



Micmacs of Gesgapegiag Band
Open Band Council Meeting
Minutes
May 30th, 2005
Wejgwapniag School Gymnasium
6:00 p.m.

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

Absent: Danny Condo Jr.

Minute Taker: Virginia Martin

Community Members: Arnold Martin, Delphine Paul, Pamela Jerome, Ida Jerome, Hank Condo, Wanda Jerome, Simon Condo Jr., Laura Condo.

1. Adoption of the Agenda

The agenda was adopted with one item to be added to the agenda.

- Request to cut wood

Proposed by: Councillor Luc Martin
Seconded by: Councillor Charlie Caplin
Motion Carried.
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2. Reading and Approval of Minutes

Council was asked to read the minutes of May 9, 2005 prior to the meeting.

No motion was made to accept the minutes of May 9, 2005.

3. Business Arising from previous minutes

Tobacco Tax: Mr. Bernard informed council that a consultant has not yet been hired to work on this file.

Salmon Counters: The project is underway and the problems encountered last year have been resolved, Chief Martin and the portfolio councilor Danny Condo Jr. met with John Gedeon and a letter has been forwarded to him as a follow up.

Reinvestment: Councillor William Jerome informed council that there was a meeting held between him, Patsy Jerome, Anthony Jerome and Clem Bernard, the project proposal is the same project presented 3 years ago, but there is an increase in salaries for supervision.

Complaint: A letter of complaint was received at the last meeting, Mr. Bernard informed council that he has met with Mr. Gedeon regarding the janitor's position and the issue has been settled, however, he has yet to send Mr. Gedeon a letter.

Priority Project: Chief Martin requested for an update, however, Anthony Jerome informed council that he is very disappointed, they had attempted to have 3 meetings already and they haven't had the chance to all sit down together, the project will be starting on the 6th of June and no placements have been found. Mr. Bernard suggested that the committee sit down with 3 members only rather than wait for everyone to be available and work something out since the project has been approved.

4. Chief's update:

Subject	Who	What about	Outcome
Forestry	Menzi crew/companies	Equipment rental, harvesting, sub contracts/contracts	In the works
	Quebec Government	Stumpage Fees (S.F.)	Reviewing possible agreements without S.F.
	J.F. Lemerle, Engineer	Brush cutting, sylviculture	May 30, 2005 for some projects, some training already started.
	Chief Scott Martin/Engineers	Brush cutting distances	Understanding reached to use Nouvelle River as maximum distance towards each other.
Health	Community member/health	Complaint regarding rats, garbage	Agreed upon follow-up, clean up incomplete, file on going.
Garbage disposal	Minister Normandeau/Mayor St-Onge St. Jules- Cascapedia	Management of dry garbage (metal, fridge, etc.)	Agreement to be finalized with St.Jules strict environmental policies in Place; Large containers will be available soon with monitors to respect environmental policies.
Public Works	Genivar Consultant	Highway 132	Verbal understanding to

		entry hazardous	verify possibilities for funding and project development.
Economic Development	Economic Development Office, farmers-trainers and trainees	Micmac Organics farm start-up	Training started on the 24 th of May and will run until mid to late fall.
Addition to Reserve	Municipality of Maria	Turing the Droken Road property into reserve land.	Finalized a meeting date of June 2 nd to meet Canada, Quebec Municipal, Gesgapegiag Technical representative.
Specific Claims	Legal Gertler/Contreras	Chaleurs Bay Line	DIA expected to come with a position early fall. Other claims will begin to move through the system.
Assembly of First Nations of Quebec and Labrador	Chiefs of Quebec	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Public Security 2. Canada A.F.N. relations 3. Qc AFNQL 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Policing association presented the community survey for satisfaction conducted the president of the association seem to indicate that regional police forces may be the solution to a number of problems identified. Report available upon request. 2. The Quebec Chiefs are concerned with the AFN/Canada relationship, which increasingly reflects Canada's position and continues to ignore the positions presented by the Quebec Chiefs. A position is to be taken soon regarding the AFN's continued representation of Quebec First Nations. The same concerns are also expressed by Alberta and Manitoba. 3. Quebec relations. See

