

## Meeting Minutes

### **Fort William First Nation Governance Committee**

**Date:** Monday, June 24, 2014, 6:30 pm

**Location:** Fort William First Nation Council Chambers

**Chair:** Damien Lee (Governance Coordinator)

**Recorder:** Ken Cyrette

#### **Present:**

Damien Lee

Ken Cyrette

Louise Ward

Kelsea Pelletier

Jacob McKay

Lynda Banning

Stephanie MacLaurin

Marlene Pierre (Elder)

#### **Regrets:**

Jamie-Lee Wittmeier

Councilor Phillip Solomon

Councilor Trevor Wells

Councilor Wyatt Bannon

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Action</b>
<b>1. Opening Prayer</b>	➤ Marlene Pierre
<b>2. Introducing Elder</b>	➤ Marlene Pierre was introduced to the Committee, and will attend Committee meetings in the capacity of our Elder.
<b>3. Review of Agenda</b>	➤ No revisions added to agenda.
<b>4. Honorariums</b>	➤ Honorariums approved. As of this meeting, Committee members will receive honorariums for each meeting attended.
<b>5. Addition to Binders:</b>	➤ Damien distributed a government document that was added to the Committee members' binders (i.e. a July 4, 1990 letter to FWFN from INAC, re: "Indian Register Reporting, Fort William Band - INAC file # E6062-2, signed by M.F. Bradley, A/Registrar). The purpose of this letter was to confirm that FWFN's membership code is in fact on file at INAC/AANDC, meaning FWFN controls its own membership according to s.10 of the <i>Indian Act</i> . The letter was added to Tab 6 of the Binders.
<b>6. Update on Guest speaker – Jill Doerfler</b>	➤ Jill Doerfler, of the White Earth Anishinaabe Nation in Minnesota, has accepted the Committee's invitation to present to the Committee the outcomes of her work in renewing White Earth's constitution. Her community successfully ended the use of blood quantum as the basis for discerning belonging, replacing it with lineal descent. Doerfler will attend one of our meetings in August – Damien to confirm exact date.
<b>7. Update on Referendum</b>	➤ Any changes to the 1988 FWFN Membership Code will require a community referendum to do so. The Committee's suggestion on placing a membership code referendum question on the April

	2015 Chief and Council general election will not work – it is too soon. A renewed Membership Code will require a separate referendum.
<b>8. Update on Communications</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Kelsea will be developing a newsletter for the Committee and will be working with Damien to develop content for the Governance webpage on FWFN's website.</li> <li>➤ Kelsea requested each Committee member send her a bio of no more than 250 words for the newsletter.</li> <li>➤ Newsletter to be complete in time for the next FWFN land claims referendum (expected to be September 2014)</li> </ul>
<b>9. Establishment of Sub-committees</b>	<p>The following sub-committee were established:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Communications – Kelsea</li> <li>➤ Collecting Sacred Stories – Ken, Lynda and Louise</li> <li>➤ Community Engagement Meetings – Stephanie and Marlene</li> <li>➤ Research Ethics and Methodology – Stephanie and Jacob</li> <li>➤ Damien is a <i>de facto</i> member of each sub-committee</li> </ul>
<b>10. Scheduled Presentation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Damien and Stephanie presented the materials/readings found in Tab 2 of the Committee Binders: <i>The Indian Act and Band Membership: Diagnosing the Problem</i></li> </ul>
<b>11. To do's</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Marlene requested the Committee review Anishinaabeg clan system information and the <i>Royal Proclamation of 1763</i>. Damien to ensure these the Committee reviews these points within the next two to three meetings.</li> </ul>
<b>12. Next Meeting</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ The Committee will meet again on July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2014, 6:30 pm in the Cultural Room.</li> </ul>
<b>13.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Marlene closed the meeting with a prayer.</li> </ul>
<b>14.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Adjourn</li> </ul>