



**Gesgapegiag Band Council Minutes**  
**February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020**  
**Place: Galgoasiet**  
**101 Perron Boulevard**  
**Time: 9:00 a.m.**

**Attendance:** Chief John Martin-left at 10:15 a.m.

Councillor Christianne Jerome-Bernard-absent a.m.  
Councillor Gary Luc Martin  
Councillor Mitchell Syvret-Caplin  
Councillor Amy Martin  
Councillor Armand Martin  
Councillor Tammy Martin  
Councillor Dorothy Gedeon-vacation  
Councillor Douglas Martin-absent  
Carolyn Larocque, Executive Assistant  
Fred Vicaire, Director General

Meeting called to order at 9:19 a.m.

**1. Adoption of the Agenda**

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

- Relais de la Cache
- Cell phone
- Elder's situation
- We'tsuwet'en update
- Board Education
- Lobster Fishing
- Council's Budget
- Bus Monitor
- Trucking course
- Update on Community Member's complaint

Proposed by: Councillor Mitchell Syvret-Caplin  
Seconded by: Councillor Tammy Martin

Motion carried: 2020-02-17

**2. Approval of minutes dated February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

Council made a motion to approve the minutes with corrections.

Proposed by: Councillor Tammy Martin

Seconded by: Councillor Armand Martin

Motion carried: 2020-02-17

**3. Business arising from minutes**

- Chief John Martin asked the Ango'tmeg Nm'tgnen Manager would be interested in sitting on the MRC Committee, the Community Mobilization & Involvement Coordinator accepted to be on the committee;
- Portfolio Councillor is waiting for an update on the Firefighters report from the Fire Chief;
- The Director of Walgwan will be updating Chief and Council at a later date on the status of the new building and the land;
- MMBC-the Portfolio Councillor Gary-Luc Martin will be contacting the other communities to set up a meeting with the MMBC Board of Directors.

**4. DG's Update**

Directors were in a Policy making workshop on February 10<sup>th</sup>, to February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Cannabis dispensary, 2 requests were brought to chief and council from community members. Nadir Andre from BLG will be asked to give the Cannabis presentation on April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020 to Chief and Council.

Hiring report issue-Confidential file

**5. Decision Note: Request to join the First Nations Finance Authority**

The Micmacs of Gesgapegiag meet all the criteria to borrow. Chief and Council decided to join the First Nations Finance Authority. Chief and Council appointed a Council Member to represent Micmacs of Gesgapegiag to the First Nations Finance Authority. The Director General suggested to appoint Councillor Christianne Jerome-Bernard, if she declines than Councillor Mitchell Syvret-Caplin will sit on the board.

Proposed by Councillor Gary Luc Martin

Seconded by Councillor Tammy Martin

Motion carried: 2020-02-17

## **6. Walgwan Update-Direction of Walgwan-Pamela Charlong**

No update-the Director of Walgwan is waiting for some information, once the information is gathered she will meet with Chief and Council.

## **7.Human Resource-End of year report**

The DG will bring this back to the HR and ask for a detailed report.

## **8. Housing Committee Recommendations**

The Housing Committee presented recommendations. Council approved the recommendations as presented.

Proposed by Councillor Tammy Martin  
Seconded by Councillor Mitchell Syvret-Caplin  
Motion carried: 2020-02-17

## **9.Request from Community Members (3)**

### **a. Request for housing repairs**

The request was read and discussed. A letter of acknowledgment will be sent and the letter will be forwarded to the housing department. The Director of PWIH will be asked to check the wiring, could be a fire hazard.

### **b. request for housing and repairs**

The request was read and discussed. A letter of acknowledgment will be sent and the letter will be forwarded to the housing department.

### **c. Request for repairs**

The request was read and discussed. A letter of acknowledgment will be sent and the letter will be forwarded to the housing department. The PWIH will be asked to write a response letter.

## **10.Chief's Update**

Chiefs Update February 10-14, 2020

### **February 10**

- Council meeting

### **February 11**

- Follow-ups on files, Mi'gmaq Ice Committee, call with Bernard LaCroix discussion on meeting with Diane LeBoutillier MP Bonaventure Gaspé;
- Follow-up on request for participant, on MRC territorial file, asked a non political bilingual staffer to participate, mainly for information purposes and put forth the position of unceded territories and the obligations to consult on any projects, MMS also asked to be present;
- Review of documentation for meeting with Minister D'Amours;
- Follow-up on consultations with MMS regarding river bank protection on Little Cascapedia.

### **February 12**

- Travel to Quebec and meeting with Minister D'Amours regarding the changing relationship with Indian Affairs and the Quebec government regarding education. Position taken reinforcing First Nations jurisdiction over education.

### **February 13**

- Travel return

### **February 14**

- Addressing community member support letters for commendation  
Addressing 2 community members requests for support letter of recommendation for graduate studies
- Meeting with the Gesgapegiag Board of Education

## **11. Varia**

### **11.1 Relais de la Cache**

Chief and Council agreed that the DG will meet with the Director of Economic Development and the Tourism Manager to draw up an action plan for the Manager of the Relais de la Cache.

### **11.2 Cell phone**

After a round table discussion, Council agreed not to have their cell phones paid.

### **11.3 Elder's situation**

Councillor Tammy Martin was excused due to conflict of interest. Portfolio Councillor visited the home and took pictures of the water damage. This will be brought to the attention of the

Jordan's Principle coordinator to see if this would qualify under that program since there are children in the home. Portfolio Councillor will be meeting with the PWIH.

#### **11.4 We'tsuwet'en**

The committee will be meeting with Chief and Council on February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. Melissa Bryan, Jeremy Speller, Tanya Condo, Sky Jerome, worked on signs, went to Listuguj for a demonstration at the Bridge, on February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020. They will let Chief and Council know on how Chief and Council can support. Councillor Amy Martin will write an article on Spec on We'tsuwet'en.

#### **11.5 Board of Education**

Chief John Martin and Councillor Tammy Martin met with the Director of Education and the Board of Education on February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020. The board is asking to have their mandate extended until the Fall, to have the election at the annual AGA, 2020. The Board of Education will be asked to send the recommendations. The mandate will be extended until November 2020.

Proposed by Councillor Tammy Martin  
Seconded by Councillor Armand Martin  
Motion carried 2020-02-17

#### **11.6 Lobster fishing**

Can there be communal fishing for subsistence fisheries, tags for individuals. DFO will be asked to come in and clarify this issue.

#### **11.7 Council's budget for 2020-2021**

The Finance and Audit Committee is recommending that Chief and Council prepare a budget for the next fiscal year 2021-2022. Directors will be asked to include a budget for the portfolio councillors in each department for registration and training. Portfolio Councillors will speak with the Directors for the scheduling of meetings in order to prepare the budgets.

#### **11.8 Bus monitor for children with special needs**

Councillor Armand Martin will meet with the principal to discuss the possibility of having a bus monitor for children with special needs.

### **11.9 Trucking course**

The individuals taking the course get 80.00 per month to travel to New Carlisle. The post-secondary rates are used.

### **11.10 Update on a community member's complaint confidential file.**

Temporary ban on a non-community member until this can be resolved. A BCR will be drafted.

### **Meeting adjourned at 4:12 p.m.**

Proposed by Councillor Mitchell Syvret-Caplin  
Seconded by Councillor Gary-Luc Martin  
Motion carried: 2020-02-17