

SERPENT RIVER FIRST NATION

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SRFN Chief and Council Meeting
February, 27th 2024
Approved Minutes

Chair: Wilma-Lee Johnston

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

Regrets:

Director of Operations (DOO): Tracey Seabrook

Staff: Jeff Moulton, Director of HR; Madelaine O’Neill, POLEA; Lilli Doughty ECDEV PM; Curtis Cook, SRFN LP GM

Community members in person: 0

Attendees via Zoom: 2

Recording Secretary: Lilli Doughty, Madelaine O’Neill

1) Call to Order/Opening Prayer/Remarks:

- The duly convened Chief and Council meeting was called to order at 6:03pm
- Chief welcomed Council and the Community
- Opening prayer by Councillor Trudeau
- Chief offered her sincerest condolences to the Day family
- The Chief thanked the community for coming out to the RHT engagement session yesterday and all documents are available on the member’s portal
- The Chief encouraged community members to join the culture Doodem meetings that are taking place every 3rd Thursday of the month, next meeting is March 7th at 4:15pm

2) Adoption of Agenda

MOTION: 2024-02-27-01

That Chief and Council adopt the Agenda for the Chief and Council Meeting of , February 27, 2024, as amended.

Moved by	Shirley McLeod
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Seconded by	Steve Meawasige
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CARRIED	By Consensus
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- Add item 11. g) Koognaasewin

3) Declaration of Conflict of Interest:

- None declared at this time

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4) Community Presentations

- None declared at this time

5) Approval of Previous Minutes

a) February, 13th 2024

MOTION: 2024-02-27-02	
That Chief and Council approve the Council Meeting Minutes of February 13th, 2024 as amended	
Moved by	John (Jack) Trudeau
Seconded by	Michelle Owl
CARRIED	By Consensus
- Wrong number of Zoom and in person attendees (15 via Zoom, 2 in person)	

6) Business Arising from Minutes

- None at this time

7) Reports

a) ECDEV Report – Lilli Doughty

MOTION: 2024-02-27-03	
That Chief and Council accept the ECDEV Report for the time period of May 2023 to February 2024 as presented	
Moved by	Shirley McLeod
Seconded by	Steve Meawasige
CARRIED	By Consensus
- The ECDEV Project Manager presented her written report for the time period of May 2023 to February 2024, and answered questions from Council	

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

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11) New Business

A) Tobacco Allocation

MOTION: 2024-02-27-04	
That Chief and Council approve the increase for all listed vendors for fiscal year April 1, 2024, to March 31, 2025, totaling 22,000 units and for the submission of all required documentation to the Ministry of Finance for final approval	
Moved by	Steve Meawasige
Seconded by	John (Jack) Trudeau
CARRIED	By Consensus
<p>- SRFN currently holds an approved tobacco quota in the amount 23,210 units allocated by the Provincial Ministry of Finance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Council agrees to the tobacco allocation of 5,000 units for the current vendor Jeff Jacobs, Sumac Creek Tipi Company which is an increase of 1,000 units for this fiscal year April 1, 2024, to March 31, 2025, for Serpent River First Nation - Council agrees to the tobacco allocation of 5,000 units for the current vendor Bruce Fraser, Scone and Wong which is an increase of 1,000 units for this fiscal year April 1, 2024, to March 31, 2025, for Serpent River First Nation - Council agrees to the tobacco allocation of 5,000 units for the current vendor Jeremiah Day-Duncan, Woodland Printers & Native Art Gallery which is an increase of \$1,000 for this fiscal year April 1, 2024, to March 31, 2025, for Serpent River First Nation - Council agrees to the tobacco allocation of 7,000 units for the current vendor Christopher Jacobs (Trading Post MGR) Serpent River First Nation Trading Post and Gas Bar which is an increase of 1,000 units for this fiscal year April 1, 2024, to March 31, 2025, for Serpent River First Nation 	

B) CORP Proposal – Briefing Note and Statement of Intent

- Deferred to In-Camera

C) SRFN LP Youth Position – Zane Johnston

MOTION: 2024-02-27-05	
That Chief and Council accept the Limited Partnership Board of Directors' recommendation to appoint Zane Johnston to the Serpent River First Nation Limited Partnership Board of Directors.	
Moved by	Steve Meawasige
Seconded by	Michelle Owl
CARRIED	By Consensus
<p>- The Serpent River First Nation Limited Partnership currently is required to have a Youth Position appointed to the Board of Directors</p> <p>- Serpent River First Nation Limited Partnership bylaws require youth representation on the Board of Directors. The SRFN LP board has overseen the recruitment of the youth position by sending flyers and submitting postings to social media to fulfill the obligation. The LP board has received a letter of interest in regards to the Youth position</p> <p>- The Limited Partnership Board currently has three of its five positions filled</p>	

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(Secretary/Treasurer and two Directors) and can meet quorum

D) SRFN Rental Rate

MOTION: 2024-02-27-06

That Chief and Council approve the new rate structure as per the following table:

Number of Bedrooms	Rent
1	\$375.
2	\$500.
3	\$625.
4+	\$750.

