

FORT WILLIAM FIRST NATION
CHIEF and COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

November 26, 2025 – 5:30 p.m.

CHAIR: Chief Michele Solomon
COUNCILLORS: Kyle MacLaurin, Sherry Pelletier, Peter W. Collins, Sheldon Bannon, Bonnie Pelletier, Bess Legarde, Yvette Greenwald, Desiree Morriseau- Shields (zoom), Jacob McKay (zoom), Brian Ludwigsen, Leo Bannon Jr.(zoom), Jennelle Charlie (zoom),
STAFF: CEO – Jeremiah Windego, Exec. Asst. to Chief & Council- Janelle Pelletier,
REGRETTES:
GUESTS: Dan Pelletier, Louis Pelletier

AGENDA – Call Meeting to Order – Chair called meeting to order at 5:50 p.m. With prayer by Chief Michele Solomon.

MOTION #1 – Moved by Sherry Pelletier and seconded by Bess Leagrde to accept the agenda for November 26th, 2025, with in camera for Review Org. Reviews by Jacob McKay with the addition for Lot Request for Dan & Louis Pelletier. All in favor. Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM – DAN & LOUIS PELLETIER

Requesting lot in squaw bay – house being built right now will be done in February 2026. Requesting for lot near Dilico near Carol’s – Hydro, Water & Gas already there. Right at the edge of the road near the Dilico treatment centre.

Concerns – proximity to the lake for septic field, 150ft, proper buffer zone near the lake. Zoning issue – carp river access

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Dan would create the access for the road – for water supply – Dan mentions that he had a guy price a well.

Lands department update – Peter Morriseau lot approval – Louis mentioned that he would give them the lot request.

Will Housing be back to council next council meeting – CEO

Action Item: CEO follow up with Director of Lands to follow up with the band members regarding the lot request for Dan Pelletier & Louis Pelletier.

MOTION #2 Moved by Sheldon Bannon and seconded by Yvette Greenwald that the Lands Manager follow up with Dan Pelletier and Louis Pelletier in accordance with the policy to assist with their lot request and that this be done as soon as possible due to cold weather and loss of building season approaching. All in favor. Motion carried.

MOTION #3 Moved by Bonnie Pelletier and seconded by Yvette Greenwald to approve the funding cost for septic field installs for the FWFN elders 65+ building new homes in the community. Opposed Leo Bannon Jr. Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM – BAND COUNCIL POLICY – QUORUM/ONLINE PARTICIPATION

Zoom online participation vs. in person – quorum has always been (5) councillors.

NOTE: Clarification for in-camera motions will be brought back to the next council meeting.

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MOTION #4 Moved by Sheldon Bannon and seconded by Yvette Greenwald
That the Band Council Policies on section of Quorum on page 23 be changed to read: quorum of Council will consist of five (5) members. A quorum must be present and in person at the specified location of the meeting if the decisions taken are to be recognized as valid and binding. A quorum of (5) five must be in the meeting room at the start of a meeting and remain throughout the entire meeting to validate decisions made. If no quorum is present, no meeting or discussions shall occur. In favor. Leo Jr Bannon, Bonnie Pelletier, Yvette Greenwald, Sheldon Bannon, Bess Legarde, Brian Ludwigsen. Opposed Sherry Pelletier, Peter Collins, Jennelle Charlie, Desiree Morriseau - Shields, Jacob McKay, Kyle MacLaurin, Chief Michele Solomon. Motion defeated.

NOTE: FNEA act – requests for this to be brought to council table
Ask Nicole Richmond what she meant by the term presents for FWFN Band Council Policy.

Action Item: request to CEO to adopt Docu sign for council signing documents such as BCR's, government documents. Clarification for October 02, 2024, in camera meeting minutes. Chief and Council recognize that quorum remains at (5) five. Band Council Policy – 4 minutes, additional in camera participants must turn camera's on when in camera items.

In camera Motions – process to include into the next meeting. in camera minutes need to be ratified and recorded.

Look back at in camera Motions – meeting minutes.

AGENDA ITEM – BAND MEMBER PARTICIPATION AT COUNCIL MEETINGS

Include an elder or youth to participate in council meetings and offer them an honorarium.

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CEO recommendation to develop youth council and/or elder council committee Designated youth and elder to participate in council meetings with Leadership with an honorarium.

MOTION #5 Moved by Bess Legarde and seconded by Jennelle Charlie to hold one Business meeting of Chief and Council at the community centre once a month. A code of conduct to be drafted by the CEO for all those in attendance. These meetings to start in the New Year 2026. Opposed Leo Bannon Jr., Kyle MacLaurin. Motion carried.

How will these meetings once a month council meeting with community operates? What will the process be? No in camera issues, will band members be allowed to ask questions. Participation from band members. Agenda items drafted – structure – Q&A period – rotating of members on those committees. Recommendation for the new year 2025. What day will the meeting be hosted. Recommendation the meeting at the community hall with members be held quarterly. Security on site or authority to escort them out of the meeting. Rules in place prior to setting a meeting date. Public viewing – no outbursts or yelling, screaming. Governance meeting – vision for the community, engagement period/feedback from community. Code of Conduct for community meeting.

Action Item: CEO draft a code of conduct

AGENDA ITEM – IN CAMERA –

Janelle Pelletier left the meeting at 9:30PM

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