

Meeting Minutes

Fort William First Nation Governance Committee

Date: Sunday December 14, 2014

Location: Aboriginal Awareness Centre, Lakehead University

Chair: Damien Lee (Governance Coordinator)

Recorder: Jamie-Lee Wittmeier

Present:

Damien Lee

Ken Cyrette

Stephanie MacLaurin

Louise Ward

Jamie-Lee Wittmeier

Marlene Pierre (Elder)

Lynda Banning

Wyatt Bannon (Councilor)

Regrets:

Councilor Phil (Benny) Solomon

Councilor Trevor Wells

Kelsea Pelletier (On Leave of Absence)

Jacob McKay

| Agenda Item | Action |
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| <p>1. Review of Agenda</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ No formal agenda was prepared, as the point of this meeting was to do a trial run of our Focus Groups method (see below). However, it was also decided that Wyatt would provide answers to the point that he was legally able to regarding Damien's December 3rd presentation to the FWFN C+C (see below). |
| <p>2. Test trial run of focus groups</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Family Mapping Exercise: Each of the members were handed paper and pen along with the verbal instruction to write down the members of our family. Damien suggested each of us to make a side note if there are any interesting reflections we may have during our family mapping process to help sort out our finalized question on defining family. ➤ Lynda Banning, Marlene Pierre, and Louis Ward shared their personal family mapping with the group. Using this exercise the group was able to discover unique circumstances, within each family, that lead to the inclusion or exclusion of family members along with a variety of questions that pertain to band membership. ➤ Damien encouraged group to look for questions about family values and how they can relate to membership. Questions such as "Has blood quantum or status affected family views? Who do we define as family? ..." Damien prepared a list of such questions as the exercise unfolded, and will share these with the Committee for use in Focus Group sessions. |

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| <p>3. Discussion with Wyatt (concerning Dec 3 meeting)</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The group was curious as to Damien's in camera presentation to Chief and Council on December 3rd, 2014. ➤ Wyatt being chair of that meeting was invited to talk with the committee to help ease concerns. ➤ Wyatt was unable to discuss with committee what was talked about in the Dec. 3rd in camera meeting, as the purpose of "in camera" is to discuss sensitive issues. ➤ He was able to tell the committee to be patient, and that it should not negatively affect the committees work. |
| <p>4. Next meeting</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ See you in the new year ☺ |
| <p>5. Meeting end</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Adjourn |