



AAMJIWNAANG FIRST NATION

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Boozhoo, Aneesh naa:

It's hard to believe that's it's the end of November already. I appreciate everyone who has stopped by the office just to say hi and make suggestions on how they feel things could be improved upon.

Our Council, Staff and members work hard to improve our community of Aamjiwnaang and I, for one, am very proud.

Just an update on what our Council, with the assistance of staff, have been working diligently on:

Council has now achieved and fulfilled their first priority!

We have filled the position of Aamjiwnaang **BAND MANAGER! JUNE SIMON** has accepted this position, as of November 29th, 2016, and I know that our Staff and Community will welcome and assist her in the many duties that await her.

Council has established our Vision and Mission Statements and most importantly have set our Goals and Objectives for the 2016-2018 term.

In 2015, KPMG, a professional service company, completed an Organizational Review for Aamjiwnaang. Council has begun the task of prioritizing and implementing the 17 recommendations contained in this review. A copy of the KPMG Report is available at the Band Office for interested members to obtain.

We also have had a joint meeting with Kettle and Stony Point on October 12th, 2016, regarding the **Clench Defalcation Land Claim**. Aamjiwnaang and Kettle and Stony Point currently still stand by what they believe the split/division of money should be. However, we both agree that the money should be released to the Bands collectively to put in a bank account where it can be making interest until a decision is made on the split/division of money, the process involved is being looked into by our lawyers. It was also discussed that perhaps mediation should be considered should Aamjiwnaang and Kettle and Stony Point not come to an agreement regarding the split/division of the money. Another meeting will be held in January 2017. We will be updating our community as new developments arise.

More updates to our community will be forthcoming as projects progress. I look forward to meeting with more staff and community members. We are so pleased to see that a Beaver Colony has started up alongside the Cub Scouts. **A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL** the volunteers that give of their time to make our various programs the success they are and making Aamjiwnaang a great place to live! Also, thank you to our Staff who work hard to provide many services to our members.

On behalf of Aamjiwnaang Band Council and Staff we wish everyone a Safe & Happy Holiday Season!

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Joanne Rogers - Ogimaa Kwe