FORT WILLIAM FIRST NATION

CHIEF and COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

April 6, 2020 – 5:30 p.m. (ZOOM Conference Call)

CHAIR:	Chief Peter Collins
COUNCILLORS:	Yvette Greenwald, Desiree Morriseau-Shields, Tannis Kastern, Tony Collins, Sherry Pelletier, Sheldon Bannon, Leo Bannon Jr., Michele Solomon, Jenny Charlie, Philip Pelletier, Kyle MacLaurin
STAFF:	Recorder-Mike Pelletier Jr., CEO-Michael Pelletier Jr., Director of Health & Community Services-Karen Bannon, Director of Economic Development-Mike Pelletier Sr., Director of Lands & Property-Ian Bannon
	Meeting is Audio Recorded

GOVERNANCE

Call to Order/Opening Prayer – Chief called meeting to order 5:44 p.m. Philip Pelletier opened with a prayer.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST DECLARED – None

CHIEF'S UPDATE

- 1:00 Conference Call with Wasaga Line which is continued on its path to progress with the project. Trying to figure out logistics on how FWFN can become owners with resources and revenue streamed.
- 2:00 p.m. Conference with Bill Mauro and Norm Gale from the City to deal with the logistics of FWFN shutting down City Road and Chippewa Road and how we are going to proceed. What policy are we looking at and how will we manage all that. Folks at Resolute will continue to go to work.
- 3:00 p.m. Meeting to deal with Methadone and how to put a plan in place. Waiting for a process. Looking out right now at reaching at all the

methadone and suboxone service providers to our community members. Plan to have service sent to the Dilico site.

- 4:00 p.m. Conference Call with Anne Scott from ISC, Gary Vass and Dr. Myer from Health Canada with a lengthy discussion as to what we are doing in our community to get the message out to regarding safety shut-down on the COVID-19. There will be Urban Resources funding coming and sent to Health. Answers needed for services off reserve. Would they support us with assistance with 24-hour lock down? Some communities that were on this call are already on lockdown and doing everything humanely possible. Some communities will face challenges, small group will continue to fight be segregated to the community.
- Continuing to answer calls as the day goes by.

CEO UPDATE

- CEO gives update on daily activities:
  - Met with Emergency Response this morning. Couple things added to agenda was the lockdown and the Emergency Contact Centre. Continue with Surveillance Coordinator, Brandy Morris. Looking at confirmed cases in Thunder Bay.
  - Talked about the Security Checkpoint System and registration process. The Director of Lands and Property gave an update. We continue to get different situations on what residence purposes and what we are allowed through. They have to provide proof of residence and if no proof, then a letter will be provided to them from Chief and Council stating their residency on Reserve. Courtney Lee, Band membership clerk will deal with residency list and get to CEO to go to Council for approval. Need to decide on a certain date and time when we will stick to proof of residence. Need feed back from Council on this. Need to develop criteria as to who is allowed in.
  - Call centre setup. CEO had discussion with Councillor Sheldon on where to set up the Emergency Response Centre besides the Council Chambers. Two areas suggested were the Employment Centre or Youth Centre. We are working on minutes for the meeting and hope to publish those on a certain section as part of COVID-19 on website. Minutes will be sent to the CEO for confidentiality before being published. Updates will be posted and given to Council.

- Distribution of Food will be done at the Community Hall. Bryce Morriseau and Cheryl Szyja are the Call Centre persons. Bryce plays a roll on the pandemic plan, inquiry coordinator and answering questions from community. There will be one number for individuals to call on website.
- Had two conference calls with Peter and City of Thunder Bay and alternative site for methadone and suboxone relocation to Dilico.

Alternate Methadone Site – Chief commented that he got briefing note from Dilico. FWFN will be using current Dilcio clinic at FWFN for alternative methadone site. FWFN will send letters out to all clients from FWFN to notify them. FWFN health staff and Dilico will work together on this process.

Discussion on how those that need their medications such as puffers, etc. if 24-hour lockdown. Discussion on those dealing with cancer and travelling to the City. Ensure that individuals get their adequate supplies for the two-week shut down.

Discussion to have a solid plan in place before shutdown before 24-hour lockdown for whole reserve except for essential needs.

Taxi Service - Diamond Taxi sent inquire as to what taxi can accommodate to service clients to travel back and forth to FWFN. The Director of Lands & Property will draft a formal letter outlining FWFN's expectation that we don't want taxi to drop individuals at checkpoints and that taxi will not be prevented from accessing the reserve and that only medical appointments can go though check points.

With additional closure of non essential suppliers, i.e., Canadian Tire, is there any issue with Public Works purchasing supplies and delivering to Reserve. The Director of Lands & Property will follow up.

Discussion on food supplies. The community Centre has a food supply in stock.

Discussion to put a notice to every band member regarding FWFN's shut down process

MOTION #1 – Moved by Yvette Greenwald and seconded by Tony Collins *that starting April 10, 2020 at 6:00 p.m., the Fort William First Nation territory will be shut down to all non FWFN residents; and further that those working for essential businesses operating on and off reserve will be allowed in and out, but must be identified by their employer; further that FWFN members and residents are strongly encouraged to avoid leaving FWFN territory unless for essential medical purposes and to limit social interactions to people who reside within their residence only; further that all retail outlets will also be required to close on this effective date; further that the Mission Road security checkpoint will be moved to Bannon's Gas Bar and the intersection of Mountain Road and Chippewa Road; and further that this motion will be reviewed in 14 days to determine a further COVID-19 response from Chief and Council****. All in favour. Motion Carried.***