

SERPENT RIVER FIRST NATION

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SRFN Chief and Council Meeting
October 24, 2023
Updated Approved Minutes

Chair: Wilma-Lee Johnston

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

Regrets: None at this time

Director of Operations (IDOO): Tracey Seabrook

Staff: Jeff Moulton Director of H.R, Mandy Anis POLEA

Recording Secretary: Mandy Anis, POLEA, Madelaine O'Neill

1) Call to Order/Opening Prayer/Remarks:

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| - Duly Convened Chief and Council meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m.
- The Deputy Chief welcomed Council and the community
- Opening prayer Shirley McLeod |
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2) Adoption of Agenda

MOTION: 2023-10-24-01	
That Chief and Council adopt the Agenda for the Chief and Council Meeting of Tuesday, October 24 , 2022 as amended	
Moved by	Shirley McLeod
Seconded by	Kerri Commanda
CARRIED	By Consensus
- 11. b.) Deferred	

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.) October 11, 2023

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MOTION: 2023-10-24-02	
That Chief and Council approve the Council Meeting Minutes of October 11, 2023 as amended	
Moved by	Shirley McLeod
Seconded by	Kerri Commanda
CARRIED	By Consensus

6) Business Arising from Minutes

- None at this time

7) Reports

a) Acting Chief's Verbal Report

MOTION: 2023-10-24-03	
That Chief and Council accept the Acting Chief's verbal Report dated October 24, 2023	
Moved by	Michelle Owl
Seconded by	Shirley McLeod
CARRIED	By Consensus
- The acting Chief presented her verbal report and addressed any questions from council	

8) Doodem & Committee Minutes & Reports

a.) Manotsaywin Nanotojig In. Za-geh-do-win – Information Clearinghouse Report

MOTION: 2023-10-24-04	
That Chief and Council accept the Manotsaywin Nanotojig In. Za-geh-do-win – Information clearing house verbal report	
Moved by	Michelle Owl
Seconded by	John (Jack) Meawasige
CARRIED	By Consensus

b.) Loon Doodem Minutes – September 5, 2023

MOTION: 2023-10-24-05	
That Chief and Council accept the Loon Doodem Minutes from September 5, 2023 as presented	
Moved by	Michelle Owl
Seconded by	John (Jack) Meawasige
CARRIED	By Consensus

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c.) Membership Applications

MOTION: 2023-10-24-06	
That the Loon Doodem recommends the approval of the membership application for Michaela Agnew	
Moved by	Steve Meawasige
Seconded by	Michelle Owl
CARRIED	By Consensus

MOTION: 2023-10-24-07	
That the Loon Doodem recommends the approval of the membership application for Calista Matinet	
Moved by	John Jack Trudeau
Seconded by	Michelle Owl
CARRIED	By Consensus

MOTION: 2023-10-24-08	
That the Loon Doodem recommends the approval of the membership application for Cameron Meawasige	
Moved by	Steve Meawasige
Seconded by	John (Jack) Trudeau
CARRIED	By Consensus

MOTION: 2023-10-24-09	
That the Loon Doodem recommends the approval of the membership application for Marley Meawasige	
Moved by	Kerri Commanda
Seconded by	Shirley McLeod
CARRIED	By Consensus

MOTION: 2023-10-24-10	
That the Loon Doodem recommends the approval of the membership application for Rex Meawasige	
Moved by	Kerri Commanda
Seconded by	Steve Meawasige
CARRIED	By Consensus

MOTION: 2023-10-24-11	
That the Loon Doodem recommends the approval of the membership application for Benjamin Jonah	

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Moved by	Michelle Owl
Seconded by	Kerri Commanda
CARRIED	By Consensus

d.) Band Adoption Requests

MOTION: 2023-10-24-12	
That the Loon Doodem recommends the band adoption voting process for Paul Gioves	
Moved by	John Jack Trudeau
Seconded by	Michelle Owl
CARRIED	By Consensus

MOTION: 2023-10-24-13	
That the Loon Doodem recommends the band adoption voting process for Melissa Dickemous	
Moved by	John Jack Trudeau
Seconded by	Michelle Owl
CARRIED	By Consensus

MOTION: 2023-10-24-14	
That the Loon Doodem recommends the band adoption voting process for John Gioves	
Moved by	John Jack Trudeau
Seconded by	Michelle Owl
CARRIED	By Consensus

MOTION: 2023-10-24-15	
That the Loon Doodem recommends the band adoption voting process for Ante Bedanjak	
Moved by	Kerri Commanda
Seconded by	Michelle Owl
CARRIED	By Consensus

MOTION: 2023-10-24-16	
That the Loon Doodem recommends the band adoption voting process for Ivan Bedanjak	
Moved by	Shirley McLeod

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Seconded by	John (Jack) Trudeau
CARRIED	By Consensus

MOTION: 2023-10-24-17	
That the Loon Doodem recommends the band adoption voting process for Brittani Johnston	
Moved by	Michelle Owl
Seconded by	Kerri Commanda
CARRIED	By Consensus

