

SERPENT RIVER FIRST NATION

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SRFN Chief and Council Meeting
Tuesday, August 27, 2024
Approved Minutes

Chair: Wilma-Lee Johnston

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

Regrets: None at this time

Director of Operations (IDOO): Tracey Seabrook

Staff: Jeff Moulton, Director of Human Resources; Madelaine O'Neill. POLEA

Community members in person: 5

Attendees via Zoom: 6

Recording Secretary: Madelaine O'Neill

1) Call to Order/Opening Prayer/Remarks:

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| - The duly convened Chief and Council meeting of Tuesday, August 27, 2024, was called to order at 6:02pm |
| - Opening prayer by Councillor Trudeau |

2) Adoption of Agenda

MOTION: 2024-08-27-01

That Chief and Council adopt the Agenda for the Chief and Council Meeting of Tuesday, August 27, 2024, as amended

Moved by	Shirley McLeod
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Seconded by	Michelle Owl
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CARRIED	By Consensus
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| - Add item s.) Robinson Huron Treaty – Per Capita Distribution Payout |
| - Add item t.) Covid Vaccine Policy - Discussion |
| - Add item u.) Chief's Letter to Community - Discussion |

3) Declaration of Conflict of Interest:

- None declared

4) Community Presentations

- None at this time

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5) Approval of Previous Minutes

a) Tuesday, July 9, 2024

MOTION: 2024-08-27-02	
That Chief and Council approve the Council Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, July 9, 2024 as presented	
Moved by	Shirley McLeod
Seconded by	Kerri Commanda
CARRIED	By Consensus

6) Business Arising from Minutes

-None at this time

7) Reports

- None at this time

8) Doodem & Committee Minutes & Reports

- None at this time

9) Business Arising from Minutes & Reports

-None at this time

10) Standing Items

a.) Audit Status Update

- The auditors (BDO) were on-site during the first week of August to begin the audit work for 2022/2023. They are scheduled to return during the week of August 26th to continue the 2022/2023 audit process
- The auditors are working towards the end of the month to have the draft audit for 2022/2023 prepared and ready for Chief and Council review
- IDOO explained that as of September 5, 2024, Serpent River First Nation will have a stricter timeline as to when it will be completed
- While the auditors are here, they will also be working on 2023/2024 audit, but Serpent River First Nation does not yet have finalization on when that will be complete. Will further discuss once the 2022/2023 audit is complete

b.) Community Safety Update

- Serpent River First Nation has been having meetings with respect to acquiring community policing, but these discussions are in the early stages
- Chief went to the policing summit Monday, August 19, 2024, where discussion took place on the different types of policing agreements that Serpent River First Nation could considering entering
- Chief did one presentation with an Elder’s Council group, in respect to the relevant by-law, with four people in attendance
- The Chief has yet to conduct community by-law engagement sessions
- Serpent River First Nation is exploring funding opportunities for restorative justice and considering a private prosecution agreement

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- Serpent River First Nation is looking into the possible implementation of camera surveillance within the community, pending further discussion and input from community members

11) New Business

a.) Band Representative Wage

MOTION: 2024-08-27-03

That Chief and Council accept the position of Band Representative on the wage band A12 as noted below

A12	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5
	\$33.66	\$34.33	\$35.02	\$35.72	\$36.43
	\$61,261.20	\$62,486.42	\$63,736.15	\$65,010.88	\$66,311.09

Moved by	John (Jack) Trudeau
Seconded by	Michelle Owl
CARRIED	By Consensus

- The Band Representative position did not exist when the wage grid was established. The position needs to be allocated to a band on the wage grid

- When the wage grid was developed, Serpent River First Nation did not have the position of Band Representative. The Social Services and Culture department has the position of Family Preservation Worker and a Family Preservation Supervisor position which held the duties of a Band Representative

- A wage band needs to be set according to the duties and responsibilities of that position

