

Meeting Minutes

Fort William First Nation Governance Committee

Date: Wednesday November 19th, 2014

Location: Aboriginal Awareness Centre, Lakehead University

Chair: Damien Lee (Governance Coordinator)

Recorder: Ken Cyrette

Present:

Damien Lee

Jamie-Lee Wittmeier

Ken Cyrette

Lynda Banning

Jacob McKay

Stephanie MacLaurin

Marlene Pierre (Elder)

Regrets:

Louise Ward

Kelsea Pelletier

Councilor Phil (Benny) Solomon

Councilor Trevor Wells

Councilor Wyatt Bannon

Agenda Item	Action
1. Opening Prayer and Smudge	➤ Ken Cyrette
2. Review of Agenda	➤ Agenda accepted with two additions: ➤ 1. Should the Committee offer itself up to a process meant to draft a Terms of Reference for an interim membership committee? ➤ 2. Should committee members accompany Damien to December 3, 2014 Chief and Council meeting to discuss the membership code?
3. Housekeeping	➤ 1. It was decided that the Committee would offer itself up to draft a Terms of Reference for an <i>interim</i> membership committee, if such an interim committee is struck by the Band in relation to implementing the 1987 FWFN Membership Code. Damien is scheduled to present the idea of an interim membership committee to the FWFN Chief and Council at the December 3, 2014 Council meeting. ➤ 2. It was decided that Ken Cyrette and Jacob McKay will, if permitted, accompany Damien at the December 3, 2014 Chief and Council meeting as representatives of the Governance Committee. Damien will email Michael Hardy about this request.
4. Finalizing the Methodology and Focus Groups	➤ Finalizing the research methodology was deferred so that the methodology/ethics sub-committee (Damien, Jacob and Stephanie) could meet and prepare the groundwork. (This sub-committee will be meeting at noon on November 26 th)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Based on the ~20 focus groups brainstormed in the November 9, 2014 Governance Committee meeting, the Committee decided to request volunteers from the community for the following eight (8) focus groups: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Youth ➤ Bill C-31's, Bill S-3's, 60's Scoopers, Those who have applied for membership but are still waiting. ➤ Adoptees, Foster kids. ➤ Non-status people, Partners of Band Members, Transfers. ➤ Off-reserve, Those on Other Reserves. ➤ Knowledge Holders/Elders, Those Who Speak for the Land (i.e. Hunters, Fisherpeople, medicine people), Family/Clan heads. ➤ Queer individuals, Artists. ➤ Those who have had Indian Status their whole lives. ➤ It was recognized that the above focus groups may make sense in theory, and that we may need to change, delete or add new focus groups depending on who volunteers from the community.
<p>5. Next meeting</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ We will be holding a Community Engagement Meeting November 26, 2014 at the FWFN Community Centre, 630 pm. ➤ Next regular Governance Committee meeting: December 4, 2014, preferably at Aboriginal Awareness Centre, Lakehead University.
<p>6. Meeting end</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Adjourn