

FORT WILLIAM FIRST NATION
CHIEF and COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

May 8, 2024 – 5:30 p.m.

CHAIR: Ian Bannon, Acting CEO / Chief Michele Solomon
COUNCILLORS: Jacob McKay, Yvette Greenwald, Sherry Pelletier, Leo Bannon Jr., Bess LeGarde, Sheldon Bannon (8:30pm), Kyle MacLaurin, Bonnie Pelletier, Peter W. Collins, Jenny Charlie, Desiree Morriseau-Shields, Brian Ludwigsen (zoom),
STAFF: CEO/ Director of Lands & Property-Ian Bannon, CFO-Sandra Buosi, Exec.Asst. to Chief & Council-Janelle Pelletier, Ec. Dev. Manager-Robert Pierre, Lands & Governance Manager – Stephanie MacLaurin
REGRETTES:
GUESTS:

AGENDA – Call Meeting to Order – Chair called meeting to order at 5:50 p.m.
Chair opened meeting with smudge and prayer.

AGENDA ITEM – MOTION TO ACCEPT AGENDA

MOTION #1 - Moved by Desiree Morriseau-Shields seconded by Leo Bannon Jr. To accept the agenda of May 08, 2024, with amendments. All in favour. Motion Carried. Corrections, omissions, errors, new business arising from Minutes: Additional item. Additional item – in-camera

AGENDA ITEM – Declaration of Conflict of Interest – Peter W. Collins agenda item# 3 and additional item #15

AGENDA ITEM – MINUTES – May 01, 2024

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Motion #2 Moved by Bess Legarde and seconded by Kyle MacLaurin to accept the Minutes of May 01, 2024, as read. All in favor. Motion carried. Corrections, omissions, errors, new business arising from Minutes:

AGENDA ITEM – BLOOD QUANTUM LETTERS – Stephanie MacLaurin

MOTION #3 Moved by Jennelle Charlie and seconded by Peter W. Collins to grant approval for a Blood quantum letter template to be issued by the Membership Department for Fort William First Nation member requests pertaining to Blood Quantum Letters. All in favor. Motion carried.

**AGENDA ITEM – BCR24-17 CP Sabrina, Charmaine, Tara, Jonah MacLaurin
Signed by Council.**

**AGENDA ITEM – BCR24-18 CP Joelle Adrienne Morriseau
Signed by Council.**

AGENDA ITEM – UNSPENT BOUNDARY TRUST INVESTMENT INCOME – BALANCE SHEET – CFO Sandra Buosi

2017 – told to council funds were allocated from project to project. Should that money be towards a project for the community, bring the projects to the community. Boundary dollars interest dollars to spent, funds allocated to the boundary trust agreement allocated for the FWFN community projects. Allocated funds were rolled over yearly from the boundary. The Boundary Budget for the fiscal year. The 15 million surplus was identified after the increase of the Christmas disruption. The money roll over each year was accumulating each year.

NOTE: The next community meeting will be June 17, 2024, addressing the boundary budget with the community. Financial Policy being worked on right now

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for the boundary trust funds. Meaningful dialogue with the community. Prior to that meeting, council will have more discussion. RBC bank account. Ask the community if they want to take half the amount and put it in a separate account to gain more money. Boundary Interest must be spent as stated in the boundary agreement.

NOTE: Verify, can the boundary funds be moved to a separate bank account?

AGENDA ITEM – LIABILITY INSURANCE – APPROVAL

- Not beneficial for the insurance companies to put a package together for the first nations.
- Has EcDev thought about developing a housing insurance policy for our community and then sell that to other first nations.

Elders Housing Insurance – old than 20-year homes not accepted for coverage.

MOTION #4 Moved by Peter W. Collins and seconded by Jacob McKay to grant approval to authorize the insurance premium of \$412,345.00 four hundred twelve thousand three hundred and forty-five dollars for the 2024/2025 fiscal year to be paid to AON in full. All in favor. Motion carried. Any abstain, oppose, extensions.

AGENDA ITEM – RBC LOAN RENEWAL – SIGNATURES REQUIRED

MOTION #5 Moved by Peter W. Collins and seconded by Jacob McKay to approve the loan renewal for Loan Facility #116/117 for 13-month term at 7.27% interest with monthly payment of \$20,325.00 twenty thousand three hundred and twenty-five dollars. All in favor. Motion carried. Any abstain, opposed.

AGENDA ITEM – CITY BUSES – Yvette Greenwald

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Is FWFN paying for the services for the buses. City of Thunder Bay was looking at cancelling the services, but they have not. Chief Michele Solomon made appearance at the city council meeting and requested for the services to not be cancelled.

AGENDA ITEM – PARK FOR SQUAW BAY – Jennelle Charlie

MOTION #6 Moved by Jennelle Charlie and seconded by Sherry Pelletier to approve the build for a new park in Squaw Bay with an administrative rep to bring back a plan to council with cost and budget. All in favor. Motion carried.

NOTE: look back in previous minutes for the motion for the build on the park on Anemki Drive. Bring back administrative representative to provide cost and plan

AGENDA ITEM – CHURCH BUDGET UPDATE – Ian Bannon

Ian will send that budget to council via email.

AGENDA ITEM – DUPLEX EXPENSES BRIEFING NOTE – Ian Bannon

Email will be sent to council for the site visit by Randy.
Short fall of \$29, 384.00

AGENDA ITEM - Council Donation for Fireworks & Baseball – email vote

Leo Bannon Jr. will send an email to Ian for the council donation for fireworks and baseball team fees.

NOTE: INQUIRE: AGREEMENT WITH JENKINS FOR FUNERAL SERVICES FOR OUR COMMUNITY.

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MOTION TO ADJOURN

Moved by Jacob McKay and seconded by Sheldon Bannon to adjourn the meeting at 8:50pm. All in favor. Motion carried.

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Janelle Pelletier
Chief & Council Executive Assistant
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