



**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PROJECT CONSULTATION MEETING  
MINUTES OF OCTOBER 24, 2023 - 9 AM TO 4 PM**

**CHIEF AND COUNCIL  
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 Chris Googoo	Councillor Dana Sylliboy
Councillor Garrett Gloade	

**ABSENT**

**REGRETS**

**STAFF**

Claire Marshall, Executive Director  
Suzanne Penney, Admin Assistant to  
Chief & Council and Recording Secretary  
Gerald Gloade,  
Consultation Project Manager  
Chantel Langille, Housing Project Manager  
Lorne Paul, Director of Housing  
James Stevens,  
Director of Commercial Operations

**GUESTS / DELEGATES**

Peter Dellewel, Project Coordinator  
Dr. Bernie Francis, Linguist from  
Membertou  
Heather Knockwood,  
Sipekne'katik Community Member  
Andrew MacKinnon, Town of Truro  
Cory Stewart, L/360 Project  
Brent Thornhill, Senior Structural  
Engineer, Rural Roots Engineering  
and Design

**1.0 PRELIMINARY MATTERS**

Call to Order - Chief Robert Gloade

**1.2** Review and Approval of the draft agenda for the October 24, 2023, Economic Development Project Consultation Meeting

**MOTION 1.2**

**It was MOVED by Councillor Stephen Marshall and SECONDED by Councillor James Stevens,** That the agenda for the October 24, 2023, Economic Development Project Consultation meeting be approved.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**1.3** Review and Approval of Minutes of the September 26, 2023, Economic Development meeting:

MOTION 1.3

**It was MOVED by Councillor Stephen Marshall and SECONDED by Councillor Garrett Gloade,** That the Economic Development Project Consultation Meeting minutes of September 26, 2023 be approved with a wording correction in motion 5.0 to replace “Tobacco Regulation Policy” with “Millbrook Tobacco Store Funding Regulation Policy”.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**2.0 DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING –** The Director of Housing and the Housing Project Manager attended with guests from Rural Roots Engineering Company

**2.1** Introduction of Rural Roots, an engineering and design firm, and discussion of potential business partnership, with the following presentation highlights noted:

- Overview of what Rural Roots can offer to Millbrook
- Background and history of the company
- Rural Roots’ long-term goal in a partnership with Millbrook
- Following the presentation, Chief and Council agreed to accept the team to start with inspections and branch out from there
- Agreed to pay the retainer of \$6500.00 for Rural Roots to get started
- The Housing Director suggested that the retainer be lowered to \$3000.00.

MOTION 2.1

**It was MOVED by Councillor Lisa Marshall and SECONDED by Councillor Garrett Gloade,** That the team from Rural Roots be engaged for housing and inspection services and a retainer up to a maximum of \$6,500.00 be paid.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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

- Infrastructure development and thoughts on the new engineering firm
- Concern from a local community member having difficulties with family member and looking for living arrangement solutions
- Discussion on how to proceed with supporting the mental health concerns that are leading to housing problems for a community member
- Updated information from the Health Centre on the supports provided
- Currently establishing a program to provide support to youth who have “aged out” of the system.

### 3.0 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CONSULTATION

3.1 Director of Commercial Operations provided updates as follows:

#### Food Vendor Permit Application Form and Policy

- Request to amend the current policy to add an indemnity clause

#### MOTION 3.1a

**It was MOVED by Councillor Stephen Marshall and SECONDED by Councillor Garrett Gloade**, That the indemnity clause presented be added to the food vendor application form.  
**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

#### MOTION 3.1b

**It was MOVED by Councillor Carley Gloade and SECONDED by Councillor Ward Markie**, That the Food Vendor Permit policy be approved on a continuous intake basis and that the permits be good for one year from the time of signing.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

#### MOTION 3.1c

**It was MOVED by Councillor Garrett Gloade and SECONDED by Councillor Lisa Marshall**, That the annual fee be waived for the first applicant to obtain the first approved food truck permit.  
**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

#### Combined Canada Lands Corp. (CLC) & NS Power Meeting

- There has been little progress; NSP provided two options, neither of which seemed viable
- CLC has its appraisal almost complete, but it omitted two parcels of land
- A request was made to appoint two additional members of Council to assist on the sub-committee to look at funding based on lost revenue, regarding Tufts Cove
- CLC moving towards that approach.

