

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

**August 3, 2022 5:30 p.m.**

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**CHAIR:** Mike Pelletier Jr.  
**COUNCILLORS:** Yvette Greenwald, Sheldon Bannon, Desiree Morriseau-Shields, Kyle MacLaurin, Leo Bannon Jr., Michele Solomon, Bonnie Pelletier, Tannis Kastern, Jenny Charlie  
**REGRETTES:** Tony Collins, Sherry Pelletier, Chief Peter Collins  
**STAFF:** Recorder-Bernice Pelletier, CEO-Michael Pelletier Jr., Lands Administrator-Tina Morriseau, Econ. Dev.-Rob Pierre, Housing Manager-Jenna MacLaurin  
**GUESTS:** Jamie Scrimager-Nokiiwin, Melanie Jeffrey

**AGENDA – Call Meeting to Order – Chair** called meeting to order at 5:45 p.m. Tannis opened with a prayer.

**AGENDA ITEM – MOTION TO ACCEPT AGENDA**

***MOTION #1 – Moved by Tannis Kastern and seconded by Yvette Greenwald to accept the agenda of August 3, 2022 with the addition items: economic development issue; Donation Request; Allan Wemigwans Pow Wow; and removal of Mountain Usage and First Response Vehicle Request. All in favour. Motion Carried.***

**AGENDA ITEM – Declaration of Conflict of Interest – None**

**AGENDA ITEM – Melanie Jeffries PHD – Presentation for the Caring for the Thunderbird’s Nest Research Update July 2022**

Melanie gave a review on the Caring for the Thunderbird’s Nest Research. She talked about what is happening to our bodies and the environment.

Good news is that Melanie was successful in securing funding for studies for the knowns and unknowns in air, soil and water pollution. Melanie is applying for more grants to keep funding the work.

1. \$25,000 Canadian Institute for Health Research for 2018 Mt. McKay Water and 2011-2012 GTP lands.
2. \$10,000 from UTM BIPOC Research award: Air pollution study.
3. \$50,000 looking at all cancer across the community with focus on blood cancer from Connaught grant epidemiology.
4. \$360,000 from Nation Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC) College and Community Social Innovation Fund over 3 years.

***MOTION #2 – Moved by Sheldon Bannon and seconded by Desiree Morriseau-Shield to submit a BCR to approve Dr. Melanie Jeffrey and her collaboration as per the Research Ethics Board at the University of Toronto to be able to access the following data on behalf of Fort William First Nation, data from the beginning of the registries to present day on all-cause cancer diagnoses in the Indian Health Register and the Ontario Cancer Registry in collaboration with Indigenous Cancer Care Ontario. All in favour. Motion Carried.***

***MOTION #3 – Moved by Michele Solomon and seconded by Sheldon Bannon that FWFN will gather data from the community identifying members who lived in the community and have had cancer and have died from cancer, and that the data include name, date of birth, date of diagnosis and date of death and type of cancer, where the person resided in the community. All in favour. Motion Carried.***



## **AGENDA ITEM – Jamie Scrimager–Nokiiwin - Community Mapping Project**

***MOTION #4 – DEFEATED - Moved by Kyle MacLaurin and seconded by Michele Solomon that Chief and Council support a band council resolution to approve the Nokiiwin Tribal Council Emergency Management Planning project to support the creation of emergency mapping resources for FWFN (Fort William First Nation) and Nokiiwin Tribal Council for FWFN and submission to ISC (Indigenous Services Canada). Sheldon, Leo, Tannis, Bonnie, Yvette opposed. Motion defeated.***

**CEO** - Follow with the William Solomon and Mason Morriseau where they are with the gps services, how much progress has been made.

## **AGENDA ITEM – Pow Wow – Allen Wemigwans**

Allen discussed his opinion on the FWFN Pow Wow and possible ways to get a bigger budget for a successful pow wow. He was concerned with honourariums for drummers and dancers. He believes that the honourarian need to be raised to assist with the travel of out of town drummers and singers and dancers and food to feed their families.

## **AGENDA ITEM – Biigtagtong Nishnawbeg Equity Contribution**

***MOTION #5 – Moved by Desiree Morriseau-Shield and seconded by Yvette Greenwald that Chief and Council approve contributing \$362,703.06 as equity contribution for the purchase of 1263 Innovation Drive in the City of Thunder Bay in equal ownership and control with Biigtagtong Nishnawbeg. All in favour. Motion Carried.***

## **AGENDA ITEM – Impala Agreement**

***MOTION #6 – Moved by Jenny Charlie and seconded by Sheldon Bannon to accept the Community Benefits Agreement between Fort William First Nation and***



*Impala Canada Ltd made effective as of July 25, 2022 as presented at the Chief and Council meeting dated August 2, 2022. **Bonnie opposed, Tannis abstains. Motion Carried.***

#### **AGENDA ITEM – Lot Requests**

Present: Jean Primeau, Jenna Maclaurin, Tina Morriveau

**Lot Change - Ryan Karasiewicz** – The Lands Manager presented a briefing note to inform Council that Ryan Karasiewicz would like a Change in lot allocation. Ryan was approved for lot 300 at a previous meeting and we are asking for a change to lot 292 Squaw Bay Road CLSR 85515.

**MOTION #7 – Moved by Jenny Charlie and seconded by Desiree Morriveau-Shields** to authorize the change in lot request for Ryan Karasiewicz from Lot 300 to Lot 292 Squaw Bay Road as presented in the Lands Manager briefing note dated August 3, 2022. **All in favour. Motion Carried.**

**Lot Request – The Housing department is requesting Lot 410 a and b.**

**MOTION #8 – Moved by Sheldon Bannon and seconded by Michele Solomon** to allocated Lot 410B on Little Lake Road for the construction of a duplex. **All in favour. Motion Carried.**

#### **AGENDA ITEM – ISC Amending Agreements 0047, 0048, 0049**

**0047 - MOTION #9 – Moved by Michele Solomon and seconded by Sheldon Bannon** to sign and submit the ISC Amending Agreements 0047 for the fiscal year 2022-23 for the First Nation Summer Work Experience, \$65,356.65 and the First Nation skills Link Program \$120,613.35 for the funding related to the partnership with Outland Reforestation. **All in favour. Motion Carried.**

**0048 - MOTION #10 – Moved by Michele Solomon and seconded by Tannis Kastern** to sign and submit ISC Amending Agreements 0048 for the fiscal year



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2022-2023 to support the activities in accordance with a submitted proposal for travel and accommodations to attend Search and Rescue Training offered by Six Nations of the Grand River \$3,8761.00 and flood mitigation equipment \$30,171.00; and further that staff from their frontline and one representative from FWFN attend the site with the rescue team. **All in favour. Motion Carried.**

#### **#0049 - DEFERRED**

#### **AGENDA ITEM – Donation Request**

**MOTION #11 – Moved by Jenny Charlie and seconded by Sheldon Bannon to authorize one thousand dollars (\$1,000) to Lindon Pelletier to travel to attend the Stanford University in California. Bonnie abstains. Motion Carried.**

#### **AGENDA ITEM – Minutes July 20, 2022**

**MOTION #12 – Moved by Sheldon Bannon and seconded by Yvette Greenwald to accept the Minutes of July 20, 2022 as read. All in favour. Motion. Carried.**

#### **AGENDA ITEM - Travel Request – Bonnie**

**Consensus of council to authorize Bonnie Pelletier to travel to the AFN Assembly in August 16, 17, 18 in Toronto.**

#### **INCAMERA SESSION – 10:15 p.m.**