

FORT WILLIAM FIRST NATION
CHIEF and COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

December 6, 2017 – 5:30 p.m.

CHAIR: Michele Solomon

COUNCILLORS: Philip Pelletier, Yvette Greenwald, Cathy McKenzie, Sherry Pelletier, Jennelle Charlie, Val Chapman

ABSENT: Leo Bannon Sr., Leo Bannon Jr., Tony Collins, Kyle MacLaurin, Chief Collins, Murray Pelletier

STAFF: CEO – Ken Ogima, Recorder-Bernice Pelletier, Director of Health & Community Services- Karen Bannon, Director of Economic Development-Michael Pelletier, Michael Pelletier Jr. – Human Resources; Manager Economic Development-Ed Collins Jr.; Employment and Training-Ginger Randle

GOVERNANCE: - Meeting Called to Order at 5:45 p.m. Karen opened with prayer.

AGENDA ITEM - MOTION TO ACCEPT AGENDA

MOTION #1** – Moved by Yvette Greenwald and seconded by Cathy McKenzie to accept the agenda of December 6, 2017 with the addition of Job Fair. **All in favour. Motion Carried.

AGENDA ITEM - Declaration of Conflict of Interest – None

AGENDA ITEM – Report from City re: Advisory and Resource Position – Matt Szybalski and Andrew Cotter (Chair of Thunder Bay Advisory Committee)

The City of Thunder Bay sits on the FWFN traditional territory and should be considered to have a voting board member sit on the Heritage Advisory Committee. Matt Szybalski and Andrew Cotter informed Council that the Committee meets once a month and there was not enough time to discuss the FWFN board member request at the November 23rd Advisory Committee meeting.

The position is a board position and would have to be created and then taken to the committee and then to City Council for approval. Andrew Cotter would support this request. The change of terms of reference for FWFN Voting Board Member and Resource Person process will be brought to the HAC committee and then to the City Council for their approval.

CEO will follow up with a Support Letter from Chief and Council by Friday (mid-afternoon), December 8th for the Partnering with the City of Thunder Bay to host the Ontario Heritage Conference 2020.

Council was informed of another program called “**Doors Open**” which is held every two years in September whereby owners provide public viewing of heritage buildings, houses etc.

AGENDA ITEM – Supercom - The Manager of Economic Development, Ed Collins and Employment and Training, Ginger Randle was at the meeting to inform Council of their success with the Supercom East West Tie Project which runs from Wawa to Thunder Bay.

Roger Saar, Sam Sobush gave a presentation to Council on what is involved to put a plan together to implement the training program. With the hard work of Ginger Randle, Courtney Charlie and Shivonne Charlie and Ed Collins, FWFN Employment and Training staff, FWFN has really stepped with the process in successfully completing the number of applicants to fill the seats for 12 week Energy Readiness Training at Con College starting January 15, 2018. There will be 244 people attending the course from the six First Nations involved in the Supercom Project. Con College has finalized their instructors.

Each community First Nation was to fill 64 seats. Workplace employment skills test will happen this Sunday, December 10th and assessment will be done this week and by December 22 and applicants will know what programs they will take.

Chief Collins will update the announcement of funding and date and time for a ceremony.

JOB FAIR –FWFN will be hosting a Job Fair at the Community Hall on Friday, December 8th. There will be 28 booths attending focusing on empowering the youth from ages 16 and up. This is an opportunity for the youth to meet and talk to each booth and find out what they might want to do and what they need to have to go forward with future employment. Busing, lunch and door prizes will be available. A youth panel will be set up. A fashion show with students/youths dressed in different uniforms, i.e. police, electrical, etc. will be entertained at the end of the day.

AGENDA ITEM – Military Indigenous Program - Presentation by MWO – Grant Greyeyes and Sgt. Devin Heyder attended meeting. Master Warrant Officer Grant Greyeyes gave a presentation dated December 6, 2017 on the Indigenous Programs within the Canadian Armed forces and the Eagle’s Nest Program.

Three entry programs include:

Canadian Forces Aboriginal Entry Program (CFAEP) - This is a 3 week course which prepares candidates for basic military qualification to help individual decide and adapt to Canadian Armed Forces. The youth attend as a civilian with no obligation to join. Courses held in Halifax, NS and St. Jean, Quebec with \$1200 on completion.

Indigenous Summer Programs – Raven-Black Bear is a program for all Canada.

Bold Eagle is open to applicants from Western Canada and Northwestern Ontario. The first week of training establishment for all candidates is participation in a 4 day culture camp facilitated by Elders from the local area. There is a Career Day, Basic Military Qualification Army Reserve and the candidate can earn up to \$500 weekly for a total of \$2500 for the entire program.

