



**Special Sipekne'katik Band Council Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023**  
**Zoom Video Conference**  
**2:00 PM**

**1. Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Chief Michelle Glasgow at 2:26 PM.

**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 Keith Julian  
Councillor Lena Knockwood  
Councillor Eldon Paul  
Councillor De-Anne Sack  
Councillor Brooke Willis

**Absent:**

Councillor Gerry Augustine  
Councillor Cheryl Gehue  
Councillor Doreen Knockwood (Excused)  
Councillor Timothy Nevin

**Quorum: 9**

**Staff:**

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

**4. Adoption of Agenda:**

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**Motion #1**

Moved by Councillor Thomas J. Howe, seconded by Councillor Eldon Paul, (to accept the Special Sipekne'katik Band Council Meeting Agenda of September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023, with two items; Emergency Management Update and Mi'kmaw Family and Childrens Services).

**Motion Carried Unanimously.**

**5. Emergency Management Update:**

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The Emergency Management Team met yesterday to prepare for the upcoming hurricane.

- A notice was sent to community members with details on storm preparation, comfort centers, and a community meal schedule should the power go out.
- Ordered extra food supplies through LSK scheduled to arrive tomorrow morning.
- Electricians moved plugs in the Community Center to prepare for comfort center setup.
- Ordered new cookware, refrigerators, etc. for the Community Center.
- Rented radio system in case cell service is down.
- Supplies will be sent to New Ross if needed.

**Motion #2**

Moved by Councillor Rufus Copage, seconded by Councillor Eldon Paul, (to approve purchases from Big Erics for large freezers, fridges, propane cookers and stands, for a total of \$15,120.70, in preparation for Hurricane Lee, to be reimbursed by the Indigenous Services Canada [ISC] Emergency Management Assistance Program).

**Motion Carried Unanimously.**

**For the Record:** ISC has previously confirmed that these purchases will be reimbursed.

Councillor Thomas J. Howe departed at 2:36 PM

**Council agreed by consensus to have Directors/Emergency Management Officer compile a list of all purchases for storm preparation to be sent to ISC for reimbursement from the EMAP Program, then present the total to Council for approval at the next Duly Convened Council Meeting.**

**6. Mi'kmaw Family and Childrens Services (MFCS):**

Discussed issues relating to prevention funding and what is considered a conflict of interest within the MFCS Board of Directors. Council will be requesting a breakdown of where prevention funding allotted on behalf of Sipekne'katik was spent by MFCS, and what programs were put in place with this funding.

**Motion #3**

Moved by Councillor Eldon Paul, seconded by Councillor Justin W. Johnson, (to send a notice to Mi'kmaw Family and Childrens Services [MFCS] and Indigenous Services Canada [the Crown] stating that once Sipekne'katik has a Section 35 Sectorial Agreement, a Coordination Agreement, or a law in place; Sipekne'katik will be withdrawing from all Services provided by MFCS and administering our own child well-being/protection program).

**Motion Carried Unanimously.**

**Motion #4**

Moved by Councillor Rufus Copage, seconded by Councillor Lena Knockwood, (that from now until such a time that Sipekne'katik can withdrawal from Mi'kmaw Family and Childrens Services, Councillor Eldon Paul will accompany Chief Glasgow to MFCS Board of Director meetings).

**Motion Carried Unanimously.**

**Motion #5**

Moved by Councillor Eldon Paul, seconded by Councillor De-Anne Sack, (to adjourn at 3:50 PM).

**Motion Carried Unanimously.**