

Regular Council Meeting
Aamjiwnaang First Nation
Tuesday, February 16, 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 John Adams, Councillor Errol Gray, Councillor Lareina Rising

Regrets: Councillor Randi Rogers (ILL), Ronald C. Simon (ILL)

Others Present:

Kelly Williams, Acting Band Administrator	Wilson Plain Jr., Emergency Management Planner
Sandy Waring, Community Information Officer	Chris Pettit, Community Member
Beckie Pettit, Guest	Janice Rising, Program Supervisor, Mnaasged
Dawn Flegal, Executive Director, SLCAS	Jen Thrasher, Director of Services, SLCAS
Sue Doxtator, Project Manager, Mnaasged	Elfreda Ireland, Director of Programs, Mnaasged
Cheryl Riley, Governance Executive Assistant, Mnaasged	

Call to Order:

Chief Chris Plain, called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m. and Councillor Errol Gray, offered a prayer.

Regular Council Meeting Minutes, Monday, February 1, 2016

Follow-Up:

Discussion: None

➤ N/A

Motion #1. MOVED BY: Errol Gray
SECONDED BY: Shawn Plain

That this Council adopts the Regular Council Meeting Minutes, Monday, February 1, 2016, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

Item #1: Chris Pettit and Kierstynn Pettit – Request

Follow-Up:

Discussion: Chris and Beckie Pettit were in attendance for discussion of the request. Mr. Pettit provided an overview of Kierstynn Pettit's trip to Barcelona and future competitions that are being planned to attend. It was also mentioned that Kierstynn Pettit has been paying for all her own expenses for her modeling events and is also attending college full-time.

➤ A/BCC to prepare cheque requisition

Motion #2. MOVED BY: Errol Gray
SECONDED BY: John Adams

That this Council approves Kierstynn Pettit's request for financial assistance in the amount of \$865.54 (eight-hundred, sixty-five dollars and fifty-four cents), and will be supported through Council Contingency Funds.

MOTION CARRIED

Item #2: Emergency Management Planner

Follow-Up:

a) Memorandum – Re: Replacement Flare at Pembina Pipeline

Discussion: The Emergency Management Planner was in attendance and provided background information regarding the replacement of the flare at Pembina Pipeline, located on LaSalle Line. It was mentioned that a meeting was attended, however, there was no discussion of the approval process. The matter has been discussed with the Environment Coordinator, who will complete follow-up and confirm the approval process. It was also mentioned that Aamjiwnaang has an approved Consultation Protocol in place for all industry.

➤ Environment Coordinator to report back with findings.

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**b) Memorandum – USA Coast Guard Exercise – May 25, 2016,
8:00 am-3:00 pm**

- Discussion: The Emergency Management Planner was in attendance and provided background information, the scope of the exercise and the current status of the proposed USA Coast Guard exercise that will take place in May, 2016. Enbridge, Line 5, is going to be the main focus of the exercise. It was also mentioned that there may be a possibility of planned action from activist groups who are against Enbridge. There was a question as to whether any members of Council would like to be involved with the exercise. It was also mentioned that the Emergency Management Planner will be actively participating or observing from the USA side of the border and the Environment Coordinator will be actively participating or observing from the Canadian side of the border.
- Communication to be sent out to the community regarding the exercise.

Motion #3. MOVED BY: Lareina Rising
SECONDED BY: Errnol Gray

That this Council acknowledges the Emergency Management Planners' Memorandum regarding the USA Coast Guard Exercise that will be held on May 25, 2016. Furthermore, Councillors Darren Henry and John Adams are delegated to participate in the exercise.

MOTION CARRIED

c) Notification Report January 2016

- Discussion: The Emergency Management Planner was in attendance and provided a brief overview of the report and noted that it is becoming a standardized report. It was mentioned that CVECO inclusions from Shell are not being forwarded directly, but are reported through the Ministry of Environment reports. It was suggested that a letter of support from Chief and Council be drafted and forwarded to Shell noting the Emergency Management Planner concern.
- The Chief to draft a letter and forward to Shell noting concern.

Motion #4. MOVED BY: Sherri Crowley
SECONDED BY: John Adams

That this Council acknowledges the Emergency Management Planners' Notification Report for January 2016, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

Item #3: Community Information Officer Briefing Note – Re: Press Release

Follow-Up:

- Discussion: The Community Information Officer was in attendance and provided a review of the prepared press release and noted that the Business Development Officer and former Economic Development Office assisted with the preparation of the draft. There was further discussion regarding the wording, past accomplishments and work experiences. A budget along with a date for the retirement celebration will be forthcoming.
- Community Information Officer to complete minor revisions per Council discussion.

