

Qalipu First Nation
Council Meeting
May 12, 2023

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 (joined via Teams)	Councillor Exploits
Ms. Sharren (Sherry) Dean	Councillor Corner Brook
Mr. Calvin Francis (joined via Teams)	Councillor Gander Bay
Ms. Terri Greene	Councillor Benoit's Cove
Mr. Francis (Frank) Skeard (joined via Teams)	Councillor Glenwood
Mr. Robert (Bobby) White (joined via Teams)	Councillor Flat Bay
Mr. Hayward Young	Councillor Stephenville
Mr. Charles Pender (Staff)	Band Manager
Ms. Alison Muise	Communications Manager
Ms. Kellie Kerpan	Director of Culture, Tourism, and Community Development
Mr. Andrew Simmons	Director of Finance
Ms. Paulette Brinston (Staff)	Executive Assistant
Ms. Suzanne Park (Staff)	Office Administrator
Mr. Randal Greene	Guest
Mr. Trevor Wiens	Guest

The council meeting began at approximately 10:20 a.m.

Chief Mitchell provided an opening prayer.

Randal Greene and Trevor Wiens provided an overview on the Traditional Territory mapping conducted by Feaver's Lane.

Andrew Simmons, Director of Finance, advised that the ultimate goal of the project is for council to adopt a motion to recognize the mapped territory as the traditional territory.

Acceptance of the Agenda— Motion 01-2023-2024 (with amendments)

Moved by:	Ivan J. White	Seconded by:	Terri Greene
Motion Carried	All in favour	Nine (9)	Zero (0) Against

Edits to the Agenda

Calvin Francis requested to add discussion around support for the Boat Basin in Gander Bay.

Chief Mitchell also suggested discussion around upcoming cultural events.

Charlene Combdon requested a conversation around hygiene kits for staff.

Action Item: Frank Skeard requested Operations have their own AOP presented as the other departments have.

Council also requested some discussion around youth council.

Acceptance of Minutes of March 11, 2023—Motion 02-2023-2024

Moved by:	Hayward Young	Seconded by:	Charlene Combdon
Motion Carried	All in favour	Nine (9)	Zero (0) Against

Edits to minutes: Ivan J White as not included in attendance.

Chief Mitchell discussed Sherry Dean's involvement in local schools with students learning the Honour Song.

Briefing Note- Amendment to Section 5.1 of Council Procedures Motion 03-2023-2024

Charles Pender, Band Manager, discussed the proposed amendment to council procedures. Current procedures only required 7 calendar days of supplied material and council had previously requested the material be supplied within 10 days. The recommendation was to amend section 5.1 of council procedures to comply with council's request.

Charlene Combdon also requested the procedures be updated with gender inclusive language. Charles Pender stated the executive committee could handle the modification of the language. Charles Pender clarified that under policy review, there is an initiative for the executive committee to review all policies to utilize gender inclusive language.

Moved by:	Calvin Francis	Seconded by:	Andy Barker
Motion Carried	All in favour	Nine (9)	Zero (0) Against

Bobby White left at 11:30 am.

Committee Updates

Health and Wellness- Chair Sherry Dean provided an update on activities. They are working a 10-year strat plan. One of the main concerns is wait times for travel reimbursement. There was some discussion about moving Housing into another Committee.

A discussion occurred around proposal writing and the need for a staff member to be devoted to seeking funding opportunities.

Committee Updates Resume

The committee updates began following the break for lunch at 12:45 pm.

Culture, Tourism, and Community Development- Just finished land camps which was a success. Learning camps are going off-line, as part of the camp, there will working with DFO. The department is also consulting with elders and community leaders.

Terri Greene asked about expansion of camps to other areas/ wards. Kellie Kerpan explained the current funding supplied was for the central region, but funds have been allotted to support travel from the Western region. The department is working to expand the program to other locations.

The department has expanded their workshops offering to a wider range of communities.

Communications and Operations- Held their meeting in April. Looking for funding arrangements for summer student to create a video project. Charles and Alison looked at RFP offers for diagnostic and communications plan. The offers received did not have any education or work experience in the field, maybe changing the language to see if that improves submissions.

Charlene Combdon discussed two members who she knows personally from Jackson's Arm, Roddy and Randy House. Both were in Ottawa to receive the Order of Military Merit.

