

FORT WILLIAM FIRST NATION
CHIEF and COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

August 9, 2017 – 5:30 p.m.

CHAIR: Chief Peter Collins

COUNCILLORS: Philip Pelletier, Michele Solomon, Yvette Greenwald, Cathy McKenzie, Tony Collins, Sherry Pelletier, Kyle Maclaurin, Leo Bannon Sr., Leo Bannon Jr.; Director of Youth and Social Services-Renee Boucher (arrives at 7:47 p.m.)

REGRETS: Murray Pelletier, Jennelle Charlie, Val Chapman
Director of Economic Development-Michael Pelletier Sr.

STAFF: Ken Ogima-CEO, Recorder-Bernice Pelletier, Kristy Boucher, Director of Finance-Jeff Busniuk, Director of Health & Community Services- Karen Bannon, Michael Pelletier Jr., Ed Collins-Econ Development, Kateri Skaarup – Housing Manager; Director of Lands & Property on Conference Call

GOVERNANCE: - Meeting Called to Order at 5:40 p.m. Councillor Phil Pelletier opened with prayer.

AGENDA ITEM - MOTION TO ACCEPT AGENDA

MOTION #1 – *Moved by Michele Solomon and seconded by Yvette Greenwald to accept the agenda of August 9, 2017 as read. All in favour. Motion Carried.*

AGENDA ITEM – Declaration of Conflict of Interest – None declared.

AGENDA ITEM – BANKING DOCUMENTS & BCRS - MIKE STRICKLAND

BCR17-56 – LAGOON FINANCING

MOTION #2 - *Moved by Philip Pelletier and seconded by Michele Solomon to submit BCR17-56 requesting that the RBC (Royal Bank of Canada) provide FWFN*

*(Fort William First Nation) with term financing to a maximum amount of \$2,350,779.00 for the purpose of assisting with the construction of the Lagoon Project Upgrade. **Motion Carried.** 2 opposed. Yvette would like to see expenditures.*

BCR17-57 – WASAYA ROOF

MOTION #3 - *Moved by Philip Pelletier and seconded by Tony Collins to submit BCR17-57 requesting that the RBC provide FWFN with term financing to a maximum amount of \$438,000.00 for the purpose of assisting with the completion of repairs to the Wasaya Building located at 300 Anemki Place, FWFN. **All in favour. Motion Carried.***

BCR17-58 – CMHC 11 UNITS

MOTION #4 - *Moved by Michele Solomon and seconded by Cathy McKenzie to submit BCR17-58 requesting RBC to provide FWFN with bridge financing for a maximum amount of \$2,777,031.00 for the purpose of assisting with the construction of the 11 lot residential subdivision project and pending receipt of funding from CMHC (Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation. **All in favour. Motion Carried.***

Documents signed by Council for the RBC Loan Agreement are:

- Scheduled documents to loan agreement
- Credit facility amending agreement
- Assignment agreement for boundary trust income re: lagoon project
- Assignment of rents for 300 Anemki
- Assignment of FWFN boundary claim trust income for 300 Anemki
- Assignment of FWFN boundary claim trust income for 11 unit CMHC bridge finance
- Non revolving credit facility request for funds

AGENDA ITEM - OFNLP & INTEREST REVENUE-FWFN OPERATIONAL BUDGET

The Director of Health and Community Services, the Director of Lands and Property and the Director of Finance gave another overview of the budget presentation requests for their departments.

After lengthy discussion, Council made the following motion:

MOTION #5 - *Moved by Cathy McKenzie and seconded by Tony Collins to submit BCR17-51 to accept the presented comprehensive departmental budgets including OFNLP in the amount of \$1,155,504.00 and annual Boundary Trust Interest allocation in the amount of \$4,953,221.00 for the year April 1, 2017 to March 31, 2018; and further to include an attached Schedule that all budgets as presented in all departments with the requirements of financial reporting quarterly with activity and workplan reports in all aspects of each departments and further to include also previous year spending reports. **All in favour. Motion Carried.***

Direction to attach the above Motion #5 as Schedule to BCR17-51.

Councillors don't agree with Boundary Trust monies paying for operational expenses. FWFN is not properly funded and that the majority goes towards to unfunded wages. There is no contingency funding available. All extras for Health & Community Services come from OFNLP. Council would like to see the total amount of funded programs, i.e. Parents N Tots; and further more in-depth reporting.

Director of Health and Community Services to provide a list of everyone that owes money in Education from 2011 to date.

Chief would like a clear direction from Council. Councillor McKenzie wants to see what was spent and how it was spent last year. Councillor Maclaurin says that Council has already went through the process of revisions to budgets.

Discussion on investing in someone to prepare proposal submissions.

Quarterly financial reports and activity work plans reports and last year's financial report for next Council Meeting. Council to sit in Portfolio Meetings to be up to date on what departments are doing.

It was noted that Brittany Collins and James Pederson have been approved for Subsidy. All subsidy requests must go to the Portfolio Housing Meeting for approval.

Discussion on proposal writing.

Discussion on the FNIP requirements for their funding formula and process. A plan that is developed by council to establish a 4 year operating plan. It eliminates all questions talking back and forth what was spent last year and how much and why we need money this year. FNNIP reques reports to be submitted on work plan and identify funds that will be set up for each project and Council can monitor those funds. FNIP acts as a guide for directors in preparation of budgets according to FNIP Plan. Ian will continue to look for options to plan for next year budgets.

Discussion on the flood monies spent and on those homes that were supposed to get fixed and didn't. If the name was on the master list with flood repairs then it would be fixed.

MOTION #6 – Moved by Leo Bannon Sr. and seconded by Yvette Greenwald to request flood monies report from INAC. No vote Council send list of their requests to CEO.

AGENDA ITEM – CMHC Loan Renewal – 9 Unit Section 95

MOTION #7 – Moved by Philip Pelletier and seconded by Cathy McKenzie to sign the CMHC Loan Renewal Ref #22-325-120-002 for Property of 9 Units at Fort

William First Nation in the approximate amount of \$797,409.33. All in favour.
Motion Carried.

The Director of Lands and Property to email copy of letter to Council.

Chief will be on Annual Leave from August 21st to September 8th. Michele Solomon and CEO will cover some of meetings for Chief.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING – Wednesday, September 13, 2017.

ABITIBI SITE

MOTION #8 – *Moved by Yvette Greenwald and seconded by Michele Solomon that direction be given to the Director of Economic Development and Chief to negotiate a conditional sale for the Abitibi Site. All in favour. Motion Carried.*

AGENDA ITEM – MOTION TO ADJOURN

MOTIONI #9 - *Moved by Michele Solomon and seconded by Yvette Greenwald to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. All in favour. Motion Carried.*