



**Micmacs of Gesgapegiag Band  
Band Council Meeting  
Minutes**

July 13, 2005  
Conference Room  
9:00 a.m.

**Present:** Chief John Martin, Councillors; Clement Bernard, Charlie Caplin,  
Anthony Jerome, William Jerome, Armand Martin, Luc Martin

**Absent:** Danny Condo  
Jeremy Jerome

**Minute Taker:** Virginia Martin

**1. Adoption of the Agenda**

The agenda was adopted with the following items to be added to the agenda;

- Project for a new building for the skating rink
- Rene Larocque
- Referendum
- Contribution agreement

Proposed by: Councillor Clement Bernard

Seconded by: Councillor Anthony Jerome

**Motion Carried.**

**07-13-05/722/BC**

**2. Reading and Approval of Minutes**

Chief John Martin read the minutes of June 20, 2005.

A motion was passed to accept the minutes dated June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2005 with some additions and minor corrections.

Proposed by: Councillor Luc Martin

Seconded by: Councillor Charlie Caplin

**Motion Carried.**

**07-13-05/723/BC**

### **3. Business Arising from previous minutes**

**Guideline for accepting new band members:** Chief John Martin met with the membership clerk, to date no committee has been formed, and the membership clerk and portfolio councilor will be meeting in the next coming weeks to start working on the guidelines for new membership.

**Confidential Staff Issue:** A letter was submitted regarding a confidential matter.

**Anti-Bullying:** Mr. Bernard informed council that there is a proposal in place for the anti-bullying committee, however, William informed council because of the summer vacation and non availabilities they have decided to put things off until September and at that time a reorganization of the committee will be done, Anthony Morris and Brenda Ross will be involved in the committee.

**Audit:** Chief John Martin met with the Director General and Assistant Director General of the Department of Indian Affairs to explain the situation and not being able to meet the deadline of June 30<sup>th</sup> to complete the audit due to the turn over in staff, staff rotations, staff sickness, retirement and death in the families, however, at the time of his meeting he was informed that the deadline for the audit was only on July 30<sup>th</sup>. Auditors informed Chief Martin that the audit will be complete on July 15<sup>th</sup> and will be able to meet the deadline.

**Daycare:** Chief Martin informed council that there has been no official motion passed to accept the proposal for extending the daycare; Mr. Bernard informed that the land issue has not been settled and will have to be looked into by Luc Martin.

**Solid Waste:** Luc Martin informed council that the dry garbage (appliances- furniture-metal) is being picked up and stored at the public works garage for the time being since Pat St-Onge is absent from his office, he will be meeting with him next week, in the mean time, individuals are asked to contact the Band or Ronnie Condo to pick up the dry garbage.

**Nipugtugewag:** Chief Martin asked if Nipugtugewag had started yet, they have not started yet, Clem Bernard did contact the bank to begin the process for the credit margin, they were informed that the Band will only secure 50% of the credit margin up to \$9,000.00 for business related purposes. The remaining 50% is the responsibility of the Nipugtugewag.

**Social Assistance:** Clem Bernard secured an agreement with Listuguj for one month that will include assistance in training of a new officer, since the position has been posted.

**Make work Project:** Chief Martin requested an update on the make work project, a meeting did take place, however, Ronnie and Patsy were the only ones who attended the meeting, a list was prepared on regular maintenance that needs to be done such has

maintaining the ball field, church and all public buildings. A meeting will take place on Monday morning to setup a long-term work plan.

**Jacob Larocque:** Mr. Larocque has won a gold metal in his weight division when he bench-pressed 358 pounds. Chief Martin informed council that as a small demonstration of our communities pride Jacob winning the gold metal, he purchased a frame where he can display his gold metal and will be displayed in the Band office once we've purchased poster's. Gesgapegiag is very proud of Jacob and feel that he will be a great role model for our children.

#### **4. Chief's Update:**

No update was prepared for this meeting, however, he did inform council that he met with Natalie Normandeau and she approved funds for brush cutting from her budget, also in attendance was Pat St-Onge regarding Society Negotiations concerning the provincial government trying to declare David Bishop's camp an outfitter which would destroy the private camps on the river, council remains with its position, should there be an opening Gesgapegiag is the priority for the rods.

#### **5. Housing Subsidy Request:**

A request was submitted from Bernard Jerome for a housing subsidy of \$ 24 000.00 to turn his existing garage into a housing unit.

Council is not comfortable in taking a decision at this time regarding the request; this item will be tabled until after the elections.

#### **6. Request from Brenda Martin:**

A request was submitted by Brenda Martin requesting for funds for a private business. The request will be forwarded to the proper department to be reviewed.

#### **7. Skating rink project:**

Anthony Jerome informed council that Nelson Jerome has given him an estimate for a building at the skating rink in the amount of \$ 10 000.00 this amount is for the building only. Council would prefer if a complete estimate could be submitted before any decisions are taken on this issue.

#### **8. Rene Larocque:**

Anthony Jerome informed council that he met with Rene Larocque concerning his land in front of the medical center. Mr. Larocque has agreed to let Band council clean his lot.

**9. Referendum:**

Because of delays the referendum will not be happening with the regular Band elections as planned, we are working on another approach with the Department of Indian Affairs.

Jeremy Jerome entered the meeting at 10:35 a.m.

**10. Contribution Agreement:**

Mr. Bernard informed council that he signed amendment #1 for the 2005-2006 contribution agreement with DIAND for increasing funds in the following departments:

Special Education	\$ 50 100.00
Economic Dev.	\$ 1 402.00
Water System	\$ 20 000.00

**11. Police Station:**

Luc Martin presented the plans to council for the new police station, LFG will be hired to construct the new police station with an approved budget of \$ 443 000.00 and Native workers will be hired at union prices.

A motion was made to approve the budget and to go ahead with the construction of the new police station.

Proposed by: Councillor William Jerome  
Seconded by: Councillor Charlie Caplin

**Motion Carried.**  
**07-13-05/724/Policing**

**Meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.**