

**MILLBROOK
FIRST NATION**
GENERAL CHIEF AND COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 10, 2022

Minutes of the Millbrook First Nation (MFN) General Chief and Council (Council) Meeting held May 10, 2022, at the Millbrook Community Hall, 72 Church Road, Millbrook, Nova Scotia, at 9:00 a.m.

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 Garrett Gloade	Councillor Dana Sylliboy
Councillor Chris GooGoo	

ABSENT/REGRETS

Absent:	Regrets:
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STAFF:

Claire Marshall, Executive Director	Shelly Martin, In-House Legal Counsel
Jessica Haji Mohamad, Administrative Assistant	

RECORDING SECRETARY

Suzanne Penney

DELEGATIONS

Barry Martin and Margaret Phillips, Social Update
Mackenzie Blanchard,
Confederacy of Mainland Mi'kmaq (CMM)
Matt Chiasson, CMM
Ashley Childs, CMM
Cheyenne MacDonald, CMM
Sgt. Bill Collier, RCMP
Cpl. Natasha Jamieson, RCMP

1. PRELIMINARY MATTERS

1.1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order.

1.2. Adoption of the Agenda

Related Information: Agenda for the May 10, 2022 General Chief and Council meeting.

During review of the agenda, the following items were added:

- Chief and Council Governance Training
- Item from Chief Gloade
- Master's Sponsorship Letter (Councillor Carley Gloade)
- Millbrook Health Centre
- Wharf (Councillor Lisa Marshall).

Motion Item (1.2)

It was MOVED (Councillor Stephen Marshall) and SECONDED (Councillor Carley Gloade)

That the agenda for the March 9, 2022, Millbrook First Nation General Chief and Council meeting be approved.

CARRIED

An In-Camera session followed in which Council's Code of Conduct and the importance of maintaining confidentiality was discussed.

1.3. Review and Adoption of Previous Minutes

Related Information: Minutes of the April 12, 2022 General Chief and Council Meeting.

During review of the April 12, 2022, General Chief and Council Meeting Minutes, comments were offered on:

- Reports of a miscommunication regarding recent funerals held at community hall that incorporated Salites
- Clarification that cash donations being sought from businesses for the Bike Rodeo were to be put toward bikes and helmets:
 - Donations from businesses selling tobacco, alcohol, or cannabis would not be accepted
- A reference to a 2019 Motion put forward in regard to the Youth Centre
- Suggestion to expand the Youth Centre hours to six days per week and explore hiring more employees:
 - The extra employees could help with homework, afterschool activities, and tutoring
 - Previous Youths (now 18 years old or older) are interested in volunteering
- Potential for the MFN Facebook page to be made public to allow parents more access and to share posts on the site directly.

Action Item: *It was requested that the Executive Director review the process for how donations are received and distributed and whether Air Miles could be accepted. The Executive Director will report back to Chief and Council at its meeting on June 14, 2022.*

Action Item: *It was requested that the Administrative Assistant locate the 2019 Motion in regard to the Youth Centre.*

Motion Item (1.3):

It was MOVED (Councillor Garrett Gloade) and SECONDED (Councillor Carley Gloade)

That the Millbrook First Nation Chief and Council approve expanding the Youth Centre hours of operation to six days per week and explore options for hiring additional staff.

CARRIED

Motion Item (1.3)

It was MOVED (Councillor Zachary Julian) and SECONDED (Councillor James Stevens)

That the Millbrook First Nation Chief and Council approve and adopt the Minutes of the General Chief and Council Meeting held April 12, 2022.

CARRIED

2.1 SOCIAL DEPARTMENT UPDATE

The Social Development Administrator provided an update on:

- 241 direct deposits and 27 cheques distributed to clients
- Client demographic breakdown indicated that most clients are single persons
- The elimination of the \$150 COVID-19 relief money
- The goal of supporting clients to find employment and get off social assistance
- Agenda of the May 16-17, 2022 Social Department will focus on policy review and planning.

Discussion ensued on:

- Concerns with the removal of the \$150 COVID-19 relief fund and the increasing cost of living
- Suggestion that members owing money from grants could potentially do community work as a form of repayment
- Suggestion that a community program, such as a restorative program, be developed to assist troubled Youth and encourage them to participate in the community in a positive manner
- Whether the Youth Centre could be relocated to the Heritage Centre
- Consideration of hiring additional staff for the Youth Centre if the demand can be justified.

Action Item: *It was requested that the Executive Director evaluate the potential costs of hiring additional staff at the Youth Centre and how many staff members would be required.*

Delegates departed the meeting.

2.2 CMM PRESENTATION: AMU'ES'MIT / "THE BEE FEEDS US" PROJECT

Representatives from the CMM shared a presentation on the "Amu'es'mit 'The Bee Feeds Us' Project" and provided comments regarding:

- Efforts to re-establish the community gardens in Millbrook
- Existing infrastructure on the site, including fencing and sheds, could be used
- The need to address water issues at the site
- The goal to work with Food Security Committee on ways to involve the community.

