

**Regular Council Meeting
Aamjiwnaang First Nation
Monday, February 6, 2017 - 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 Joanne Rogers, Councillor Darren Henry, Councillor Dallas Sinopole, Councillor Sherri Crowley, Councillor Shawn Plain, Councillor Phillip Maness, Councillor John Adams, Councillor Errnol Gray

Others Present:

June Simon, Band Manager

Rose John, Finance Coordinator

Tracy Williams, Housing Coordinator

Duffy Simon, Community Member

Sandy Waring, Community Information Officer

Jessica Pickett, Lands Management Officer

Vicki Ware, Education Coordinator

Brittany Simon, Community Member

Call to Order:

Chief Joanne Rogers, called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m. and offered a prayer.

Item #1: Matthew Isaac – Request

Discussion: The Band Manager provided an update on the Community Spirituality funds, and noted that funds are still available. There was a concern about expenses and event organizers are to submit a detailed summary and confirm all expenditures. It was also suggested that a process be developed for requests and approval of Community Spiritual Funds.

Motion #1. MOVED BY: Shawn Plain
SECONDED BY: Dallas Sinopole

That this Council approves Matthew Isaac's request for financial support in the amount of \$3000.00 (three-thousand dollars), for the "2017 Honoring Our Grandparent's Round Dance", request supported through the Community Spiritual Funds. Furthermore, a detailed summary along with a complete expense breakdown to be submitted to Council.

1-Opposed; Errnol Gray, due to previous Council direction for \$500.00 Council support for requests.

MOTION CARRIED

Follow-Up:

➤ Event organizers are to submit a detailed summary and confirm all expenditures.

Item #2: Lands Management Briefing Note – Re: Request to Purchase Land – Duffy Simon

Discussion: The Lands Management Officer, Duffy Simon and Brittany Simon were in attendance for the discussion of the item. There was a lengthy discussion with background information provided, proposed business expansion, timelines for completion, the process for obtaining funding and purpose of business expansion.

The Lands Management Officer, provided an overview of the proposed lots being requested for purchase and noted that the titles are clear. Council comments included: zoning; Aamjiwnaang economic development; supporting entrepreneurial ventures for band members; greenhouse may require additional planning for further development; adjacent tenants and the possible impact on the outdoor recreation area; possibility of designating an area for Band member's business ventures; future development of Band owned land; rates for sale of land; and, development of a process for land sale to community members.

Follow-Up:

➤ N/A

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Motion #4. MOVED BY: Sherri Crowley
 SECONDED BY: Dallas Sinopole

That this Council adopts BCR 2016/2017 #34, for the Federal Budget 2016-2017 – Aamjiwnaang Multi-Unit Housing for \$876,600.00.

1-Opposed; Errnol Gray, would like to see a budget attached.
1-Abstained; Darren Henry, would like to see a plan for the program.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion #5. MOVED BY: Sherri Crowley
 SECONDED BY: Dallas Sinopole

That this Council adopts BCR 2016/2017 #35, for the Federal Budget 2016-2017 – Lot Servicing (for housing purposes only), in the amount of \$150,000.00.

MOTION CARRIED

Item #5: Environment Coordinator

- a) Briefing Note – Re: Participant Funding Program – Review of Environmental and Regulatory Process Funding Application Update – Funding Agreement No.: 1617-ON-000063, Amendment No. 0003**

Follow Up:

Discussion: The Chief, commented that the participant funding program information packages were well put together, and provides the necessary information needed for an informed decision making process. The Environment Coordinator provided a brief overview of the submitted information and noted that more discussion with regards to development of community environmental legislation can take place at the upcoming environment seminar.

➤ N/A

Motion #7. MOVED BY: Darren Henry
 SECONDED BY: Errnol Gray

That this Council acknowledges the Environment Coordinator briefing note and accepts the Funding Agreement No.: 1617-ON-000063, Amendment No. 0003, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

- b) Consultation Worker Memo – Re: Environment Seminar Request & Strategic Planning for MOECC Processes**

Follow Up:

Discussion: There were a few brief comments on the dates and times, and it was mentioned that there will be more discussion at the strategic planning session.

