

FORT WILLIAM FIRST NATION
CHIEF and COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

June 24, 2020 – 5:30 p.m.

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-Bernice Pelletier, CEO-Michael Pelletier Jr., Director of Health & Community Services-Karen Bannon, Director of Economic Development-Mike Pelletier Sr., Director of Lands & Property-Ian Bannon, Youth & Social Development-Amanda Collins, A/Director Finance-Lori Payne

GOVERNANCE

Call to Order/Opening Prayer – Chief called meeting to order 5:41 p.m. Philip Pelletier opened with a prayer.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST DECLARED – None

AGENDA ITEM - MOTION TO ACCEPT AGENDA

MOTION #1 – Moved by Kyle MacLaurin and seconded by Jenny Charlie to accept the agenda of June 24, 2020 with addition of Crusher and Policies. All in favour. Motion Carried.

AGENDA ITEM – Chiefs Update

Dilico Treatment Centre Reopening – Dilico is considering opening up offices to limited capacity targeted for July 13, 2020.

Chief also attended conference call with Ministers and other Chiefs to address health. Chief mentioned that the Minister of Health had visited our community

about a year back and was very happy about the work FWFN is planning to do with the Long-Term Care Facility and would consider injecting some funds.

Chief also met with Manny Jules from Kamloops, B.C. to discussion seeking federal infrastructure monies.

Security Checkpoint Potential Closure – Most communities have lifted the security checkpoints. Arena and Bingo will remain closed until approval to reopen.

It was noted that FWFN COVID-19 budget was set up to the end of June 2020. If further funding is needed, the CEO and Finance will work on a new budget.

The Bylaw Enforcement Officer will begin a 3-month contract at FWFN in about three weeks and funded from ISC (Indigenous Services Canada). Discussion to explain to ISC that Governance monies can be used for bylaws or come out of boundary or OFNLP.

Leo Desmoulin has been employed at a security officer to work with Lorne Charlie and Tim Ward. Director of Economic Development is following up with proper equipment and work outfits for the security officers. The Director of Lands and Property will overlook the Security Officers. CEO will approach Ontario Works in regards to training for Security positions.

The Director of Lands & Property along with the Public Works Department will schedule grass cutting for the Mountain.

It was noted that church going citizens that live in the City will not be allowed to enter the reserve for services while lockdown is in operation. The Church will have to follow security measures when it reopens.

Discussion on hiring summer students for grass cutting. Suggestion using Grade 12 students.

CEO has the ability to put a plan in place if FWFN reopens and the second wave of COVID comes.

MOTION #2 – Moved by Jenny Charlie and seconded by Michele Solomon to shutdown the security checkpoints at the end of the 10 p.m. shift on Friday, July 3, 2020. Sherry Pelletier, Sheldon Bannon and Yvette Greenwald against. Motion Carried.

Stores will be open till 8 p.m.

AGENDA ITEM – MINUTES - January 17, 2019 – February 6, 2019 – February 13, 2019 – February 28, 2019, March 13, 2019

MOTION #3 – Moved by Sherry Pelletier and seconded by Michele Solomon to accept the Minutes of January 17, 2019, February 6, 2019, February 13, 2019, February 28, 2019 and March 13, 2019 as presented at tonight’s Council meeting. Yvette Greenwald against, Sheldon Bannon abstains. Motion Carried.

MOTION #4 – Moved by Philip Pelletier and seconded by Sheldon Bannon that once all minutes are caught up, that minutes from each Council meeting be presented at the beginning of every meeting. All in favour. Motion Carried.

AGENDA ITEM – Crusher Operation

Sheldon requests his questions on crusher operation be answered. The Director of Economic Development will prepare a report on rock sold.

Yari willing to repair the crusher at his cost.

MOTION #5 – Moved by Philip Pelletier and seconded by Tony Collins that FWFN partner with Kamlander Crushing, managed by Yari to lease FWFN crusher out to off reserve projects for business opportunities and further that the Director of Economic Development will invite Yari to Council meeting and provide reports to Council. Motion Carried. Yvette Greenwald and Sheldon Bannon against. Leo Bannon Jr. abstains.

AGEANDA ITEM – FWFN Policies

Sheldon would like to see all employees follow the FWFN Policies and not work outside policies in regards to driver abstracts, subcontractors, on line gambling, etc. Sheldon will provide information to the CEO with names and details of on line gambling.

FIREWORKS ON MOUNTAIN – Consensus of Council to authorize fireworks on Mt. McKay on July 1, 2020. The toll gate will be locked so that no one can travel up due to COVID restrictions. Leo Bannon Jr. will get a cost of what is needed for Council approval. CEO will review and authorize.

Motion to adjourn by Philip Pelletier at 7:45 p.m.