

**April 13, 2017
Council Meeting
Minutes**

Attendance:

Chief Bob Gloade	Councillor Alex Cope	Councillor Colin Bernard
Councillor Adrian Gloade	Councillor Chris Nasson	Councillor Stephen Marshall
Councillor Peter Gloade	Councillor Mike Stephens	Councillor Barry Martin
Councillor Lloyd Johnson	Councillor Ward Markie	
Councillor Lisa Marshall	Councillor Bryan Brooks	

Chief Bob Gloade called meeting to order at 10:10am

Reference: Chief Bob Gloade

Updated on his meeting in Ottawa. Spent the day discussing Shannon Park, met with deputy minister. INAC is trying to move ahead to land transfer of 8.9 acres and to include a water lot to be transferred back to us too.

Review of March 21, 2017 minutes:

page 5 corrections (see page notes)

Presentations to Council:

Reference: Sgt. Bernard

Presented monthly & year-end reports

Discussion: Mental Health is a big issue; Wellness Coordinator mentioned that the Health Centre created a mental health team and suggested for Sgt Bernard to contact the Director of Health Services, this could help with addressing the mental health issues.

In May he hopes to have more information on having more staff. There was discussion of looking into alternative policing; it just fits at so many levels.

Reference: 50/50 Central

Presented non traditional 50/50 machines, which can sell throughout the whole week, all locations sell into the same pot, numbers entered in whether you play it or not (food banks, charities, fundraiser groups etc

(back to reviewing minutes)

Reference: Airmiles/aeroplan miles & TRA points

There wasn't anything about these in the email sent to Chief and Council re: TRA points?

Discussion: TRA points were dormant for many years, so Millbrook Youth Support Worker had started to use the points for getting gift cards once a year. ex. 300 points for \$25 gift card, so usually give for donations ex. Heart and stroke foundation fundraiser

Reference: Hockey Tournament
(In camera discussion)

Letters to Chief and Council:

Reference: Native Employment Officer - Monthly Report
(In camera discussion)

Reference: **BCR-** Amendment to Funding Agreement - Enhanced (*reference #2017-14*)

Motion by Councillor Chris Nasson to approve BCR

Seconded by Councillor Alex Cope

Motion Carried unanimously.

Reference: Director of Educational Services - Monthly Report
noted.

Reference: Performance Boxing

The gym would need to be cleared out by June 1st 2017

Discussion: Lease has never been signed, nor proof of insurance.

Band Administrator will send a letter requesting Chief and Council's request.

Reference: Maintenance and Repairs Supervisor - Monthly Report

Discussion: what happened to the report that he provided last time, can he provide this to Chief and Council - a detailed list of homes that were inspected, and their recommendations.

Band Administrator will send him a letter requesting these reports.

Reference: Post Secondary Education Director - Report update

Noted.

Reference: CMM - BOD & Assembly meeting dates

Meeting dates noted.

Reference: INAC – proposed Addition to Reserve – Sipekne'katik

Sipekne'katik has three parcels of land that they wish to transfer to Reserve lands.

Agreed by consensus that Millbrook does not have a problem with this proposed addition to Reserve lands.

Reference: Unama'ki College

Requested a donation towards Student banquet and dance

Agreed by consensus to donate \$500.00

Reference: Mi'kmaq Warriors Jr A

Requested a donation towards purchasing more equipment for Lacrosse team.

Agreed by consensus to donate \$3,000.00

Reference: Band member

Requested financial assistance for son's travel to National Aboriginal Hockey Championships for elite Bantam and Midget age aboriginal players in British Columbia this May 2017. Also selling tickets for fundraiser.

Agreed by consensus to provide \$500 in support to all band member youth playing in this Championship.

Reference: Band member

Requested financial support towards a two-month program at Southern Alberta Institute of Technology for pipeline insulator apprenticeship program.

Discussion: Native Employment Officer should have spoke with him and provided him local NEO in his area. Councillor Bryan Brooks said he did get a contact but couldn't get any help. NEOs program is only for Nova Scotia; could we get a budget for NEO to help with band members looking for training out of the province?

Agreed by consensus to fund the whole program.

