



**Gesgapegiag Band Council Minutes
August 3rd, 2020
Place: Galgoasiet
101 Perron Boulevard
Time 1:00 p.m.**

Attendance: Chief John Martin-present

Councillor Christianne Jerome-Bernard-present
Councillor Gary Luc Martin-present
Councillor Mitchell Syvret-Caplin-medical leave
Councillor Amy Martin-medical leave
Councillor Armand Martin-present
Councillor Tammy Martin-join me
Councillor Dorothy Gedeon-present
Councillor Douglas Martin-present
Carolyn Larocque, Executive Assistant-present
Fred Vicaire, Director General-join me-logged of at 3:00 p.m.

Meeting called to order at 1:16p.m.

1. Approval of the agenda with added items on Varia

- Housing
- Community Member
- Full time Councillor position
- MMBC-Elder
- Band Transfer
- Building and prospect

Proposed by Councillor Gary-Luc Martin
Seconded by Councillor Douglas Martin
Motion carried: 2020-08-03

2. Reading and approval of minutes dated July 13th, 2020

Chief and Council adopts the following motion to approve the minutes dated July 13th, 2020 with corrections.

Proposed by Councillor Dorothy Gedeon
Seconded by Councillor Douglas Martin
Motion carried: 2020-08-03

3. Business arising from minutes

- Chief John Martin wrote a letter and was sent out to various sources of media regarding the RCMP shootings on Indigenous people.
- Chief John Martin met with the Director General on Monday, August 3rd, 2020 to discuss the letter that was prepared by Chief and Council.

4. Indigenous Business Stabilization Program-Emergency Loan Application

The Director General explained the process of the emergency loan applications, for the Relais de la Cache, Lobster Hut and L'Anse St-Helene Chalets. Due to COVID-19 revenue loss.

Chief and Council adopts the following motion to move forward with the loan application. Band Council Resolution # 1511 was signed.

Proposed by Councillor Tammy Martin
Seconded by Councillor Gary-Luc Martin
Motion carried: 2020-08-03

5. Hiring Report

Chief and Council read the hiring report, hiring of Amy Martin as Communications and Policy Coordinator, Sarah Jerome as Land Use Planning Coordinator and Jesse Martin as IT Technician.

6. Housing Recommendations (3)

a) Chief and Council read and discussed the recommendation from the Housing Intern. The Housing Intern was invited to clarify some issues. Chief and Council could not accept the grounds for eviction. Grounds for eviction must be established according to the current Housing Policy and signed leave. The Housing Intern will have the information at the next council meeting.

b) Chief and Council read and discussed the recommendation by the Housing Intern to relocate tenant to 45 Eagle Lane and move tenant to 6B Gasgusi Lane. Chief and Council approves the recommendation.

7. BCR's on First Nations Finance Authority membership. It is a requirement in order to borrow money from them.

Chief and Council signed BCR's# 1509 and #1510

Proposed by Councillor Armand Martin
Seconded by Councillor Gary-Luc Martin
Motion Carried: 2020-08-03

8. Report-Waban-Aki on PWIH

Chief and council reviewed and discussed the report. Chief and Council wanted an assessment on the current structure, how housing construction can be improved and more efficient. This will be brought back at the next meeting.

9. Policing meeting update

Portfolio Councillor Douglas Martin briefed Chief and Council on the meeting that took place between the Director of Public Security and Portfolio Councillor Dorothy Gedeon. Council also discussed to assess policing services and the possibility to hire a consultant to work on a proposal to include some services like a social worker, etc., that could increase the policing budget.

Chief and Council adopts the following motion to accept the recommendation from the Portfolio Councillors Douglas Martin and Dorothy Gedeon to offer a one year contract to an experienced registered band member as the Chief of Police.

Proposed by Councillor Armand
Seconded by Councillor Douglas
Motion carried: 2020-08-03
Abstention: Christianne Jerome-Bernard

Meeting adjourned at 5:52 p.m.

Proposed by Councillor Gary-Luc Martin
Seconded by Councillor Armand Martin
Motion carried: 2020-08-03

Meeting continued on August 5th, 2020

Attendance: Chief John Martin-present

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

Meeting called to order at 9:30 a.m.

10. Requests from Community Members

a. Land

Chief and Council read and reviewed the request. Chief and Council decided to wait for the land use management plan before making a decision. Regarding the opening of a Cannabis Store, we do not have the bylaws in place and these have to go through a community consultation. Chief and Council will review the Cannabis file that was prepared by BLG. A letter will be sent stating that Council does not have authority to give out licenses; research will be done regarding the possible development of our own bylaw. In the absence of our own bylaw the Quebec laws are applicable.

b. Loan repayment request

Chief and Council decided to wait for Councillor Tammy Martin since she is familiar with the GHRDC program. Chief and Council will get all the necessary information needed to make a final decision. A letter of acknowledgement letter will be sent.

c. Land on 299

Chief and Council approved the request for the land on route 299, the applicant will be asked to contact the Director of Forestry to provide the location through GPS. A letter will be sent to the applicant.

d. Request to hunt

Chief and Council decided not to give permission to hunt in Gespe'gewa'gi territory to an individual with no ties to the community. A letter will be sent to the applicant.

e. Request for funding for existing business

Chief and Council decided to forward this file to the Economic Development department. Portfolio Councillors Christianne Jerome-Bernard and Gary-Luc Martin will follow up with the individual to set up a meeting with the Economic Development department. Chief and Council are willing to help with clearing a trail on the land.

f. Land and house

The Chief and Council will conduct verification regarding the transaction and past agreements regarding lot 7 remainder. An update will be provided at the next meeting. A letter will be sent stating that the file is being worked on.

11. Fred's update

Absent

12. Chief's Update

Chief was on vacation for two weeks but the Chief and Council had an Emergency meeting on July 27th, 2020.

13. Varia

13.1 Housing

The Housing Intern met with a tenant and the tenant was given a 30 day notice of eviction. The tenant had not been living in the unit and had moved off-reserve. The tenant accepted the 30 day eviction notice.

13.2 Community Member Passing

The Council will send out condolences to the family of the Community Member who passed away on Sunday, August 2nd, 2020.

13.3 Full time Councillor

Full time Councillor position-Councillor Gary-Luc Martin was excused due to a conflict of interest. Councillor Gary-Luc Martin was hired as a full time Councillor. Include the draft roles and responsibilities from Christianne Jerome-Bernard that she prepared for the next council meeting on Gary-Luc Martin's files.

13.4 MMBC-Elder

Elder for MMBC-get the criminal record check for the elders.

13.5 Band Transfer

Elder's request-band transfer-the elder wants to transfer to Listuguj, she has to make the request to Listuguj Band and from there Listuguj will send the documents to our Band.

13.6 Building and land prospect

The Director General will secure the offer for 60 days. The Director General will work on this file.

Meeting adjourned at 11:23 a.m.

Proposed by Councillor Gary-Luc Martin
Seconded by Councillor Armand Martin
Motion carried: 2020-08-05