

**FORT WILLIAM FIRST NATION**  
**CHIEF and COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**January 21, 2026 – 5:30 p.m.**

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**CHAIR:** Chief Michele Solomon  
**COUNCILLORS:** Bess LeGarde, Sherry Pelletier, Brian Ludwigsen, Jacob McKay, Bonnie Pelletier, Peter W. Collins (zoom), Yvette Greenwald, Sheldon Bannon, Jennelle Charlie, Leo Bannon Jr. (zoom)  
**STAFF:** CEO – Jeremiah Windego, Exec.Asst. to Chief & Council- Janelle Pelletier  
**REGRETTES:** Desiree Morriseau - Shields, Kyle MacLaurin  
**Guests:** Sara Mainville, Chris Lasseter, Erika Voaklander

**AGENDA – Call Meeting to Order – Chair** called meeting to order at 5:45 p.m.  
Chair opened meeting with smudge and prayer.

**AGENDA ITEM – MOTION TO ACCEPT AGENDA**

***MOTION #1 - Moved by Jennelle Charlie and seconded by Jacob McKay to accept the agenda of January 21, 2026, with additional agenda item – dog incident at the arena. All in favour. Motion Carried.***

**AGENDA ITEM – Declaration of Conflict of Interest –**

**Sherry Pelletier & Peter Collins declare conflict for in-camera -JFK Conflict of Interest**

**IN CAMERA AGENDA ITEM – BCR26-01 FORENSIC AUDIT CEO**

**AGENDA ITEM – DOG INCIDENT AT THE ARENA**

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Does the arena staff put in an incident report, if someone doesn't make a complaint or report it to the police? Does the dog bylaw officer transport these dogs anywhere such as the humane society.

**Action Item:** CEO will follow up with Ian and Dan Gelmich to determine what are the incident reporting requirements or procedures to report incidents that occur. Incident reporting forms.

### **INCAMERA AGENDA ITEM – JFK FOLLOW UP – CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

#### **AGENDA ITEM – 5-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN CEO**

Request for Proposals (RFP) qualified individuals, minimum of 3 quotes, Policy for Procurement, CEO will share documents with Council – CEO will share the evaluation of matrix of the scoring. How does council want to evaluate the RFPs – council to review or make a recommendation.

***MOTION #3 Moved by Jacob McKay and seconded by Bonnie Pelletier to authorize the CEO to move forward with Development of a Five Year Strategic Plan Request for Proposals (RFP). All in favor. Motion carried.***

#### **AGENDA ITEM – CODE OF CONDUCT –**

Does Council want to go back to meeting twice a month

***MOTION #4 Moved by Bess Legarde and seconded by Jennelle Charlie to adopt the Monthly Public Chief and Council Band Meetings Policy and Code of Conduct will be an appendix to the Chief & Council Band Council Regulations with meetings hosted on Monday evening. Abstain Leo Bannon Jr. Motion carried.***

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***CEO will bring this back to council with amendments.***

**Action Item:** Upgrade the sounds system and communications officer to put together a proposal.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN – Moved Sheldon Bannon and seconded by Yvette Greenwald motion to adjourn 10:06pm.**

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