Finance- Director Andrew Simmons provided an update. The department is currently implementing their new accounting system. The hope is the improve efficiency will improve wait times for travel and education funding reimbursements for membership.

July meeting with include meeting with auditor to review 2022-2023 finalized financial statements. They will have been reviewed by the department and finance and audit committee.

Motion 04—2023-2024—Approval of Quarter 4 Financial Report

Moved by:	Frank Skeard	Seconded by:	Terri Greene
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Motion Carried	All in favour	Nine (9)	Zero (0) Against
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Natural Resources- Chair Andy Barker provided a committee update. Met with someone to discuss litter and waste management in the province, discussions will be ongoing. Tech resources reached to the committee to request a meeting, will provide an update on the meeting in the July meeting. The department has a five-year forest plan they are looking to implement.

Motion 05—2023-2024—Approval of Donation to repair the Boat Basin in Gander Bay

Moved by:	Frank Skeard	Seconded by:	Jenny Brake
Motion Carried	All in favour	Six (6)	Three (3) Against

Hayward Young brought forth some issues he had requested to be added to the agenda.

Motion 06— 2023-2024—Give Direction to Qalipu Holdings to Seek Permanent Housing in Stephenville

Moved by:	Hayward Young	Seconded by:	Frank Skeard
Motion Carried	All in favour	Nine (9)	Zero (0) Against

Motion 07— 2023-2024—Give Direction to Finance to Investigate the Feasibility of Having Staff to Assist Seniors with Major Life Decisions

Moved by:	Hayward Young	Seconded by:	Terri Greene
Motion Carried	All in favour	Nine (9)	Zero (0) Against

Charlene Combdon brought forth an item she had requested to add to the agenda which was a discussion around staff hygiene kits and that she did not see one in the “male washroom.” She and Jenny Brake then discussed the facilities did not include a gender-neutral washroom.

Frank Skeard wanted to discuss the exclusion of an AOP for Operations. Band Manager, Charles Pender, explained that there was no AOP created for 2023-2024 because he had not been a Director in the previous fiscal year.

Terri Greene brought forth her concerns about Youth Council and their role within the band. Ivan J White discussed he has had some experience working with the Youth Council. Salome’s role is to bring the concerns of youth to council.

PPS

Council agreed to reach out to youth representative to get an update on where things stand with the group.

Chief Mitchell brought forward a discussion on donations to local powwows and cultural events. He proposed a commitment of \$2000 to some local events.

Motion 08— 2023-2024—Council Support for Financial Commitment of \$2000 to the Local Cultural Events

Burgeo Mowio'mi, and Penwaaq L'nuk taking place in Degrau

Moved by:	Jenny Brake	Seconded by:	Calvin Francis
Motion Carried			

Andrew Simmons brought up a previously approved motion where council requested an application process for cultural events.

Motion 08— 2023-2024 was rescinded, after discussion about the application process.

Council remarks

Frank Skeard- Wanted to discuss MOU with Parks Canada and South Coast Fjords.

Jenny Brake- Nothing to add.

Hayward Young- A lot of membership doesn't understand the difference between our band and local bands.

Chief Mitchell – We have no control of local bands.

Calvin Francis- No issues in my community.

Terri Greene- A couple things happening in community, many people asking about redfish agreement. It was an agreement that had expired. Community members working on "Woods Island Heritage Project." Community working on gardening project to fresh fruit for members.

Charlene Combdon- Wanted to revisit commitment to breakfast program for wards.

Motion 09— 2023-2024--Motion to Support School's Breakfast Program

Moved by:	Charlene Combon	Seconded by:	Jenny Brake
Motion Carried	All in favour	Eight (8)	One (1) Against

Sherry Dean- Working on Honour Song project in schools, also working extended school outreach including drum kits. Work on Mawio'mi is progressing well.

PPS

Chief Mitchell- Progress is being made on the Service Members Agreement, more than 800 individuals impacted.

Adjournment- Terri Greene made a motion to adjourn the council meeting.

The council meeting ended at approximately 2:30 pm.

Minutes Submitted By: Paulette Brinston

Brendan Mitchell

Approved By: Chief Brendan Mitchell

Paulette Brinston

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