

FORT WILLIAM FIRST NATION
CHIEF and COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

April 16, 2025 – 5:30 p.m.

CHAIR: Chief Michele Solomon
COUNCILLORS: Desiree Morriseau-Shields, Jennelle Charlie, Sheldon Bannon, Yvette Greenwald, Jacob McKay (zoom), Bess Legarde, Sherry Pelletier, Peter W. Collins, Leo Bannon Jr.
STAFF: Interim CEO - Ian Bannon Exec. Asst. to Chief & Council- Janelle Pelletier, Dir. Sheri Boucher, Health Manager Luanne Maki
REGRETTES: Bonnie Pelletier, Brian Ludwigsen, Kyle MacLaurin,
GUESTS: Kara Morriseau, Marge Bannon, Oliver MacLaren OKT

AGENDA – Call Meeting to Order – Chair called meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with smudge by Desiree Morriseau Shields and prayer by Ian Bannon.

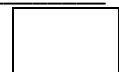
AGENDA ITEM – MOTION TO ACCEPT AGENDA

MOTION #1 – Moved by Peter W. Collins and seconded by Desiree Morriseau-Shields. to accept the agenda for April 16, 2025, to deferred agenda item Travel Policy Review for next council meeting, addition in camera agenda item request for waste management. **All in favor. Motion carried.**

AGENDA ITEM – DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

AGENDA ITEM – PRESENTATION – KARA MORRISSEAU

Requesting permit, the researcher Kara Morriseau to recruit participants within the First Nations community to be apart of research study for



MOTION #2 Moved by Jacob McKay and seconded by Sheldon Bannon to support the presentation by Kara Morriseau and to approve the proposed research study by Band Council Resolution for the First Nation People in Northern Ontario's Perceptions of Nursing Care to Meet their Wholistic Health Needs. FWFN further agrees to allow the use of the FWFN name within the study. **Opposed Sherry Pelletier. Abstain Bess Legarde. Motion carried.**

AGENDA ITEM – MOBILE OUTREACH VAN APPROVAL

MOTION #3 Moved by Jennelle Charlie and seconded by Sherry Pelletier to approve the Mobile Outreach Van purchase for the Family Wellness and Health Department of Fort William First Nation.in the amount of \$206,202.74 (two hundred six thousand two hundred two dollars and seventy-four cents) as presented by Director Sherry Boucher. **All in favor. Motion carried.**

AGENDA ITEM – OPG UPDATE

February 20th offer, revised agreement to be taken as final offer that was Communicated on March 28th, 2025 – OPG replied, 1st payment will come to FWFN in 2028 followed by 10 payments. FWFN requested 400K per year – CPI. means that 400K would increase each year for 30 years. (2028-2037) The 30-year payment is subject to prudence. Requesting FWFN for further direction.

Action Item: OKT take the term sheet back to OPG – work to get full agreement draft – clarity for the bursaries

MOTION #4 Moved by Peter W. Collins and seconded by Leo Bannon for Oliver McLaren of OKT Law to continue negotiating the term sheet with OPG including push back on the issue of prudency, clarify the bursaries, and to include Silver Falls in the past grievances process. **Opposed Bess Legarde. Motion carried.**



AGENDA ITEM – APS UPDATE – BESS LEGARDE

- Posted for a cadet position – unsure if that has been updated
- Chris Palmer & Joey McCullum & Dalton Demerah – new FWFN hires to APS.
- OPP received assistance from Declaration of state of emergency. Requiring Chief to send out an impact statement to APS office.
- ALPR reader – not implemented yet.
- Body camera training – required.
- 1 Regional Drug constable to the North -
- 16 new officers – 2 phases operation
- New Deputy Chief Judy – APS
- Purchased 30 new Tahoe with boats.
- 2.5M budget increase from the government.

NOTE: Chief would like to be invited to the monthly meetings. Bess meets with the APS Board next week Monday & Tuesday. Eye in the Sky – Location Map – Requested for third party to monitor the eyes in the sky.

Action Item: Chief Michele will follow up with Derek and Dilico regarding the Dilico home.

AGENDA ITEM – INSURANCE PURCHASE APPROVAL

MOTION #5 Moved by Yvette Greenwald and seconded by Peter W. Collins to authorize the insurance premium corporate insurance of \$427,044.00 (four hundred twenty – seven thousand forty-four dollars) for the 2025/2026 fiscal year be paid to AON Reed Steinhouse in full out of the existing funds. *All in favor.* Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM – STATE OF EMERGENCY – CEO

Mobile outreach van – approval



Fencing quotes have been emailed out to Chief and Council
Funding applications are on hold with the Federal Elections
Update regarding the notification – Staff have been advised that Portfolios will start next week. –

AGENDA ITEM – MEETING MINUTES

MOTION #6 Moved by Sheldon Bannon and seconded by Peter W. Collins to approve the meeting minutes for February 10, 2025, February 12, 2025, February 26, 2025, March 10, 2025. Corrections, errors, omissions, new business arising from minutes: February 10, 2025 Motion #4 – suggests for next year a policy be created to determine who is eligible to apply, registration must be provided along with receipts. Edit attendance add Kyle MacLaurin (zoom), Peter W. Collins, remove (zoom) from Jennelle Charlie. February 12, 2025, add Kyle MacLaurin in attendance. February 26, 2025 – bring back that meeting. All in favor. Motion carried.

Note: Report for the March Break 2025 activities brought back to FWFN Council. Draft a policy for 2026.

Notice to Community – Boundary – April 28th – FWFN Community Hall
65 + Elders Luncheon – May 4th – Must register by May 01, 2025

Break 8:51pm

IN CAMERA SESSION BEGINS

MOTION #6 Moved by Peter W. Collins and seconded by Sheldon Bannon to adjourn the meeting at 9:26 pm.

