

# SERPENT RIVER FIRST NATION

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SRFN Chief and Council Meeting  
**Tuesday, January 23, 2024**  
**Approved Minutes**

**Chair: Wilma-Lee Johnston**

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

**Regrets:** N/A

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

**Staff:** Jeff Moulton, Director of HR

**Recording Secretary:** Mary Ann Southwind

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

- Duly convened Chief and Council meeting was called to order 6:04 p.m.
- Chief welcomed Council and the Community
- Opening prayer by Councillor Shirley McLeod

2) **Adoption of Agenda**

**MOTION: 2024-01-23-01**

**That Chief and Council adopt the Agenda for the Chief and Council Meeting of Tuesday, January 23, 2024 as presented.**

**Moved by** Kerri Commanda

**Seconded by** Steve Meawasige

**CARRIED** By Consensus

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

- Michelle Owl for #11 item k)

4) **Community Presentations**

- None

5) **Approval of Previous Minutes**

a) Draft minutes of January 9, 2024.

**MOTION: 2024-01-23-02**

**That Chief and Council approve the Council Meeting Minutes of January 9, 2024 as approved.**

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<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: 2024-01-23-03</b>	
That Chief and Council accept the Deputy Chief's Verbal Report for January 23, 2024 as Presented.	
<b>Moved by</b>	Steve Meawasige
<b>Seconded by</b>	Jack Trudeau
<b>CARRIED</b>	By Consensus

<b>MOTION: 2024-01-23-04</b>	
That Chief and Council accept the Nogdawindamin Annual General Report for 2022/2023 as Presented.	
<b>Moved by</b>	Jack Trudeau
<b>Seconded by</b>	Kerri Commanda
<b>CARRIED</b>	By Consensus
Next year is being held in Mississauga First Nation	

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

None at this time

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

None at this time

10) **Standing Items**

- a.) Safety concerns identified – none declared for next meeting Chief will have some stuff for the agenda around addictions portion and unnecessary public loitering . Clarification was provided that it was pertaining to housing safety.

11) **New Business**

a.) **Absenteeism Draft Policy**

<b>MOTION: 2024-01-23-05</b>	
That Chief and Council approve the Absenteeism Draft Policy as presented by the I/Director of Operations.	
<b>Moved by</b>	Shirley McLeod
<b>Seconded by</b>	Jack Trudeau
<b>CARRIED</b>	By Consensus

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A comment was suggested that acknowledgement be made for perfect attendance.

**12. Community Questions and Answers**

Brian Day is requesting in the spring to have the construction workers come back and move the rocks and broken trees from his side of the property. Reason being safety concerns with his grandchildren who play in that area which the debris is in.  
He will follow up with the Chief

**13. Next Meeting Dates**

a) C&C Duly Convened Meeting – January 25, 2023 @ 9 a.m. to finished where left off. Due to a fire, call a couple of councillors left to attend, leaving short on quorum.

**14. Adjournment**

<b>MOTION: 2024-01-23-06</b>	
<b>That Chief and Council adjourn the Chief and Council Meeting of Tuesday, January 23, 2024, at 8:53 p.m.</b>	
<b>Moved by</b>	Shirley McLeod
<b>Seconded by</b>	
<b>CARRIED</b>	By Consensus

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