



**Eel River Bar First Nation
DULY CONVENED MEETING
Marche 9th, 2026
9:00am
MINUTES**

Present

Chief Chris George
Councillor Daniel Caplin*
Councillor Tiffany Boyd
Councillor Misty LaBillois

Councillor Karen Narvie
Councillor Tony Miller
Councillor Ron Simonson
Councillor D LaBillois-Bjorndal

*excused

Notetakers:

Sonja Lee

Chief Chris George called the meeting to order at 9:50 am

A Motion In Council was put forward by Councillor Karen Narvie to accept the agenda with additions, motion was 2nd by Councillor D. LaBillois Bjorndal, all in favour... aye, motion passed.

Councillor D. LaBillois Bjorndal put forward a MIC to approve the minutes, motion was 2nd by Councillor Karen Narvie, all in favour... aye, motion passed.

Chief's Update

- Nikutik AI Data Centre Project through North Shore Mi'kmaq Tribal Council has an opportunity for investment NSMTC will invest 10%, we should look at investing our own 10% as the ROI (Return On Investment) will be good

- Chief signed the AFS (Aboriginal Fishing Strategy) Agreement connected to AICFI (Atlantic Integrated Commercial Fisheries Initiative) and an escrow account to be used for band assets
- Chief did not sign the RIA (Rights Initiative Agreement) as it puts DFO in a position where we have to negotiate with DFO not the Crown or feds

Band Manager's Update

- Strategic Planning meeting has been post-poned, we still need to choose a consultant and will select a new date once the decision is made
- Met with MNP, approved a new Chart of Accounts, next steps will be to set up meetings with the Directors, set up budgets and set up Q codes, the option is to try to decipher the past accounts or discontinue them and start from scratch
- Met with Pabineau to discuss the gas tax rebate, there are other taxes that can be looked at for further deductions

Request for Proposals Re: Strategic Planning

- 2 Proposals came in one from MNP and one from Han Martin & Associates both proposals were reviewed by Chief and Council. Han Martin & Associates was chosen. Vote 6/0 aye

Le Source Property, a promise to purchase was given in October 2025, audits not being complete has caused delays in the proposed purchase. The promise to purchase expired in December. Property is 21 acres, a promisory note with the proposed price of \$450k will be issued. Vote 5/0 aye

Lands manager will be involved and property to be included in the Charter of Projects

Housing Update

- Internal Housing Committee Recommendation for 32A Sunset has picked 3 individuals to offer
- Director of Capital, Housing & Infrastructure recommended to the committee that the Director present all projects that exceed \$5,000 to the committee to be reviewed and presented to Council.
- Loan Renewal to be signed for 2 properties

- Request for housing employee to take the Home Inspectors Course, cost will be reimbursed by NSMTC
- Director and 2 staff will attend NSMTC Housing Engagement in Eel Ground on March 17th, housing director will provide a notice to community
- All in favour of accepting the recommendations from the Director of Housing, vote 6/0 aye

Peace Hills Trust Mortgage Renewal was signed

Contracting Invoice was tabled

Emergency Funding Request for family members was approved a MIC was put forward by Councillor D. LaBillois Bjorndal, 2nd by Councillor Tony Miller vote 6/0 aye... motion passed

Funding Request 1. Dalhousie Skate Club \$250. Approved vote 6/0 aye

Next Duly Convened Meeting will take place on March 16th @ 9:00 am

Meeting Adjourned 12:07 pm

