus
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Wrong date on item 2) - Spelling error on item 10) - Add “He will follow up with the Chief”, to item 12) 	

b) January 25, 2024

MOTION: 2024-02-13-03	
That Chief and Council approve the Council Meeting Minutes of January 25, 2024 as amended	
Moved by	John (Jack) Trudeau
Seconded by	Kerri Commanda
CARRIED	By Consensus
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Change wording in item 11. c) - Add “Formerly known as Rockhaven School”, to the title of item 11. f) - Add “The report will be posted/shared on the SRFN members portal”, to item 11. j) - Add “Health Canada is recommending 4 vaccination”, to item 12) 	

6) Business Arising from Minutes

N/A

7) Reports

a) ELNOS Board Report

MOTION: 2024-02-13-04	
That Chief and Council accept the verbal ELNOS report that Councillor McLeod presented	
Moved by	John (Jack) Trudeau
Seconded by	Michelle Owl
CARRIED	By Consensus
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Councillor McLeod presented a verbal report and answered questions from Chief and Council - The report can be found on www.elnos.com 	

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8) Doodem & Committee Minutes & Reports

a) Loon Doodem Minutes – February 8, 2024

MOTION: 2024-02-13-05	
That Chief and Council approve the Community Membership Voting Process for Lyric Squires to be completed on March 23, 2024	
Moved by	Kerri Commanda
Seconded by	Shirley McLeod
CARRIED	By Consensus

MOTION: 2024-02-13-06	
That Chief and Council approve the Community Membership Voting Process for Lyric Squires to be completed on March 23, 2024	
Moved by	Shirley McLeod
Seconded by	Michelle Owl
CARRIED	By Consensus

MOTION: 2024-02-13-07	
That Chief and Council approve the Community Membership Voting Process for Dakota Squires to be completed on March 23, 2024	
Moved by	Michelle Owl
Seconded by	Kerri Commanda
CARRIED	By Consensus

MOTION: 2024-02-13-08	
That Chief and Council approve the Community Membership Voting Process for Samantha Stevens to be completed on March 23, 2024	
Moved by	Kerri Commanda
Seconded by	Shirley McLeod
CARRIED	By Consensus

MOTION: 2024-02-13-09	
That Chief and Council approve the Community Membership Voting Process for Robert Jeremy Johnston to be completed on March 23, 2024	
Moved by	John (Jack) Trudeau
Seconded by	Michelle Owl
CARRIED	By Consensus

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MOTION: 2024-02-13-10	
That Chief and Council approve the Community Membership Voting Process for Terrance Garrison to be completed on March 23, 2024	
Moved by	Shirley McLeod
Seconded by	John (Jack) Trudeau
CARRIED	By Consensus

MOTION: 2024-02-13-11	
That Chief and Council approve the Community Membership Voting Process for Brayden Riley to be completed on March 23, 2024	
Moved by	Steve Meawasige
Seconded by	Kerri Commanda
CARRIED	By Consensus

MOTION: 2024-02-13-12	
That Chief and Council approve the Community Membership Voting Process for James Riley to be completed on March 23, 2024	
Moved by	Steve Meawasige
Seconded by	Michelle Owl
CARRIED	By Consensus

MOTION: 2024-02-13-13	
That Chief and Council approve the Community Membership Voting Process for Mackenzie Riley to be completed on March 23, 2024	
Moved by	Kerri Commanda
Seconded by	Shirley McLeod
CARRIED	By Consensus

MOTION: 2024-02-13-14	
That Chief and Council approve the Community Membership Voting Process for Joseph John James Dominic Darby to be completed on March 23, 2024	
Moved by	Shirley McLeod
Seconded by	Steve Meawasige
CARRIED	By Consensus

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MOTION: 2024-02-13-15	
That Chief and Council approve the Community Membership Voting Process for William Darby to be completed on March 23, 2024	
Moved by	Michelle Owl
Seconded by	Steve Meawasige
CARRIED	By Consensus

MOTION: 2024-02-13-16	
That Chief and Council approve the Community Membership Voting Process for Angela Haardeng-Darby to be completed on March 23, 2024	
Moved by	John (Jack) Trudeau
Seconded by	Kerri Commanda
CARRIED	By Consensus

MOTION: 2024-02-13-17	
That Chief and Council approve the Community Membership Voting Process for Armand John (JJ) Brousseau to be completed on March 23, 2024	
Moved by	John (Jack) Trudeau
Seconded by	Shirley McLeod
CARRIED	By Consensus

MOTION: 2024-02-13-18	
That Chief and Council approve the Membership for Laith Owen Commanda	
Moved by	John (Jack) Trudeau
Seconded by	Steve Meawasige
CARRIED	By Consensus

MOTION: 2024-02-13-19	
That Chief and Council approve the Membership for Stacey Lynn Simpson	
Moved by	John (Jack) Trudeau
Seconded by	Michelle Owl
CARRIED	By Consensus

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MOTION: 2024-02-13-20	
That Chief and Council approve the Membership for Rowin Frank Kijadjiwan	
Moved by	Kerri Commanda
Seconded by	John (Jack) Trudeau
CARRIED	By Consensus

