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# Duly Convened Sipekne'katik Band Council Meeting Minutes Tuesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Council Chambers 10:00 AM

**<u>1. Called to Order:</u>** The meeting was called to order by Chief Michelle Glasgow at 10:35 AM. **2. Opening Prayer:** Councillor Rufus Copage gave the opening prayer.

#### 3. Roll Call:

#### **Council Present:**

Chair, Chief Michelle Glasgow Councillor Rufus Copage Councillor Thomas J. Howe Councillor Justin W. Johnson Councillor Lena Knockwood Councillor Timothy Nevin Councillor Eldon Paul **Quorum: 7** Councillor Gerry Augustine arrived at 10:38 AM Q/8 Councillor Brooke Willis arrived at 10:41 AM **O/9** Councillor Keith Julian arrived at 11:00 AM Q/10 Staff: Brian Dorey, Director of Operations Jenna Howe, Minute Taker Mallory Wilcox, Minute Taker Monica Beckett, Interim Executive Finance Officer Winter Sack, Human Resources Manager

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# 4. Adoption of Agenda:

#### Motion #1

Moved by Councillor Thomas J. Howe, seconded by Councillor Justin W. Johnson (to approve the Duly Convened Sipekne'katik Band Council Meeting Agenda of March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024, with amendments).

#### Motion Carried Unanimously.

#### 5. Review and Adopt Previous Minutes:

February 20th, 2024:

#### Motion #2

Moved by Councillor Rufus Copage, seconded by Councillor Timothy Nevin, (to approve the Duly Convened Band Council Meeting Minutes of February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024, with additions to section

#### Absent: Councillor Doreen Knockwood (Excused) Councillor De-Anne Sack (Excused) Councillor Cheryl Gehue

#### 6. Interim Executive Finance Officer Report:

6.1. Amendment #126 - \$4,713,200.00:

#### Motion #3

Moved by Councillor Justin W. Johnson, seconded by Councillor Rufus Copage, (to approve ISC Amendment #126 for a total of \$4,713,200.00 for the following projects:

Roads and Bridges – Brown Flatts Bridge \$550,000.00,

Hurricane Fiona Funds for Roofs \$3,505,000.00,

Fire Protection – Smoke Detector Projects \$37,188.00,

and FN Child and Family Services - Housing \$621,012.00,

for the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year).

Motion Carried Unanimously.

#### Motion #4

Moved by Councillor Justin W. Johnson, seconded by Councillor Rufus Copage, (to amend the 2023-2024 budget to include ISC amendment #126 for the Brown Flatts Bridge, Fire Detector Budget, Hurricane Fiona Roofs, and the FN Child and Family Services Housing). **Motion Carried Unanimously.** 

#### 6.2. Amendment #127 - \$79,374.60:

Councillor Eldon Paul was excused due to conflict at 10:43 AM.

#### Motion #5

Moved by Councillor Lena Knockwood, seconded by Councillor Timothy Nevin, (to approve ISC Amendment #127 in the total of \$79,374.60 for the Emergency Management Coordinator and communication equipment for the 2023-2024 fiscal year).

Motion Carried Unanimously.

#### Motion #6

Moved by Councillor Lena Knockwood, seconded by Councillor Timothy Nevin, (to amend the 2023-2024 budget to include the ISC Amendment #127 for the Emergency Management department in the amount of \$79,374.60).

#### Motion Carried Unanimously.

Councillor Eldon Paul returned at 10:44 AM.

# 6.3. NOBA #0049 - \$719,655.00:

#### Motion #7

Moved by Councillor Thomas J. Howe, seconded by Councillor Eldon Paul, (to amend the 2023-2024 budget to include the ISC NOBA #0049 for the Family Wellness Department in the amount of \$719,655.00).

#### Motion Carried Unanimously.

<u>6.4. NOBA #0050 - \$9,368.00:</u>

#### Motion #8

Moved by Councillor Brooke Willis, seconded by Councillor Thomas J. Howe, (to amend the 2023-2024 budget to include ISC NOBA #0050 for the Family Wellness Department in the amount of \$9,368.00).

#### Motion Carried Unanimously.

6.5. Adjustment of Cash Flow #0008:

#### Motion #9

Moved by Councillor Brooke Willis, seconded by Councillor Thomas J. Howe, (to amend the 2023-2024 budget to include ISC Adjustment of Cash Flow #0008 for capacity development in the amount of \$17,117.07).

#### Motion Carried Unanimously.

6.6. iPads for Seniors:

#### Motion #10

Moved by Councillor Justin W. Johnson, seconded by Councillor Brooke Willis, (to approve the purchase of 240 iPads for seniors from MK in the amount of \$134,160.00, utilizing the education surplus from 2021-2023).

#### Motion Carried Unanimously.

Mallory Wilcox arrived at 10:51 AM.