Motion #5. MOVED BY: Lareina Rising
SECONDED BY: Sherri Crowley

That this Council acknowledges the Community Information Officer Briefing Note and accepts the recommendation, as presented.

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Item #4: Sarnia-Lambton CAS and Mnaasged Child and Family Services – Joint Presentation

a) Draft Protocol and Summary

Discussion: Chief Plain welcomed Mnaasged staff and Sarnia Lambton Children's Aid Society staff and thanked all for attending the meeting. Councillor Sherri Crowley, Council Portfolio Holder to Mnaasged Board of Directors, provided background information on the development of the presented Draft Protocol. Representatives from the prospective organization were also invited to offer comments on the Draft Protocol prior to a lengthy discussion.

Further discussion included: the current working relationship that has been developed between all organizations that are involved with child welfare for Aamjiwnaang First Nation; key points in the presented Draft protocol need to be further defined and clarified; for the consultation process, when there are more than one First Nation involved, all parties are consulted with; child representation; support of First Nation decisions; Inherent Rights; Crown Ward(s); Band Representative responsibilities; information sharing process with all parties of interest; Safety Planning; child apprehension and safety; consultation with families and all interested parties involved with each child welfare case; the referral process and responsibility for initial investigation of a reported child safety concern; child witnesses are those who act as a witness for the child; permanency plans and final placement; Kinship Care; current community stats for children in care; and, the importance of incorporating and bringing understanding of the Anishinaabe Seven Grandfather Teachings for mainstream workers who are involved with First Nation children.

Mnaasged Child and Family Services staff provided a printed copy of the power point presentation for Council to review.

Motion #6. MOVED BY: Shawn Plain
SECONDED BY: Sherri Crowley

That this Council acknowledges the draft Protocol and Summary between Aamjiwnaang First Nation and Mnaasged Child and Family Services and Sarnia-Lambton Children's Aid Society. Furthermore, the working group is to revise per Council discussion prior to final review and acceptance.

MOTION CARRIED

b) Aamjiwnaang, Mnaasged and SLCAS Working Group Meeting Minutes, November 24, 2015

Discussion: Councillor Sherri Crowley, noted that dates will be submitted for Council consideration to reschedule a meeting for a full presentation from Mnaasged Child and Family Services, regarding the progress of becoming a fully mandated Child Protection Agency. Members of Council were also invited to attend the Mnaasged Board of Directors, meeting on Friday, February 20, 2016, at Maawn Doosh Gumig Community and Youth Centre, scheduled to begin at 10:00 am.

Motion #7. MOVED BY: Sherri Crowley
SECONDED BY: Errnol Gray

Follow-Up:

➤ The working group to revise Draft Protocol per Council discussion.

Follow-Up:

➤ Dates for consideration for Mnaasged presentation to be forwarded.

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That this Council acknowledges the Aamjiwnaang, Mnaasged and SLCAS Working Group Meeting Minutes, November 24, 2015, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

Item #5: Housing Coordinator

a) Briefing Note – Re: Expression of Interest Application and BCR Follow-Up:

Discussion: There was a brief discussion about the previously assigned Task Force for this project and whether or not the same members would continue the work. It was noted that the Task Force will remain the same. ➤ N/A

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

That this Council acknowledges the Housing Coordinators' Briefing Note regarding the Expression of Interest Application and accepts the recommendation, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion #11. MOVED BY: Shawn Plain
SECONDED BY: Sherri Crowley

That this Council adopts BCR 2015-2016 #31, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

b) Housing Committee Meeting Motions and Minutes, Thursday, January 14, 2016 Follow Up:

Discussion: There was a lengthy discussion that included: Motion #5; internal information sharing on availability of funding for renovation loans and emergency loans; Housing program evaluation; repairs and payment of housing repairs; Housing department responsibilities; financial reporting checks and balances; the need for strategic planning; possibility of minor housing repairs completed by Public Works; the need to increase the efficiency of the Housing department to meet the needs of housing maintenance issues; additional training for Housing staff to be able to perform housing inspections; all housing responsibility on one person; and, upcoming budgeting exercise to consider the addition of a full-time permanent staff member to the Housing department. ➤ The Finance Coordinator to provide updates to Housing on the availability of annual funding for renovation loans.

