

FORT WILLIAM FIRST NATION
CHIEF and COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

September 28, 2022 5:30 p.m.

CHAIR: Kyle MacLaurin
COUNCILLORS: Yvette Greenwald, Tannis Kastern, Desiree Morriseau-Shields, Sherry Pelletier, Bonnie Pelletier, Leo Bannon Jr., Sheldon Bannon, Michele Solomon, Jenny Charlie
STAFF: Recorder-Bernice Pelletier, CEO-Michael Pelletier Jr., Economic Dev.-Robert Pierre, HR-Michele Blais
ABSENT: Tony Collins
GUESTS: Lee-TBT News, Sheila DeCorte, Rita Fenton, Dylan Pelletier

MOTION #1 – Moved by Yvette Greenwald and seconded by Michele Solomon that Kyle MacLaurin sit in as Chair for September 28, 2022 Council Meeting. All in favour. Motion Carried.

AGENDA – Call Meeting to Order – Chair called meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Tannis opened with a prayer.

AGENDA ITEM – MOTION TO ACCEPT the AGENDA

MOTION #2 – Moved by Sheldon Bannon and seconded by Sherry Pelletier to accept the agenda of September 28, 2022 with the addition of:

- *meeting with Anne Scott last week*
- *general discussion on in camera meetings*
- *donation request for candy purchase at the Pumpkin Fest – Ben Johnson*
- *defer Agenda #9 Giiwa on Court Partnership Request*

All in favour. Motion Carried.

AGENDA ITEM – Declaration of Conflict of Interest – None



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AGENDA ITEM – TBT News

MOTION #2 – Moved by Sheldon Bannon and seconded by Yvette Greenwald that Council wait to have the Media attend the Council meeting until there is a final decision made by Council and membership regarding moving forward without the Chief. Bonnie opposed. Motion Carried.

Council will put together a media briefing and direct the CEO to contact the Media.

AGENDA ITEM – Elders and Knowledge Protocol

Sheila presented and discussed a protocol with Respect to Chief and Council Consulting Elders and Knowledge Keepers Advisory Committee before any Activity on Fort William First Nation. She noted that at some point a Youth Advisory Council be developed.

Recommendation that Council meet with the Elders and Knowledge Keepers Advisory Committee of the community within the next 4 weeks to review the Protocol that has been put forward by the Elders, Sheila DeCorte and Rita Fenton.

MOTION DEFEATED - MOTION #3 – Moved by Sherry Pelletier and seconded by that Council proceed with the Chief and Council Consulting Elders and Knowledge Keepers Advisory Committee before any Activity on Fort William First Nation sacred territory. Motion Defeated.

MOTION #4 – Moved by Desiree Shields-Morriseau and seconded by Sherry Pelletier to support the formation of an Elders and Knowledge Keepers Advisory Committee to work with FWFN Chief and Council. All in favour. Motion Carried.

A notice to be sent out by the Advisory Committee to all elders and knowledge keepers to see if they want to be part of this Committee.

AGENDA ITEM – Donation Request – Hockey Team

Dylan Pelletier presented a letter dated September 26, 2022 requesting financial assistance for the Fort William Stars hockey team.

MOTION #5 – Moved by Yvette Greenwald and seconded by Jenny Charlie to authorize a donation of \$1,350.00 to support the Fort William Stars hockey team to register in the upcoming 2022/2023 hockey season in the Superior North Hockey League; and further that the hockey team members provide volunteer service to community events. All in favour. Motion Carried.

AGENDA ITEM – Donation Request – Ben Johnson

MOTION #6 – Moved by Yvette Greenwald and seconded by Jenny Charlie to authorize a candy donation in the amount of \$500.00 to support the Ben Johnson’s pumpkin fest to purchase candy for the children’s activity at the Giant pumpkin growers club for the Thunder Bay area. All in favour. Motion Carried.

AGENDA ITEM – Casino Rama Education Award – BCR22-46

Human Resources Manager presented a briefing note date September 28, 2022 regarding a missed application for the 2021-2022 Education awards approval from Casino Rama Education Awards.

MOTION #7 – Moved by Sheldon Bannon and seconded by Michele Solomon to Submit BCR22-46 to authorize the dispersal of \$1,500.00 to Post Secondary-University student Larissa Speak to the education award applicant based on the Education award Program from the Casino Rama Funds. All in favour. Motion Carried.

