

FORT WILLIAM FIRST NATION
CHIEF and COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES CLOSED

October 15, 2025 – 5:30 p.m.

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

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

MOTION #1 – Moved by Peter W. Collins and seconded by Sherry Pelletier to accept the agenda for October 15th, 2025, addition for youth in crisis next week agenda item. All in favor. Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM – STANTEC BUILDING

BN Biigtigong request to withdraw from the Wiigiwaaganag Limited Partnership (LP) which jointly owns the Stantec Building at 1263 Innovation Drive.

In September 2025, Biigtigong communicated its desire to terminate or exit the partnership and requested reimbursement of its equity contribution \$363,703 capital investment plus a 10% premium \$36,370 for administration. Totalling approximately \$400,000 - \$416, 000.

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Recommendations

1. Make them buy FWFN out
2. Purchase the building – full ownership negotiates terms – no management fees, 50% split on land tax
3. Find a 50% new partner
4. Find a 25% new partner

FWFN Ec. Dev – Approve proceeding with the buyout of Biigtigong Nishnaabeg's 50% partnership interest in Wiigiwaagangag LP.

MOTION #2 Moved by Peter W. Collins and seconded by Sheldon Bannon to authorize legal counsel Mike Strickland to respond back to their email, identifying that FWFN will communicate to Biitgiigong to buyout their partnership interest at a purchase price equal to the original cost amount plus 50% of net income to date but without any management fees and less one half of Ontario land transfer tax. Opposed Bonnie Pelletier. Motion carried.

Action Item: Stantec next step for Legal Counsel Mike Strickland to further investigate - How will they compensate FWFN. Information finding – how much money they are willing to pay FWFN. Commercial Space.

ACTION ITEM – Letter from Chief to community – no new update from Justice Hennesy.

Bess Legarde left meeting 7:00pm

AGENDA ITEM – BAMKUSHWADA LIMITED PARTNERSHIP (BLP)

MOTION #3 Moved by Peter W. Collins and seconded by Kyle MacLaurin to approve the Bamkushwada Limited Partnership agreement to borrow the

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additional 16.5% bringing the total ownership percentage to 20% and to sign the BCR25-22. All in favor. Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM – LOT REQUEST

MOTION #4 Moved by Peter W. Collins and seconded by Jennelle Charlie to approve the lot allocation for registered band member Louis & Eleanor Pelletier, Plan CLSR 52813, identified as Lot 20, Mission Village Subdivision. All in favor. Motion carried.

Lands Manager seeking direction from Chief and Council to implement the FWFN Lot allocation policy.

2012 – Lands Policy – Lot process 2yr period – the lot would be reverted

Action Item: Bring back the Lot Allocation Policy to council next week for approval. Council requesting for an update map of lots and available lots and houses.

AGENDA ITEM – TRAVEL COUNCIL POLICY –

Action Item: will be back on the agenda for council approval in the next few weeks, Oct/Nov.

AGENDA ITEM – MEETING MINUTES OCT 01

MOTION #5 Moved by Sheldon Bannon and seconded by Peter W. Collins to approve meeting minutes from October 01, 2025. All in favor. Motion carried.

In camera session begins at 8:20pm

MOTION TO ADJOURN – Moved by Jennelle Charlie and seconded by Sheldon Bannon meeting adjourned at 8:40pm

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