



**Gesgapegiag Band Council Minutes  
January 23rd, 2020  
Place: Galgoasiet  
101 Perron Boulevard  
Time: 1:00 p.m.**

**Attendance:** Chief John Martin

Councillor Christianne Jerome-Bernard-left at 3:55 p.m.  
Councillor Gary Luc Martin  
Councillor Mitchell Syvret-Caplin  
Councillor Amy Martin-absent  
Councillor Armand Martin-arrived at 3:30 p.m.  
Councillor Tammy Martin-absent  
Councillor Dorothy Gedeon  
Councillor Douglas Martin  
Carolyn Larocque, Executive Assistant  
Fred Vicaire, Director General

Meeting called to order at: 1:22 p.m.

**1. Adoption of the Agenda**

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

- Youth summit
- Travel for a Council Member
- Indian Day school Class Action

Proposed by: Councillor Gary-Luc Martin  
Seconded by: Councillor Douglas Martin  
Motion carried: 2020-01-23

**2. Approval of minutes dated January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

Council made a motion to approve the minutes with corrections

Proposed by: Councillor Mitchell Syvret-Caplin  
Seconded by: Councillor Gary-Luc Martin  
Motion carried: 2020-01-23

**3. Business arising from minutes**

- Cold Case file-Councillor Douglas Martin sent more information to BLG law firm on the case
- Housing-Councillor Dorothy Gedeon met with the Housing Intern on letters from community members, met with Chief John Martin on a land request.
- Land-Councillors Christianne Jerome-Bernard and Gary Luc Martin met with Economic Development and Lands to discuss land requests. A meeting is set up for January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020 with the Director of PWIH, Lands and Economic Development, Membership Clerk to create a temporary policy for allocating lots until the Community Development Master Plan has been completed.

**4. Decision Note: Board of Education**

After reviewing the Decision Note, Chief and Council approved the Board of Education's Recommendations.

Proposed by Councillor Douglas Martin  
Seconded by Councillor Mitchell Syvret Caplin  
Motion carried: 2020-01-23

**5. Decision Note: Employee Performance Management Policy and Procedures-moved to January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

**6. Decision Note: Approval for Consulting Firm to Retail Strip Mall/Additional Office Space Feasibility**

Hollie Larocque, Director of Economic Development presented the Decision Note, After reviewing the decision note, Chief and Council approved Option 2. To go with Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu Limited to hire the consulting firm for the development of a Retail Strip Mall/Additional Office Space Feasibility Study.

Proposed by Councillor Christianne Jerome-Bernard  
Seconded by Councillor Mitchell Syvret-Caplin  
Motion carried: 2020-01-23

**7. Decision Note: Appointment of a new member to the Micmacs of Gesgapegiag Finance and Audit Committee**

After reviewing the Decision Note, Chief and Council approved the recommendation to appoint Melissa Bryan to sit on the Finance and Audit Committee.

Proposed by Councillor Gary-Luc Martin  
Seconded by Councillor Dorothy Gedeon  
Motion carried: 2020-01-23

**8. Information Note: Current State of Assessment of Fisheries Operations-moved to January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

**9. Summary from Housing Intern**

Chief and Council read the summary from the housing intern concerning a tenant.

**10. Letters from Community Members**

**a. Housing (2)**

Letters will be forwarded to the housing department and letters of acknowledgement will be sent to the applicant. Also let the applicants know to send copies to the housing department.

**b. Land (1)**

On hold

**c. Request for repairs (1)**

Chief and council read the letter, it will be forwarded to the housing department and a letter of acknowledgement will be sent to the applicant.

**d. Request to open a Cannabis Dispensary**

Chief and Council read the letter, the Band does not issue permits. A letter will be sent stating that the band does not issue permits. Council will be gathering more information on the possibilities and what the options are.

**e. Request for Financial Assistance-Hockey Tournament**

The request was read, Chief and Council made a motion to donate \$500.00 to the Annual Gesgapegiag First Nations Hockey Tournament.