6.7. Cottages – Ventilation:

#### Motion #11

Moved by Councillor Rufus Copage, seconded by Councillor Justin W. Johnson, (to approve the ventilation work on the cottages from Bergman Electric in the total amount of \$12,400.00, upon reaching agreeable terms and conditions).

# Motion Carried Unanimously.

6.8. Cottages – Electrical:

#### Motion #12

Moved by Councillor Jusin W. Johnson, seconded by Councillor Rufus Copage, (to approve the electrical work on the cottages from Bergman Electric in the total amount of \$28,000.00, upon reaching agreeable terms and conditions).

Motion Carried Unanimously.

<u>6.9. Roofs – Hurricane Fiona:</u> Tabled.

6.10. GIC Purchases:

#### Motion #13

Move by Councillor Thomas J. Howe, seconded by Councillor Eldon Paul, (to purchase GICS as recommended by the Interim Executive Finance Officer Report for a total of \$5,615,667.00 upon receiving funds from ISC).

Motion Carried Unanimously.

#### Council took a break at 11:10 AM Council reconvened at 11:22 AM

#### 7. The Director of Operations Report:

7.1. The Brown Flatts Bridge Agreement was circulated for signatures.

#### 7.2. Modus Bid:

Modus has offered to finish the houses for a total of \$486,750.00, plumbing and electrical not included.

# Moved In-Camera at 11:39 AM Moved out of In-Camera at 11:41 AM

#### Motion #14

Moved by Councillor Keith Julian, seconded by Councillor Lena Knockwood, (to approve the price from Arcwell Developments [formerly Modus Living] of \$29,850.00 per unit to complete tying the two-piece maple leaf homes together, totalling \$178,800.00 for 6 units [due to time sensitivity and being an available recognized supplier]).

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Monica Beckett departed at 11:47 AM.

#### 7.3. ATR Updates:

Snide's Lake: Still waiting on release of easement from Scotia Plastics.

Shubie Heights: One property purchased from Aget Development in the original BCR was never officially transferred. Jim Micheal is currently working on completing the transfer. These properties will need to be transferred to Sipekne'katik in Trust. Lands need to be corrected before we can redo the BCR to start the ATR.

Designation is required for this land to be used for economic development.

#### Motion #15

Moved by Councillor Keith Julian, seconded by Councillor Gerry Augustine, (to begin the land designation process for the Shubie Heights property).

# Motion Carried Unanimously.

#### Motion #16

Moved by Councillor Eldon Paul, seconded by Councillor Justin W. Johnson, (to designate the Snide's Lake property under section 18.2 of the Indian act, for sole use of the Sipekne'katik Band for economic development purposes, to benefit all community members). **Motion Carried Unanimously.** 

7.4. Community Information Meeting Date: Wednesday, April 24th, 2024

Parks Canada will be attending to discuss the National Urban Park Project.

7.5. Hammonds Plains Cannabis Shop: The proposed design was presented to Council.

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# Council agreed by consensus to approve the building design for the Hammonds Plains Cannabis Shop.

<u>7.6. Fisheries Minister requests a meeting this week</u>: To discuss options for litigation, mediation, or go back to the rights implementation table.

Councillor Eldon Paul stepped out at 12:30 PM. Moved In-Camera at 12:40 PM Councillor Eldon Paul returned at 12:57 PM. Moved Out of In-Camera at 1:25 PM

Brian will arrange a meeting for Thursday, March 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM in Council Chambers.

Councillors Lena Knockwood, Gerry Augustine, Brooke Willis, Thomas J. Howe, and Eldon Paul will attend, as well as the Fisheries Managers, and the Consultation team. Councillors to arrive at 9:00 AM for a pre-meeting discussion.

#### 8. Human Resources Report:

Winter Sack arrived at 1:35 PM.

8.1. Economic Development Hire Recommendations:

The recommendation from the Interview Committee is to hire **[redacted]** as the Economic Development Manager, and **[redacted]** as an Economic Development Coordinator.

#### Motion #17

Moved by Councillor Gerry Augustine, seconded by Councillor Brooke Willis, (to hire **[redacted]** as The Executive Manager of Economic Development as recommended by the interview committee, subject to agreeable terms and conditions).

Those in Favour: 8	Against: 0	Abstained: 1
Motion Carried.		

#### Motion #18

Moved by Councillor Gerry Augustine, seconded by Councillor Brooke Willis, (to hire **[redacted]** Manager of Economic Development, subject to reaching agreeable terms and conditions).

Those in Favour: 8	Against: 0	Abstained: 1
Motion Carried.		

#### 9. Adjournment:

Motion #19

Moved by Councillor Gerry Augustine, seconded by Councillor Timothy Nevin, (to adjourn the meeting at 1:50 PM).

Motion Carried Unanimously.

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Chief Michelle Glasgow

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Jenna Howe Minute Taker