

**MILLBROOK
FIRST NATION**
GENERAL CHIEF AND COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 12, 2022

Minutes of the Millbrook First Nation (MFN) General Chief and Council (Council) Meeting held July 12, 2022, at the Millbrook Community Hall, 72 Church Road, Millbrook, Nova Scotia, at 9:00 a.m.

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

ABSENT/REGRETS

Absent: Regrets: Councillor Garrett Gloade

STAFF:

Chantel Langille, Housing Officer	Shelly Martin, In-House Legal Counsel
Ayo Makanjuola, Chief Financial Officer (CFO)	Jillisa Nickerson, Millbrook Health Centre
Claire Marshall, Executive Director (via MS Teams)	Lorne Paul, Housing Director
	Arthur Stevens, Director of Education

RECORDING SECRETARY

Suzanne Penney (absent)

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 July 12, 2022, General Chief and Council Meeting.

During review of the agenda, the following item was added:

- Discussion on a Band Council Resolution (BCR) regarding a land lease for the Cole Harbour apartment building.

Motion Item 1.2

It was MOVED (Councillor Stephen Marshall) and SECONDED (Councillor Alex Cope)

That the agenda for the July 12, 2022, Millbrook First Nation General Chief and Council Meeting be approved as presented with the addition of one item as indicated above.

CARRIED

1.3 Review and Adoption of Previous Minutes

Related Information: Minutes of the June 14, 2022, General Chief and Council Meeting.

Motion Item 1.3

It was MOVED (Councillor Chris Googoo) and SECONDED (Councillor Zachary Julian)

That the Millbrook First Nation Chief and Council adopt the Minutes of the General Chief and Council Meeting held June 14, 2022.

CARRIED

1.4 BUSINESS ARISING/NEW BUSINESS

1.4 (a) Director of Education

The Director of Education provided an update on a request from Mi'kmaw Kina'matnewey (MK), a body that represents the educational interests of 12 out of 13 Mi'kmaq communities in Nova Scotia (NS), which the MFN has never been a part of. MK reached out to the Director of Education requesting MFN financial information in order for MK to prepare a proposal to the MFN to consider joining MK. The Director of Education sought approval from Chief and Council to disclose the requested information to MK.

Council indicated it was not currently interested in joining MK and could see no reason to pass on any financial information. There was some interest in receiving a fee for service model from MK outlining the “value added” services it could offer.

***Action Item (01):** Council requested that the Director of Education and the Chief Financial Officer explore a fee for service arrangement with Mi'kmaw Kina'matnewey.*

Millbrook Early Education Centre (MEEC) New Addition

The Director of Education reviewed the building costs for the new addition to the Millbrook Early Education Centre (MEEC) building, noting the total estimated cost of \$5,325,000. Although the full cost of the addition was not explicitly approved, Council indicated favour for moving forward with some pre-construction activities to keep the project advancing.

Motion Item 1.4

It was MOVED (Councillor Carley Gloade) and SECONDED (Councillor Stephen Marshall)

That the Millbrook First Nation Chief and Council approve to move forward with the feasibility stage of the proposal for the Millbrook Early Education Centre building development.

CARRIED

1.4 (b) COMMUNITY MEMBERS CONCERNS/QUESTIONS

The following items were brought forward for consideration:

- To allow community members to speak freely
- That meetings be organized on a quarterly/bi-annual basis and be duly convened with the community at large
- The potential for the installation of speed signs:

***Action Item (02):** That the Director of Housing look further into the request to install speed signs.*

- Using ground penetrating devices to investigate unmarked graves at the cemetery:

Action Item (03): That the Consultation Officer follow-up on the request to use ground penetrating devices to investigate unmarked graves at the cemetery.

- Status card services for the Sheet Harbour and Cole Harbour communities.

1.4 (c) NOVA INSTITUTION FOR WOMEN – VISIT AND TOUR

It was noted the tour of the Nova Institution for Women would be held on September 8, 2022, at 1:00 pm. Details of the visit will be shared with Chief and Council.

1.4 (d) COMMUNITY MEMBER TO ATTEND FOR DISCUSSION

A self-employed tradesperson and community member, shared of his work history and background in the community, and requested to be included in community development discussions related to the Pow Wow grounds.

1.4 (e) BCR Land Lease

Council was advised that Lots 25 and 26 in the Cole Harbour Indian Reserve #30 have been approved. The BCR for the land lease regarding the apartments in Cole Harbour was reviewed and approved by Council.

Motion Item 1.4

It was MOVED (Councillor Alex Cope) and SECONDED (Councillor Chris Googoo)

That the Millbrook First Nation Chief and Council accept the Band Council Resolution for the land lease of the Cole Harbour apartment building.

CARRIED

Councillor James Steven abstained due to a conflict of interest.

2. DELEGATIONS

2.1 RCMP

Council was advised that an RCMP representative was not available to attend the meeting. The Sergeant invited Council members to contact him directly with any issues or concerns.

