

**GENERAL CHIEF AND COUNCIL MEETING  
DRAFT MINUTES – OCTOBER 11, 2023  
9 AM TO 4 PM**

**CHIEF AND COUNCIL PRESENT:**

Chief Robert Gloade	Councillor Chris Googoo
Councillor Natasha Bernard	Councillor Ward Markie
Councillor Anissa Blackmore	Councillor Lisa Marshall
Councillor Alex Cope	Councillor Stephen Marshall
Councillor Carley Gloade	Councillor James Stevens
Councillor Garrett Gloade	Councillor Dana Sylliboy – via Teams

**ABSENT**

**REGRETS**

Councillor Zachary Julian

**STAFF**

**GUESTS / DELEGATES**

Claire Marshall, Executive Director  
Shelly Martin, In-House Legal Counsel  
Suzanne Penney, Admin Assistant to Chief &  
Council and Recording Secretary  
Chantel Langille, Project Housing Manager  
D. Lattie, Tobacco Store Manager – via Teams  
Lorne Paul, Director of Housing

RCMP:  
Cpl. Natasha Jamieson  
Sgt. Joe Young

**1.0 PRELIMINARY MATTERS**

**1.1** Call to Order: Chief Robert Gloade called the meeting to order at 9:10 am

**1.2** Adoption of Agenda for the Chief and Council meeting of October 11, 2023.

**MOTION 1.2**

**It was MOVED by Councillor Stephen Marshall and SECONDED by Councillor Alex Cope,**  
That the agenda for the Chief and Council meeting of October 11, 2023 be approved with the  
following additions:

- 3.0 Housing Department
- 3.3 James Street Property
- 3.4 Review of Street Lights
- 5.3 Motions presented by Councillor
- 6.6 Community Member Equipment Request.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

1.3 Adoption of previous minutes – Review of draft minutes of the Chief and Council Meeting of September 12, 2023.

**MOTION 1.3**

It was **MOVED** by **Councillor Garrett Gloade** and **SECONDED** by **Councillor Chris Googoo**, **That** the minutes of the September 12, 2023, Chief and Council meeting be approved as presented with the following changes/corrections to motions 5.13, 5.2, and 6.2:

**MOTION 5.13**

**It was MOVED by Councillor Zachary Julian and SECONDED by Councillor Garrett Gloade, That funding in the amount of \$250.00 per team be provided to all TAMHA teams that have Millbrook First Nation Players on them.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**MOTION 5.2**

**It was MOVED by Councillor Garrett Gloade and SECONDED by Councillor Carley Gloade, That the CN Rail Band Council Resolution (BCR) in support of Public – Rail Safety be approved.**

**CARRIED**

**Voting in Favour: 11**

**Absent: 2 (Chief Gloade and Councillor Chris Googoo)**

**MOTION 6.2**

**It was MOVED by Councillor Zachary Julian and SECONDED by Councillor Ward Markie, That the Band Council Resolution (BCR) for funding the new heating/cooling units at Millbrook Fisheries be approved.**

**CARRIED**

**Voting in Favour: 10**

**ABSENT: 2 (Councillors Garrett Gloade and Chris Googoo)**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**ABSENT: 4 (Councillors Natasha Bernard, Anissa Blackmore, Zachary Julian, Dana Sylliboy)**

**2.0 NEW BUSINESS/BUSINESS UPDATES**

No items discussed.

**3.0 DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING**

**3.1** Director of Housing and Housing Project Manager attended and provided the following updates:

- L/360 Project Manager will be providing quotes for the excavation pricing for the lots on Micmac Avenue, James Street, and lots on Glooscap, from the companies that were invited to submit quotes
- Quotes for project tenders for the excavation jobs and the process of how this was carried out was discussed

- Department of Housing directed that tenders be open to Indigenous companies
- Director of Housing to bring in a new engineering firm to present to Council for possible future partnerships at the next Economic Development Project Consultation Meeting.

### 3.2 Community Member Request (Housing) – (included in package)

- Request was reviewed by Council, and it was decided that the housing policy has been followed and the subsidy amount has been provided directly to the lender to be used as the down payment toward this community member's mortgage
- A letter will be sent to the community member indicating the review and the decision by Council that supports the housing policy had been followed.

### 3.3 Property on Micmac Ave – Residence: Community Safety Concerns were raised

- Trespassing and garbage everywhere
- The home was to be moved back to the family property
- Department of Housing had contacted Security to let them know that this house move was happening; however, they did not monitor the move
- In-Camera discussion about the family's situation
- Discussion ensued regarding what options there may be for this individual; perhaps to move back with their parents.