Proposed by Councillor Mitchell Syvret-Caplin  
Seconded by Councillor Armand Martin  
Motion carried: 2020-01-23

**f. Request for Financial Assistance-Red Tape for hockey in support of racism/letter of recognition**

Chief and Council made a motion to donate the cost of the red tape for an amount of \$766.08 in support of racism.

Proposed by Gary-Luc Martin  
Seconded by Mitchell Syvret-Caplin  
Motion Carried: 2020-01-23

A letter of recognition for Valor and Integrity to Dave Robichaud-Condo and Amanda Ottawa was signed by Chief and Council.

**11. DG's Update**

DG was absent

**12. Chief's Update**

January 13 - 20, 2020

Band council meeting January 13

Review of request for emergency AFNQL chiefs meeting, subject Bill C-92 federal recognition of First Nations inherent rights being contested by the province proposed for January 20 in Montreal. Informed council. Provincial jurisdiction being used.

Meeting community member in homeless situation, proposed actions to be taken on their part.

Meeting with Councillor Doug Martin regarding missing person significant amount of work done over the years. Discussion regarding support and follow-up. Communication with AFNQL Claude Picard and CSSSPNQL Richard Gray on missing persons issue. Informed that other communities have experienced similar. Raised the issue at the AFNQL chiefs emergency meeting. Other steps to be taken.

Meeting with Dave Robichaud Condo and David Hamel regarding petition and hockey tournament being planned. Support in principle given and full support to be requested from council. Gave commitment to support red tape initiative raising awareness about racism I hockey.

Prepared and sent letter to the presidents of the MRC's around the Gaspé coast regarding the adoption of zero tolerance policy in public arena's in their municipalities with copies to provincial and federal members of parliament.

Review of project approved from Health Canada regarding repairs to health center

Review of project approval from DFO regarding repairs and maintenance for mid-shore fisheries

Review of decision to be revised by council regarding lands

Meeting with band member regarding compensation regarding Indian Day School survivors.

Prepared message for community over holidays, encountered issue of newsletter going 100% online, no hard copies distributed.

Located copy of more recent Terms of Reference for the Board of Education and forwarded to council, decision note to be reintroduced at council next meeting.

Participated in AFNQL Chiefs emergency meeting on the 20<sup>th</sup> in Montreal. Chiefs declaration and resolution denouncing Quebec's actions. Some communities have begun to implement Bill C-92 in the communities. CSSSPNQL mandated to develop options for implementation and to assist communities wishing to develop their own child welfare laws based on the inherent rights recognition by the federal government. The example used by Judge Mary Helen Turpel Lafond as a simple law would be traditional adoption of children, a practise that most First Nation communities still practise to this day.

### **13. Varia**

13.1 Youth summit-First Nations Youth Network, they would like to have the summit in Gesgapegiag in the summer. Chief and Council are in support of having the summit held in Gesgapegiag.

13.2 Request from Councillor Christianne Jerome-Bernard for financial assistance to attend a meeting in Ottawa.

Chief and Council approved the her request to cover her travel to attend a meeting in Ottawa

Proposed by: Councillor Armand Martin

Seconded by: Councillor Douglas Martin

Motion carried: 2020-01-23

13.3 Indian Day Residential school Class Action Suit-Philomena Martin and Councillor Mitchell Syvret-Caplin will be helping community members to fill out their forms.

13.3 GHRDC-letter of resignation-find out if the letter was brought to HR and when the job will be posted.

13.4 Homecare for Community Members-Elders in need of assistance during the night. A letter will be sent to the Home Care Supervisor to find out if services can be provided to elders during the night through meeting with the clients, meet with the Home Care workers to find out if they are willing to work nights. Also to assess the needs of the elders, if they need special equipment, etc.

Also some community members have raised the issue in accessing these services. A Follow up will be done by the Portfolio Councillors.

**Meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.**

Proposed by Councillor Douglas Martin

Seconded by Councillor Gary-Luc Martin

Motion carried: 2020-01-23