

SERPENT RIVER FIRST NATION

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SRFN Chief and Council Meeting
Tuesday, December 10, 2024
Approved Minutes

Chair: Wilma-Lee Johnston

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

Regrets: Michelle Owl

Director of Operations (DOO): Tracey Seabrook

Staff: Jeff Moulton, Director of Human Resources

Community members in person: 10

Attendees via Zoom: 6

Recording Secretary: Madelaine O'Neill, POLEA

1) Call to Order/Opening Prayer/Remarks:

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| - The duly convened Chief and Council meeting of Tuesday, December 10, 2024 was called to order at 6:01pm |
| - Opening prayer by Councillor McLeod |

2) Adoption of Agenda

MOTION: 2024-12-10-01

That Chief and Council adopt the Agenda for the Chief and Council Meeting of Tuesday, December 10, 2024, as amended

Moved by	John (Jack) Trudeau
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Seconded by	Steve Meawasige
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CARRIED	By Consensus
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| - Add item 7. a) Chief's Report |
| - Add item 6. b) Action Items |

3) Declaration of Conflict of Interest:

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| - None declared |
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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) **Tuesday, November 26, 2024**

MOTION: 2024-12-10-02	
That Chief and Council approve the Council Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, November 26, 2024 as presented	
Moved by	John (Jack) Trudeau
Seconded by	Shirley McLeod
CARRIED	By Consensus

6) **Business Arising from Minutes**

a.) **Doodem/Committee Meeting Dates**

<p>- The Chief provided an overview of the upcoming Doodem and Committee meeting dates with community. The dates are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child Well Being Committee Meeting – Monday, January 6th, 2025 • Mahng/Loon Governance Doodem Meeting – Wednesday, January 8th, 2025 • Mukwa/Bear Health Doodem Meeting – Wednesday, January 15th, 2025 • Waabizheshi/Marten Lands Doodem Meeting – Tuesday, January 21st, 2025 • Miigzi/Eagle Education Doodem Meeting – Wednesday, January 22nd, 2025 • Wawashkesh/Deer Culture Doodem Meeting – Thursday, January 23, 2025 • Restorative Justice & Community Safety Committee Meeting – Wednesday, January 29, 2025 • Housing and Infrastructure Committee Meeting – Thursday, January 30, 2025

b.) **Action Items**

<p>- The Chief referred to the action items template (internal) and provided updates on the actionable items from previous meetings</p>

7) **Reports**

a) **Chief’s Report**

MOTION: 2024-12-10-03	
That Chief and Council accept the Chief’s Report of Tuesday, December 10, 2024 as presented	
Moved by	John (Jack) Trudeau
Seconded by	Steve Meawasige
CARRIED	By Consensus
<p>- The Chief presented her verbal report with Council which provided an overview of meetings/events attended for the month of November 2024. The report is as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nov 5-6 - ISC Joint Gathering in Toronto • November 07 - Waubetek Business Awards in Aundeck Omni Kaming (AOK). Serpent River First Nation Business Centre received their second award in achieving the “long standing business award.” In recognition of the efforts of the SRFN LP in achieving economic growth in the purchase of Agawa and Canadian Carvers in Pancake Bay • November 11 - Recognition of Remembrance Day held at Community Centre and Monument 	

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- November 13 - Governance Training for Board of Directors with North Shore Tribal Council
 - November 18, 19 - Waasmoowin Energy inc. (9 Nations partnership) Strategic Planning Session
 - November 20 – Serpent River First Nation Trustee Information Session
 - November 25 - Litigation Management Committee, meeting with Committee and Legal regarding next steps and review of presentation to RHTLF
 - November 26 - Joint meeting RHW and RHTLF meeting with the 21 Chiefs, discussion on Council Fire, preparations and go forward negotiations
 - November 27 - RHW Strategic Planning Session, priorities for RHW, language revitalization, Council Fire, and next steps including how RHW can and continues to support the litigation
 - December, 1-2 – M’chigeeng – Language Revitalization working group
 - December 3 - Koogenaasewin, online discussion on needs of the community and staff
 - December 4 – Koogenaasewin Community Engagement was cancelled due to inclement weather and will be rescheduled in January of 2025
 - December 05 – Mamaweswen North Shore Tribal Council Gala
 - December 11 - RHTLF Council Fire Gathering
 - December 12 – Serpent River First Nation Elders Christmas Party and Christmas Parade
 - December 13 – Serpent River First Nation Children’s Christmas Party
- December 18 – Anishnabek Nation, online Additions to Reserve information and discussion

8) Doodem & Committee Minutes & Reports

- None at this time

9) Standing Items

a) Audit Update

- Currently under review with the auditors
- There is no concrete timeline for return of financial statements at this time
- Delays expected with auditors due to personal reasons

b.) Community Safety

- Director of Lands Environment and Public Safety has been tasked with inquiring into the feasibility of implementing a Community Safety Zone to determine if it is a possibility

10) New Business

a.) Jordan’s Principle – New Positions

MOTION: 2024-12-10-04	
That Chief and Council support an application to Jordan’s Principle for three staff on an annualized basis to assist community members with accessing additional funding to support the needs of children and youth and delegate the authority to apply for these positions annually to the Director of Operations	
Moved by	Steve Meawasige
Seconded by	Shirley McLeod