Discussion ensued on:

- Focus on getting Youth involved
- Indian Brook received funding of \$15,000 to support their community project and additional funding could be sought from other sources for Millbrook
- Whether infrastructure funding might be available
- Neighbours living close to the current beehive expressed concerns about its location
- Suggestion that the community garden be in close proximity to the Youth Centre

- The potential to move the project closer to the greenhouse and to Tower Road.

The project would be further considered in the fall of 2022.

Delegates departed the meeting.

2.4 RCMP UPDATE

The RCMP representatives offered comments in regard to:

- Attendance at a recent funeral and the blocking-off of the highway for the family
- A school visitation
- Communication with MFN Legal Counsel and the Executive Director in regard to a dispute at a property in the community that has potential to escalate
- Information shared on available resources for Youth on mental health
- A partnership with MFN on the May 19, 2022, Bike Rodeo
- Reports received from community members that magic mushrooms are being sold at cannabis shops in the community, which is illegal.

Conflict of Interest

The following declared a conflict and stepped out of the meeting:

- Councillor Natasha Bernard
- Councillor Alex Cope
- Councillor Chris GooGoo
- Chief Bob Gloade
- Councillor Lisa Marshall
- Councillor Dana Sylliboy
- Administrative Assistant, Jessica Haji Mohamad

Motion Item 2.4

It was MOVED (Councillor Garrett Gloade) and SECONDED (Councillor Anissa Blackmore)

That the Millbrook First Nation Chief and Council agree to issue an urgent notice regarding the illegal distribution/sale of magic mushrooms.

CARRIED

Councillor Zachary Julian was absent during the vote.

Discussion ensued on:

- The RCMP continues to work in conjunction with MFN on improving community policing
- Mental health services and life skill supports must be provided to individuals
- Efforts will be made to communicate with RCMP in other communities for reports on Cole Harbour and Sheet Harbour and associated timelines:
 - Suggestion that the Chief, with assistance from the Band Solicitor, send a letter requesting a dialogue with RCMP in other communities.

Delegates, Councillor Garrett Gloade and Jessica Haji Mohamad departed the meeting.

3.1 POTLOTEK SUMMER GAMES

Chief and Council discussed the proposed budget for the Potlotek Summer Games.

Motion Item 3.1

It was MOVED (Councillor Anissa Blackmore) and SECONDED (Councillor Stephen Marshall)

That the Millbrook First Nation Chief and Council approve the \$84,000 budget for the Potlotek Summer Games.

CARRIED

3.2 HIRING FOR 2023 SUMMER GAMES

During discussion it was noted there was a need to hire a MFN Coordinator for the 2023 Summer Games and how that would be funded.

Motion Item 3.2

It was MOVED (Councillor Carley Gloade) and SECONDED (Councillor Zachary Julian)

That the Millbrook First Nation Chief and Council begin the process of hiring a Coordinator for the 2023 Summer Games.

CARRIED

Discussion ensued on:

- Reluctance to fund the Truro Amateur Athletic Club (TAAC) when they have not supported MFN events in the past
- The relationship between the Town of Truro and MFN has not been a positive one
- Suggestion the MFN have its own area to host outdoor sporting events and activities
- Concerns with supporting a colonized government; support should instead go to the building up the MFN government.

3.3 CEC SAFE GRAD DONATION REQUEST

Discussion ensued in regard to a request for a donation for Safe Grad Celebrations, which MFN has contributed to in the past.

Motion Item 3.3

It was MOVED (Councillor Anissa Blackmore) and SECONDED (Councillor Stephen Marshall)

That Millbrook First Nation Chief and Council approve the \$1,000 donation for CEC Safe Grad activities.

CARRIED

3.4 POST-CONVICTION CIRCLE FOR BAND MEMBER – COMMUNITY MEMBER

A community member sought permission to use the Community Hall for a sentencing circle and provided information about sentencing circles. Council was in consensus that the request be approved.

3.5 TOBACCO ALLOCATION INCREASE

Discussion was had on increasing tobacco purchases to 150 cartons for three months. The sales of other Mohawk brand cigarettes is directly impacting community sales resulting in significant overstock.

Action Item: *It was requested that the Millbrook First Nation Band Solicitor backdate the overstock position at the Tobacco Store to April 1, 2022.*

The meeting moved into an In-Camera discussion.

Motion Item 3.5

It was MOVED (Councillor Alex Cope) and SECONDED (Councillor Zachary Julien)

That Millbrook First Nation (MFN) Chief and Council approve the MFN Band Solicitor to backdate the overstock at the Tobacco Store to April 1, 2022.

CARRIED

Conflict of Interest

Councillors Carley Gloade, Lisa Marshall, and Stephen Marshall declared they were in conflict and stepped out of the meeting.