- The Band Representative position has a responsibility higher than those of the Family Preservation Worker

- This is the wage band for Family Preservation Workers:

A11	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5
	\$30.49	\$31.10	\$31.72	\$32.35	\$33.00
	\$55,487.80	\$56,597.55	\$57,729.50	\$58,884.09	\$60,061.77

b.) Hydro One Multi Project Funding Capacity Agreement

MOTION: 2024-08-27-04

That Chief and Council approve the Director of Operations to proceed with the Hydro One Multi Project Funding Capacity Agreement and any associated funding applications

Moved by	John (Jack) Trudeau
Seconded by	Kerri Commanda
CARRIED	By Consensus

- Serpent River First Nation received initiation from Hydro One to engage in a Northeast Projects Roundtable meeting held in Toronto on February 8, 2023, to discuss the proposed project identified by the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) of Ontario in the Need for Northeast Bulk System Reinforcements:

- A new ~205 km single circuit 500 kV transmission line between Mississagi Transmission Station (in Wharncliffe, ON) and Hanmer

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Transmission Station (in Hanmer, ON) and addition of two new autotransformers at Mississagi TS to be in-service in 2029;

- A new ~75 km double circuit 230 kV transmission line between Mississagi TS and Third Line TS (near Sault Ste Marie) to be in-service in 2029;

- Hydro One has undertaken a new direction in engaging with First Nation communities through earlier consultation and proposing partnership opportunities in various projects in our territories

- Through this process eight affected First Nation communities have expressed interest in partnership. The eight communities have formed a corporate body. Waasmoowin Energy Inc., in coordination with Hydro One will manage the technical aspects of the project and partnership details. The eight (8) communities are:

- Wahnapiitae First Nation
- Atikameksheng Anishnawbek
- Sagamok First Nation
- Missisauqui First Nation
- Thessalon First Nation
- Garden River First Nation
- Batchewana First Nation
- Serpent River First Nation

- In Addition to the management and oversight provided by Waasmoowin Energy Inc., Hydro One has offered each community a Capacity Funding Agreement (CFA) to manage the project at the community level and provide funding for participation and community engagements. This agreement has been provided to Serpent River First Nation for review

- Serpent River First Nation staff have been actively engaged in the both the technical aspects of the project and with Waasmoowin Energy Inc.

- The technical studies have begun in spring of 2024. The Hydro One Team, in coordination with Waasmoowin Energy Inc., provide each community with weekly email updates and host bi-weekly team meetings. This work is expected to escalate over the summer and fall

- Upon signing the Capacity Funding Agreement (CFA), a community kickoff presentation will be planned

c.) 5-Plex, East of Sulphur Circle – Contractor Selection

MOTION: 2024-08-27-05

That Chief and Council award the contract to construct the 5 Plex Housing Facility located East of Sulphur Circle to Lake Land Custom Homes. with bid price of \$ 1,358,722.00; along with the condition to hire two local labourers, a penalty be added to the contract for delays if construction schedule deadlines are not met and the Director of Housing & Infrastructure ensuring that regular inspections occur

Moved by	John (Jack) Trudeau
Seconded by	Shirley McLeod
CARRIED	By Consensus

- Serpent River First Nation’s Housing and Infrastructure Department received four bid submissions for the construction of a 5 Plex Housing Facility located East of Sulphur Circle

- Serpent River was awarded the Rapid Housing Initiative Funding from CMHC on July 11, 2023

