

FORT WILLIAM FIRST NATION
CHIEF and COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

November 20, 2024 – 5:30 p.m.

CHAIR: Chief Michele Solomon

COUNCILLORS: Bess LeGarde, Yvette Greenwald, Jacob McKay (zoom), Sheldon Bannon, Brian Ludwigsen, Peter W. Collins, Kyle MacLaurin, Leo Bannon Jr. Jennelle Charlie, Bonnie Pelletier(zoom), Desiree Shields-Morriseau, Sherry Pelletier,

STAFF: CEO – Christine MacKay, Director of Lands Ian Bannon, Ec. Dev Manager Robert Pierre, Exec.Asst. to Chief & Council-Janelle Pelletier

REGRETTES:

Guests: Tracy Antone, Chief Operating Officer, Chiefs of Ontario; and Melvin Thompson, Director of Finance

AGENDA – Call Meeting to Order – Chair called meeting to order at 5:55 p.m. Chair opened meeting with smudge and prayer.

AGENDA ITEM – MOTION TO ACCEPT AGENDA

MOTION #1 - Moved by Kyle MacLaurin and seconded by Sheldon Bannon to accept the agenda of November 20, 2024, with the addition for discussion regarding Indian Residential School Survivors committee. All in favor. Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM – Declaration of Conflict of Interest – Peter W. Collins declares conflict on agenda #4.

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AGENDA ITEM – MEETING MINUTES

MOTION #2 Moved by Sheldon Bannon and seconded by Kyle MacLaurin to approve to meeting minutes from November 13,2024, with amendments that Sherry Pelletier joined by zoom. All in favor. Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM – CHIEFS OF ONTARIO –

Looking to seek leased land for permanent building 20 – 25-year lease on FWFN. Bring back a proposal to Chief and Council and come back to council in the new year January 2025.

CEO – will inform Director Lands to provide more options for this table to review.

AGENDA ITEM – PURPOSAL FOR UNSPENT BOUNDARY –

Community Centre – Elders centre – school Education – provide more supports for disabilities, our youth, Healing lodge, land base learning.

Long Term Care facility – waiting for update.

AGENDA ITEM – LOCH LOMOND WATERSHED/ KARP RIVER DAM –

City of Thunder Bay will be here next council meeting November 27th, 2024. City of Thunder Bay – Kayla Dixon- City neglected to consult with FWFN and address DFO on the matter. Obligations and MNR for fishing and hunting impacts at the Loch Lomond. Merk Klik – Ministry of Natural Resources. Consultation needs to be held with FWFN.

Action item: Council to Council meeting – new year 2025 with the Ministry also included on this meeting. Director of Lands will reach out with the city to set dates. In the coming weeks.

AGENDA ITEM - OPG UPDATE

Motion #4 Moved by Kyle MacLaurin and seconded by Sherry Pelletier to approve and sign the Capacity Funding agreement with Stuart Olsen Bird. Abstain

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Brain Ludwigsen, Bess Legarde, Sheldon Bannon, Bonnie Pelletier. Motion carried.

Motion #5 Moved by Jennelle Charlie and seconded by Desiree Morriseau-Shields to approve and sign the Contract for Services agreement with North Vista to continue with Energy Sector Special Consultant Patrick Boileau for this project, under the condition that all consultant costs will be 100% covered by the Capacity Funding Agreement. Opposed Brian Ludwigsen, Abstain Sheldon Bannon. Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM – IRS COUNCIL

Barriers face by the Elders group requesting to come to FWFN Chief & Council – general meeting to bring together all survivors of the Indian Residential School Survivors to Fort William traditional territory. December 04th, 2024

INCAMERA AGENDA ITEM – agenda item # 5 trailer update/rental home

Action Item: Housing will come back with a package for the current state of 5 trailers and discussion regarding the renovations and provide an update on eviction laws for housing rentals on reserve.

DEFERRED AGENDA ITEM – 207 LINKS COURT

207 Links court – briefing note and package will come back to council for update.

DEFERRED AGENDA ITEM – CEO REPORT UPDATE

DEFERRED AGENDA ITEM – STATE OF EMERGENCY

MOTION TO ADJOURN – Moved by Sheldon Bannon and seconded by Jennelle Charlie to adjourn the meeting at 10:28pm

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