



**GENERAL CHIEF AND COUNCIL MEETING
DRAFT MEETING MINUTES – MAY 9, 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

ABSENT

Councillor Garrett Gloade (absent with excuse)

REGRETS

STAFF

Claire Marshall, Executive Director
Shelly Martin, In-House Legal Counsel
Suzanne Penney, Admin Assistant to Chief & Council and Recording Secretary

GUESTS / DELEGATES

Samantha Cook, Community Member
RCMP :
Cpl. Natasha Jamieson
Sgt. Joe Young
Scott Robertson, Associate, Nahwegahbow & Corbiere Genoodmagejig

1.0 PRELIMINARY MATTERS

1.1 Call to Order - Chief Robert Gloade.

1.2 **Adoption of Agenda** - Review and Approval of the agenda for the Chief and Council meeting of May 9, 2023. The agenda was reviewed and approved with additions.

It was Agreed by Consensus, That the agenda for the meeting of Chief and Council May 9, 2023 be approved with the following additions:
2.2 Craft Grant provision for additional support to community – Director of Commercial Operations
2.3 Sponsorship Letter of Request for Sports Team
2.4 Request for Funding for attendance at Volleyball Nationals in Calgary May 2023.

RESOLVED BY CONSENSUS

1.3 **Adoption of previous minutes** – Review and Approval of draft minutes of the Chief and Council Meeting of April 12, 2023.

It was MOVED by Councillor James Stevens and SECONDED by Councillor Stephen Marshall, That the minutes of the April 12, 2023, Chief and Council Meeting be approved as distributed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2.0 NEW BUSINESS/BUSINESS UPDATES

2.1 **Food Bank Update Re: Temporary Location** (851 Willow Steet, Millbrook, Nova Scotia)

(Confirmation of required dates – July 1 to August 19, 2023):

- Discussion ensued but was tabled until the Director of Housing could confirm the availability of 851 Willow Street to temporarily house the foodbank while the summer day camps were being held at the community hall basement.
- Director of Housing was contacted and confirmed that 851 Willow Street, was going to be renovated beginning in June 2023 for emergency housing, as previously planned.
- Discussion continued on the possibility of renting a trailer to house the Millbrook Foodbank and have it located down at the end of Martin Crescent until the location at the hall becomes available again in August 2023.

It was agreed by consensus, That a trailer be located for use as the Food bank at 57 Martin Crescent.

RESOLVED BY CONSENSUS

ACTION: *Administrative Assistant to forward quotes for trailer rentals to Chief and Council for review and decision (unless other options become available).*

2.2 Craft Grant

- Decision was to increase the grant to provide more assistance for social enterprises.
- This has proven to be an acceptable expense and Finance is supportive.

It was MOVED by Councillor Stephen Marshall and SECONDED by Councillor Carley Gloade, That the Craft Grant amount be increased from \$200.00 to \$500.00 per year.

CARRIED

Voting in favour: Councillors A. Blackmore; N. Bernard; A. Cope; C. Gloade; C. Googoo; Z. Julian; W. Markie; L. Marshall; S. Marshall; D. Sylliboy;
Declared Conflict of Interest: Councillor J. Stevens

2.3 Sponsorship Letter of Request for Sports Team

- Funding letter submitted for coverage of \$600.00 for the *Millbrook Chiefs* was presented and the decision was made to provide the \$600.00 amount.
- Discussion ensued regarding fundraising.

It was agreed by consensus, That if a team fundraises themselves up to \$2,000.00, that the Chief and Council would also match this amount for each team.

RESOLVED BY CONSENSUS

2.4 Request for Funding for attendance of Volleyball Nationals – Calgary – May 2023:

- This request was reviewed and based on the funding policy this request was approved by consensus.

It was agreed by consensus, That the request for funding for attendance of Volleyball Nationals be approved.

RESOLVED BY CONSENSUS

3.0 POLICY DISCUSSION/DECISIONS

3.1 Cannabis Law Review

Nahwegahbow & Corbiere Genoodmagejig Associate and Consultation Project Manager provided an update on draft cannabis law:

- Draft Cannabis Law included in the agenda package was reviewed with Chief and Council.
- After the presentation, Councillors had questions about how the Committee came to be.
- The presentation was comprehensive, and it was suggested that a 'pause' of this review happen today and pick up this again at the Economic Development Project Consultation meeting in two weeks, to give Council time to review the draft Cannabis Law.

