

Qalipu First Nation
Council Meeting
January 27th, 2024

Qalipu Community Room & Microsoft Teams

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Attendance

The following members of Council and Staff attended the meeting:

Name:	Position:
Ms. Jennifer (Jenny) Brake	Interim Chief
Mr. Andrew (Andy) Barker	Central Vice-Chief
Ms. Sharren (Sherry) Dean	Councillor Corner Brook
Mr. Calvin Francis	Councillor Gander Bay
Ms. Terri Greene	Councillor Benoit's Cove
Mr. Francis (Frank) Skeard	Councillor Glenwood
Ms. Charlene Combdon	Councillor Exploits
Mr. Hayward Young	Councillor Stephenville
Mr. Ivan J. White	Councillor St George's
Mr. Charles Pender (Staff)	Band Manager
Ms. Alison Muisse (Staff) Virtual	Communications Manager
Mr. Andrew Simmons (Staff)	Director of Finance
Ms. Suzanne Park (Staff)	Human Resources Officer
Ms. Natasha Lavers (Staff)	Executive Assistant
Ms. Allyson Robbins (Staff)	Executive Assistant

Councillor Sherry Dean opened the meeting with a prayer.
 Chief Jenny Brake smudged around the meeting room.

Waive Meeting Notice- Motion 37-2023-24

Moved by:	Frank Skeard	Seconded by:	Terri Greene
Motion Carried	All in favour	Eight (8)	Zero (0) Against

Council was all in favour of waiving the 10-day meeting notice.

Acceptance of Agenda – Motion 38 -2023-24

Moved by:	Terri Greene	Seconded by:	Sherry Dean
Motion Carried	All in favour	Eight (8)	Zero (0) Against

Edits to the Agenda

- Councillor Frank Skeard stated that time constraints for transferring to another First Nation’s band should be removed from the agenda. Council was in favour of moving this item to in-camera discussion.
- Councillor Frank Skeard emailed Chief Brake his additional 22 agenda items for further discussion.
- Councillor Charlene Combdon’s Marathon Gold item moved to in-camera discussion.
- Councillor Sherry Dean stated that councillors should add items to the agenda in advance.
- Item Briefing Note- BCR 03-23-24 moved to in-camera discussion.
- Council agreed to go ahead with additional items if time permitted at the discretion of the Chief.

Acceptance of Minutes of Sept. 23, 2023 - Motion 39 -2023-2024

Moved by:	Calvin Francis	Seconded by:	Frank Skeard
Motion Carried	All in favour	Six (6)	Zero (0) Against

Councillor Andy Barker pointed out a spelling error on page 3 in last meetings minutes.

Councillor Charlene Combdon called for a point of order on Frank Skeard to accept the minutes.

Councillor Charlene Combdon and Ivan J. White abstained from voting on the minutes due to not being present during the last meeting.

Briefing Note: Qalipu Holdings Board Appointments- Motion 40- 2023-2024

Moved by:	Terri Greene	Seconded by:	Andy Barker
Motion Carried	All in favour	Eight (8)	Zero (0) Against

Councillor Terri Greene moved to recommend the appointment of the members to the board as presented earlier that day. Chief Jenny Brake stated this discussion already took place. All Council voted in favour.

South Coast Fjords Committee Appointment- Motion 41- 2023-2024

Moved by:	Frank Skeard	Seconded by:	Andy Barker
Motion Carried	All in favour	Seven (7)	One (1) Against

Chief Jenny Brake recommended the Director of Environment and Natural Resources be appointed as her replacement to better balance of organizational and council representation on this committee.

Councillor Charlene Combdon voted against this motion. Motion passed.

Communications Standing Committee Appointment- Motion 42 – 2023-2024

Moved by:	Sherry Dean	Seconded by:	Charlene Combdon
Motion Carried	All in favour	Seven (7)	One (1) Against

Chief Jenny Brake had to also step down from this committee and appointed Councillor Ivan J. White as chair.

