



**GENERAL CHIEF AND COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES, JANUARY 10, 2023
9:00 AM TO 4:00 PM**

PRESENT

Chief Robert Gloade	Councillor Zachary Julian
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
Councillor Chris Googoo	

STAFF

Claire Marshall, Executive Director	Shelly Martin, In-House Legal Counsel
Colin Bernard, Millbrook Health Centre	Lorne Paul, Director of Housing
Christena Dykstra, Millbrook Health Centre	Suzanne Penney, Administrative Assistant to Chief and Council and Recording Secretary
Adam Francis, Bylaw Officer	Ayo Makanjuola, CFO
Gerald Gloade, Consultation Project Manager	
Chantel Langille, Housing Project Officer	

DELEGATES/GUESTS

Tiffany Edwards, Vice President of Business Development & Strategy CREWS Rail
Acting Sgt. Natasha Jamieson, RCMP
Danielle Gloade, Natalie Gloade and Richard Gloade – Community Members
David Johnson, Hatch Ltd. Engineering Firm
Thomas Kayter, Senior Crown Attorney
Scott Robertson, Nahwegahbow Corbiere Barristers and Solicitors, Cannabis Consultation
Jim Scott, Engineering Consultant, Town of Truro
Dale Sylliboy, Millbrook First Nation Member & Elder
Acting Cst. Jeremy White, RCMP

CALL TO ORDER

1.0 PRELIMINARY MATTERS

1.1 Call to Order: The Chief and Council meeting of January 10, 2023, was called to order 9:09 am.

1.2 Adoption of the Agenda: Review and approval of the agenda of the Chief Council General Meeting of January 10, 2023.

It was MOVED by Councillor Garrett Gloade and SECONDED by Councillor Zachary Julian,
That the Agenda for the January 10, 2023, Chief and Council meeting be approved as distributed.

CARRIED

1.3 Adoption of Previous Minutes: Review and approval of the minutes of the Chief and Council General Meeting dated December 6, 2022.

It was MOVED by Councillor Alex Cope and SECONDED by Councillor Steve Marshall,

That the minutes of the December 6, 2022, Chief and Council meeting be approved as distributed.

CARRIED

2.0 BUSINESS ARISING/NEW BUSINESS:

2.1 Newfoundland Meet and Greet: Suggested Date of January 31, 2023 (Two sessions at 2 pm to 4 pm and 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm - traveling January 30 and return February 1, 2023).

Discussion ensued on the proposed Newfoundland Meet and Greet event and the following comments were noted:

- The “meet and greet” should include some Council business.
- It is an opportunity for the community to let Council know what is happening in that region.
- A workshop could be included on crafting, skirt making, or dancing, which may attract more people to come.
- Council requested consideration be given to a date in the spring at a time when there is better weather for travelling.
- Solicitor and the Consultation Project Manager will proceed with plans to consult on the custom election codes in Newfoundland.
- Suggestion that future “meet and greets” be scheduled shortly after the elections.

2.2 Course/Workshop at the Heritage Centre

An update was provided noting:

- A workshop was hosted at the Heritage Centre with displays of sculptures and figurines.
- As a result of this workshop, it was thought that a new machine should be purchased to carve and strip the wood.
- The instructor from Gesgapegiag First Nation will be back again in the spring for a basket workshop.
- There seems to be a need to identify people in the community who may be able to learn more about processing black ash and perhaps put on workshops.
- The processing and sculpting of the logs is a benefit to the crafters and the community.

3.0 DELEGATIONS

3.1 Healing Lodge Discussion, Corrections: Presentation by Senior Crown Attorney and a community Elder

- Experiences were shared regarding work done in the Springhill Corrections facility supporting the inmates, resulting in a five year friendship developed between the presenters.
- The duo is proposing a recovery plan to try to interrupt the cycle of reoffending; will be sourcing a consultant to help get them get started.
- Concerns discussed were mainly about security in the community.
- It was felt that this initiative would be an investment in the community by providing 30 or more federal jobs with pensions as well as training for Millbrook First Nation members.

- Proposed plan in discussion with Correctional Service Canada (CSC) and would include a 100-year lease on reserve.
- Facility would only include medium security offenders; and would be the only medium security facility in Eastern Canada.
- Rehabilitation services would be provided in the community which would mean that these individuals could continue to be with their families.
- The Lodge would look at more land-based training, landscaping, and the possibility of going out on the fishing boats.
- Proposal is based on the “Life by Installment” model, which is a way to move Indigenous offenders away from the current mainstream correction facilities.
- Looking at the Atlantic region and will have priority beds for Cape Breton.
- For Indigenous people across the province with the hope for this model to be built across Canada.
- Transitioning individuals back into the community after incarceration is the goal.
- Offenders wear tamper-proof security bracelets that can detect if there are drugs in the body.
- The program would teach the incarcerated more about the culture and what there is to offer.
- The goal is that there will be less of a chance for reoffending.
- Opportunity for community input; and with transparency in the plan to encourage a more supportive re-engagement in the community.
- Mental health workers and community outreach services would also be included and accessible for community members.
- Location of such a facility to be able to provide options for community working/retraining.
- Previous proposals created concerns about stigmatization within the community. All stigmas will be addressed, and all concerns will be heard.
- Offenders are assessed and will have case managers with a focus on not reoffending.
- Endorsement from Council was sought.

