



Duly Convened Sipekne'katik Band Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, October 10th, 2023
Council Chambers
10:00 AM

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Councillor Thomas J. Howe at 10:35 AM.

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

3. Roll Call:

Council Present:

Chair, Councillor Thomas J. Howe
Councillor Rufus Copage
Councillor Justin W. Johnson
Councillor Lena Knockwood
Councillor Timothy Nevin
Councillor De-Anne Sack
Councillor Brooke Willis

Absent:

Councillor Doreen Knockwood (Excused)
Councillor Eldon Paul

Quorum: 7

Councillor Keith Julian (10:58 AM) Q/8
Councillor Gerry Augustine (11:05 AM) Q/9
Councillor Cheryl Gehue (via Zoom at 11:38 AM) Q/10
Chief Michelle Glasgow (1:17 PM) Q/11

For the Record: Chief Glasgow attended MK meetings during the morning portion of the meeting, and appointed Councillor Thomas J. Howe as Chair in her absence.

Staff:

Monica Beckett, Interim Executive Finance Officer
Brian Dorey, Director of Operations
Stuart Knockwood, Director of Administration
John Peter-Paul, Commercial Fisheries Manager
Mallory Wilcox, Minute Taker

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 October 10th, 2023, with changes, moving EFO report to Item #6).

Motion Carried Unanimously.

5. Review and Adopt Previous Minutes:

5.1 July 4th, 2023:

Motion #2

Moved by Councillor Rufus Copage, seconded by Councillor Timothy Nevin, (to approve the Duly Convened Sipekne'katik Band Council Meeting Minutes of July 4th, 2023, as presented).
Motion Carried Unanimously.

5.2 July 27th, 2023:

Motion #3

Moved by Councillor Timothy Nevin, seconded by Councillor De-Anne Sack, (to approve the Duly Convened Sipekne'katik Band Council Meeting Minutes of July 27th, 2023, as presented).
Those in Favour: 5 Against: 0 Abstained: 1
Motion Carried.

5.3 August 1st, 2023:

Motion #4

Moved by Councillor Rufus Copage, seconded by Councillor De-Anne Sack, (to approve the Duly Convened Sipekne'katik Band Council Meeting Minutes of August 1st, 2023, as presented).
Motion Carried Unanimously.

5.4 August 4th, 2023:

Motion #5

Moved by Councillor Timothy Nevin, seconded by Councillor Lena Knockwood, (to approve the Special Sipekne'katik Band Council Meeting Minutes of August 4th, 2023, as presented).
Motion Carried Unanimously.

5.5 August 29th, 2023:

Motion #6

Moved by Councillor De-Anne Sack, seconded by Councillor Lena Knockwood, (to approve the Duly Convened Sipekne'katik Band Council Meeting Minutes of August 29th, 2023, as presented).
Those in Favour: 5 Against: 0 Abstained: 1
Motion Carried.

6. Interim Executive Finance Officer Report:

6.1 Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) Early Indigenous Learning Childcare (EILCC) Funding:

Motion #7

Moved by Councillor Justin W. Johnson, seconded by Councillor De-Anne Sack, (to approve the ISC Amendment #114 for EILCC funding for the 2023-2024 year in the amount of \$815,246.00).
Motion Carried Unanimously.

Motion #8

Moved by Councillor Lena Knockwood, seconded by Councillor Rufus Copage, (to amend the 2023-2024 budget to include ISC Amendment #114 for EILCC funding in the amount of \$815,246.00).
Motion Carried Unanimously.

6.2 Ta'n Eti-tpi'tmk Association (TEA) Social Funding:

This funding is for case management under the Section 35 Mi'kmaq Enhanced Social Policy.

Motion #9

Moved by Councillor De-Anne Sack, seconded by Councillor Justin W. Johnson, (to approve the Ta'n Eti-tpi-tmk Association Funding Agreement for Case Manager salaries of \$90,000 and client supports of up to a maximum of \$360,000.00, for a possible maximum total of \$450,000.00).

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Motion #10

Moved by Councillor Justin W. Johnson, seconded by Councillor De-Anne Sack, (to amend the 2023-2024 budget to include the Ta'n Eti-tpi-tmk Association funding for case management and client supports up to a maximum of \$450,000.00).

Motion Carried Unanimously.

6.3 Skid Steer Purchase:**Motion #11**

Moved by Councillor Rufus Copage, seconded by Councillor Lena Knockwood, (to approve the purchase of a skid steer from Battlefield CAT for \$99,300.00, subject to reaching agreeable terms and conditions).

Motion Carried Unanimously.

6.4 Education Laptops:**Motion #12**

Moved by Councillor Justin W. Johnson, seconded by Councillor Brooke Willis, (to approve the purchase of 18 Apple Laptops from MK through the education surplus budget).

Motion Carried Unanimously.

6.5 Christmas Disbursements:**Motion #13**

Moved by Councillor Lena Knockwood, seconded by Councillor Rufus Copage, (to approve a Christmas Disbursement amount of \$300.00 per Band Member, with Minors' amounts being placed in Trust, for a total of \$922,500.00).

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Disbursements will be issued on December 4th, 2023, and the deadline to apply will be January 30th, 2023.

6.6 Guaranteed Investment Certificates (GIC) Purchases:

The Interim Executive Finance Officer recommends purchasing GICs for the following:

- Surf Clam 2021 \$158,077.00
- Surf Clam 2022 \$150,047.00
- Christmas Disbursements \$125,000.00
- Fire Truck \$25,000.00
- Roads \$25,000.00

For a total of \$483,124.00 in GIC purchases.

