

Fort William First Nation Governance Committee

Date Thursday, March 12, 2015 - 7:30 pm
Location: Lakehead University Aboriginal Awareness Centre
Chair: Damien Lee
Recorder: Lynda Banning

Present:

Damien Lee
 Lynda Banning
 Ken Cyrette
 Marlene Pierre
 Councilor Wyatt Bannon

Louise Ward
 Stephanie MacLaurin
 Jamie Lee Wittmeier
 Councilor Trevor Wells

Regrets: Jacob McKay, Councilor Phil Solomon

Agenda Item	Action
1. Opening Prayer	➤ Marlene
2. Review of Agenda	➤ Added Update for BC trip
3. BC Trip Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ AANDC invited 5 members of the Fort William First Nation Governance Committee to participate in a Comprehensive Community Planning (CCP) session in Vancouver <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There were 30 to 40 communities from across Canada participating. These communities may visit FWFN in the future • There is a potential for 3 to 5 years of funding for this program • Walpole Island and some BC communities are also progressive • Decolonized thinking was obvious in the young participants from FWFN • AANDC indicated that every 2 years work gets sidelined following an election. Strategic Planning needs to be done on how to keep Chief and Council on board. We will continue with our work • CCP documents are available online. Damien will email a website link ➤ University of Victoria visit. The committee members met with key people regarding Governance, including John Borrows, Jeff Corntassel, Chawinis Oglivie, Heidi Stark, and Aaron Mills. ➤ Discussed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • women's roles in leadership • Anishinabek Law/Constitutionalism • Decolonization re: Governance/Constitution • Anishinabek language and how it can unfold concepts we are trying to get at was also discussed
4. Values Collected document	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ We have gone through 5 of the 7 planned phases of our work plan ➤ Still need off Reserve focus group ➤ Value statements 1 to 23 were taken back to members from the 1st discussion and verification ➤ Value statements 24 to 30 are additions from the 2nd focus group discussion ➤ Committee members to review current Membership Code and focus group input. Cross reference values presented with content of existing code ➤ Indian versus Anishinabe – there are benefits to using both but for our purposes Anishinabe fits better. Anishinabe is a powerful word that doesn't fit into Canadian legal policy. We'll spend more time on the use of language within the document ➤ Access "Doctrine of Discovery"
5. Next meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Wednesday, March 25, 2015 (Update: this meeting was postponed to April 1, 2015) ➤ Lakehead University Aboriginal Awareness Centre ➤ 6:30 PM
6. Phase II of	➤ Community will now be given access to an updated citizenship code for community

Citizenship Code	comment. A plan will be developed in June as to how Committee will engage this commentary.
7. To Do	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Damien to email link to access Comprehensive Community Planning documents 2. Committee members to cross reference Values Collected with current Membership Code
8. Meeting Adjourned	➤ 9:30 pm