All summer programs are offered July – August 2018 in Wainwright, Alberta, Gagetown, New Brunswick and Victoria, British Columbia.

Aboriginal Leadership Opportunity Year (ALOY) - This is a one year program for 30 Indigenous candidates to provide a highly positive, productive, educational and leadership experience. Candidates must have Grade 12 High School, Quebec Secondary V or GED in the current academic year and the age target is 17-35 years. Candidates will be enrolled in CAF with Army element for one year contract.

Eagle's Nest - This is impart basic military type training to select host community candidates while exposing program staff to Indigenous values, traditions and history and to further inspire the youth and foster relationship between the CAF and Indigenous communities.

Host Responsibilities to provide location, youth camp participants, and counsellors (1x Male, 1s Female), Teachers/Elders and Point of contact: Operations liaison with Army Staff. Army Responsibility is to provide camp facilities (tents, kitchen), training (navigation, first aid, knots, shelters and watermanship), 24 staff supervision, safety and medical.

MOTION #2 - *Moved by Cathy McKenzie and seconded by Yvette Greenwald that Council authorize the CEO to submit an application to the Department of National Defense on behalf of FWFN to proceed with the Eagles Nest Program located on the FWFN. All in favour. Motion Carried.*

AGENDA ITEM – Abitibi Land Acquisition - Paula Sdao, Partner True Grit (Oshki Aki) gave a verbal report on the environmental findings at the Abitibi Site. The Director of Economic Development presented a Memorandum, dated December 6, 2017, drafted by legal, Mike Strickland on the purchase of Abitibi property from AIM LP and additional environmental work to be completed on the Abitibi Property. Oshki-Aki, on behalf of FWFN, reviewed the environmental reports supplied by AIM with respect to the property with concerns to the quality and age of the AIM report. Mr. Strickland recommends additional assessment work of which were noted in the memo. With AIM's refusal to pay for the work, FWFN is left with four (4) potential options.

MOTION #3 – Moved by Jennelle Charlie and seconded by Yvette Greenwald to accept Option #4 as presented in legal report of December 6, 2017 which is to walk away from the Abitibi Land Acquisition with the understanding that FWFN may revisit in the future. **All in favour. Motion Carried.**

AGENDA ITEM – Ferrochrome Facility NorOnt Proposal – Doug Murray from City of Thunder Bay

Doug Murray, Economic Development for the City of Thunder Bay gave a presentation on the Ferrochrome Facility and the NorOnt Proposal. NorOnt is a company that has the rights to the Ring of Fire. Timmins, Sudbury and Thunder Bay/FWFN are trying to have the project built at one of these areas.

Submission for the proposal is due February 2, 2018. Discussion on how the nickel copper will be transported and from where.

The Director of Economic Development is to follow up with a Community Meeting with Doug Murray on the 2nd week of January, suggested date Monday, January 15, 2018 and then come back to Council with community's response as to where to locate the site to support the proposal or not. Doug Murray to attend Council meeting on January 17, 2018.

AGENDA ITEM – Cost of Office closure for XMAS Closure - The Human Resources Manager prepared a Briefing Note on The Winter Holidays Office Shutdown Cost date December 6, 2017.

Office Closure Plan – The CEO will follow up with an Office Closure Plan for next Council meeting with names of individuals and departments responsible for any emergencies that may arise during the Holiday Break. This will be made available to Chief and Council and band membership.

AGENDA ITEM – Christmas and Turkey Distribution - The Director of Finance presented a Briefing Note with 3 options as to where the funds will come from to offset the cost of turkey cash distribution.

MOTION #4 – Moved by Cathy McKenzie and seconded by Yvette Greenwald to proceed with recommendations from the Director of Finance to proceed with Option #3 to utilize 2015 unspent Boundary interest funds to fund the \$35 turkey distribution for 2017 and further that the FWFN budgets this Turkey distribution for 2018/19 if it going to be an ongoing disbursement. **All in favour. Motion Carried.**

AGENDA ITEM – Certificate of Possession – BCR17-83 AND BCR17-84

Council signed the following BCRS as per previous motion at a duly convened meeting on November 22, 2017:

BCR17-83 – Steward Collins and BCR17-84 – Daniel G. Morriseau

AGENDA ITEM – BCR17-85 – Transfer Request – Donna Allen

MOTION #5 – Moved by Philip Pelletier and seconded by Jennelle Charlie to submit BCR17-85 releasing Donna Allen from the membership of FWFN into the membership of Gull Bay with the necessary documents provided. **All in favour. Motion Carried.**

CEO to follow up the Transfer.

AGENDA ITEM – Increase for High School and elementary Allowances - deferred

AGENDA ITEM – Minutes – November 22, 2017 – deferred.

INCAMERA SESSIONS BEGINS AT 9:20 p.m.