

**Qalipu First Nation
Council Meeting
July 20th, 2024**

Qalipu Community Room & Microsoft Teams

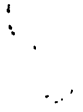


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Attendance

The following members of Council and Staff attended the meeting:

Name:	Position:
Ms. Jennifer (Jenny) Brake	Chief
Mr. Andrew (Andy) Barker	Central Vice-Chief
Ms. Sharren (Sherry) Dean	Councillor Corner Brook
Mr. Calvin Francis	Councillor Gander Bay
Ms. Terri Greene (Virtual)	Councillor Benoit's Cove
Mr. Francis (Frank) Skeard (Virtual)	Councillor Glenwood
Ms. Charlene Combdon	Councillor Exploits
Mr. Robert (Bobby) White	Councillor Flat Bay
Mr. Andrew Simmons (Staff)	Director of Finance
Ms. Kellie Clark (Staff)	Communications Officer
Ms. Allyson Robbins (Staff)	Executive Assistant

- Councillors Hayward Young, Jasen Benwah, and Ivan J. White sent their regrets.
- Meeting began approximately 9:00am.

Acceptance of Agenda – Motion 18- 2024-2025

Moved by:	Sherry Dean	Seconded by:	Calvin Francis
Motion Carried	All in favour	Seven (7)	Zero (0) Against

- The items “In Camera Discussion” and “Briefing Note- Home Energy Efficiency Initiative” were removed from the agenda since they were completed prior to the meeting.
- Motion carried.

Acceptance of Minutes of May 25th, 2024-Motion 19-2024-2025

Moved by:	Calvin Francis	Seconded by:	Bobby White
Motion Carried	All in favour	Seven (7)	Zero (0) Against

- Motion carried.

Acceptance of Minutes of June 26th, 2024-Motion 20 -2024-2025

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

- Councillor Frank Skeard requested to waive the period of time for the minutes to be provided so Council can get additional insight on the Governance rules.

Waive Time of Reviewing Minutes of June 26th, 2024-Motion 21 -2024-2025

Moved by:	Frank Skeard	Seconded by:	Charlene Combdon
Motion Carried	All in favour	Seven (7)	Zero (0) Against

- Motion carried.

Briefing Note-Change in Quorum-Motion 22 -2024-2025

Moved by:	Charlene Combdon	Seconded by:	Andy Barker
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Motion Carried	All in favour	Zero (0)	7 (Seven) Against
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- Recommended motion to amend Section 7.1 of Qalipu Band Council Procedures. To change quorum from 7 members to 5 members effective immediately.
- To amend Section 6.4 of the General By-Laws as follows: No business shall be transacted at any meeting of the Band Council unless at least 5 Band Council members are present. Further resolved that for the purpose of quorum, Council member who declares a conflict of interest or who is declared to be in a conflict of interest by the Council on a matter before the Council shall be required to leave the meeting for the discussion on that matter.
- Councillors Andy, Charlene, and Frank expressed concern about lowering quorum.
- No members were in favour and the motion was not carried. Quorum will stay at 7 members of Council.

Briefing Note- Referendum Question for September Vote-Motion 23 -2024-2025

Moved by:	Charlene Combdon	Seconded by:	Andy Barker
Motion Carried	All in favour	Seven (7)	Zero (0) Against

- Recommendation to amend Section 3 Interpretation, to Section 8 Eligibility to be Nominated, and Section 12 for Nominations of the QMFN Custom Election Rules.
- Director of Finance Andrew Simmons stated that some policies cannot be enforced by Council due to the custom election code. Trying to add the ability for Council to enforce these rules and bylaws.

Rescinded Motion of Briefing Note- Referendum Question for September Vote-Motion 24 -2024-2025

Moved by:	Charlene Combdon	Seconded by:	Andy Barker
Motion Carried	All in favour	Seven (7)	Zero (0) Against

- Councillor Sherry Dean moved to table the item until more information is received.
- Councillor Charlene Combdon rescinded the motion of the BCR 02-24-25 Referendum Question for September Vote.

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Moved by:	Sherry Dean	Seconded by:	Calvin Francis
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Motion Carried	All in favour	Six (6)	One (1) Against
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- Councillor Frank Skeard voted against the motion to table the item.
- Motion carried.

