

**Regular Council Meeting
Aamjiwnaang First Nation
Monday, January 18, 2016 - 5:00 PM**

The Regular Council Meeting was held on the above-date in the Administration Complex Council Chambers scheduled for 5:00 PM.

Council Members Present: Chief Chris Plain, Councillor Darren Henry, Councillor Ted White Sr., Councillor Sherri Crowley, Councillor Shawn Plain, Councillor R. Codey Simon, Councillor John Adams, Councillor Errol Gray, Councillor Lareina Rising, Councillor Randi Rogers

Regrets: None

Others Present:

Kelly Williams, Acting Band Administrator
Matt Stone, JD, Hybrid Staff Lawyer LAO
Andrew Bolter, M.A., J.D., Lawyer, Executive Director, LAO
Christine O’Conner, Manager Duty Counsel Services (Sarnia), LAO
Jeff Plain, Community Legal Assistance Sarnia
Sandy Waring, Community Information Officer
Kaitlyn McCabe, Director General, LAO

Call to Order:

Chief Chris Plain, called the meeting to order at 5:10 p.m. and Councillor Darren Henry, offered a prayer.

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Discussion: Item 7: b) pg. 4 of 6, amend wording to reflect affiliation with CIDL; Item 8: c) pg.5 of 6, amend wording to reflect that the group is not a Standing Committee of Council; Item 9: new Business, list Motions In-Camera; Item #10: c) pg. 5 of 6, correct follow-up wording.

Motion #1. MOVED BY: Shawn Plain
SECONDED BY: Sherri Crowley

That this Council adopted the Regular Council Meeting Minutes dated Monday, January 11, 2016, with noted changes.

MOTION CARRIED

Item #1: Frances Pawis Briefing Note – Re: Language Class

Discussion: Councillor Sherri Crowley, provided an update and noted that she has been attending the language classes that meet once per week at Maawn Doosh Gumig Community and Youth Centre. Also discussed was previous language class financial support and the staff who use to look after the initiative. It was also mentioned that the E’Maawidizijig Heritage and Culture Club also offer language classes that they fundraise for. It was suggested that the language class continued to be supported until the end of the fiscal year, with the Community Services Coordinator being responsible for all internal reporting and this item to be discussed during the annual budgeting exercise.

Motion #2. MOVED BY: Sherri Crowley
SECONDED BY: Darren Henry

That this Council acknowledges Frances Pawis’s Briefing Note regarding the Tuesday Night Language Class and approves the request for compensation in the amount of \$2,600.00 (\$100.00 x 26 classes). Furthermore, funds are to be used from Community Spirituality Funds with the program being funded until the end of the 2015-2016 fiscal year-end.

1-Abstained: Councillor John Adams – Conflict of Interest
MOTION CARRIED

Item #2: Education Coordinator Briefing Note – Re: MOU Reverse Tuition Agreement Between Aamjiwnaang and LKDSB

Follow-Up:

- Band Council Clerk to complete changes.

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- Community Services Coordinator to be responsible for all internal reporting.
- Item of discussion for the annual budgeting exercise.
- Advertising for the language class to continue in the Tribe-Una.

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Discussion: There was a brief discussion that included: how the reverse tuition agreement will be effect the existing programming; the number of students participating in the Jr. Kindergarten Program is based on room size; the criteria; number of staff (student, teacher ratio); and, the need to develop a policy for the new initiative.

- Education Coordinator to develop a Policy for implementation of the program for Council review and approval

Motion #4. MOVED BY: Randi Rogers
SECONDED BY: Shawn Plain

That this Council acknowledges the Education Coordinators Briefing Note regarding the Memorandum of Understanding Reverse Tuition Agreement with the Lambton Kent District School Board, and accepts the recommendation, as presented. Furthermore, a draft policy is to be developed with regards to implementation of the program and brought back to Council for review and approval.

