



Duly Convened Sipekne'katik Band Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, October 3rd, 2023
Council Chambers
10:00 AM

1. Call to Order: 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 Timothy Nevin
Councillor Eldon Paul
Councillor De-Anne Sack (via Zoom)
Councillor Brooke Willis

Absent:

Councillor Doreen Knockwood (Excused)
Councillor Lena Knockwood

Quorum: 8

Councillor Cheryl Gehue (via Zoom at 10:45 AM) Q/9
Councillor Gerry Augustine (11:12 PM) Q/10
Councillor Keith Julian (2:19 PM) Q/11

Staff:

Brian Dorey, Director of Operations
Stuart Knockwood, Director of Administration
Mallory Wilcox, Minute Taker

Guests:

Karys Burgess, Regional Assessment of Offshore Wind Development Committee
Graham Daborn, Regional Assessment of Offshore Wind Development Committee
Luc Deroche, Regional Assessment of Offshore Wind Development Committee
Steve Parsons, Regional Assessment of Offshore Wind Development Committee
Lorraine Whitman, Regional Assessment of Offshore Wind Development Committee

Regrets:

Ann G. Wilkie, Regional Assessment of Offshore Wind Development Committee
James Wooder, Regional Assessment of Offshore Wind Development Committee

4. Adoption of Agenda:

Motion #1

Moved by Councillor Justin W. Johnson, seconded by Councillor De-Anne Sack, (to accept the Duly Convened Sipekne'katik Band Council Meeting Agenda of October 3rd, 2023, as presented).

Motion Carried Unanimously.

5. Review and Adopt Previous Minutes:

5.1 April 5th, 2022:

Motion #2

Moved by Councillor Rufus Copage, seconded by Councillor Timothy Nevin, (to approve the Duly Convened Sipekne'katik Band Council Meeting Minutes of April 5th, 2022, with amendments to correct the mover and seconder of Motion #1).

Those in Favour: 6 Against: 0 Abstained: 2

Motion Carried.

5.2 May 3rd, 2022:

Motion #3

Moved by Councillor Rufus Copage, seconded by Councillor Timothy Nevin, (to approve the Duly Convened Sipekne'katik Band Council Meeting Minutes of May 3rd, 2022, with amendments to correct the seconder of Motion #2).

Those in Favour: 5 Against: 0 Abstained: 4

Motion Carried.

5.3 May 5th, 2022:

Motion #4

Moved by Councillor Rufus Copage, seconded by Councillor Thomas J. Howe, (to approve the Duly Convened Sipekne'katik Band Council Meeting Minutes of May 5th, 2022, with amendments to correct the mover and seconder of Motions #3 and #4).

Those in Favour: 5 Against: 0 Abstained: 4

Motion Carried.

Councillor Cheryl Gehue joined the meeting via Zoom at 10:45 AM.

5.4 May 17th, 2022: Tabled.

5.5 May 24th, 2022:

Motion #5

Moved by Councillor Timothy Nevin, seconded by Councillor Thomas J. Howe, (to approve the Duly Convened Sipekne'katik Band Council Meeting Minutes of May 24th, 2022, as presented).

Those in Favour: 6 Against: 0 Abstained: 3

Motion Carried.

5.6 June 14th, 2022: Tabled.

5.7 June 15th, 2022: Tabled.

5.8 June 28th, 2022:

Motion #6

Moved by Councillor Rufus Copage, seconded by Councillor Thomas J. Howe, (to approve the Duly Convened Sipekne'katik Band Council Meeting Minutes of June 28th, 2022, as presented).

Those in Favour: 6 Against: 0 Abstained: 3
Motion Carried.

5.9 July 12th, 2022:

Motion #7

Moved by Councillor Timothy Nevin, seconded by Councillor Rufus Copage, (to approve the Duly Convened Sipekne'katik Band Council Meeting Minutes of July 12th, 2022, as presented).

Those in Favour: 6 Against: 0 Abstained: 3
Motion Carried.

5.10 March 28th-30th, 2023:

Motion #8

Moved by Councillor Eldon Paul, seconded by Councillor Justin W. Johnson, (to approve the Duly Convened Sipekne'katik Band Council Meeting Minutes of March 28th-30th, 2023, as presented).

Motion Carried Unanimously.

5.11 April 17th, 2023:

Motion #9

Moved by Councillor Timothy Nevin, seconded by Councillor Thomas J. Howe, (to approve the Duly Convened Sipekne'katik Band Council Meeting Minutes of April 17th, 2023, with amendments to attendance).

Motion Carried Unanimously.

5.12 April 25th, 2023:

Motion #10

Moved by Councillor Thomas J. Howe, seconded by Councillor Eldon Paul, (to approve the Duly Convened Sipekne'katik Band Council Meeting Minutes of April 25th, 2023, with amendments to attendance).

Motion Carried Unanimously.

6. Council Discussions:

6.1 Council Portfolios:

Discussed options for bi-weekly meetings to be arranged between Council portfolio holders and the respective managers of each department. The Director of Administration will create a draft schedule to present at the next Council meeting.

