

FORT WILLIAM FIRST NATION
CHIEF and COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

March 24, 2022 5:30 p.m.

CHAIR: Chief Collins

COUNCILLORS: Yvette Greenwald, Sheldon Bannon, Desiree Morriseau-Shields (part of the meeting), Kyle MacLaurin, Bonnie Pelletier, Jenny Charlie, Tannis Kastern

STAFF: Recorder-Bernice Pelletier, CEO - Michael Pelletier Jr., Econ. Dev. Officer – Cheryl Ste. James, Director of Health & Community Services – Karen Bannon, Manager of Health – Luanne Maki, Manager of Education – Myra Bannon

REGRETTES: Sherry Pelletier, Tony, Collins, Michele Solomon, Leo Bannon Jr.

GUESTS: Jenn Salo

AGENDA – Call Meeting to Order – Chief called meeting to order at 5:50 p.m. Mike Jr. opened with prayer.

AGENDA ITEM – MOTION TO ACCEPT AGENDA

MOTION #1 – Moved by Sheldon Bannon and seconded by Jenny Charlie to accept the agenda of March 24, 2022 with the addition of Cigarette Quota and an in camera issue by Sheldon. All in favour. Motion Carried.

AGENDA ITEM – Declaration of Conflict of Interest – None

Desiree Morriseau-Shields excuses herself for meeting. She does not return.

AGENDA ITEM – Thunderbird Wildlife Rescue

Jenn Salo, Licenced Authorized Wildlife Custodian and owner and founder of the Thunderbird Wildlife Rescue located in Thunder Bay gave a presentation on wild life rescue facilities and rehabilitators in all Northern Ontario. Jenn takes in a limited amount of injured, orphaned and displaced wildlife.

MOTION #2 – Moved by Yvette Greenwald and seconded by Sheldon Bannon to draft up a support letter that FWFN is not relinquishing any land that rightfully belongs to FWFN but supports the Thunderbird Wildlife Rescue located at the former Chippewas Wildlife Park and further that there will be no hindrance on the outcome of the land issue with the City of Thunder Bay. All in favour. Motion Carried.

AGENDA ITEM – Bus Purchase Request

The Manager of the Education Department, Myra Bannon presented a briefing note requesting the purchase of 3 new school buses.

MOTION #3 – Moved by Yvette Greenwald and seconded by Jenny Charlie to purchase 3 buses for Fort William First Nation as presented in the briefing note dated February 14, 2022 with the attached total quote of \$300,000; and further that the CFO advise Council as to where the allocation of funds would come from. All in favour. Motion Carried.

AGENDA ITEM – Elder’s Assistance Policy Amendment

The Manager of Health Department, Luanne Maki presented a briefing note dated February 23, 2022 to amend the Elder’s Assistance Policy Amendment

MOTION #4 – Moved by Bonnie Pelletier and seconded by Yvette Greenwald to amend the Elders Repair or Replacement policy to increase the assistance for elders 65 and older from the ONFLP \$600 to \$1200 as identified on the prelisted appliance list. All in favour. Motion Carried.

AGENDA ITEM – Clean Air Metals BCR

The Economic Development Officer, Cheryl Ste. James presented a BCR for an Agreement negotiated is FWFGN, Rocky Bay and Red Rock Bay Indian Band and Clean Air Metals.

Cheryl Ste. James to invite Clean Air Metals to Council meeting on April 13th.

MOTION #5 – Moved by Jenny Charlie and seconded by Kyle MacLaurin to submit a BCR that Council authorizes the Chief or the Chief's designate to execute the EA (exploration agreement) between Fort William First Nation, Red Rock Indian Band and Rocky Bay First Nation and CAM (Clean Air Metals that was negotiated; and further FWFN obtained legal assistance to conclude the EA and is advised that the EA is a solid agreement that provides all forms of accommodation measures including protection against impacts, some control over the exploration and what might happen later on the mining claims, and compensation/benefits to offset remaining impacts. All in favour. Motion Carried.

AGENDA ITEM – MINUTES – March 2, 2022

MOTION #6 – Moved by Sheldon Bannon and seconded by Jenny Charlie to accept the Minutes of March 2, 2022 with amendments. All in favour. Motion Carried.

AGENDA ITEM – Teaching/Sacred Fire Lodge – deferred.

AGENDA ITEM – Tobacco Quota

MOTION #7 – Moved by Sheldon Bannon and seconded by Yvette Greenwald to amend the Cigarette Quota policy to set a flat rate of \$5.50 per carton to those businesses on reserve who apply. All in favour. Motion Carried.

MOTION #8 – Moved by Yvette Greenwald and seconded by Sheldon Bannon to approve the draft BCR for Roy Pelletier as related to equipment security for his business. All in favour. Motion Carried.

MOTION #9 – Moved by Sheldon Bannon and seconded by Tannis Kastern to Increase Councillor honourariums to \$3,000 per month effective April 1st, 2022 inclusive of all job interviews and special meeting pay All in favour. Jennelle Charlie opposed. Motion Carried.

INCAMERA SESSIONS – begins at 6:54 p.m.



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