



**Gesgapegiag Band Council Minutes  
September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
Place: Gesgapegiag Band Office  
100 Perron Boulevard  
Time: 6:00 p.m.**

**Attendance:** Chief John Martin

Councillor Christianne Jerome-Bernard  
Councillor Gary Luc Martin  
Councillor Mitchell Syvret-Caplin-via phone  
Councillor Amy Martin  
Councillor Armand Martin  
Councillor Tammy Martin-arrived at 6:25 p.m.  
Councillor Dorothy Gedeon  
Councillor Douglas Martin  
Carolyn Larocque, Executive Assistant

Meeting called to order at: 6:05 p.m.

**1. Adoption of the Agenda**

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

Elder  
Visioning  
MMS  
Blue Communities  
Health and Social Services-Youth and Recreation presentation  
Segawaat  
Governance Workshop  
Seasonal Full-time employees  
Chief's salary  
Employee Safety Committee

Proposed by: Councillor Douglas Martin  
Seconded by: Councillor Christianne Jerome-Bernard  
Motioned carried: 2019-09-09

**2. Approval of minutes dated September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019**

Council made a motion to approve the minutes with corrections

Proposed by: Councillor Douglas Martin  
Seconded by: Councillor Gary Luc Martin  
Motioned carried: 2019-09-09

**3. Business arising from minutes**

Director General will provide a presentation for Pagtepe to Chief and Council

BLG-asked the Financial controller for the cost-this has not been provided to Chief and Council

Naomi's land of occupancy will have to be rescinded to occupy lot 22.

Raised the issue on travel for council members, this will be addressed on the DG's update

Matrimonial Real Property-Councillor Douglas Martin updated Chief and Council, we have to re-apply for funding, work in progress-Councillor Douglas Martin will continue with this file. Councillor Amy Martin would like to work with Councillor Douglas Martin on this file.

Adult education-it was agreed to go ahead with the rental of the trailer at the previous meeting.

Explore options such as language facility, office space, storage, look for combinations of infrastructure of different areas for different infrastructure, additions to reserve.

Adult education-tuition dollars remain outstanding

**4. Decision Note: Director of Public Works; Infrastructure and Housing**

The Director presented his 2 options for the housing committee members-Chief John Martin and Amy martin were excused to a conflict of interest. To follow up on the terms of reference for Conflict of Interest with housing committee members related to Chief and Council.

Removal of committee members due to their breach of the oath of confidentiality. A copy of the screenshots will be forwarded to Chief and Council.

Social media is in the new policy, the old policy that exists doesn't have anything about social media.

The Director will be asked to come to present the Rent Rate on September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019.

2 Ministerial Loan Guarantees Jaime Condo and Trisha Condo

Jaime Condo-the loan was approved, she decided to go with a different lender (Royal Bank of Canada) Chief and Council signed the Ministerial Loan Guarantee.

Trisha Condo- the original amount increased by \$3,200.00, A Band Council resolution was signed with the new amount.

**5. Information Note: Developments related to Indian Registration, Band Membership and First Nation Citizenship.**

Lands and Membership Clerk presented the Information Note-there should be consultation with other communities to see what impact it will have-have a strategic planning on how the Band can be prepared for the impact on our services. Needs planning-this will be on the agenda with the AFNQL All Chiefs meeting in September 17<sup>th</sup> to the 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019. No movement until November after the election, this was discussed but no solutions.

**6. Lands and Estates**

Lands and Membership Clerk presented measurements of Lot 22. A certificate of Occupancy was given to a community member for 30 x 80 on Lot 22. Council made a motion to rescind the Certificate of Occupancy, this lot was allocated to a community member in March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2001 for his business measuring 260 x 250.

Proposed by Councillor Amy Martin  
Seconded by Councillor Tammy Martin  
Motion carried 2019-09-09

**7. Hunting request from Ginette Sioui member of Wendake**

Her request cannot be approved at this time, insufficient information.

**8. BLG-Retainer proposal**

The financial controller hasn't provided the cost of the legal fees. Councillor Christianne Jerome-Bernard will meet with the Financial Controller. On hold until we have the financial statements.

**9. Portfolios**-Council members were assigned Portfolios and some new ones were added; Claims, Elders, Youth, Environment and Language/Culture.

**Reconvened at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

Meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.  
Proposed by Councillor Armand Martin  
Seconded by Councillor Douglas Martin  
Motion carried 2019-09-09

Reconvened on Tuesday September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.

**Attendance:** Chief John Martin

Councillor Christianne Jerome-Bernard  
Councillor Gary Luc Martin  
Councillor Mitchell Syvret-Caplin-in class  
Councillor Amy Martin  
Councillor Armand Martin-arrived at 10:47  
Councillor Tammy Martin  
Councillor Dorothy Gedeon  
Councillor Douglas Martin  
Carolyn Larocque, Executive Assistant

Meeting called to order at 10:09 a.m.

