

FORT WILLIAM FIRST NATION
CHIEF and COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

March 30, 2020 – 5:30 p.m.

- CHAIR:** Chief Peter Collins
- COUNCILLORS:** Sherry Pelletier, Desiree Morriseau-Shields, Jenny Charlie, Tannis Kastern, Sheldon Bannon, Kyle MacLaurin, Philip Pelletier, Yvette Greenwald, Leo Bannon Jr., Tony Collins, Michele Solomon
- STAFF:** CEO-Michael Pelletier Jr., Director of Health and Community Services-Karen Bannon
- GUESTS:** APS-Derek Johnson and Rob Pelletier

ZOOM

GOVERNANCE

CHIEF UPDATE on work done today more focusing on work with APS.

- Discussion with Mike Strickland and CEO was how to implement bylaws to not be challenged.
- Mike Strickland is taking into consideration Indian Act Section 83 and 30. He will provide a written letter on options for FWFN.
- Chief details response time of APS for the elder's incident on the weekend. FWFN is advising Thunder Bay Police.
- Councillor suggests hiring our own prosecutor.
- Councillor will email questions to CEO for Mike Strickland.

Security 24 hours lockdown. What does this look like with security?

- Derek Johnson states that APS cannot provide 24-hour periods.
- Question asked if APS can back up security officers? There has been discussion with the security.
- Rob Pelletier recommends educating security on procedures, gathering intel, what security is observing and what makes security think.

- Rob will provide information on Citizen power of arrest.
- Security hiring, screening questions around if they have been out of town.
- Councillor asked APS what do they recommend FWFN do in a 24-hour lockdown? Derek commented that there will be challenges, but get security to get them to take information and give them proper contact numbers. Suggest better response times. APS will get in touch with security every night. Rob suggest getting stronger messaging from Council.
- Chief asked Derek to join the phone call with Mike Strickland on Wednesday. Mike Strickland is analyzing the APS opinion.
- Councillor asked how can FWFN get more time from APS in our community? APS stated that overtime needs to be approved by the higher ups. Chief asked Derek Johnson to analyze 24 hours service and issues around this. Derek states that there are problems with attracting HR. Chief asked Derek to setup conference call with Chief of Police, Thunder Bay along with Peter to talk about coverage.
- Councillor asked what time are dark hours? These are the high traffic area. People manning the security should be cautious about who we are hiring. Support 24-hour coverage. Derek will look at adjusting hours for this.
- Rob and Derek leave meeting.

Councillor asked if there can be more than one request for funding application for the \$412k funding.

- It was noted that other funding is being received.
- Child wellbeing fund can be repurposed for this.

Councillor asked if the Garbage employees will get PPE?

Councillor asked if there is any other way to assist off reserve members out of Thunder Bay?

Councillor suggests giving gift cards instead of cash, hampers. How will small businesses be helped?

Councillor suggests Council go live for members to be aware of what the plan is. Community needs to be aware.

- Dilico can use their own ID instead of colour coding and policing services.
- People need to show ID when going through security checkpoints.
- Monthly instead of biweekly for food distribution, middle of the month.
- Imperative that FWFN respond to off reserve members questions as to where funding is coming from, i.e. government.
- Questions asked if the elders food packaging will be delivered to the door?

Councillor asked about food storage at the arena.

Councillor commented that people are still coming to the reserve and that Chief and Council need to enforce lockdown.

Meeting adjourned.