Motion #9. MOVED BY: Sherri Crowley
SECONDED BY: Ted White Sr.

That this Council acknowledges the Housing Committee Motions and Meeting Minutes, Thursday, January 14, 2016, and accepts the presented Motions with the exception of Motion #5 and Motion #7.

MOTION CARRIED

c) Housing Committee Meeting Motions and Minutes, Thursday, December 15, 2016 Follow Up:

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Discussion: There was a brief discussion regarding Carbon Monoxide detectors for all homes on the reserve. It was noted that the Band is liable as landlords for all Band owned homes and is responsible to maintain and care for those homes. It was also mentioned that Seniors homes should have detectors installed whether or not home is Band owned, and that all homes on Reserve should have carbon monoxide detectors.

- A/Band Administrator to post for a Housing Committee Member.
- Housing to report back to Council with the amount of Carbon Monoxide detectors needed for all home on the Reserve, along with a budget.

Motion #10. MOVED BY: Lareina Rising
SECONDED BY: Darren Henry

That this Council acknowledges the Housing Committee Motions and Meeting Minutes, Thursday, December 15, 2016, as presented. Furthermore, Housing to report back on how many additional Carbon Monoxide detectors need to be purchased for all homes on Aamjiwnaang First Nation, along with a budget.

MOTION CARRIED

Item #6: Education Committee Meeting Minutes, November 18, 2015

Follow-Up:

Discussion: It was noted that the submission of the Education Committee Minutes are late due to the fact that the committee has not met recently and the letter of appreciation is being submitted for recognition.

- N/A

Motion #12. MOVED BY: Ted White Sr.
SECONDED BY: Shawn Plain

That this Council acknowledges the Education Committee Meeting Minutes, November 18, 2015, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

Item #7: Membership Officer – Register Change Report January 2016

Follow Up:

Discussion: None

- N/A

Motion #13. MOVED BY: Errol Gray
SECONDED BY: Sherri Crowley

That this Council acknowledges the Register Change Report for January 2016, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

Item #8: Environment Committee Meeting Minutes, January 19, 2016

Follow Up:

Discussion: None

- N/A

Motion #14. MOVED BY: Errol Gray
SECONDED BY: Sherri Crowley

That this Council acknowledges the Environment Committee Meeting Minutes, January 19, 2016, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

Item #9: Administration

a) **A/Band Administrator Report – February 16, 2016**

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Discussion: The A/Band Administrator provided a brief overview noting key points of interest. Additional discussion included: the KPMG organizational review, Plains Midstream lease payment; and, the need to schedule a Special Council Meeting to review and discuss pipeline agreements. Also presented for Council review was a prepared document for the upcoming Community Information Meeting, which is to provide an update regarding the Clench Defalcation Claim. Council is to contact the A/Band Administrator for any suggested changes to the document. ➤ SCM, Monday, February 29, 2016, 4:00 – 6:00 pm, Maawn Doosh Gumig Community and Youth Centre.

Motion #15. MOVED BY: Lareina Rising
SECONDED BY: John Adams

That this Council acknowledges the A/Band Administrators' Report dated February 16, 2016, as presented. Furthermore, a Special Council Meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 29, 2016 from 4:00 – 6:00 pm, at Maawn Doosh Gumig Community and Youth Centre.

MOTION CARRIED

b) A/Band Administrator Briefing Note – Re: Accessibility Van Follow Up:

Discussion: It was noted that there is no special licence required to drive the accessibility van. ➤ N/A

Motion #16. MOVED BY: John Adams
SECONDED BY: Errnol Gray

That this Council acknowledge the A/Band Administrators' Briefing Note regarding Wheel Chair Accessibility Van Quotations and accepts the Finance Coordinators' recommendation as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

c) A/Band Administrator, Indian Day Scholars Class Action-Follow-Up Follow Up:

Discussion: The A/Band Administrator noted that eligibility to participate in the Class Action Lawsuit still needs to be determined, more information to follow. ➤ N/A

Motion #17. MOVED BY: Lareina Rising
SECONDED BY: Errnol Gray

That this Council adopts BCR 2015-2016 #32, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

d) A/Band Council Clerk, Memorandum – Re: Follow-Up to Council Request Follow Up:

Discussion: The follow-up information was clarified under the A/Band Administrators Report. ➤ N/A

Item #9: Correspondence and Information

a) Provincial Advocate for Children and Youth – Feathers of Hope: Justice and Juries Follow Up:

Discussion: None ➤ N/A

Motion #18. MOVED BY: Shawn Plain
SECONDED BY: Errnol Gray

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That this Council acknowledges the Provincial Advocate for Children and Youth – Feathers of Hope: Justice and Juries information, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

b) Lambton College, Aboriginal Students Council – 24th Annual Pow Wow Request

Follow Up:

Discussion: There was a brief discussion noting that the event is an annual event that is well attended.

