

Regular Council Meeting
Aamjiwnaang First Nation
Tuesday, February 21, 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 Philip Maness, Councillor John Adams

Regrets: Councillor Errnol Gray (Out of Town-Council Business), Councillor Sherri Crowley (ILL), Councillor Shawn Plain (Appointment)

Others Present:

June Simon, Band Manager	Rose John, Finance Coordinator
Jessica Pickett, Lands Management Officer	Wilson Plain Jr, Emergency Management Planner
Vicki Ware, Education Coordinator	Stacy Rogers, Community Member
Jackson Fisher, Community Member	Jan Martin, Community Member
Henk VandenEnde, Director, Business Development, Cope Construction and Contracting	
Brian Black, Director, Gas Storage Operations & Asset Renewal, Enbridge	

Call to Order:

Chief Joanne Rogers, called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m. and Councillor Philip Maness, offered a prayer.

Regular Council Meeting Minutes, Monday, January 30, 2017

Discussion: Page 1 of 11, Regrets to be listed Councillor Shawn Plain (ILL);
Page 3 of 11, Item #4, noted wording change in discussion.

Motion #1. MOVED BY: John Adams
SECONDED BY: Darren Henry

That this Council adopts the Regular Council Meeting Minutes,
Monday, January 30, 2017, with noted changes.

MOTION CARRIED

Follow-Up:

➤ A/BCC to complete changes.

Regular Council Meeting Minutes, Monday, February 6, 2017

Discussion: Page 2 of 9, Motion #2, wording amendment for noted
opposition of Councillor Shawn Plain.

Motion #2. MOVED BY: Dallas Sinopole
SECONDED BY: Philip Maness

That this Council adopts the Regular Council Meeting Minutes,
Monday, February 6, 2017, with noted change.

MOTION CARRIED

Follow-Up:

➤ A/BCC to complete changes.

Item #1: Stacy Rogers – Request

Discussion: Community members, Stacy Rogers, Jackson Fisher and Jan
Martin were in attendance to speak to the request. There were a
few brief comments with regards to the outstanding
accomplishments of Jackson Fisher, for his academic
achievements, teachers in support of Jackson being selected to
participate in the planned school trip and the importance of
having a policy in place for community requests.

Motion #3. MOVED BY: Philip Maness
SECONDED BY: John Adams

That this Council approves Stacy Rogers request for financial
support in the amount of \$500.00 (five-hundred dollars), request
supported through Council Contingency Funds.

MOTION CARRIED

Follow-Up:

➤ Cheque requisition to
be prepared for
finance.

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Item #2: Membership Officer

a) Permit to Reside – Deborah Bressette (Wilson Maness and Bobbie-Joe Joseph)

Follow-Up:

Discussion: None

➤ **TABLED**

b) Register Change Report – January 2017

Follow-Up:

Discussion: None

➤ N/A

Motion #14. MOVED BY: Philip Maness
SECONDED BY: John Adams

That this Council acknowledges the Register Change Report for January 2017, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

c) FYI – Eligibility for Registration (Section 6, Legislation Manual)

Follow-Up:

Discussion: There was a brief discussion on past and recent court case decisions with regards to the Indian Act being discriminatory, the need to develop a membership code and the Charter of Rights.

➤ Information to be distributed in the Tribe-Une.

Motion #15. MOVED BY: Darren Henry
SECONDED BY: Dallas Sinopole

That this Council acknowledge the Eligibility for Registration information, as presented. Further that, the information is to posted in the Tribe-Une.

MOTION CARRIED

Item #3: Finance Coordinator

a) CMHC Mortgage Renewal

Follow-Up:

Discussion: The Finance Coordinator provided a brief overview of the CMHC Mortgage Renewal, and is requesting Council approval to proceed. It was also mentioned the CMHC provides a small subsidy on interest paid and the current payments will remain the same.

➤ N/A

Motion #4. MOVED BY: Darren Henry
SECONDED BY: John Adams

That this Council acknowledges the CMHC Correspondence and accepts the CMHC Loan Renewal for a period of five-years, effective April 1, 2017, for Property: Lot 5-1, 2-24, 9 and 1680 River Road.

