



**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PROJECT CONSULTATION
JANUARY 18, 2022**

Minutes of the Millbrook First Nation (MFN) Economic development and Project Consultation Meeting held at 9:00 a.m. on January 18, 2022 via videoconference.

CHIEF AND COUNCIL

PRESENT:

Chief Robert Gloade	Councillor Leana Kennedy
Councillor Colin Bernard (joined at 10:44am)	Councillor Ward Markie
Councillor Natasha Bernard	Councillor Lisa Marshall
Councillor Alex Cope	Councillor Stephen Marshall
Councillor Carley Gloade	Councillor James Stevens
Councillor Gordon Johnson	

ABSENT:

Councillor Peter Gloade
Councillor Barry Martin

REGRETS:

STAFF:

Claire Marshall, Executive Director	Shelly Martin, In-House Legal Counsel
Gerald Gloade, Community Engagement Officer	

RECORDING SECRETARY

Nigel Gloade, Communications Officer
Jessica Haji Mohamad, Administrative Assistant

GUESTS

Tara Dinsmore, Vice-President, Real Estate, National Capital Region/Atlantic and Acquisitions, Canada Lands Company (Item 5.2)
Jonathan Lowe, Fisheries Manager (item 4.1)
Chris Millier, Senior Director, Real Estate (National Capital Region/Atlantic), Canada Lands Company (Item 5.2)
Scott Robertson, Senior Associate, Nahwegahbow Corbiere Genoodmagejig (item 5.1)

1. PRELIMINARY MATTERS

1.1. Call to Order

Chief Robert Gloade called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m.

1.2. Adoption of the Agenda

Related Information: Agenda for the January 18, 2022, MFN Economic Development and Project Consultation Meeting.

It was MOVED (Councillor Alex Cope) and SECONDED (Councillor Carley Gloade)

That the Millbrook First Nation Chief and Council adopts the agenda for January 18, 2022 Economic Development and Project Consultation meeting, as presented.

CARRIED

(Absent: Councillors Peter Gloade and Barry Martin)

1.3. Adoption of Previous Minutes

Related Information: Draft Minutes of the December 14, 2021, MFN Economic & Development Consultation meeting.

It was noted that there are minor spelling errors on the draft minutes to be corrected.

It was MOVED (Councillor Carley Gloade) and SECONDED (Councillor Alex Cope)

That the Millbrook First Nation Chief and Council approves the minutes of the December 14, 2021 Economic Development and Project Consultation meeting, with amendments.

CARRIED

(Absent: Councillors Peter Gloade and Barry Martin)

Change in Chair

James Stevens, Councillor and Director of Commercial Operations, assumed the chair.

2. MFN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (MEDC)

Lindsay Construction Capital Projects Project Management Proposal was provided with the agenda material.

The Director of Commercial Operations referenced the written report and highlighted:

- Five Year Economic Development Strategy
- Lindsay Construction project management proposal.

Discussion ensued on:

- Solar project:
 - Potential involvement in the Wskijnu'k Mtmo'taquow Agency Ltd (WMA) solar project
 - Suggestion to advise the community about the solar panel, wind farm and other green initiatives
 - Suggestion to install cameras to deter the vandalism occurring to the solar panels
 - Support for proceeding with the solar project
- Lindsay Construction project management proposal:
 - Clarification that MEDC is seeking project management services and advocacy with the Town of Truro on MFN's behalf

- Suggestion to add capacity building within the community to the Lindsay Construction contract
- Support to proceed with the proposal from Darlene McCulloch, Consultant and MFN Band Member, for the development of the MEDC strategic plan.

Consensus Decision: The MFN Chief and Council agreed to accept Lindsay Construction's proposal for project management services.

2.1. Legends Gaming Lease

The Director of Commercial Operations responded to questions regarding the extension of the Legends Gaming lease.

It was MOVED (Councillor Stephen Marshall) and SECONDED (Councillor Alex Cope)
That the Millbrook First Nation Chief and Council accepts the terms for the extension of the Legends Gaming lease.

CARRIED

(Absent: Councillors Peter Gloade and Barry Martin)

2.2. Tobacco Quota Request

Councillors Natasha Bernard, Carley Gloade, Lisa Marshall and Stephen Marshall declared a potential conflict of interest and departed the meeting.

