



**Gesgapegiag Band Council Minutes**  
**April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020**  
**Place: Galgoasiet**  
**100 Perron Boulevard**  
**Time 9:00 a.m.**

**Attendance:** Chief John Martin-here

Councillor Christianne Jerome-Bernard-absent-joined at 2:00 p.m.  
Councillor Gary Luc Martin-Medical Leave  
Councillor Mitchell Syvret-Caplin-Medical Leave  
Councillor Amy Martin-Medical Leave  
Councillor Armand Martin-here  
Councillor Tammy Martin-join me  
Councillor Dorothy Gedeon-join me  
Councillor Douglas Martin-join me  
Carolyn Larocque, Executive Assistant-here  
Fred Vicaire, Director General-joined at 1:00 through join me

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

**1. Approval of the agenda with added items on Varia**

Chief and Council adopts a motion to approve the agenda with the following added items:

- Adult Education
- Check Points
- Council Member
- Elder

Proposed by Councillor Armand Martin  
Seconded by Councillor Tammy Martin  
Motion carried: 2020-04-20

## **2. Approval of minutes dated April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

Council adopts a motion to approve the minutes dated April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020 with corrections.

Proposed by Councillor Armand Martin

Seconded by Councillor Douglas Martin

Motion carried: 2020-04-20

## **3. Business arising from minutes**

- The Director General addressed the issue with the Chain of Command, Assistant Director of Health and Community Services, is first in command, Director of Public Security is second in command and Maintenance Supervisor is responsible for the on-the-ground operations.
- Chief and Council would like to have Training for the Emergency Preparedness Plan, and on what Chief and Council's role is in the EPP, to include the power point presentation that was done on April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020.
- Coordinate a meeting with Chief and Council and Francois Olivier Gagnon from MMBC to provide an orientation session.
- Check points-the issue of delivery and service vehicles not stopping was rectified, all vehicles will be stopped at the Check Points.

## **4. Decision Note: COVID-19 Emergency Fund for Gesgapegiag Entrepreneurs**

Chief and Council read and discussed the Options. This is on hold until more information can be obtained. The Canada Emergency Response Benefit is a Canadian support program created by the Government of Canada. The program was launched on April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020 for Canadian residents facing unemployment due to the 2020 coronavirus pandemic. It provides a taxable benefit of up to \$2,000.00 per month for up to four months. Any other source of income received has to be reported to Service Canada, additional funds may be subject to reimbursement when filing for income tax at the end of the year.

## **5. Decision Note: Lobster Fishermen (Captains) request for leasing**

Chief and Council reviewed and discussed the Decision Note. The Director of Fisheries will be invited to clarify the Decision Note on Tuesday April 21<sup>st</sup>, at 2:00 p.m.

## **6. Estuary**

Presentation by Councillor Christianne Jerome-Bernard-postponed until Wednesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020.

## **7. Gesgapegiag Community Building Process**

Power point presentation by Marie-Pierre Clavette and Donald Lurette on the Gesgapegiag Community Building Process.

Marie Pierre Clavette and Donald Lurette read through the presentation, some changes were made during the presentation. Chief and Council thanked them for the presentation. Council will be discussing this after the presentation.

## **8. BCR Renewal on Bylaw**

The Bylaw will be renewed for another two weeks on April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020

## **9. Establishing a Committee on Drugs**

Due to incidents that occurred in the community and the concerns that community members had, Chief and Council discussed forming a Committee on Drugs, the committee will consist of 6 to 8 members including; Mental Wellness, Mawiomi, Portfolio Councillors, Health, Public Security, NNADAP, an Elder and possibly a youth. Councillor Douglas Martin will take the lead in forming the Committee; he was involved committees related to Drugs and Alcohol in the past. However the Committee started off with too many members and made it difficult to accomplish the goals set forth which led to the dissolution of the committee. Statistic can be obtained through Health and Public Security. There will be a community consultation prior, also to discuss the Restorative Justice to the community and how this will be implemented with the Committee.

## **10. Letters from Community Member**

The letters were put on hold until the next meeting.

## **11. Fred's Update**

- Fisheries-status quo
- Education-status
- Forestry-status quo
- GHRDC-status quo
- Social Assistance-status quo
- Economic Development-status quo
  
- Health-status quo
- Public works-looking to start ordering plexi glass in preparation to meet with clients, when the integration of the back to work starts.
- Public Security-status quo
- Finance-status quo
- Communications-status quo

## **12. Chief's Update**

No Update

## **13. Varia**

### **13.1 Adult Education**

To be discussed tomorrow

### **13.2 Check Points Monitors**

A community member was blasted by a check point monitor, the member will be asked to submit a letter of complaint.

### **13.3 Council Member**

A Council Member would like to take time off of work to focus on council duties full time until COVID-19 has been lifted. This issue will be addressed with the Director General and the Human Resources Manager.

### **13.4 Elder**

Councillor Armand Martin received a call from an Elder to work out the details on the home care work that has been approved by Chief and Council on March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020, the home care worker will be paid through Own Source Revenue, using the salary scale in place. A payment will be made this week.

Meeting adjourned at 4:27 p.m.

Proposed by Councillor Armand Martin

Seconded by Councillor Douglas Martin

Motion carried: 2020-04-20