

Qalipu First Nation  
Council Meeting  
July 23, 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 Barker	Central Vice-Chief
Ms. Sharren (Sherry) Dean (joined via Teams)	Councillor Corner Brook
Mr. Calvin Francis	Councillor Gander Bay
Mr. Francis (Frank) Skeard	Councillor Glenwood
Mr. Hayward Young (joined via Teams)	Councillor Stephenville
Mr. Ivan J. White	Councillor St. George's
Mr. Charles Pender (Staff)	Band Manager
Mr. Andrew Simmons (Staff)	Director of Finance
Ms. Alison Muise (Staff)	Communications Manager
Ms. Suzanne Park (Staff)	Office Administrator



The In-Camera session was extended until 12:00 noon. The Council meeting commenced after lunch at 12:30 pm

Ivan (J) White left at Noon.

### Acceptance of Agenda - Motion 10 - 2023-2024 (with amendments)

Moved by:	Calvin Francis	Seconded by:	Andy Barker
Motion Carried	All in favour	Seven (7)	Zero (0) against

### Edits to Agenda

Frank Skeard, Glenwood Councilor suggested to table AOP's (except Finance), due to time constraints.

Chief Mitchell also suggested Community updates be tabled for same reason.

Charles Pender advised the Band Manager's report was in the Community updates for all to review.

### Acceptance of Minutes of May 12, 2023 - Motion 11 - 2023-2024

Moved by:	Calvin Francis	Seconded by:	Hayward Young
Motion Carried	All in favour	Seven (7)	Zero (0) against

Jenny Brake, Vice-Chief discussed the request made by Calvin Francis for assistance regarding the Boat Basin, re: motion 05-2023-2024. Calvin responded, funds received, and all went well and the funding was much appreciated.

A discussion took place around the Community Support Fund. Chief Mitchell inquired about the Corner Brook Mawio'mi request. Charles Pender advised no request has been received yet, but some funds have been allocated to Degrau & Burgeo. Additional funds remain and community groups can still apply. Andy Barker & Jenny Brake suggested to review funding process for the next year.

Jenny Brake, Vice-Chief, reviewed the briefing note, Communications Capacity and noted, "We have an obligation to increase capacity to meet the growing needs of a membership of nearly 25,000 as well as a growing staff in several locations geographically spread throughout the island."

Charles Pender advised, the Finance Administration Committee made a recommendation to make the position a permanent position, not contractual. Motion carried to hire full time Communications Officer.

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## Briefing Note – Communications Capacity - Motion 12 - 2023-2024

Moved by:	Jenny Brake	Seconded by:	Calvin Francis
Motion Carried	All in favour	Seven (7)	Zero (0) against

Ahead of the regular meeting, the Council met with BCJ to review the audited financial statements.

Director Andrew Simmons requested a motion to accept the Finance Statements as presented by BCJ during the in-camera session and included in Council Package.

## Financial Statements - Motion 13 - 2023-2024

Moved by:	Frank Skeard	Seconded by:	Andy Barker
Motion Carried	All in favour	Seven (7)	Zero (0) against

Glenwood Ward Councilor Frank Skeard brought forward a motion to establish two seasonal Land Monitor positions. The Land Monitor will provide oversight of the land. The motion was carried and two new Land Monitor positions will be created soon.

Discussion took place by council, regarding funding, duties, supervision, job description & the specifics of hiring, for the position of land monitors.

## Land Monitors - Motion - 14 - 2023-2024

Moved by:	Calvin Francis	Seconded by:	Frank Skeard
Motion Carried	All in favour	Seven (7)	Zero (0) against

## Annual General Assembly

The Chief and Council discussed dates, locations, format and logistics regarding the AGA. Frank Skeard advised that the membership is still talking positively about last year's event in Gander. This year's AGA event is proposed to occur in Stephenville on September 24 and a second event in Grand Fall Windsor, around November 5. These dates will be confirmed and announced soon.



## Charlies Place Update

Chief Mitchell advised that he is still supporting this initiative. Calvin Francis, councilor for Gander Bay advised that rare lichens have been discovered in the area and he sees Charlie Place eventually being designated as a protected area.

## Grand Chief Norman Sylliboy Visit

Chief Mitchell advised he has had conversations with the Grand Chief Norman Sylliboy, to visit and participate in the Mawio'mi on August 12<sup>th</sup> and there is an expectation that council will cover his cost. Chief Mitchell suggested that having the Grand Chief visit is an important piece for relationship building.

Frank Skeard, Glenwood Councilor, brought forward a motion for the Band to cover the travel expenses of having the Grand Council Chief visit Newfoundland annually and for this year at the Elmastukwek Mawio'mi, in Corner Brook, to a maximum of \$5000.00.

## Motion 15 - 2023-2024 - Financial Commitment for Grand Council Chief Annual Visit

Moved by:	Frank Skeard	Seconded by:	Jenny Brake
Motion Carried	All in favour	Seven (7)	Zero (0) against

## Council Remarks

**Sherry Dean** - Work on the Mawio'mi is progressing very well and the schedule is all lined up with several public & Indigenous people attending. Sherry also gave an update on the Honor Song project and advised that eighty-four teenagers participated and hopes that in the fall it will be in every school in Newfoundland and Labrador. Sherry also noted that nothing new for Health & Wellness and carrying on with goals, for this quarter.

**Hayward Young** – Noted concerns regarding funding for the Grand Chief visit this year and for future years. Hayward also advised he recently visited the Bands new office location in Stephenville and advised the office is nice and staff seem to be happy. He also noted, "It will be nice when we have our own office and "not paying rent," and suggested a community room is needed.



**Andy Barker** - Andy Barker brought forward an item that he has been championing for some time, phone messaging as a new communications tool for reaching the Band membership. Band Manager, Charles Pender confirmed that the development of this project is in the works. Once implemented, members will be able to sign up to receive text notifications on their cell phones for specific events such as benefit updates, funding availability, and office closures, due to weather. Andy also noted he is much in favor & the value of having Land Guardians.

**Calvin Francis** - No recent updates.

**Frank Skeard** - Membership is very appreciative of the services from the programs offered and the impact it has on our members. Frank also advised several Municipalities have made inquiries if there was anyone in Qalipu who could provide support to information on crosswalk symbols. He also highlighted the importance of Charlie's place and the need to have a meeting with the ministers responsible.

**Jenny Brake** - Gave her thanks & appreciation to all Qalipu staff, for all the good work and commented that several Municipalities are flying the Qalipu flag, she noted, "it's time for everyone to be proud and work with us to bring more economic growth to their communities. Jenny also gave a shout out to our local Indigenous artists. Thanks to the Finance Committee for the new hire in communications.

**Chief Mitchell** – Chief Mitchell provided an update on a court case with reference to the Justice Marshall decision. He informed that he will be contacting lawyer Steve May, to discuss if an announcement should be drafted, regarding an explanation of the process. Also, advised representatives are needed for different committee positions (Elder, Veterans, 2SLGBTQIA+, Youth) and suggested they should be living in Newfoundland and Labrador. Anyone who has a name to put forward please advise as soon as possible.

**Adjournment** - Calvin Francis made a motion to adjourn the council meeting.

The council meeting ended at approximately 3:00 PM.

Minutes Submitted by: Suzanne Park



Approved by: Chief Brendan Mitchell



Certified by: Suzanne Park