

FORT WILLIAM FIRST NATION
CHIEF and COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

January 28, 2026 – 5:30 p.m.

CHAIR: Chief Michele Solomon

COUNCILLORS: Desiree Morriseau-Shields, Jennelle Charlie, Kyle MacLaurin, Sherry Pelletier, Peter W. Collins, Sheldon Bannon, Leo Bannon Jr., Bess Legarde, Jacob McKay, Brian Ludwigsen, Yvette Greenwald, Bonnie Pelletier (zoom)

STAFF: CEO – Jeremiah Windego, Exec. Asst. to CEO-Melissa Zeleny

REGRETS: Peter W. Collins, Bonnie Pelletier,

GUESTS: **Scott Wemigwans – FWFN Eagles U15**, Austin Wells, Gracie Lou Marano,
Supercom – Sarah Levesque, Marlene Sabourin – Elysia Petrone Reitberger

AGENDA – CALL MEETING TO ORDER – Chair called meeting to order at 5:55p.m.

MOTION #1 – *Moved by Sheri, Seconded by Desiree*
accept the agenda for January 28, 2026, with the addition of agenda item of community member coming to address a concern. All in favor. Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM - MEETING MINUTES deferred to next meeting

MOTION #2 - *Moved by Kyle Maclaurin, seconded by Desiree Morriseau-Sheilds*
to defer the review of the minutes until the next meeting. All in favor. Motion carried.



AGENDA ITEM – PRESENTATION FWFN HAWKS LITTLE NHL

Jacob and Chief declare conflict and excused themselves

Coach Scott Wemigwans – requesting financial support to for the U11 and U15 Fort William Hockey Teams– for sponsorship to help offset costs of travelling to Little NHL Tournament.

Teams are doing some fundraising themselves with a Good Will Tournament in April

Gracie Lou Marano – Captain of the U15 – shared a letter written by the team requesting financial assistance for their team to participate in LNHL the U15 is currently mentoring the U11 program which is new this year–they assist with helping run the practices

Each team is doing their own fundraising efforts. U15 has 15 players going to LNHL and 17 players from U11. The total cost for the two teams to attend LNHL will be \$104,500.00

Request by Scott to have a member of Council to represent the community at the upcoming charity tournament.

NOTE: Request to table this item until Finance shares update on the costs last year.

AGENDA ITEM - Community Member Concern

-Community member came to share a concern of something that occurred in community this morning. While she was out for coffee she received a call that someone had entered her home uninvited. This is the 3rd time in 3 months that someone has walked into her home – 7 or 8th time in a year. There are a lot of strange people walking into houses in the community. It is important that members know if someone is entering your home without permission, 911 needs to be called. Police were called on 2 of the occasions.



What can we do at Fort William to help make our community safer? How homes more safe and secure – programs regarding updating locking doors, - public message/education to community about ways to secure your home – beefing up the eye in the sky -neighborhood watch, funding opportunities for home security Jacob will send what he found – gating of community, checkpoints, security, Query of the Security Camera locations – how are they assisting.....

AGENDA ITEM – SUPERCOM INDUSTRIES

Mary Hardy – Pays Platt, Sarah Levesque, Marlene Sabourin

Withdrawal of Red Rock Indian Band from Supercom –there is a process noted in limited partnership agreement when a partner withdraws there is a legal formality that requires a BCR– Red Rock is exercising their right to leave. 4 Remaining Bands in Supercom

MOTION #3 – *Motion made by Jacob McKay and seconded by Desiree Morriseau – Shields* to sign the BCR26-01 pertaining to the withdrawal of Red Rock Indian Band from Supercom Industries Limited. *All in favor. Motion Carried.*

AGENDA ITEM – ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT PROCESS BCR26 - Elysia Petrone

Chief has continued to have conversations with Elysia and others who are providing expert information around this issue – this is a deadline of February 4th for submissions to submit applications for funding.

BCR for participation funding

Impact Assessment AGENCY OF Canada

MOTION #4 – *Motion moved by Jacob McKay and seconded by Sheldon Bannon to sign and approve both BCR's with the edits as recommended by Kyle.*

Bonnie Pelletier-Abstains, MOTION PASSED



AGENDA ITEM – DRAFT POLICIES - DISCUSSION

Bingo Balls Program –being renamed “Youth Recreation Program Policy”

all youth recreation activities would be paid from the youth (rec, cultural, educational programs)

-request for an addition to the Youth Rec Policy include special needs children, possibility to have cultural programming to fall under the Band Rep Program, extend the bingo balls to the children who have one parent who is a band member,

Council Donation Policy

Number of suggested edits made on both policies. It was proposed that Council Members to take both the policy’s home and review the two policies and come prepared with any proposed changes.

If Council has some suggestions on the two policies And bring this back to the council table for review.

Brian left meeting in person at 9pm to join online.

AGENDA ITEM – LONG TERM CARE FUNDING

CEO prepared a briefing on the history of this project – Green and Inclusive Fund – we were denied twice for that funding. There will be new funding will be announced in April or May.

Our housing manager has been working on a project for Transitional Housing for Elders. Elders Assisted Living (10 unit design) funding for the housing units – access funding Section 95 – the design was housing units could be expanded at any time.

11 million to build the common area – 6 million for the 10 unit.

-Dilico was involved in the Long-Term Care project – application, funding, designs from the beginning and they are still committed to being involved in that. The long term care home would require a service agreement with Dilico or any other agency



that we partner with to run this would be seen by the Ministry of Long-Term Care. Dilico could come forward so council can ask those.

- Council would like to see the agreement between Dilico for the long term – and what would look like.

Council is in agreement of Supporting the 10-unit project. Let Brianna start moving this project forward to the next stage.

More information needed on long term care facility from Dilico

We could put RFP – for an architect to provide us an actual design, costs, other ideas for land areas.

Bonnie Pelletier exited the meeting at 9:30pm

AGENDA ITEM - NADF – BCR

Requesting more information \$12,500 dollars for water filtration business.

MOTION # 5 made by Kyle MacLaurin and seconded by Desiree Morriseau Shields to approve the BCR – Paul Elvish. Opposed. Yvette Greenwald, Bess Legarde, Sheldon Bannon Abstained. Motion carried

MOTION #5- Made by 10:27 pm – Meeting Adjourned

(did not catch who made this motion)

COUNCIL AGENDA ITEMS for Next Week

Blair and Sandra will be presenting the Financial Statements Next Week

Discuss the 2 policies and requests for LNHL.