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- On March 14, 2023, a building construction cost rough estimate was provided by the housing department at approximately \$ 1,446,197.00 to construct a 5 Plex Studio Housing Facility
- An invitation to bid was posted on August 2, 2024, to construct the 5 Plex Housing Facility with a closing date of August 22, 2024, at 2:00 p.m. Four companies submitted a bid each
- These bids were opened on Thursday August 22, 2024, at 2:21 p.m.
- Present for the bid opening were Director of Operations (Int.) along with Director of Infrastructure and Housing and one contractor
- First Nations Inc. submitted a total bid price of \$ 1,371,330.00 which is First Nation owned from Serpent River First Nation, a construction schedule of 30 weeks was provided along with their WSIB and Liability Insurance
- Fleetwood Homes total bid price of \$1,180,000.00 based out of Belleville, Ontario with a construction schedule of 180 Days, certificate of insurance was provided
- North Shore Building Company total bid price of \$1,370,500.00 First Nation owned based out of Blind River, with a construction schedule of 216 days
- Lake Land Custom Homes submitted a total bid price of \$ 1,358,722.00 based out of Elliot Lake, Ontario with a construction schedule of 120 days
- Request was made that a penalty if construction schedule deadlines are not met be incorporated into the contract
- Director of Housing & Infrastructure to ensure that regular inspections occur

d.) Serpent River First Nation Limited Partnership – IBA Application – Legal Counsel

MOTION: 2024-08-27-06

That Chief and Council approve the Serpent River First Nation Limited Partnership proceed with the application for funding the IBA legal consultation. That Olthuis, Kleer, Townshend LLP is the preferred counsel to be retained by Serpent River Limited Partnership for legal consultation regarding the quarry negotiation with Rankin/Darrien based on a long-standing relationship. That Olthuis, Kleer, Townshend LLP has a fair market value and high industry standards that have been recognized in the Serpent River First Nations community. That Chief and Council is in full support of Serpent River First Nation Limited Partnership’s (a solely owned entity of Serpent River First Nation) application to the Northern Ontario Development Program to support IBA legal consultation and the preferred counsel to be retained is Olthuis, Kleer, Townshend LLP

Moved by	Kerri Commanda
Seconded by	Michelle Owl
CARRIED	By Consensus

- An application to support legal consultation for the IBA Quarry negotiations was submitted in May 2024 to FEDNOR. A Band Council Resolution (BCR) in support of the 1st stage of the funding application was submitted with the application
- Serpent River First Nation has been approved to move into the 2nd stage of the application. In discussion with FEDNOR, it was identified that we will require an additional BCR to retain preferred legal counsel. As it is

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in the best interest of Serpent River First Nation and Serpent River First Nation Limited Partnership to utilize preferred legal counsel based on history and performance

- Serpent River First Nation has retained Olthuis, Kleer, Townshend LLP for many legal obligations and has an existing relationship. OKT law has assisted in the development of the Articles of Incorporation for the different business entities, asset transfers, business purchases and business dissolution. OKT law provides industry standard market value and has a long-standing relationship with advocating on behalf of Indigenous communities
- The consultation will ensure all legal, environmental, and financial impacts will be identified and that the land and best interests of the First Nations is negotiated with a generational impact for revenue and job creation for the next century
- The funding under the Northern Ontario Development Program covers up to 90% of the costs for the consultation. Serpent River First Nation Limited Partnership will seek the additional costs from Darrien/Rankin if additional funding cannot be identified

e.) CMHC Section 95 – Geka Wigwam Renovations – Contractor Selection

MOTION: 2024-08-27-07
That Chief and Council award the contract for the renovations at Geka Wigwam to First Nation Inc. with the bid price of \$303,500; along with a penalty added to the contract for delays if construction schedule deadlines are not met and the Director of Housing & Infrastructure ensuring that regular inspections occur

