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Duly Convened Sipekne'katik Band Council Meeting Minutes Tuesday, March 19th, 2024 **Council Chambers** 10:00 AM

<u>1. Called to Order:</u> The meeting was called to order by Chief Michelle Glasgow at 10:56 AM.

2. Opening Prayer: Councillor Rufus Copage gave the opening prayer.

3. Roll Call:

Council Present:

Absent:

Councillor Doreen Knockwood (Excused)

Chair, Chief Michelle Glasgow Councillor Rufus Copage Councillor Thomas J. Howe Councillor Justin W. Johnson Councillor Timothy Nevin Councillor Eldon Paul Councillor De-Anne Sack **Quorum: 7** Councillor Brooke Willis arrived via Zoom at 10:58 AM. Q/8 Councillor Cheryl Gehue arrived at 11:02 AM. 0/9 Councillor Lena Knockwood arrived at 11:02 AM. Q/10 Councillor Gerry Augustine arrived via Zoom at 11:08 AM. Q/11 Councillor Keith Julian arrived at 1:52 PM. Q/12 Staff: Brian Dorey, Director of Operations Jenna Howe, Minute Taker Stuart Knockwood, Director of Administration Mallory Wilcox, Minute Taker Monica Beckett, Interim Executive Finance Officer arrived at 11:00 AM. **Guests:** Sean Kee, Auditor, Lenehan McCain & Associates arrived at 11:05 AM. Andy Lenehan, Auditor, Lenehan McCain & Associates arrived at 11:05 AM.

4. Adoption of Agenda:

Motion #1

Moved by Councillor Rufus Copage, seconded by Councillor De-Anne Sack, (to accept the Duly Convened Sipekne'katik Band Council Meeting Agenda of March 19th, 2024, as presented). Motion Carried Unanimously.

5. Review and Adopt Previous Minutes: 5.1. June 14th, 2022:

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Motion #2

Moved by Councillor Thomas J. Howe, seconded by Councillor Timothy Nevin, (to accept the Duly Convened Sipekne'katik Band Council Meeting Minutes of June 14th, 2022, with amendments).

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Councillor Brooke Willis arrived via Zoom at 10:58 AM. 5.2. June 15th, 2022:

Motion #3

Moved by Councillor Justin W. Johnson, seconded by Councillor Thomas J. Howe, (to accept the Duly Convened Sipekne'katik Band Council Meeting Minutes of June 15th, 2022, with amendments).

Motion Carried Unanimously.

5.3. August 1st, 2023:

Motion #4

Moved by Councillor Rufus Copage, seconded by Councillor De-Anne Sack, (to accept the Duly Convened Sipekne'katik Band Council Meeting Minutes of August 1st, 2023, with amendments).

Motion Carried Unanimously.

5.4. March 5th, 2024:

Motion #5

Moved by Councillor Thomas J. Howe, seconded by Councillor Eldon Paul, (to accept the Duly Convened Sipekne'katik Band Council Meeting Minutes of March 5th, 2024, as presented).

Motion Carried Unanimously.

5.5. March 12th, 2024:

Motion #6

Moved by Councillor Rufus Copage, seconded by Councillor De-Anne Sack, (to accept the Duly Convened Sipekne'katik Band Council Meeting Minutes of March 12th, 2024, as presented). **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

6. Interim Executive Finance Officer Report:

Monica Beckett arrived at 11:00 AM. Councillor Cheryl Gehue arrived at 11:02 AM. Councillor Lena Knockwood arrived at 11:02 AM. Councillor Brooke Willis logged off at 11:05 AM.

6.1. 2021 - 2022 Draft Audit Review:

Sean Kee, Lenehan McCain & Associates Auditor arrived at 11:05 AM. Andy Lenehan, Lenehan McCain & Associates Auditor arrived at 11:05 AM. Councillor Gerry Augustine arrived via Zoom at 11:08 AM. Councillor Brooke Willis arrived in person at 11:33 AM. Councillor Gerry Augustine arrived in person at 12:03 PM.

The Draft Audit for Sipekne'katik was presented by Andy Lenehan. The Draft Audit for Wallace Hill Development Inc. was presented by Sean Kee.

Motion #7

Moved by Councillor Lena Knockwood, seconded by De-Anne Sack, (to accept the draft audit as presented by auditors Lenehan McCain and Associates for fiscal year 2021-2022 for Sipekne'katik).

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Motion #8

Moved by Councillor Timothy Nevin, seconded by Councillor Thomas J. Howe, (to accept the draft audit as presented by auditors Lenehan McCain and Associates for fiscal year 2021-2022 for Wallace Hill Development Inc.).

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Sean Kee logged off at 12:12 PM. Andy Lenehan logged off at 12:12 PM.

