



**MILLBROOK
FIRST NATION**
GENERAL CHIEF AND COUNCIL MEETING
DRAFT MINUTES – FEBRUARY 14, 2023
9 AM TO 4 PM

**CHIEF AND COUNCIL
PRESENT**

Chief Robert Gloade	Councillor Zachary Julian
Councillor Anissa Blackmore	Councillor Ward Markie
Councillor Alex Cope	Councillor Lisa Marshall
Councillor Carley Gloade	Councillor Stephen Marshall
Councillor Garrett Gloade	Councillor James Stevens
Councillor Chris Googoo	Councillor Dana Sylliboy

ABSENT

REGRETS

Councillor Natasha Bernard

STAFF

Chantel Langille, Housing Project
Debbie Lattie,
Manager Tobacco Store/Treaty Enterprises
Jonathan Lowe, Director of Fisheries
Claire Marshall, Executive Director
Shelly Martin, In-House Legal Counsel
Lorne Paul, Director of Housing
Suzanne Penney, Administrative Assistant
to Chief & Council and Recording Secretary

DELEGATES

Samantha Cook, Community Member
Thomas j. Kayter, Senior Crown attorney
Laurence Mineault-Guitard,
Indigenous Services Canada (ISC),
Registration Reform Team
Paula Sewter, ISC,
Registration Reform Team
Dale Sylliboy, Community Member

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 February 14, 2023.

**It was MOVED by Councillor Carley Gloade and
SECONDED by Councillor Stephen Marshall,**

That the agenda for the February 14, 2023, Chief and Council meeting be approved as distributed.

CARRIED

1.3 Adoption of Previous Minutes

Draft Minutes of the January 10, 2023, Chief and Council meeting were reviewed and adopted with correction to the spelling of two names.

**It was MOVED by Councillor Garrett Gloade and
SECONDED by Councillor Stephen Marshall**

That the minutes of the January 10, 2023, Chief and Council meeting be approved as distributed with corrections to the spelling of two names.

CARRIED

1.4 AFNWA Meeting on Safe Drinking Water for First Nations Legislation Engagement –
Thursday, March 9, 2023 (9:00 a.m.) – Council Attendees (Location Legends, Power Centre)

1.5 Upcoming Meeting with NS Power – Transmission Tower Update
Tentative Tuesday, March 7, 2023, afternoon in Council Chambers
(Post meeting update – this is now scheduled for March 29, 2023, either 10 am or 1 pm)

1.6 Spring Clean Up
Volunteers are being sought for roadside clean up of ditches etc.

2.0 NEW BUSINESS/BUSINESS UPDATES

2.1 Collaborative Bike Rodeo – Millbrook, RCMP, Truro and Colchester County
Request was made for a joint bike rodeo, including Millbrook, Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP), Truro and Colchester County. A fundraising handout was provided to Council for review.

- The Council decided to move ahead with two separate rodeos:
 - The annual one in Millbrook at the Cineplex parking lot; and
 - It was suggested that a possible joint one be held at Legends.
- Security staff requesting \$2,500.00 budget from Millbrook, to be sent to Donation Committee. Council indicated their support for this initiative.

Action Item (01): S. Penney, Admin Assistant, will bring forward to the Donation Committee the request from Security staff for a \$2,500.00 budget.

2.2 Mi'kmaw Heritage Research and Restoration Association – Requesting a Band Council Resolution (BCR) or Letter of Support from Millbrook to see funding for an online language program.

Discussion ensued:

- Suggestions were made to establish our own language program led by Millbrook community members.
- Executive Director will investigate funding sources and work on a proposal.
- Community member John R. Sylliboy was suggested as a good consultant for this project (language pioneer). However, once funding is established, there will be a call out for anyone in the community who may also be interested.

Consensus Decision (01): Council agreed by consensus to look into a Millbrook-run language program.

Action Item (02): The Executive Director to look for funding sources for a language program that will be led by Millbrook, rather than an external consultant.