#### MOTION 3.1d

**It was MOVED by Councillor Stephen Marshall and SECONDED by Councillor Dana Sylliboy**, That two additional members of Council be appointed to the Combined Canada Lands Corp. (CLC) and NS Power meetings as a subcommittee regarding Tufts Cove.

**CARRIED**

**Conflict (1) – Councillor James Stevens**

#### Confederacy of Mainland Mi'kmaq (CMM) Update

- Letter received from the Confederation of Mainland Mi'kmaq and was read into the minutes, requesting installation of electric vehicle (EV) charging station at 52 Legends Avenue, Millbrook, Nova Scotia.

Confederacy of Mainland Mi'kmaq (CMM)

**It was MOVED by Councillor Garrett Gloade and SECONDED by Councillor Chris Googoo,** That the request for the installation of EV charging stations at 52 Legends Avenue, Millbrook, Nova Scotia be approved.

**CARRIED**

**Conflict: 10 (Councillor James Stevens)**

**4.0 POLICY REVIEW/DECISION**

**4.1** Millbrook Tobacco Allocation Policy was discussed, and edits were made to Section 4 of the Policy - Transfer of Tobacco Quota. The edits do not allow for the transfer of tobacco quotas.

MOTION 4.1

**It was MOVED by Councillor Anissa Blackmore and SECONDED by Councillor Chris Googoo,** That the Tobacco Allocation Policy be ratified with the agreed upon changes to section 4 to not allow for the transfer of tobacco quotas.

**CARRIED**

**Voting in Favour: (Councillors Anissa Blackmore, Alex Cope, Chris Googoo, Garrett Gloade, Zachary Julian, Ward Markie, James Stevens and Dana Sylliboy  
Voting Against: 1 (Councillor Natasha Bernard)**

**Conflict of Interest: 3 (Councillors Carley Gloade, Lisa Marshall and Stephen Marshall)**

**4.2** Confederacy of Mainland Mi'kmaq (CMM) – Traditional Healer Funds Letter provided by CMM

- Letter was read into the minutes regarding the delegation agreement between Millbrook First Nation and Confederacy of Mainland Mi'kmaq (CMM)
- Funds allocated within this agreement will be utilized for the community-based activities as outlined in the Traditional Healer's fund workplan
- The letter was signed by Chief and Council on October 26, 2023, following the motion to accept the agreement.

MOTION 4.2

**It was MOVED by Councillor Stephen Marshall and SECONDED by Councillor Garrett Gloade,** That that delegated funds of \$28,350.00 be utilized for the community-based activities as outlined in the Traditional Healers fund workplan.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**5.0 L/360 CAPITAL PROJECT UPDATES**

**5.1** Project Manager L/360 updated Chief and Council regarding the quotes that had been received for construction costs noting the following:

- The developing of eight lots currently available at James Street and Micmac Avenue
- There were four quotes submitted; one declined the offer, one had no bid, and one was higher
- The successful bid was provided by LochRock Construction
- The total quoted construction amount which includes water, power, sewer, and grading for each of the eight lots will be \$392,269.50

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## MOTION 5.0

**It was MOVED by Councillor Lisa Marshall and SECONDED by Councillor Chris Googoo.** That Millbrook First Nation proceed with construction of eight homes on the eight available lots on James Street and Micmac Avenue, with a contract awarded to LochRock Construction at a total cost of \$392,269.50, which includes water, power, sewer, and grading.  
**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**5.2** Town of Truro representative attended and provided Chief and Council with an updated map of the storm water management plan

- Concerns were discussed surrounding the direction of where the water is running into Millbrook
- Update regarding the installations of speed bumps on Abenaki Road
- Paving will get underway on Abenaki Road the week of October 30, 2023/

## **6.0 DR. BERNIE FRANCIS AND HEATHER KNOCKWOOD – LANGUAGE PROGRAM DISCUSSION**

**6.1** Delegation attended and provided Chief and Council with a presentation discussing a program aimed at learning the Mi'kmaw language

- Shared a concern of losing the language and discussed the different programs that are accessible and what it would entail to bring to the community
- Reason for the visit was to open communication, share ideas, and see if this could be a first step towards having the support of Chief and Council
- Delegation is looking to Millbrook for a learning facility by requesting a letter of support from Chief and Council
- It was also suggested that the delegation write a letter describing any supports for Federal Funding.

