



**MILLBROOK
FIRST NATION**
GENERAL CHIEF AND COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES – MARCH 14, 2023
9:00 AM TO 4:00 PM

**CHIEF AND COUNCIL
PRESENT**

Chief Robert Gloade
Councillor Natasha Bernard
Councillor Anissa Blackmore
Councillor Alex Cope
Councillor Carley Gloade
Councillor Chris Googoo

Councillor Zachary Julian
Councillor Ward Markie
Councillor Lisa Marshall
Councillor Stephen Marshall
Councillor James Stevens
Councillor Dana Sylliboy

STAFF

Chantel Langille, Housing Project
Ayo Makanjuola, Chief Financial Officer (CFO)
Claire Marshall, Executive Director
Shelly Martin, In-House Legal Counsel
Carla Moore, Director, Health Centre
Lorne Paul, Director of Housing
Suzanne Penney, Administrative Assistant to
Chief and Council and Recording Secretary

DELEGATES

Ellen Marshall, Summer Games Coordinator
Lyndsay Peach, Executive Director,
Tajikelmik/Mi'kmaw Health and Wellness
A/Cpl White, RCMP

1.0 PRELIMINARY MATTERS

1.1 Call to Order - Chief Robert Gloade

1.2 Adoption of Agenda - General Chief and Council Meeting of March 14, 2023.

It was MOVED by Councillor Chris Googoo and SECONDED by Councillor Alex Cope,

That the Agenda for the March 14, 2023 General Chief and Council Meeting be approved as circulated with the addition of Item 5.5 Rec Ice Time.

CARRIED

1.3 Adoption of Previous Minutes - February 14, 2023.

Draft minutes of the February 14, 2023, Chief and Council meeting were approved with the following changes:

- To ensure that amounts in dollars are shown with dollar signs, commas, and decimal points
- In section 3.2, further discussion regarding Department of Fisheries Lease Agreement had occurred, please see addition below:
 - The lease agreement states that whoever leases a vessel is responsible for the normal wear and tear and if there is damage to the vessel, deemed not caused by captain/crew, the Millbrook insurance would cover this

- If there is damage that is deemed to be fault of captain/crew after investigation, this would not be covered under the Millbrook Fisheries insurance and would be the leaser's responsibility to cover all costs
- Millbrook Administration will provide a copy of the policy of Lease Agreement
- Council agreement to include an attendance record going forward in the monthly newsletter
- Council agreement to include in the motions, the names of those whose votes were put forth as abstained, absent, opposed and in favour
- If the motion was agreed by consensus, only those absent for the vote would be recorded.

It was MOVED by Councillor Carley Gloade and SECONDED by Councillor Zachary Julian,
That the minutes of the February 14, 2023 Chief and Council meeting be adopted as circulated with the addition of the above-noted points.

CARRIED

1.4 Chief and Council Invitations: Invites for Chief and Council to upcoming events

- Listening Circle, Tuesday, March 28, 2023 (confirm space by March 17, 2023)
- Indigenous Heritage and History Gathering June 5-7, 2023, in Ottawa, ON.

2.0 NEW BUSINESS/BUSINESS UPDATES

2.1 Custom Election Code Engagement Timeline – NFLD Visit

Solicitor provided an overview of the Custom Election Code engagement and the following highlights were noted:

- Discussion regarding a tentative Custom Election Code vote in late July 2023
- New possible date for Newfoundland and Labrador (NFLD) for Election Code Community visit is April 29, 2023.

2.2 Newfoundland Meet and Greet – date selection in April 2023

In the ensuing discussion, the following was noted:

- Potential date April 29, 2023, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. or 5:30 p.m. to 7: 30 p.m. for the Meet and Greet in Deer Lake, NFLD
- This would be ideal to make an annual trip
- It is possible some Council members may stay at Judy Fletcher's Bird's Nest Bed and Breakfast
- It was decided that name tags for Councillors would be ordered
- Administrative Assistant will plan for Councillors who will be attending and provide itineraries.

Action Item (01): The Administrative Assistant to organize Newfoundland and Labrador trip for Chief, Council, Executive Director, Solicitor, and Consultation Manager; and order name tags.

2.3 Detox/Rehab Discussion

Tajikeimik/Mi'kmaw Health and Wellness Executive Director and Millbrook Health Centre Director led the meeting in a discussion of detox/rehab and the following highlights were noted:

- Community members in need cannot seem to get detox supports

- The plan is to get something underway to provide service to those most in need of detox (substance abuse issues)
- Council asked what the need looks like: a) long term detox b) continuing care
- Nova Scotia Health Authority (NSHA) provides replacement therapy, not really withdrawal management supports
- Currently there does not appear to be anything that would stop Millbrook and the Health Centre from constructing a facility to support community members
- A substance abuse clinician has been hired, and postings for three mental health clinicians and one child and youth worker are very positive
- Other centres offer 24-hour care, admissions for substance abuse, and withdrawal management and are staffed with individuals who are capable of dealing with the various crisis/situations that could potentially be seen walking through the door.