ACTION: Council requested this item be carried forward to the meeting on May 23, 2023. A copy of the proposed law was provided to Chief and Council to review in the meantime.

4.0 COMMUNITY REQUESTS/LETTERS/FYI CORRESPONDENCE

4.1 Request to speak with Chief and Council In Person (Re: Banning of Cory Paul)

- Community member referenced a Band Council Resolution (BCR) put in place for the banning of an individual and stated that they were instructed by their lawyer to identify the Councillors' signatures.
- Inquiry as to whether there was any procedure in place for a reversal of a banning BCR.
- Asked if there was any policy written that allows a banned individual back into the community. Response: not at this time.
- Due to the banning of the individual, appointments at the Health Centre in the community were also off limits as they would need to seek medical services off reserve
- Community member stated that they were here today because the family is suffering from loss of the banned individual.
- The request will be reviewed and if there are any changes to the position of Chief and Council, the community member will be provided with that information.

Discussion ensued, and it was proposed that there needs to be a policy written for the banning of individual from the community with a long-term plan for return or permanency to the banning.

ACTION: A draft policy or by-law regarding banned individuals will be developed for review by Executive Director and Solicitor.

4.2 Community member request to sell her house (letter included with agenda package)

Discussion ensued and the following highlights were noted:

- Director of Housing and Solicitor shared information regarding these premises and at this time there needs to be a fair market value assessment completed before any decision can be made regarding the property.
- When a market appraisal is complete, this request will be revisited, and an update will be provided.

ACTION: A fair market value assessment will be requested by Solicitor and when prepared will be brought back to Council for review.

4.3 Submission letter from a Millbrook member requesting the banning of a community member due to a recent altercation in the community.

Letter requesting an individual be banned from the community was reviewed and a decision was made to ban them from the premises of the Administration office, Health Centre and tobacco store but not from the entire community.

ACTION: *It was decided that solicitor and executive director would compile a letter of reason for this request and have delivered to the community member.*

5.0 RCMP

5.1 Introduction of new Millbrook Detachment Sergeant Joe Young:

- Sgt. Joe Young transferred in from Indian Brook to Millbrook.
- New to the detachment, Sgt. Young shared some history of their career and shared that they were looking forward to collaborating with community members and Chief and Council.
- Discussion ensued regarding where security stands with RCMP.
- Sgt. Young shared that even though they have only been in Millbrook for just nine days, they are getting an idea of the community.
- There is a list that is with the RCMP of individuals that have been banned and this will be reviewed; once a policy can be implemented.
- Sgt. Young invited Chief and Council to reach out if they needed anything or if they heard gossip regarding any urgent issues to contact them right away.

6.0 DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS UPDATE: Executive Director reviewed the monthly reports with Chief and Council and changes were noted.

6.1 Health Centre Update: A request from Director of the Health Centre to approve a request for a policy change. (See attached recommendation section 4, page 62 of the departmental reports)

4. Recommendation for policy changes: *Only vitamins for those 65 and over that are **prescribed** by a medical doctor or nurse practitioner should be reimbursed (up to \$50.00 per month as per previous Council decision). The Health Centre medical team is concerned about the potential interaction with other medications, or toxicity (leading to organ damage) due to the ingestion of too much of a vitamin. The medical team has been seeing extensive and unnecessary use of vitamins by some senior Band members. On behalf of the medical team, the Director asked that Council support this requirement for the vitamins to be reimbursed.*

After review and discussion, this policy change recommendation was approved by consensus.

6.2 Tobacco Store Update: Manager requested a change to the policy currently in place (attached below from section 4, page 56 of Departmental Reports).

4. Recommendation for policy changes: *Consider account terms for stores (credit worthiness determined by Chief Financial Officer) that may qualify. This could possibly help in reversals at month end and also with having orders on hand for days awaiting pickup. Suggested terms of no more than three business days and no further orders can be placed if previous orders not paid.*



After review and discussion, this policy change request was denied. It was suggested to invite the Tobacco Store manager to the next Chief and Council meeting for an update and inquire about further details regarding the above request.

