



Gesgapegiag Band Council Minutes
October 21st 2019
Place: Gesgapegiag Band Office
100 Perron Boulevard
Time: 1:00 p.m.

Attendance: Chief John Martin
Councillor Christianne Jerome-Bernard-Via phone
Councillor Gary Luc Martin
Councillor Mitchell Syvret-Caplin
Councillor Amy Martin
Councillor Armand Martin
Councillor Tammy Martin-arrived at 3:04 p.m.
Councillor Dorothy Gedeon-vacation
Councillor Douglas Martin-absent
Carolyn Larocque, Executive Assistant

Meeting called to order at 1:28 p.m.

1. Adoption of the Agenda

Council made a motion to approve the agenda with the following added agenda items:

- AGA-Door Prize
- Complaint-regarding interview
- Walgwan
- Meeting with BLG on the 28th of October, 2019

Proposed by: Councillor Amy Martin
Seconded by: Councillor Mitchell Syvret-Caplin
Motion Carried: 2019-10-21

2. Approval of minutes dated September 30th, 2019

Chief and Council made a motion to approve the minutes with corrections

Proposed by: Councillor Amy Martin
Seconded by: Councillor Gary Luc Martin
Motioned carried: 2019-10-21

Chief and Council made a motion to have the minutes a week before the meeting so they have enough time to read them.

Proposed by: Councillor Christianne Jerome-Bernard
Seconded by: Councillor Mitchell Syvret-Caplin
Motion carried: 2019-10-21

3. Business arising from minutes

- Chief John Martin will ask the minister of transport for a cross walk on the highway from the Band to the Adult Education Center.
- Elder-The Housing Intern will be meeting with the tenant and a Portfolio Councillor on housing issues.
- Complaints on follow up-it is on the agenda on item five (5) update from the HR
- Board of trustee-Councillor Armand Martin is on the board and would like to be notified on upcoming meetings.
- Treaty Day event was a success; the traditional food was amazing; Council would like more events like this.
- Councillor's Amy Martin and Armand Martin will come up with a proposal for an Elder-Indigenous support and health care.

4. Presentation by Alex Jerome-Veterans file

Coordinate a meeting between Councillor Christianne Jerome-Bernard, Alex Jerome and Naomi Condo to collaborate together as well as bring in Tom Eden to work on this file.

Chief and Council support the Gesgapegiag Remembrance Day Event to honour Frank Narcisse Jerome and the Veterans of Gesgapegiag on November 11, 2019 at the Kateri Tekakwitha Mission Church.

5. Information Note: HR (complaints follow-up)

Complaint number 1. Land and Membership Clerk Interview
Confidential File

Complaint number 2. Verbal complaints made to Councillors regarding election postings.
Confidential File

Complaint number 3. -An employee had timesheets posted on social media
Confidential File

Councillor Christianne Jerome Bernard would like copies of the policies approved by Chief and Council and the policies that are currently being reviewed by the Steering Committee. HR will be asked to provide copies.

6. Decision Note: Representative for Forestry File-BCR #1461

Band Council Resolution #1461 was signed mandating the Director General to sign Forestry contracts.

Councillor Christianne Jerome-abstained from signing the Band Council Resolution

7. Information Note: Recruitment of a New Member for Finance and Audit Committee presented by the Director General

A member of the Finance and Audit Committee has resigned, the Director General will post a Call for Appointment to replace a member according to the Micmacs of Gesgapegiag Financial Administration Law.

8. Director's General's Update

The Director General will be attending a meeting for the Director's General on November 5th – 7th in Quebec City. A copy of the Q1 will be provided for Chief and Council in the community weeks.

9. Administrative Assistant Project

Chief and Council made a motion to approve additional support and an administrative assistant project for 10 weeks, Councillor Tammy Martin will submit a proposal to Emploi Quebec.

Proposed by: Councillor Amy Martin
Seconded by: Councillor Tammy Martin
Motion carried: 2019-10-21

10. Decision Note: Representative for the Forestry File; BCR # 1462

Band Council Resolution # 1462 was signed mandating the Forestry Engineer to sign Forestry Files. Council Christianne Bernard-Jerome abstained from signing the Band Council Resolution.

11. Decision Note: Approval of 2019-2020 Quarterly 1 Financial Statement; BCR #1465 to be presented by the Director General

Financial Statement were not available.

12. Information Note: Public Works Infrastructure and Housing

Chief and Council decided to end the lease for the tenant based on the information provided by the PWIH and that a clause in the housing policy on tenants that are incarcerated be added.

13. 2019-2020 Call for Proposals under the Asset Management Program: letter dated September 11th, 2019.

