

Meeting Minutes

Fort William First Nation Governance Committee

Date: Wednesday August 13th, 2014

Location: Cultural Room, FWFN Community Centre

Chair: Damien Lee (Governance Coordinator)

Recorder: Damien Lee

Present:

Damien Lee

Ken Cyrette

Louise Ward

Marlene Pierre (Elder)

Kelsea Pelletier

Lynda Banning

Stephanie MacLaurin

Jamie-Lee Wittmeier

Regrets:

Jacob McKay

Councilor Phil (Benny) Solomon

Councilor Trevor Wells

Councilor Wyatt Bannon

Agenda Item	Action
1. Opening Prayer	➤ Marlene Pierre
2. Welcome to Jill Doerfler	➤ Damien introduced Dr. Jill Doerfler to the committee, and welcomed her to FWFN. Damien, Ken and Marlene gave Jill a full tour of the reserve earlier in the day.
3. Jill Doerfler's presentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Jill discussed how her community – White Earth Anishinaabe Nation, in Minnesota – developed a new constitution and changed their citizenship requirements from being based on blood quantum, to a system of “lineal decent.” The key to this work, noted Jill, was to be inclusive, have patience, and to base citizenship on Anishinaabe values rather than the administrative requirements found in Indian legislation.➤ Discussion ensued – committee members asked a variety of questions that may help us in our work at FWFN.
4. Thank you	➤ The committee thanked Jill with a small gift.
5. Next meeting	➤ Wednesday September 3, 2014 in the cultural room (FWFN Community Centre)
6. Meeting end	➤ Adjourn