6.2 Financial Advisory Committee (FAC):

- The FAC budget approval threshold of \$15,000 must be increased, the committee is meeting tomorrow to consider a recommendation to Council for the increase.
- FAC meets quarterly, with additional meetings to be held on an as-needed basis.

- The Committee is requesting a Community Representative seat be added. The Community Representative will receive an honorarium for attending meetings. (All Council Portfolios will need to determine if they require a Community Representative as well).

Motion #11

Moved by Councillor Justin W. Johnson, seconded by Councillor Thomas J. Howe, (to accept [redacted] as a Community Representative on the Financial Advisory Committee).

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Councillor Cheryl Gehue departed at 11:32 AM.

6.3 Section 84 Requests:

Moved In-Camera at 11:35 AM

Moved Out of In-Camera at 11:48 AM

6.4 Housing Lots:

Cheryl Gehue arrived in-person at 12:22 PM.

Moved In-Camera at 12:54 PM.

Moved Out of In-Camera at 1:10 PM.

7. Director of Administration Report:

Nova Scotia Health Authority and Nova Scotia Mass Casualty Commission: The Director of Administration will be meeting with the Commission and Health Authority on October 13th to discuss impact assessment needs and potential need for consultation via the Sipekne'katik Governance Protocol.

8. Nova Scotia Offshore Wind Development Assessment Committee Presentation:

The Offshore Wind Development Assessment Committee presented to Council. Presentation highlights included:

- Their purpose is to determine suitable locations in Nova Scotia for offshore wind development.
- Multiple fisheries and socioeconomic impact assessments will take place over the next 18 months before any development can take place.
- The Committee is consulting with different Mi'kmaq knowledge keepers and organizations such as MKK, CMM, and each of the 13 Band Councils over the next two months.
- There are open seats on their Indigenous Advisory Committee and are seeking suggestions on people to appoint.
- The Committee will be invited to set up at the monthly community engagement sessions in Sipekne'katik once dates are established.

Councillor Keith Julian arrived at 2:19 PM

Chief Michelle Glasgow departed at 2:34 PM and appointed Councillor Thomas J. Howe as Chair in her absence.

9. Director of Operations Report:

9.1 Renaming of Snide’s Lake:

Community input and historical research is needed to decide on a new name once the Addition to Reserve process is complete.

9.2 Appointment of Fisheries Mediator:

Motion #12

Moved by Councillor Eldon Paul, seconded by Councillor Brooke Willis, (to select former Senator, Dan Christmas as the mediator for the Fisheries Dispute).

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Chief Glasgow, Councillor Eldon Paul, and Councillor Keith Julian will be meeting with the Minister of Fisheries, Oceans and the Canadian Coast Guard, Diane Lebouthillier, and the Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations, Gary Anadasangaree next week in Ottawa.

Moved In-Camera at 2:50 PM

Moved Out of In-Camera at 3:30 PM

Chief Glasgow returned and resumed as Chair at 3:20 PM.

10. Interim Executive Finance Officer Report:

Motion #13

Moved by Councillor Rufus Copage, (to increase the threshold for Financial Advisory Committee budget approvals from \$15,000 to \$20,000).

Motion Tabled.

10.1 Halloween Activity Suggestions:

Events will be hosted and sponsored by Recreation, Health, and Education Departments. Suggesting a dance at the Community Center, and a Haunted House at Tidal Bore with a \$5.00 donation or donation of a non-perishable food item for the Sipekne’katik Food Bank as the entry fee.

Councillor Cheryl Gehue departed for another meeting at 3:40 PM.

Motion #14

Moved by Councillor Eldon Paul, seconded by Councillor Thomas J. Howe, (to approve a budget of \$20,000 for a Halloween event at Tidal Bore, to be project managed by the Director of Finance and Director of Administration).

Motion Carried Unanimously.

10.2 Lobster Giveaway for Treaty Day:

Motion #15

Moved by Councillor Timothy Nevin, seconded by Councillor Thomas J. Howe, (to approve the expense recovery for fisherpeople at \$5.00/lb for 3080lbs of lobster for a community giveaway on Treaty Day in the total amount of \$15,400.00. This is payable to the Commercial Fisheries Manager, John Peter-Paul who will track and disperse the funds).

Motion Carried Unanimously.

10.3 iPhones for Councillors and Consultants:**Motion #16**

Moved by Councillor Rufus Copage, seconded by Councillor Justin W. Johnson, (to approve the purchase of 12 iPhones with cases and accessories from the Apple store, for Councillors and consultants for \$18,875.40).

Motion Carried Unanimously.

11. MK Infrastructure Funding:

Discussed options for Infrastructure Funding received from MK.

- Accessibility and infrastructure for transportation to schools, community events, work, etc.
- A cookhouse at the Arbor for cultural events.
- Roof replacements for the 3 houses at the residential school site.

Councillor De-Anne Sack departed at 4:19 PM.

12. Adjournment:

Motion #17

Moved by Councillor Brooke Willis, seconded by Councillor Thomas J. Howe, (to adjourn the meeting at 4:28 PM).

Motion Carried Unanimously.