(Councillor Adrian Gloade stepped out due to conflict of interest.)

Reference: Band member

Requested funding allowance/assistance while taking a program in Fredericton, NB.

Agreed by consensus to give band member an allowance of \$125/week while taking course.

Reference: Band member

Requested annual sponsorship to do maintenance at Merigomish Island for 13 weeks May to July at \$150/week.

Agreed by consensus to provide sponsorship.

Reference: Band member

Requested financial assistance with paying half the cost of firewood

Agreed by consensus to cover half the cost of firewood.

Reference: Finance

Submitted an up-to-date general ledger report for housing subsidies.

Currently over one off reserve subsidy; Band Administrator requested that council approve two more off reserve subsidies.

Agreed by consensus to approve two additional off reserve subsidies.

Reference: Off Reserve subsidies

It was suggested that Millbrook to offer housing subsidies to Band members in Canada, not limit it to only Nova Scotia.

Discussion: It was decided to put more thought into this before making a motion, and tabled it till next month.

(Chief Bob Gloade and Councillor Peter Gloade stepped out due to conflict of interest)

Reference: Band member

Requested a new house.

According to the housing policies both individuals are considered adequately housed, they are not common law or married. Band Administrator will write band member a letter explaining this.

Agreed by consensus to have bathroom inspected and repaired if necessary.

Reference: Band member

Requested to be considered for on reserve housing.

Agreed by consensus that Luke Band member be considered eligible for on reserve housing in regards to living out of province rule and not have to wait the 3 years waiting period.

Band Administrator will contact band member regarding this request.

Reference: Band member

Requested to be considered for on reserve housing.

(In camera discussion)

Band Administrator will write her a letter.

Reference: Housing Committee

Submitted recommendations for housing units.

Motion by Councillor Chris Nasson to accept recommendations from housing committee

Seconded by Councillor Colin Bernard.

Motion carried unanimously.

Reference: Colchester Sexual Assault Centre

Invitation to Sexual Assault Awareness Walk on April 28th 3:00-4:00pm.

noted.

Reference: KMKNO – Parks Canada

Discussion: Why can't Millbrook consult individually with Parks Canada?

We should be negotiating on our own?

Agreed by consensus to deal with this on our own with Parks Canada.

Reference: ATRA cards

(In camera discussion)

Reference: Nova Scotia Access Cards

Councillor Mike Stephens - wrote a letter which he read aloud and would like it to be included in the minutes.

“To my understanding, any unilateral decision made by this Council to endorse the KMKNO led NS Harvester Card is a direct encroachment on Mi'kmaq Aboriginal and Treaty rights. I do not feel that KMKNO has our communities best interest in mind as has been demonstrated in the past with their direct refusal to act on our concerns with it's overall process.

Mi'kmaq Treaty Rights are individually inherent and communally owned, not Band owned. This decision will essentially form the foundation of a Treaty Rights beneficiaries policy as part of the federally driven comprehensive land claims process.

In my opinion, we as Indian Act elected leadership do not have the Mandate or legitimate sovereign authority to make decisions that will impact the treaty rights of our Nation. Historically, any agreements made with the government that involve provincially/federally regulated resource access has proven problematic. In many cases these agreements have been used against our own people in the judicial system. This was demonstrated throughout various fishing disputes since the signing of the AFS Agreements post Marshall Decision.

There is no need for our Band to rush into this with so many unanswered questions. Our current status cards remain valid as it pertains to harvesting resources in our territory so the introduction of a new Harvester Card is unnecessary at this time. If anything we should be exploring ways to strengthen and expand our access rather than limit it to a provincial boundary. There are many alternative options we can explore to address these issues as it pertains to resource access. It is concerning to me that our council would make such a rushed decision without further review and appropriate consultation.

I strongly urge this council to reconsider their decision, rescind the motion that was made and utilize the resources we have on hand to appropriately consult our community members on this matter.”

Discussion: Councillor Mike Stephens that we consult with our people before making any decisions on, appropriate harvester card and hold off on Councillor Alex Cope's motion till we meet with community. Councillor Alex Cope will not rescind his motion which was “to proceed with having the ATRA cards removed from circulation”.