Action: It was agreed that Chief will draft a letter of support at this point for the Lodge planning.

A full presentation on the proposal and discussion with Senior Crown Attorney is scheduled for January 25, 2023 in the Chief and Council Chambers.

3.2 Presentation of Truro Trail Systems:

Truro Town delegation provided a presentation noting:

- The connection between Millbrook and Truro has three foundational pieces that will create the loop.
- Three separate locations following the old rail yard travelling to Bible Hill and back up into the park.
- The connection of that loop will define what future parks could be developed in making connections to adjacent communities (Bible Hill, Onlsow, and Truro Heights).
- The loop begins at the Esplanade, Town of Truro and the plan is for two-way pathway trail.
- Ideas were considered on how to connect these trails into Millbrook and to the gym.
- There is a vacant rail corridor, which would be well-suited for this trail.
- Moving from the gym this extends all the way to the asphalt corridor, which will connect back down into the park and existing trail system.
- A handout supplied mapped out the trails in the town area.
- There is available land to build the trail corridor directly to connect.
- Looking into a purchase of this land with two viable options:

- If Truro were to try to purchase, it would be a laborious process.
- For Millbrook, if it is reserve land, or next to reserve land it would be a much easier process to obtain this land, dependant on what the Federal government would do.
- This would allow Millbrook to connect all the corridors together.
- The projected cost for the available land has not been discussed.
- There is also a piece of the puzzle which is CN Rail.
- **Decision was made to bring it to the residents for feedback.**
- Truro is hopeful that Millbrook will consider bringing the trail through and connect on the reserve.

3.3 RCMP Update:

Chief and Council welcomed the new Constable for the Millbrook RCMP detachment.

The RCMP provided an update noting:

- Monthly report covers November and December 2022.
- Call volumes are down for the RCMP.
- Former Constable Terry has also transferred in from Windsor, NS to the Millbrook Detachment.
- Sgt. William Collier has been promoted and is available for consultation and to assist with any questions about policy.
- Currently, Sgt. Jamieson will be filling in temporarily and it is the hope that a permanent replacement will be named by the new fiscal year.

RCMP Staff Update:

- Two staff back to work now so department is at full compliment.
- Millbrook Bylaw officer has been delivering some Band Council Resolutions (BCRs) and will walk the RCMP through the process used by Millbrook First Nation Bylaw officers.
- Discussion regarding North American Indigenous Games (NAIG) and other upcoming events for the summer such as the Mi'kmaw summer games during the third week of August 2023.
- There have been reports of an individual that needs to be removed from the community.

It was MOVED by Councillor Lisa Marshall and SECONDED by Councillor Stephen Marshall,

That action be taken to have Kimberley Endindyke banned from the community.

CARRIED

3.4 CREWS Rail and Hatch Ltd:

CREWS Rail and Civil Engineer for Hatch Ltd. provided a presentation on the proposed in-land port:

- Civil Engineer with Hatch Ltd. for 15 years provided a quick overview of what they will be doing, noting that he would be the one working directly with Millbrook.
- Work is currently being done on a rail job with the community benefit being opportunity for revenue, employment, and the hope to integrate the two to maximize the entirety of the project.
- Engineering and planning stage is Step 1 most critical to get the beginning of this all correct.
- Infrastructure needs to be taken slowly and make sure everything is covered.
- Security will be a huge part, with the possibility of an interchange off the highway; and the environmental aspects of the project will be a large undertaking.
- Comments were shared about funding streams, cost estimates, recognizing the details of the project are imperative for efficient and accurate cost planning.

- Discussion ensued on how this will help Millbrook and the surrounding communities.
- There may be some companies brought in to complete the work, which could lead to increased employment for the community.
- There will be plans for training and other employment opportunities when the facility is operational.
- Community input is imperative as this is a huge project and will be utilising the railway.
- Everything has to start at a high level, define a site, do a feasibility study and then once we know how the whole project works, we can move onto steps 2 and 3. Stage 4 will be pulling it all together.
- The CREWS team will be attending the Economic Development Project Consultation meeting in two weeks for further discussion.
- Council was asked to think about the presentation and compile any questions they may have.