Moved by	Shirley McLeod
Seconded by	Kerri Commanda
CARRIED	By Consensus

- Serpent River First Nation’s Housing and Infrastructure Department received one bid submission for the renovations at Geka Wigwam
- Serpent River First Nation was awarded the Rapid Housing Initiative Funding from CMHC on July 11, 2023
- On March 14, 2023, a building construction cost rough estimate was provided by the housing department at approximately \$250,000 to renovate Geka Wigwam
- Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation awarded Serpent River First Nation additional funding \$264,307.00 in conjunction with RHI funding for 18 properties
- The total allocated funding for the renovations of Geka Wigwam is \$367,469.76
- A tender to bid was posted on June 7, 2024, closing June 28, 2024, for the renovations to Geka Wigwam
- One submission was received from First Nation Inc. with a bid of \$303,500.00
- Request was made that a penalty if construction schedule deadlines are not met be incorporated into the contract
- Director of Housing & Infrastructure to ensure that regular inspections occur

f.) Community Advancement Fund (CAF) Application – Elders Boat Cruise

MOTION: 2024-08-27-08

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That Chief and Council approve the Community Advancement Fund application of \$3,898.50 for the Elders Boat Cruise	
Moved by	Michelle Owl
Seconded by	Kerri Commanda
CARRIED	By Consensus
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Geka Wigwam Elders have been asking to go out on a trip. They have decided to fundraise to attend a boat cruise in Little Current on September 26, 2024 - AJ Bus Lines will pick up all attending from Geka Wigwam on Monday morning, where they will be able to take in the sights and enjoy a savory fall lunch. The bus will pick them up around 4pm and return them to Geka Wigwam the same day - The elders have not been on an outing supported through CAF since prior to the pandemic - The elders are excited to attend and socialize with others as it is beneficial to their mental health 	

g.) CMHC Section 95 – Modular Micro Home with One (1) Bedroom – Contractor Selection

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Serpent River First Nation’s Housing and Infrastructure Department received three bid submissions from Manufactures to provide (SRFN/2 Modular MICRO Homes with One Bedroom), both located at Village Road - Serpent River First Nation received approved Section 95 funding from CMHC on December 13, 2023, for the renovations of 8 properties, plus renovate Geka Wigwam and two modular tiny homes - An invitation to bid was posted on June 7, 2024, to provide 2 Modular MICRO Homes with one (1) bedroom both located on Village Road with a closing date of June 28, 2024, at 3:00p.m. - These bids were opened on Friday June 28, 2024, at 3:15p.m. - Present for the bid opening were Technical Manager of Infrastructure & Housing, Director of Operations (Int.) along with Director of Infrastructure and Housing - Three companies submitted a bid each - North Shore Quality Homes Inc. \$399,828.00 - Yvon Champoux Inc. \$440,000.00 - ModBox NOW Inc. \$545,000.00 - Total approved funding for the two Modular Micro Homes total \$179,367.44, therefore upon evaluating all the bids by each contractor, they all exceed the approved funding allocation - IDOO explained that there was a surplus in funding for the construction of the duplexes and has reached out to the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) to inquire whether the surplus of funds can be transferred to the current project, to ensure it can move forward. CMHC responded and noted that there is no new funding available, but has not yet indicated whether the surplus can be transferred to the current project - Councillor inquired about the possibility of putting up a bid to explore whether there are any contractors who could build from scratch rather than modular structures. IDOO explained that the modular home structure was chosen due to their quicker construction timeline, however, other options can be reviewed to assess their feasibility 	
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h.) Administrative Support for Lands and Environment Department

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MOTION: 2024-08-27-09	
That Chief and Council accept the recommendation to create an administrative support position within the Lands Management Office	
Moved by	Shirley McLeod
Seconded by	John (Jack) Trudeau
CARRIED	By Consensus
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Lands and Environment Resources unit has been growing exceptionally for the constructive needs of the community i.e. Land lot identification, land registry management, Marten Doodem planning support, right of way access, land transfer, land registrations, environmental remediation, emergency planning. The department has been creating an updated assessment on the needs of the community lands management principles - The community's immediate reactions have highlighted the necessity for administrative support. This support is vital for organizing meetings, managing minutes, assisting with mapping, capacity building, and data collection - The backlog of files from previous offices within the band office is a significant challenge. Properly reviewing and organizing these files will be essential for efficient operations - Addressing data storage and confidentiality issues is critical. Ensuring secure handling of sensitive information is paramount - An individual may be entry level, with capacity to grow into a career related field in creating and maintaining land records, including titles, surveys, and other related documents - The Lands and Environment department has done a financial analysis and has identified sufficient funds to support this position 	

i.) Serpent River First Nation Limited Partnership - Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) – Business Plan Request