6.2. 2024-2025 Draft Budget Review:

The 2024-2025 Draft Budget was presented by Monica Beckett.

10-minute break at 12:39 PM.

Reconvened at 12:50 PM.

Motion #9

Moved by Councillor Rufus Copage, seconded by Councillor De-Anne Sack, (to accept the draft budget as presented for the fiscal year 2024-2025).

Motion Carried Unanimously.

6.3. FAC – Q3 Reports:

Motion #10

Moved by Councillor Thomas J. Howe, seconded by Councillor Eldon Paul, (to accept the 2023-2024 Quarter 3 reports as presented).

Motion Carried Unanimously.

<u>6.4. NOBA #0051 - \$15,726.00:</u>

Motion #11

Moved by Councillor Eldon Paul, seconded by Councillor Thomas J. Howe, (to amend the 2023-2024 budget to include ISC NOBA #0051 for the health departments associated with healthy living funding in the amount of \$15,726.00).

Motion Carried Unanimously.

<u>6.5. NOBA #0052 - \$13,857.93:</u>

Motion #12

Moved by Councillor Rufus Copage, seconded by Councillor Justin W. Johnson, (to amend the 2023-2024 budget to adjust ISC Cash Flow Adjustment #0008 with NOBA #0052 in the amount of \$13,857.93 as overfunded for the housing internship program through CMHC). **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

6.6. Amendment #128 - \$9,098.00:

Motion #13

Moved by Councillor Gerry Augustine, seconded by Councillor Eldon Paul, (to approve ISC Amendment #128 in total of \$9,098.00 for community facilities with the O&M Department for the 2023-2024 fiscal year).

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Motion #14

Moved by Councillor Lena Knockwood, seconded by Councillor Thomas J. Howe, (to amend the 2023-2024 budget to include ISC Amendment #128 for the O&M Department in the amount of \$9,098.00).

Motion Carried Unanimously.

6.7. Amendment #129 – 2024-2025 Funding Agreement:

Motion #15

Moved by Councillor Eldon Paul, seconded by Councillor Brooke Willis, (to approve ISC Amendment #129 in total of \$14,251,596.00 for all departments as laid out in the Contribution Agreement for the 2024-2025 fiscal year).

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Motion #16

Moved by Councillor Timothy Nevin, seconded by Councillor Brooke Willis, (to set the 2024-2025 for ISC funded programs as laid out in ISC Amendment #129 in the amount of \$14,251,596.00).

Motion Carried Unanimously.

6.8. Gift Cards – 2024-2025:

Motion #17

Moved by Councillor Eldon Paul, seconded by Councillor Thomas J. Howe, (to approve the purchase of gift cards as presented for the 2024-2025 fiscal year from Gift Card Warehouse, Superstore, and Sobeys for department programming in the year in the amount of \$292,775.00). **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

6.9. Gift Cards – Band Designate:

Motion #18

Moved by Councillor Rufus Copage, seconded by Councillor Justin W. Johnson, (to approve the purchase of gift cards for the Band Designate Program in the amount of \$15,775.00 from giftcardwarehouse.com).

Motion Carried Unanimously.

6.10. Residential School - Radar and Equipment:

Motion #19

Moved by Councillor De-Anne Sack, seconded by Justin W. Johnson, (to approve the purchase of a ground penetrating radar from Sensors and Software in the amount of \$50,332.00 which is coming out of the residential school funding from CIRNAC, as recommended by Dr. Jonathan Fowler).

Motion Carried Unanimously.

6.11. RCS Projects:

Councillor Keith Julian arrived at 1:52 PM.

Motion #20

Moved by Councillor Eldon Paul, seconded by Councillor Justin W. Johnson, (to approve the expenses incurred to date with RCS for invoices J021263 \$20,641.70 and J021260 \$32,446.23). **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

6.12. Bergman Electrical:

Motion #21

Moved by Councillor Rufus Copage, seconded by Councillor Lena Knockwood, (to approve the installation expenses incurred for the community centre generator from Bergman Electrical in the amount of \$18,220.94).

Motion Carried Unanimously.

6.13. Laptops:

Motion #22

Moved by Councillor Justin W. Johnson, seconded by Councillor Eldon Paul, (to approve the expenses incurred to date with IMP solutions for 15 Laptops as per quote #286863-186929-02 for \$19,331.90).

Motion Carried Unanimously.

6.14. Kitchen Cabinets for 5 Popular Street Apartments (19 Units):

Motion #23

Moved by Councillor Thomas J. Howe, seconded by Councillor Brooke Willis, (to approve the kitchen cabinets for the 19 units at 5 popular street apartments from Mike's Country Kitchens for the amount of \$195,033.06).

Motion Carried Unanimously.