2.2 MILLBROOK YOUTH CENTRE – JILLISA NICKERSON, MILLBROOK HEALTH CENTRE

During discussion on the Youth Centre, comments were offered regarding:

- Adding space to the Youth Centre to avoid sharing with the Adult Education Program:
 - The expectation that when the Confederacy of Mainland Mi'kmaq (CMM) vacates the property in 2023, there may be additional space
- The Adult Education Program pays for the heating and lighting within the space
- Suggestion to move the Adult Education program to the space below the Community Hall
- Expanding Youth Centre hours:
 - Council indicated support for expanded hours on the condition that a budget and workplan be prepared to support this
- Suggestion that a tutor be hired and be available on-site at the Youth Centre to provide support in the after-school program.

3. POLICY DISCUSSIONS/DECISIONS

3.1 FOLLOW UP TO COMMUNITY MEMBER'S HOUSING REQUEST (LETTER ATTACHED)

A request from an individual to change houses was approved. The vacant property will be utilized for other resources within the community.

4. REQUESTS FOR DONATIONS/FUNDING

4.1 DONATIONS

Discussion took place on the following requests:

- **Panther Pride**
 - Truro Middle School submitted a request to partner with MFN to construct a circular outdoor space
 - Council discussed the request and referred it to the Donations Committee for further review
- **Lindsey Gloade Food Project** (Letter provided):
 - Further documentation was submitted related to the request as directed by Council
 - The request was referred to the Donations Committee for further review
- **Healing Garden Donation Request**
 - Colchester East Hants Health Centre submitted a request for the opening ceremony of the Healing Garden
 - Council agreed that a donation of food for the event be provided and that an invoice for the food costs be submitted to Council.

Motion Item 4.1

It was MOVED (Councillor Alex Cope) and SECONDED (Councillor Zachary Julian)

That the Millbrook First Nation Chief and Council approve the provision of funding in the form of food donation to cover the costs of the catering of the opening ceremony of the Healing Garden.

CARRIED

- **MMFCS Donation Request for the Family Fun Day**
 - The request was reviewed by Council and a donation of \$1,000 was approved
- **Utility Assistance Program**
 - A community member requested that the age requirement for the Senior's Utility Benefit be lowered

Action Item (04): *That the Executive Director to do analysis on how many members between the ages of 60 and 65 live off reserve and whether the Senior's Utility Benefit could be expanded.*

4.2 COMMUNITY LETTERS/REQUESTS

Discussion took place on the following requests:

- **J Strong Golf Tournament**
 - An invitation to enter a team into the J. Strong Golf tournament was received
 - The request was referred to the Donations Committee for further review
 - The golf tournament should benefit the Indigenous community
- **Nestuita's Storytelling's Koqm**
 - An invitation to attend the Ships Company Theatre Group event in Parrsboro during August 11-14, 2022
 - Tickets are available to MFN Council members.

4.3 CORRESPONDENCE ONLY

The related documentation was provided in the meeting package including:

- A community update on the Donald R. Sobey Award
- The Meat on Wheels mobile slaughterhouse initiative.

5. REPORTS

5.1 STAFF REPORTS

Council reviewed the staff reports.

The Director of Housing provided a report on:

- The posting of a new housing repair form in the newsletter noting all repairs must be itemized
- Households with incomes of \$35,000 per year or more, are responsible for their home repairs
- Community infrastructure projects underway
- Potential for two house inspections to be done per day under the new inspector
- Presentation of the 10-Year Infrastructure Plan to confirm its alignment with Council priorities
- Near finalization of the Royal Bank of Canada (RBC) Loan Program for individuals seeking loans to build homes on reserve
- Suggestion that single unit residences be prioritized over family unit building developments.

Band Member's Housing Request

A request from a band member was received in regard to keeping a Millbrook owned property within the family following the passing of a family member. Current housing policy states that homes cannot be given to members under 19 years of age. Staff recommended that the house be reallocated to a family on the housing waiting list.

Following extensive discussion, the following motion was put forward and defeated:

Motion Item 5.1

It was MOVED (Councillor Stephen Marshall) and SECONDED (Councillor Ward Markie)

That Millbrook First Nation (MFN) Chief and Council agree to allow the MFN Housing Director the ability to do their job.

MOTION DEFEATED

Five votes in favour (Councillors S. Marshall, W. Markie, L. Marshall, A. Cope and C. Gloade)
Six votes against (Councillors A. Blackmore, Z. Julian, C. Googoo, D. Sylliboy, J. Stevens and N. Bernard)

5.2 FINANCE REPORT – A. MAKANJUOLA, CFO

The CFO discussed the Draft Fiscal 2022-2023 Consolidated Budget and provided direction to the CFO on changes to be made prior to the budget being presented for approval at the July 28, 2022, General Chief and Council Meeting.

6. CONCLUSION

It was noted that the next General Chief and Council Meeting would be held on July 28, 2022, at the MFN Council Chambers.

Motion Item 6.

It was MOVED (Councillor Stephen Marshall) and SECONDED (Councillor Ward Markie)

That the Millbrook First Nation Chief and Council Meeting held July 12, 2022, now conclude.

CARRIED
(at 3:38 p.m.)