MOTION: 2024-08-27-10	
That Chief and Council is in support of the application and to proceed with the application to Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) for funding business plans for Serpent River First Nation Trading Post and Gas Bar and Agawa Crafts Trading Post and Gas Bar	
Moved by	Michelle Owl
Seconded by	Shirley McLeod
CARRIED	By Consensus
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On identifying funding opportunities to support the growth and expansion of Serpent River First Nation owned businesses managed by Serpent River First Nation Limited Partnership, it was identified that business plans do not exist or are outdated for existing businesses - In discussion with different funding sources, it has been recognized that Indigenous Services Canada can support the funding opportunity with up to 90% of associated costs - 10% of the costs for the business plans are required to be paid by the applicant which is Serpent River First Nation - In discussion with CDWAI there may be an opportunity to assist with additional funding 	

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- On average estimates range from \$10,000- \$20,000 per business
- The business plan will also be used in conjunction with the strategic plan

j.) Community Advancement Fund (CAF) Application – Cutler Jays

MOTION: 2024-08-27-11	
That Chief and Council approve the Community Advancement Fund application of \$8,367.90 for the Cutler Jays to attend a Blue Jays game in Toronto and request that the member work with Serpent River First Nation administration to put in an application for Jordan’s Principle	
Moved by	Shirley McLeod
Seconded by	John (Jack) Trudeau
CARRIED	By Consensus
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Requesting \$8,367.90 under the Community Advancement Fund (CAF) for the Cutler Jays to attend a Blue Jays game in Toronto - The Cutler Jays baseball teams have been a successful program within the community serving 40 children and youth aged 8-15, and seven coaching staff - The Cutler Jays have developed a sense of community by engaging members to volunteer and come to games - They want to celebrate their year by taking them to a Blue Jays baseball game on Saturday September 14, 2024, in Toronto - This activity would be eligible under Jordan’s Principle 	

k.) Community Advancement Fund (CAF) Application – School Tuition in America

MOTION: 2024-08-27-12	
That Chief and Council approve the Community Advancement Fund application of \$8,784.50 to support post-secondary education tuition costs	
Moved by	John (Jack) Trudeau
Seconded by	Kerri Commanda
CARRIED	By Consensus
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Community member is attending their 2nd year of post-secondary school in the United States of America. Their tuition is \$20,269.50 USD for fall semester which has been paid for by Education in the amount of \$20,296.50 CAD as the Education department policy states that they will pay for tuition and living expenses in Canadian funds - Community member had received funds from the Education department for last year's tuition and living expenses but did not access funds through CAF to supplement the exchange rate difference - The school is asking for a difference of \$6,244.76 USD, as of August 14, 2024, the exchange rate was \$1.4067 resulting in a difference \$8784.50 	

l.) Community Advancement Fund (CAF) Application – Spring Fasting Ceremonies

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MOTION: 2024-08-27-13	
That Chief and Council approve of the Community Advancement Fund Application of \$10,000 for Spring Fasting ceremonies at Thunder Mountain	
Moved by	Kerri Commanda
Seconded by	John (Jack) Trudeau
CARRIED	By Consensus
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Community member is requesting \$10,000 to assist with facilitating two ceremonies for community at Thunder Mountain - A water ceremony will take place August 1-5th,2024 where community members will go to three various locations and pray for the water and learn how to make water bundles - A fall fasting ceremony will take place September 15-20th ,2024 where community members will fast and participate in teachings - This is providing an opportunity to many community members to participate in traditional ceremonies and nurture them mentally and physically 	

m.) CMHC Section 95 – Renovations 8 Property Project (Package 1) – Contractor Selection

