



Duly Convened Sipekne'katik Band Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, July 4th, 2023
Council Chambers and Zoom Video Conference
10:00 AM

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Chief Michelle Glasgow at 10:03 AM.

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

3. Roll Call:

Council Present:

Chair, Chief Michelle Glasgow
Councillor Rufus Copage
Councillor Thomas J. Howe
Councillor Doreen Knockwood
Councillor Lena Knockwood
Councillor Eldon Paul
Councillor De-Anne Sack

Quorum: 7

Councillor Justin W. Johnson (10:08AM) Q/8
Councillor Timothy Nevin (10:17AM) Q/9
Councillor Brooke Willis (10:18AM) Q/10
Councillor Cheryl Gehue (10:20AM) Q/11
Councillor Keith Julian (12:42PM) Q/12
Councillor Gerry Augustine (1:35PM) Q/13

For the Record: Councillor Cheryl Gehue will be on vacation from July 5th-July 10th, 2023.

Staff:

Brian Dorey, Director of Operations
Stuart Knockwood, Director of Administration
Mallory Wilcox, Minute Taker
Michael McDonald, Interim Treaty Fisheries Manager

Guests:

Elizabeth Burton, Senior Policy Analyst, KMK
Jacklyn Paul, Project Coordinator, MKK Initiative

4. Adoption of Agenda:

Motion #1

Moved by Councillor De-Anne Sack, seconded by Councillor Rufus Copage, (to accept the Duly Convened Sipekne'katik Band Council Meeting Agenda of July 4th, 2023, as presented).

Motion Carried Unanimously.

5. KMK Update:

KMK Representatives Jacklyn Paul and Elizabeth Burton joined the meeting at 10:32 AM to provide an informal update on their work developing a new child welfare process, which focuses on trauma-informed care and prevention supports, as an alternative to services currently provided by Mi'kmaw Family and Children's Services.

Elizabeth Burton departed at 12:05 PM

Moved In-Camera at 12:05 PM

Moved Out of In-Camera at 12:35 PM

Jacklyn Paul departed at 12:25 PM

Moved In-Camera at 12:45 PM

Recess at 2:17 PM

Reconvened at 2:30 PM

Moved Out of In-Camera at 2:30 PM

6. Review and Adopt Previous Minutes:

Motion #2

Moved by Councillor Rufus Copage, seconded by Councillor Thomas J. Howe, (to accept the Duly Convened Sipekne'katik Band Council Meeting Minutes of May 9th, 2023, as presented).

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Motion #3

Moved by Councillor Thomas J. Howe, seconded by Councillor Doreen Knockwood, (to accept the Duly Convened Sipekne'katik Band Council Meeting Minutes of June 13th, 2023, as presented).

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Motion #4

Moved by Councillor Rufus Copage, seconded by Councillor Thomas J. Howe, (to accept the Special Sipekne'katik Band Council Meeting Minutes of June 16th, 2023, as presented).

Motion Carried Unanimously.

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 June 20th, 2023, as presented).

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Motion #6

Moved by Councillor Thomas J. Howe, seconded by Councillor Eldon Paul, (to accept the Special Sipekne'katik Band Council Meeting Minutes of June 22nd, 2023, as presented).

Motion Carried Unanimously.

7. Consultation Staffing:

Director of Administration, Stuart Knockwood was excused at 2:38 PM.

Moved In-Camera at 2:39 PM.

Councillor Keith Julian departed at 2:52 PM.

Moved Out of In-Camera at 2:55 PM.

8. Interim Executive Finance Officer Report:

8.1 Replacement Lobster Gear: AICFI and Insurance will not cover the cost of lost gear and traps. Future fishing contracts will need to include liability clauses requiring fishers to collect all traps and gear and return them in acceptable condition at the end of every season.

Councillor Cheryl Gehue was excused for an appointment at 3:00 PM.

Motion #7

Moved by Councillor Lena Knockwood, seconded by Councillor Rufus Copage, (to approve the purchase of 450 replacement traps and fishing gear lost in previous lobster fishing seasons from Basinview Traps and Wire for \$136,950.00).

Motion Carried Unanimously.

8.2 LSK Prom and Graduation:

Motion #8

Moved by Councillor De-Anne Sack, seconded by Councillor Thomas J. Howe, (to approve the payment of LSK Graduation and Prom expenses in the amount of \$29,112.83).

Motion Carried Unanimously.

8.3 Clearing of Burma Road Lots: These will be split into nine smaller lots.

Motion #9

Moved by Councillor Lena Knockwood, seconded by Councillor Gerry Augustine, (to approve the quote from RCS Construction for clearing the three lots on Burma Road for the amount of \$84,780.00).

Motion Carried Unanimously.

8.4 Insurance File for 95 Dowie Road:

Motion #10

Moved by Councillor Thomas J. Howe, seconded by Councillor Rufus Copage, (to approve the interim settlement for 95 Dowie Road in the amount of \$96,757.50)

Motion Carried Unanimously.

