



**Gesgapegiag Band Council Minutes
November 25th, 2019
Place: Galgoasiet Conference Room
101 Perron Boulevard
Time: 10:00 a.m.**

Attendance: Chief John Martin

Councillor Christianne Jerome-Bernard-absent
Councillor Gary Luc Martin-meeting
Councillor Mitchell Syvret-Caplin
Councillor Amy Martin
Councillor Armand Martin
Councillor Tammy Martin-absent
Councillor Dorothy Gedeon
Councillor Douglas Martin
Carolyn Larocque, Executive Assistant

Meeting called to order at: 10:25 a.m.

1. Adoption of the Agenda

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

- Housing letters

Proposed by: Councillor Amy Martin
Seconded by: Councillor Armand Martin
Motedioned carried: 2019-11-25

2. Approval of minutes dated November 8th, 2019

A motion was made to approve the minutes with corrections.

Proposed by: Councillor Mitchell Syvret-Caplin
Seconded by: Councillor Amy Martin
Motedioned carried: 2019-11-25

3. Business arising from minutes November 8th, 2019-11-25

- Waiting on information from the Bois Vivant school for bus stops on the 132
- Contract to update the Micmacs of Gesgapegiag Accounting System-the current IT was not given the option to bid on it. There was only one bid received.
- Administration fees on specific land claims. A big amount was used for administration fees and now the funders want to be reimbursed.
- Template to be worked on for the fundraising committee
- Trailer for the adult education-issue of a fire hazard-in terms of snow removal-they would like to put a cover on it so that it covered when students need to enter to the Galgoasiet building.
- Honorariums, Full-time positions for Council members, Chief's salary, Veronique Henry (Independent Firm) will have recommendations for Chief and Council on December 9th, 2019.

4. Decision Note: Contract for the Development and Delivery of Training on Policy Development.

Tabled to the next meeting-Chief and Council want to know the cost of the contract.

5. Indigenous Services Canada-2019-2020 Amending Agreement (1920-QC-000003)

Chief and Council signed the amending agreement

6. Decision Note: Education Services

Chief and Council made a motion to approve Option 2. To reinstate Gesgapegiag Education Services to its former status. Returning it to its former status, meaning the amalgamation of Social Assistance program and Gesgapegiag Human Resources Development Commission be terminated, along with 5 action items to be taken: 1. GHRDC and Social Assistance remain amalgamated; 2. Education Services be returned to the administrative structure; 3. Gesgapegiag Board of Education to hold an election to replace board members whose terms have ended; 4. The Board will be instructed to resume its function and 5. The current Board of Education's Terms of References be reviewed and approved by Chief and Council.

Proposed by: Councillor Amy Martin
Seconded by: Councillor Douglas Martin
Motioned carried: 2019-11-25

7. Estuary Agreement

The Community has to be consulted regarding the compensation of the estuary dollars, a presentation was done with the community members with lawyer Nadir André (BLG), he informed the community that the compensation should be given to the membership of Gesgapegiag or legal actions can be taken.

Have a brainstorming session on how to deal with this agreement, have a full day session. Move forward and have options to present to the community.

Have a meeting before the Christmas holidays and hold a public meeting in late January with some options to present.

Chief and Council give Councillor Douglas Martin a contract to work on the estuary agreements, provide options and recommendations. Councillor Douglas Martin will provide an outline of all the work that needs to be done.

A date will be determined when Chief and Council will hold an all day session.

8. Emergency Preparedness Planning Committee (member)

Councillor Douglas Martin and Councillor Dorothy Gedeon will be on the planning committee.

9. Letters from Community Members:

a. Housing (3)

Letters of acknowledgement will be sent and the requests will be forwarded to the housing department. Portfolio Councillors Dorothy Gedeon, Gary Luc Martin, Armand Martin and Chief John Martin, the executive assistant will coordinate the meeting with the department of Health and Social Services.

It was suggested to have an assessment be done with the housing department, have an independent firm to evaluate the housing priority list, have a cost analysis done, have Habitation Mont-Carleton to come in and to train the housing department on the construction of housing.

b. Elder

A letter of acknowledgement will be sent and a letter will be forwarded to the Director of Health Services. Chief John Martin will draft a letter.

10. Chief's Update

Chiefs update November 11 – 22, 2019

- Meeting community members regarding housing on three separate occasions, advised to resend letters with cc to council.
- Meeting with community member regarding complaint on HR issue, advised to put it in writing.
- Meeting with community member employment related, advised to put concerns in writing.
- Meeting regarding fundraiser to assist in funeral expenses.
- Meeting regarding administrative support issue for Chief and Council.
- Meeting with community member regarding services, follow up with DG
- Presentation by Mr. Guy Latouche regarding community 5 year master urban plan. Modifications requested and final draft will be prepared. Council informed of projection that within 5 years we will have a 77 housing unit backlog.
- Request made to Chief of Police and school transportation manager to meet with representatives from Minister of Transportation regarding our request for school bus signage and possible crosswalk for students and staff crossing highway 132 to get to school at Galgoasiet and offices.
- Attended two funerals Gesgapegiag & Listuguj.
- Following up with implementation of council decision regarding school overtime.
- Follow-up on council decision and instructions to legal counsel on rods.
- Preparation of accountability requirements for fund raisers in community.
- Adjustments resulting from the AGA presentation on council vision for retreat.
- Review and modification requests of documentation from MMS; press release on Consultation Framework Agreement, and consultation requests regarding developments in Maria, Matane wharf, Caplan Wharf, and in the Chic-Chocs.
- Meeting with DG regarding issues raised at council.
- Meeting and update from Legal to council on all files.
- Discussion with legal and requested second legal opinion on estuary agreement.
- Two regular council meetings

- Meeting with Adult Education regional Chief Financial Officer and Listuguj coordinator for Gesgapegiag.

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11.1 Housing Letters

Letters of acknowledgement will be sent and the requests will be forwarded the housing department.

Meeting adjourned at 4:01 p.m.

Proposed by Councillor Mitchell Syvret-Caplin
Seconded by Councillor Armand Martin
Motion carried: 2019-11-25