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Serpent River First Nation would like to apply for 3 positions for Jordan’s Principle - 1 coordinator and 2 generalists with a focus on Education and Social Services but not limited to. Serpent River First Nation currently has a funding administrator who covers the Community Advancement Fund and Jordan’s Principle - This will provide additional supports to children and youth in the community and alleviate pressure on other budgets 	

b.) Jordan’s Principle Application – Serpent River First Nation Hunt Camp

MOTION: 2024-12-10-05	
That Chief and Council	
Moved by	John (Jack) Trudeau
Seconded by	Steve Meawasige
CARRIED	By Consensus
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - For the past 5 years, Serpent River First Nation has facilitated a hunt camp for the children/youth in the community through Social Services and Culture Department - Funding for this has come through their department and the Community Advancement Fund thus far - Serpent River First Nation would like to submit an application through Jordan’s Principle on a yearly basis as there is eligibility to support our children and families - Serpent River First Nation would like to ensure that each youth that participate are provided with the supports necessary for them to participate on an annual basis. For reference \$22,922.79 is being requested 	

c.) Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) – Primary Public Safety Answering Point (P-SAP) Agreement

MOTION: 2024-12-10-06	
That Chief and Council support the implementation of the P-PSAP agreement	
Moved by	Steve Meawasige
Seconded by	John (Jack) Trudeau
CARRIED	By Consensus
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Serpent River First Nation has been advised of upcoming changes to the Primary Public Safety Answering Point (P-PSAP) service agreement with the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) to align with the requirements of Next Generation 9-1-1 (NG9-1-1) services - A P-PSAP is responsible for answering all calls to 9-1-1 for police, fire and ambulance services. A 9-1-1 call-taker will triage the caller’s needs and forward the call directly to the appropriate emergency service(s) — known as a secondary Public Safety Answering Point (S-PSAP) — for action and follow-through - Serpent River First Nation must maintain reliable 9-1-1 support - The P-PSAP agreement will become effective on January 1st 2025 - The OPP determines the costs for this service based on the population of the community. The annual rate per capita is \$0.561 	

d.) DRAFT – Lottery Policy

- Deferred due to feedback raised by community members
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e.) DRAFT – Receipts Policy

MOTION: 2024-12-10-07	
That Chief and Council approve the Receipts policy as presented	
Moved by	John (Jack) Trudeau
Seconded by	Shirley McLeod
CARRIED	By Consensus
- Chief and Council reviewed the DRAFT Receipts policy and addressed any questions	

f.) DRAFT - Accounts Receivable Policy

MOTION: 2024-12-10-08	
That Chief and Council accept the Accounts Receivable policy as amended	
Moved by	John (Jack) Trudeau
Seconded by	Shirley McLeod
CARRIED	By Consensus
- Chief and Council reviewed the DRAFT Accounts Receivable policy and addressed any questions	
- Remove all abbreviations	

g.) DRAFT – Electronic Banking Policy

MOTION: 2024-12-10-09	
That Chief and Council accept the Electronic Banking policy as presented	
Moved by	John (Jack) Trudeau
Seconded by	Shirley McLeod
CARRIED	By Consensus
- Chief and Council reviewed the DRAFT Electronic Banking policy and addressed any questions	

h.) DRAFT - Purchasing Policy

MOTION: 2024-12-10-10	
That Chief and Council accept the Purchasing policy as amended	
Moved by	John (Jack) Trudeau
Seconded by	Shirley McLeod
CARRIED	By Consensus
- Chief and Council reviewed the DRAFT Purchasing policy and addressed any questions	
- Remove all abbreviations	

i.) DRAFT - Petty Cash Policy

MOTION: 2024-12-10-11	
That Chief and Council accept the Petty Cash policy as presented	
Moved by	John (Jack) Trudeau

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Seconded by	Shirley McLeod
CARRIED	By Consensus
- Chief and Council reviewed the Petty Cash policy and addressed any questions	

j.) **DRAFT – Travel Policy**

MOTION: 2024-12-10-12	
That Chief and Council accept the Travel policy as presented	
Moved by	Steve Meawasige
Seconded by	Shirley McLeod
CARRIED	By Consensus
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Chief and Council reviewed the Travel policy and addressed any questions - Serpent River First Nation to increase current travel rates to match Federal travel rates - DOO recommends this change be effective on January 1, 2025 - Administration budgets currently based on Federal rates 	

11. Community Questions and Answers

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Community member inquired about the process in respect to the “action items” and business arising agenda items - Community member inquired about the status of a Q2 financial statement. DOO explained that she anticipates this will be ready for the duly convened Chief and Council meeting of January 14, 2025 - Community member inquired about when the selection committee will be developed. Deadline to apply has been extended to December 20, 2024 - Community member inquired about the status of the land in Elliot Lake. DOO explained that environmental aspect is taken care of by Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) and that the 2 legal entities’ are in conversation so that the land transfer can commence
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12. Next Meeting Dates

- Tuesday, January 14, 2025

13.) Adjournment

MOTION: 2023-12-10-13	
That Chief and Council adjourn the Chief and Council Meeting of, Tuesday, December 10, 2024 at 8:04pm.	
Moved by	Shirley McLeod
Seconded by	
CARRIED	By Consensus

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