6.15. Modular House Installation:

Council Moved In-Camera at 2:00 PM

Councillor Brooke Willis was excused due to conflict at 2:00 PM. Councillor Eldon Paul was excused due to conflict at 2:00 PM. Councillor Timothy Nevin was excused due to conflict at 2:00 PM. Brian Dorey departed at 2:10 PM. Councillor Brooke Willis returned at 2:14 PM. Councillor Eldon Paul returned at 2:14 PM. Councillor Timothy Nevin returned at 2:14 PM. **Councillor Timothy Nevin returned at 2:14 PM**.

Motion #24

Moved by Councillor Lena Knockwood, seconded by Councillor Cheryl Gehue, (to approve the rate of \$20,000.00 for each modular home to be put together by the selected contractor who meets all the terms and conditions of our contract).

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Council Moved In-Camera at 2:15 PM Council Moved Out of In-Camera at 2:33 PM

6.16. Open Top Containers for the Diversion Centre:

Chief Michelle Glasgow stepped out at 2:34 PM, and appointed Councillor De-Anne Sack as Chair in her absence.

Motion #25

Moved by Councillor Justin W. Johnson, seconded by Councillor Thomas J. Howe, (to approve the quotes for three open top containers from Drive Products in the amount of \$54,175.68 which are compatible with the Diversion Centre truck).

Motion Carried Unanimously.

6.17. Minimum Wage Increase: Tabled for next meeting.

6.18. BCR's – Change of Address:

Chief Michelle Glasgow returned and resumed as Chair at 2:43 PM.

Motion #26

Moved by Councillor Eldon Paul, seconded by Councillor Justin W. Johnson, (to accept BCR #2023-2024-026 for Project #268-60437 – for one address to be changed from [redacted] to [redacted]).

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Councillor Keith Julian returned at 2:49 PM.

Motion #27

Moved by Councillor Timothy Nevin, seconded by Councillor Justin W. Johnson, (to accept BCR #2023-2024-027 for Project #267-78001 – for one address to be changed from [redacted] to [redacted]).

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Monica Beckett departed at 2:53 PM.

7. Director of Administration Report:

7.1. Bylaw Enforcement Officer Update:

Councillor Timothy Nevin was excused due to conflict at 2:54 PM.

Millbrook has sent their job description, and HR is currently creating one to fit Sipekne'katik's needs. A potential 90-day hire was discussed.

Moved In-Camera at 2:55 PM

Moved Out of In-Camera at 3:06 PM

Councillor Timothy Nevin returned at 3:06 PM.

7.2. Sipekne'katik Wellbeing Program:

Motion #28

Moved by Councillor Justin W. Johnson, seconded by Councillor Lena Knockwood, (to put an additional \$100,000.00 in the Stay in School Incentive Program GIC, with funding from the

Prevention/Child and Family Wellbeing Program). Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved In-Camera at 3:17 PM.

Band Staff; Stuart Knockwood, Mallory Wilcox, and Jenna Howe were excused at 3:20 PM. Councillor Lena Knockwood departed at 3:30 PM. Staff returned at 3:58 PM. **Moved Out of In-Camera at 3:58 PM.**

8. Director of Operations Report, Presented by the Director of Administration:

8.1. Ainsley Property ATR:

Ainsley Property is now registered in the Band's name. Environmental assessment field work has been done; we are now waiting on the report. The Land Use Plan has been completed. The ATR Application is complete with the BCR pending Council Approval.

Motion #29

Moved by Councillor De-Anne Sack, seconded by Councillor Justin W. Johnson, (to accept BCR #2023-2024-023 for the Ainsley Property ATR, lot #424, PID #45090628 – Sandy Desert Road, Hardwood Lands).

Motion Carried Unanimously.

The BCR was circulated for signatures.

8.2. Impact Assessment BCR: Tabled for review by the Consultation Portfolio Holders.

<u>8.3. Elemental Energy – Financial Close on Higgins and Wedgeport Wind Projects:</u> Tabled for review by Consultation Portfolio and Economic Development Portfolios Holders.

8.4. CMM Land Claim Research BCR: Tabled for discussion tomorrow at Portfolio meetings.

8.5. Snow Crab Buyer RPF:

Councillor Cheryl Gehue was excused due to conflict at 4:16 PM. The two potential Snow Crab buyers are A&L Seafoods and Clearwater. The recommendation is Clearwater for .20¢ above shore-price.

Motion #30

Moved by Councillor Justin W. Johnson, seconded by Councillor Gerry Augustine, (to accept Clearwater as the buyer for the Sipekne'katik 2024 Snow Crab quota). **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

8.6. [redacted]: Tabled.

8.7. Public Works Department: Tabled.

9: Adjournment:

Motion #31

Moved by Councillor Gerry Augustine, seconded by Councillor De-Anne Sack, (to adjourn the



Chief Michelle Glasgow

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Jenna Howe Minute Taker