➤ Strategic Planning and Seminar March 10, 2017, 9 am – 4 pm

Motion #8. MOVED BY: Sherri Crowley
 SECONDED BY: Shawn Plain

That this Council acknowledges the Environment Consultation Worker memo and set the date for the next Environment Seminar, to be held on Friday, March 10, 2017. Further that Council is in agreement to hold quarterly Environment Seminars, as presented.

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c) Consultation Worker Memo – Re: Strategic Planning for MOECC Processes – Notes and Motion combined with Item #5. b)

d) Environment Committee Meeting Minutes and January 17, 2017 Recommendations

I. November 1, 2016

II. November 15, 2016

III. December 6, 2016

IV. January 17, 2017

Discussion: There was a lengthy discussion on all submitted Environment Committee minutes which included: students in CPAC program should be encouraged to take environment programs; environment job opportunities to be listed and offered in the community; employment and training should be involved in job opportunities; high school students leaving the secondary school should be informed of job opportunities in industry; partnerships with local organizations; and, Capacity agreements should also be including job opportunities for youth.

Other matters discussed: the motion for the development of an internal recycling program was never forwarded to the environment department. It was suggested to invite Nahwegahbow Corbriere to meet with Council for formal introduction and comment on how to move forward with legalities and environmental regulations and how to incorporate with the community constitution.

Motion #9. MOVED BY: Sherri Crowley
SECONDED BY: Errnol Gray

That this Council acknowledges the Environment Committee Meeting Minutes of November 1, 2016, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion #10. MOVED BY: John Adams
SECONDED BY: Errnol Gray

That this Council acknowledges the Environment Committee Meeting Minutes of November 15, 2016, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion #11. MOVED BY: Shawn Plain
SECONDED BY: Dallas Sinopole

That this Council acknowledges the Environment Committee Meeting Minutes of December 6, 2016, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion #12. MOVED BY: Errnol Gray
SECONDED BY: Darren Henry

That this Council acknowledges the Environment Committee Meeting Minutes of January 17, 2016, and accepts the recommendations, as presented, with the exception of Item #4: Recommendation #2.

Follow Up:

➤ Nahwegahbow Corbriere to meet with Council for formal introduction and discussion about development of community legislation for environmental related matters.

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Item #6: A/Development Coordinator Memo – Re: CIDL Shareholders Meeting Follow-Up:

Discussion: It was noted that Councillor Errnol Gray will not be attendance as he will be away on Band business and that the shareholders meeting has been scheduled for 5:00 pm to accommodate personal schedules of Council. > N/A

Item #7: Health Director Memorandum – Community Health Representative Recommendation Follow Up:

Discussion: None > N/A

Motion #14. MOVED BY: Errnol Gray
SECONDED BY: Shawn Plain

That this Council acknowledges the Health Directors memorandum and accepts the hiring panel recommendation that the position be offered to Patricia Gilbert.

1-Abstained; Councillor Darren Henry, Conflict of Interest.

MOTION CARRIED

Item #8: Correspondence and Information

a) SFNS Board of Directors Joint Meeting with LDCC Follow Up:

Discussion: There was a brief discussion about the First Nations board meetings and scheduling and that directives of those boards may need to be clarified. There were question's raised about all boards in the region and reporting requirements to all communities that they are supposed to be conducting business for. It was suggested that the community needs to conduct an evaluation and determine where they stand in regards to the many boards in southwestern Ontario. > N/A

Motion #15. MOVED BY: Shawn Plain
SECONDED BY: Sherri Crowley

That this Council appoints Chief Joanne Rogers to attend the SFNS Board of Directors Joint Meeting with LDCC.

