

**TYENDINAGA MOHAWK COUNCIL MINUTES  
AUGUST 16, 2023**

A meeting of the Tyendinaga Mohawk Council was held on Wednesday, August 16, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. in the Council Chambers.

Present: Chief R. Donald Maracle  
Councillors: Josh Hill, Stacia L. Loft, joined by Teams, Carl E. (Ted) Maracle and Chris Maracle  
  
Staff: David Souliere, CAO, joined by Teams; Angela Maracle, Senior Director of Operations, joined by Teams; Shelley Bowden, Executive Administrative Assistant and Recording Secretary to Council; Amsey Maracle, Executive Assistant to the Chief;

Chief Maracle opened the meeting with the Ohenton Karihwatehkwen and also provided a Lords prayer in Kanyen'keha and in English.

MOTION #1: Moved by Chris Maracle, seconded by Carl E. (Ted) Maracle to adopt the agenda with additional items.  
  
Carried.

MOTION #2: Moved by Carl E. (Ted) Maracle, seconded by Stacia L. Loft that the Tyendinaga Mohawk Council Minutes of August 2, 2023 be approved as Corrected.  
  
Carried.

MOTION #3: Moved by Josh Hill, seconded by Chris Maracle to approve travel outside the Territory;  
Chief: attending the Aboriginal Labour Force Development Circle (ALFDC) Annual General Meeting on September 7, 2023 in Orillia;  
  
Carried.

MOTION #4: Moved by Carl E. (Ted) Maracle, seconded by Josh Hill to approve the Tyendinaga Mohawk Council meetings for September, October, November and December 2023 as follows:  
  
Regular – September 13 & 27, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.  
Local Business – September 13 & 20, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.  
And  
Regular – October 5 & 19, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.  
Local Business – October 11 & 25, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.  
And  
Regular – November 1 & 15, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.  
Local Business – November 8 & 22, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.  
And  
Regular – December 13, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.  
  
Carried.

Council went into Private at 10:30 a.m.

Council returned to Regular at 3:00 p.m.

MOTION #5: Moved by Carl E. (Ted) Maracle, seconded by Chris Maracle that WHEREAS, the Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte currently holds their elections under the Indian Act and the Indian Band Election Regulations;  
  
WHEREAS, the Indian Act S. 74 (2) states that “Unless otherwise ordered by the Minister, the council of a band in respect of which an order has been made under subsection (1) shall consist of one chief and one councillor for every one hundred members of the band, but

the number of councillors shall not be less than two nor more than twelve and no band shall have more than one chief.”

WHEREAS, there are currently 10,314 members of the Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte;

WHEREAS, a current Ministerial Order dated June 5, 1992 stating that the size of the Tyendinaga Mohawk Council is made up of four (4) councillors and one (1) chief;

WHEREAS, Tyendinaga Mohawk Council has done several community engagement efforts to determine the size of the Council that the members would prefer;

WHEREAS, these efforts have consistently demonstrated that the members of the Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte who have chosen to participate in the engagement efforts have identified that they would prefer that the Tyendinaga Mohawk Council consist of six councillors as opposed to the current complement of four;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tyendinaga Mohawk Council is requesting for a new Ministerial Order identifying that the size of the Council of the Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte (Reserve #38) is made up of six (6) councillors and one (1) Chief immediately, putting this new change into effect for the 2023 election of the Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte. M.C.R. #2023/24-017.

Carried.

Council discussed the policy relating to staff that would like to run for Council. The policy states that staff that are nominated, must take a leave of absence until the election concludes, and if elected, that the staff member must resign from MBQ.

Council would like staff to provide a briefing outlining the pro's and con's, and any other critical points regarding staff running for Council.

MOTION #6: Moved by Chris Maracle, seconded by Carl E. (Ted) Maracle acknowledged the request from Kari Nisbet, Acting Director, Indigenous Affairs, Controlled Substances and Cannabis Branch, Health Canada to participate in the Legislative Review of the federal Cannabis Act and have a meeting with Chief Maracle, David Souliere, Angela Maracle, Stacia L. Loft, Susan Barberstock, Jason Brant and Lisa Maracle to review before arranging a meeting with expert panel.  
Carried.

Seizal Kapadia, Director of Finance attended to discuss the 2023-2024 budgets.

MOTION #7: Moved by Chris Maracle, seconded by Stacia L. Loft to approve the proposed consolidated budget for 2023-2024 as presented.  
Carried.

MOTION #8: Moved by Chris Maracle, seconded by Carl E. (Ted) Maracle to approve the proposed OFNLP (2008) budget for 2023-2024 as presented.  
Carried.

MOTION #9: Moved by Carl E. (Ted) Maracle, seconded by Chris Maracle that the Tyendinaga Mohawk Council approves to utilize the OFNLP2008 funds under the Community Development component in the amount of \$114,184.00 for the lands Research Program for 2022-23 fiscal year. M.C.R. #2023/24-018.  
Carried.

