



**Gesgapegiag Band Council Minutes
September 20th, 2019
Place: Gesgapegiag Band Office
100 Perron Boulevard
Time: 9:00 a.m.**

Attendance: Chief John Martin

Councillor Christianne Jerome-Bernard-absent-personal
Councillor Gary Luc Martin-meeting
Councillor Mitchell Syvret-Caplin
Councillor Amy Martin
Councillor Armand Martin
Councillor Tammy Martin-arrived at 11:32 a.m.
Councillor Dorothy Gedeon
Councillor Douglas Martin
Carolyn Larocque, Executive Assistant

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

1. Adoption of the Agenda

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

Hydro Quebec Liaison Officer

Proposed by: Councillor Armand Martin
Seconded by: Councillor Amy Martin
Motioned carried: 2019-09-20

2. Approval of minutes dated September 9th, 2019

Council made a motion to approve the minutes with corrections

Proposed by: Councillor Mitchell Syvret Caplin
Seconded by: Councillor Amy Martin
Motioned carried: 2019-09-20

3. Business arising from minutes

Matrimonial Real Property –Councillor Amy Martin would like to work with Councillor Douglas Martin on this file.

Visioning exercise-October 3rd at the MU Conference Room and October 4th at the Manoir Belle Plage in Carleton.

Housing Committee meeting-Council Portfolio Armand Martin and Dorothy Gedeon attended the Housing Committee meeting.

Treaty Day-Street Pole Banners with Brackets were ordered for this even.

MMBC-The posting for an Elder to sit on the board should state that they have their own transportation.

Council members would like to sit on the interviews pertaining to their portfolios as observers.

4. Decision Notes: School Bussing for Gesgapegiag Member Students

The Director of Learning, Training and Employment presented the Decision Note, ISC provides funding for on reserve students.

Motion to approve Option 1.

Proposed by: Councillor Mitchell Syvret Caplin
Seconded by: Councillor Armand Martin
Motion carried 2019-09-20

The issue of a Full-Time Principal-the Director of LTE feels that there is justification for the a full-time principal, she will be providing a decision or information note to Chief and Council.

Chief and council would like a detailed budget on education and bussing. The Director of LTE will send an itemized budget to Chief and Council.

Buying the bus before the budget was approved for the a third driver was not practical. Possibility to apply through Jordan's principle for a student living off-reserve for bussing travel.

Have the Director of LTE to inquire if the School Board of Ecole St-Donat receives funding for bus transportation for those students.

7.Decision Note: Public Works: Infrastructure and Housing

The Construction Supervisor inspected housing units for elders that need repairs.
Take 24,000 from the 84,000 for repairs.

Chief and council approve the 33,000.00 for elders repairs instead of 93,000.00 approve
Option 1, 2 and 3. Approve 11 units for repairs.

Resetting the age to 65 years of age for elders for this project only, taking 33,000.00 for
Elders repairs, 24,000 set aside for repairs.

Proposed by Councillor Amy Martin
Seconded by Councillor Tammy Martin
Motion carried 2019-09-20

8.MMAFMA-New Board Member

The Director of Fisheries, Christina Burnsed will sit on the Board for MMAFMA

Proposed Councillor Armand Martin
Seconded Councillor Tammy Martin
Motion carried: 2019-09-20

Meeting adjourned at 12: 38p.m.

Proposed by Councillor Douglas Martin
Seconded by Councillor Armand Martin
Motion carried: 2019-09-20

Reconvened on Monday September 23rd, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

Attendance: Chief John Martin

Councillor Christianne Jerome-arrived at 6:17 p.m.
Councillor Gary Luc Martin

Councillor Mitchell Syvret-Caplin
Councillor Amy Martin
Councillor Armand Martin
Councillor Tammy Martin
Councillor Dorothy Gedeon-sick
Councillor Douglas Martin-absent
Carolyn Larocque, Executive Assistant

Meeting called to at 6:15 p.m.

Councillor Tammy Martin and Councillor Gary Luc Martin-approved the agenda with varia added items

5.Decision Note: Forestry –Monday September 23, 2019

The Director of Forestry presented the Decision Note

Band Council Resolution #1459 was signed.

A motion was passed to go with the recommendation to go with Option 1.

Proposed by Councillor Armand Martin
Seconded by Councillor Tammy Martin
Motion carried 2019-09-23

6.Decision Note: Housing Committee –Monday September 23rd, 2019

Housing Committee member presented the Decision Note.

Chief and Council approved to relocate an elder to 9 Gasgusi Lane prior to the Housing Committee Decision Note.

Armand Martin is giving his old house to the housing committee, all he wants in return is to have ground and level off his land.

Decision on hold for elder-tenant will be asked to meet with Housing Intern to come up with a payment plan regarding arrears, tenant has not paid rent since moving in the apartment 5 or 6

years ago. Negotiate a percentage on arrears, and also bring a void check-meet with the housing intern once the amount of arrears are available. Offer him the 7C with a patio door.

Have patio doors /doors installed in all the bachelor doors on the bachelor apartments that do not have two doors.

Tenant will remain on 9 Gasgusi Lane.

Housing Portfolio Armand Martin will meet with the Housing Intern regarding the Elder concerned.