MOTION CARRIED

b) Zero Lab at OCAD University – Re: Project “Ipperwash Beach Walk” Follow Up:

Discussion: There was a suggestion to invite the lead researcher, Monica Virtue, to the community to conduct a presentation sometime in April or May. A council meeting can be held at the community centre, to allow for Council and community to be present for a presentation. > N/A

Motion #16. MOVED BY: Sherri Crowley
SECONDED BY: Dallas Sinopole

That this Council acknowledges the Zero Lab at OCAD University, Project “Ipperwash Beach Walk”.

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c) MOECC Water Protection

Discussion: The Chief mentioned that she wanted Council to see the information and noted the importance of water, and that perhaps Council should be making a recommendation to the Treaty Council about bottled water. It was also mentioned that previous leadership have always talked about water rights and the need to be continue to exercise our jurisdiction on the waters surrounding our territory, need to be advocating for the water.

Follow Up:

➤ This could be an item for the strategic planning discussion with the environment department.

d) OFNLP – Audited Financial Statements and Reporting for the Year Ended March 31, 2018 - Update

Discussion: None

Follow Up:

➤ N/A

Motion #17. MOVED BY: Sherri Crowley
SECONDED BY: Shawn Plain

That this Council acknowledges the information regarding the OFNLP – Audited Financial Statements and proposed reporting for the Year Ended March 31, 2018

MOTION CARRIED

e) LDCC Meeting Minutes – November 4, 2016

Discussion: FYI – there were brief comments on revenue sharing and tobacco regulation.

Follow Up:

➤ N/A

Motion #18. MOVED BY: Shawn Plain
SECONDED BY: Sherri Crowley

That this Council acknowledges the LDCC Meeting Minutes, November 4, 2016, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

f) Invitation: Southern Regional Treaty Forum on February 21, 2017, Hamilton, Ontario

Discussion: There were brief comments with regards to Six Nation's and Anishinabek Nation territory and the two-row wampum belt. It was suggested to exercise caution where lands and specific claims are being discussed. It was also suggested to apply to TDCD for funds to conduct research on all treaties related to Aamjiwnaang.

Follow Up:

➤ N/A

Motion #19. MOVED BY: Sherri Crowley
SECONDED BY: Dallas Sinopole

That this Council appoints Councillor Errol Gray, to attend the Southern Regional Treaty Forum on February 21, 2017, at Hamilton, Ontario

MOTION CARRIED

Item #14: New Business

a) Finance Coordinator

I. Briefing Note Re: OFNLP Annual General Meeting June 8, 2017 – FYI

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Discussion: The Finance Coordinator was introduced and was provided an opportunity to address Council for personal introduction.

The Finance Coordinator reviewed the briefing note and noted that the Chief may appoint a proxy in the event that they are unable to attend. The appointment of a proxy can be tabled and brought back to the table at a later date.

➤ Information may be brought back at a later date.

II. Briefing Note Re: Professional and Institute Development Funding (P&ID) Proposal

Discussion: The Finance Coordinator reviewed the proposal process and noted where the funding may be allocated. It was also mentioned that a policy can be developed in-house and then reviewed by legal to ensure legislation is followed. It was also noted that the funding may be accessed for up to five (5) years, and that she will be submitting an application on behalf of Aamjiwnaang.

➤ N/A

Motion #13. MOVED BY: Shawn Plain
SECONDED BY: Sherri Crowley

That this Council acknowledges the Finance Coordinator briefing note and directs the Finance Coordinator to apply for funding from INAC when there is a call for proposals for Professional and Institute Development Funding, for purpose of developing a Human Resource Code.

MOTION CARRIED

III. INAC Funding Services Officer Meeting Dates

Discussion: The Finance Coordinator reviewed the responsibilities of the Funding Service Officer and noted that it is part of their duties to visit each First Nation in their region every year. It was noted that there may be slippage funds available and applied for and used for community infrastructure and/or community initiatives. More information will be submitted as it is known.