### **10.Request for leave of absence**

The request was approved in principle, on the condition that it will be reviewed by HR, DG and the Director of Health and Social Services. An acknowledgement letter will be sent.

Proposed by Councillor Christianne Jerome-Bernard  
Seconded by Councillor Tammy Martin  
Motion carried 2019-09-10

### **11.Rods**

Negotiate with MicMac Camp and put a hold on the court case-legal fees are up to \$350,000.00. Councillor Christianne Jerome-Bernard and Gary Luc Martin will prepare a briefing note on the

history and the background on the Rods with the MicMac Camp and will be brought back to Chief and Council at a later date on October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

**12. Treaty Day**-Chief John Martin will be the keynote speaker on Treaties, council can also participate. Possibility of having a Flag raising ceremony at every Band building, Councillor Amy Martin will organizing the Flag ceremony and will work with the Communications department to order banners with brackets to put on the street lights, possibly have t-shirts for the children at the school.

**13. Update from Hydro Quebec Liaison Officer**-he has done an exceptional job with the clients. A letter will be written to him on his appreciation of a job well done. Interim was put in place while he is absent.

Possibility to have workshop on money management through the GHRDC program.

#### **14. Chief's Update**

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Met Director General to set up meeting with Deputy ministers SAA and MEFP regarding river management

Met Director of Public works to advise of council decision

Communication with Conservation NB regarding consultation Iron Ore co.

Communication with MMS regarding consultation minor initiative on existing cross country ski trail

Met Donald Caplin concerns over society

Visited Elder Edward Condo

Met with Council member regarding concerns over managing employee complaints

Met with council member regarding concerns over adult education teachers qualifications

Met with Anthony Jerome regarding hydro Quebec support services

Met William Jerome regarding Treaty Day participation of council

Met with Jeanette Martin MMBC board member regarding the need for a new member, request made regarding the terms of reference for selection process

Met two community members regarding housing concerns, requests made 2 years ago and longer.

Meeting new fisheries director upcoming meeting on shrimp, technical and not political

Prep note for newsletter on behalf of council

## **15. Varia**

**15.1 Elder concern**-An Elder living off-reserve does not qualify for any services through Health and Social Services. Councillors Amy Martin and Armand Martin look into what services CLSC can provide.

Elder-Councillor Dorothy Gedeon is waiting for documents.

**15.2 Visioning**-Chief John Martin will be talking to Willy Fournier today to schedule a date, a day and a half for the visioning exercise. Confirmed for October 3<sup>rd</sup>, at the Wind Farm Conference Room and October 4<sup>th</sup>, at the Belle Plage in Carleton.

## **15.3 MMS Steering and Technical Committee**

Two council members to sit on the Committee are Councillor Christianne Jerome-Bernard and Councillor Gary Luc Martin.

## **15.4 Blue Communities**

Tabled until September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019

## **15.5 Health and Social Services presentation on Youth and Recreation**

The Director of Health and Social Services will be presenting on September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

## **15.6 Segawaat-get more details**

## **15.7 Governance Workshop-not yet determined**

## **15.8 SSQ and RBA for seasonal full time employees**

The portfolio Councillors will be asking the DG on SSQ and RBA to find out if they can have access to these benefits.

## **15.9 Chief's Salary**

Chief John Martin and Councillor Amy Martin were excused-The Salary Scale will be used to determine his salary. If possible to be exempt on deductions such as pension and SSQ.

Proposed by Councillor Christianne Jerome-Bernard  
Seconded by Councillor Gary Luc Martin  
Motion Carried 2019-09-09

## **15.10 Breakfast Club-Band Council Resolution #1454 was signed in support of the program**

**15.11 Employee safety committee**-to be put on the agenda for the next meeting. Councillor Tammy Martin would like to sit on the committee.

Elder to be put on the MMBC board of directors-a posting will be out.

The Director of Health and Social Services will be presenting on Monday September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 8:30 and the DG to continue the presentation at 9:00 at the Band.

Next meeting for Chief and Council will be on Friday September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.

Put honorariums on the agenda for the next meeting.

Councillor Armand Martin agreed to be on the Board of Trustees for Adult Education. A Band Council Resolution will be signed at the next meeting.

Proposed by: Councillor Douglas Martin  
Seconded by Councillor Tammy Martin  
Motion carried 2019-09-10

Meeting adjourned at 12:07 p.m.

Proposed by Councillor Douglas Martin  
Seconded by Councillor Gary-Luc Martin  
Motion carried 2019-09-10