- A/BCC to prepare cheques requisition.
- Donation Budget.

Motion #19. MOVED BY: Darren Henry
SECONDED BY: Sherri Crowley

That this Council acknowledges the Lambton College, Aboriginal Students Council submitted request, and approves a donation in the amount of \$500.00 (five-hundred dollars) for the 24th Annual Pow Wow.

MOTION CARRIED

c) Grand Bend Wind Project Correspondence

Follow Up:

Discussion: Chief Plain provided and brief overview of the presented correspondences which is being provided an update to Council.

- N/A

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

That this Council acknowledges the Northland Power Inc. correspondence regarding the Grand Band Wind Project, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

Item #14: In-Camera Session

Motions in Camera - #21, #22, #23, #24

Item #15: New Business

a) Councillor John Adams – Employment Standards

Follow Up:

Discussion: Councillor Adams noted that he asked if an individual employee can hold more than one position with the Band. Yes, an individual can hold more than one position just as long as there are no conflicts in scheduling.

- N/A

b) Councillor Lareina Rising – UOI Governance Working Group

Follow Up:

Discussion: Councillor Rising noted that the Governance Working Group meetings are very informative and encouraged other members who may have interest to attend the meetings. It was noted that Councillor Errnol Gray, holds that Council Portfolio. Meeting notices are to be sent to all members of Council when received.

- GWG Meeting notices to be forwarded to all members of Council.

c) Councillor Lareina Rising – Little NHL

Follow-Up:

Discussion: Councillor Rising provided an update and noted that there has been a request to move a child from one division to another. Parents are encouraged to keep their child in their respective division.

- N/A

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d) Councillor Ted White Sr. – Little NHL

Follow-Up:

Discussion: Councillor White indicated that the Community Services Coordinator had requested that Councillor Ted White Sr. attend the Little NHL tournament and bring the community Eagle Staff. The Eagle Staff will be present for the opening ceremony and the Hall of Fame banquet.

➤ N/A

Motion #25. MOVED BY: Darren Henry
SECONDED BY: Errnol Gray

That this Council delegates Councillor Ted White Sr. to attend the Little Native Hockey League tournament, at Mississauga, Ontario, March 14-17, 2016.

MOTION CARRIED

e) Councillor Shawn Plain – OPP Native Liaison

Follow-Up:

Discussion: Councillor Plain provided an update on the newly appointed OPP Native Liaison, Mike Melnychuk. Officer Melnychuk will be visiting the community on Tuesday, March 1, 2016, for a meet and greet. It was also mentioned that the OPP provide support for community rallies, demonstration, and highway control.

➤ N/A

f) Chief Chris Plain – Housing Assistant Position, In-Camera

Follow-Up:

g) Chief Chris Plain – 70th Birthday Party for Roger Williams

Follow-Up:

Discussion: Chief Plain mentioned that Mrs. Sophie Solares, contacted him and extended an invitation to Chief and Council to attend the birthday celebration for Roger Williams, on Saturday, February 20, 2016, at Maawn Doosh Gumig Community and Youth Centre.

➤ N/A

h) Chief Chris Plain – Resource Centre Volunteer

Follow-Up:

Discussion: Chief Plain noted that Fred, a long-time volunteer for the Adult Education Program was honoured today with a song from Aamjiwnaang for his 23 years of volunteer service. At the age of 96 years old, Fred will be retiring.

➤ N/A

i) Chief Chris Plain – St. Clair Township

Follow-Up:

Discussion: Chief Plain noted that an invitation from the St. Clair Township to fly the Aamjiwnaang flag in the Township, was accepted.

➤ N/A

Item #16: Adjournment

Motion #26. MOVED BY: Darren Henry
SECONDED BY: Errnol Gray

That this Council Adjourns at 9:15 P.M.

MOTION CARRIED

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