

**COMBINED CHIEF AND COUNCIL GENERAL MEETING AND
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PROJECT CONSULTATION MEETING
MINUTES OF JULY 18, 2023 - 9 AM TO 4 PM**

**CHIEF AND COUNCIL
PRESENT**

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

ABSENT

REGRETS

STAFF

DELEGATES

Claire Marshall, Executive Director	CREWS/HATCH/CN Rail Delegates
Shelly Martin, Solicitor In-House Legal Counsel	Joanne McRae, CPA, CA, Partner, Assurance and Accounting, MNP
Suzzanne Penney, Admin Assistant to Chief & Council and Recording Secretary	RCMP Sgt. Joe Young
Debbie Lattie, Manager, Millbrook Tobacco Store - Teams	
Ayo Makanjuola, Chief Financial Officer (CFO)	
Lorne Paul, Director of Housing	
James Stevens, Director of Commercial Operations	

AGENDA ITEMS

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 July 18, 2023, combined Chief and Council and Economic Development Project Consultation Meeting.

It was MOVED by Councillor Carley Gloade and SECONDED by Councillor James Stevens
That the Agenda for the July 18, 2023, combined Chief and Council and Economic Development
Project Consultation Meeting be approved as distributed with the removal of Legal Resources.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Requests were made to add the following items to a September meeting agenda:

- Legal Resources

- Local Business Washroom Problems
- Moose Hunt
- FSC – Solicitor Martin is working with Millbrook Fisheries on this and will bring information forward in a future update.

1.3 Adoption of previous minutes: Review and Approval of various sets of draft meeting minutes:

Chief and Council Meeting Minutes of May 9, 2023 - these had been carried forward to June 13, 2023, pending two item corrections.

a) Correction of agenda item **7.2** Councillor requested a revisit to a prior request for an extension of their property by an additional 40 feet. Request for Director of Housing to return to meeting to assist in providing additional background.

b) clarification of motion as written below:

MOTION (Additional re-vote) The same motion (motion #5) was put forward again by **Councillor James Stevens** and **Seconded** by **Councillor Anissa Blackmore** to allow a reconsideration of how councillors voted on the May 9, 2023, minutes.

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

CARRIED

Voting in favour (six): Councillors Natasha Bernard, Anissa Blackmore, Alex Cope, Carley Gloade, Stephen Marshall, James Stevens

Voting in opposition (four): Councillors Lisa Marshall, Garrett Gloade, Zachary Julian, Dana Sylliboy

Abstained (one): Councillor Ward Markie

Conflict of Interest (one): Councillor Chris Googoo

Chief and Council General Meeting minutes of June 13, 2023, were reviewed and approved, with amendments/corrections to items listed above on July 18, 2023.

It was MOVED by **Councillor James Stevens** and **SECONDED** by **Councillor Anissa Blackmore**, That the minutes of the Chief and Council meeting of June 13, 2023, be approved with the edits to the May 9, 2023 meeting minutes; and with these changes the May 9, 2023 minutes and the June 13, 2023 minutes were approved.

CARRIED

Economic Development Project Consultation Meeting minutes of June 27, 2023, were approved with the following correction to agenda item 5.1 Request from Community Member for Tobacco Quota (K. Julien – in package)

Based on new information and in accordance with Roberts Rules of Order for running meetings, it was noted that a motion can be made for reconsideration of a prior vote. Therefore, the following motion was made:

It was MOVED by **Councillor James Stevens** and **SECONDED** by **Councillor Ward Markie**, That the request from Keith Julien to transfer the tobacco quota with the ownership of the store to his daughter Kristin Sylliboy be approved.

CARRIED

Voting in Favour (seven): Councillors Alex Cope, Chris Googoo, Garrett Gloade, Zachary Julian, Ward Markie, Dana Sylliboy, James Stevens

Voting in Opposition (one): Councillor Anissa Blackmore

Conflict of Interest (three): Councillors Natasha Bernard, Carley Gloade, Lisa Marshall

Absent (one): Councillor Stephen Marshall

It was agreed by consensus that the Economic Development Project Consultation Meeting minutes of June 27, 2023, be approved with the reconsidered vote on Item 5.1 Request from Community Member for Tobacco Quota (as noted above); and on Page 3, bullet 2 - Clarification of the RCMP discussion of altercation in Millbrook, location name correction from Glooscap Road to Abenaki Road.

1.4 Upcoming Events for Council (Reminder)

- Summer Games – August 20-28, 2023
- Highway of Heroes – August 19, 2023 at the Power Centre.

2.0 DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING:

- Millbrook Department of Housing received funding for 34 homes with a nine-month window for completion
- The 102-unit apartment building can also be attached to this funding partnership
- A BCR supporting this initiative was created
- A discussion regarding lot sizes (i.e. smaller homes, smaller lots) and how this can be implemented will be tabled to a future meeting when more clarity of information is available.