For any new move-ins on the First Nation effective immediately.

Moved by Steve Meawasige

Seconded by John (Jack) Trudeau

CARRIED By Consensus

- New rental rates need to be established for the new homes on the First Nation
- It's acknowledged that the current rate structure does not address the ongoing maintenance needs of the housing stock
- It's acknowledged that further analysis will need to be done over the next two years to assess if the rate structure is adequate for future allocations

E) CMHC Section 95 – Additional Funding Allocation

MOTION: 2024-02-27-07

That the Chief and Band Council of Serpent River First Nation have approved the CMHC Section 95 Housing Project 2023 - 2024 and further agrees and approves the Supplementary Funding (\$264,307) of this project as presented.

Moved by Shirley McLeod

Seconded by John (Jack) Trudeau

CARRIED By Consensus

- At the band council meeting of January 15th 2024, a briefing note was presented to Council on the CMHC Section 95 housing application which had been submitted and subsequently approved for funding. The amount of funding is estimated at \$841,257 and we have recently been notified that additional funding has been approved for \$264,307 for the renovation of 18 housing units
- Housing continues to be a major focus of many members of SRFN. While the needs of each band member differs, the housing application centered around the need for renovations to 10 community residences including 8 units at Geka Wigwam
- The CMHC Section 95 agreement required the approval of Chief and Council for new construction, retrofitting current buildings, and the renovations to 10 residential buildings.
- The Section 95 Housing Funding application (\$841,257) comprises of three sections:

1. Geka Wigwam rehabilitation (8 Units) @ 241,257.00

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2. Residential renovations (10 units) @ 600,000.00

- * 29 Hwy # 17 -
- * 18 Village Road W -
- * 31 Village Road W -
- * 157 Village Road E -
- * 205 Village Road E -
- * 10 Church Road -
- * 15 River Road -
- * 3 Walkhouse Bay Rd -
- * TBD
- * TBD

Supplemental Funding (CMHC)

- Additional funding of \$264,307 for the renovation and retrofitting of 18 current housing residences.
- The funding for this proposed 18-unit housing project is estimated at \$1,105,564.00
- The objective is to provide and improve housing accommodations for the membership. The current housing initiatives will not fully address the housing need but it will lessen the need for new and renovated homes in the community. The CMHC section 95 housing application addresses 3 housing sectors; the construction of new 2 mini homes; the major renovations of Geka Wigwam; and the renovation of 8 residential buildings in the community
- That the CMHC Section 95 Housing application has been approved for \$841,257.00.
- The proposed housing renovation project will be beneficial to the community of Serpent River, whereas, it will address new housing opportunities (2 units) for special needs clients and the rehabilitation of aging housing infrastructure (18 units) including residential units

F) ECDEV Strategic Plan

MOTION: 2024-02-27-08

That Chief and Council approve of the Economic Development Strategic Plan application through ISC in the amount of \$80,000, and agrees to contribute Serpent River First Nation’s portion of \$16,000 through the CAF fund.

Moved by	Steve Meawasige
Seconded by	John (Jack) Trudeau
CARRIED	By Consensus

- It has been previously identified in the community plan that Serpent River First Nation needs to generate more own-source-revenue. An Economic Development Strategic Plan is a necessary step to fulfill that goal.
- Funding to assist with an Economic Development Strategic Plan is available through Indigenous Services Canada (ISC). A funding application has been finalized in the amount of \$80,000, but not submitted yet. ISC is going to fund 80% of that total amount and Serpent River First Nation will have to cover the remaining 20% which comes out to \$16,000. This could be covered through the CAF fund

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G) SRFN ECDEV – Non-Profit

MOTION: 2024-02-27-09	
That Chief and Council hereby request that the LP board to take all steps necessary as the members of EDC to authorize and carry out the dissolution of EDC	
Moved by	John (Jack) Trudeau
Seconded by	Shirley McLeod
CARRIED	By Consensus
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - SRFN is the sole shareholder of 2863895 Ontario Inc., the general partner of SRFN Limited Partnership (the “LP”) - EDC has transferred all of its assets and debts to SRFN Limited Partnership and is currently inactive - Chief and Council wish to dissolve EDC 	

H) Kooganaasewin

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Kooganaasewin team would like to meet with Chief and Council to provide an update with regards to the child well-being law - A community engagement would follow shortly after

12.) Community Question and Answer

- None at this time

13.) Next Meeting Dates

a) C&C Duly Convened Meeting – Tuesday, March 12th 2024

13.) Adjournment

MOTION: 2024-02-27-10	
That Chief and Council adjourn the Chief and Council Meeting of, February 27 th , 2024 at 6:43pm	
Moved by	Michelle Owl
Seconded by	
CARRIED	By Consensus

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