



Gesgapegiag Band Council Minutes
August 26th, 2026
Place: Gpnol'ewoguom Conference Room
10 A School Street
Time 10:00 a.m.

Attendance: Chief Rod Larocque-present

Councillor Aaron Condo-present
Councillor Angelique Condo-present
Councillor Tracy Condo-working
Councillor Dorothy Gedeon-arrived at 10:23 a.m.
Councillor Shannon Gedeon-working
Councillor John Martin-present
Councillor Shawn Martin-present
Councillor Preston Paul-working
Carolyn Larocque, Executive Assistant-present
Amanda Larocque, Director General-present

Meeting called to order at 10:18 a.m.

1. Approval of the Agenda

Housing
Arbitration

Proposed by Councillor Shawn Martin
Seconded by Councillor Aaron Condo
Motion Carried: 2026-08-26

2. Approval of minutes dated August 10th, 2026

Chief and Council adopts the motion to approve the minutes dated August 10th, 2026 with corrections.

Proposed by Councillor Shawn Martin
Seconded by Councillor Angelique Condo
Motion Carried: 2026-08-26

3. Business arising from minutes/DG's update

- A memo was sent to the Police Department regarding off-road vehicles to enforce the Highway Safety Code;
- The Police Department has a Facebook page to let the community know that bylaws will be enforced;
- This issue of lack of police patrolling will be addressed with the Director of Public Security;
- Funding from Minister of Public Security is delayed due to reports not submitted;
- Escrow agreement, we will be receiving \$14,000,000.00 instead of \$7,000,000.00 through the Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada;
- FMB- to meet with council on September 10th, 2026. Also have a regular council meeting on the 10th of September instead of the 9th of September, 2026;
- Still waiting on dollars from the provincial government for the estuary agreement, changes to be made by the finance department to correspond with the name change of the provincial government;
- The cost of the arbitrator will be shared by Gesgapegiag and Gespeg.

4. MMBC and MMRLP presentation of Q2 (11:00 a.m.)

Frederic Vicaire, CEO of MMBC and presentation on the MMRLP

MMBC — Q2 2026 Quarterly Results Summary

Chief & Council Presentation

The second quarter of 2026 focused on maintaining momentum on MMBC's strategic priorities while advancing several major renewable energy, governance, and community engagement initiatives. Most objectives remain on track and in progress, with a few items delayed due to external dependencies or strategic prioritization.

Key Highlights

Community & Shareholder Engagement

- Continued regular engagement with Chiefs, Councils, Directors General, and community stakeholders across all three communities.
- Management provided strategic advice on renewable energy, economic development, and investment opportunities.
- Regional Indigenous development discussions continued, strengthening collaboration toward a shared regional framework.

Renewable Energy & Economic Development

Significant work continued MMBC's major strategic energy initiatives:

- Ongoing negotiations with Hydro-Québec and Alliance de l'Est on the 6,000 MW regional wind framework.
- Continued advancement of the 100 MW solar partnership with Invenergy and the Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke.
- Biomass partnership with Votorantim/Mclnnis progressed through governance and implementation planning.
- MU2 construction continued to advance with turbine deliveries, foundation work, substation construction, and major infrastructure nearing completion.

Workforce Development & Community Benefits

- Wind Technician Training Program continued successfully:

- 5 graduates are now employed
 - 1 participant is completing final certification requirements.
- Nordex began interviewing graduates for MU2 positions.
- MMBC launched a \$100,000 Scholarship and Bursary Program with representation from each community.
- Work continues to renew the regional Culture & Language Program.

Communications & Public Engagement

Achievements included:

- MMBC Storytelling Series completed.
- Continued podcast production (3 episodes published; additional episodes prepared).
- Strong digital communications with ongoing website and social media growth.
- Annual Report delayed slightly due to graphic design timelines.

Areas Requiring Continued Attention

- Community-scale renewable energy projects remain behind schedule as resources have been prioritized toward larger regional initiatives with greater near-term impact.
- Progress on some regional initiatives (Osisko, Indigenous interconnection strategy, Mitis redevelopment) remains dependent on partner negotiations and direction from community leadership.

Overall Q2 Assessment

Q2 demonstrated continued progress on MMBC's long-term strategic priorities. Management maintained strong relationships with community leadership while advancing several high-value renewable energy opportunities, supporting workforce development, expanding communications, and keeping the MU2 project on schedule. Although some initiatives experienced delays due to external factors and strategic prioritization, the organization remains well positioned to continue advancing its economic development mandate during Q3. Chief and Council would like future presentations to be done by power point on the screen, as it is easier to follow.

5. Q1

Tabled

6. Decision Note: Installation of a Pump Track

Chief and Council adopts the motion to approve Option 1. To install the pump track on Indian Drive. The pump track has been approved under the Indigenous Early Learning and Child Care funding for an amount of \$296,339.00. Installing a pump track would provide a safe and secure location to enjoy these outdoor activities.

Proposed by Councillor Shawn Martin

Seconded by Councillor Aaron Condo

Motion Carried: 2026-08-26

7. Decision Note: Requesting a letter of support to submit to DFO funding to purchase an inshore hydraulic trailer.

Chief and Council adopts the motion to go with Option 1. To purchase a new hydraulic vessel trailer to transport the inshore lobster boats for an amount of \$95,375.00. A new trailer would provide the Fisheries Department with the additional capacity, reliability and safety requires to support the growing Midshore fleet.

Proposed by Councillor Shawn Martin

Seconded by Councillor John Martin

Motion Carried: 2026-08-26

8. Decision Note: Ash processing equipment and workshop improvements

Chief and Council adopts the motion to go with Option 1. To support the funding requests to Indigenous Initiatives Fund (IV) for an amount of \$4,054.00 which is 50% of the total cost invested by the Business Owner, Stephen Jerome.

Proposed by Councillor Aaron Condo

Seconded by Councillor Shawn Martin

Motion Carried: 2026-08-26

9. Decision Note: Forestry

Tabled

10. Hiring Report

Chief and Council read and discussed the hiring report as prepared by the Human Resources Generalist. Community Health Nurse (Fixed Term), Shelter & Wellness Coordinator (Full-time permanent), Medical Archives & Appointment Coordinator (Full-time permanent).

11. Chief's Update

No update

11.1 Housing

A tenant's lease was not renewed according to the housing policy; the tenant cannot sublease more than 2 years.

11.2 Arbitration

Chief and Council adopts the motion to approve the appointment of Me André Ryan of BCF LLP as legal counsel to the Micmacs of Gesgapegiag for all matters related to the arbitration. Band Council Resolution # 2094 was signed.

Proposed by Councillor Shawn Martin
Seconded by Councillor Angelique Condo
Motion Carried: 2026-08-26

Meeting adjourned at 2:43 p.m.

Proposed by Councillor Angelique Condo
Seconded by Councillor Shawn Martin
Motion carried: 2026-08-26