### 3.4 Additional Department of Housing Updates:

- **Flood Management** Committee update – discussion ensued regarding current issues of drainage and the issues of proper storm management
- With the continued discussion it was recommended that L. Paul from the Housing Department come off of the flood management committee and that Colin Bernard, EMO take his place
- **Streetlights** and security cameras on Tower Road and some other areas have been recommended and a decision was made that the Director of Housing move forward with looking into the installation of more lights
- Department of Housing inquired as to which budget this would be allocated to and the decision from Council was that the Band would cover this cost
- **Speed bumps** will be installed by Town of Truro while a paving project is underway and there will be two locations; two installed on Abenaki Road and one on Brooks Lane – Council agreed the Director of Housing should contact Town of Truro to move forward with this plan.

## 4.0 DELEGATES

### 4.1 RCMP – Sgt. Joe Young and Cpl. Natasha Jamieson attended the meeting.

- Cpl. Jamieson has returned to full time duties
- Offender Management Program: a bail verification worker for MLSN has been hired and works with clients that are released on court ordered conditions if they agree to be part of the program
- The bail verification worker provides guidance and assists with their compliance, which will provide more options for offenders to serve their time under house arrest and not in jail; which is anticipated to increase accountability

## Community Member Property

Discussion ensued:

- HRM Police had initiated an enforcement action at the home of a community member
- Questions as to when Millbrook RCMP were aware this action was going to take place
- Extensive damage to property and belongings of the family has been reported
- Emergency Response Team was involved
- This situation was elevated because of the risk of firearms and continuous threat
- EMRT decided the time of the action
- This raid was based on searching for an individual and firearms
- There will be a Band Council Resolution (BCR) put on this individual banning them from the community
- If community members can call and make reports without using their names or numbers, then people may be more inclined to report those who should not be in the community
- Security says incidents had been reported to RCMP, but there was no follow up.

Questions that arose from the discussion:

- Is there a duplication of services between RCMP and Security?
- Is there a list of who does what and what the role of Security is?
- RCMP continue to encourage people to call in if they have something to report
- All calls have to be investigated as the RCMP must ensure the facts of the reports
- How will this be rectified, including re-housing the homeowner until the repairs are complete?
- Who is responsible for the damage? – the RCMP shared that further investigation and negotiation is anticipated
- EMRT has a protocol (high risk protocol), and the actions were based on the level of risk of the individual
- It was reported that the EMRT has the same procedures/protocols for approaching all situations on reserve and off reserve
- Council agreed by consensus to have Crime Stopper signs be placed in Millbrook (locations to be decided).

## **5.0 POLICY DISCUSSION/DECISION**

**5.1 Tobacco Quota Policy Discussion (Policy allocation attached for reference) – Tobacco Store Manager joined via Teams**

- Tobacco Store Manager was asked to provide a report to Council indicating an update about who is selling their quota, who is not, and what the value of the overstock is
- Council directed the Tobacco Store Manager to have a sign made for the front of the Administration building indicating Millbrook Tobacco Store on premises
- Question arose whether this could be done and whether it would put employees in harm's way
- Employer is responsible for the employees selling at the tobacco store.

Millbrook Tobacco Allocation Policy # 4 Transfer of Tobacco Quota

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- Discussion ensued regarding the different views of allocating quota within Council as this had been reviewed and discussed at previous meetings
- Due to all members of Council not being in attendance, it was decided this item would be tabled until a full Council compliment was present to approve/ratify the terms of the policy.

**5.2 Custom Election Code Discussion Meeting of October 4, 2023, Follow-up:**

- As directed by Chief and Council, the Solicitor provided a draft list of potential questions for further engagement for community members to answer surrounding the Custom Election Code; this was an outcome of the October 4, 2023, meeting to discuss the Custom Election Code
- Council provided feedback to the questions as they felt that some of the questions were leading; the Executive Director will take them away and work on incorporating the suggestions.

**5.3** Councillor brought forward a motion for Council consideration – the motion is HR related and therefore has been redacted from the minutes due to privacy/confidentiality concerns.

#### 5.4 Motion to review current laws in development

**It was MOVED by Councillor Chris Googoo and SECONDED by Councillor Garrett Gloade**, That effective immediately, all laws and plans be further reviewed by a legal team approved by the current Chief and Council.

**CARRIED**

**Voting in Favour: 9 (Councillors Anissa Blackmore, Alex Cope, Garrett Gloade, Chris Googoo Carley Gloade, Ward Markie, Lisa Marshall, Stephen Marshall, Dana Sylliboy)**  
**Absent: 3 (Councillors Natasha Bernard, Zachary Julian, James Stevens)**

#### 6.0 COMMUNITY LETTERS/REQUESTS/CORRESPONDENSE/FYI

##### 6.1 Paving Project Update – Town of Truro and Millbrook (Agreement in pkg.)

- Paving project funding for Abenaki Road was obtained by the Department of Housing from Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) and the project will be getting underway in the next two weeks.