MOTION CARRIED

Item #3: Matt Stone – Legal Aid Ontario (LAO) Presentation

Discussion: Matt Stone, Kaitlyn McCabe, Andrew Bolter, Christine O’Conner and Jeff Plain were in attendance for the presentation and discussion of presented information. Mr. Stone provided Council with background of his work in his profession and reviewed the initiatives of Legal Aid Ontario (LAO) and who they represent. It was noted that there are some key changes to the services that are offered by LAO. It was also mentioned that due to nature of First Nation’s issues, individuals are eligible for new supports that can be accessed through an application process that may be approved immediately with no associated costs. LAO offers clinics where individuals can receive advice and referrals, also with no associated costs. Through a brief question answer period direction was given for the Mr. Stone to meet with the A/Band Administrator to schedule time and location for LAO Clinics to be offered on Reserve, and the Community Information Officer is to ensure that all relevant information is distributed to the community.

Follow-Up:

- A/Band Administrator to meet with Mr. Matt Stone, to schedule LAO Clinic times and location.
- Community Information Officer is to distribute information regarding the LAO Clinics to the community.

Motion #3. MOVED BY: Shawn Plain
SECONDED BY: Randi Rogers

That this Council acknowledges Matt Stones’ correspondence dated January 13, 2016, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

Item #4: Aamjiwnaang Environment Staff Memo – Re: Environment Seminar Schedule

Discussion: There was a concern regarding the day of the week and time of month for the Environment Seminars. Council Portfolio holder John Adams, to confirm date and time for the February Environment Seminar with the Environment Committee. Due to the fact that it is an election year, Council was in agreement to confirm meetings for February and May only and that the meetings take place on the last Thursday of the month.

Follow-Up:

- Councillor John Adams to confirm Thursday, February 25, 2016, for the Environment Seminar.

Motion #5. MOVED BY: Sherri Crowley
SECONDED BY: Ronald C. Simon

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That this Council acknowledges the Aamjiwnaang Environment Staff Memo, regarding the Environment Seminar Schedule for 2016. Furthermore, Council requests a date change for the Environment Seminars.

MOTION CARRIED

Item #5: Housing Committee Meeting Minutes and Motions

a) Thursday, November 5, 2015

Follow Up:

Discussion: Councillor Darren Henry excused himself from the discussion for this item. ➤ N/A

There was a brief discussion regarding the installation of the Carbon Monoxide detectors, an individual named in one of the Motion, and emergency funding and renovation loans. It was mentioned that the Band uses a Purchase Order system and no funds are paid directly for emergencies or renovations.

Motion #6. MOVED BY: John Adams
SECONDED BY: Ted White Sr.

That this Council acknowledges the Housing Committee Meeting Minutes and Motions, Thursday, November 5, 2015, as presented. Furthermore, the recommendations are accepted based on eligibility.

1-Abstained; Councillor Sherri Crowley – Conflict of Interest
MOTION CARRIED

b) Thursday, December 3, 2015

Follow Up:

Discussion: There was a brief discussion about hired contractors, carbon monoxide detectors, and housing maintenance needs. It was mentioned that the Motion ledger used by Housing is an excellent tool that is being used for the Housing Committee action and follow-up. ➤ N/A

Motion #7. MOVED BY: Shawn Plain
SECONDED BY: John Adams

That this Council acknowledges the Housing Committee Meeting Minutes and Motions, Thursday, December 3, 2015, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

Item #6: Lands Management Officer Briefing Note – Re: Sun Canadian Pipeline New Spur Line Project

Follow-Up:

Discussion: Chief Plain provided some background information on the proposed project and noted that representatives from Sun-Canadian will be attending the next Council session on February 1, 2016, for a question answer period. It was noted that the entire process for laying a pipeline is lengthy and the presented report is only a part of that process. ➤ N/A

Motion #8. MOVED BY: Randi Rogers
SECONDED BY: Sherri Crowley

That this Council acknowledges the Land Management Officer Briefing Note and information package regarding the Sun Canadian Pipeline New Spur Line Project, as presented.

