



**An Emergency Sipekne'katik Band Council Meeting Minutes for Publication
Wednesday, May 31st, 2023
Council Chambers and Zoom Video Conference
2:00PM**

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Chief Michelle Glasgow at 2:20PM

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

3. Roll Call:

Council Present:

Chair, Chief Michelle Glasgow (via Zoom)
Councillor Rufus Copage (via Zoom)
Councillor Cheryl Gehue (via Zoom)
Councillor Keith Julian
Councillor Timothy Nevin (via Zoom)
Councillor Eldon Paul (via Zoom)
Councillor De-Anne Sack (via Zoom)

Council Absent:

Councillor Gerry Augustine
Councillor Thomas Howe
Councillor Justin W. Johnson
Councillor Doreen Knockwood
Councillor Lena Knockwood
Councillor Brooke Willis

Quorum: 7

Other Attendees:

Monica Beckett, Interim Executive Finance Officer
Brian Dorey, Director of Operations
Stuart Knockwood, Director of Administration
Ellen Marshall, Internal Communications Manager
Kim Paul, Emergency Measures Officer
Mallory Wilcox, Minute Taker

4. Adoption of Agenda:

Motion #1

Moved by Councillor Keith Julian, seconded by Councillor De-Anne Sack, (to accept the Emergency Sipekne'katik Band Council Meeting Agenda of May 31st, 2023, with two items: Emergency Management Update and State of Emergency Guidelines).

Question Called; All in Favour.

Motion Carried.

5. Emergency Management Update:

- There are currently eleven active fires across the province. Three are out of control, two are being held, and six are under control.
- All eligible community members (addresses within evacuation zones) are being set up for disbursements via direct deposit as soon as possible. The number of affected community members and their families has increased from 28 to 38.



- The Emergency Management Coordinator at ISC indicated that \$19,000 will be disbursed to the Band as soon as possible to cover emergency funding for displaced Community members and their families.
- Notices regarding smoke travelling from HRM, reminders of the burn ban in effect, mental health services, and fire prevention tips have been posted on the Smoke Signals app. Notices will be distributed by hand to each house in the Community and read on the radio station as well.

6. State of Emergency Guidelines:

In the absence of a finalized Emergency Management policy, Sipekne'katik will follow provincial state of emergency orders with some exceptions.

Motion #2

Moved by Councillor Rufus Copage, seconded by Councillor De-Anne Sack, (as it relates to the health and safety of our band members during this provincial state of emergency, we will be following provincial state of emergency management guidelines, excluding monetary disbursement amounts. Sipekne'katik maintains the right to govern and manage our own lands).

Question Called; All in Favour.

Motion Carried.

Council will continue to meet daily at 4:00 PM, following the provincial update, until the state of emergency is lifted.

7. Adjournment:

Motion #3

Moved by Councillor De-Anne Sack, seconded by Councillor Rufus Copage, (to adjourn the meeting @ 3:06 PM).

Question Called; All in Favour.

Motion Carried.