

**Qalipu First Nation
Council Meeting
September 18, 2022**

Qalipu Community Room & Microsoft Teams

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Attendance

The following members of Council and Staff attended the meeting:

Name:	Position:
Mr. Brendan Mitchell	Chief
Ms. Jennifer (Jenny) Brake	Western Vice-Chief
Mr. Andrew (Andy) Barker	Central Vice-Chief
Mr. Jasen Benwah (joined via Teams)	Councillor Port Au Port
Ms. Charlene Combdon	Councillor Exploits
Ms. Sharren (Sherry) Dean	Councillor Corner Brook
Mr. Calvin Francis	Councillor Gander Bay
Ms. Terri Greene	Councillor Benoit's Cove
Mr. Francis (Frank) Skeard (joined via Teams)	Councillor Glenwood
Ms. Salome Barker (joined via Teams)	Youth Representative
Mr. Hayward Young	Councillor Stephenville
Mr. Keith Goulding (Staff)	Band Manager
Ms. Paulette Brinston (Staff)	Executive Assistant
Mr. Andrew Simmons (Staff)	Director of Finance

The council meeting began at approximately 11:15 p.m.

Acceptance of the Agenda- Motion 19-22-23

Moved by:	Calvin Francis	Seconded by:	Charlene Combdon
Motion Carried	All in favour		Zero (0) Against

Edits to the Agenda

No proposed additions were made to the agenda.

Acceptance of the Minutes of July 28, 2022- Motion 20-22-23

Moved by:	Sherry Dean	Seconded by:	Jenny Brake
Motion Carried	All in favour		Zero (0) Against

No Edits were proposed for the meeting minutes of July 28, 2022

Business Arising- Sherry Dean had suggested during the previous meeting about Conne River vehicle delivery. Councillor Charlene Combdon also commented that a member had their vehicle

purchase delayed due to the Central NL Forest fires. Some discussion occurred about limitations of the program and lack of benefits for QFN and membership.

Annual Operating Reports (AOPs)

Keith Goulding discussed the AOPs included in the council kit, which reflected the activities that had transpired in the organization since the budget's approval.

Councillor Charlene Combdon discussed that many items in the Education and Training AOP were cultural in nature. She questioned whether the programs would be more appropriately covered under the Culture, Tourism, and Community Development Department.

Band Manager Keith Goulding stated there were some discussions about moving these activities to the CD department, he has a planned meeting with the Department chairs to discuss a potential movement of the cultural outreach activities.

Comprehensive Community Planning Implementation- Council were provided with some insight into feedback received from membership regarding the CC. Areas identified for exploration include governance, health and social, education, infrastructure development, culture, language, and economic development. The goal is to get feedback from key stakeholders including council on how to achieve the objectives set out in the CCP.

Some discussion occurred around ensuring voter and membership information is accurate. There was also some discussion around housing affordability and repairs and challenges in obtaining funding supports for these types of programs. Councillor Frank Skeard discussed the need to implement an audit to ensure funds for housing programs are being used appropriately.

Interim Meeting Chair Elected- Chief Mitchell excused himself early in the meeting. A vote was taken on which of the Vice-Chiefs would chair the remainder of the meeting, council voted unanimously to have Central Vice-Chief Andy Barker serve as chair.

The council meeting broke for lunch at 12:00 pm. The meeting resumed at 12:30 pm.

Wind Energy BCR 01-2022-2023

Briefing notes received by QENR- Qalipu Environment Natural Resources (QENR) of Qalipu Mi'kmaq First Nation Band (QFN) wishes to submit an application to the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada (IAAC) under the Participant Funding Program to assist the participation of Indigenous groups in the Regional Assessment of Offshore Wind Development in Newfoundland and Labrador and Nova Scotia

Moved by:	Calvin Francis	Seconded by:	Ivan J. White
Motion Carried	All in favour		Zero (0) Against

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the QFN Council support QENR program's application to IAAC for funding in the amount of \$30,000.00 to participate in the Regional Assessment of Offshore Wind Development in Newfoundland and Labrador and Nova Scotia;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the QFN Council authorize QENR to enter into a contribution agreement with IAAC;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that QFN designate Jonathan Strickland, Director of QENR, as authorized signatory on behalf of QFN for the purposes of signing and submitting the application for funding;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that QFN designate Brendan Mitchell, QFN Chief, as authorized signatory for the purpose of signing the contribution agreement, or any other documents required under the contribution agreement;

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that QFN authorize Jonathan Strickland to manage the funds, the expense claim process, and to receive payment in relation to the contribution agreement.

