



**Gesgapegiag Band Council Minutes  
December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
Place: Gesgapegiag Band Office  
100 Perron Boulevard  
Time: 9:00 a.m.**

**Attendance:** Chief John Martin

Councillor Christianne Jerome-Bernard-absent p.m.  
Councillor Gary Luc Martin  
Councillor Mitchell Syvret-Caplin  
Councillor Amy Martin  
Councillor Armand Martin-left a 1:55 p.m., returned at 3:30 p.m.  
Councillor Tammy Martin  
Councillor Dorothy Gedeon-absent  
Councillor Douglas Martin  
Carolyn Larocque, Executive Assistant

Meeting called to order at: 9:12 a.m.

**1. Adoption of the Agenda**

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

- DG's update
- Fundraising Committees
- Carpenters salaries
- Overtime for Public Works
- Signatories for the finance department
- Tuition dollars for Adult Education
- Education
- Adult Education Update
- Interviews
- Directors meetings

Proposed by: Councillor Mitchell Syvret-Caplin  
Seconded by: Councillor Tammy Martin  
Motion carried: 2019-12-09

**2. Approval of minutes dated November 18<sup>th</sup> and November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

Council made a motion to approve the minutes dated November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019 with corrections

Proposed by: Councillor Mitchell Syvret-Caplin  
Seconded by: Councillor Tammy Martin  
Motioncarried: 2019-12-09

Council made a motion to approve the minutes dated November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019 with corrections

Proposed by: Councillor Amy Martin  
Seconded by: Councillor Douglas Martin  
Motioned carried: 2019-12-09

Abstention: Councillor Tammy Martin  
Councillor Christianne Jerome-Bernard

**3. Business arising from minutes**

**November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

Point 3. Need the comparison note of the revised Gesgapegiag Economic Development Fund Policy from Fred

Point 8. Mitchell spoke to Treena Metallic about the agreement-ask him for the update-tuition fees has not been paid out yet.

A letter will be drafted to the DG for all the decision that are made at a council meeting to be implemented, if it is not feasible then have the DG to give chief and council an update on why it is not feasible and chief and council can make another decision.

The issue of the balance that was not paid out to council members that attended the Retreat in Moncton. Chief and Council made a decision on November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019 that Council members that have no employment will receive a balance.

**November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

A contract was proposed to Councillor Douglas Martin to work on the Estuary File, After reviewing the documents, Councillor Douglas Martin feels there is not enough work to be done, all the information has been gathered.

**4. Presentation by Veronique Henry**

Report and recommendations on the remuneration of elected officials for the Micmacs of Gesgapegiag.

Veronique Henry-will make some modifications on the report and bring back to Chief and Council on Tuesday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Chief and Council will review the options on Tuesday December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

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

Chief and Council made a motion to approve the Contract for the Development and Delivery of Training on Policy Development-Funding coming from the Pilot Project Capacity Dollars. A list of the participants will be provided to Chief and Council.

Proposed by: Councillor Mitchell Syvret-Caplin  
Seconded by: Councillor Douglas Martin  
Motion carried: 2019-12-09

**6.Decision Note: Hydrological Study for two water supply wells -BCR 1478**

Chief and Council made a motion to approve the Hydrological study for two water supply wells by PESCA.

Proposed by: Councillor Gary Luc Martin  
Seconded by: Councillor Douglas Martin  
Motion carried: 2019-12-09

Water advisory-notices should be put in the mailboxes, put on the website, the maintenance supervisor should follow protocol.

**7. Decision Note: Micmacs of Gesgapegiag Code of Values and Ethics**-for Chief and Council to review and brought back to the next meeting on December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

**8. Decision Note: Approval of 2019-2020 Q2 Financial Statements**-for Chief and Council to review and brought back to the next meeting on December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

**9. Decision Note: New Richmond Jobin Arena Project-not applicable.**

The support to the project has been downgraded to a letter of support.

A letter will be forwarded to the Mayor of New Richmond for Jobin Arena Project.

**10. Information Note: Implementation of Council's Decision regarding the Board of Education**-for council to read and to be brought up at the next council meeting on December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019 if they have any questions or concerns.

A Memo will be sent to the Director of Education suggesting to have the previous Electoral Officer that conducted the Board of Education elections in the past to conduct this one as well.

**11. Information note: Snowmobile Regional trail 595 expected closure**

Chief and Council suggested to establish a snowmobile policy for access passes for the Gesgapegiag Band membership, charging administration costs only.

**12. Information Note: Tenant on 18A Gasgusi Lane**

This will be brought to the housing committee to discuss and bring forth recommendations to Chief and Council.

**13. HR-Hiring Report for November 2019**

Chief and Council would like to have the job postings attached with the hiring reports in the future.

**14. Relais de la Cache renovation project-Final Report-BCR# 1476**

Band Council Resolution #1476 was signed approving the final report to send to Secrétariat aux Affaires Autochtones.

**15. Letters from Community Members**

## **a Housing (2)**

Acknowledgement letters will be sent to the community members and requests will be forwarded to the housing department.

Councillor Armand Martin will provide information on the cost of moving his old house to another location to Chief John Martin.

Council is requesting information on how many units are vacant and what needs to be done to complete them. Have the housing portfolios to meet with the PWIH and the housing intern to find out the status of the units that are available.

Council is requesting to have an assessment done by Wabanaki, on housing construction, the assessment of PWIH what works and what does not. Current process is too slow and results in additional costs.