MOTION: 2024-08-27-14	
That Chief and Council approve of splitting the contract into two, between Stoneworx Landscaping and Nodin Construction. Award 31 Village Road to Stoneworx Landscaping for the bid of \$52,100.00. Award 18 Village Road, 157 Village Road and 205 Village Road to Nodin Construction for the bid of \$242,000.00. The combined total is \$294,100.00. Along with a penalty added to the contract for delays if construction schedule deadlines are not met and the Director of Housing & Infrastructure ensuring that regular inspections occur	
Moved by	Shirley McLeod
Seconded by	John (Jack) Trudeau
CARRIED	By Consensus
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Serpent River First Nation’s Housing and Infrastructure Department received three bid submissions for the renovations (SRFN/Residential Renovations Pkg No. 2024-01) located at 18 Village Rd, 31 Village Rd, 157 Village Rd and 205 Village Rd - Serpent River received approved Section 95 funding from CMHC on December 13, 2023, for the renovations of 8 properties, plus renovate Geka Wigwam and two modular tiny homes - An invitation to bid was posted on June 7, 2024, to renovate 4 properties (SRFN/Residential Renovations Pkg No. 2024-01) located on Village Road with a closing date of June 28, 2024, at 3:00 p.m - These bids were opened on Friday June 28, 2024, at 3:15 p.m. - Present for the bid opening were Technical Manager of Infrastructure & Housing, Director of Operations (Int.) along with Director of Infrastructure and Housing - Three companies submitted a bid each - Stoneworx Landscaping submitted a bid of \$ 335,700.00 - Nodin Construction submitted a bid of \$ 296,500.00 	

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- Darby Design & Build submitted a bid of \$ 456,200.00
- Total approved funding for the four properties totals \$279,363.00, therefore each property would receive \$69,840.75. Upon evaluating the bids by each contractor, it was identified that the bid exceeds the approved funding allocation
- Request was made that a penalty if construction schedule deadlines are not met be incorporated into the contract
- Director of Housing & Infrastructure to ensure that regular inspections occur

n.) CMHC Section 95 – Renovations 8 Property Project (Package 2) - Contractor Selection

MOTION: 2024-08-27-15
That Chief and Council of splitting the contract into two, between Stoneworx Landscaping and Nodin Construction. Award 29 Hwy 17 and 10 Church to Stoneworx Landscaping for the bid of \$ 200,750.00. Secondly, award 15 River Road and 3 Walkhouse Bay Road to Nodin Construction for the bid of \$ 113,300.00. The combined total is \$ 314,050.00. Along with a penalty added to the contract for delays if construction schedule deadlines are not met and the Director of Housing & Infrastructure ensuring that regular inspections occur

Moved by	John (Jack) Trudeau
Seconded by	Kerri Commanda
CARRIED	By Consensus

- Serpent River First Nation’s Housing and Infrastructure Department received three bid submissions for the renovations (***SRFN/Residential Renovations Pkg No. 2024-02***) located at 29 Hwy 17, 10 Church Road, 15 River Road and 3 Walkhouse Bay Road
- Serpent River First Nation received approval from CMHC for Section 95 funding on December 13, 2023, for the Renovations of 8 properties, including the renovations to Geka Wigwam plus two modular tiny homes
- An invitation to bid was posted on June 7, 2024, to renovate 4 properties (SRFN/Residential Renovations Pkg No. 2024-02) located on Hwy 17, Church Road, River Road and Walkhouse Bay Road with a closing date of June 28, 2024, at 3:00p.m.
- These bids were opened on Friday June 28, 2024, at 3:15 p.m.
- Present for the bid opening were Technical Manager of Infrastructure & Housing, Director of Operations (Int.) along with Director of Infrastructure and Housing
- Three companies submitted a bid each
- Stoneworx Landscaping \$ 367,250.00
- Nodin Construction \$ 346,700.00
- Darby Design & Build \$ 458,500.00
- Total approved funding for the four properties totals \$279,363.00, therefore each property would receive \$69,840.75. Upon evaluating the bids by each contractor, it was identified that the bid exceeds the approved funding allocation
- Request was made that a penalty if construction schedule deadlines are not met be incorporated into the contract

