

June 19, 2025

Chief and Council Meeting

Attendance: Sky Metallic, Sheila Swasson, Chief Martin, Macy Metallic, Chris Wysote, Tanner Isaac, Erwin Molley, Annette Barnaby, Gordon Isaac, Christie Isaac, George Martin, Cathy Martin (phone)

Absent: Wendell Metallic,

13 community members entered the council room:

Natasha Root, Roseann Martin, Anne Marie Isaac, Murray Wysote, Nicole Metallic-Ward, Latoria Demi Condo-Metallic, Mary Josaphine Isaac, Donna Metallic, Allanah Dedam and Sue Basque and Lacy Condo. (Savannah's Mom) Dolly Barnaby, Sommer

Councillor Sky Metallic asked if they could speak on the passing of Savannah Metallic / Drug Issue.

The Chief said yes, but can we get through today's agenda items?

Councillor Metallic said we'd like to address the issues before the council meeting. He told the Chief and Council I want to emphasize being respectful and no yelli

Agenda Review

Mover: George Martin

Second: Macy Metallic

Minutes Passed

Chief Martin asked if anyone wanted to add anything to today's meeting.

At this point, community members were already entering the council chambers. The back door was left open somehow.

At this point, Donna Metallic stood up and asked, "If anyone here is related to Cathy Martin or Friends of Cathy Martin, we'd like you to remove yourselves from this meeting".

Chief Martin stated, "So you're asking me to leave my council meeting? Donna said Yes.

Chief had asked if they wanted to know what LMG is working on concerning the drugs in Lisituguj ? Community members stated No!

Chief Martin and the Office Manager of the Office of Chief and Council, Jill Martin, removed themselves from the meeting. **The Chief has asked Councillor George Martin to Chair the meeting, which he accepted**

Donna Metallic stated that she was the spokesperson for the family of Savannah Metallic, that she too used to be a police officer for her community, and she would do it again. Donna talked about Savannah passing in Cathy's Home, she knows what goes on there, everyone knows what Jacqueline does yet nothing is done about it. At this point, the meeting (discussion was not peaceful. Donna was raising her voice, loudly and Councillor Sky allowed it to continue. Jacqueline's home is connected to Cathy's home; how could she not know what goes on there? No one called the LPD, Poor Savannah was lying there dead for hours; they put a cold face cloth over her head, not knowing she was dead. We want Cathy removed from the Council and want Cathy removed from the AGS as the Methods and Resource person; she works around all our children, and those children are not safe around her. Effective June 19/2025

Lacy Condo stood up, holding a poster of Savannah as a baby, to a little girl, to a young girl, a teenage girl, and to a recent picture of Savannah in a poster. Walking around showing the councilor's her daughter's picture, she stopped at every Councillor asking Why did you run for council? then to the next and to the next and so on. Who will support us in having Cathy Martin removed from the Council and her position at the AGS. ?

She told the council, and Donna also spoke were asking if whoever does not agree with what we are asking today we are asking for all of you to resign from the Council effective June19,2025

If you don't, none of you will ever get our support again. I will never vote for another Election in my life.(Donna) and have a re-election.

At this point, Lacy asked Councillor Sheila, Annette and George why did you run for council ? She passed by not asking Macy why she ran for council, got to Councillor Chris Wysote, why did you run , He responds for the youth . then will you support us today? Without hesitating, he responded YES. Got to Councillor Erwin, we all know you work for the youth, will you support us ? Erwin spoke up of who supports his decisions the most at the council table is his wife, Lacy did not like his answer we did not vote your wife as a Councillor, Erwin got upset with her remark that Erwin felt attacked, that he stood up and said a few words to his defence as a elected official I do my job for our community ! and said if you all want me to resign over all this is I will and took himself out of the meeting. Councillor Tanner Isaac

was not asked why he ran for council or Councillor Sky Metallic was not asked. They got to Councillor Christie Caplin, and she gave her answer. They didn't ask Councillor Gordon Isaac, they asked Annette and she says for the people.

Councillor Sky Metallic said to Council, and with the CEO in the room, Bassem Abdrabou, well, Bassem, if there is a re-election, guess you will be interim Chief and CEO Bassem stood up and **said no way** . Rose Ann Martin asked Who this white man is? and why was he doing all the talking his acting like his the chief. Bassem stood up, saying he loves Listuguj, his children have friends within the community.