### *ACTION (6.1):*

Executive Director will follow up to request further information from the delegation regarding exact details of the proposal and funding sources for a facility and a language program as the discussion October 24, 2023 was very general and conceptual.

## **7.0 CONSULTATION PROJECT UPDATE**

**7.1** Consultation Project Manager – Update on Deer Harvest Locations

- Two locations on William Barnhill are being managed by coordinator, Mr. Tex MacLeod
- Coordinator is also requesting permission to add two more locations to the deer harvesting program:
  - First location is behind Townsview Estates off Abenaki Road and the second is Blakeney Drive where it intersects with Willow Street
- These locations were conditionally approved pending feedback from the local community.

## 8.0 LEGAL

8.1 AFNWA Agreement – Presentation of three Band Council Resolutions (BCRs) for approval and signing.

- Three BCR's were read into the minutes and the motions supporting each are as follows:

### AFNWA – BCR #1

**It was MOVED by Councillor Carley Gloade and SECONDED by Councillor Garrett Gloade** That authorization be provided for Chief Robert Gloade to 1.) sign a land access instrument among the First Nation, the AFNWA and Canada to allow the AFNWA access to land where all water and wastewater infrastructure is situated; 2.) request in writing that Canada transfer federal funding earmarked for water and wastewater service to the AFNWA, inclusive of Operations and Maintenance and Capital expenditures; 3.) authorize the AFNWA to collect, store, secure and share information related to Water and Wastewater Services, and to participating First Nation Assets pursuant to Chapter 5 of the Transfer Agreement and 4.) enter into any ancillary agreements deemed appropriate.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### AFNWA – BCR #2

**It was MOVED by Councillor Alex Cope and SECONDED by Councillor James Stevens,** That authorization be provided for Chief Robert Gloade to enter into and execute a Community Agreement approving the transfer of responsibility for the operation and administration of water and wastewater facilities to AFNWA in accordance with the AFNWA 10-year business plan.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### AFNWA – BCR #3

**It was MOVED by Councillor Garrett Gloade and SECONDED by Councillor Chris Googoo** That Council, on behalf of Millbrook First Nation has read and understood the Permit terms; has been advised by Canada to receive independent legal and financial advice about the Permit before executing it and has been advised to continue to obtain such advice about the First Nation's rights and obligations throughout the term of the Permit; consents to the execution of the Permit on its terms; and authorizes two members of Council to execute the Permit on behalf of Millbrook First Nation.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## 8.2 LEGAL DISCUSSION - BURCHELL'S WICKWIRE BRYSON, LLP

Legal discussion on carrying out a motion from October 11, 2023, which is HR related and therefore confidential due to privacy concerns.

Conclusion: Some Councillors felt that the background information that was provided to the lawyer was not fulsome and therefore a request was made to have a direct meeting with all of the Councillors and a new lawyer.

## 8.3 Band Council Resolution (BCR) RELATED TO CODE OF CONDUCT COMPLAINT

The Executive Director, requested to have the Councillor Code of Conduct complaint arising from the October 11, 2023, meeting investigated by law firm Burchell Wickwire and Bryson, LLP. In order to do this, the Executive Director requires a BCR appointing the firm.

MOTION 8.3

**It was MOVED by Councillor Garrett Gloade and SECONDED by Councillor Zachary Julian**  
That the hiring of independent law firm, Burchell Wickwire and Bryson, LLP to conduct the investigation regarding Councillor Code of Conduct be approved.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**9.0 ADJOURNMENT/NEXT MEETING**

**UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**

Next Meeting Date: November 28, 2023, in Council Chambers from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.