Ask Maxime Condo to provide the rent rate, the list of people who are in arrears-for Chief and Council.

9. Finance and Audit Committee

The Finance and Audit Committee are looking for two members to sit on the Committee. Councillor Christianne Jerome-Bernard agreed to be the new Chair and Councillor Mitchell Syvret-Caplin agreed to be the new Vice Chair.

Proposed by Councillor Armand Martin
Seconded by Councillor Douglas Martin
Motion passed 2019-09-23

10. Request from Community Members-Monday September 23rd, 2019

- a. Land transfer-Once the measurements are done, the next step will be to transfer the Land to a Gesgapegiag Band member.
- b. Request for employment support from GHRDC and Social Assistance –A letter will be sent to the individual informing him to meet with the GHRDC Manager and the Social Assistance Coordinator on pre-employment strategies.
- c. Request for gravel from a Band Member-request forwarded to the Director of Public Works: Infrastructure and Housing. A letter will be sent informing him to meet with the Director.
- d. Request for Sponsorship from a Community Member. GHRDC-Portfolio Councillors Mitchell Syvret-Caplin and Tammy Martin will meet with the GHRDC Manager, Portfolio Councillors will meet with the Director of Economic Development for financial support.

11. Honorarium

Councillor Christianne Jerome-Bernard updated Chief and Council on the background that she has done by checking with other communities in Quebec and New Brunswick, she will do more research in the Quebec region and bring her findings to the lawyer on Human Resources and she will work on a salary scale as well.

12. Blue Communities-presentation by Councillor Mitchell Syvret Caplin

Climate Change March-Wejgwapniag will be participating in the march held on September 27th, 2019 at 1:30.

Chief and Council support the march. All employees will be invited to attend.

Women and Gender equality-if anyone is interested in attending the lunch meeting on October 4th may contact Councillor Mitchell Syvret Caplin.

13. Employee Safety Committee-Brenda Ross-Jerome is working on training program.

14. FYI-Treaty Day Agenda

Agenda was distributed to Chief and Council

15. Chief's Update

Chiefs update September 9th to 20th- 2019

Note; MMS meetings include council members, receiving full updates on activities at MMS

9th to the 13th Meeting presentation MMS Finance committee, meeting MMS Executive Staff, MMS meeting Mgnigng, Met with Director of Migmawei Mawiomi Secretariat Director requesting councillors be named to support administration, steering committee and presentations made to council

Presentations to chief and council, informed on funding sources for the secretariat and files and proposals underway being completed, transformation from Negotiation Preparedness to new program Indigenous Self-determination Initiative, consultation initiative, Tribal Council funding for operations. And funding for consultation being accessed from province

10 evening 11 morning Council meeting

Letter finalized signed for youth with donation from band council

12th Met the Director General requesting presentation to council on financing of Pagtapei street completion of water infrastructure this fall

Calls from elders and met with an elder regarding housing repairs info passed on to housing

Director of Public Works met to discuss requests coming in to discuss concerns over elders, sheet developed and prepared to pass on to housing portfolios

13th met with Chiefs of Uggiganjig and Listuguj, issues regarding hunting and Iron Ore company environmental concerns and impacts on fishery

Met with three community members requesting housing repairs and employment (info passed on to housing

Council meeting the 16th in the morning and travel to AFNQL meeting in Quebec.

AFNQL meeting, closed session on 17, regular AFNQL meeting the 18 & 19, return to Gesgapegiag.

Issues addressed; Restructuring relationship with AFNQL & commissions, **day 1.**

Day 2, Federal campaign issues, issues with the Quebec government relationship, Report from Elected Women's Council, Fiscal files regarding taxation, point of sales exemption, report from joint table with Quebec regarding taxes on alcohol and mandate to pursue reimbursement. Report on regional housing strategy, funding for First Nations of Quebec waste management strategy, Federal governments new fiscal relationship-analysis of impacts on Quebec communities, Implementation of the federal governments bill c-92 First Nations Inuit and Metis Children, Youth and Families Act (challenges for implementation), Evening, Comprehensive Community planning presentation from 7 communities.

Minister SAA, Sylvie D'Amours, Relationship with Quebec, AFN charter renewal.

Day 3, Report Youth Network, participation in environmental action in Montreal on September 27th. Issues regarding implementation of Indigenous Languages Act, Report from Bureau of Independent Investigations regarding police violence against women. Quebec Family law reform issues impacting and conflicting new federal legislation C 92, Follow-up on recommendations June 2019 regarding members representation in urban areas.

Council meeting 20th in the morning

16. Varia

Hydro Quebec Liaison-the employee replacing the current Liaison Officer will be asked to sign an oath of confidentiality.

***Action items

Chief John Martin suggested to have our own sign made for a 50 kilometer sign going through Gesgapegiag.

Councillor Amy Martin will check with the Jordan;s principle coordinator for a student's case.

Education-policy for overtime, how much time is accumulated-HR will be sending the report to Chief John Martin and will be brought to council at the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Proposed by: Councillor Gary-Luc Martin
Seconded by Councillor Mitchell Syvret-Caplin
Motion carried 2019-09-23