FORT WILLIAM FIRST NATION

CHIEF and COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

December 16, 2020 – 5:30 p.m.

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

AGENDA ITEM – Call to Order/Opening Prayer - Chief called meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Mike Pelletier Jr. opened with prayer.

AGENDA ITEM – MOTION TO ACCEPT AGENDA

MOTION #1 – Moved by Philip Pelletier and seconded by Leo Bannon Jr. *to accept the agenda of December 16, 2020 as read.* ***All in favour. Motion Carried.***

Agenda item for next meeting in January – Squaw Bay Dock

CHIEFS UPDATE

AGENDA ITEM – Minutes of April 2, 2020

MOTION #2 – Moved by Michele Solomon and seconded by Kyle MacLaurin *to accept the minutes of April 2, 2020.* ***All in favour. Motion Carried.***

AGENDA ITEM – Emergency Response Group Update

MOTION #3 – Moved by Yvette Greenwald and seconded by Michele Solomon *to approved the Registry Checkpoint list of names as presented tonight.* ***All in favour. Motion Carried.***

Request for Council Members on Emergency Response Group

CEO will send out an invite to Councillors who wish to sit on the Emergency Response Group which meets twice a week. The Group will be on call during the holidays. Jenny can do Friday morning; Kyle will pop in meeting when he is available, Yvette joins if she can.

AGENDA ITEM – Operating Budget with Revisions

As per the last Council meeting in which the 2021 Operating budget was approved, attached is a final copy, with noted revisions for the Council's review. Council to email or call CEO with any questions they might have on the amended budgets.

AGENDA ITEM – Statistics Canada Census Request

MOTION #4 – Moved by Jenny Charlies and seconded by Sheldon Bannon *to approve the hiring of band members to complete door to door interviews to get census questionnaires completed either by telephone, list leave or personal interview while practicing safe distancing.* ***All in favour. Motion Carried.***

AGENDA ITEM – CEO Financial Approvals

AGENDA ITEM – Traditional Knowledge Funding Application BCR

MOTION #5 – Moved by Michele Solomon and seconded by Yvette Greenwald *to submit a BCR to support a funding application to the Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mine's Aboriginal Participation Fund-Values Mapping and Related Projects Stream in the amount of $153,356 for the purpose of collection and recording Indigenous Knowledge in the Dog Lake Area; and further that FWFN will utilize the Indigenous Knowledge collected to inform government regulations on the potential impacts to Aboriginal and Treaty Rights.* ***All in favour. Motion Carried.***

AGENDA ITEM – ISC Amendment 0015

MOTION #6 – Moved by Philip Pelletier and seconded by Michele Solomon *to approve ISC amendment 0015 which provides funding for activities in the amount of $157,456 to prepare for and respond to the COVID-19 pandemic to cover the following programs:*

1. *Mental Wellness Program*
2. *Band Offices and Building*
3. *Health Facility*
4. *AHSOR ADAP.*

Motion Carried. Desiree abstained.

AGENDA ITEM – OFNLP Report and Schedule Approval

Annually, the attached report and schedules on OFNLP funding is reviewed and approved by Council. This is normally part of FWFN's annal audit.

MOTION #7 – Moved by Michele Solomon and seconded by Kyle MacLaurin *to approved the report and schedule of the Ontario First Nations Limited Partnership Schedule 9.1, Schedules of Receipts and Disbursements as at and for the year ended March 31, 2019. All in favour.* ***Motion Carried.***

AGENDA ITEM – Honorarium for Special Meetings

Consensus of council *to authorize honorarium in the amount of $1500 for each Councillor for special meetings held on Fridays for COVID-19 from funding from the Chief and Council special meeting budget.* ***All in favour. Motion Carried.***

AGENDA ITEM – Street Lighting

AGENDA ITEM – Cannabis Plan Update - CEO to follow up on Cannabis update in January.

AGENDA ITEM – Renaming of Mount Mckay and Squaw Bay

Mt. McKay can be changed to Anemki Wasjew. The CEO and Michele Solomon will work on forms for name changes to Squaw Bay. Discussion on traditional name for FWFN.

In camera Session begins at 8:15 p.m.