3.6 GOVERNANCE TRAINING

Motion Item 3.6

It was MOVED (Councillor Anissa Blackmore) and SECONDED (Councillor Stephen Marshall)

That Millbrook First Nation MFN Chief and Council approve the annual Governance Training for Chief and Council.

CARRIED

4.1 COMMUNITY LETTERS

An update was provided on the following community letters:

- Letter regarding increases in medical coverage for physio, chiropractor, and massage services for construction staff:
 - The Executive Director will contact the Health Centre regarding increasing services
 - Letter to be sent with copy to Housing Director
- Letter of offer to do contract work with Millbrook:
 - Offer was declined due to recent work with Millbrook
 - Letter to be sent with copy to Housing Director
- Letter requesting a designated tobacco retail vendor permit:
 - Request to be added to existing list of applicants for vendor permits of which Council has three months to rule on
 - Director of Commercial Operations to respond
- Letter requesting to hold a Lot in Millbrook:

- The applicant is ineligible as they are not 19 years old or older
- Request rejected and letter sent with copy to Housing Director who will advise the applicant to reapply when they turn 19 years
- Letter requesting an addition/change to a new construction build:
 - Request rejected due to volume of other construction needs in community
 - Letter to be sent
- Letter requesting an allocation of property located on the Cole Harbour satellite reserve:
 - Request rejected as the applicant currently has a residence and the location at Cole Harbour should be given to a community member requiring housing
 - Letter to be sent with copy to Housing Director
- Letter requesting reimbursement of funds used to complete renovations to hardwood floors:
 - Request approved with clarification that reimbursement would not include labour costs
 - Letter sent and Housing Director to contact author regarding reimbursement
- Letter requesting funding for participation in the Canadian National 55+ Games in Kamloops, British Columbia:
 - Rejected as the author is not a Band member of MFN
 - Letter to be sent
- Letter requesting support for heat pump installation and other odd jobs:
 - Options for the applicant include using the \$1,200 annual provision for off-reserve members for heating systems or that the author be relocated to an apartment where members are provided \$2,400 within the Seniors Housing Program
 - Letter to be sent indicating available options with copy to the Director of Housing.

4.2. COMMUNITY REQUESTS

Updates were provided on the following:

- There being only two by-laws posted on the website:
 - It was noted that all by-laws must be listed on the website
- Request made for a sacred fire pit at the Community Centre and Pow Wow grounds:
 - Plans are underway to carry out this request
- Request from a community member for a teepee to be constructed at the Millbrook Administration Office:
 - MFN will purchase at least one new teepee
 - Instructions must be provided on how to construct the teepee correctly and ensure there is adequate storage
- Concerns raised regarding needed repairs to the bathroom at the ballfield:
 - The water supply to the bathrooms must be reconnected
- The pathway lights approved for one individual have yet to be installed:
 - Request that this is completed
- A request for window repairs, expansion of laundry, the need for a basement storage/shed and that the issue of tree roots affecting the foundation be addressed
- Information needed on the Food Handlers Course:
 - The Executive Director will provide an update at the next meeting
- New Senior Centre:
 - Request for funding submitted to Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) Infrastructure
 - Staff will continue to keep this a priority and explore avenues for funding

- Generators for Elders in Sheet Harbour:
 - Two requests received for new generators
 - Quote received of approximately \$8,000 per generator
 - Sheet Harbour does not have a warming station
- Doctor for satellite reserves:
 - Due to a shortage of doctors, the Health Centre is considering having a Nurse Practitioner attend the satellite communities once per month
 - More information to be provided at a future meeting
- Fishers Lobster Banding:
 - Suggestion that Millbrook hire its own banders to meet the current demand
 - This can be discussed with the Director of Fisheries at the next meeting
- Trailer in Sheet Harbour:
 - Plans for a quick closing as recommended by the Band Solicitor.

5.1 FINANCE REPORT

During the update it was noted that the finance team is working closely with the bank and reviewing all accounts. Concrete information regarding accounts and cash flows will be provided at the next General Chief and Council meeting.

5.2 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT AND STAFF REPORTS

The Executive Director provided an update on:

- Funding received for the hiring of a Community Navigator/Band Designate and details of the position will be posted soon
- Receipt of a Tree Canada Grant of \$10,000 for the new subdivision and the Power Centre:
 - Program will commence September 2022.

The Executive Director agreed to provide a more detailed update in July 2022.

An individual was invited to host a Basket Workshop for 50 people on June 4, 5, 6, 10 and 11, 2022, at the Heritage Centre.

6. IN-CAMERA SESSION

6.1 LEGAL UPDATE

The Millbrook Band Solicitor provided an update.

7. CONCLUSION

It was noted that the next General Chief and Council Meeting would be held on May 17, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. at the Millbrook Council Chambers.