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Item #7: Acting Band Administrator Update January 18, 2016

Discussion: There was a brief discussion about the Health and Safety Committee and the A/Band Administrator provided a brief overview of the current structure of the committee and noted meetings will again be held. Further discussion included date selection for annual budgeting exercise and the 2016-2018 Election. It was mentioned that the last Regular Council session for this term will be on July 4, 2016.

- Annual budgeting exercise to be held on Wednesday, March 2, 2016 at the Administrative office.
- 2016-2018 Election to be held July 15, 2016.

Motion #9. MOVED BY: John Adams
SECONDED BY: Ronald C. Simon

That this Council hold the 2016-2018 Council term Election on July 15, 2016.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion #10. MOVED BY: Shawn Plain
SECONDED BY: Lareina Rising

That this Council acknowledges the Acting Band Administrator's update and accepts the recommendations, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

Item #8: In-Camera Session

Motions In-Camera: #11, #12, #13, #14, #15, #16

Item #9: New Business

a) Councillor Errnol Gray – Indian Oil and Gas

Discussion: Councillor Gray informed Council that he attended a meeting with the London District Chiefs Council earlier in the day and reviewed the proposed changes to the Indian and Oil and Gas Act.

Follow Up:

- N/A

b) AANDC Correspondence – Re: BCR 2015-2016 #27

Discussion: There was a brief discussion and Councillor Lareina Rising, noted that Aamjiwnaang was within their rights for the submission of the BCR, due to previous direction received directly from Indian and Northern Affairs Canada. It was recommended to follow-up with the Director of Headquarters to resolve the matter.

Follow Up:

- A/Band Administrator to contact the Director of Headquarters at INAC.

Motion #17. MOVED BY: Ronald C. Simon
SECONDED BY: Darren Henry

That this Council acknowledges the correspondence from Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada. Furthermore a correspondence is to be forwarded to Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada for clarification.

MOTION CARRIED

c) Councillor Randi Rogers – Band Administrator Position

Discussion: Councillor Rogers, requested that Council appoint Members of Council who will be responsible for hiring a new Band Administrator. Further discussion included: who would be responsible for collecting applicant packages; develop a test for

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- N/A

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all applicants; review existing questionnaire for possible revisions; invitation extended to a Band Administrator from another First Nation (neutral party) to participate in the interview process; and, development of a plan of action for the hiring process.

Motion #18. MOVED BY: Sherri Crowley
SECONDED BY: Errnol Gray

That this Council appoints Councillors Darren Henry, Randi Rogers and Lareina Rising to the Band Administrator Hiring Committee.

MOTION CARRIED

d) Councillor Randi Rogers – Speed Limit on LaSalle Road

Discussion: Councillor Rogers, requested an update on the request to have the speed limit lowered along LaSalle Road, after the tracks and before the residential area. It was mentioned that the previous A/Band Administrator had started the work and initial contact to the St. Clair Township did happen, however, there has been no further follow-up since her departure due to illness.

Follow-Up:

➤ A/Band Administrator to follow-up.

e) Councillor Randi Rogers – Training and Meeting Notifications

Discussion: Councillor Rogers, mentioned that currently there is a staff away at training that other staff may have benefitted from as well and questioned why training and meeting notices were not being sent out as they previously were. The Acting Band Council Clerk stated that information will be forwarded to Council via email.

Follow-Up:

➤ A/Band Council Clerk to setup email list serve for distribution of training and meeting notices.

f) Councillor Lareina Rising – Little NHL

Discussion: Councillor Rising, provided an update to Council for this year's Little NHL. It was noted that there are six teams, all with different needs such as uniforms and equipment. Councillor rising also indicated that she had spoken with a representative from Shell, who indicated that they are a supporter of Little NHL.

Follow-Up:

➤ Councillor Lareina Rising, contact for corporate sponsors of Little NHL.

