



Duly Convened Sipekne'katik Band Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 20th, 2024
Council Chambers
10:00 AM

1. Called to Order: The meeting was called to order by Chief Michelle Glasgow at 10:44 AM.

2. Opening Prayer: Chief Michelle Glasgow gave the opening prayer.

3. Roll Call:

Council Present:

Chair, Chief Michelle Glasgow
Councillor Cheryl Gehue (via Zoom)
Councillor Thomas J. Howe
Councillor Justin W. Johnson
Councillor Doreen Knockwood
Councillor Lena Knockwood
Councillor Timothy Nevin
Councillor Eldon Paul
Councillor De-Anne Sack

Absent:

Councillor Gerry Augustine (Excused)
Councillor Rufus Copage (Excused)

Quorum: 9

Councillor Brooke Willis arrived at 10:51 AM Q/10

Councillor Keith Julain arrived at 11:24 AM Q/11

Staff:

Brian Dorey, Director of Operations
Jenna Howe, Minute Taker
Stuart Knockwood, Director of Administration
Mallory Wilcox, Minute Taker

4. Adoption of Agenda:

Motion #1

Moved by Councillor De-Anne Sack, seconded by Councillor Doreen Knockwood, (to accept the Duly Convened Sipekne'katik Band Council Meeting Agenda of February 20th, 2024, with additions: Community Splash Pad, Elver Fishing, and RFP Process).

Motion Carried Unanimously.

5. Review and Adopt Previous Minutes:

Councillor Brooke Willis arrived at 10:51 AM.

February 8th, 2024:

Motion #2

Moved by Councillor Timothy Nevin, seconded by Councillor Thomas J. Howe, (to accept the

Duly Convened Sipekne'katik Band Council Meeting Minutes of February 8th, 2024, with amendments to section 9.2).

Those in Favour: 8

Against: 0

Abstained: 1

Motion Carried.

6. Governance Discussion with Sarah O'Toole:

Councillor Eldon Paul departed at 10:54 AM.

Sarah O'Toole, Governance Lead for KMKNO arrived at 10:54 AM.

The goal of the Governance Team is to achieve self governance for the nation. Currently they have the assembly, however that can change. As Sipekne'katik is a larger community, they would like Sipekne'katik to have a greater voting power. The Governance Team wants to ensure they do not prevent Sipekne'katik from achieving self governance.

Moved In-Camera at 11:05 AM

Councillor Keith Julian arrived at 11:24 AM.

Councillor Eldon Paul returned at 11:33 AM.

Councillor Cheryl Gehue arrived in-person at 11:55 AM.

Sarah O'Toole, Governance Lead for KMKNO departed at 12:04 PM.

Councillor Lena Knockwood departed at 12:05 PM.

Moved Out of In-Camera at 12:20 PM

7. Director of Operations Report:

7.1. Upcoming Events:

- Nationhood Conference in Halifax, NS – February 28th-29th, 2024. Councillors Cheryl Gehue and Justin W. Johnson will be attending.
- FMB Nation to Nation Workshop in Thunder Bay, ON – March 12th-13th, 2024. Councillors Keith Julian and Brooke Willis will be attending. Spaces are available for two additional Councillors. Council is asked to confirm with their Executive Assistant if they decide to attend.

7.2. Forestry Agreements:

The Director of Operations presented the proposed agreement between Sipekne'katik and Wagner Forest. This project will be completed at no cost to the Band as the company is aiming to give back to communities affected by the 2023 wildfires. They will provide stumpage to the band for wood removed.

Councillor Lena Knockwood returned at 1:18 PM.

Motion #3

Moved by Councillor Keith Julian, seconded by Councillor Justin W. Johnson (to approve the agreement with Wagner Forest NS Ltd, subject to reaching agreeable terms and conditions [subject to PID# 00425611 and PID# 00495432]).

Those in Favour: 7

Against: 0

Abstained: 1

Motion Carried.

8. Director of Administration Report:

8.1. Address Changes:

New Street names were assigned, and addresses are being changed. Residents have been notified, and addresses have been updated with emergency services.

8.2. Efficiency Nova Scotia: Tabled.

8.3. [redacted] Update:

Councillor De-Anne Sack excused herself due to conflict at 1:50 PM.

Moved In-Camera at 1:50 PM

Moved out of In-Camera at 1:52 PM

Council has agreed by Consensus to extend [redacted]’s Special Leave pending receipt of medical documentation.