(in camera discussion)

Reference: Band Solicitor

A meeting can be set up outside of this meeting to discuss electronically voting, paper survey options, Referendum and Plebiscite.

We were planning on the second week of May for electronically voting and a paper survey option at the community hall - only way to protect ourselves is taking it to the community.

BCR –Request to Termination of NSPI Transmission Tower License Tufts Cove
(Reference #2017-13)

Motion by Councillor Chris Nasson to approve BCR

Seconded by Councillor Stephen Marshall

Motion carried unanimously.

New Business:

Reference: Inspect playground equipment

Youth Support worker would like low maintenance equipment for play grounds.

Agreed by consensus to inspect playgrounds and see what needs repair/replacement etc.

Reference: Warrior up Equipment

Can this equipment be set back up?

Councillors Colin Bernard and Chris Nasson will get it done.

Reference: Treaty gaming building

Request for a bathroom door and sign for lady's bathroom.

Agreed by consensus to have door installed.

Reference: Band member

Requested to have gravel from plows

This has already being taken care of.

Reference: Treaty Gas Cole Harbour – Gas Station quota

If a quota were later to be decided on for this store, it should be decided on now.

There wasn't one in the advertisement but previous stores had to run a business for six months before being considered for a quota providing that they don't already have an existing quota.

(Councillors Adrian Gloade, Stephen Marshall, Lisa Marshall and Mike Stephens stepped out due to conflict of interest)

Motion by Councillor Bryan Brooks After six months of operation gas station (leasing building) there will be an opportunity for a tobacco store quota unless already a quota holder.

Seconded by Councillor Barry Martin.

Motion carried unanimously.

Reference: Ulnooweg parking lot & hedges

Requested to have repairs and have hedges maintenance.

Agreed by consensus this work can be done.

Reference: Parks Truro

Millbrook Youth Support Worker asked if he can approach Parks Truro on maintaining Millbrook's playground equipment.

Agreed by consensus to ask Parks Truro to maintain our playground equipment.

Reference: Fishermen
(*In camera discussion*)

Reference: Band member
Requested to have yard and driveway fixed.
This will be looked into once the weather dries up.

Reference: Band member
Requested to have artwork sold to band.
Band Administrator will look into this.

Reference: Tobacco Store
A vendor requested if the Tobacco Store could open earlier like 8am?
Band Administrator will send this request to Treaty General Manager.

Reference: Speed bumps
It was requested that speed bumps be added to Brooks lane and Abenaki Rd this year.
Agreed by consensus to have speed bumps added this year.

Reference: Apprentice Program meeting
Was this supposed to be today but council meeting?
Band Administrator said Native Employment Officer had rescheduled this meeting.

Reference: Coach Rd - ditches
There were concerns with kids playing in them.
Discussion: This concern can go to the next projects meeting.

Reference: Lumber Yard
It was suggested that we look into a feasibility study for a lumber yard.

Reference: Motion regarding vitamins
It was suggested that we reconsider the motion made last month regarding the reimbursement of vitamins.
Discussion: It was suggested a pilot for one year, that way after one year we would have numbers etc.

Reference: Tower Rd - John Websters
It was requested that Websters clean up after their equipment are off the roads.
Band Administrator will look into this.

Reference: Community member
Has a company heavy equipment business, should Millbrook be interested in hiring.
Noted.

Reference: Band member
Requested to have his steps replaced.
This would be ineligible due to family income.

Reference: Legends Bingo
It was already agreed by this council that as of April 1st 2017 that Legends Bingo is to start paying back \$20,000 per month.
Have Director of Commercial Operations bring to next Economic Development meeting.

Reference: Fisheries Manager
(*In camera discussion*)

Reference: non Band member
Requested Council reconsideration for her and her husband to be allowed to see the doctor at Millbrook Health Centre.
Band Administrator will talk to Director of Health Services in regards to the policy.

Reference: Chief Debbie Robinson (Acadia FN)
Requested sponsorship towards golf Tournament fundraiser
Agreed by consensus to enter two teams in tournament.

Motion by Councillor Barry Martin to adjourn at 3:27pm
Seconded by Councillor Stephen Marshall.