

# Meeting Minutes

## Fort William First Nation Governance Committee

**Date:** Thursday May 21, 2015

**Location:** Elder's Center

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

**Recorder:** Stephanie MacLaurin

### Present:

Damien Lee

Ken Cyrette

Stephanie MacLaurin

Louise Ward

Lynda Banning

Jacob McKay

Marlene Pierre (Elder)

Leo Bannon (Councilor)

Kyle MacLaurin (Councilor)

### Regrets:

Jaime-Lee Wittmeier

Agenda Item	Action
<b>1. Review of Agenda</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Formal agenda prepared and reviewed</li> <li>➤ Additions included:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Minutes recording</li> <li>2. Membership Commission</li> <li>3. Clarification on Councilor's roles</li> <li>4. Sault Ste. Marie trip</li> <li>5. Jaime-Lee Wittmeier</li> </ol> </li> </ul>
<b>2. Minutes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ SMacLaurin expressed interest in learning the complete process for keeping meeting minutes, and will be given the opportunity to learn this skill over subsequent meetings.</li> </ul>
<b>3. Membership Commission</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ MPierre inquired about the membership commission per the current draft of the Citizenship Code.</li> <li>➤ DLee informed a membership commission is still needed, as per the 1988 FWFN Membership Code.</li> </ul>
<b>4. Clarification on Councilor's Roles</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Inquiry into the roles of the councilor's holding the Governance Portfolio.</li> <li>➤ KMacLaurin stated that he is here to listen, learn, and support.</li> <li>➤ LBannon also expressed further clarification of his role is needed and he is here for support.</li> <li>➤ DLee to meet with the councilors to help clarify roles.</li> </ul>
<b>5. Sault Ste. Marie Trip</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ LBanning inquired about the outcome of the proposed trip to Sault Ste. Marie for a governance meeting with the Union of Ontario Indians (UOI).</li> <li>➤ The three members who were potentially going to the meeting were Jacob McKay, Ken Cyrette, and Stephanie MacLaurin. The</li> </ul>

	<p>communication process between the Governance Committee and the UOI did not leave enough time to plan ahead for the meeting and by the time a decision was made they were no longer able to attend.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ DLee will connect with UOI contact and request missed meeting minutes and the potential to receive future minutes.</li> </ul>
<b>6. Jaime-Lee Wittmeier</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Inquiry into the status of her position on the committee.</li> <li>➤ DLee will connect and inform the committee.</li> </ul>
<b>7. 2015 Governance Committee Workplan Proposal</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ DLee proposed a vision for the committee’s 2015-16 workplan.</li> <li>➤ The outcome of this discussion finds three distinct directions the committee will work towards. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Constitution Sub-Committee. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Need to prepare strategy /outline for moving forward</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. Custom Election Code Sub-Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Need to prepare strategy /outline for moving forward</li> </ul> </li> <li>3. Re-engaging the community to inform them of the draft Citizenship Code <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DLee to request the time of Jessica Day, FWFN university summer student employee, to assist in taking the Code door to door.</li> </ul> </li> </ol> </li> <li>➤ Committee members were left with the task of deciding which sub-committee they would like to sit on.</li> </ul>
<b>8. Next meeting</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Thursday June 11, 2015</li> </ul>
<b>9. Meeting end</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Adjourn</li> </ul>