

Meeting Minutes

Fort William First Nation Governance Committee

Date: Monday, July 8, 2014, 6:30 pm

Location: Fort William First Nation Council Chambers

Chair: Damien Lee (Governance Coordinator)

Recorder: Stephanie MacLaurin

Present:

Damien Lee

Ken Cyrette

Louise Ward

Kelsea Pelletier

Councilor Phillip Solomon (arrived late)

Jacob McKay

Lynda Banning

Stephanie MacLaurin

Marlene Pierre (Elder)

Regrets:

Jamie-Lee Wittmeier

Councilor Trevor Wells

Councilor Wyatt Bannon

Agenda Item	Action
1. Opening Prayer	➤ Louise Ward
2. Review of Agenda	➤ Marlene suggested the Committee establish confidentiality agreement to govern Committee members while we are renewing the membership code. Agreed to by consensus: Damien to develop agreement.
3. Addition to Binders	➤ Damien distributed the proceedings of a federal court case: <i>Cameron v. Canada 2012</i> (Federal Court case 579, http://canlii.ca/t/frvps) confirms that First Nations must use their own band membership codes if/when they have opted to control their own membership under s.10 of the <i>Indian Act</i> . These court proceedings were added to Tab 6 of the Committee's binders.
4. Update on Guest speaker – Jill Doerfler	➤ Jill Doerfler has confirmed her attendance for the August 13 th 2014 Governance Committee meeting. Jill will arrive the night before, and the Committee will plan optional events to host her. ➤ Jill to send Damien background materials (video and readings) within two weeks, and Damien will forward to the Committee.
5. Scheduling sub-committee meetings	➤ Damien to email each sub-committee separately within the next week, to set up meetings.
6. Scheduled Presentation	➤ Damien presented the materials/readings found in Tab 3 of the Committee Binders: <i>Biskaabiyang and Self-Determination</i> . Discussion followed on the points covered. The point of tonight's meeting was to establish that there are other ways to think about membership/citizenship than just what we've learned under the <i>Indian Act</i> . Anishinaabeg have inherent citizenship laws. Our

	work is to ensure that our citizenship/membership practices reflect Anishinaabe values.
7. Next meeting	➤ Next meeting scheduled for July 22, 6:30 pm in the Cultural Room.
8. Closing	➤ Louise closed the meeting with a prayer.
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