

**FORT WILLIAM FIRST NATION**  
**CHIEF and COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**March 3, 2021 – 5:30 p.m.**

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**CHAIR:** Chief Peter Collins

**COUNCILLORS:** Yvette Greenwald, Desiree Morriseau-Shields, Sherry Pelletier, Sheldon Bannon, Leo Bannon Jr., Michele Solomon, Tony Collins, Kyle MacLaurin, Philip Pelletier, Bonnie Pelletier, Tannis Kastern, Jenny Charlie

**STAFF:** Recorder-Bernice Pelletier, CEO-Michael Pelletier Jr., Director of Lands & Property-Ian Bannon, Director of Economic Development-Mike Pelletier Sr.; Director of Health & Community Services-Karen Bannon, Economic Development-Cheryl St. James, Lands Administrator-Tina Morriseau; FWFN Economic Development, Human Resources-Michele Blais

**GUESTS:** Brenda Small, Kathleen Lynch

**AGENDA ITEM: Call to Order/Opening Prayer** - Chief called meeting to order at 5:40 p.m. Brenna Small opened with prayer.

**AGENDA ITEM – MOTION TO ACCEPT AGENDA**

***MOTION #1 – Moved by Desiree-Morriseau Shields and seconded by Sheldon Morriseau Shields to accept the agenda of March 3, 2021 with the deferral of Agenda item 6, 11 and 12. Yvette opposed. Wanted to defer Agenda 8. Motion Carried.***

**AGENDA ITEM – Confederation College- Kaa-anokaatekin Strategi Plan Presentation, Kathleen and Brenda**

**AGENDA ITEM – Pandemic Discussion**

**AGENDA ITEM – Chiefs Update**

**National Indigenous Hockey Legacy Board**

**Pandemic Discussion**

**AGENDA ITEM – Councillor Portfolio Change - deferred.**

**AGENDA ITEM – Credit Card Limit Increase** – Due to purchasing issues with the Youth and Social Development, the CEO is requesting an increase in the credit card limit which is currently set at \$2,500.

***MOTION #2 - Moved by Michele Solomon and seconded by Jenny Charlie to increase the credit card limit for the Manager of Youth and Social Development from \$2,500 to \$5,000. Motion Carried. Sheldon/Yvette against.***

**AGENDA – Signing Authority Change** - The previous A/Director of Finance has vacated the position and the financial staff requires another financial authorized signer.

***MOTION #3 - Moved by Philip Pelletier and seconded by Michele Solomon to remove Lori Payne from the cheque signing authority and add David Prince. Motion Carried. Yvette and Sheldon opposed till further information.***

**AGENDA ITEM – Security Checkpoint Registration**

***MOTION #4 – Moved by Sheldon Bannon and seconded by Jenny Charlie to accept the security checkpoint registration as presented tonight with the removal of #158 and #159. Motion Carried. Sherry, Bonnie and Tony opposed.***

**AGENDA – Remediation Dump Closure** – The issue is the Dump Closure Plan Funding Increase. In the summer of 2019 FWFN was approved by ISC for two studies:

Hydrogeological Assessment on former garbage dump     \$29,500

Dump Closure Plan     \$29,500

FWFN could have ‘gave’ it to another engineering firm or we were given the option to put it out for tender, receiving three bids in the process. We decided to put it out for tender and the successful candidate (Oshki Aki) came in at \$37,052. An increase of \$7,552. The end result was an increase in the project amount, which ISC has agreed to pay this fiscal if FWFN passes a BCR.

***MOTION #5 – Moved by Philip Pelletier and seconded by Kyle MacLaurin granting permission to the Economic Development Department to submit a BCR to ISC in order secure additional funding for the dump closure and remediation plan to be completed by a qualified third party and overseen by the Economic Development department Director for Fort William First Nation. Motion Carried. Desiree abstains***

#### **AGENDA – FWFN Specific Claim Housing Trust**

The Director of Lands and Property contacted FWFN legal advisor in regards to this matter. This requires a community vote to change trust document and add new board members to the trust.

Suggestion to pay trustee what they are owed based on meetings they had and ensure that the kids are paid. Instead of having a vote, would it be possible for FWFN pay board members or the ones that have to sign cheques as needed to pay out kids and the last kid at the end.

***MOTION #6 – Moved by Philip Pelletier and seconded by Jenny Charlie that FWFN absorb honorariums for the trustees to ensure that the kids turning 18 get***

*paid and further that a report be brought back to Council. **Motion defeated. 6 against.***

CEO will contact FWFN legal as to what can or can't be done to resolve this issue.

**INCAMERA STARTS AT 9:20 P.M.**



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