Discussion ensued on:

- The need for a policy that ensures all tobacco quota requests are treated equitably
- Whether the tobacco quota being requested is transferrable from the store to the new store owner
- Agreement to deny the request, pending amendments to the tobacco quota policy.

Action Item (01): *The Band Solicitor, Director of Commercial Operations, Executive Director and Manager of Treaty Entertainment to review and recommend amendments to the tobacco quota policy for consideration by Chief and Council.*

Action Item (02): *The Director of Commercial Operations and Executive Director to advise the Band member that the request is denied, pending the amendment of the tobacco quota policy.*

Councillors Natasha Bernard, Carley Gloade, Lisa Marshall and Stephen Marshall rejoined the meeting.

2.3. Gaming Agreement

The Director of Commercial Operations requested the Band Solicitor to review the Gaming Agreement and provide insight on the issues pertaining to the Province and the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA).

Action Item (03): *The Band Solicitor to review the Gaming Agreement and provide insight on the issues pertaining to the Province and the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA).*

2.4. Annual Report

It was suggested that the amount of funds provided to small businesses by MFN be included in the annual report.

Change in Chair

Chief Robert Gloade reassumed the chair.

3. CONSULTATIONS UPDATE

3.1. Beaver Dam investigation

The Community Engagement Officer reported:

- An MFN Member discovered on December 15, 2021 that a haul road had been cut through his hunting grounds without his knowledge
- The discovery was communicated to the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada (IAAC) and the Nova Scotia Office of L'nu Affairs (OLA):
 - IAAC has launched an investigation.

3.2. Wellness Study

The Community Engagement Officer reported:

- The Wellness Study and associated documents were submitted to IAAC on December 17, 2021
- Highlights from the study:
 - Over 200 individuals are on social assistance
 - 80% to 85% of residents on the Eastern Shore reserves are receiving social assistance
 - The social assistance payment is \$367.70 bi-weekly, equivalent to \$9,560.20 annually
 - Single recipients receive \$157.07 bi-weekly, equivalent to \$4,083.82 annually
 - Concern regarding the price of food, particularly meat
 - The majority of respondents stated that they consumed traditional foods several times per week
- Millbrook and Cole Harbour have the highest density of pollution generating sites:
 - Environmental racism theory suggests the density near Indigenous communities is racism in practice
 - Beaver Dam has the lowest density of pollution generating sites, making it desirable for harvesting and living
- Recommendation that if the project is approved, the proponent and regulator consider improving emergency services in the area by establishing a satellite emergency response team located in Beaver Dam.

3.3. Moose Monitoring

It was noted that Touquoy moose monitoring will be conducting during the winter and spring 2022 with participation by MFN Members.

3.4. Opposition letter to Atlantic Gold

The letter of opposition was provided to Chief and Council for signature.

3.5. **Alta Gas Reclamation Project**

The Community Engagement Officer reported:

- Alta Gas has provided funding of \$15,000 to MFN to hire a consultant to review the reclamation plan
- Suggestion to return the funds as acceptance would imply the MFN has been consulted on the project.

***Action Item (04):** The Community Engagement Officer to consult Stantec regarding MFN conducting its own assessment of the reclamation project.*

3.6. **Nova Scotia Power Dam Update**

The Community Engagement Officer reported that he and the Director of Fisheries met with the Nova Scotia Power dam team to discuss potential impacts to salmon and American eel.

3.7. **Deer Harvest**

The Community Engagement Officer reported:

- Town of Truro will be pursuing alternative locations, away from the parcel nearest the reserve
- MFN will be receiving all the hides
- Suggestion that the Band Solicitor review bylaws in other municipalities and adopt, as necessary.
- Liability and safety assurances will be required to undertake a harvest on-reserve
- Request for funding to develop a harvester's panel to review harvesting sites and processing facilities; develop safety standards and identify and purchase equipment
- Plans to engage the community in the development of a deer management strategy.

4. **FISHERIES UPDATE**

4.1. **Fisheries Update**

Fisheries Director, Jonathan Lowe, Fisheries Director, joined the meeting.

