

**Qalipu First Nation  
Council Meeting  
March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2025**

**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. Charles (Charlie) White- Virtual	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.- Virtual	Councillor Flat Bay
Mrs. Lory Benoit-Jesso	Councillor Port au Port
Ms. Miranda Osmond- Virtual	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 9:00-10:00am.
- Meeting began approximately 10:15am

#### Acceptance of Agenda –Motion 62- 2024-2025

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

- Motion carried.

#### Acceptance of February 5<sup>th</sup> Meeting Minutes- Motion 63- 2024-2025

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

- Motion carried.

#### Acceptance of February 15<sup>th</sup> Special Meeting Minutes- Motion 64- 2024-2025

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

- Motion carried.

#### Acceptance of February 15<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting Minutes- Motion 65- 2024-2025

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

- Motion carried.

#### Acceptance of AOPs-Motion 66- 2024-2025

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

- It was moved that Council approves the 2025-2026 AOPs as presented.
- All in favour. Motion carried.

### Acceptance of Annual Budgets-Motion 67- 2024-2025

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

- It was moved that Council approves the 2025-2026 annual budget as presented.
- All in favour. Motion carried.

### Acceptance of the Organization Chart-Motion 68- 2024-2025

Moved by:	Colleen Paul	Seconded by:	Charlie White
Motion Carried	All in favour	Nine (9)	One (1) Against

- It was moved that Council approves the 2025-2026 organizational chart as presented.
- Councillor Frank Skeard was opposed to accepting the organization chart.
- Motion carried.

### Committee Updates

#### Health and Wellness Report

Councillor Terri Greene gave an update as Chair of the Health and Wellness Standing Committee:

- The terms of reference were reviewed with recommendations.
- Director Mitch Blanchard gave an overview of the department to the committee.
- All meetings for the year have been scheduled in advanced. Next meeting is April 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- Committee discussed their 3 main concerns or ideas centered around the department and membership.

#### Environment and Natural Resources Report

Vice Chief Charlie White gave an update as Chair of the Environment and Natural Resources Standing Committee:

- Committee has the call out for a Member at Large.
- Committee did an overview of their current projects.
- Planned to have one committee meeting two weeks prior to every council meeting.
- Department is doing well with mapping the traditional land.

#### Band Manager Report:

Band Manager Charles Pender gave an update on the following topics:

- There is a review of the Governance and Human Resources policies taking place.
- Redesigning of Wigwam point, we have met with members in the area to seek input as well as with the Town of Peterview.

- The St George's by election voting is currently taking place.
- The appeals from the Chief and Council 2024 election have been reviewed and signed off.
- A new Director of Finance will begin Monday, April 7<sup>th</sup>.

## Council Remarks

### Vice Chief Colleen Paul

- Attended the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Indigenous Women's Gathering to discuss issues about community and social justice.
- Continuing to get inquiries by members through email, she is responding.
- Herself and Vice Chief Charlie White attended the APC conference in Dartmouth, NS and attended an UNDRIP workshop. Stated that council consider UNDRIP and would like to see it implemented in the CCP.
- Tuma Young offered guidance and discussion on an approach with the province.
- Attending MinEX in Gander May 13-16, 2025.
- She commends Chief Brake's message regarding upholding our culture.
- Sends condolences to the family of Aurora Keats in the Gander area.

### Lory Benoit-Jesso

- Receiving on-going questions from members.
- Members are concerned about lack of family support.
- Requests for community events in the Port au Port ward.

### Frank Skeard

- Membership wants to see more cultural activities from Qalipu First Nation, either in person or virtual.
- Would like to work towards increasing opportunities for members to gather and would like to be informed of any events taking place in Gander.
- Sends condolences to the family of Aurora Keats in the Gander area.

### Calvin Francis

- Asked Chief Brake for a letter of support to acknowledge Charlie's Place to get it as a protected area. He is meeting with the government later to confirm Qalipu First Nation is in support.

### Miranda Osmond

- May 3<sup>rd</sup> in Stephenville there is a Wellness Day taking place at CAN in the cafeteria. NL Health Services is coming together for the event. Everyone is welcome.
- She has a ward meeting tentatively set for April 13<sup>th</sup>. She will communicate it once it is confirmed.

### Terri Greene

- Benoit's Cove is hosting a Wellness Day March 30<sup>th</sup> from 1-4pm. She has it posted on her Facebook page.
- She had a ward meeting a couple of weeks prior, it did not go well. Due to not being advertised.
- Wants to see more Qalipu First Nation activities in the Benoit's Cove ward, not just in Corner Brook.
- Communication needs to be better, such as the elder packages.
- Would like Council to have an email to communicate about all events taking place.

#### Charlie White

- He will be attending the archery course at Benoit's Cove to help teach the lessons.
- Attended the APC conference with Vice Chief Colleen Paul and discussed UNDRIP.
- Attended the Winter Village gathering on March 8<sup>th</sup>. He was demonstrating rabbit skinning and trapping to visitors.

#### Shianne Squires

- Continuing to answer members questions.
- Planning a ward meeting after the Easter holidays. Would like a presentation from Education and Training to take place for it.
- Appreciates the time and effort from the Band.

#### Ernest Green

- Attended the Health and Housing Standing Committee meeting and the Finance and Audit Standing Committee meetings.
- Attended and smudged at the Winter Village gathering on March 8<sup>th</sup>.
- Had a call from inpatients from the hospital for a smudging. It was well received.
- Planning another ward meeting and a Wellness Day for Corner Brook.

#### Chief Brake

- Wishes a happy birthday to Councillors Lory and Terri.
- Attended the Winter Village gathering on March 8<sup>th</sup> and assisted with cooking luskinikn.
- Attended an AFN meeting.
- Sends a good luck to the St George's ward candidate.
- Gave an update regarding the enrollment file. They are waiting to meet with FNI and Canada.

Adjournment- Councillor Calvin Francis made a motion to adjourn the council meeting, Vice Chief Colleen Paul seconded.

The council meeting ended at approximately 1:36pm.

Minutes Submitted By: Jenny Brake

Approved By: Chief Jennifer Brake

Natasha Reed

Certified By: Natasha Lavers

Allyson Robbins

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