MOTION #10: Moved by Carl E. (Ted) Maracle, seconded by Chris Maracle that the Tyendinaga Mohawk Council approves to utilize the OFNLP2008

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funds under the Community Development component in the amount of \$173,257.00 for the New Administration Building Operation & Maintenance for 2022/23 fiscal year. M.C.R. #2023/24-019.

Carried.

MOTION #11: Moved by Carl E. (Ted) Maracle, seconded by Chris Maracle that the Tyendinaga Mohawk Council approves to utilize the OFNLP2008 funds under the Health component in the amount of \$3,052.00 for the Recreation for 2022/23 fiscal year. M.C.R. #2023/24-020.

Carried.

MOTION #12: Moved by Carl E. (Ted) Maracle, seconded by Chris Maracle that the Tyendinaga Mohawk Council approves to utilize the OFNLP2008 funds under the Health component in the amount of \$86,875.00 for the Fitness Centre for 2022/23 fiscal year. M.C.R. #2023/24-021.

Carried.

MOTION #13: Moved by Carl E. (Ted) Maracle, seconded by Chris Maracle that the Tyendinaga Mohawk Council approves to utilize the OFNLP2008 funds under the Community Development component in the amount of \$293,401.00 for the Nation Building Program for 2022/23 fiscal year. M.C.R. #2023/24-022.

Carried.

MOTION #14: Moved by Carl E. (Ted) Maracle, seconded by Chris Maracle that the Tyendinaga Mohawk Council approves to utilize the OFNLP2008 funds under the Community Development component in the amount of \$156,475.00 for the Fire Program for 2022/23 fiscal year. M.C.R. #2023/24-023.

Carried.

MOTION #15: Moved by Carl E. (Ted) Maracle, seconded by Chris Maracle that the Tyendinaga Mohawk Council approves to utilize the OFNLP2008 funds under the Community Development component in the amount of \$11,466.00 for the Culbertson Tract Land Claim for 2022-23 fiscal year. M.C.R. #2023/24-024.

Carried.

MOTION #16: Moved by Carl E. (Ted) Maracle, seconded by Chris Maracle that the Tyendinaga Mohawk Council approves to utilize the OFNLP2008 funds under the Community Development component in the amount of \$14,081.00 for the Library Building Operation & Maintenance for 2022-23 fiscal year. M.C.R. #2023/24-025.

Carried.

MOTION #17: Moved by Carl E. (Ted) Maracle, seconded by Chris Maracle that the Tyendinaga Mohawk Council approves to utilize the OFNLP2008 funds under the Community Development component in the amount of \$27,104.00 for the Community Service Building for 2022/23 fiscal year. M.C.R. #2023/24-026.

Carried.

MOTION #18: Moved by Carl E. (Ted) Maracle, seconded by Chris Maracle that the Tyendinaga Mohawk Council approves to utilize the OFNLP2008 funds under the Community Development component in the amount of \$401,002.00 for the Bayshore Sewage Upgrades for 2022/23 fiscal year. M.C.R. #2023/24-027.

Carried.

MOTION #19: Moved by Carl E. (Ted) Maracle, seconded by Chris Maracle that the Tyendinaga Mohawk Council approves to utilize the OFNLP2008 funds under the Community Development component in the amount of \$10,698.00 for the North Street Watermain Extension for 2022/23 fiscal year. M.C.R. #2023/24-028.

Carried.

- MOTION #20: Moved by Carl E. (Ted) Maracle, seconded by Chris Maracle that the Tyendinaga Mohawk Council approves to utilize the OFNLP2008 funds under the Community Development component in the amount of \$102,034.00 for the Water & Sewer Operations and Maintenance for 2022/23 fiscal year. M.C.R. #2023/24-029.  
Carried.
- MOTION #21: Moved by Carl E. (Ted) Maracle, seconded by Chris Maracle that the Tyendinaga Mohawk Council approves to utilize the OFNLP2008 funds under the Community Development component in the amount of \$127,351.00 for the Tech Services Department for 2022/23 fiscal year. M.C.R. #2023/24-030.  
Carried.
- MOTION #22: Moved by Carl E. (Ted) Maracle, seconded by Chris Maracle that the Tyendinaga Mohawk Council approves to utilize the OFNLP2008 funds under the Community component in the amount of \$517,643.40 for the Loan Payments New Admin Building Budget for 2022-23 fiscal year. M.C.R. #2023/24-031.  
Carried.
- MOTION #23: Moved by Carl E. (Ted) Maracle, seconded by Chris Maracle that the Tyendinaga Mohawk Council approves to utilize the OFNLP2008 funds under the Community Development component in the amount of \$167,883.00 for the Firehall Building for 2022-23 fiscal year. M.C.R. #2023/24-032.  
Carried.
- MOTION #24: Moved by Carl E. (Ted) Maracle, seconded by Chris Maracle that the Tyendinaga Mohawk Council approves to utilize the OFNLP2008 funds under the Health component in the amount of \$10,275.00 for the Other Health Related Budget for 2023/24 fiscal year. M.C.R. #2023/24-033.  
Carried.
- MOTION #25: Moved by Carl E. (Ted) Maracle, seconded by Chris Maracle that the Tyendinaga Mohawk Council hereby approve to transfer \$2,591,781 from the Equity Portfolio (25%) and from the Fixed Income Portfolio (75%) of BMO Nesbitt Burns account to Casino Rama Bank Account for the period ending March 31, 2023. M.C.R. #2023/24-034.  
Carried.
- Council discussed the Active Transportation Fund and request staff provide a report on what programs and services can apply to the fund.
- MOTION #26: Moved by Chris Maracle, seconded by Josh Hill to acknowledge with appreciation the letter and financial statement from the Tyendinaga Food Resource Golf Tournament Committee in raising \$62,743.45 for the Tyendinaga Food Resource Centre.  
Carried.
- MOTION #27: Moved by Chris Maracle, seconded by Josh Hill to acknowledge the Mohawk Firefighters Association hosting the beer tent at the Mohawk Fair on September 8 – 10, 2023.  
Carried.
- MOTION #28: Moved by Chris Maracle, seconded by Carl E. (Ted) Maracle to approve the letter to the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry providing authorization for surveillance, control and communication to reduce the risk and impacts of further spread of Water Soldier an invasive plant in the Bay of Quinte.  
Carried.

