



**Gesgapegiag Band Council Minutes
August 10th, 2020
Place: Galgoasiet
101 Perron Boulevard
Time 9:00 a.m.**

Attendance: Chief John Martin-present

Councillor Christianne Jerome-Bernard-present
Councillor Gary Luc Martin-present
Councillor Mitchell Syvret-Caplin-join me, present p.m.
Councillor Amy Martin-medical leave
Councillor Armand Martin-present
Councillor Tammy Martin-absent a.m. present p.m.
Councillor Dorothy Gedeon-join me; logged of at 11:00 a.m., absent p.m.
Councillor Douglas Martin-absent
Carolyn Larocque, Executive Assistant-present
Fred Vicaire, Director General-vacation

Meeting called to order at 9:25 a.m.

1. Approval of the agenda with added items on Varia

- Information Note: Gesgapegiag Lot allocation and camp policy
- Housing requests
- Request regarding a documentary
- Council's presence at meetings
- Directors return to work
- Human Resources updates

Proposed by Councillor Gary-Luc Martin
Seconded by Councillor Christianne Jerome-Bernard
Motion carried: 2020-08-10

2. Reading and approval of minutes dated August 3rd, 2020

Chief and Council adopted the following motion to approve the minutes dated August 3rd, 2020 with corrections.

Proposed by Councillor Armand Martin
Seconded by Councillor Gary-Luc Martin
Motion carried: 2020-08-10

3. Business arising from minutes

- Building and land prospect- Chief and Council will draw up a Band Council Resolution mandating the Director General to sign all documents pertaining to the purchase of the land and building.
- Report from Waban-Aki on Public Works; Infrastructure and Housing. The report that was done was an in depth restructuring of the PW department, rather than a simple analysis and recommendation of our current structure. An assessment of the current structure would be more suitable for our needs.
- Councillor Dorothy Gedeon will contact the Housing Intern for an update regarding the eviction notice for the tenant.
- Request for funding for an existing maple syrup business. Portfolio Councillors will contact the entrepreneur to set up a meeting with the Economic Development Department regarding the request for assistance.
- Lot 7 remainder- Research will be done regarding this file. A Certificate of Possession for this lot and also the adjacent lots will be requested to assure the proper process and decisions are made regarding this file
- MMBC elder board member- Waiting for a criminal record check from our applicants.
- Loan repayment request. It is unfortunate that Chief and Council cannot assume the responsibility of student loans. A letter will be sent to the community member.

4. Decision Note: Domestic Care Workers Premium

The Human Resources Manager will be in to present the Decision Note at the next meeting on August 17th, 2020.

5. Decision Note: Economic Development on the Approval for Wisgog

Chief and Council adopts the following motion to approve the recommendation from the Director of Economic Development and Lands to approve Option 1. To allocate \$3,000.00 for the support grant for the business.

Proposed by Councillor Gary-Luc Martin
Seconded by Councillor Mitchell Syvret-Caplin
Motion carried: 2020-08-10

6. List of policies submitted to Chief and Council for approval

Chief and Council reviewed the list of policies that are to be approved.

7. Fred's update

The Director General is on vacation

8. Chief's Update

Chiefs Update August 3-7, 2020

- Meeting Director General follow up on meeting regarding work issues.
- Regular Council meeting on August 3rd, 2020.
- Meeting with council member and community member regarding housing, homeless situation.
- August 5th meeting with DG, HR, Director of Public Security and portfolio councillors
- Review and answer of e-mails accumulated during 2 week vacation, to be continued due to volume of emails.
- Meeting with community member regarding housing repairs not followed up on, requests dating back over a year
- Conference call with DG of FNEC update on progression of files, short falls in education funding for the region and issues regarding the interim education funding formula and regional education agreement preparations .

9. Varia

9.1. Information Note: Gesgapegiag Lot allocation and camp policy

Portfolio Councillor Gary-Luc Martin will meet with the Director of Forestry to work on the Lot allocation and Camp Policy. Meeting postponed due to our Director of Forestry being on vacation

9.2. Housing requests (2)

Tabled

9.3 Request regarding participating in a documentary

Not discussed.

9.4 Council's presence at meetings

Chief and Council expressed themselves on the importance of attending meetings, arriving on time and being present. If council members are not able to physically attend, they may participate through Join Me.

9.5 Directors

Chief and Council are unanimous on having the director's return to work full time on August 17th, 2020 and all other employees the following week. Chief John Martin will discuss this with the Human Resources Manager.

9.6 Human Resources Updates

The Human Resources Manager will be asked to present updates at the next council meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Proposed by Councillor Mitchell Syvret-Caplin

Seconded by Councillor Gary-Luc Martin

Motion carried: 2020-08-10