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- Director of Housing & Infrastructure to ensure that regular inspections occur

o.) Independant Electricity Systems Operator (IESO) - Project Application

MOTION: 2024-08-27-16	
That Chief and Council authorize the Director of Operations (Int.) to proceed with the Independant Electricity Systems Operator (IESO) application and any associated funding applications	
Moved by	John (Jack) Trudeau
Seconded by	Michelle Owl
CARRIED	By Consensus
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Lands Department is looking to implement the community energy plan and is looking for council to support two applications to the IESO (Independant Electricity Systems Operator) - In 2017, the community undertook an energy review and contracted a consultant firm, Arcadis, to develop a community energy plan. This plan identifies issues with the current system and opportunities to become more efficient and to create economic benefit - The energy plan was presented to council in 2023, but due to capacity issues, Serpent River First Nation has not yet been able to capitalize on the recommendations - Serpent River Lands staff have been working with Jazz Solar exploring options that would qualify for the IESO program and preparing application packages - The IESO has funding available to secure a Community Energy Champion (CEC) for a three-year period - As part of this project, Serpent River First Nation would like to bring power to the facility at Stockwater Bay, by means of a small solar/battery system. This would include training in both maintenance and operations. This would be expected to be complete in the summer of 2025 - The Deadline for the applications is August 31st 	

p.) Indigenous Energy Support Program (IESP) Energy Application – Position of Community Energy Champion

MOTION: 2024-08-27-17	
That Chief and Council approve the Director of Operations (Int.) to acquire the funding to support the position of Community Energy Champion (CEC)	
Moved by	Michelle Owl
Seconded by	Kerri Commanda
CARRIED	By Consensus
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Community Energy Champion (CEC) will be hired for a 3-year term to lead and coordinate energy initiatives - This position will strengthen community energy leadership and capacity 	

q.) Indigenous Energy Support Program (IESP) - Stockwater Bay - Off-Grid

MOTION: 2024-08-27-18	
That Chief and Council approve the Director of Operations (Int.) to proceed with the on-site solar energy generation system at Stockwater Bay and any associated funding applications	

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Moved by	John (Jack) Trudeau
Seconded by	Shirley McLeod
CARRIED	By Consensus
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The construction of a solar energy generation system on-site at Serpent River First Nation will reduce dependency on diesel fuel, aligning with sustainability efforts and lowering energy costs for the community through renewable energy generation - Additionally, Serpent River First Nation is also applying for funding under this IESP intake to hire a Community Energy Champion (CEC) that can oversee the progress on this and future energy initiatives (item 11. p) 	

r.) Serpent River First Nation Limited Partnership (SRFNLP) - Application of Support of EV Charging

MOTION: 2024-08-27-19	
That Chief and Council supports the application to proceed with the application to ZEVIP for funding the installation and purchase of 2-Level 3 EV Charging Stations at Serpent River First Nation Trading Post and 2-Level 3 Charging Stations at Agawa Crafts Trading Post	
Moved by	John (Jack) Trudeau
Seconded by	Kerri Commanda
CARRIED	By Consensus
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Serpent River First Nation Limited Partnership proposes is proposing to acquire and install electrical supply, distribution and associated electrical outlets, signage and pavement markings (the “Charging Equipment”) on Serpent River First Nation Trading Post property - An application for EV charging through ZEVIP has been identified to maximize funding for this project - The funding covers Up to 75% of total project costs, to a maximum of \$112,500 per charger Any additional costs would be the responsibility of Serpent River First Nation Limited Partnership. - . This will assist in reducing greenhouse gas emissions and boosting traffic at the Serpent River First Nation Trading Post/Gas Bar and Agawa Crafts Trading Post/Gas Bar - An additional revenue stream will be created through paid usage of the EV Charging equipment - IDOO to follow-up with Serpent River First Nation Limited Partnership Manager to acquire projections for this project 	