The Fisheries Director reviewed the summary from the community engagement:

- No community member should be excluded from fishing based on their income:
 - Everyone should have the opportunity to fish
- Suggestion that multiple licenses can be allowed to fish on the same vessel without compromising safety:
 - The need to assess each vessel
- Monitoring and collecting data on vessel safety and catch rates is important and can provide employment opportunities for MFN Members:
 - The need to dedicate funds for the positions
 - Suggestion to request boat operators to contribute to the costs and/or create an MFN fishing association to charge fees to cover costs
- Other First Nations are developing their own livelihood fishing plans and are actively fishing:
 - The need for cooperation and coordination, if possible
 - Mi'kmaq have rights to access all species and plans should be able to accommodate diverse fishing needs

- Desire to secure shellfish access when possible
- Whether Members' start-up costs to enter fisheries should be supported by MFN or through repayable loans:
 - New entrants should be required to invest some of their own funds in the venture
- Smaller vessels will be limited to fishing in a shortened season for safety reasons
- The need to consider those that are not capable of accessing fisheries and accommodating their right to a livelihood and/or food fishery:
 - Potential of transferring personal quotas to allow other individuals to fish for those who are unable to do so themselves
 - The need for rules and regulations
- Monitor and guardian training:
 - Responsibility for monitoring and enforcement by other First Nations in Canada
 - Suggestion to train guardians in partnership with Atlantic and BC First Nations
 - MFN should have its own fisheries officers
 - The need to secure funding for training and salaries
- Desire for MFN to secure its own wharves, processors and business opportunities for security and economic development
- Interest in (re)establishing an MFN fishery working committee
- Mi'kmaq people can establish fishing for certain seasons to minimize threats to conservation and provide fishing opportunities for Band Members
- Fisheries management plans and other impacts on food, social and ceremonial (FSC) and commercial fisheries may require a community referendum
- A comparison with other First Nations fisheries management plans should be presented at a future session

Discussion ensued on:

- The Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) will not permit simultaneous FSC and commercial fisheries:
 - Potential to request another Band to harvest scallops on behalf of MFN
- Plans to incorporate community feedback into the draft moderate livelihood plan and to implement the plan
- Support for MFN taking an active role in science and monitoring
- The need to hire the Wharf Manager as soon as possible
- Progress on of establishing contracts for fishers.

The Fisheries Director departed the meeting.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

5.1. Cannabis Regime

Scott Robertson, Senior Associate, Nahwegahbow Corbiere Genoodmagejig, joined the meeting.

Mr. Robertson referenced the letter to the RCMP advising that MFN is developing a cannabis regime.

Discussion ensued on:

- The letter puts the RCMP on notice and should be brought to the attention of the individuals' lawyers and the Crown
- Active engagement with the community on the cannabis framework and community-based law
- Concern in the community that Chief and Council is biased about cannabis:
 - Community perception that Council has not done enough
- Agreement to share the report with the community.

Mr. Robertson departed the meeting.

5.2. Canada Lands Company (CLC) Meeting

Tara Dinsmore, Vice-President, Real Estate, National Capital Region/Atlantic and Acquisitions, and Chris Millier, Senior Director, Real Estate (National Capital Region/Atlantic), Canada Lands Company, joined the meeting.

The CLC representatives commented on:

- Nova Scotia Power's preferred routing scenario
- Upcoming meeting with NS Power.

Ms. Dinsmore and Mr. Millier departed the meeting.

6. LETTER/COMMUNITY REQUESTS

6.1. Band Member Sentencing Circle

It was MOVED (Councillor James Stevens) and SECONDED (Councillor Colin Bernard)
 That the Millbrook First Nation Chief and Council approves the sentencing circle for **band member** in the community.

CARRIED

(Conflicts of interest: Councillor Alex Cope)

(Absent: Councillors Peter Gloade, Leana Kennedy, Stephen Marshall and Barry Martin)

6.2. Community Requests

Chief and Council considered requests from community members regarding:

- Housing applications and requests
- Funding for travel to be with a family member who is ill
- Costs associated with the development of a lot.

Action Item (05): *The Executive Director to contact the MFN Member and the Health Centre regarding the request to fund travel to be with an ill family member.*

It was MOVED (Councillor James Stevens) and SECONDED (Councillor Carley Gloade)
 That the Millbrook First Nation Chief and Council approves the salvaging of Randy and Heather Wilmot's house for use as short and medium-term emergency housing.

CARRIED

(Absent: Councillors Peter Gloade, Stephen Marshall and Barry Martin)

7. CONCLUSION

It was MOVED by (Councillor Barry Martin)

That the January 18, 2022 Millbrook First Nation Economic Development and Project Consultation Meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(Time: 4:31 p.m.)