Motion #19. MOVED BY: Randi Rogers
SECONDED BY: Sherri Crowley

That this Council acknowledges potential donation from Shell for Little NHL, and Councillor Lareina Rising is to act as key contact between corporate sponsors for Little NHL, as per Aamjiwnaang Donation Policy.

MOTION CARRIED

g) Councillor Ted White Sr. – Medical Travel

Discussion: Councillor White, provided an update to Council regarding discussion and follow-up from the last Council session. It was recommended that perhaps the Public Works Coordinator could research and obtain quotes for replacement of the accessibility van.

Follow-Up:

➤ Public Works Coordinator to research and obtain quotes for an accessibility van.

h) Councillor Sherri Crowley – Mnaasged Child and Family Services Protocol Review and Presentation

Discussion: Councillor Crowley, provided an update and noted that a draft protocol was presented for Council review and there is now a

Follow-Up:

➤ Mnaasged meeting Thursday, February 11,

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final draft ready for presentation. Councillor Crowley suggested that two separate sessions be held, one with Mnaasged to review the Mandate and one with Sarnia-Lambton Children's Aid Society to review the prepared protocol. The meeting with Mnaasged to review the Mandate and receive a complete update on the progress of Mnaasged to be held February 11, 2016 at Maawn Doosh Gumig Community and Youth Centre at 5:00 pm. And, Sarnia-Lambton Children's Aid Society to be invited to the February 16, 2016, Council session to review the protocol.

2016, Maawn Doosh Gumig, at 5:00 pm.
➤ Sarnia-Lambton Children's Aid Society invited to the February 16, 2016, Council session.

i) Councillor Shawn Plain – Outdoor Ice Rink Lighting

Discussion: Councillor Plain, informed Council that outdoor lighting for the outdoor ice rink has ease of control and noted that this evening there were approximately 35 skaters out enjoying the ice.

Follow-Up:

➤ N/A

j) Councillor Shawn Plain – Education Training at Toronto

Discussion: Councillor Plain, mentioned that there will be meetings in Toronto, February 17 and 18, 2016, with regards to the Anishinabek Education Constitution, and noted that he wished to attend. Further discussion included: capacity of Aamjiwnaang Education department to meet the needs for full ratification of an Education Constitution; services and funding available through Union of Ontario Indians; and, the appointment of a task-force specifically for the development and ratification of the Education Constitution.

Follow-Up:

➤ N/A

Motion #20. MOVED BY: Sherri Crowley
SECONDED BY: Randi Rogers

That this Council delegates Chief Chris Plain and Councillors Shawn Plain and Darren Henry, to attend the Anishinabek Education Constitution Development Session at Toronto, Ontario, February 17 and 18, 2016.

MOTION CARRIED

k) Chief Chris Plain – Human Resource Update

Discussion: Chief Plain, distributed information for two separate Human Resource Consultant firms for review and consideration. The Human Resource consultant will be responsible to conduct a review of existing Human Resource practices and make recommendations to Council. It was recommended that a task-force be appointed to oversee direction of Council and to identify the needs of Aamjiwnaang.

Follow-Up:

➤ A/Band Council Clerk to forward website address for the two Human Resource firms to members of Council.

l) Councillor Randi Rogers – Tobacco Allocation

Discussion: Councillor Rogers, mentioned that she noticed the Tobacco Allocation notice in the Tribe-Una and asked whether not the business have submitted their fees owing to Finance. It was noted that invoices have been forwarded to all businesses and there is a set deadline for remittance. In the event that businesses do not meet the deadline they will not be eligible to reapply for allocation. It was also mentioned that a reminder will be forwarded Mid-March.

Follow-Up:

➤ N/A

Item #10: Adjournment

Motion #21. MOVED BY: Errol Gray

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SECONDED BY: John Adams

That this Council Adjourns at 9:30 P.M.

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Recorded By:
Lynn M. Rosales,
A/Band Council Clerk