MOTION: 2023-10-24-18	
That the Loon Doodem recommends the band adoption voting process for Andrew Withers	
Moved by	Shirley McLeod
Seconded by	Michelle Owl
CARRIED	By Consensus

MOTION: 2023-10-24-19	
That the Loon Doodem recommends the band adoption voting process for Shannon Wilck	
Moved by	Kerri Commanda
Seconded by	John (Jack) Trudeau
CARRIED	By Consensus

MOTION: 2023-10-24-20	
That the Loon Doodem recommends the band adoption voting process for Nashton Young-Badanjak	
Moved by	Michelle Owl
Seconded by	Kerri Commanda
CARRIED	By Consensus

MOTION: 2023-10-24-21	
That the Loon Doodem recommends the band adoption voting process for Corey Trites	
Moved by	Shirley McLeod
Seconded by	Michelle Owl
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MOTION: 2023-10-24-22	
That the Loon Doodem recommends the band adoption voting process for Amanda Trites	
Moved by	Kerri Commanda
Seconded by	Michelle Owl
CARRIED	By Consensus

MOTION: 2023-10-24-23	
That the Loon Doodem recommends the band adoption voting process for Jody Powers	
Moved by	Shirley McLeod
Seconded by	John (Jack) Trudeau
CARRIED	By Consensus

MOTION: 2023-10-24-24	
That the Loon Doodem recommends the band adoption voting process for Marion Powers	
Moved by	Michelle Owl
Seconded by	Kerri Commanda
CARRIED	By Consensus

MOTION: 2023-10-24-25	
That the Loon Doodem recommends the band adoption voting process for Stephanie Bourque	
Moved by	Kerri Commanda
Seconded by	Shirley McLeod
CARRIED	By Consensus

e.) Residency Permit Requests

MOTION: 2023-10-24-26	
That the Loon Doodem recommends the approval of the residential permit application for Ante Bedanjak	
Moved by	Michelle Owl
Seconded by	Kerri Commanda
CARRIED	By Consensus

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.) Long Term Care Assessment & Briefing Note

- IDOO discussed the assessment, timeline and funding aspects in respect to the LTC project and addressed questions from Chief and Council
 - Location options include Walkhouse Bay Road, Gaaming Road and Sugarbush Lane, though it is suggested that Walkhouse Bay Rd is the optimal location

b.) Finance Policy Briefing Note

- This item is deferred to the next Chief and Council meeting (Nov. 14, 2023) under Business Arising from Minutes in order to give Chief and Council adequate time to review each draft policy

c.) Financial Management System Review and Revisions

MOTION: 2023-10-24-27
That Chief and Council support the application under the P & ID program in the amount of \$153,385.00 to accomplish the review and revision of the Financial Management Systems of Serpent River First Nation

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

- A band council resolution is required to support a funding application for the Financial Management Revisions and Review
 - On April 25, 2023 a briefing note was presented to Chief and Council in Camera (due to Personnel information) related to a fulsome finance department review which included several recommendations. That included a recommendation to support a complete financial review of all current financial processes with a focus on streamlining and automation. The support was received to proceed with a funding request through Community Development Wrap Around Initiative. The assessment was completed and presented in Camera as a result of the potential risk to the First Nation on August 22, 2023. Indigenous Services Canada responded with funding in the amount of \$35 k (requested \$20 k) through their Professional & Institutional Development stream to support the review and the funding to support the Project Manager to assist with implementation of findings from the reports and that further funding would rest on the results of the review process. The additional funding of \$15 k through the P & ID stream is to support administration costs such as procurement, travel and transportation, etc. Rusio Corp. was selected to perform this work and develop a path forward based upon the long term historical nature of the issues identified
 - Additionally recommendations were made by BDO to implement a new accounting software which they could support remotely and to provide training to support that work.
 - This work is underway and funding has been secured through the P & ID program to support it financially. The amount of the proposal is \$153,385. which includes the following elements of support:

- Accounting and Systems - QuickBooks, PayDirt and Accounting implementation and training

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- Finance Processes – BDO does an extensive amount of work in this area with municipalities (as part of Municipal Modernization Program Funding) and FNs and using the work done to date – implement and train on Finance processes
- Finance Policy – some of this is addressed through a previously funded initiative by FNMHF project but it will be expanded as FNMHF budget is limited (3 hours)
 - This work is underway with the implementation of QBO and currently being funded through other streams due to the critical nature of the work
 - This allowed SRFN to access P & ID funding and to free up other funding to support other initiatives
 - The financial management issues at Serpent River First Nation are historical but are perpetuated by doing nothing
 - It is critical for the financial viability of Serpent River First Nation to have current systems, training for staff and policies and procedures in place

12) Community Questions and Answers

- Chief and Council addressed any questions, comments or concerns from community members

13) Next Meeting Dates

C&C Duly Convened Meeting – Tuesday, November 14, 2023

14) Adjournment

MOTION: 2023-10-24-28	
That Chief and Council adjourn the Chief and Council Meeting of Tuesday, October 24, 2023, at 7:05 p.m.	
Moved by	Shirley McLeod
Seconded by	
CARRIED	By Consensus

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