**LIST OF ACTIONS ITEMS FROM JANUARY 18, 2022
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PROJECT CONSULTATION MEETING**

ACTION ITEMS	ASSIGNED TO
Action Item (01): The C&C reviewed Lindsay's proposal- agreed by consensus to move forward.	The Director of Commercial Operations
Action Item (02): Policy request- Review the tobacco quota policy and suggest recommendations. Councillors requesting further detail to conclude once reviewed.	Band Solicitor, Shelly Martin, Executive Director, Claire Marshall and Treaty Entertainment Manager
Action Item (03): Adrian Gloade request to transfer tobacco quota: Until there is a clear policy the request is denied. The Executive Director will work with the Director of Commercial operations to word the letter.	Executive Director, Claire Marshall and Director of Commercial Operations, James Stevens
Action Item (04): Gaming agreement- The Director of Commercial Operations requests the Band Solicitor to review prior to a vote from Council. Perhaps Band Solicitor can share more insight regarding the issues pertaining to the Province and CRA. The band solicitor can also investigate further.	Band Solicitor, Shelly Martin
Action Item (05): Annual Report suggestion: include the amount of money Millbrook as an organization provides to small businesses. Get the amount from Director of Commercial Operations.	Executive Director, Claire Marshall
Action Item (06): Opposition letter for Atlantic Gold - Get council to e-sign letter.	Consultation Officer, Gerald Gloade
Action Item (07): Consultation Officer will talk to Stantec regarding our own assessment on the reclamation.	Consultation Officer, Gerald Gloade
Action Item (08): Ask community if they can utilize deer hides from cull.	Consultation Officer, Gerald Gloade
Action Item (09): Consultation Coordinator requesting a budget to develop a harvester's panel to review harvesting sites, processing facilities, develop safety standards, identify and purchase equipment, etc. Meet monthly until plan is designed.	Consultation Officer, Gerald Gloade

Action Item (10): Cannabis: Add to the letter “that all stakeholders will be involved”.	Executive Director, Claire Marshall
Action Item (11): Cindy Wamboldt letter- The Executive Director will connect Cindy Walmboldt with the Health Centre	Executive Director, Claire Marshall
Action Item (12): Jayme-Lynn Gloade letter: Housing Director to confirm if lot 7 has already been assigned to Tracy Fabuse and let Jayme-Lynn Gloade know if it’s available or not.	Housing Director, Lorne Paul

**LIST OF MOTIONS ITEMS FROM JANUARY 18, 2022
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MOTION ITEMS	MOVED AND SECONDED
<p>Motion Item (01): It was MOVED by (Councillor Alex Cope) and seconded by (Councillor Carley Gloade) <i>Adoption of the Agenda for January 18, 2022, Economic Development and Project Consultation meeting.</i></p>	CARRIED
<p>Motion Item (02): <u>It was MOVED (Councillor Carley Gloade) and SECONDED (Councillor Alex Cope)</u> To accept the December 14, 2021, Minutes with edits.</p>	CARRIED
<p>Motion Item (03): <u>Agreed by consensus</u> The C&C reviewed Lindsay's proposal- agreed by consensus to move forward. Action: James Stevens</p>	CARRIED
<p>Motion Item (04): <u>It was MOVED (Councillor Stephen Marshall) and SECONDED (Councillor Alex Cope)</u> To accept the terms of Legends' existing lease.</p>	CARRIED
<p>Motion Item (05): <u>It was MOVED (Councillor James Stevens) and SECONDED (Councillor Colin Bernard)</u> To approve the sentencing circle for Aaron Cope in the community. Conflicts: (Councillor Alex Cope) Absent: (Councillor Stephen Marshall) and (Councillor Leana Kennedy)</p>	CARRIED
<p>Motion Item (06): <u>It was MOVED (Councillor James Stevens) and SECONDED (Councillor Carley Gloade)</u> To salvage Randy and Heather's house and use it for short-term, medium-term plan for emergency housing. Absent: (Councillor Stephen Marshall)</p>	CARRIED
<p>Motion Item (07): <u>It was MOVED (Councillor Barry Martin)</u> That the January 18, 2022, Millbrook First Nation Economic Development and Project Consultation Meeting be adjourned <i>Time: 4:31p.m.</i></p>	CARRIED