



**Gesgapegiag Band Council Minutes**  
**August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2016**  
**Place: Galgoasiet Natural Resource Conference Room**  
**Time: 9:00 a.m.**

**Attendance:** Chief Rod Larocque

**Absent:** Councillor Armand Martin, Councillor John Martin-arrived at 11:00

Councillor Jeremy Jerome  
Councillor Douglas Martin  
Councillor Ronnie Condo  
Councillor Luc Martin  
Councillor Anthony Jerome  
Councillor Patsy Jerome  
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 Anthony Jerome  
Seconded by Councillor Douglas Martin  
Motion carried 2016-08-25

**2. Verification of Conflict of Interest**

**3. Hydro Quebec Representatives-Presentation**

An update from Fred-Listuguj didn't agree for the smart meter. It was suggested to have an information session with Listuguj and Gesgapegiag on smart meters be better informed.

Last November, there was an open house on the smart meters, there were only 3 people that attended. The next step is to answer the questions on the smart meters and what council's expectations are. Hydro met with listuguj on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of August. In June Troy and Terri Lyn met with hydro in June in Montreal.

Some council members has concerns with the fire hazard with smart meters, Ronald said that the smart meters that were used have been replaced with a different brand and the meters were all replaced. With the new meters there hasn't been any problems with these new meters, they have been used for the past 3 years with no problems with these smart meters.

Nothing will change when the smart meters are used, disconnection wont be done through the office, it will still be the same process, agreements will be made and if the agreement is not met then Ronald and tony will be advised and if the tenant default in payment then Ronald and tony will be aware of the disconnection and also chief and council will be advised.

Letters will be sent to the community to inform them to ask them if they are interested in the smart meters, through the bands website, radio or any other media necessary to inform the community members. The smart meter transition only takes a few seconds so the power outage on the homes won't last long. There are two different meters. If we get the smart meters the accurate reading but is we use the old meters the invoices get only estimates and when the accurate invoice comes in its higher because it has been an estimate during the winter months.

Some council members has some concerns on how some tenants have high bills like \$50,000 and some that only owe \$400 get a letter of disconnection. Ronald explained that some tenants cannot pay because of their income is low, so tenants are asked to provide a proof of income and are put on an agreement, if the agreement isn't followed then the agreement is void and another agreement is made and the payments are higher, but if the agreement is followed then the bill is deducted by 50% and so on until it is a zero.

Council has to make a decision today or in the near future to agree to have the smart meters. Some questions on why hydro gets money from cable and phone companies because they are using hydro poles.

Douglas had a questions on his consumption of hydro at his house, is has increased a lot over the years and doesn't understand why, Ronald suggested that he ask an electrician to check his house, he might has electrical problems that might be the reason why his hydro is costing more and more.

How does council to proceed with the meters. Council would like to have an agreement in writing that the disconnection cannot be done by hydro without the consent of the chief and council and tenants. Council wants the letter to come from the hydro stating this before council agrees to have the smart meters. The deadline is December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016 to give hydro the answer if the band wants the smart meters or not. Council will discuss further and will come up with an

answer before then. Council will meet in two weeks and will come up with an answer at that meeting. Ronald said that hydro will send the letter of stating that they will not disconnect

#### **4. Presentation Summer Student Coordinator-Jimmy Martin and Tammy Martin-GHRDC-Post-Secondary**

The Director of GHRDC recommends that the student coordinator should be the same person every year for structure purposes, consider making this position a seasonal full time position.

She is requesting for 22,000 for adult education to purchase tables and chairs and other equipment for adult education.

#### **5. Land Requests**

##### **a. Leona Bernard**

On hold until the subsidy is secured with the Band

##### **b. Jeffrey Martin**

Mr. Martin is asking for an extra 105 x 150 feet for his future business he is asked to meet with the Director of Economic Development to develop a business plan for his future business-and the request will be brought forward again once he has the supporting documents for his business.

##### **c. Carl Debigare**

On hold until the subsidy is secured with the Band

#### **6. Letter from [REDACTED]**

There was no environmental issue, the allegations are false the environmentalist person came and found there was no illegal dumping.

A letter will be sent to [REDACTED] letting him know that the band is waiting for the environmental assessment from the minister of environment.

**7. Letter from [REDACTED]**

She is asking why her grandchildren are not receiving gym clothing and school supplies because they live off reserve. The Director of Education will give a copy of the policy stating that DIA is not funding these dollars for off-reserve students.

**8. Letter from [REDACTED]**

This issue was dealt with prior to the Chief and Council meeting.

**9. Chief's Update**

No update

**10. Director General's Update**

Job posting and recommendation

Communication officer

the posting is ok for posting

Medical transport Team leader

Chief and Council agreed with the selection committee's recommendation to hire Jimmy Lee Martin for the position.

Proposed by Councillor Luc Martin  
Seconded by Councillor Anthony Jerome  
Motion carried 2016-08-25

Junior Accounting clerk  
Chief and Council Eileen Lambert is recommended for the position

Proposed by Councillor Ronnie Condo  
Seconded by Councillor Douglas Martin

Motion carried 2016-08-25

Chief and Council agree with the recommendation

Health prevention and promotional leader

Louise Cyr is recommended for this position

Proposed by Councillor Douglas Martin  
Seconded by Councillor Anthony Jerome  
Motion carried 2016-07-27

Chief and council agrees to the recommendation  
Then mentor the new nurses that are coming into the field of nursing in the near future.  
Offer her a 3 year contract for now.

#### **11. Varia**

The Church-ask Mamu for a quote-its in 2 phases-phase one is \$580,728.80 and the second phase is \$400,000.00 Plus or minus. Get information from Douglas

Douglas is recommending that we hire a person that can read the blue print and work on the job site.

This estimate is way too high, the band should have about \$700,000 to rebuild the church.

It was decided to hire a project manager.

Cook for the ball tournament on labour day-~~pat~~ said that she bought some cooking material so that she could cook and make some money and pay the band some of the money that they owe the band which is about 5,000.00 (Canteen) for electricity.

La Cache-is up for sale-up river-the building and the gas tanks are included, he is willing to sell it for \$100,000. He had done some investments in the building with a new stove and a new generator. It has 12 or 13 acres of land. Could possibly get 50,000 from SAA possibly and other

A motion was passed to purchase the Cache

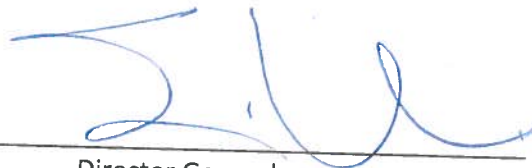
Proposed by Councillor Ronnie Condo  
Seconded by Councillor Patsy Jerome  
Motion carried 2016-08-25

Meeting adjourned at 1:20 p.m

Proposed by Councillor Anthony Jerome  
Seconded by Councillor Douglas Martin  
Motion carried 2016-08-25

Proposed by: Councillor Luc Martin  
Seconded by: Councillor Anthony Jerome  
Motion Carried  
Date of acceptance: September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



Director General

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



Chief