8.4. Hammonds Plains Gaming Update:

Moved In-Camera at 1:54 PM

Moved Out of In-Camera at 2:11 PM

Motion #4

Moved by Councillor De-Anne Sack, seconded by Councillor Justin W. Johnson, (to accept the Hammonds Plains Gaming Operational Review Week 3 Report, prepared and submitted by Janet Young for February 20th, 2024).

Motion Carried Unanimously.

9. Foundation Update:

Modus is currently working on 59 Meadow. They have concerns about the two back lots being on a natural spring. They would like to do a geotechnical assessment and will have an update tomorrow on how many lots can fit on 59 Meadow. There are two full septic tanks on these lots. These septic tanks must be pumped and filled before the houses can be placed. One house has been moved a few feet so that construction could continue. One home will be put on the lot facing the road on 118 Meadow.

Three more lots are still needed to meet the funding requirements before April.

10. Interim Executive Finance Officer Report:

10.1. CMHC RRAP:

Motion #5

Moved by Councillor Thomas J. Howe, seconded by Councillor Brooke Willis, (to approve the application to CMHC for a RRAP at [redacted] in the amount of \$41,450.00 for the 2024-2025 fiscal year).

Motion Carried Unanimously.

10.2. Personal Loss Claims:

Motion #6

Moved by Councillor Lena Knockwood, seconded by Councillor Timothy Nevin, (to approve personal loss claims to those band members identified in the July 2023 Flood Claim with ISC

upon receipt of the funds from ISC).

Motion Carried Unanimously.

10.3. Appliances for CMHC Houses:

Motion #7

Moved by Councillor Lena Knockwood, seconded by Councillor Brooke Willis, (to approve the purchase from Home Depot of 7 sets of appliances for the CMHC Houses in the amount of \$22,862.28, using the previous three appliance quotes from the Rapid Housing Initiative).

Motion Carried Unanimously.

10.4. Vehicles For Rural Transportation:

Motion #8

Moved by Councillor Timothy Nevin, seconded by Councillor Justin W. Johnson, (to approve the purchase of two 2022 Chrysler Pacificas from Blaikies Dodge in the total amount of \$114,485.40 upon reaching agreeable terms and conditions).

Motion Carried Unanimously.

10.5. Diversion Centre – Container:

Motion #9

Moved by Councillor Keith Julian, seconded by Councillor Thomas J. Howe, (to approve the change order for an explosive proof container from CTS for an additional \$37,706.00 for the diversion centre project, subject to reaching agreeable terms and conditions).

Motion Carried Unanimously.

10.6. Cultural Cottages – Heat Pumps:

Motion #10

Moved by Councillor Lena Knockwood, seconded by Councillor Thomas J. Howe, (to approve the purchase of heat pumps and installation from High Country Mechanical for the 4 cottages in the amount of \$16,000.00 upon reaching agreeable terms and conditions).

Motion Carried Unanimously.

10.7. Easter Events – Hosted by Education, Wellness and Rec:

Motion #11

Moved by Councillor De-Anne Sack, seconded by Councillor Brooke Willis, (to approve the Easter Events as proposed for the amount of \$30,127.82 from the education surplus and wellness budgets, and for the Director of Education to look into options for using our own buses).

Those in Favour: 9

Against: 1

Abstained: 0

Motion Carried.

11. Review Proposed Changes to the Housing Policy: Tabled.

12. Conflict of Interest Policy:

Moved In-Camera at 3:05 PM

Councillor Cheryl Gehue departed at 3:32 PM.

Councillor Cheryl Gehue returned at 4:23 PM.

Moved Out of In-Camera at 4:26 PM

The Conflict of Interest Policy will be reassessed by a third party and will be modified to include Emergency Management procedures and a clear conflict resolution process for Council.

Moved In-Camera at 4:27 PM
Moved Out of In-Camera at 4:35 PM

13. Community Splash Pad:

Motion #12

Moved by Councillor De-Anne Sack, seconded by Councillor Timothy Nevin, (to designate the LSK field for a Splash Pad and Outdoor Skating Oval).

Motion Carried Unanimously.

For the record: Councillor De-Anne Sack stated that Sipekne'katik had the first Skating Oval in 1973.

14. Adjournment:

Motion #13

Moved by Councillor De-Anne Sack, seconded by Councillor Justin W. Johnson, (to adjourn the meeting at 4:37 PM).

Motion Carried Unanimously.

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Chief Michelle Glasgow

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Jenna Howe
Minute Taker