Council asked about this petition they had made. How many signatures did you get in all?

Response # **643**

Rosanne Martin stood up, yelling at the council, talking about the drug issues. Murray Wysote also spoke up about how he felt. Latoria also spoke up about the drug issues, then started to attack Councillor Sheila about not giving her a place to live. Councillor Sheila spoke in her defence.

Summer attacked Councillor Gordon Isaac, but Gordon did not respond

Nicole Metallic- Ward also spoke on her concerns and about having Cathy removed from the Council and the School

Mary Jo was going to speak, but she wrote her words down, and Donna read them out loud to the council.

Natasha Root said Cathy Martin is not here because she's taking her daughter, for facial surgery.

This went on for a while, then Lacy asked Council again who would support us or were asking for you that don't to resign.

Slowly, the council started to stand, first to stand Councillor Sky, Tanner, Macy, Chris, and then Councillor Sheila.

Councillor Sky Metallic said that Wendell agrees with what is going on today, and he supports this. George said Let's get him on the phone and ask him, Sky responded, "No, he's good with it. Knowing that Councillor Wendell was not present at the meeting.

@ 11:56 AM July 19/2025

The 13 people said this is what they wanted on the OIC

Motion :

To have Dr Cathy Martin removed from the council immediately from the Listuguj Mi'kmaq Government, effective June 19, 2025 and suspended with pay from her position at the AGS as the Methods and Resource person.

Motion :

Mover: Councillor Chris Wysote

Secunder: Tanner Isaac

I, Joanne Martin, Executive Assistant to the Chief and Council, stayed and took the minutes and asked the 13 people. I read it out loud 3-4 times, the motion that they made, and they All Agreed Yes, that's what we want on it, so I said ok, I'm going to type it up.

Before I left the council room, they asked the council to get Cathy on the phone and put it on the speaker. Chris had tried multiple times but had no luck. Councillor Annette then received a call from Dr. Cathy. Cathy had been driving, so she could not take the call. Annette told her that she was on speaker phone and that community members wanted to speak with her. Annette then passed her phone to the chair of the meeting, Councillor George Martin.

George then explained to Dr. Cathy what was going on and that the 13 people wanted to express concerns to you. So, Cathy agreed to stay on the phone and listen to what was going on.

The community members were yelling at Cathy, demanding that she resign from the council and her position at the AGS.

Cathy did try to defend herself, saying that she did not know who was at Jacqueline's home at the time. Cathy stated to them that she has no entrance to get into Jacquelines, she would have to leave her house to get to Jacqueline's front door.

They had once again told Cathy to resign in such anger, Cathy paused, they yelled, Is she still on the phone? The chair, Councillor George Martin, asked Cathy, "Are you still there, Cathy responded Yes, I am. She then asked the council if you feel that you want me to resign, I need to hear it from my fellow council members. Certain ones spoke and said yes, not all did. She said ok, then I will resign. If that's what council wants. But I will be contacting my lawyer.

They kept yelling, saying that Cathy's home and Jacqueline's home are connected as one Home, how could you not know? The Yelling and cursing, and name-calling continued as I was walking down to my office.

Summary of input for duly convened council meeting – June 19, 2025

Received calls from council members trying to call me between 11:30 & 11:39 a.m. which I could not answer as I was driving. I returned call to Councillor Annette Barnaby at 11:40 to join the council meeting already in progress. My call lasted 11 minutes 9 seconds.

- Councillor Annette Barnaby informed me that I was on speaker phone and turned the call over to Councillor George Martin who was chairing the meeting
- Councillor George informed me that there were community members present at this meeting and that it was a very emotional meeting and that he himself was emotional.
- C. George informed me that there is a situation and that the majority of council is asking for my resignation from council, and that they are requesting that I be put on paid

administrative leave from my job at AGS, and that they were signing an OIC (order-in-council) to that effect.