- MOTION #29: Moved by Chris Maracle, seconded by Josh Hill to defer the request from the Iroquois Caucus regarding an increase to the \$10,000.00 annual contribution until the budget and report of how the surplus funding is going to be used.  
Carried.
- MOTION #30: Moved by Chris Maracle, seconded by Carl E. (Ted) Maracle to approve the Business Registration for Big Chief Erectors, owner Tim Maracle.  
Carried.
- MOTION #31: Moved by Chris Maracle, seconded by Carl E. (Ted) Maracle to approve the Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) Comprehensive Funding Agreement #2122-ON-000027, Amendment #0042 in the amount of \$6,000.00 for room and board for a Community Member who was displaced from their home.  
Carried.
- MOTION #32: Moved by Chris Maracle, seconded by Carl E. (Ted) Maracle to approve to pay the Alan Pratt invoice #6191 in the amount of \$5,337.00 and invoice #6203 in the amount of \$1,256.00 regarding the Culbertson Tract Land Claim Partial Settlement.  
Carried.
- MOTION #33: Moved by Carl E. (Ted) Maracle, seconded by Chris Maracle to approve to pay the Templeman invoice #16172 in the amount of \$165.00 regarding Potential Breach of Privacy.  
Carried.
- MOTION #34: Moved by Chris Maracle, seconded by Carl E. (Ted) Maracle to approve signing the Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians (AIAI) Funding Agreement in the amount of \$25,000.00 for Youth Cultural Camps 2023/2024.  
Carried.
- MOTION #35: Moved by Chris Maracle, seconded by Stacia L. Loft that WHEREAS **Public - Rail Safety Week** is to be held across Canada from September 18 to 24, 2023;  
  
WHEREAS it is in the public's interest to raise citizens' awareness on reducing avoidable accidents, injuries and damage caused by collisions at level crossings or incidents involving trains and members of the community;  
  
WHEREAS Operation Lifesaver is a public/private partnership whose aim is to work with the rail industry, governments, police services, the media and other agencies and the public to raise rail safety awareness;  
  
WHEREAS CN encourages the Chief and Council to adopt this resolution in support of its ongoing effort to save lives and prevent injuries in communities, including our community;  
  
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, to support national **Public – Rail Safety Week**, to be held from September 18 to 24, 2023.  
M.C.R. #2023/24-035.  
Carried.
- MOTION #36: Moved by Chris Maracle, seconded by Stacia L. Loft to approve that Tyendinaga Mohawk Territory be a pick-up location for the demonstration in Ottawa opposing illegitimate Metis rights assertions and Bill C-53 on September 20, 2023.

Carried.

MOTION #37: Moved by Carl E. (Ted) Maracle, seconded by Stacia L. Loft to approve the Catchbasin Easement and Maintenance Agreement with Jason Doreen for access to Lot 68-3-1, Concession 1.

Carried.

Chief Maracle would like to commend Tom Kring, Director of Housing and BPM for all his hard work and dedication to getting things completed for the Long-Term Care Facility.

Council confirmed the following scheduled meetings:

- August 23, 2023 – 7:00 p.m. Tyendinaga Mohawk Council Local Business

MOTION #38: Moved by Chris Maracle, seconded by Carl E. (Ted) Maracle that this meeting go into private. (5:25 p.m.)

Carried.

Recorded by:

Shelley Bowden

Executive Administrative Assistant and Recording Secretary to Council

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Chief R. Donald Maracle