Motion #14

Moved by Councillor Justin W. Johnson, seconded by Councillor Rufus Copage, (to purchase GICs as recommended by the Interim Executive Finance Officer for a total amount of \$483,124.00).

Motion Carried Unanimously.

6.7 Burma Road Culvert:

Requests for Proposals (RFP) to repair the washout from the July 21st, 2023, flood incident; only one bid was received from RCS Construction.

Motion #15

Moved by Councillor Keith Julian, seconded by Councillor De-Anne Sack, (to approve the RFP for repairs to Burma Road from RCS Construction, for the amount of \$282,081.00, and to action immediately upon reaching agreeable terms and conditions).

Motion Carried Unanimously.

6.8 Buyer for Lobster Fishing Area (LFA) 34:

Motion #16

Moved by Councillor Justin W. Johnson, seconded by Councillor Timothy Nevin, (to approve the RFP for LFA 34 lobster buyer to the sole bidder, Oceans Edge Seafood for shore price per pound and \$0.50 per pound over shore price).

Motion Carried Unanimously.

6.9 Buyer for LFA 35:

Motion #17

Moved by Councillor Lena Knockwood, seconded by Councillor Rufus Copage, (to approve the RFP for LFA 35 lobster buyer to the sole bidder, Oceans Edge Seafood for shore price per pound, \$1.00 per pound over shore price, and a \$5000.00 per license signing bonus totaling \$15,000.00).

Motion Carried Unanimously.

6.10 License Leasing for LFA 33:

Motion #18

Moved by Councillor Lena Knockwood, seconded by Councillor Timothy Nevin, (to approve the RFP for LFA 33 Licenses [after receiving 2 bids], to [redacted] for \$30,000.00 per license, totaling \$60,000.00).

Motion Carried Unanimously.

6.11 License Leasing for LFA 34:

Councillor Gerry Augustine was excused at 11:30 AM.

There are 9 licenses total, with 5 available for lease and 4 being fished by the Band.

There were 5 bids received, 1 was incomplete and cannot be considered.

Motion #19

Moved by Councillor Keith Julian, seconded by Councillor Lena Knockwood, (to approve the RFP for LFA 34 licenses to [redacted], [redacted], and [redacted] for 1 license each at \$45,000 per license, subject to reaching agreeable terms and conditions).

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Recess at 12:22 PM.

Reconvened at 12:46 PM.

7. Director of Administration Report:

7.1 Residence Change:

Councillor Gerry Augustine was excused at 12:46 PM.

Motion #20

Moved by Councillor Rufus Copage, seconded by Councillor Lena Knockwood, (to change the Head of Household for [redacted] from [redacted] to [redacted]).

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Councillor Gerry Augustine returned at 12:50 PM.

7.2 Schedule for Regular Council Portfolio and Committee Meetings:

Reviewed the proposed schedule for Portfolio meeting days. The first scheduled meetings will be held on November 14th, 2023, and every second Tuesday of the month thereafter.

Chief Michelle Glasgow arrived and resumed as Chair at 1:17 PM.

8. Director of Operations Report:

8.1 Building Lot Request:

Motion #21

Moved by Councillor Thomas J. Howe, seconded by Councillor De-Anne Sack, (to approve the building lot request from [redacted], with the Band covering the cost of water and sewer).

Motion Carried Unanimously.

8.2 Economic Development Manager Position:

Councillors Lena Knockwood, Rufus Copage, and Brooke Willis will meet with the Human Resources Manager to provide feedback on the interview questions and will sit on the interview committee.

8.3 Saint Barbara (Atlantic Gold Parent Company):

The company wishes to move forward on the 15 Mile Strem project. The Band has requested a royalty agreement before agreeing to consult.

8.4 Meeting with Ministers of Fisheries and Oceans, and Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada:

Moved In-Camera at 1:50 PM.

Councillor Cheryl Gehue departed at 1:59 PM.

Councillor Cheryl Gehue returned at 2:23 PM.

Councillor Lena Knockwood departed at 2:41 PM.

Moved Out of In-Camera at 2:47 PM.

8.5 Little Eagles Playground:

Moved In-Camera at 2:53 PM.

Councillor Cheryl Gehue was excused at 2:53 PM.

Moved Out of In-Camera at 3:07 PM.

Councillor Cheryl Gehue returned at 3:15 PM.

9. Financial Advisory Committee (FAC) Update:

9.1 Minutes and Action Items from October 6th, 2023:

Motion #22

Moved by Councillor Thomas J. Howe, seconded by Councillor Justin W. Johnson, (to accept the 2023-2024 Budget Summary, as presented by the Interim Executive Finance Officer).

Motion Carried Unanimously.

9.3 Christmas Turkeys:

Motion #23

Moved by Councillor Timothy Nevin, seconded by Councillor Thomas J. Howe, (to add a check box to the Christmas Disbursement Applications for head of households to be identified and given an additional \$75 for turkey).

Motion Carried Unanimously.

9.4 Refrigerated Truck:

Motion #24

Moved by Councillor Rufus Copage, seconded by Councillor Thomas J. Howe, (to purchase a 14-foot refrigerated cargo trailer for \$30,000, subject to agreeable terms and conditions).

Motion Rescinded.

10. Adjournment:

Motion #25

Moved by Councillor De-Anne Sack, seconded by Councillor Timothy Nevin, (to adjourn the meeting at 4:01 PM).

Motion Carried Unanimously.