Possible starting points for further action:

- Asking for a forum to hear thoughts and ideas, take into consideration safety of individuals, and see if there is communal focus
- Look at the experience of other communities to help determine where Millbrook can start
- Questions were raised about government funding and whether this could be considered part of the Nova Scotia Native Women's Association (NSNWA) facility and/or the proposed facility by Crown prosecutor Kayter Thomas and Community Member Dale Sylliboy
- Interest in a model that would meet the needs of withdrawal management and also a service that would respond to a crisis situation
- Over the next five years, work is being done on funding transfer to see what is available at a provincial level
- Goal would be to look at investing in First Nations Community Health Services with possible funding from government
- Health and Wellness organizations and the government would be able to view this as a third piece of needed health resources
- Looking for a service model for mental health and community-focused care and support
- Currently, there are some walk-in and crisis services available at the Millbrook Health Centre and it seems to be working fairly well
- Availability of appointments happens much quicker
- The possibility of an outreach piece to provide support for those who are having mental health difficulties and do not even realize it
- These people are more reclusive, and consideration could be given to holding a community engagement session to provide information and let members know what is available and when
- There are a number of specialities that may be possible to have on staff as well as some virtual services being provided
- Discussion ensued regarding banned individuals from the community being able to access the Millbrook Health Centre for appointments. It was decided that these services would not be provided to any banned members
- Services off reserve are available for banned individuals to access healthcare
- Band Solicitor will notify the Health Centre Director of any additional banned individuals if/when this occurs.

2.4 CA Recipient Disclosure Consent Letter - Tajikeimik Information Sharing (letter within minute package) Health Transformation Letter

- There is consensus to send a letter of support for the sharing of information
- Council agreed by consensus that the Non-Insured Health Benefits (NIHB) Branch will be funded and run by the Health Centre
- Suggestion to move toward the Membertou data system, client directory system, but this needs to be mapped out to see what IT services will be needed to achieve this.

3.0 POLICY DISCUSSION/DECISIONS

3.1 Bylaw and Security - Protection Vest Recommendation/Security Camera Quotes

- \$1200.00 per bullet proof vest – requesting 15 vests
- Discussion ensued regarding what the Bylaw and Security responsibilities are versus the level of involvement that they are being asked for
- Security is to observe and report only
- Discussion ensued on recent events within the community – particularly the shooting – and the involvement of Security, Bylaw, and the RCMP
- Council asked if the Executive Director could consult the RCMP on the matter.

It was MOVED by Councillor Zachary Julian and SECONDED by Councillor Lisa Marshall.

That Council approve the purchase of body armour (bullet proof vests) for the Millbrook Security and Bylaw department.

MOTION DEFEATED

Four in favour: Councillors Lisa Marshall, Zachary Julian, Natasha Bernard, and Dana Sylliboy

Five against: Councillors Carley Gloade, Alex Cope, Ward Markie, James Stevens, and Anissa Blackmore.

Absent for the vote: Councillor Chris Googoo.

Security Cameras:

- Quotes for security cameras were approved as part of a previous request.

3.2 Healing Lodge Letter of Support from Council

- Draft letter in meeting agenda package was reviewed and approved.

3.3 Education Mi'kmaq Kina'Matnewey (MK)

- Decision required from Council to share information with MK in order to conduct a proper analysis of whether to join or not
- Chief Financial Officer asked permission to have a discussion as Council is requesting a side-by-side comparison.

Consensus Decision (01): It was agreed that an appointment will be offered for Mi'kmaq Kina'Matnewey (MK) and Council to meet to discuss the pros and cons of Millbrook joining MK. The Director of Education and the Chief Financial Officer are to be included in the meeting with MK.

3.4 Department of Fisheries - Elver Plan

- Solicitor commented on review of Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) Letter
- Discussion ensued and requested changes to the letter were made
- Was then approved by Council, who moved forward with signing.

3.5 Department of Housing – RBC On-Reserve Loan Policy:

Director of Housing, Housing Project Officer, and an RBC representative attended. The RBC On-Reserve Housing Loan Policy was reviewed, each section read aloud, and changes made accordingly.

It was MOVED by Councillor James Stevens and SECONDED by Councillor Alex Cope,
That the new RBC On Reserve Loan Housing Policy be accepted as presented with all changes included.

CARRIED

Millbrook Housing Policy

- It was discussed that the point system for Millbrook's housing needed some updates and review with members before approving.

It was MOVED by Councillor Alex Cope and SECONDED by Councillor Lisa Marshall,
That the Millbrook Housing Policy be approved.