- Someone in the room said, she needs to give us a letter of resignation.
- I responded, “How is my resignation from council going to help the drug situation in Listuguj? What’s your plan Council? I will not sign a letter of resignation and I want to see a copy of that OIC for legal review because you can’t remove an elected official with an OIC.”
- Shouts from the room began: “Do the right thing your F*** fat B****!!!! I am going to kill your F**** daughter!!!!”
- I tried to explain that, “ I only called the paramedics when Jaclyn asked me at 1 pm that afternoon. I had nothing to do with what went on in Jaclyn’s apartment and wasn’t even aware that anyone was in there with her that night” I also informed them that I have already proceeded to charge community members, including 3 members of council with “hate motivated offenses” and “the willful promotion of hate”
- More shouts of insults from people in the room.
- C. George informed me there is more. “The majority of council is ready to sign an OIC that if you don’t resign, the majority of council will walk out of council today and resign, triggering a re-election which would put the community at a halt and leave Basseem (our CEO) in charge until the new election process is complete.”
- I asked, “The majority of council wants me to resign or they will walk out. Send me a copy of the OIC, and I will respect the wishes of the council.”
- More shouts and insults from the people in the room. “F**** do the right thing!!! We will get rid of you one way or another, you’ll be off council whether you resign or not!!!
- I responded, “It’s not about being on council.”
- More shouts from the group
- When the shouts and insults diminished, C. George asked, “Are you still there?”
- I Responded, “ I don’t know what you want me to say, George. If the majority of the council wants me to resign or they will trigger a re-election, I will respect the wishes of council. Send me the documents.”
- C. George thanked me for the call and I hung up.

Councillor Sky Metallic said if Cathy Martin does not resign, I’m resigning.

This was when I took myself out to write the motion on the LMG OIC paperwork.

I had gone downstairs to ask my Manager, Jill Martin, to assist me with this OIC, which she was willing to do. So, we did it, I took it upstairs to show them that it was done as they had asked. They agreed.

At this point Basseem took the OIC and asked Jill Martin first. Jill responded to No. Then he went to [REDACTED] to type it up. I went into [REDACTED] office and said [REDACTED], you can’t type that up. Basseem asked me why? I then said because her daughter is a Councillor. It’s conflict of interest.

[REDACTED] had afterwards walked into my office and said that I was out of line by walking into her office that way. I apologized for the way I handled it.

Councillor Sky Metallic at that point took it and began to change the wording. I then told him that Sky; the motion was already made and passed, you cannot change the wording. The 13 community members sat and watched him change the wording. He kept telling me that he wanted to change the wording from 13 community members to "Community" and other words, but that was his most important word that he wanted to change. He then only passed it to review it was Councillor Tanner Isaac and Councillor Macy Metallic, no other council.

So the community then asked to read out loud of the changes that they are making. Macy then read it to them out loud.

I expressed that you cannot change the words after it's passed. Sky was adamant that I go change the words. Before I had left the room, I looked over and saw Sky, Tanner and Macy standing together by the window, staring at me as I walked out.

I took it once again to amend it, but I could not do it. It was wrong and they knew that. Sky then made his way downstairs. I was in Jill Martin's office trying to compose myself after that upsetting meeting. He tells me, "Jo why are you stalling this?" I said I'm not stalling, you want it done well I'm trying my best to do it legally and the right way. He said oh you're a lawyer now, laughing.

I told him what you guys are doing isn't right and you know it. Regarding changing the words that the 13 people wanted on the OIC.

He stood then talking down to me in such disrespect telling me to do it. Once again, I said no, you show me something in writing that says we're allowed to redo an already passed motion.

He laughed and said, 'Jo, you know we can.' I said, 'Sky, I've worked with the Office of Chief and Council now for 5 years. Yes, we've corrected spelling errors, but not motions.'

I started to walk away and look over and here is Councillor Macy and [REDACTED] listening to our conversation, as [REDACTED] should of stopped Sky somehow, but from there I felt unprotected I was so upset that I looked at them and said why do we need a audience don't you have something to do other than eves drop on us.

After all this, I took it back upstairs to the council room to explain why the wording cannot be changed. Councillor Sky Metallic raised his voice at me in front of the community members that was present and in front of the council. And continued to say I work for them and that I do what they direct me to do with the changes.

Again, I stood my ground as a LMG employee to not make those changes as I felt bullied and belittled by 3 Council members.

Sky then says Jo you don't do it today, Tomorrow we will bring more community members in and if it's still not done I'll continue to bring more community members in until it's done.

I felt this was way to much for my mental health I gathered my things was about to walk out.

Lacy Condo then pointed her finger at me yelling “ This Man is giving you a direct order “ “
Go Do Your Fucken Job.”
Councillor Sky said Jo, bring me a tablet. I’ll do it myself!
I then walked out of the meeting.