8.5 Insurance File for 42 Poplar Drive:

Motion #11

Moved by Councillor Lena Knockwood, seconded by Councillor Thomas J. Howe, (to approve the proof of loss settlement for 42 Poplar Drive in the amount of \$23,358.37).

Motion Carried Unanimously.

8.6 Red Road Students:

Motion #12

Moved by Councillor Timothy Nevin, seconded by Councillor De-Anne Sack, (to approve the funding for Red Road Students from MK in the amount of \$12,243.44)

Motion Carried Unanimously.

8.7 Staff Appreciation:

Motion #13

Moved by Councillor De-Anne Sack, seconded by Councillor Brooke Willis, (to approve the use of Visa Avion Points to acquire staff appreciation prizes).

Motion Carried Unanimously.

8.7 Chief and Council Honoraria Increases:

Motion #14

Moved by Councillor Eldon Paul, seconded by Councillor Thomas J. Howe, (to approve the proposed increases to the Chief and Council honoraria rates, bringing them to \$65,000 for the position of Councillor and \$85,000 for the position of Chief, as recommended by the Sipekne'katik Director of Operations and Director of Administration and Sipekne'katik Legal Counsel [Pink Larkin], retroactive to April 1st, 2023).

Motion Carried Unanimously.

For the Record: These increases will be funded by governance fees allotted in program funding.

8.8 Tidal Bore Business:

a) Sofas/Pull Out Sofa Beds for Tidal Bore: Tabled until September 12th, 2023.

b) Credit Card: Requested a credit card for the Special Events Coordinator to purchase supplies for special events.

Motion #15

Moved by Councillor Rufus Copage, seconded by Councillor De-Anne Sack, (to approve a credit card in the Tidal Bore Special Events Coordinator, [redacted]'s name with a limit of \$5,000.00).

Motion Carried Unanimously.

8.9 Truck House:

Council agreed by consensus to have all Truck House crafts be purchased on Mondays, with crafters receiving payment by the following Friday.

The Sipekne'katik Finance Coordinator, Sharon Paul, will be the point of contact for crafters submitting receipts for reimbursement.

Moved In-Camera @ 3:50 PM.

Moved Out of In-Camera @ 4:00 PM.

Councillor Cheryl Gehue returned at 4:00 PM.

8.10 Lawn Mower for O&M:

Motion #16

Moved by Councillor Justin W. Johnson, seconded by Councillor Doreen Knockwood, (to approve the purchase of two lawnmowers for \$11,000 and \$14,000 [total \$25,000] from Tractor Dome, subject to reaching agreeable terms and conditions).

Motion Carried Unanimously.

9. FSC and Treaty Fishery Management Review:

The Moderate Livelihood Treaty Fishery and the Food, Social, & Ceremonial Fishery management plans for Jakej were presented to Council by the Interim Treaty Fisheries Manager, Michael McDonald.

Motion #17

Moved by Councillor Rufus Copage, seconded by Councillor Timothy Nevin, (to accept the “2023 Sipekne’katik First Nation Jakej Food, Social, & Ceremonial (FSC) Fishery in Mi’kma’ki” document, effective July 15th, 2023, as a living document).

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Motion #18

Moved by Councillor Justin W. Johnson, seconded by Councillor Lena Knockwood, (to accept the “2023 Sipekne’katik First Nation Jakej Moderate Livelihood Treaty Fishery in Mi’kma’ki” document, effective July 15th, 2023, as a living document).

Motion Carried Unanimously.

10. Director of Administration Report:

10.1 Land Allotment Process: Reviewed the draft document detailing the land allotment process and discussed creating a separate process for commercial development allotments.

Motion #19

Moved by Councillor Rufus Copage, seconded by Councillor Lena Knockwood, (to approve draft the land allotment process in principle, with Council to review and make necessary amendments).

Those In Favour: 6 Against: 1 Abstained: 2

Motion Carried.

10.2 Fire Department Truck: ISC approved \$130,000 in funding for a bushfire rescue truck. To date, \$66,500 was spent on a Dodge Ram. The remaining funds will cover the cost of properly outfitting the truck for use by the fire department.

Motion #20

Moved by Councillor Justin W. Johnson, seconded by Councillor Doreen Knockwood, (to have the Dodge Ram 1500 Crew Cab 4x4 for the Fire Department outfitted as a bushfire rescue truck by Rocky Mountain Phoenix, for \$63,450.90 immediately upon release of funding from ISC).

Those in Favour: 8 Against: 0 Abstained: 1

Motion Carried.

11. Outstanding Rent Issue:

Councillor Rufus Copage was excused from the meeting at 5:15 PM.

Moved In-Camera at 5:16 PM.

Moved Out of In-Camera at 5:30 PM.

Council agreed by Consensus to reimburse the outstanding rent from January 2023 onward to [redacted].

Councillor Cheryl Gehue was excused for an appointment at 5:30 PM.

12. Adjournment:

Motion #21

Moved by Councillor De-Anne Sack, seconded by Councillor Lena Knockwood, (to adjourn the meeting at 5:43 PM).

Motion Carried Unanimously.