



Gesgapegiag Band Council Minutes
April 27th, 2020
Place: Galgoasiet
100 Perron Boulevard
Time 9:00 a.m.

Attendance: Chief John Martin-here

Councillor Christianne Jerome-Bernard-absent
Councillor Gary Luc Martin-Medical Leave
Councillor Mitchell Syvret-Caplin-absent
Councillor Amy Martin-join me
Councillor Armand Martin-here
Councillor Tammy Martin-absent
Councillor Dorothy Gedeon-join me
Councillor Douglas Martin-join me
Carolyn Larocque, Executive Assistant-here
Fred Vicaire, Director General-join me

Meeting called to order at 9:15 a.m.

1. Approval of the agenda with added items on Varia

- Letter-Land request from Community Member
- Regular Council meetings to be moved to Galgoasiet on May 4th, 2020
- Restrictions for Check Points
- Midshore-incident with fishermen
- GHRDC
- Care Packages

Proposed by Councillor Armand Martin
Seconded by Councillor Douglas Martin
Motion carried: 2020-04-27

2. Reading and approval of minutes dated April 20th, 2020

Chief and Council adopts a motion to approve the minutes dated April 20th, 2020 with corrections.

Proposed by Councillor Dorothy Gedeon
Seconded by Councillor Douglas Martin
Motion carried: 2020-04-27

3. Business arising from minutes

- Francois Olivier Gagnon-MMBC-Councillor Christianne Jerome-Bernard will be asked to present the MMBC general background. A date will be set depending on the availability of council members.
- Drug Committee-Councillor Douglas Martin contacted the Health and Community Services and was informed that Public Security has this as one of their objectives on the Micmacs of Gesgapegiag Integrated Operational Plan.
- A Council member on sick leave, the medical note will be given to the supervisor and then forwarded to the Human Resources Manager.

4. Decision Note: COVID-Emergency Funds for distribution for Income Assistance

Chief and Council adopts the motion to go with Option 1. Acquiring and distributing reloadable Visa Cards. This option recommended is to issue reloadable Visa cards that will allow clients to order groceries online and have them delivered to their home which reduces the risk on contact with the public. A \$150 card single clients and a \$250 card for clients with children. These cards would be distributed before the end of April. The total cost would be \$1,100.00.

Proposed by Councillor Armand Martin
Seconded by Councillor Douglas Martin
Motion carried: 2020-04-27

5. Decision Note: Lobster Fishermen (Captains) request for leasing (3 private fishermen).

The Director of Fisheries will be asked to make a presentation to Chief and Council on Tuesday, April 28th, 2020 or Wednesday April 29th, 2020

5. 1 Decision Note: Micmacs of Gesgapegiag Lobster request for leasing (for the 2 licenses that belong to the band).

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6. Information Note: former employee's request to be reinstated for work.

Chief and Council after reviewing the file with Human Resources Manager agreed to not reinstate an employee into his former position as Midshore Fisherman. Unanimously agreed.

7. Fred's Update

- Communications-status quo
- Public Works-status quo
- Public Security-status quo
- GHRDC- Social Assistance status quo-she will be asking the commission to find out if more services can be provided to their clients.
- Finance-status quo
- HR-status quo-drafting a decision note for the extension of the office closure.
- Economic Development -status quo-researching for the funding entrepreneurs
- Forestry-status quo-waiting for the more information on the protocol
- Education-status quo-waiting for the announcement for the closure of the schools for the duration of the school year.
- Health and wellness-status quo
- Fisheries-snow crab started on April 24th, 2020. 3 fishermen were sent home for 2 weeks. HR was given a call on the weekend; her number was given out by a council member. A memo to council members will be sent out asking them not to give out her number to employees, all calls after hours should be directed to the Director General.

8. Chief's Update

- Chief John Martin released a video on April 17th to let the community know that a community member tested positive for COVID-19, it was stated that the community member did not contract it from the community but from the Residence Saint-Joseph in Maria, QC.
- Estuary-agreement-Christianne made a presentation.
- Conference call-chiefs with MMS
- Conference call-Chiefs for the emergency dollars for COVID-19 for Gaspé to get 250,000.00 for emergency dollars for all three communities.
- MMS-emergency protocol is being developed and there will be a meeting with the three communities to discuss the protocol.
- Conference call-director general and senior staff with FNEC-post secondary partnership program.

9. Varia

9.1 Request from a Community Member

Requests for land to build a home and a garden on two separate lots, due to conflict of interest, Chief and a council member would have to be excused, due the number of council members absent there would not be quorum, the letter could not be addressed and will be brought back at a another meeting.

9.2 Regular Council meetings

Council meeting will be moved to Galgoasiet starting May 4th, 2020; Council will meet in the Bingo Hall to follow the protocol of social distancing. Council members may continue to participate through Join Me; Join Me is a web-based collaboration software application for screen-sharing and online meetings, if they are not comfortable to physically attend.

9.3 Restrictions for Check Points

Councillor Amy Martin-had concerns regarding the public notice that was published concerning the check point monitors, Community Members were advised that check point monitors are no longer allowed to accept food that is prepared for them due to safety reasons. The Director General will prepare a budget for the check point monitors, coffee and muffins, an individual will be designated to prepare the coffee and snacks. The Director

General will email the Assistant Director of Health and Community Services to prepare a decision note for Chief and Council.

9.4 Midshore Fisheries

An incident occurred with 3 fishermen on the weekend at the wharf in Fox River. The fishermen were suspended without pay for 2 weeks for not respecting the COVID-19 safety measures enforced by the Director of Fisheries.

9.5 GHRDC-Social Assistance

The Social Assistance Manager will be asked to put a sign at the GHRDC building and the Administration building to let people know who they can contact for services.

9.6 Care packages

Elders had issues of food items missing and food items expired in their care packages. Walgwan donated the food and Health and Community Services was in charge of preparing and distributing the Care packages. The items that were missing and expired will be replaced and delivered to the elders.

Meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Proposed by Councillor Armand Martin
Seconded by Councillor Douglas Martin
Motion carried: 2020-04-27