

FORT WILLIAM FIRST NATION
CHIEF and COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

March 27, 2020 – 5:30 p.m.

CHAIR: Chief Peter Collins
COUNCILLORS: Yvette Greenwald, Desiree Morriseau-Shields, Tannis Kastern, Sheldon Bannon, Jenny Charlie, Philip Pelletier, Kyle MacLaurin, Leo Bannon Jr., Michele Solomon, Sherry Pelletier
REGRETS: Tony Collins
STAFF: CEO-Michael Pelletier Jr.,

ZOOM AND AUDIO RECORDED.

GOVERNANCE

Call to Order/Opening Prayer – Chief called meeting to order 5:30 p.m.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST DECLARED – None

POTENTIAL AGENDA ITEMS:

1. Cigarette Quota BCR for new venders
 - Price of cigarette quota. \$5.00 or \$5.50.
 - Council decides to keep with \$5.50 per quota.
2. Reserve Closures
3. Do we need directors to attend daily meetings?

Chief asks Council to have an open agenda for the meeting.

AGENDA ITEM - MOTION TO ACCEPT AGENDA

MOTION #1 – Moved by Sheldon Bannon and seconded by Yvette Greenwald to accept an open agenda of March 27, 2020. All in favour. Motion Carried.

Discussion to request Wyatt Bannon to attend Council with an update.

Discussion on students travelling to Toronto for school supplies.

Discussion to send a notice to people that FWFN is aware as to who need to be quarantined.

Family Affected by COVID-19 – Chief and Council had discussion on how to enforce self isolation case in Rocky Bay that is connected to family from FWFN community. FWFN Chief and Council need to enforce 14 day quarantine on the family involved at FWFN. The names have been given to Wyatt Bannon and Loretta Collins.

Chief states that the OPP is willing to assist. Philip Pelletier, APS board member is waiting on a call from APS on the issue. Discussion that If they return to residence in our community, notice should be sent to the area's residents.

Chief Collins and CEO will get wording from Rocky Bay on restricting band member from our reserve. Discussion to use the same wording as a previous band member being removed from the reserve.

Chief also finding out information on the one case in Thunder Bay.

MOTION #2 – Moved by Kyle MacLaurin and seconded by Yvette Greenwald to submit a BCR in place that the individual(s) from Rocky Bay as identified by Chief of Rocky Bay who have travelled out of Canada that the individual(s) is not allowed in FWFN community until 14 day quarantine is complete and further that a picture and name be given to FWFN security at the main checkpoints. All in favour. Motion Carried.

Incident on FWFN Nation – Chief gave a summary of an incident that happened at a band member home the night before. The elder called emergency 911 to OPP, as there was no APS on duty at FWFN. OPP said they will send an officer from Shabequa. The elder called the City Police and they said that they are not granted permission to enter FWFN.

Chief request Council support to have a letter drafted to the City of Thunder Bay Chief of Police to ask for her help FWFN community in this emergency state and advising her that the City Police are allowed to enter the reserve for emergencies

for a three month period for the protection of our community when there is no other policing available.

Sheldon Bannon mentioned using Section 60 of the Indian Act that laws are put in place and can be withdrawn by the First Nation anytime when deem necessary.

Council to review before Chief signs and the letter is sent off.

Suggestion to talk to APS to stay in the community as much as possible during this corona virus.

SECURITY ISSUES – Security and barricades should be put up on Darrell Avenue and Causeway near Brule Bay. Chief and CEO had a conference call with some of FWFN vendors who had some concerns. Concerns were addressed and were informed that Council are not trying to have an impact on everyones livelihood and that we can work together and help each other to protect our community.

A notice will be sent to emergency services identifying residential access points to the FWFN.

The Director of Lands & Prperty will need to get colour codes to Bill MacLaurin's administration building located on City Road near Chippewa Park.

Chief and Council in agreement to start the next phase of security with a 24 hour security shift on Monday beginning at 8:00 p.m. Restrictions is to make sure that individuals who are leaving and entering the FWFN have to be screened at the security checkpoints. Restriction to access is making sure that you live here or coming to work here or buy gas. Notice to encourage community members to not travel back and forth only for necessities.

Public Works will work on all the barracades at half way pit, bark dump, back street, by THP, Brule Bay causeway, road to the bark dump.

The Director of Lands & Property will need to get colour codes to office building tenants at the administration building on City road owned by Bill MacLaurin.

Pamphlets to be made for security officers to give out at checkpoints.

Chief invites Council to submit wording for stricter messaging for pamphlets such as seriousness of staying home and potential consequences of inactions. No gentle messaging.

Food is being stockpiled in the community centre.

Discussion on if there is a lockdown, can FWFN proceed with an early XMAS distribution? Currently monies are giving out by ISC to communities. Suggestion to wait to see if lockdown. Another suggestion is for Council to be prepared after the first of the month, to issue part of the XMAS distribution to get individuals through this time. Another suggestion is to buy \$500 food voucher for grocery store so that there is insurance that the food is getting to their home.

Health staff to draft up information for brochures to hand out and make sure we are informing our members of the impacts they can have on our communities if they travel back and forth to the City. Council to help with information to be provided to health staff pamphlet.

Peter explained three phase process:

- Nightly security checkpoints – Phase 1
- 24 hour security checkpoints – Phase 2 – people who work on FWFN or people coming to buy gas
- Full reserve lockdown – Phase 3
- Tannis sugges giving affected parties advance notice of lockdown with details such as measures being taken (food stores at community centre) also to explain reasoning of no financial assistance for some off-reserve members. Also state we are trying not to leave anyone stranded.

Chief and CEO will discuss with senior team regarding delegating one person to supervise the security agenda.

Security to have a list of questions to ask individuals entering the Reserve.

Once access to the FWFN will be the Mission Road.

Discussion on utilizing screening tools.

CEO to send out notice Monday morning to the community and FWFN businesses that 24 hour lockdown will begin on Monday evening at 8:00 p.m.

CEO UPDATE

All departments are operating minimal staffing levels. Security procedures are currently being developed and new applications are being received and reviewed.

Food packages were set to be delivered to Raith families today and a food shipment was received today from Westfort Foods through Education/Health nutrition funding. This food shipment will be distributed to all families on the reserve and a log of which house they are being delivered to will be completed.

Funding came from the government nutrition food funding program was matched by health.

Update from Health on OATC, methadone and suboxin users; they talked to them and stakeholders and will be setting up in the community centre. They met with Loretta and will have alternative ways so that people don't have to get into town to get their medication. How will trailer methadone clients will get their medication.

Summary of activities of Cigarette quota April 1, 2020 to March 31, 2021

A Conference call was organized and five stores were invited to partake:

- 1. Bannons Gas Bar
- 2. Chapmans Gas Bar
- 3. First Class Bar
- 4. K&A Variety
- 5. THP.



Three (3) stores participated and CEO called Chapmans owner with information on the history of cigarette quota system and how it changed to get to the current system. Vendors are asking that the price be kept at \$5.00. The cigarette quota needs a BCR for any changes.

- Council requested that notice be sent out to community for new vendors interested in purchasing quotas.
- Council also confirms that they will be moving up selling price \$5.50 per quota as per agreement last year.

Council Meetings – Monday, Wednesday, Friday for Council Meeting Zoom.

MEETING ADJOURNED



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Chief and Council Meeting Minutes