Chief and Council made a motion to approve the call for proposals under the Asset Management Program.

Proposed by: Councillor Tammy Martin
Seconded by: Councillor Amy Martin
Motion carried: 2019-10-21

14. Recommendations from Housing Intern

Chief and Council made a motion to approve the recommendation to allocate a housing subsidy of \$24,0000.00 to Roderick Larocque Jr.

Proposed by: Councillor Gary Luc Martin
Seconded by: Councillor Tammy Martin
Motion carried: 2019-10-21

15. BCR #1463 Laurentian Bank Account Closure

Band Council Resolution #1463 was signed to close the account with the Laurentian Bank.

16. BCR #1464 CHMC Reserve Fund

Band Council Resolution # 1464 was signed to a create a Housing Replacement Fund and a Housing Operation Reserve Fund using the current cash flow.

17. Unpaid Tuition for Gesgapegiag Adult Education

The Director of Learning, Training and Employment has been withholding an amount of 220,000.00 for Adult Education tuition. The Director General is mandated to meet with the Director of LTE to make a payment to Listuguj as soon as possible.

Proposed by: Councillor Amy Martin
Seconded by: Councillor Christianne Jerome-Bernard
Abstention: Councillor Tammy Martin
Motion carried: 2019-10-21

18. First Nations Human Resource Development Commission of Quebec Agreement

For your information

19. Request from Community Member

- a) Housing (3) requests will be forwarded to the housing committee and a letter of acknowledgement.
- b) Housing Repairs 5 –forwarded to the housing committee and a letter of acknowledgement
- c) Land (2)

A request from a community member to purchase land, the MOG are not in the habit of selling land and will not be selling land.

A request from a Community Members for land, was asked to find another lot to relocate the building.

Is the amalgamation of public works and housing is helping us or hurting us, have an assessment done on this.

20. Elder Update by Councillor Tammy Martin

An Elder is paying for home care services because Gesgapegiag Health Services does not provide home care services for community members living off reserve. Ask the DG to set up meetings with the Health Services and CLSC come up with an agreement to provide services to off reserve community members.

Have the housing department to look into repairs for elders that live off reserve, this can be brought up at the visioning exercise in Moncton.

21. Request from a Community Member

Councillor Gary-Luc Martin will get the estimated from the relocation of the green house steel from the farm to the public works area and bring the information back to the council.

22. FYI Upcoming meeting

Guy Latouche will be here on November 12, 2019 in the morning to present the Community Master Development Plan and the Five Year Community Capital Investment Plan.

23. Chief's Update

- Chief's Update Mid October 2019
- September 30 – October 18
- Continued to requests contract from Director General and Human Resources regarding contracts
- Inquired about costs for the signage on the highway for speed limits
- Meeting with Consultant Donald Lurette
- Participated in October 1st Activities for Treaty Day
- Visioning exercise with band council 1st week of October with Consultant Willy Fournier
- Meeting on October 2 and 3rd with MMS on hydro carbon file & treaty related measures and early start for crab season based on ice breakup statement to be prepared and lobbying set up with federal and provincial members of parliament
- Meeting HR regarding council decision on overtime and personal days for school and requests for contracts, advised of elder presence for all interviews
- Four (4) meetings with individual community members and housing portfolio Council Armand Martin Discussion with Mr. Fournier regarding work done on vision Statement
- Thanksgiving
- Meetings with individual community members, separate meetings three (3)

raising issues fairness in interviews and one regarding estuary agreement,
also discussion with elder regarding repairs

- Receiving council comments on vision document and advising Mr. Fournier for completion of council document. Also proposed some changes mainly structural
- Meeting community member on housing repair requested letter be provided.
- Meeting with community member services not received in youth protection, requested a letter be provided
- Discussion with community member regarding concerns over outboard motors, followed up with fisheries coordinator'
- Meeting with Nadir Andre and 3 council members regarding legal files

23. Varia

23.1. AGA-Door Prize -Chief and Council agreed to donate an iPad for the Annual General Assembly as a door prize, funds from Administration.

23. 2. Complaint-regarding interviews from a Community Member, the letter will be forwarded to the DG-and a report is asked to be brought back to Chief and Council.

23.3. Walgwan-Band Council Resolution #1453 was signed on September 3rd, 2019 to hire a soil testing firm to test Lot #11.

23.4 Meeting with BLG on the 28th of October, 2019 in Gesgapegiag.

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Proposed by: Councillor Mitchell Syvret-Caplin
Seconded by: Councillor Amy Martin
Motion carried: 2019-10-21