		<p>relations</p> <p>4. Suicide</p> <p>5. Housing</p> <p>6. Sustainable development</p>	<p>documents attached.</p> <p>4. The issue of suicide was brought to the table. The discussion resulted in a request for the Chiefs and frontline workers to take part in a two-day workshop, a first nation community to discuss comprehensive strategy and a possible declaration.</p> <p>5. The Federal government has announced 295 million nationally over 5 years starting this year. Most of the money will go to CMHC section 95. The Quebec regions share will be 313 units over 5 years. Chiefs have agreed to pressure regional office to make sure that the transfer formula is fair. Housing needs according to AFNQL report far exceed the announced budget. Keep in mind the budget is not passed in Parliament yet.</p> <p>6. Sustainable development (SDI) is a service, assists First Nations by often acting as a watch dog on Environmental issues and respect for first nation rights in these areas. A first nations research protocol was presented by the director of SDI and adopted by the Chiefs.</p>
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<p>Migmawei Mawiomi</p>	<p>Gesgapegiag, Gespeg & Listuguj Chiefs and MMS Portfolio Councillors</p>	<p>Up-date on traditional use study (TUS) preparation, District 7 Chief (D7), consultations protocol, treaty of 1786, mandates of the MMS</p>	<p>TUS interviewers have begun their work, Chiefs and respective council members along with legal & researchers have begun finalization on the scope of the 7th district Gespe'gewa'gi territory.</p> <p>A D7 meeting is being set to meet all the Chiefs of D7 to confirm scope of the territory and continue work on the joint consultation protocol.</p> <p>We have received funding to research the treaty of 1786, which impacts the Migmag bands of the Bay of Chaleurs.</p> <p>The respective councils requested a summary of MMS mandates.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Record of decisions 2. Record of motions
<p>Environment Protection</p>	<p>Bay Chaleurs Chiefs, Gesgapegiag Council Coalition Members, Legal</p>	<p>Continued support in the fight against Bennett Environment</p>	<p>Council has renewed support for the bands participation along with 3 Bay of Chaleur Bands of Listuguj, Eel River Bar and Pabineau and the Coalitions, I have received a financial contribution from one of the bands to cost share my presence in Court against Bennett Environment in Toronto on June 2, 2005.</p>

5. Interim Director of Operation's Update:

Mr. Bernard informed council that during the past 3 weeks they had have closed the old year, and he will be working with the finance department to work on the audit, they also

set aside a day for the salary scale committee and have informed the directors of the decisions made during their first meeting, he dealt with staffing issues which are confidential.

6. BCR T1 Connection (high speed internet):

A project was submitted by Nancy Doddridge to FNEC to have access to High Speed Internet which was approved, however, we need a BCR to send to Industry Canada for the T1 Connection in order for the other Band buildings to have access to the High Speed internet, right now its only connected at the Galgoasiet.

Therefore a motion was made to approve the T1 Connection in order to access High Speed Internet.

Proposed by: Councilor Clement Bernard

Seconded by: Councilor Jeremy Jerome

Motion Carried

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Right now Trevor Bernard and Dave Boudreau are working on how the connections are going to be made. Walgwan and Mawiomi can be connected as well at a later date.

7. Letters:

Two letters were submitted to council, however, because the letters mentioned names of the Band staff, the letters will only be read out at a closed Band Council meeting.

A letter was submitted to council by Deborah Ann Martin requesting for the unit on Eagle Lane that is presently vacant, the request will be submitted to the Housing Authority.

8. Request to cut wood:

A letter was submitted by Pascal Barnaby to request to cut wood in Grand Vallee area, which is Crown Land, however, a similar request was submitted to the Band years ago and the council decided at that time that the Band will not issue permits. However, the individual has the right to exercise his rights and should anything go wrong, he will get the support from council.

**Meeting was adjourned at 7: 00 p.m.
Proposed by: Councillor Clement Bernard
Seconded by: Councillor William Jerome
Motion Carried
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**Date of Acceptance: June 20th, 2005
Certified true copy of the original.**

**Signature: _____
Interim Director of Operations**

**Signature: _____
Chief**