



**A Duly Convened Sipekne'katik Band Council Meeting Minutes for Publication**  
**Tuesday, June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023**  
**Council Chambers and Zoom Video Conference**  
**10:00AM**

**1. Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Chief Michelle Glasgow at 10:43 AM.

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

**3. Roll Call:**

**Council Present:**

Chair, Chief Michelle Glasgow  
Councillor Rufus Copage  
Councillor Cheryl Gehue (via Zoom)  
Councillor Thomas Howe  
Councillor Justin W. Johnson  
Councillor Keith Julian  
Councillor Doreen Knockwood  
Councillor Lena Knockwood  
Councillor Eldon Paul  
Councillor De-Anne Sack  
Councillor Brooke Willis (via Zoom)

**Council Absent:**

Councillor Gerry Augustine  
Councillor Timothy Nevin (Excused)

**Quorum: 11**

**Other Attendees:**

Stuart Knockwood, Director of Administration  
Mallory Wilcox, Minute Taker  
Ursula Johnson, Rights Implementation Advisor for Parks Canada Mainland NS Field Unit  
Alannah Phillips, Field Unit Superintendent for Parks Canada Mainland NS  
Denny Richard, External Relations Manager for Parks Canada Mainland NS Field Unit (via Zoom)  
Pascale Salah, Project Manager for Parks Canada Mainland NS Field Unit  
Johnathan Sheppard, Park/Site Manager for Parks Canada Mainland NS Field Unit (via Zoom)

**4. Adoption of Agenda:**

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**Motion #1**

Moved by Councillor De-Anne Sack, seconded by Councillor Justin W. Johnson, (to accept the Duly Convened Sipekne'katik Band Council Meeting Agenda of June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023, as presented).

**Question Called; All in Favour.**

**Motion Carried.**

**Councillor Brooke Willis departed at 11:18 AM.**

**5. Presentation from Parks Canada:**

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Council observed a presentation from Parks Canada Representatives regarding a proposed National Urban Park in HRM, beginning at 10:55 AM.

**Presentation Highlights:**

- National Urban Parks Program main objectives: Nature Preservation, Connecting People with Nature, and Reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples.
- History of the National Urban Parks Program (est. 2021)
- Overview of the proposed Blue Mountain-Birch Cove National Urban Park site and proposed project timeline; Pre-Feasibility Phase (2022-2023), Planning (2023-2024) including Formal Consultation, Designation (2024-2025), Implementation (2025 onward).
- Discussed Parks Canada potentially purchasing the parcel of land connecting the park site to Wallace Hills Reserve for Sipekne'katik.
- Discussed any potential partnerships between Sipekne'katik and Parks Canada to be separate from Parks Canada-KMK partnership agreements.
- Agreed on monthly meetings with Sipekne'katik and Parks Canada, separate from KMK.

The presentation concluded and Parks Canada representatives departed at 11:58 AM.

**Break @ 12:00 PM**

**Reconvened @ 12:33 PM**

**6. Review and Adopt Previous Minutes:**

**Motion #2**

Moved by Councillor Rufus Copage, seconded by Councillor De-Anne Sack, (to approve the Duly Convened Sipekne'katik Band Council Meeting Minutes of May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023 [continuation of May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023], as presented).

**Question Called; All in Favour.**

**Motion Carried.**

**Motion #3**

Moved by Councillor Doreen Knockwood, seconded by Councillor Lena Knockwood, (to approve the Emergency Sipekne'katik Band Council Meeting Minutes of May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023, as presented).

**Question Called; All in Favour.**

**Motion Carried.**

**7. Director of Administration Report:**

**7.1 Requests to Meet with Council:**

- KMK has sent a request to attend a Council meeting on June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023, to discuss their mission statement and provide updates on their current initiatives. This meeting will be rescheduled for June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at the Truck House opening.



- Minister Karla MacFarlane has requested to meet with Council on Friday June 9th, 2023. This request is too short-notice and may be rescheduled after agenda details are received.

**7.2 NAIG Memorandum of Understanding (MOU):** An updated MOU received from NAIG was given to Chief Glasgow for signature.

**7.3 SuperNOVA Contract:** A general contract between Sipekne'katik and SuperNOVA for youth summer camp activities in the community was given to Chief Glasgow for signature.

**7.4 BCR #2023-2024-002:** The Director of Administration read BCR #2023-2024-002.

**Motion #4**

Moved by Councillor De-Anne Sack, seconded by Councillor Justin W. Johnson, (to accept **BCR #2023-2024-002**, banning James Morris from all Sipekne'katik Band lands and properties as undesirable, for health and public safety reasons).

**Question Called; All in Favour.**

**Motion Carried.**

**Moved In-Camera @ 1:09 PM.**

**Moved Out of In-Camera @ 1:30 PM.**

**7.5 RCMP:** The Director of Administration met with Public Service Canada and the Department of Justice to discuss policing services and the urgent need for a Detachment Commander for Sipekne'katik. The RCMP would like to meet with Council as soon as possible to discuss this.