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It was MOVED by **Councillor Alex Cope** and **SECONDED** by **Councillor Lisa Marshall**, That Chief and Council supports the submission of the funding application to the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation, National Co-op Investments and accepts the Band Council Resolution as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Discussion ensued about how to complete the size of this project and there were many suggestions:

- 900 to 1,100 square foot mini homes on foundations or on frames/no wheels
- Rapid housing occupancy requirement is at minimum 25% by December 2023
- Housing is finishing up with the plans for the individual housing projects. Once this is complete the next section of the partnership can then shift over to Economic Development with focus being the apartment building development

Discussion ensued regarding the possible partnership and the positive future relationship between Millbrook and the Atlantic First Nation Water Authority (AFNWA):

- Feasible to sign as they have the ability to access different and additional avenues of funding
- Capital assets will be added to Millbrook revenue, not removed
- AFNWA has 17-communities on board and already has a structured capital asset plan
- The offer is that communities can join AFNWA at different stages and request a five-year term
- Once that is completed, it would take two years to be released from this arrangement

It was MOVED by Councillor Lisa Marshall and SECONDED by Councillor Chris Googoo, That Millbrook First Nation move forward and join the Atlantic First Nation Water Authority. A Band Council Resolution will be created and signed by Chief and Council.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Director of Housing asked if there were only minor changes to the Housing Policy, was it necessary to come back to Council for review and re-approval again. Response provided was that minor wording changes could be made and not come back to Council.

It was MOVED by Councillor James Stevens and SECONDED by Councillor Carley Gloade, That Millbrook First Nation move forward with phase 3 of the land development.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3.0 RCMP UPDATE/REPORT: Sgt. Joe Young was in attendance to speak to the update:

- Two detachment members will be off until the third week of August 2023
- There is now an analyst working with the RCMP, looking into why non-community members are court-ordered to live in the Millbrook community
- Chief and Council have requested RCMP investigate this as this is causing issues for community members as there is a Residency Bylaw from Millbrook regarding non-community members being court ordered to live here
- Discussion ensued about unwanted, non-community members being on the reserve and community members that request their removal
- MLS Bail verification is responsible for doing checks on these individuals, Sgt. Young reported that this was not happening, and he is going to work on fixing this issue
- There is a new group for restorative justice, and they are currently drafting a new policy surrounding outstanding issues from the last meeting
- There was a question about a police report on a non-community member being in Millbrook, an RCMP report has been received and an update will follow
- RCMP are working with security and are developing a much better working relationship
- The primary goal is to keep security team out of harm's way
- The main plan for the security involvement is for de-escalation, if this gets past that point, then security is to step aside and the RCMP will then take over.

Discussion ensued regarding how RCMP manage mental health calls and/or disorderly calls and the fall-out if a mentally distressed person needs to be transported to the emergency department:

- Many issues surrounding the health care system and the mental health care system continue and Chief Gloade shared that he is trying to set up joint meetings in September 2023 with the RCMP, Shubenacadie, Indian Brook and Millbrook regarding the policing of these communities and see if there can be something combined
- A suggestion to include senior management at certain levels and the RCMP, was also brought forward at the National Assembly of First Nations level during a discussion with all other Chiefs.

4.0 POLICY DISCUSSION/DECISION

4.1 Tobacco Quota Allotment Structure Review: Manager, Millbrook Tobacco Store

- Draft Millbrook Tobacco Allocation Policy was distributed for Chief and Council to review and discuss
- The draft policy was created through collaboration of the Executive Director, Solicitor and Millbrook Tobacco Store Manager
- Lengthy discussion ensued surrounding the limits of quotas and questions about increasing and then decreasing them
- The provincial regulations are set, and a suggestion was made to look into St. Mary's and Listuguj to see how they distribute quota and sell both regulated and non-regulated cigarettes while still being in line with the government agreements
- Grand River Enterprises out of Six Nations could possibly assist in opening up some avenues for the Millbrook community to utilize the same system with the ability to bring in a wholesale option which would be substantially cheaper
- This is stamped/regulated tobacco and needs to be looked more at being economically driven when looking at tobacco
- Discussion with regard to the existing quota system and the transferring process was reviewed and from a strictly business viewpoint it would only make sense for the quota to transfer also.

Discussion ensued regarding process for new quotas for community members looking to start up a business, the allocation of quotas, and the application process for new and existing tobacco quotas for designated tobacco retailers. The draft policy was reviewed and discussed, and the following points reviewed:

1. Allocation of tax-free tobacco
2. Review of allocation
3. New designated tobacco retailer
4. Transfer of tobacco quota
5. Revocation of quota
6. Appeals
7. Amendments.

