

**Gesgapegiag Band Council Minutes**

**April 13th, 2022**

**Place: Galgoasiet Conference Room**

**101 Perron Boulevard**

**Time 9:30 a.m.**

**Attendance:** Chief John Martin-present

Councillor Aaron Condo-Zoom

Councillor Danny Condo Jr.-Zoom

Councillor Dorothy Gedeon-Zoom

Councillor Bernard Jerome Sr.-Zoom, left for medical appointment at 10:51 a.m., returned at 11:24 a.m.

Councillor Christianne Jerome-Bernard-absent

Councillor Armand Martin-Zoom

Councillor Tammy Martin-jointed at 10:14 a.m.

Carolyn Larocque, Executive Assistant-present

Clement Bernard, Director General-present

Meeting called to order at 9:33 a.m.

**1. Approval of the agenda with added items on Varia**

* Band Council Resolution #1626 Gespegewagi Ice Committee
* Walgwan
* SEPAQ

Proposed by Councillor Armand Martin

Seconded by Councillor Aaron Condo

Motion carried: 2022-04-13

**2. Approval of minutes dated April 6th, 2022**

Chief and Council adopts the following motion to approve the minutes dated April 6th, 2022 with corrections.

Proposed by Councillor Armand Martin

Seconded by Councillor Aaron Condo

Motion Carried: 2022-04-13

**3. Business arising from minutes**

* Roads-verify with the Director of Public Works to see if he was able to get estimates for the road.

**4. Decision Note: Addition to Reserve**

Tabled until the next meeting.

**5. FYI-First Nations Elementary and Secondary Education**

Chief and Council read and reviewed the funding for First Nations Communities regarding an additional amount of $310.6 million for the next five years starting in 2022 for 22 communities in Quebec.

**6. Band Council Resolution #1625**

Councillor Aaron Condo was excused due to conflict of interest. Chief and Council signed Band Council #1625 hiring Marven Condo as Chief of Police on a full-time basis.

Proposed by Councillor Bernard Jerome Sr.

Seconded by Councillor Danny Condo Jr.

Motion Carried: 2022-04-13

**7. Requests**

* **Housing (1)**

Chief and Council read and discussed the letter. An acknowledgement letter will be sent and the request will be forwarded to the Housing Department.

* **Repairs (1)**

Chief and Council read and discussed the letter. An acknowledgement letter will be sent and the request will be forwarded to the Housing Department.

**8. DG’S Update**

* Prepared and made the RRA presentation in Gespeg; include processing, enabling equipment and the sea mammals in the agreement; BLG is drafting the agreement to reflect the above-mentioned inclusions;
* Dealt with HR issues;
* The Steering Committee met to finalize the Financial Policy; will be presented to Chief and Council for approval;
* The River Management Working Group met to move the River Management initiative forward;
* Met with FMB to plan the Strategic Retreat;
* Has been meeting with the Directors individually.

**9. Portfolio Updates**

* Councillor Christianne Jerome-Bernard

Tabled until the next meeting

* Councillor Dorothy Gedeon

Tabled until the next meeting

**10. Chief’s Update**

April 5th – 12th, 2022

* Regular Council meeting 5th
* Out with Covid infection rest of the week;
* Final review of joint agreement document proposed with additions from Gespeg regarding sea mammals;
* CEC meeting, presentation from MTI on their negotiation process, discussion over Nutewistog position and likely restructuring of the position and process;
* Review and comment on final draft of the REA schedules;
* Meeting with Policy and Cultural coordinator on the Harmonisation table regarding the Gaspesian Park;
* Conference with MMS on Land Management Plan for Unceded territory and progress. Review of Mi’gmawel Tpltagann information received regarding structure;

* Meeting with forestry engineer regarding consultations related forestry cuts and caribou impacts and current commission under way. Also call with Innu Chief Pietacho regarding their concerns over Caribou;
* Review of draft protocol regarding Rights Defence.

**11. Varia**

**11.1 Band Council Resolution #1626 Gespegewagi Ice Committee**

Chief and Council signed Band Council Resolution #1626 in forming the Gespepewagi Ice Committee

Proposed by Councillor Armand Martin

Seconded by Councillor Aaron Condo

Motion Carried: 2022-04-13

* 1. **Walgwan**

A letter will be signed concerning the loan capacity of the Band.

* 1. **SEPAQ**

Received an invitation to sit at a table for the Parc de la Gaspésie, Chief John Martin will sit on the table.

**Meeting adjourned at 12:04 p.m.**

Proposed by Councillor Danny Condo

Seconded by Councillor Armand Martin

Motion carried: 2022-04-13