AGENDA ITEM – Board Replacements for GLP, BLP AND OSHKI ASKI LP

BCR22-43 - MOTION #8 – Moved by Yvette Greenwald and seconded by Tannis Kastern to submit BCR22-43 to appoint Bonnie Pelletier as FWFN's representative on the Board for Gwayakocchigewin LP to serve until the replacement is appointed by way of a duly authorized band council resolution. Partnership. All in favour. Motion Carried.

BCR22-44 - MOTION #9 – Moved by Leo Bannon and seconded by Sherry Pelletier to appoint Michele Solomon as FWFN's Director to represent as a shareholder of the Corporation and as a Limited Partner in the Limited partnership on the Bamkushwada Limited Partnership. All in favour. Motion Carried.

MOTION #10 – Moved by Yvette Greenwald and seconded by Jenny Charlie to appoint Tannis Kastern as FWFN's representative on the Oshki Aki LP. All in favour. Motion Carried.

AGENDA ITEM – New Relation Fund BCR22-45

MOTION #11 – Moved by Michele Solomon and seconded by Sheldon Bannon to submit BCR22-45 funding application for 2022-2023 in the amount of \$85,000.00 for consultation with any economic development opportunities developed within the FWFN traditional territory. All in favour. Motion Carried.

AGENDA ITEM – MINUTES – September 14, 2022

MOTION #12 – Moved by Michele Solomon and seconded by Sheldon Bannon to accept the Minutes of September 14, 2022 as read. All in favour. Motion Carried.

- Correction in Motion #4 correction Cheryl St. James Name



- *CEO will follow up with Motion #7 regarding the concern of salary noted in the budget received and bring back to Council; i.e. is this a new position or current position?*

AGENDA ITEM – Nuclear Waste Resolution

MOTION #13 – Moved by Desiree-Morriseau Shields and seconded Jenny Charlie to submit BCR on Nuclear Fuel waste transportation and burial in Northwestern Ontario and that FWFN demand that the Government of Ontario follow the Proximity Principle recommended by Northwatch in their 2021 policy review document, “Radioactive Waste Policy Transportation of Radioactive Wastes” which simply states that all nuclear wastes be stored at the point of generation in above-ground, attack-resistant, reinforced vaults pulled back from the water’s edge. *All in favour. Motion Carried.*

AGENDA ITEM – Melanie Jeffrey BCR

MOTION #14 – Moved by Michele Solomon and seconded by Sheldon Bannon to submit a BCR to support Dr. Melanie Jeffrey to enter the FWFN to do testing on cancer research project. *All Motion Carried.*

A memo will be sent to the community notifying of this testing. The Elders Advisory committee will also be notified.

AGENDA ITEM - GIIWA – Deferred

AGENDA ITEM – Meeting with Ontario Regional Director of ISC

CEO has the former Chief’s cell phone with contacts and emails. There will be a new email set up for new emails. There will be no reply emails to previous chiefs’ email.

Sherry would like all emails to come to all Council for discussion and direction.

MOTION #15 – Moved by Michele Solomon and seconded by Sherry Pelletier to rotate the Council Meeting Chair weekly or for every meeting amongst the Council members who are willing to Chair the meeting and are in attendance in the Council Chambers. Bonnie and Tannis opposed. Motion Carried.

CEO will follow up with a notice to the community.

Next meeting October 12, 2022.

MOTION #16 – Moved by Sherry Pelletier and seconded by Desiree Morriseau-Shields that if Council is speaking about a sensitive issue or private issue in the in-camera session, that it takes place in the council chambers and not on zoom. Bonnie, Tannis, Jenny, Sheldon, Leo opposed; Desiree and Sherry for. Motion defeated.

Sheldon rescinds as seconder.

Bonnie doesn't agree that council should in camera in council chambers, not on zoom. Bonnie suggests asking Anne Scott or legal about this issue.

MOTION #17 – Moved by Michele Solomon and seconded by Sheldon Bannon that the CEO continue to receive the Chief's emails and he will disseminate to the Council for discussion and direction. All in favour. Motion Carried.

The CEO will follow up with an email to the Community that Council will rotate Council meeting weekly if willing and in attendance. CEO will draft a media release.

IN-CAMERA SESSIONS BEGINS AT 10:10 P.M.