TABLED

This motion was tabled so that additional requested edits could be made and was then approved at the Economic Development and Project Consultation meeting.

4.0 DELEGATES

4.1 RCMP: A/Cpl. to attend and review reports for January and February 2023 (written report included in meeting agenda package):

- Due to overrun of agenda items, a delay for presenting the monthly report occurred and the RCMP representative was unable to stay – resulting in no verbal report.

4.2 Finance

The Chief Financial Officer (CFO) provided an overview and the following highlights were noted:

- Plan to set up a quarterly meeting schedule with Finance Committee members and CFO
- Once CFO has a date, they will let Committee members know to confirm their availability
- A new system was implemented with the 2022 audit
- There has been an issue with not having enough Councillors authorized to sign cheques from finance, so Councillors Zachary Julian and Dana Sylliboy have now been approved as signing authorities.

4.3 Summer Games Update: The Coordinator of Millbrook Summer Games provided a handout to Chief and Council for review which provided an activity update for the August 2023 Summer Games.

- An outline of facilities booked and waiting for return messages regarding others
- All ball fields in town are booked and mountain golf course is booked for the golf as well
- RCMP will be contacted regarding the road racing
- Agricultural College will be available for lodging

- A block of guest rooms at the Hampton Inn has been secured
- Confirming potential guest rooms at the Glengarry as this is a close location
- Baird's Septic will be sending quote for portable outhouses
- For entertainment, efforts are being made to secure musical group "The Relatives" or "2nd Generation"; will also try to secure DeeDee Austin and their group
- Emcee (MC) for the event – there was a suggestion to put out a request for some youth
- Coordinator is requesting to be able to pay to have people clean up as it is a significant job that most would not volunteer to do
- Areas/locations will be identified for ease of attendees finding lodging and activities
- Executive Director will provide direction on invoicing of sponsors
- Caterer is confirmed for providing food for breakfast, lunch, suppers, and snacks, etc.
- May be able to secure the Snowbirds for a fly over as the Air Show may be the same timeframe
- A subcommittee will be created with some volunteers from Council
- A list of potential sponsors from Millbrook will be provided.

5.0 COMMUNITY REQUESTS/LETTERS/FYI CORRESPONDENCE (FYI)

5.1 Letter of Request (re: zoning issue of neighbouring property)

- Looking out for best interest and the individual in question does not have access to this lot
- Executive Director to draft a response letter regarding the lot in question
- There will also be a process in place for the tenant/owner of the business/building located beside the Administration office.

5.2 Cannabis Committee (letter attached regarding membership): This letter was reviewed as well as the staff responses. The Committee is at the very end stage of its work and so is no longer seeking new members.

5.3 Request letter for \$500.00 for supplies (letter in package)

Discussion ensued:

- Even though the request is from a non-profit, it was felt that they have to generate enough money to keep themselves going
- They will have to charge a small amount for some of their products in order to generate enough money to sustain their animals and keep up with their planting.

Consensus Decision (02): It was agreed by consensus that the Craft Grant be ratified to incorporate animals/gardening, etc. and consideration be given to a budget which could be included in the new year (fiscal 2023/2024).

5.4 The raised garden planters started in the fall 2022 will be getting fixed up and spring planting will be getting underway.

5.5 FYI Correspondence: Correspondence and Reply Letter (attached in package)

5.6 Recreation Centre Ice Time:

- One or two times a week until the tournaments are completed (three different age groups).

- Could be one to two teams practising this week. Provision to be made to allow extra ice time.

5.7 Senior B hockey teams are looking for their registration to be covered

Consensus Decision (03): It was agreed by consensus that the registration could be covered for the Senior B hockey teams.

5.8 A recommendation to cover the vendor fees for any Millbrook community members who are registered during the North American Indigenous Games (NAIG) games was made.

- Determination to be made on the number of community members registered as a requirement is that these vendors have the ability to serve at least 700 people
- Decision will be tabled for a future meeting once more information is available.

6.0 DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS UPDATE:

The Executive Director provided a report noting:

- Community member from Cole Harbour has been allotted a house in Cole Harbour
- New Financial Controller posting is up, and interviews will be arranged
- There will be regalia arriving from Australia in the near future and updates will be provided
- Paving of driveways currently takes place for seniors 65 + but will now also be done for anyone with a physical disability. Council agreed by consensus on this matter.

Consensus Decision (04): It was agreed by consensus that driveway paving could be done for both seniors and anyone with a physical disability.

7.0 IN CAMERA – No items considered

8.0 LEGAL – No items considered

9.0 ADJOURNMENT: Next Meeting Date: April 12, 2023

It was MOVED by Councillor Ward Markie and SECONDED by Councillor Natasha Bernard,
That the meeting of March 14, 2023 be adjourned.

CARRIED

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