➤ March 30, 2017, at 10:00 am, in the Administrative Complex, Council Chambers for a meeting with AANDC Senior Funding Service Officer.

IV. Council Orientation Meeting and Budget Review

Discussion: The Finance Coordinator noted that the council orientation binder is almost complete and that she would like to review the budget with council prior to presenting to the community. It was suggested to hold the Community Information Meeting Budget Presentation on March 20, 2017, at the Community Centre, at the same time Council would hold the Regular Council Meeting. The RCM meeting agenda to be adjusted to accommodate the presentation of the annual budget to the community. The RBC investment presentation will also be held on this date.

➤ Community Information Meeting Budget Presentation on March 20, 2017, at the Community Centre, at 5:00 pm.
➤ RBC investment presentation on March 20, 2017, agenda item.

b) Band Manager Briefing Note – Re: Human Resource Position

Discussion: The Band Manager, provided a brief update on the interview process and noted that if the selected candidate declines the offer of employment that the position will be posted again to a wider pool of respondents. There was a brief discussion about salary, confidentiality of disclosing salary in a public forum, as well as the importance of filling the position.

➤ N/A

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Motion #20. MOVED BY: Shawn Plain
SECONDED BY: Sherri Crowley

That this Council acknowledges the Band Manager briefing note and accepts the recommendation to hire Lorrie Guggisberg, as the Human Resource Officer on a six-month contract.

1-Abstained; Philip Maness, the salary for the position should have been presented.

MOTION CARRIED

c) Chief Joanne Rogers – Chief Nadjiwon – Land Purchase

Discussion: The Chief, briefed Council with regards to a land purchase near Chippewas of Nawash, and that Aamjiwnaang First Nation was named as the purchaser. After a brief discussion about a band business it was determined that land was purchased, but not by the Band. Further comments included Structural Solar and CIDL business ventures. The Chief will contact the Chief Nadjiwon and provide an update.

It was also mentioned that Chief Nadjiwon has requested a separation ceremony, more information will be presented as it is determined.

Follow-Up:

- The Chief will contact Chief Nadjiwon and provide an update.

d) UOI Memorandum – Anishinabek Nation & Stakeholder Gathering on Great Lakes Knowledge Sharing – March 9, 2017

Discussion: FYI – if anyone is interested in attending, they may indicate so at the next RCM.

Follow-Up:

- N/A

e) Councillor Shawn Plain – Enniskillen Lands Purchase

Discussion: Councillor Plain indicated that he would like to request a task force be appointed to begin the process purchasing land again, and would like to be appointed to the task force. It was suggested that a committee/task force consists of the Lands Management Officer, and members of Council. Interested members of Council are; Councillor Shawn Plain, Councillor Errnol Gray, Councillor Dallas Sinopole and Chief Joanne Rogers. It was also suggested to go back to the community and request input on how to move forward and develop a strategy based on community input.

Follow-Up:

- N/A

f) Councillor Sherri Crowley – Development Committee

Discussion: Councillor Crowley noted her concerns regarding the Development Committee and suggested that perhaps Council may wish to evaluate the committee's roles and responsibilities. The Band Manager provided some background information and noted that at some point in the past Economic Development and Employment and Training separated. It was also noted that there may need to be a need for restructuring.

Follow-Up:

- The Band Manager to meet with the A/Development Coordinator to discuss Council concerns and report back.

There was further discussion about a proposed Planning and Priorities Committee that would focus on fulfilling established Council goals and objectives. It was suggested that the Employment and Training to be placed under the umbrella of Economic Development. The Band Manager suggested that

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Council wait until the Human Resource Officer is hired before any further restructuring takes place.

Council needs to plan, implement, evaluate and make necessary changes in order to keep moving forward.

Item #15: In-Camera Session

Motions in Camera - #21

Item #16: Adjournment

Motion #22. MOVED BY: Errnol Gray
SECONDED BY: John Adams

That this Council Adjourns at 10:14 P.M.

MOTION CARRIED

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