ACTION: *Tobacco Store Manager to be invited to next Chief and Council for any updates and inquiries.*

6.3 HR Policy Update: Senior HR consultant, will attend May 23, 2023, for a full review and explanation of the proposed new policies.

6.4 Housing Update

Discussion ensued regarding the appeals section within the Housing Policy:

- Appeal of Eviction was tabled to the next Chief and Council Meeting on June 13, 2023.
- Follow up from housing request from a community member that was discussed previously: they will have to wait one year before they can apply for a house in the community.
- Discussion ensued regarding the property in Sheet Harbour and Housing Director will obtain pertinent information to present to Chief and Council regarding details of the property in question.
- The property on James Street was also discussed and what the plans are for once the surveying is complete.
- The original plan for the Town of Truro large apartment building that was going to be constructed has been stopped, this plan will not move ahead at this time.
- Suggestion that the owner of the James Street apartment could be approached to inquire whether or not there is a possibility that they would sell – idea to use the existing apartments and turn them into emergency housing

6.5 Council Member read the following Band Council Resolution (BCR) out loud for the Council minutes:

WHEREAS it is deemed expedient and in the best interest of the Guarantor to lend assistance to Millbrook First Nation Economic Development Corporation Limited;

AND WHEREAS the guarantor, Millbrook Band Council will provide a guarantee to Millbrook First Nation Economic Development Cooperation Limited in the total amount of \$9,775,000 supporting loans in the amount of \$8,000,000 and \$1,775,000 for the financing of construction financing provided for the buildings located at 42 and 52 Legends Ave. at Millbrook IR #27;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Chief and Council of the Millbrook First Nation support the credit agreement with the Royal Bank of Canada for guaranteed limit of \$9,775,000;

NOW UPON MOTION passed at a duly convened meeting of the Millbrook First Nation Chief and Council this ninth day of May 2023.

It was MOVED by Councillor Stephen Marshall and SECONDED by Councillor Alex Cope, That the Band Council Resolution as written be accepted which states that Chief and Council of Millbrook First Nation will support the credit agreement with the Royal Bank of Canada for the guaranteed limit of \$9,775,000.

CARRIED

Voting in favour: Councillors N. Bernard; A. Blackmore; A. Cope C. Gloade; C. Googoo;
Z. Julian; W. Markie; L. Marshall; S. Marshall; D. Sylliboy
Declared Conflict of Interest Councillor J. Stevens

6.6 Health Fair May 17, 2023 - Council was asked to drop in if they could.

6.7 Community Member Request: Has a TRA licence to sell tobacco and is selling off the shelves and he would like to continue selling through Millbrook and is requesting a quota.

7.0 LEGAL DISCUSSION

7.1 Discussion Re: Legal Succession Plan:

Discussion ensued regarding Councillor's request to have an open discussion with Chief and Council in-camera, and it was decided that the Councillor would provide documentation for discussion, and this will be placed on the agenda in two weeks' time on May 23, 2023.

7.2 Property Extension Request

Councillor requested a revisit to their prior request for an extension of their property of an additional 40 feet. Request for Director of Housing to return to meeting to assist in providing additional background.

It was MOVED by Councillor Anissa Blackmore and SECONDED by Councillor James Stevens, That the restoration proceed on Band land that has been taken without authorization or the colour of right.

CARRIED

Voting in Favour (four): Councillors Anissa Blackmore, Natasha Bernard; Carley Gloade; James Stevens

Voting in Opposition (two): Councillors Zachary Julian; Dana Sylliboy

Absent (one): Councillor Alex Cope

Abstained (one): Councillor Ward Markie

Context: Persons using Band land in violation of Millbrook bylaws, common laws, and the Indian Act will proceed to court actions. Any persons who have taken Band land without the proper procedures will have actions brought upon them for the above violations.

8.0 ADJOURNMENT: Next meeting for Chief and Council will be Tuesday, June 13, 20 from 9 am to 4 pm.

It was agreed by consensus, That the Chief and Council meeting of May 9, 2023 be adjourned.

RESOLVED BY CONSENSUS