s.) Robinson Huron Treaty (RHT) - Per Capita Distribution Payout

MOTION: 2024-08-27-20	
That with respect to the Per Capita Distribution to individual members, Serpent River First Nation will distribute \$125,000 per eligible member effective to January 18, 2024	
Moved by	Kerri Commanda
Seconded by	John (Jack) Trudeau
CARRIED	

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- At the direction of the council of Serpent River First Nation, it's Trustee, Ogimaa Kwe Wilma-Lee Johnston, did vote in favour of approving of the Settlement Agreement on September 1, 2023, in Bawaating (Sault Ste. Marie)
- Serpent River First Nation did approve of the one-time amendment on the Compensation Distribution Agreement (CDA, 2012)
- Serpent River First Nation will distribute a portion of the Robinson Huron Treaty settlement funds through a Per Capita Distribution to individual members and the remainder of the funds will be set aside in a collective Trust
- The community voted to allow for 50% recovery of arrears from Per Capita Distributions from members that are in debt with the First Nation
- The community voted on the age of minor eligibility to be the age of eighteen years
- This motion was not moved by Consensus, as Councillor Owl expressed opposition

t.) Covid Vaccine Policy - Discussion

- Councillor proposed exploring updated health recommendations and suggested revisiting the Covid Vaccine Policy that is in place for administration staff
- This item to come back at the duly convened Chief and Council meeting of Tuesday, September 24, 2024

u.) Chief's Letter to Community - Discussion

- Councillor Owl expressed concerns regarding the language used in the Chief's letter to the community in respect to the removal of the 70/30 voting ballot option. She clarified her position on the matter, confirming her opposition to removing the 70/30 option from the voting ballot

12. Community Questions and Answers

- A community member inquired when the community will see a Finance report coming to Chief and Council. The IDOO explained that the Finance Committee is anticipating a financial statement from Financial Consultant, Ryan McLeod in September 2024
- A community member inquired when the community can anticipate a Chief's report. The Chief explained that she completed a verbal report at the duly convened Chief and Council meeting of July 9, 2024, and a written report at the meeting prior to that
- A community member inquired about the vacant councillor position. Chief explained that it will remain vacant until the next election (2025)
- A community member inquired about the selection process for the community trust trustees and how off-reserve representation will be ensured. The Chief explained that while the process for selecting trustees has not yet been established, Toronto Dominion Bank (TD) has been chosen as the corporate trustee, who will work closely with the trustees
- A community member inquired about establishing a "Community Safety Zone" in the community. Specifically, regarding the speed signs and speeding issues. Additionally, the member inquired about the timing of the by-law community engagement sessions in relation to Chief and Council's decision on a policing model. The Chief explained that she had anticipated completing these engagement sessions by August 2024 and establishing a visible police presence by September 2024, however, this has not yet occurred. Though, the Chief reported a constructive meeting with the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) regarding their enforcement and response to

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Serpent River First Nation. It was noted that the OPP has increased their presence and has been actively enforcing the by-law/no trespassing orders over the past month

- A community member inquired about collecting data from the speed signs, citing concerns about safety due to speeding drivers posing a danger to pedestrians in the community

13. Next Meeting Dates

- Tuesday, September 10, 2024

14. Adjournment

MOTION: 2024-08-27-21	
That Chief and Council adjourn the Chief and Council Meeting of, Tuesday, August 27, 2024, at 8:32pm.	
Moved by	Shirley McLeod
Seconded by	
CARRIED	By Consensus

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