Delegates left the meeting at 11:59 am

3.5 Cannabis Update:

Nahwegahbow Corbiere Barristers and Solicitors Certified Specialist in Indigenous Legal Issues led the update: (A print copy of the power point presentation was provided to Chief and Council).

- The timeline on Cannabis Consultations showed the beginning presentations were first given for Chief and Council in October 2021 and encompassed the following points:
 - Review of jurisdiction and regulation of Cannabis on other First Nations.
 - Current Cannabis status in the communities and working strategies for moving forward.
- Discussion regarding cannabis laws ensued and the one main issue is whether to create and utilize Millbrook Cannabis laws or to follow and adopt Nova Scotia laws and legislation.
- Community engagement and consultation sessions began in 2021 and continued into May of 2022.
- At that time, Council instructed that there be a Cannabis Committee initiated and set up as a mechanism to regulate the possession and use of Cannabis on reserve land and waters.
- June 2022 to December 2022 construction of Cannabis Committee, appointment of members, and establishment of a Terms of Reference.
- January 2023 draft regulations were reviewed with the Cannabis Committee that will later be presented to Chief and Council.
- Community consultation overwhelmingly requested the affirmation of jurisdiction and the establishment of the Cannabis regulations.
- February 2023 community ratification will begin.
- The Committee will meet regularly and provide updates and changes/suggestions to Chief and Council as these happen.

4.0 POLICY DISCUSSION/DECISIONS

4.1 Housing Department Update:

Director of Housing and Housing Project Officer attended to discuss the draft Housing Policy.

- It was requested that Council review the draft Housing Policy and provide input/final decision at Chief and Council meeting on February 14, 2023 (an email will be sent to Chief and Council to review policy).
- The Housing Department provided open forum discussion for community members to review and ask questions about the new draft policy.
- Some concerns regarding the Matrimonial Property section of the policy, which had previously passed with the support of the community in 2013, are being raised.

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5.0 COMMUNITY LETTERS/REQUESTS/CORRESPONDENCE

5.1 Community Member Email Update: New updated email about access road. Director of Housing and Housing Project Officer went through the map from Andrew Avenue in Cole Harbour. Director of Housing will travel to Cole Harbour and see if there is a fair solution to these issues.

5.2 Community Member Request: Sponsorship for Ukraine Sovereignty Bond request will be forwarded to the Donations Committee for review and decision.

5.3 Follow Up of Letters/Requests: Request for Certificate of Possession (CP) and reply letter attached. Chief and Council reviewed letters and approved response letter to be sent. Two of the three requests will be brought forward to a future meeting for review, discussion, and decision.

5.4 Requests for CPs: A moratorium (or a “pause”) for providing CPs had been put in place as the policy had to be reviewed. Once this policy review is complete, CPs that have been received and on hold, will be reviewed at that time.

5.5 Requests for Property Allocation: Request letters and response letters were reviewed by Council.

5.6 Correspondence – FYI Only: St. Barbara Atlantic Operations Update regarding a company merger and as a result a change to the approach at Atlantic Operations. Going forward, it will pause the permitting process under the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act (CEAA) 2012* for Beaver Dam, allowing more time for additional engagement with First Nations communities, the Department of Fisheries and Oceans and other affected community groups to determine the appropriate path forward for that project.

6.0 REPORTS

6.1 Executive Director: Review of Department Reports (reports in package).

7.0 FINANCE REPORT

7.1 CFO Update:

- \$20,000 on a weekly basis still going into an account coming from the administration accounts.
- \$2 million GST came back for the gaming facility.
- \$17,000 has been used to do the asphalt at the administration office.
- What revenue would be put back into the account to help pay down the debt?
- \$1.4 million will be the balance.

It was MOVED by Councillor Alex Cope and SECONDED by Councillor Garrett Gloade.

That a transfer of the amount in the second account be made into Band administration account and then close the second account.

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- Chief Financial Officer (CFO) continues to go through all of the accounts. It has been found that there are many accounts with the RBC and CIBC.
- Once everything is processed it is the hope to have all banking with the RBC.

- Plan for completion of this is by March 2023. At that time, a letter will be presented to Council to approve this plan.
- An overview was provided about the new medical plan now with Canada Life. This is one plan for everyone where before there were several plans.

8.0 IN-CAMERA – Community members discussion

9. CONCLUSION: Meeting was adjourned by consensus at 4:00 pm.

10. NEXT MEETNG: Next General Chief and Council Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 14, 2023.

**MOTIONS FROM JANUARY 10, 2023
GENERAL CHIEF AND COUNCIL MEETING**

Item 1.2

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Item 1.3

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Item 3.3

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Item 7.0

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