3.0 POLCY DISCUSSION/DECISIONS

3.1 Tobacco Revenue Update

Manager, Millbrook Tobacco and Treaty Gaming, provided an update and the following highlights were noted:

- Slight improvement in revenues but still not great.
- Some stores are not buying all of their quota.
- In-camera discussion.
- A letter regarding holding of quota will be provided to some individuals who will be given one to two months to get the quotas back up.

Action Item (03): The Executive Director to draft a letter to be sent with a timeline for retailers to sell their quotas.

3.2 Fishing Update

Director of Fisheries provided an update, and the following highlights were noted:

- Questions were raised regarding fishing vessel ‘*The Chief Stephen Marshall*’, which ran aground in foul weather.
- At the time of the incident, the Director of Fisheries promptly provided Chief and Council a written detailed outline of events.
- Many questions were posed regarding security in the area.
- At a December 2022 meeting, discussion took place regarding expansion of the winter fishery to LA34 and lease the boat for \$20,000.00 to fish in LA34.
- Captains did what was required and asked of them.
- There was a question of whether there was tampering with the ropes. While this has not been investigated or verified, they do not suspect tampering.
- ‘*The Chief Stephen Marshall*’ boat is currently out of the water and being repaired at the shipyard and will be completely inspected before it steams to Petit-de-Grat.
- A breakdown of repairs, damages, and insurance coverages will be provided once this is all completed.

Elver Fishing Update:

- Discussion ensued regarding a letter from the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO), dated February 2, 2023, about the 2023 Elver Fishery Approach.
- Catch to be 9,660 kg with 1,200 kg allocated to some of the smaller communities.
- Since 1995, the commercial quota has been caught only one time.
- It was requested that a letter be sent to DFO for further clarification regarding their letter.
- An attempt to arrange a meeting with all Chiefs in Atlantic Canada has been made, but this has its own set of issues.
- Discussion ensued regarding DFO and their interactions with Millbrook fisheries.
- An update will be shared with Council at the next meeting.

Action Item (04): A meeting with Millbrook Chief and Council and DFO is scheduled for February 16, 2023.

3.3 Housing Policy

Director of Housing and Project Housing Manager were in attendance for the following discussion:

- The draft Housing Policy was to be reviewed and discussed at the February 14, 2023 meeting; however, due to the complexity of the review and time constraints, it was decided to set a separate date and time for a complete review with Chief and Council

Action Item (05): The Housing Policy Review meeting was set for February 20, 2023.

4.0 DELEGATES

4.1 RCMP: Regrets

4.2 Status Registration Reform Team, ISC

Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) representatives provided a PowerPoint presentation (copies to Council to be provided as well as website).

- Information was shared regarding the establishment and entitlement of Indian Registration.
- Proposed Amendments to the *Indian Act* Bill C38.
- Implementation and Impacts of Bill S3.
- Provided information and a chart on how entitlement is established for individuals born or adopted after April 17, 1985, or for individuals in the first generation with entitlement under any section under 6(1), other than the 6(1)(a), which are impacted by the 'Second Generation Cut-Off'

What is the second-generation cut-off?

- The concept of a "second-generation cut-off" was introduced in 1985 as part of the Bill C-31 amendments through the creation of two general categories of Indian Registration (sections 6(1) and 6(2)) and the related ability to transmit entitlement to children.
- After two consecutive generations of parenting with a person who is not entitled to registration (a non-Indian), the third generation is no longer entitled to registration.
- Entitlement is therefore cut-off after the second-generation. In other words, an individual will not be entitled to Indian registration if they have one grandparent and one parent who are not entitled to registration.

Delegates departed the meeting.

Recess: The meeting took a recess for lunch at 12:00 p.m. and reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

4.3 Corrections Facility/Healing Lodge Discussion

Senior Crown Attorney attended in person and Community member attended virtually.

- General discussion on the aspects of the hybrid model (dual medium security and healing lodge) with an emphasis on making sure Millbrook members who are currently incarcerated can be prioritized for access to the Healing Lodge.
- 15 full time and 15 part time jobs would be created by the Lodge/Correctional Facility in the community.
- There is a need to provide training in the community to fill the positions.
- It was generally felt that a conditional letter of support highlighting Millbrook's concerns would be appropriate at this stage.
- Discussion ensued about inviting the Minister of Public Safety for a visit after the letter of support is provided and Millbrook negotiates a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the facility.
- Community consultation and acceptance will be essential for this facility to happen in Millbrook, so that everyone is reassured about the security of the facility.