4.2 Community member request to transfer ownership of his gas station and retail outlet, as well as the tobacco quota to daughter. History has been that when a business is transferred or purchased, the quota was allocated to those who have purchased the business.

Discussion ensued:

- The ability for a father/mother/owner of any business within the community to pass their business on to the rest of their family under any circumstance, allows the business to continue to add to that community but also allows up to seven generations of a family to grow and continue to add to the benefits of their community
- Chief and Council after a lengthy discussion agreed to support the transfer of ownership, which also would include the tobacco quota
- On a go forward basis, there would be an amendment to this process, the wording of this will be clarified and updated at the next Chief and Council meeting.

4.3 Code of Conduct – Breach of Confidentiality Concerns: this item will be tabled and brought forward to a meeting in September 2023 – questions surrounding breaches (in camera) tabled until Solicitor and Executive Director can review.

4.4 Student Sports Funding Supports: Proposed Policy Change Discussion

- Question: can the existing policy for youth sports funding be changed to include post-secondary students ages 18 to 21 at high performance levels?
- The policy will be forwarded to Chief Financial Officer for review and brought back in September 2023 for policy discussion/decision.

5.0 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATE:

- CREWS/HATCH/CN RAIL to attend for signing ceremony (Ownership of Structure), Letter of Intent (LOI) distributed for review
- Representatives attended the meeting and Council received a copy of the LOI at the end of last week and there were no concerns or issues for discussion
- The representatives from CREWS shared that they are very excited about the joining of the agreement and look forward to the future together
- Director of Commercial Operations distributed his report for review for the meeting
- An update was shared with Chief and Council regarding the Nova Scotia Power involvement with CLC on existing property at Shannon Park
- The timeframe provided for Nova Scotia Power to set up a meeting and move toward a solution has expired and therefore they are now in a trespass situation.

5.1 Food Truck Permit Policy: Vender Application (included in package); Two food truck permits were discussed:

1. Thai food truck applicant
2. Daniel Stephens additional applicant.

- Application process is pretty clear for the permit, and they have to indicate whether they are single season or yearly truck
- This process ensures that the courses required have to be in place in order to issue permits
- Food trucks have to be moved every seven days, so these are more of a long-term business; special event permits (\$50.00) can also be included for specific circumstances; individual events will be put on the website outlining the process of the application and a link to access that permit.

It was MOVED by Councillor Alex Cope and SECONDED by Councillor Ward Markie, That the food truck permit policy and procedure be accepted as reviewed.

CARRIED

Voting in Favour (nine): Councillors Natasha Bernard, Anissa Blackmore, Alex Cope, Carley Gloade, Garrett Gloade, Chris Googoo, Zachary Julian, Ward Markie, Stephen Marshall

Conflict of interest (two): Councillors James Stevens and Dana Sylliboy

Absent (one): Councillor Lisa Marshall

It was MOVED by Councillor Ward Markie and SECONDED by Councillor Chris Googoo, That authorization be provided for the Chief Financial Officer and Executive Director to review and approve capital requests for the Hampton Inn and Suites as needed for capital requests or emergency circumstances for monies held in the capital reserve account.

CARRIED

Voting in Favour (nine): Councillors Natasha Bernard, Anissa Blackmore, Alex Cope, Carley Gloade, Garrett Gloade, Chris Googoo, Zachary Julian, Ward Markie, Dana Sylliboy

Absent (two): Councillors Lisa Marshall and Stephen Marshall

Conflict of Interest (one): Councillor James Stevens

6.0 FINANCE:

For Approval – 2022 Draft Audited Statements

- MNP representative Joanne McRae attended with Millbrook Chief Financial Officer and provided a PowerPoint presentation to follow along with the draft consolidated financial audit assessment
- Questions were reviewed with Chief and Council throughout the presentation noting how the process of the audit was achieved
- Detailed presentation was completed, the floor was open for questions or concerns and from this the Consolidated Audit was approved
- A copy of the PowerPoint presentation will be provided individually to Chief and Council for their records.

It was MOVED by Councillor Alex Cope and SECONDED by Councillor Ward Markie, That the consolidated audit be accepted as reviewed and agreed upon.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.0 DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS REVIEW: Executive Director (in package)

8.0 PROJECT CONSULTATION UPDATE: Manager submitted update for review (included in package)

9.0 C. STEWART/L360 PROJECT MANAGER UPDATE: update report submitted for review (included in package)

10.0 ADJOURNMENT: The joint meeting of the General Chief and Council and Economic Development Project Consultation Meeting was adjourned.

Next Meeting will be Chief and Council General meeting on Tuesday, September 12, 2023.