**Moved In-Camera @ 1:34 PM.**

**Moved Out of In-Camera @ 1:43 PM.**

**7.6 Wildfire Updates:**

- The province-wide burn ban is still in effect until June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023.
- Phase 2 evacuation orders have been rescinded and some community members have returned home without power.
- Damages to the Hammonds Plains Gaming Center are still being assessed and a claim for lost revenue will be submitted to ISC as soon as possible.
- Quotes for LSK ventilation system repairs are being requested to prepare the building to be used as a comfort center in future emergency situations.
- Quotes for fire trucks are being expedited.
- Councillor Cheryl Gehue sent a request to HRM that a Sipekne'katik community representative be at the EMO command center during emergency situations as we are an independent nation; they responded that this is not necessary and suggested meeting with Council to discuss this matter further.

**8. Interim Executive Finance Officer Report:**



**8.1 Furniture for 520 Church Street Office:** Two quotes for office furniture were received from Denis Office Supplies for \$33,549.17 and Staples for \$42,901.96, respectively.

**Motion #5**

Moved by Councillor Justin W. Johnson, seconded by Councillor Thomas Howe, (to approve the purchase of office furniture for 520 Church Street in the amount of \$33,459.17 from Denis Office Supplies and to purchase immediately).

**Question Called; All in Favour.**

**Motion Carried.**

**8.2 Asbestos Repair:** Tabled pending review of the inspection report.

**8.3 Christmas Disbursement Amounts:** Tabled.

**8.4 MK Surplus Spending Plan:** Council reviewed the proposed spending plan prepared by the Interim Executive Finance Officer and the Director of Education.

**Motion #6**

Moved by Councillor De-Anne Sack, seconded by Councillor Justin W. Johnson, (to approve the MK Surplus Spending Plan, with amendments, to be used in the 2023-2024 fiscal year, and for the proposed expenditures to be project managed by the Director of Administration).

**Question Called; All in Favour.**

**Motion Carried.**

**8.5 NAIG Swag Package:** Council reviewed the NAIG wholesale price list, proposed initial purchase order, and sale concept options provided by the Interim Executive Finance Officer.

**Councillor Lena Knockwood departed at 2:55 PM.**

**Councillor Thomas Howe departed at 2:59 PM.**

**Motion #7**

Moved by Councillor Justin W. Johnson, seconded by Councillor De-Anne Sack, (to approve the wholesale concept for selling NAIG branded items at the Truck House and Pop-Up Tents).

**Question Called; All in Favour.**

**Motion Carried.**

**Motion #8**

Moved by Councillor Rufus Copage, seconded by Councillor Keith Julian, (to approve the initial purchase order from NAIG for a cost of \$193,750.00, for immediate purchase).

**Question Called; All in Favour.**

**Motion Carried.**



**Motion #9**

Moved by Councillor Eldon Paul, seconded by Councillor Cheryl Gehue, (to authorize the Director of Operations, Director of Administration, and Interim Executive Finance Officer to review NAIG sales by July 4, 2023, to discern what items are selling well, and to reorder stock and report back to Council of their follow up purchases, and report on how overall NAIG products are going as well as truck house sales).

**Question Called; All in Favour.**

**Motion Carried.**

**8.6 Youth Center Floor:** Three quotes were received for the Youth Center flooring.

**Motion #10**

Moved by Councillor Doreen Knockwood, seconded by Councillor Rufus Copage, (to approve the recommended quote for the Youth Center floor from Hard Rock Epoxy for \$15,000.00).

**Question Called, All in Favour.**

**Motion Carried.**

**8.7 Banners and Tablecloths for Community Meetings:** This order includes the cost of thirty tablecloths, thirty banners, and the custom design set up.

**Motion #11**

Moved by Councillor Keith Julian, seconded by Councillor Eldon Paul, (to approve the purchase of banners and tablecloths from Eastern Woodland in the amount of \$17,655.00).

**Question Called; All in Favour.**

**Motion Carried.**

**8.8 Truck for Housing Department:**

**Moved In-Camera @ 3:12 PM.**

**Moved Out of In-Camera @ 3:25 PM.**

**Motion #12**

Moved by Councillor De-Anne Sack, seconded by Councillor Doreen Knockwood, (to rescind Motion #2; “to approve the purchase of a new truck for Housing from Steele Chevrolet in the amount of \$69,704.00 immediately,” from June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023).

**Question Called; All in Favour.**

**Motion Carried.**

**Motion #13**

Moved by Councillor Rufus Copage, seconded by Councillor Justin W. Johnson, (to approve the purchase of the 2500HD Crew Cab truck from Blaikie’s Dodge for the Housing Department, with a 5-year warranty and maintenance package for the price of \$88,006.10, subject to reaching agreeable terms and conditions).



**Question Called, All in Favour.  
Motion Carried.**

**9. Adjournment:**

**Motion #14**

Moved by Councillor Keith Julian, seconded by Councillor De-Anne Sack, (to adjourn the meeting @ 3:30 PM).

**Question Called; All in Favour.**

**Motion Carried.**