

# Gesgapegiag Band Council Minutes August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Place: Galgoasiet Natural Resource Conference Room Time: 1:30p.m.

Attendance: Chief Rod Larocque

**Absent:** Councillor Luc Martin, Councillor Patsy Jerome, Councillor Ronnie Condo, Councillor

Jeremy Martin

Councillor Armand Martin
Councillor Douglas Martin
Councillor Anthony Jerome
Councillor John Martin
Frederic Vicaire, Director General
Carolyn Larocque, Executive Assistant

## 1. Adoption of the Agenda with the following Items to be added

Items added to the agenda under varia

Proposed by Councillor Douglas Martin Seconded by Councillor Anthony Jerome Motion carried 2016-08-09

#### 2. Verification of Conflict of Interest

Council went over the agenda to see if there was anyone in conflict on interest on any items on the agenda. No one is in conflict.

#### 3. Presentation by Amanda Larocque-Director of Health Services

Got quotes for 2 vehicles for medical taxi-she would like to keep the bus for individuals with disabilities, she would like to trade one of the medical taxi vehicles and the van. Currently we have 2 individuals with amputees. Purchase 2 medical taxi vehicles-these vehicles can be used for health and social services and the nurses to make home visits.

Dodge caravan-\$328 per month for the dodge caravan-\$7,100.00 rebate-on the dodge caravan-in Campbellton, NB

Chrysler 200-\$321 for the Chrysler 200 per month, \$2,500 rebate-on the Chrysler in Campbellton, NB

It was suggested to call the dealership in Carleton and Paspébiac to see if the Band can get a better deal. A decision will be made once the comparison is done.

Summer games-she would like to use 2 vehicles to transport the students to attend the summer games in the next coming weeks.

Home and community care-adult foster care-she checked with various first nations, she hasn't been able to compare with these other reserves because some have some elders facilities. These dollars are filtered through the band and go directly to the facilities. Some of the facilities have a deficit at the end of the year. She has a meeting with Pascal Dube to try to access more dollars and get the criteria for all the programs so that none of the reports will come back with "non allowable expenses".

# 4. Presentation by Christianne Jerome-Bernard-Economic Development

She is recommending an advisory board-she is recommending another director of listuguj, a financial expertise maybe someone from the finance department of the band, someone who has a successful business, also an expertise in different fields depending on the business it entails (if its for fisheries project than it would be a fisherman who is operating its own business to sit on the committee along with the other committee members). All board members will consist of business people. The Economic Development Director will set up the committee when she starts her position in the near future. 3 committee members and one expertise.

The recommendation for an advisory board is accepted by Chief and Council

Proposed by Councillor Armand Martin Seconded by Councillor Anthony Jerome Motion carried 2016-08-09

#### 5. Presentation by Tammy Martin and Kateri Martin-Post Secondary

Post-Secondary student who applied was a category 7-Chief and Council approved her fundingshe was denied funding through the post secondary criteria because she didn't finish the school year. The Interim Director of GHRDC through her program that if she waited until her 18<sup>th</sup> birthday which is in late September, she can start her program in Fredericton, NB, she would be able to start in October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2016 she can be funded for living allowance through the Social Assistance program and the Post-Secondary program would pay for the tuition.

Chief and council are asking for a breakdown of all the students. A decision will be made on the  $25^{\rm th}$  of August at the next meeting

#### Continued August 10th, 2016.

Present: Chief Rod Larocque, Councillor Armand Martin, Councillor Anthony Jerome, Councillor Luc Martin, Councillor Douglas Martin, Councillor John Martin, Fred Vicaire, DG, Tammy Martin, Kateri Martin, Line Pare'

Absent: Councillor Jeremy Jerome, Councillor Patsy Jerome, Councillor Ronnie Condo

A lot of the students enrolled in Fredericton New Brunswick, this is more costly, the cost is a lot less expensive to go a Cégep in the province Quebec.

The students that are attending school in New Brunswick and obtain various degrees, when you come back to Quebec you have to be certified in Quebec, you cannot work in Quebec until you have been certified in the province of Quebec.

A new partnership with GHRDC-Emploi Quebec, Social Assistance and Post-Secondary dollars-to save the dollars on each department to work together to cover the costs for students to attend Cégep, College, University, also upgrading-we are hoping to have the upgrading done here in Gesgapegiag instead of going to Fredericton for bridging year.

The education department is currently working on amending the post secondary policy that should be ready for Chief and Council's approval in December, 2016.

Post secondary is 28,000 in the red.

The exercise for the students will be done for tammy's program, social assistance and post secondary. Once the exercise is done then Chief and Council will meet again.

First and foremost Tammy will have to find out how many hours are needed for U.I. to qualify so that some of the post secondary students can collect UI.

Council agrees to have the education post secondary be in deficit and will revisit the budget in December.

Proposed by Councillor Luc Martin Seconded by Councillor Anthony Jerome Motion carried 2016-08-09

It would be great if the band had the numbers of the success rates on these post secondary students-right now there is no way to keep track of the rates. Is there a follow up done on students on their success rates.

she is currently working as a summer student she wants to have funding from post secondary-she doesn't want to draw unemployment she wants to access funding from post secondary. Follow the same measure as last year for

## 6. Request for Land-Denise Larocque and Thomas Martin

Denise's request-tabled until we can meet with Jean-Francois Lemerle, Director of Forestry

Thomas Martin is requesting to purchase lot 60-7, request was denied the lot is not for sale, nor will he be issued a certificate of possession but he can build his fence.

Proposed by Councillor Anthony Jerome Seconded by Councillor John Martin Motion carried 2016-08-09

#### 7. Request for housing-Perry Martin

His request will be forwarded to the Housing Coordinator and the Housing Committee

# 8. Request for for a leave of absence for an extra year Christina Burnsed and a request for a leave of absence from work from Wendy Martin to return to school

Christina Burnsed-request for a leave of absence for another year.

Chief and Council decided to grant her request for another year-she will be asked to give Chief and Council 60 day notice before returning to work, also she will not be granted another leave if she decides to extend it next year and it was also decided to renew the contract of the current Financial Controller for another year.

Proposed by Councillor Douglas Martin Seconded by Councillor Armand Martin Motion carried 2016-08-09

Wendy martin is asking for a leave of absence to attend school.

Chief and Council granted her leave of absence to attend school in New Brunswick to take an accounting program.

Proposed by Councillor Anthony Jerome Seconded by Councillor John martin Motion carried 2016-08-09

#### 9. Job Posting

A motion was passed to approve the job posting of Head Start Educator (Daycare)

Proposed by Councillor Douglas Martin Seconded by Councillor Anthony Jerome Motion carried 2016-08-09

#### 10. Update from Chief Rod Larocque

had a lunch meeting with Remi Massé, met will the directors this morning and he always willing to help the community, he is keeping his word. He was very interested in the meeting and said that it opened his eyes.

## 11. Update from Fred Viciare-Director General

Pay Scale Policy did not agree with the salary scale-his is appealing to Chief and Council. It was decided to stay with the wage policy in place.

#### 12. Varia

No other items added

2:00 p.m. tomorrow council meeting

84 people in the region had power interruption, 3 members from the community were disconnected.

Next council meeting August 9<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>, 2016

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m

Proposed by Councillor Armand Martin Seconded by Councillor Anthony Jerome Motion carried 2016-08-09

Proposed by: Councillor Armand Martin Seconded by: Councillor John Martin

Signature:

Motion carried

Date of acceptance: 2017-09-18

Director General

Chief