

FORT WILLIAM FIRST NATION
CHIEF and COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

February 26, 2020 – 5:30 p.m.

- CHAIR:** Chief Peter Collins
- COUNCILLORS:** Yvette Greenwald, Desiree Morriseau-Shields, Tannis Kastern, Tony Collins, Sherry Pelletier, Sheldon Bannon, Jenny Charlie, Leo Bannon Jr.
- REGRETS:** Philip Pelletier, Michele Solomon, Kyle MacLaurin
- STAFF:** Recorder-Bernice Pelletier, Lands Administrator – Tina Morriseau, Director of Health & Community Services-Karen Bannon, Acting Director of Finance – Lori Payne, Communications-Kristy Boucher, Human Resource Manager-Michele Blais
- GUESTS:** John Cornell, Lorne Charlie, Leonard Stillaway

GOVERNANCE

Call to Order/Opening Prayer – Chief called meeting to order 5:50 p.m. Tannis Kastern opened with prayer.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST DECLARED – None

Council Meetings will be scheduled for March 5, 11 and every week till caught up.

AGENDA ITEM - MOTION TO ACCEPT AGENDA

MOTION #1 – Moved by Yvette Greenwald and Tannis Kastern to accept the agenda of February 26, 2020 as read. All in favour. Motion Carried.

AGENDA ITEM – Tobacco Retailer Agreement

Council in agreement with the Chief signing the Tobacco Retail Agreement. Before it is signed, the Acting Director of Finance to follow

up with a report for March 5, 2020 Council Meeting on the Tobacco quota monies received last year and a breakdown of where the monies were spent.

AGENDA ITEM – John Cornell – FWFN Gym

John Cornell is requesting that Council look at the equipment at the gym. Some equipment needs to be replaced and some removed. John stated that he is an active member of the gym and helps out with anyone who requests his help.

Chief contacted the Acting Director of Finance at the meeting and was informed that there was a motion to purchase twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00) worth of equipment as of March 2018. No other purchases were done after this.

Acting Director of Finance is to further look into the gym budget.

Director of Lands & Property will follow up with Gym equipment purchases and budget and also send out invites to Council, Health and other Portfolio members to tour the Gym. Desiree Morriseau-Shields will discuss with portfolio and the Director of Lands and Property.

Direction that the Director Lands & Property to include a gym equipment for the up coming budget.

AGENDA ITEM – BCR20-04 – Fire Prevention Services (Amendment)

MOTION #2 – Moved by Yvette Greenwald and seconded by Sherry Pelletier to submit BCR20-04 to redirect the fire prevention monies services back to Fort William First Nation from Rocky Bay First Nation. All in favour. Motion Carried.

Director of Lands & Property to follow up with the budget for William Solomon till the end of March and amend if needed.

Council expressed concern as to what will happen to the monies that went to one community and why didn't the First Nation in charge fulfill their duty? Will anything be done?

AGENDA ITEM – Lot – Lorne Charlie/Leonard Stillaway - The Lands Administrator presented a briefing note regarding the above lot issue explaining her research. The Lands Administrator would like direction as to what to do with this issue as the property has been vacant for many years and that there are claims to this property but without paperwork or registrations.

Direction to defer to next meeting until the Lands Administrator check with the APS for any documentation on a fire incident on that lot.

Councillor Sherry Pelletier stated that previous Councillor remembers that the lot had been given to Lorne Charlie.

AGENDA ITEM – BCR20-06 Long Term Care Lease

MOTION #3 – Moved by Leo Bannon Jr. and seconded by Sheldon Bannon to submit BCR20-06 to proceed with a vote for the Long-Term Care Facility. All in favour. Motion Carried.

The consultation and survey have been completed. There will be an increase from 96 beds to 126 beds. First services go to Robinson Superior Treaty members and then non indigenous. All voting will be posted.

AGENDA ITEM – BCR20-05 – Bi-Election FWFN Councillor

MOTION #4 – Moved by Leo Bannon Jr. and seconded by Yvette Greenwald to submit BCR20-05 to appoint Audrey Gilbeau as Electoral Officer and Tina Morriseau as Deputy Electoral Officer for the Bi-Election for Councillor. All in favour. Motion Carried.

Director of Lands & Property to provide a time frame from Audrey Gilbeau for Council.

AGENDA ITEM – Catering – (Desiree) - Direction that the Director of Lands & Property to design a policy for catering and tendering services for FWFN for Council's approval. Suggestion to designate one person to manage the service.

AGENDA ITEM – Animal Control

Direction that the Director of Lands & Property to establish a working group with members from the community or hire an individual to develop dog control on FWFN. The Director to recommend an upcoming budget for this year to include an honorarium.

RALLY – Grand Chief Alvin Fiddler – All are welcome to attend a rally at 4:30 p.m. tomorrow at the Finlandia club where Peter McKay has an event. Discussion on negative comments made by Mr. McKay.

Glen Hare is demanding an apology from Senator Lyn Beck regarding her comments on native people.

INCAMERA SESSION begins at 7:30 p.m.