

SERPENT RIVER FIRST NATION

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SRFN Chief and Council Meeting
Tuesday, October 22, 2024
Approved Minutes

Chair: Wilma-Lee Johnston
Council: Kerri Commanda, Michelle Owl, Shirley McLeod, John (Jack) Trudeau, Steve Meawasige
Regrets: None at this time

Director of Operations (DOO): Tracey Seabrook

Staff: Jeff Moulton, Director of Human Resources

Recording Secretary: Madelaine O'Neill, POLEA

1) Call to Order/Opening Prayer/Remarks:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">- The duly convened Chief and Council meeting of Tuesday, October 22, 2024 was called to order at 6:05pm- Opening prayer by Councillor McLeod
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2) Adoption of Agenda

MOTION: 2024-10-22-01	
That Chief and Council adopt the Agenda for the Chief and Council Meeting of Tuesday, October 22, 2024 as amended	
Moved by	Steve Meawasige
Seconded by	Kerri Commanda
CARRIED	By Consensus
- Typo on item 6. A) Robinson Huron Treaty Distributions report not Funding	

3) Declaration of Conflict of Interest:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">- None at this time

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4) Community Presentations

- Community member delivered a presentation of a Anishinaabemowin children’s animation project, aimed at promoting and preserving Indigenous culture through storytelling
- The presentation highlighted the importance of cultural representation in media for young audiences and outlined the impacts of language revitalization
- Community member seeking funding to support bringing this project to fruition
- Chief and Council agree to support this project by consensus

5) Approval of Previous Minutes

a) Tuesday, September 10, 2024

MOTION: 2024-10-22-02	
That Chief and Council accept the Chief and Council Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, September 10, 2024 as amended	
Moved by	Kerri Commanda
Seconded by	Shirley McLeod
CARRIED	By Consensus
- Typo on item 7. a.) Treaty Gathering	

b.) Tuesday, October 8, 2024

MOTION: 2024-10-22-03	
That Chief and Council accept the Council Meeting Minutes as presented	
Moved by	Michelle Owl
Seconded by	John (Jack) Trudeau
CARRIED	By Consensus

6) Business Arising from Minutes

a.) Robinson Huron Treaty – Distributions Report

<p>The DOO presented a Robinson Huron Treaty Distributions on behalf of Acting Finance Manager Ryan Mcleod. It is as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Below are the proceeds that have and will be received from the Robinson Huron Treaty Litigation Fund related to the collective Robinson Huron Treaty settlement: 	
Settlement Proceeds from RHTLF	AMOUNT
Initial – Aug 2/24	\$276.8 Million
Balance – Oct 31/24	\$101.1 Million
Total	\$378 Million
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Serpent River First Nation determined through a community vote that \$125,000 per member would be distributed out to members from the Collective settlement. To date 1,121 payments have been issued totaling \$140,125,000. The amount distributed above does not include the minors’ funds that will be placed in trust - \$423,783.98 has been collected in arrears based on the 50% established - The account has been generating interest since the initial deposit was made. Serpent River First Nation is anticipating interest from Robinson Huron Treaty Litigation Fund in November 2024 	
Period	AMOUNT

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	August	\$0.7 Million
	September	\$0.5 Million
	November (Estimate Only)	\$6.0 Million
	Total	\$7.2 Million

b.) Action Items

- Refer to action items template for follow-up

7) Reports

- None at this time

8) Doodem & Committee Minutes & Reports

- None at this time

9) Standing Items

a.) Audit Update

- The DOO provided an audit update
- Auditors are asking for 2 outstanding items; Finance department is working on recovering these items
- Work has commenced on the 23/24 audit

b.) Community Safety

- Serpent River First Nation is still eligible to receive Prosecution Pilot funding, but requires one draft enforceable by-law to qualify. Deadline is December 31, 2024 to submit the application
- Discussion about the recent wildfire on the First Nation and the Fire Department/equipment

10) New Business

a.) ELNOS Board Delegate

MOTION: 2024-10-22-04	
That Chief and Council authorize the delegation of Shirley McLeod to the ELNOS Board and grant her the authority to make decisions on relevant matters on behalf of Chief and Council	
Moved by	By Consensus
Seconded by	By Consensus
CARRIED	By Consensus
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A Band Council Resolution is required to delegate Councillor McLeod to the ELNOS Board - Councillor McLeod currently sits on the board 	

b.) Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) – Housing Renovation Fund

MOTION: 2024-10-22-05	
That Chief and Council support the application for \$270,600 in funding from ISC to support housing renovations	
Moved by	By Consensus
Seconded by	By Consensus
CARRIED	By Consensus

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- Serpent River First Nation has available \$270,600 to support renovations to 12 homes, 5 allocated in 2024/25, 5 allocated in 2025/26 and 2 in 2026/27
- Based upon a presentation from ISC, October 16, 2024 the attestation must be submitted by October 25th, 2024 with the supporting documentation to follow shortly thereafter
- Inspections must be completed on all homes and estimates for the renovations also submitted
- The focus should be on those deemed health and safety issues and cannot be CMHC Section 95 homes
- Work is underway by the Housing and Infrastructure department to identify those homes based upon assessments completed over the past year

12. Community Questions and Answers

- Community member inquired about community engagement in respect to housing initiatives
- Community member followed up on doodem/committee call-outs and incentives associated with participation (gift cards). Chief explained that participation continues to pose a challenge
- Community member inquired about who the Nisoonag Project Manager and what the position represents and also requested a report on the status of these initiatives
- Community member inquired about the ISC Housing Renovation Fund and who will be eligible. DOO explained that this will apply to non-CMHC homes, with a focus on those with health and safety issues as well as formal assessments required
- Community member inquired about the Membership clerk and how members can acquire their status cards. Director of Human Resources explained that the position has been posted for quite some time and that members should be able to contact Sagamok First Nation or Missisauigi First Nation for assistance

13. Next Meeting Dates

- Tuesday, November 12, 2024

14. Adjournment

MOTION: 2024-10-22-06	
That Chief and Council adjourn the Chief and Council Meeting of Tuesday, October 22, 2024 at 7:41 p.m.	
Moved by	Shirley McLeod
Seconded by	
CARRIED	By Consensus

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