MOTION: 2024-02-13-21	
That Chief and Council approve the Membership for Lincoln Commanda	
Moved by	John (Jack) Trudeau
Seconded by	Michelle Owl
CARRIED	By Consensus

MOTION: 2024-02-13-22	
That Chief and Council approve the Membership for Tina Wakefield	
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

11) New Business

a) Sponsorship Request OFSAA

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Ontario Federation of School Athletic Associations (OFSAA) high school sports championship will be taking place at the W. C. Eaket Secondary School in Blind River from March 4-6, 2024 - The school is looking for local sponsors to support their championship with a sponsorship - Chief and Council decided by consensus to support the school with a cheque in the amount of \$250 - This is to come out of the CAF fund
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b) Hydro One Consent

MOTION: 2024-02-13-23	
That we, the Council of Serpent River First Nation, representing the Serpent River First Nation (the “First Nation”), at a duly convened meeting of Council held on February 13, 2024, having reviewed the sketch provided by Hydro One Networks Inc. attached hereto as Schedule “A” (“Sketch”) in respect to the new or modified connection of 29 Hwy #17 to the electricity distribution system approve the location on the Serpent River First Nation Reserve of the poles, anchors, conductors and equipment identified in the Sketch	
Moved by	Steve Meawasige
Seconded by	John (Jack) Trudeau
CARRIED	By Consensus

c) Cultural Leave Draft Policy

MOTION: 2024-02-13-24	
That Chief and Council approve the Cultural Leave Draft Policy as presented	
Moved by	Steve Meawasige
Seconded by	Shirley McLeod
CARRIED	By Consensus

d) Sick Leave Draft Policy

MOTION: 2024-02-13-25	
That Chief and Council approve the Sick Leave Draft Policy as presented	
Moved by	Kerri Commanda
Seconded by	John (Jack) Trudeau
CARRIED	By Consensus

e) Signing Authority BMO

MOTION: 2024-02-13-26	
That Chief and Council authorize Tracey Seabrook as authorized signor on the Bank of Montreal account	
Moved by	John (Jack) Trudeau
Seconded by	Shirley McLeod
CARRIED	By Consensus

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f) Jordan's Principle Application

MOTION: 2024-02-13-27	
That Chief and Council support the funding application through Jordan's Principle application in the amount of \$90,000	
Moved by	Kerri Commanda
Seconded by	Steve Meawasige
CARRIED	By Consensus
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - That Chief and Council authorize Tracey Seabrook as authorized signor on the Bank of Montreal account - Jordan's Principle funding is available for this purpose in the amount of \$90,000 - Jordan's Principle requires a signed BCR from Serpent River First Nation Chief and Council to support this application 	

g) Donation Request Crime Stoppers

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - SRFN received a donation request from Crime Stoppers - Council agreed by consensus to donate \$250 - This is coming out of the CAF fund

h) Intimate Partner Violence – Algoma Council on Domestic Violence

MOTION: 2024-02-13-28	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That Chief and Council of Serpent River First Nation declare an epidemic in intimate partner violence and gender-based violence in accordance with recommendation #1 of the Renfrew County inquest; and 2. That intimate partner violence be integrated into Serpent River First Nation community safety and well-being plan in accordance with recommendation #10 of the Renfrew County Inquest; and 3. That Chief Wilma-Lee Johnston write a letter to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario requesting the Province of Ontario reconsider their previous decision and declare intimate partner violence and gender-based violence as an epidemic and act upon all of the 86 recommendation from the Renfrew County Inquest by setting up a provincial implementation committee to oversee comprehensive consideration of all of the recommendations; and 4. That a copy of this motion be sent to the Honourable Arif Virani, Minister of Justice; the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable Charmaine A Williams, Associate Minister of Women's Social and Economic Opportunity; the Honourable Parm Gill, Minister of Red Tape Reduction, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities; Mayors and Regional Chairs of Ontario; Ontario Big City Mayors and First Nations Chiefs of Ontario. 	
Moved by	John (Jack) Trudeau
Seconded by	Kerri Commanda
CARRIED	By Consensus
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the jury that heard the Carol Culleton, Anastasia Kuzyk, and Nathalie Warmerdam inquest (The Renfrew County Inquest) issues 86 recommendations to prevent future deaths and delivered those recommendations of the Province of Ontario on Intimate Partner Violence - recommendations #1 of the inquest is for the Province of Ontario to formally declare intimate partner violence an epidemic - every six days in Canada a woman is killed by her intimate partner 	

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- this past year in Ontario, 52 women or one every week, were victims of femicide
- gender and sexually diverse Indigenous individuals are particularly at risk, being five times more likely than non-Indigenous gender and sexually diverse individuals to experience intimate partner violence in their lifetime
- according to Statistic Canada, 80 percent of intimate partner violence goes unreported
- violence against women costs the national justice system, healthcare systems, social service agencies, and municipalities nearly \$10 billion dollars per year; and First Nations and municipalities are on the front lines in addressing gender-based violence

12. Next Meeting Dates

a) C&C Duly Convened Meeting – Tuesday, February 27, 2024

13.) Adjournment

MOTION: 2024-02-13-29	
That Chief and Council adjourn the Chief and Council Meeting of, February 13, 2024 at 7:44 p.m.	
Moved by	Shirley McLeod
Seconded by	
CARRIED	By Consensus

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