

**Qalipu First Nation  
Council Meeting  
September 21, 2024**

**Qalipu Community Room & Microsoft Teams**

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## Attendance

The following members of Council and Staff attended the meeting:

<b>Name:</b>	<b>Position:</b>
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. Jasen Benwah (Virtual)	Councillor Port au Port
Mr. Ivan J. White	Councillor St. Georges
Mr. Hayward Young	Councillor Stephenville
Mr. Charles Pender	Band Manager
Mr. Andrew Simmons (Staff)	Director of Finance
Ms. Kellie Clark (Staff)	Communications Officer
Ms. Natasha Lavers (Staff)	Executive Assistant
Ms. Allyson Robbins (Staff)	Executive Assistant

- Meeting began approximately 10:37 am.
- In camera 9:00-10:00am

### Acceptance of Agenda – Motion 29- 2024-2025

Moved by:	Jasen Benwah	Seconded by:	Bobby White
Motion Carried	All in favour	Ten (10)	Zero (0) Against

### Edits to Agenda

- Councillor Andy Barker asked to have his report on the Beothuk remains added to the agenda.
- Councillor Charlene Combdon asked to have a discussion around the upcoming election.
- Councillor Hayward Young requested an in camera at the end of the meeting.

Motion carried.

### Acceptance of Minutes of July 20, 2024-Motion 30-2024-2025

Moved by:	Frank Skeard	Seconded by:	Sherry Dean
Motion Carried	All in favour	Ten (10)	Zero (0) Against

- Councillor Charlene Combdon would like the attendance section of the minutes to state if a councillor sends their regrets.
- Motion carried.

### Financial Report

- Delays in financials due to new accounting software. We are working with the auditor to access the issues.
- Chief Jenny Brake requested that Andrew Simmons prepare a Briefing Note for council to discuss before the AGA tomorrow.

### Draft Financial Report-Motion 31-2024-2025

Moved by:	Charlene Combdon	Seconded by:	Robert White
Motion Carried	All in favour	Nine (9)	One (1) Against

- Director Andrew Simmons will create a draft financial report for council.
- Motion made that Council agrees to meet tomorrow before the AGA to review the draft financial statements.

- Councillor Hayward Young voted against the motion.
- Motion carried.

### Briefing Note-Referendum Question Motion 32 -2024-2025

Moved by:	Charlene Combdon	Seconded by:	Sherry Dean
Motion Carried	All in favour	One (1)	Nine (9) Against

- Councillor Andy Barker stated the time frame is not doable and suggested the new Council could bring it forward.
- Councillor Frank Skeard is not in agreement and stated if the situation arises, the council will deal with it then.
- Councillor Calvin Francis is not in agreement and stated the next council will have the opportunity to discuss.
- Councillor Sherry Dean sees this as an opportunity to be proactive by setting our next Council to be protected.
- Motion defeated.

### Committee Updates

#### Education and Training

- Councillor Ivan J. White stated there are 10 students attending Law School. 3 graduating in 2024 and 2 next year.
- Many members have been funded for Med School hoping to potentially partner with NL Health.

#### Health & Housing

- Councillor Sherry Dean informed that the Health and Wellness Department has increased capacity.
- The turnover rate for NIHB is now approximately 3 weeks, down from 12 weeks last Fall.
- The Department held their first Housing Forum last week and hopes to have another in the Spring.
- Every Municipality is reviewing their own responsibilities to their own Emergency Preparedness Plan.
- Housing Department liaised with Emergency Preparedness Department of Government, and they will coordinate if there are any changes to that system moving forward.
- Councillor Sherry Dean stated we are looking for more Mental Health Councillors for the Stephenville area.
- Councillor Shery Dean strongly suggests this next Council to write the department of Health to strongly suggest bringing specialists to the West Coast.

Environment and Natural Resources

- Environmental Stewardship Program with Calibre Mining grant research program has started.
- Environmental technician hired and will be in contact with the departments with any issues.
- Calibre subcontracts small projects to do research on Environment MALS beginning February. Four contracts will come to Qalipu.
  - Pine Martin study February-March
  - Birds May-July
  - Bat monitoring May-October
  - Country Foods, Berries, Fish and other animals after that.
- Vice Chief Andy Barker requested a motion be made to ensure the hire of two River Guardians.

Recommendation to Hire of 2 River Guardians for the Exploits River Motion 33 - 2024-2025

Moved by:	Andy Barker	Seconded by:	Robert White
Motion Carried	All in favour	Ten (10)	Zero (0) Against

- Vice Chief Andy Barker stated the Exploits River has the largest watershed with no fisheries guardians. He proposed to see the 2025-2026 budget to hire two additional Fisheries Guardians. If funds are not granted the funding should come from Qalipu First Nations own source of funds.
- Councillor Frank Skeard would like to see the River Guardians term be increased from 16 weeks to 32 weeks.
- Motion carried.

Band Manager Report:

- Band Manger Charles Pender stated that Wigwam Point is working with the consultant to complete the application to ACOA.
- Business forum coming up later in the year in Gander, Stephenville and Corner Brook with a Culinary Event.
- Nominations for the election open September 23 and close October 1.
- Voting opens October 18 and closes October 25. Results will be issued shortly after.

## Motion To Approve Hiring of the Electoral Officer Motion 34 -2024-2025

Moved by:	Charlene Combdon	Seconded by:	Calvin Francis
Motion Carried	All in favour	Ten (10)	Zero (0) Against

- Under section 29.2 of the Custom Election Code, Council must Appoint the Electoral Officer for the election period.
- It was moved to approve the appointment of Reisha Knott as the Electoral Officer for the upcoming Band Council Election.
- Motion carried.

### 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.
- Vice Chief Andy Barker is currently sitting on the committee for the final resting place of the Beothuk.

### Other Items


- There were 6 members in attendance.

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

The council meeting ended at approximately 12:50pm

### **Minutes Submitted By:**

  
Approved By: Interim Chief Jennifer Brake

  
Certified By: Natasha Lavers

  
Certified By: Allyson Robbins