

**Qalipu First Nation  
Council Meeting  
February 15th, 2025**

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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. Charles (Charlie) White	Western Vice-Chief
Ms. Colleen Paul	Central Vice-Chief
Mr. Ernest Green	Councillor Corner Brook
Mr. Calvin Francis	Councillor Gander Bay
Ms. Terri Greene	Councillor Benoit's Cove
Mr. Francis (Frank) Skeard	Councillor Glenwood
Mrs. Shianne Squires	Councillor Exploits
Mr. Ivan White Sr.	Councillor Flat Bay
Mrs. Lory Benoit-Jesso	Councillor Port au Port
Ms. Miranda Osmond	Councillor Stephenville
Mr. Charles Pender	Band Manager
Ms. Kellie Clark (Staff)	Communications Officer
Ms. Natasha Lavers (Staff)	Executive Assistant
Ms. Allyson Robbins (Staff)	Executive Assistant

- In camera session from 9:00-11:00am.
- Meeting began approximately 11:10am

Acceptance of Agenda –Motion 42- 2024-2025

Moved by:	Ernest Green	Seconded by:	Terri Greene
Motion Carried	All in favour	Ten (10)	Zero (0) Against

- Motion carried.
- An addition was made to vote on the Appointment of the Finance and Audit Committee.

Acceptance of Minutes- Motion 43- 2024-2025

Moved by:	Lory Benoit-Jesso	Seconded by:	Shianne Squires
Motion Carried	All in favour	Ten (10)	Zero (0) Against

- Motion carried.

Approve the Appointment to The Final Resting Place Committee-Motion 44- 2024-2025

Moved by:	Ivan White Sr	Seconded by:	Colleen Paul
Motion Carried	All in favour	Ten (10)	Zero (0) Against

- It is moved that QFN Band Council approve the appointment of former Vice Chief Andy Barker as the QFN representative on the Final Resting Place Committee as submitted.
- Motion carried.

Approve The Committee Appointments- Motion 45- 2024-2025

Moved by:	Miranda Osmond	Seconded by:	Colleen Paul
Motion Carried	All in favour	Ten (10)	Zero (0) Against

- It is moved that QFN Band Council approve the External Committee appointments as submitted.
- Motion carried

### Approve The Appointment of the FAC -Motion 46- 2024-2025

Moved by:	Shianne Squires	Seconded by:	Terri Greene
Motion Carried	All in favour	Ten (10)	Zero (0) Against

- It was moved to approve Councillor Ernest Green as Chair and Central Vice Chief as Vice Chair of the Finance and Audit Committee.
- Motion carried.

### Approve The Band Council Procedures-Motion 47- 2024-2025

Moved by:	Ernest Green	Seconded by:	Colleen Paul
Motion Carried	All in favour	Ten (10)	Zero (0) Against

- It was moved that QFN Band Council approve the attached Qalipu Mi'kmaq First Nation Band Council Procedures.
- Motion carried.

### Approve The Code of Conduct and Ethics -Motion 48- 2024-2025

Moved by:	Ivan White Sr	Seconded by:	Colleen Paul
Motion Carried	All in favour	Nine (9)	Zero (0) Against

- It is moved to approve the attached Chief and Council Code of Conduct and Ethics and attached Annexes.
- Councillor Calvin Francis was absent from this vote. Temporarily exited the meeting.
- Motion carried.

### Approve The St George's By Election-Motion 49- 2024-2025

Moved by:	Miranda Osmond	Seconded by:	Lory Benoit-Jesso
Motion Carried	All in favour	Ten (10)	Zero (0) Against

- It is moved that QFN Band Council approve the proposed date for the St Georges Ward by-election.
- Councillor Calvin Francis returned to the meeting.
- Motion carried.



## Approve The CPP Application- Motion 50- 2024-2025

Moved by:	Ivan White Sr	Seconded by:	Terri Greene
Motion Carried	All in favour	Ten (10)	Zero (0) Against

- To approve the application to cover the employment of an Indian in Canada under the Canada Pension Plan whose income is exempt under the Income Tax Act.
- Motion carried.

## Committee Updates

### Band Manager Report:

Band Manager Charles Pender gave an update regarding the financial audit.

- Statements for the 2023-2024 are delayed. Had issues with the new cloud-based software, however a third party has been brought in to assist in completing the final modules.
- Auditing process takes up to 3 months.
- Financial statements are audited once a year and presented to Chief and Council at the end of July for approval in a regular meeting. Audited Financial Statements are also posted to our website once approved and presented to the membership at our western and central Annual General Meetings in the fall.

## Council Remarks

- Keith Cormier presented an Untied Nation (UNDRIP) Presentation available to all members.
- Councillor Calvin Francis gives appreciation to the Culture department for their luncheons in his ward. Special for elders and everyone enjoyed it. He also attended the UNDRIP presentation hosted by Keith Cormier, it was very informative and gives thanks to him.
- Councillor Shianne Squires attended a presentation on Gladue Reports hosted by Audry Lucas. She also hosted a meet and greet on December 15 with many members in attendance.
- Councillor Colleen Paul attended a PIWSC Event with Chief Brake. 196 recommendations were made in preventing violence against IWG2s. A 20-year milestone acknowledgment of gender and women equality for the safe space to come together. She also attended the APC event in January as Chief Brake's Proxy.
- Councillor Colleen Paul also stated that Kayley White of Badger is the first women Mi'kmaq Firefighter.
- Councillor Ernest Green hosted 2 meet and greets in the Community Room and is attending the Bay of Islands drumming group.
- Councillor Frank Skeard suggested more communication to members regarding the Application process.
- Councillor Terri Greene to host a ward meeting in Benoit's Cove Town of Humber Arm South on Tuesday February 18, 2025, at 6:00pm.


- Vice Chief Charlie White attended NIFS NAWN Indigenous Friendship Centre to teach members how to trap and skin rabbits. He also attended DFO meeting as Chief Brake's proxy.
- Councillor Ivan White attended UNDRIP presentation and the February 12, 2025 Flat Bay Band meeting to discuss ways to work together.
- Councillor Lory Benoit-Jesso attended the UNDRIP Presentation on January 12, 2025, and hosted her first Meet and Greet on February 2, 2025, with 21 members in attendance.
- Councillor Miranda Osmond attended the Assembly of First Nation on Economic Development. She is also in the progress of setting up her first ward meeting.

Adjournment- Councillor Ivan White Sr made a motion to adjourn the council meeting.

The council meeting ended at approximately 12:30pm

**Minutes Submitted By:**

  
Approved By: Chief Jennifer Brake

  
Certified By: Natasha Lavers

  
Certified By: Allyson Robbins