Councillor Frank Skeard voted against this motion. Motion was passed.

CTCD Standing Committee Appointment- Motion 43 - 2023-2024

Moved by:	Frank Skeard	Seconded by:	Calvin Francis
Motion Carried	All in favour	Eight (8)	Zero (0) Against

Chief Jenny Brake confirmed that Councillor Charlene Combdon is willing to go on the committee to replace her. Motion passed with all in favour.

Committee Updates- Motion 44 - 2023-2024

Moved by:	Ivan J. White	Seconded by:	Calvin Francis
Motion Carried	All in favour	Eight (8)	Zero (0) Against

Councillor Sherry Dean shared that a Housing Manager and Housing Officer had been hired permanently for the Housing division in Health and Wellness. Also, a new Jordan’s Principle Coordinator had been hired as well.

Councillor Charlene Combdon expressed that there is high need of housing in central Newfoundland as well as for an Indigenous Patient Navigator. Band Manager Charles Pender stated that the new programs are in the works, and we will expand as we grow over time based on the availability of funding and to put where the need is highest first, then work our way out.

Councillor Frank Skeard stated that strategic planning and collaboration committee are having conversations regarding an Indigenous Patient Navigator in the two regional centers. Councillor Terri Greene also stated that regional health centers are changing and going forward, we need to be ready.

Councillor Calvin Francis made a statement saying Gander Bay has the need for housing and supports what is being proposed and the potential expansion of the program. Councillor Sherry Dean replied saying once funding is approved it will be available to all members.

Councillor Hayward Young brought attention to Council about a survey done online and it was supported over 90% that was against hook and release. He got information saying Qalipu is not supporting hook and release. He stated we need another survey sent out to find out more information.

Band Manager’s Update

Band Manager Charles Pender provides the following updates:

- Qalipu Community Room has been relocated and renovated on the lower level of 1 Church Street in Corner Brook. Looking into more funding to create a more accessible room.
- Received the quote to build new offices in the empty space in the upper floor, waiting on the permits.
- Storage room on the upper level has been renovated to create additional space.
- Some staff have been relocated to new office spaces.
- Community Conversations went ahead in Port au Port, Meadows and Badger.
- Mou with CNA has been signed and approved.

It was mentioned from Council on building stronger relationships within ward communities.

Financial Report- Motion 45 - 2023-2024

Moved by:	Ivan J. White	Seconded by:	Calvin Francis
Motion Carried	All in favour	Eight (8)	Zero (0) Against

Council voted for approval of the financial report, all approved and motion carried.

Financial Report

Q3 of financial report to still be approved.

Director of Finance Andrew Simmons stated that language funding is coming to the end of the year. Trying to work with the funder to extend program. Received money from tech resources agreement but need to clarify eligibility for spending since it only began in November.

Councillor Frank Skeard asked if auditing is being done for projects with large budgets. Director of Finance Andrew Simmons stated that an annual external audit performs a service that is approved every year by council and this review helps to flag any issues that arise.

Councillor Sherry Dean asked for plans for the summer youth camps, Councillor Charlene Combdon will have more information on that in the next committee meeting.

Councillor Charlene Combdon asked if funding is secured for North American Indigenous Games. Director of Finance Andrew Simmons stated every year they get Council to approve a specific amount. By the fourth year for the games, the pot will be big enough for the donation. Amount will be confirmed and included in the budgeting process. Working on the existing budgets for the Aboriginal Sports Circle for Canada Games in 2025.

Other Items

1 member in attendance asked council a question regarding the status on the youth representative.

Former youth representative took a leave of absence, Councillor Ivan J. White states he will reach out to Education and Training for more information.

Councillor Terri Greene made a statement saying that she wants to assist with getting a youth representative.


Next meeting date is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, March 23rd, 2024.

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

The council meeting ended at approximately 12:10pm.

Minutes Submitted By: Allyson Robbins


 Approved By: Interim Chief Jennifer Brake


 Certified By: Allyson Robbins