

Meeting Minutes

Fort William First Nation Governance Committee

Date: Thursday June 30, 2015, 6:30 pm

Location: Elder's Center

Chair: Damien Lee (Governance Coordinator)

Recorder: Damien Lee

Present:

Damien Lee
 Ken Cyrette
 Kyle MacLaurin (Councilor)

Lynda Banning
 Marlene Pierre

Invited guest: Jessica Day

Regrets:

Stephanie MacLaurin
 Louise Ward
 Jacob McKay
 Leo Bannon Jr. (Councilor)

Agenda Item	Action
1. Prayer	➤ Marlene opened with a prayer
2. Additions to Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Introduction to Jessica Day ➤ Door-to-door engagement (Jessica and Damien) ➤ Off-reserve meeting re Citizenship Code (Jessica) ➤ Invitation to meet with Chief and Council re 1988 Membership Code ➤ Speaker's Course (Ken)
3. Intro to Jessica Day	➤ Jessica is a band member and a student at the University of Victoria, completing her practicum at FWFN over the summer. Jessica is able to devote up to ten hours per week to assisting the Governance Committee with its door-to-door engagement work regarding the Craft Citizenship Code.
4. Door-to-door engagement re Citizenship Code	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Damien and Jessica shared that they have begun door-to-door engagement regarding Citizenship Code. To date, they have jointly met with one band member. However, Damien reported that he has met with three other band members on an ad hoc basis. Engagement continues. ➤ Feedback re the Draft Code thus far: Interest in the "Termination" sections, as well as interest in how membership will be affected when a person is married to a band member, but then that band member dies. Governance Committee decided to review marriage sections of Draft Code with this in mind. Focus: what happens to people who aren't yet full members in cases where their spouse band member dies?
5. Off-reserve meeting re Citizenship Code	➤ A public meeting for off-reserve band members will be held Wednesday July 15 th , 2015, 7 – 9 pm, at Waverley Library in Thunder Bay. Jessica to

	<p>liaise with Damien and Marlene to set this up.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Alternate date: July 16th. ➤ It was also decided that the Governance Committee will organize an off-reserve meeting regarding draft Citizenship Code to be located in Raith, Ontario. Marlene agreed to propose a date to Committee for next meeting.
6. Invitation to meet with Chief and Council re 1988 Membership Code	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Damien reported that he presented the Governance Committee's current work to Chief and Council at the June 24th, 2015 council meeting. Council has asked Governance Committee to host a one to two day meeting in early August to explain, in detail, the 1988 Band Membership Code. ➤ Damien to set up said August meeting.
7. Speaker's Course	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Ken presented Committee with a 14-week speaker's course, designed to help improve public speaking skills. Program is free. ➤ Deadline to register for this program: August 28th. ➤ Damien to send program information to Committee (www.speakersschool.ca)
8. Housekeeping: update re Jamie Lee Wittmeier	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Jamie Lee has confirmed that she is no longer a member of the Governance Committee. ➤ Committee members to consider whether or not to post invitation for replacement member for next meeting.
9. Housekeeping: Code of Conduct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Committee discussed the need to hold ourselves to a higher standard of integrity while in public (including on Facebook). The bar is higher for us because we reflect the best interests of the band, and the work of the Governance Committee in general. ➤ It was agreed that Committee will review Code of Conduct at next meeting.
10. Point #4 on meeting agenda (re brainstorming)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Postponed due to low turn out at this meeting.
11. Sub-Committee meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The Election Code sub-committee will meet Monday, July 6th, 6:30 pm, at the Elders' Centre ➤ As no members of the Constitution sub-committee were present, Damien will follow-up with them re setting date for their first meeting.
12. Next Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ July 14th, 6:30 pm, Elders' Centre
13. Adjourn	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Damien closed meeting with a prayer.