

FORT WILLIAM FIRST NATION
CHIEF and COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

January 19, 2022 – 5:30 p.m.

CHAIR: Peter Collins, Chief (zoom)
COUNCILLORS: Kyle MacLaurin, Sherry Pelletier, Tannis Kastern, Yvette Greenwald, Sheldon Bannon, Tony Collins, Leo Bannon Jr., Jenny Charlie, Bonnie Pelletier, Michele Solomon
REGRETTES: Desiree Morriseau-Shields
STAFF: Recorder-Bernice Pelletier, CEO-Michael Pelletier Jr., CFO-Sandra Buosi, Lands Administrator-Tina Morriseau, Governance Coordinator-Jacob McKay, Director of Lands & Property-Ian Bannon

AGENDA – Call Meeting to Order – Chief called meeting to order at 5:40 p.m. Mike Jr. opened with prayer.

AGENDA ITEM – MOTION TO ACCEPT AGENDA

MOTION #1 – Moved by Sherry Pelletier and seconded by Sheldon Bannon to accept the agenda of January 19, 2022 with the addition of loan approval for Tania Fenton. All in favour. Motion Carried.

AGENDA ITEM – Declaration of Conflict of Interest - None

AGENDA ITEM – Minutes – January 12, 2022

MOTION #2 – Moved by Sheldon Bannon and seconded by Sherry Pelletier to accept the Minutes of January 12, 2022 as amended. All in favour. Motion Carried.

Corrections to Minutes:

- *Correction: Desiree was absent, Remove Leo Jr. name as it was on twice, Michele was present.*
- *Correction that Tannis opened with prayer.*

AGENDA ITEM - FWFN Specific Claims Housing Trust Budget Proposal



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Ian Bannon, FWFN Youth Trust prepared a briefing note dated January 17, 2022 to Chief and Council relative to the initiation of the Specific Claim Housing Trust and a budget submission for consideration by Chief and Council.

The trustees agree that the meetings of the Trust will include several meetings to re-initiate the Trust, financial orientation, set up Banking Requirements and to catch upon the outstanding payments to the youth.

MOTION #3 – Moved by Yvette Greenwald and seconded by Sheldon Bannon to authorize nine thousand, nine hundred dollars (\$9,900.00) allocation to the Housing Trust for one year as presented in the briefing note dated January 19, 2022 with exclusion of backpay for trustees. All in favour. Motion Carried.

AGENDA ITEM – Valen Morriseau Transfer Request

MOTION #4 – Move by Yvette Greenwald and seconded by Sheldon Bannon to accept the transfer of Valen Bannon to Fort William First Nation membership. All in favour. Motion Carried.

AGENDA ITEM - Bamkushwada Limited Partnership Presentation

The financial advisors, Tom, Aaron and Sharon presented a draft of the Financing The Bamkushwada Investment in the East-West Tie for January/February 2022. The following was presented: financing amounts, structure, structuring of Bamkushwada entities, BCRs regarding the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) and the Uniform Transmission Rate (UTR – a mechanism by which transmitters-including NextBridge – realize revenues paid by Ontario transmission ratepayers).

The proposed immediate next steps:

- Prepare documentation related to the restructuring described on pages 6 and 7
- Prepare and finalize financing documentation for approval by the board of directors of BLP
- Finalize and pass BCRs

AGENDA ITEM - FNYIS Payment Approval



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The Chief Financial Officer prepared a briefing note requesting a motion to pay out Youth Employment Strategy as the amount is larger than her authority to proceed with the payout.

MOTION #5 – Moved by Kyle MacLaurin and seconded by Sheldon Bannon to authorize the Finance Department to pay out the amount of one hundred and eighty-nine thousand, five hundred and eight nine dollars (\$189,589.00) for Youth Employment Strategy. All in favour. Motion Carried.

AGENDA ITEM – Hunting/Fishing Letters

Chief Collins will bring this issue up at the next regional Chiefs' meeting to come up with something across the board for Robinson Superior Treaty area. He will also have conversation with other First Nations and MNR .

The Lands Administration is suggesting that 30 letters be issued with random selection in February. Discussion to increase the administration fee of \$25.

MOTION #6 - Moved by Sheldon Bannon and seconded by Yvette Greenwald to lift the moratorium on the harvesting letters as of January 19, 2022. All in favour. Motion Carried.

AGENDA ITEM – Tany Fenton – Loan Guarantee

All her paperwork was eligible for guarantee. Tania's trailer will become available.

MOTION #7 – Moved by Sheldon Bannon and seconded by Jenny Charlie to authorize a loan guarantee to Tania Fenton in the amount of two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000.00) to purchase Daniel Pelletier's home located on Squaw Bay Road in accordance with the housing policy and documentation required. All in favour. Motion Carried.

Next Council meeting – January 26, 2022.

Council can contact the CEO with any agenda items. Employee vaccinations on agenda.

MOTION to adjourn at 9:00 p.m. by Sheldon Bannon.



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