Delegates departed the meeting.

4.4 Banning of Community Member

Community member attended to discuss the banning of Corey Paul.

Community member departed the meeting.

Discussion followed and it was noted that there will be no revoking of the ban which is currently in place on Corey Paul. A letter will be sent to the Community member indicating this decision.

5.0 COMMUNITY REQUESTS AND OTHER CORRESPONDENCE

5.1 Community member – Requested a spot on the agenda to request a ban on community member; however, he did not attend.

5.3 NS Highway of Heroes Tribute - August 19, 2023

5.4 Community member – Request Letter and Response Letter (referred to Housing Department)

5.5 Community member – A response letter will be constructed about a second request regarding the lot that he had been clearing for a cannabis shop. The second letter indicates that he wishes to now clear the lot to construct a building to house lobster traps and rigging.

Action Item (06): The Executive Director to work with the Solicitor on a reply letter regarding a community member who had been clearing a lot.

6.0 DONATIONS COMMITTEE UPDATE

6.1 Grand Masters Fiddlers Competition

- Same weekend as the Millbrook Summer Games.
- Would not be much presence from Millbrook community.
- Not really any Métis Fiddlers in this area for participation.

- No direct benefits to Millbrook.
- Request has been denied and a letter will be sent advising them.

6.2 Request for School Change for Community member

- Request for private school funding.
- Currently in Truro Elementary where funding has been paid.
- Request to move schools to Christian Academy at a cost of \$3,010.00.
- Previously paid \$8,500.00 to Truro Elementary (cannot recoup any funds).
- Proposal from Committee is for an exception of the policy (this would come from Director of Education).
- Met with the Education Director and they said that Council can decide if they see fit (Christian Academy has a ratio of one teacher to three students).

Discussion ensued:

- Request for information regarding when the tuition is paid from the nominal role.
- Is there a cut-off date to recoup already expended school funding for his year?
- Jordon's Principal – could this be used?

Action Item (07): The question of whether the tuition is paid from the nominal role, and whether there is a cut-off date to recoup funds was tabled until the Director of Education is available.

6.3 Requests for Monetary Support towards school trips (2 separate requests)

- Based on a policy referred to by a student, these two requests of \$1,000.00 each were approved.

Action Item (08): The Administrative Assistant to compile reply to letters of approval to the students in response to their requests for \$1,000.00 each and send out.

6.4 Ukraine Sovereignty Bond

- Discussion about contacting TE Wealth Management to inquire about validity of this request and if there are any other bonds.
- May be a long-term investment and is it worth it?
- Councillor will check into this further.
- Question about whether a portion of the 1919 money could be invested into this bond.
- Councillor to provide an update at a future meeting.

6.5 Sponsorship Package for NSNWA Gala Dinner in Membertou

- Millbrook agreed to become a Bronze Sponsor (\$1,000.00), which includes a gala table of eight with third row seating.
- Company logo on event program and Nova Scotia Native Women's Association (NSNWA) website.
- Social media recognition and promotion and sponsorship acknowledgement in press materials.

Consensus Decision (02): Council agreed by consensus that Millbrook would provide \$1,000.00 Bronze level sponsorship for the Nova Scotia Native Women's Association Gala Dinner.

Action Item (09): *Councillors to notify S. Penney, Admin Assistant, for booking hotels if interested in attending the Nova Scotia Native Women's Association Gala Dinner in Membertou, NS.*

Going forward if donation funding requests are time sensitive, they should be brought forward immediately to Council for decision.

Consensus Decision (03): By consensus, all recommendations of the Donations Committee were approved.

7.0 DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS UPDATE – Executive Director:

Departmental reports were reviewed and discussed.

7.1 Bylaw Powers – Agenda item to be moved to a future meeting.

8.0 FINANCE UPDATE – Written update in package, no in person update.

9.0 LEGAL – Millbrook Solicitor

10. ADJOURNMENT- Next meeting March 14, 2023, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in Council Chambers

