

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

**February 11, 2026 – 5:30 p.m.**

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**CHAIR:** Chief Michele Solomon  
**COUNCILLORS:** Yvette Greenwald, Desiree Morriseau-Shields (zoom),  
Jacob McKay (zoom), Jennelle Charlie (zoom), Kyle  
MacLaurin (zoom), Sherry Pelletier, Peter W. Collins,  
Sheldon Bannon, Bonnie Pelletier, Brian Ludwigsen  
(zoom), Leo Bannon Jr (zoom), Bess Legarde,  
**STAFF:** CEO – Jeremiah Windego, Exec. Asst. to CEO – Melissa  
Zeleny  
**REGRETS:** Jacob McKay  
**GUESTS:** CFO-Sandra Buosi, Blair Smith MMP, Sagar – Senior  
Manager on the

**AGENDA – Call Meeting to Order – Chair** called meeting to order at 5:55p.m.  
With prayer and smudge by Chief Michele Solomon.

**MOTION #1 –Moved by Yvette Greenwald seconded by Bess Legarde to accept  
the agenda for February 11, 2026. All in favor. Motion carried.**

**AGENDA ITEM – Audited Financial Statements**

Basis of Qualified Opinion - Three Significant Accounting Policies composed of three  
areas: Capital Assets Retirement, City Property Taxes, receivable

Managements responsibility – satisfied with the financial

In accordance with Public Safety Standards

Statement of Operations – shows all your revenues and expenditures. RST  
Settlement. The reason this is in the financial statements is because they provided  
notice to FWFN on January 27, 2025 and based on the notification to FWFN share



of this amount was 630,418, 800 showed that we were in the – 2026 will appear as a significant deficit as Fort William has paid out.

(Page 23-notes 23 talks about the RST settlement and breakdown of distribution)

Page 2. Breakdown by our revenues by funder, most consistent from year to year, tied to specific deliverables. Total funding approx. 16,000,000 outside of RST  
Other sources of revenue (note 24 on page)

Investment Income –

Gain on Sale Investments – investment advisors are selling investments Fort William holds.

Lottery Fund Revenue OFNLP – total revenue for the year 680,835,707

Program Expenses – (schedules on the back) Total Expenditures

Consolidated Expenses (page 26) Bad Debt (Recovery)

Highlight Wages and Benefits – want to highlight that wages went up due to Retro Payout

-have to show the expenditures by objects and the schedules provide further breakdown

-request a breakdown of Legal Expenses to be included in

Surplus for the year about one million dollars – next year will you will see the deficit as we received and distributed in 2 different. Surplus is quite healthy.

Feedback on the document:

Suggest that the Schedule 2 – be inclusive of legal fees separate from the request to break down the legal fees further instead of putting it into

Request 10 -15 minutes at the beginning of the presentation to community to explain how to review a financial statement

Suggestion to add which page to refer to put the page number with the note

Directors and Managers to come prepared to present their budgets at the meeting



Consolidates Statement of Financial Position -

Meeting with ISC – 2 weeks ago to talk about some of our barriers with them – received up to date information on the outstanding reports and also the

Council would like to know how many accounts we have and the balances of our general accounts.

Non- Financial Assets -

Nest steps is approval of the Statements, then there will be a few documents to signed, finally a reach back out to the lawyers and confirm that they have confirmed the legal liability side.

Then will be in a position to present to community.

**MOTION #2 Moved by Jennelle Charlie, seconded by Peter Collins to accept the Consolidated Financial Statements of year ending March. Opposed Brian Ludwigsen, Yvette Greenwald. Motion carried.**

**Chief Michele Solomon declared a conflict and left at 8:45pm -**

**AGENDA ITEM – Little NHL Donation Requests**

**MOTION # 3 Moved by Sheldon, seconded by Peter Collins to support both hockey teams this year money to come out of the \$104,500 to be taken from the tobacco funds. Opposed Brian Ludwigsen. Motion carried.**

**MEETING ADJOURN - MOTION # 4 made by Peter Collins, seconded by Jennelle Charlie to adjourn meeting at 9:30pm**



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