

SERPENT RIVER FIRST NATION

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SRFN Chief and Council Meeting
January 9, 2024
Approved Minutes

Chair: Wilma-Lee Johnston

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

Regrets: N/A

Director of Operations (DOO): Tracey Seabrook

Staff: Jeff Moulton, Director of HR; Lilli Doughty, Acting POLEA

Recording Secretary: Lilli Doughty

Number of zoom participants: 11

1) Call to Order/Opening Prayer/Remarks:

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| - Duly Convened Chief and Council meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. |
| - The Chief welcomed Council and the community |
| - Opening prayer by Councillor Trudeau |

2) Adoption of Agenda

MOTION: 2024-01-09-01

That Chief and Council adopt the Agenda for the Chief and Council Meeting of January 9, 2024 as amended

Moved by	John (Jack) Trudeau
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Seconded by	Kerri Commanda
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CARRIED	By Consensus
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| - Item 7. a) Chief's Report was added |
| - Item 7. b) Kerri Commanda's Report was added |

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) **December 12, 2023**

MOTION: 2024-01-09-02	
That Chief and Council approve the Council Meeting Minutes of December 12, 2023 as amended	
Moved by	John (Jack) Trudeau
Seconded by	Shirley McLeod
CARRIED	By Consensus
- “Deadline of January 31, 2024” to be added to item 6. a)	

6) **Business Arising from Minutes**

N/A

7) **Reports**

a) **Chief’s Report**

MOTION: 2024-01-09-03	
That Chief and Council accept the Chief’s written report dated January 9, 2024 as presented	
Moved by	Shirley McLeod
Seconded by	John (Jack) Trudeau
CARRIED	By Consensus
- The Chief presented her written report and answered questions from Council and Community	
- The report will be mailed to the community tomorrow	

b) **Councillor Commanda’s Report**

MOTION: 2024-01-09-04	
That Chief and Council accept the Chief’s written report dated January 9, 2024 as presented	
Moved by	Shirley McLeod
Seconded by	John (Jack) Trudeau
CARRIED	By Consensus
- Councillor Commanda presented her written report from November 29 – December 9, 2023, when she was acting Chief, and answered questions from Council and Community	

8) **Doodem & Committee Minutes & Reports**

- The Chief asked Council to share their doodem meeting dates with her
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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) Hydro One Poles Consent

MOTION: 2024-01-09-05	
That Chief and Council review the sketch provided by Hydro One Networks and approve of the locations for additional street lighting	
Moved by	Shirley McLeod
Seconded by	Kerri Commanda
CARRIED	By Consensus
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - As part of the Hydro One Land Lease Agreement, Hydro One agreed to provide additional street lighting for Serpent River First Nation - In order for them to do so they require permission to do so from Chief and Council 	

b) Bank of Montreal – Signing Authority

MOTION: 2024-01-09-06	
That Chief and Council appoint Tracey Seabrook, Director of Operations (Int.) for the online banking platform	
Moved by	John (Jack) Trudeau
Seconded by	Kerri Commanda
CARRIED	By Consensus
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Serpent River First Nation has an account with BMO, Bank of Montreal - The past primary administrators (PCA) for the online banking platform, Cheryl Meawasige and Christie Johnston are no longer available 	

c) Bank of Montreal – Additional Signatories

MOTION: 2024-01-09-07	
That Chief and Council approve Jeff Moulton, Director of Human Resources, Wilma-Lee Johnston, Chief and Kerri Commanda, Councillor for Serpent River First Nation be approved as signatories on the BMO Bank of Montreal account #0377-1997607	
Moved by	Shirley McLeod
Seconded by	John (Jack) Trudeau
CARRIED	By Consensus
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Serpent River First Nation has an account with BMO, Bank of Montreal - The signatories on the BMO Bank of Montreal account are no longer current 	

d) Chief – Serpent River First Nation General Signing Authority

MOTION: 2024-01-09-08	
That Chief and Council approves Chief Wilma-Lee Johnston as authorized signator for Serpent River First Nation for general purposes	

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Moved by	John (Jack) Trudeau
Seconded by	Kerri Commanda
CARRIED	By Consensus
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - As a result of the resignation of Chief Brent Bissaillon and the Acting Chief, Wilma-Lee Johnston was nominated and accepted the nomination to run for the position of Chief and has resigned from her current position as Deputy Chief in order to do so - As a result of the by-election the signatories will need to be updated for all band business - Wilma-Lee Johnston was the successful candidate for the position of Chief 	

e) Scotiabank Signing Authority

MOTION: 2024-01-09-09	
That Chief and Council approves Chief Wilma-Lee Johnston as authorized signator for Serpent River First Nation for the Scotia Bank accounts	
Moved by	Shirley McLeod
Seconded by	Michelle Owl
CARRIED	By Consensus

f) Social Media Use Draft Policy

MOTION: 2024-01-09-10	
That Chief and Council approve of the Social Media Policy as presented	
Moved by	John (Jack) Trudeau
Seconded by	Kerri Commanda
CARRIED	By Consensus
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Director of Operations (Int.) and the Director of HR presented the Social Media draft policy and answered questions from Council - The policy will be discussed with staff and they will be asked to sign off on it - The “Whistleblower” policy will be drafted as soon as possible so it can be presented to staff at the same time 	

12.) Community Questions and Answers

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Community members had questions about RHT. Council has not decided yet on the amount that will be paid out to members. Council is meeting in Sault Ste. Marie this weekend to discuss RHT matters - Audits? The Director of Operations (Int.) met with BDO last week. They requested more documents which were forwarded to them yesterday. BDO will come back very soon with a date for audits. All audits will be completed by the end of the summer

13.) Next Meeting Dates

a) C&C Duly Convened Meeting January 23, 2024

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14.) Adjournment

MOTION: 2024-01-09-11	
That Chief and Council adjourn the Chief and Council Meeting of January 9, 2024 at 6:49 p.m.	
Moved by	John (Jack) Trudeau
Seconded by	
CARRIED	By Consensus

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