Briefing Note- 3 Consecutive Absences from Council-Motion 26 -2024-2025

Moved by:	Sherry Dean	Seconded by:	Andy Barker
Motion Carried	All in favour	Six (6)	One (1) Against

- Director Finance Andrew Simmons stated that the general bylaws reference that if a Band Council member fails to attend 3 consecutive meetings, there is ability to remove them from Council. The custom election code supersedes the ability to do so, but the briefing note can provide an option to Council to enforce the section of the general bylaw.
- Councillor Sherry Dean stated the motion “Be resolved, that effective immediately, any member of Council who has 3 consecutive uncommunicated absences from regular Council meetings, shall have their honorarium suspended and shall not be eligible for appointment as a Qalipu representative on any committee or to a convention or meeting conducted outside the Councillors electoral ward. With a suspension lifted and eligibility reinstated upon a further motion being passed by Council. Once the member of Council resumes attending Council meetings on such terms Council deemed appropriate.”
- Councillor Frank Skeard voted against the motion.
- Motion carried.

Health and Wellness Strategic Plan 2024-2029-Motion 27 -2024-2025

Moved by:	Charlene Combdon	Seconded by:	Bobby White
Motion Carried	All in favour	Seven (7)	Zero (0) Against

- Central Vice Chief Andy Barker stated that the data regarding to age, demographics, housing, and family composition is more oriented towards reserves and not our own community.
- Central Vice Chief Andy Barker expressed that the Health and Wellness program has low responses and Council needs to be pushing the agenda.
- Councillor Charlene Combdon stated that Grand Falls-Windsor has a lack of consult with the local community groups and Gander Bay is not listed. There are barriers for our membership travelling into the larger centers to have their voices heard and shared in the data.

- Director of Finance Andrew Simmons stated the engagement on this feedback is higher than previous initiatives.
- Motion carried.

AGA-Motion 28 -2024-2025

Moved by:	Sherry Dean	Seconded by:	Bobby White
Motion Carried	All in favour	Seven (7)	Zero (0) Against

- Councillor Frank Skeard disagreed with having an AGA after the election.
- Central AGA is now set for Saturday, September 14th.
- Western AGA is set for Saturday, September 21st.

Upcoming Election

- Nominations open September 23rd at 8:30am and closes October 1st at 4:00pm.
- The election window will be open for online and telephone voting on October 18th at 8:00am until October 25th ending at 12:00pm.
- Official election day is October 25th.

Committee Updates

Environment and Natural Resources:

- Central Vice Chief Andy Barker stated the department has two openings for land guardians, one in central and one in western. Also, on August 6th they have a new manager starting.

Band Manager Report:

- Chief Brake informed that they are continuing to work closely with the town of Peterview regarding Wigwam Point.
- Director of Finance Andrew Simmons stated the Governance policy, Bylaws, and HR are continuing to be reviewed. Working with a HR consultant MNP on how to better utilize our HR software and working on a staff satisfaction survey to collect feedback prior to the full HR policy review.

Council Remarks

- Councillor Bobby White said summer is good so far and community is well. They are looking forward to more information being brought back. Currently a new Band office is being built for his community.
- Councillor Charlene Combdon sends condolences to the Kelly and Ansty family for the loss of Chris from Gambo. He was a Qalipu member and offered many workshops throughout the community.
- Councillor Sherry Dean sends condolences to Councillor Hayward Young whose sister passed away recently. In Corner Brook their Elmastukwek Mawio'mi will start in August. She

also mentioned a post online about non-prescription drugs that are available to membership got a lot of attention and wants to get the message out there.

- Chief Brake said she has been around in many communities and speaking to members. Said we need to keep each other in mind and thanks for everyone's dedication and care that we give to the people that we serve.

Other Items

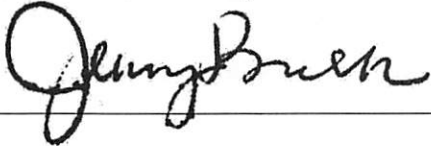
- There were 2 members in attendance. A few asked questions of the Chief and Council.

Next meeting date is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, September 21st, 2024.

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

The council meeting ended at approximately 12:00pm

Minutes Submitted By:



Approved By: Chief Jennifer Brake



Certified By: Allyson Robbins