

FORT WILLIAM FIRST NATION
CHIEF and COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Nov 12, 2025 – 5:30 p.m.

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

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

AGENDA ITEM – FORENSIC AUDIT UPDATE

Motion #1 Moved by Jennelle Charlie and seconded by Sherry Pelletier to live stream governance working meetings unless there are items that are confidential. Opposed Yvette Greenwald, Brian Ludwigsen, Bonnie Pelletier, Sheldon Bannon. Abstained Leo Bannon Jr. Motion carried.

Action Item: In 2 weeks come back to governance meeting with 2 quotes for the next Forensic Audit businesses/organizations to provide presentation.

Move forward with the presentation from KPMG for the motion made for the forensic audit to ask questions

J.P

What does a forensic audit mean for FWFN, overview, how the processes work, timelines, cost associated. How will this impact the community or the Administration.

NOTE: Next governance meeting – Nov 26th, 2025

Table discussion for a separate meeting. Determine what the scope of the audit is involving, what will the audit firm – precured companies. Each Department – so the organization is not shut down. No funding agreements, reporting departments, what is the audit going to entail, reporting by departments, outstanding reports.

Council couldn't make any decisions. Identify who the accusations are against – police involvement if any particular investigation for individuals.

Action Item: Working group together with CEO – Bonnie Pelletier, Yvette Greenwald, Sheldon Bannon, Brian Ludwigsen, Sheldon Bannon –Preliminary establishing the scope of work. Funding agreements – where is the money going?

Department review from MNP – Ec.Dev. was not a forensic audit.

Desiree Morriseau – Shields left meeting

AGENDA ITEM – FORENSIC AUDIT

MOTION #2 – Moved by Bess Legarde and seconded by Kyle MacLaurin to start a working group for forensic audit with Bess Legarde, Brian Ludwigsen, Bonnie Pelletier, Yvette Greenwald, Sheldon Bannon & CEO. All in favor. Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM – BOUNDARY BUDGET

MOTION #3 Moved by Bess Legarde and seconded by Jennelle Charlie to accept the boundary budget 2024/2025. Abstained Sheldon Bannon. Motion carried.

J.P

AGENDA ITEM – COUNCIL TRAVEL POLICY

FWFN Travel Council Policy – recommendations – add team building & ceremony

Mileage rate 0.59cents –

Change wording – air travel economical – direct travel flights

Accommodation – directly booked by FWFN reviewed by CEO.

18.8.1 – dietary requirements – Lunch – accommodations

18.9.2 – flexible reasonable, medial, family emergency,

Request – for travel allowance advance –

Meal allowance increase – amounts – incidental – when travelling to bigger city.

Reference to amounts of times council can travel – include in the council travel policy – professional development, workshop, budget for each councilor

Fiscal responsibility – council travel budget

Minister meetings, invites to council for Chiefs meetings.

Action item: Email budget to council with revisions, bring back to council agenda item for next governance meeting on November 26,2025. CEO will follow up with CFO to identify where the travel budget will be coming from Nov 26th, 2025. Include additional incidentals for travel.

Is there a budget for Council Travel – what is the budget for each councilor up to date – governance budget – boundary – council donations – where is the travel funding coming from.

AGENDA ITEM – PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS – GOVERNANCE/WORKING MTG.

STRATEGIC PLAN WITH COUNCIL

Missing agenda items for governance meeting

J.P

JFK codes of conduct

FNEA

BAND COUNCIL POLICY – rules & regulations for council

TERMS OF REFERENCE – PORTFOLIO

STABILIZATION HOME

STRATEGIC POLICY

LAND CODE

UPDATE LPH

MOTION TO ADJOURN – Moved by Bonnie Pelletier and seconded by Sheldon Bannon at 1030pm.

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