## **16. Chief's Update**

### **Chiefs update November 25- December 6**

- Council meeting November 25
- Meeting Director General regarding council decision reversing amalgamation of Social assistance and Human Resource Development to Education services, and board of education elections, other including fundraising committee concerns.
- Meeting with DG, elder Bernard Jerome and Councillor Douglas Martin regarding river management. Actions to be taken in preparation for discussions with Quebec.
- Three meetings with community members regarding housing and employment related issues, and other. In some cases I asked the community members to put their concerns in writing to the appropriate department with cc to council.
- Presentation made to staff at school on ped day.
- Follow ups with Public works regarding elder requests and update.
- Meeting with New Richmond council member on arena file. The file has been down graded to requesting a letter of support from the Band.

- Conference call MMS Listuguj Gespeg on Rights Recognition Framework, political accord respect, protection clauses in agreements. Preparation for DFO meeting in Ottawa.
- A number of requests have come in regarding consultation. These are as follows; River bank management in Maria on Glenburne and Gagnon streams, Mont Lyall ski shelter in Chic-Choc, oil and gas off shore Orphan Basin projects, and addition to reserve Madawaska First Nation. I have reviewed and commented on all responses prepared by the Migmawei Mawiomis Secretariat.
- December 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting in Ottawa Chiefs Committee on Education/ National Indian Council/ Indigenous Services Canada; Post-Secondary Institutions Partnership Program, Languages, Infrastructure policy review, Funding, Issues of ISC (Indian Affairs) transparency, non collaborative approach causing delays impacting capacity to move forward.
- December 3-5 AFN meeting & AFNQL Caucuses
- During the AFN regular meeting I made two interventions, one to second the resolution for the protection measures to prevent the Degradation of Mi'gmaq Land Base Due to Rising Sea Levels. The second intervention was in requesting a modification to the resolution on the Full Implementation of the Marshall Supreme Court Decision. My request was to add inherent right before treaty right. This was accepted and supported by the Chiefs Assembly in both cases. My argument was that treaties are a recognition of sovereignty and as such all rights are in our possession as sovereigns.
- In all there were 30 resolutions plus 16 late resolutions. Our days began at 7:30 and ended past 5 except for the last day. That afternoon we were invited to the BC chiefs honoring and Blanketing ceremony of Jody Wilson Raybold, the former Minister of Justice that stood up to the prime minister regarding the SNC Lavalin. She was re-elected in Vancouver and now sits as an independent in parliament. The first native woman to do so.
- During the daily AFNQL caucuses we met with Ministers and members of opposition parties and did intervene a number of times in these. We met Yves-François Blanchet, leader of the Bloc and Member of Parliament Kristina Michaud replacing Remi Masse in our riding. Opportunities of collaboration and support for our files were raised with the block and directly to Kristina Michaud from our riding.
- Meeting with Indigenous Services Canada Minister Marc Miller, issues of housing as regards our community, education, health and economic development were raised with the Minister.

- Minister of Justice David Lametti, issues of funding regarding alternative justice measures were raised. Issues of justice not recognizing First Nations rights and having to continually face the federal government in court over rights assertion. Also the fast tracking of Gladu reports was discussed.

## **17. Varia**

### **17.1 DG's update**

HR manager-the candidate withdrew due to personal issues, however another applicant has applied.

The DG will set up a phone interview with the new candidate, Chief and Council members are invited to be present on Wednesday at 10:00 a.m.

Moncton Retreat-Chief and Council decided that council members that are not employed will get a balance of the travel and reimbursed for accommodation, council members left a day early because there was a storm the next day.

### **17.2 Fundraising**

Meetings to be set up with the committees, Councillor Tammy Martin provided a Gesgapegiag fund raising registration form for committees that want to fund raise.

### **17.3 Carpenters salary**

The DG will be asked to provide the salary scale for the head carpenters, carpenters and labourers.

### **17.4 Overtime for public works-snow removal issue of overtime for public works**

The employees are not able to take time off due to the workload. A meeting will be arranged with the DG, Community Supervisor and the Director of PWIH.

### **17.5 Signatories for the finance department**

Chief and Council made a motion for Mitchell Syvret-Caplin to be added to the group of signatories. Councillors Armand Martin and Douglas Martin will remain as the signatories as well.

Proposed by Councillor Armand Martin  
Seconded by Councillor Tammy Martin  
Motion carried: 2019-12-09

### **17.6 Tuition dollars for Adult Education**

Once the agreement is drawn up it will be signed.

### **17.7 Education**

Special Education assistant teacher aid-new posting for the school Council is requesting to have a specialist on the interview committee with experience in the field for the special education educator.

### **17.8 Adult Education Update**

The trailer has been installed, waiting on the utility shelter vestibule to be installed, and electricity to be connected.

### **17.9 Interviews**

In the absence of an elder(s) Portfolio Councillors will be asked to sit in on the interviews as observers. The applicants will be informed that they are just observers and will not be part of the selection process.

### **17.10 Directors meetings**

Chief and Council are not informed on what is going on with directors and their programs. Council is requesting for meeting summaries or minutes be provided to Chief and Council, if there are no minutes Chief and Council will attend the meetings.

Meeting adjourned at 4:19. p.m.

Proposed by Councillor Gary-Luc Martin  
Seconded by Councillor Armand Martin  
Motion carried: 2019-12-09