Committee Reports- Question and Answer

No questions were presented by council, however QENR Committee Chair Andy Barker discussed the need for everyone to take ownership of environmental stewardship. Council engaged in a brief discussion about some environmental issues that need to be addressed in their communities. Terri Greene mentioned that a vehicle was in the Humber River and there does not seem to be a plan to address it. Band Manager Keith Goulding suggested that Chief write a letter encouraging local politicians to take the initiative to resolve this situation. Sherry Dean requested this matter should be followed up on as soon as possible.

Questions received for Council

No questions or comments were received for council.

Council remarks

Bobby White- Everything is going well. Working on resolving issues within community.

Jasen Benwah- Expressed concern that people caught up in right-wing conspiracy theories regarding wind energy. Trying to make sure that accurate information getting out there. He will hold another ward meeting on October 16th at 3 pm.

Frank Skeard- Continuing to engage membership on programs offered. Small office opened in Gander, is there going to be a community opening? Raised the profile of QFN in Gander. We wear many hats, QFN and the community organizations can move collaboratively.

Salome Barker- Doing good, starting community annual youth gatherings. 3 years ago, now have youth wanting to join committees. Lots of youth gatherings happening this summer. Cultural foundation held youth gathering, positive feedback from youth council there. Visited gathering in NS, a lot of QFN reps attended. Youth are back to school, lots of scholarship opportunities.

Ivan J. White- Newly assigned as chair, plans to hold a special meeting or a meeting later to discuss the department. There are some issues that need to be addressed and will look to council for direction.

Sherry Dean- Inquired about a direct payment to Memorial regarding for tuition. Housing and health: worried about respectful line of encroaching on band business, feel like I should be more engaged. Concerned about staff and how they are paid. Held a ward council meeting here, with a guest who has a

Phd in Northern studies. Nov 8, next ward meeting. Also holding a meeting on the Northshore. On the spiritual health committee, pushing hard to smudge, lack of ventilation.

Calvin Francis- Housing programs are supporting a lot of members.

Hayward Young- next ward meeting early October. Still pushing for a bigger presence of QFN in our area. We need a local presence. Hopefully we will get that as soon as we can.

Jenny Brake- Discussed the SCIS photo app and a lack of support for members on how to use the app. We need to make sure that they are comfortable.

There was some discussion that occurred for the need to have a service navigator who can help members with all services.

Councillor Bobby White left at 1:02 pm

Hayward Young- People are contacting me about those additional supports in Stephenville. Travis is doing a great job.

Terri Greene- We talked a while ago around infrastructure. We are all talking about it. What can we do? Our director is not available, but the ball cannot stop. Another ward meeting in October, also virtual. Some issues with E & T funding, some students didn't get the funding by the cut-off period. Videos as opposed to literature is more engaging. We could do more for promotions.

Charlene Combdon- Thanks to QFN for donation to search and rescue. That money is being used to purchase a mobile unit to serve the whole province. We had a meeting with Lisa Dempster. More conversations with government. QFN hasn't been engaged in agreements with hospice in Central, requesting Andy to join.

Jenny Brake- I am writing down the dates of ward meetings. What I am trying to get to, I would be able to in my role as vice chief, serve as proxy. We need more capacity in communications.

Andrew Simmons- It is budget season, so we can work on capacity. Work with committees to determine budgetary priorities.

Jenny Brake - Worried about wage equality. I feel that people in health deal with some of the most stressful situations. To western ward councillors, I am here to support you. Powwow at Grenfell with Ivan.

Frank Skeard- Truth and reconciliation events upcoming in communities.

Andy Barker- Public library is doing a film showing—Charlene Combdon- to honour to senator Murray Sinclair.

Jenny Brake- Grenfell will be doing a flag raising on September 29th.

Charlene Combdon- Clark Paul will be speaking about his experience at a residential school will be airing in Badger as well. Salmon dinner, seats for 100 people.

Adjournment

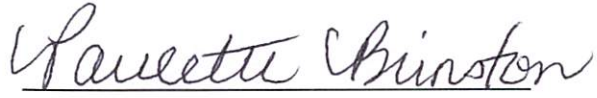
Jenny Brake made a motion to adjourn the meeting at approximately 3:00 pm.

The next meeting is the Western AGA scheduled for September 19, 2022. The next council meeting is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, November 19th, 2022.

Minutes Submitted By: Paulette Brinston



Approved By: Chief Brendan Mitchell



Certified By: Paulette Brinston