##### 6.2 Ryder Cup Tournament – Donation Request (previous motion attached)

- \$400.00 per community member to be set as an annually provided provision (Councillor to provide list of participants).

##### 6.3 U18AA Fundy Highland Sobeys Stars (Female hockey team)

- It was decided all minor hockey teams that have community members playing on them would receive the annual donation of \$250.00 per team and that this would be a continuous, yearly funding provision (as with TAMHA – Motion made at the September 12, 2023, meeting).

##### 6.4 Community Member Request for Off Reserve Seniors - Rent Reduction Request

- Currently receive \$2,400.00 for seniors off reserve funding
- Cost of \$650.00 for parking and storage alone
- For seniors living on reserve, utilities are paid for through programs  
(Added to this section after the Director of Housing returned to the meeting)
- Stated that they have applied for seniors housing in Cole Harbour and the Housing Director will look into this and also on Muin Drive
- This discussion led to whether there can be money allocated to community infrastructure to build a seniors apartment complex
- Director of Housing indicated that it all has to start with infrastructure and then things can move forward
- If funding is not available, funds from the 1919 claim could be used to support the community infrastructure plan as this would fall under provisions that the money would be used for (infrastructure development of community housing on reserve)
- Potential of community infrastructure for a seniors complex will be explored with Finance.

Director of Housing was requested to return for a follow up discussion regarding the following topics:

**6.4a) Emergency Housing/Shelter**

- Director of Housing will be meeting with the tenant currently residing at the location of the future emergency housing property to inform that they have to relocate because the home will be converted to be an emergency housing/shelter
- A concern was brought forward by a Councillor regarding a senior in Cole Harbour who is currently having mobility issues and has been waiting for senior housing
- In response to a query, the Director of Housing indicated that if housing were to become available in Cole Harbour, it could potentially be allocated to the individual providing the application; Director of Housing to follow up with the Administrative Assistant to see if the documentation has been submitted

**6.4b) Additional Hiring for Housing Department**

- Subcontractors are being brought in to help with the construction of the homes in the Housing Initiative
- Housing Department will be setting up an internship program, as they have extra funding for this and had one applicant who is doing some administrative work with the department
- Applications have been completed for additional free funding for the Housing Department and one of the top two areas for this funding is to obtain trailers and trucks for hauling and storage of supplies for the construction teams
- Additional question was raised about the emergency housing situation with winter approaching; the Housing Department is currently looking at other communities and the guidelines surrounding emergency housing and the process to move forward with this.

**6.4c) Appeal Board for Evictions**

- An attempt to create a committee to review and decide direction for community evictions was made but there were no volunteers; this will have to be revisited at a future meeting.

**6.4d) CMHC and Department of Housing**

- Potential partnership to provide housing for children who have been in foster care
- Kids are now aging out (17 to 26 years)
- There may be funding to provide accommodations for them up until the age of 26
- Residences with common areas and individual personal space
- Director of Housing shared that this could be a very fast track project, updates will be provided as changes happen.

**6.5 Community Member New Business Information (FYI in package)**

**6.6 Community Member Request: Councillor brought forward and read into the minutes, a letter requesting consideration of an increase to sports equipment funding - (email was brought to Council today)**

- Discussion followed regarding how much funding has been provided
- It was determined that a decision on this request would be tabled until an overall expense analysis for the total cost of equipment could be completed

- Executive Director will follow up with the accounting department to obtain this information.

## **7.0 LEGAL RESOURCES**

**7.1** AFNWA: BCR for Signing – This item was carried forward to the Economic Development Consultation Meeting of October 24, 2023

**7.2** Community Member Request – Follow up from Councillor and Solicitor

- A review of the submission letter was discussed with Director of Housing
- There was an agreement put in place in 2001 that created an encumbrance on the land in question and the decision was to offer the community member a choice of another lot as the ones they are requesting are not available
- Executive Director will provide a letter for the community member with the Chief and Council decision.

**7.3** Property adjacent to the administration office

- Director of Housing indicated that the driveway next door at the property was done by the community member and not approved by Housing Department
- Housing department indicated that procedure to be followed involved completing a permit with Millbrook, at which point, the Director of Housing could contact Truro and obtain a permit from them as this is Truro jurisdiction
- A point to note, the permit applications must state what the building is being used for.

**8.0 ADJOURNMENT:** Chief Gloade adjourned the meeting at 1:51 pm as agreed by consensus.

Next Chief and Council meeting will be on December 13, 2023, and will be a joint meeting with Economic Development Meeting, due to Christmas Holidays.