MOTION CARRIED

b) Tobacco Allocation

Follow-Up:

Discussion: The Finance Coordinator reviewed the submitted information and noted that Council direction is being requested for allocation of the 2017-2018 tobacco quota. Further discussion included: businesses with change in ownership; the need for a Tobacco Allocation policy; equal treatment for all retailers on-reserve; and, clarification of surcharge and what the funds are used for.

➤ N/A

Motion #5. MOVED BY: Darren Henry
SECONDED BY: Philip Maness

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That this Council acknowledges the Finance Coordinator briefing note and appoints is in agreement that the Band Manager and Finance Coordinator, administer the Tobacco Allocation for the 2017-2018 fiscal year.

MOTION CARRIED

c) Donation Request – Lambton College Pow Wow April 7, 2017

Discussion: There was a brief discussion regarding previous support provide for the Lambton College Annual Pow Wow, and it was noted that this they are in their 25th year.

Motion #6. MOVED BY: Philip Maness
SECONDED BY: Dallas Sinopole

Follow-Up:

➤ Cheque Requisition to be prepared for finance.

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 25th Annual Pow Wow, request supported through Community Spirituality Funds.

MOTION CARRIED

d) Financial Statements

Discussion: The Finance Coordinator reviewed the presented financial statements noting that minor adjustments will be completed due to changes in work plan for minor capital. Further discussion included: upcoming budgeting exercise and additional consideration for the next fiscal; internal transfer of funds; and, the final financial reporting will be reviewed at year-end.

Motion #7. MOVED BY: John Adams
SECONDED BY: Darren Henry

Follow-Up:

➤ N/A

That this Council acknowledges the Finance Coordinator, financial statement review and update, as presented on February 21, 2017. Further that, Council approves the transfer of \$25,000.00 (twenty-five thousand dollars), from Band Council Travel to Council Contingency Fund, for the 2016-2017, fiscal year.

MOTION CARRIED

Item #4: Emergency Management Planner

a) Notification Report – January 2017

Follow-Up:

b) Follow-Up – Re: Fish Die-Off and CVECO Codes and Information per Month for 2015 and 2016

Follow-Up:

Discussion: The Emergency Management Planner was in attendance and provided a review of the submitted information. He also noted that a meeting has taken place with the Band Manager to include follow-up section in the Notification Reports. Further discussion included: fish die-off; MOECC defined role in what they are to report; spills and the impact on the community; reporting not being received from ministry in a timely manner; and, limited information being provided at the time of a release, spill or other incident. The Emergency Management Planner

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requested that Council clarify the specifics that they wish to see in the Notification Reports.

Motion #8. MOVED BY: Darren Henry
 SECONDED BY: John Adams

That this Council acknowledges the Emergency Management Planner, Notification Report – January 2017, the information on the Talfourd Creek fish die-off December 17 to December 24, 2016, and the CVECO Codes and Information for 2015 and 2016, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

Item #5: Lands Management Officer

a) Briefing Note – Re: Land Allotment Duffy Simon

Follow-Up:

Discussion: The Land Management Officer was in attendance for discussion of the item. There was a question raised about the cost of land sale, the Lands Management Officer informed Council it was presented in the previous briefing note. There was a brief discussion with regards to the BCR, INAC and the change in quorum.

➤ N/A

Motion #9. MOVED BY: John Adams
 SECONDED BY: Dallas Sinopole

That this Council adopts BCR 2016/2017 #36, for Land Allotment to Duffy Simon, as presented.

1-Abstained; Councillor Philip Maness

MOTION CARRIED

b) Briefing Note – Re: Hydro One Update – PIL/Land Appraisal

Follow Up:

Discussion: The Land Management Officer was in attendance and provided a brief update and informed Council that written legal opinion has not been received yet, however, legal has indicated verbally that the Band proceed with the land appraisal.

➤ **TABLED**
➤ Council would like to have written legal opinion.

Item #6: Education Coordinator

a) Education Committee Meeting Minutes, December 14, 2016 and Education Committee Meeting Minutes, February 1, 2017

Follow Up:

Discussion: The Education Coordinator was in attendance for review of the committee minutes. Discussion included: accomplishments of a Native Education Worker; Traditional Territory Acknowledgement and creation of one statement for the Four-Bands to use across the board at all schools; taking time annually to educate about Residential Schools; recommendations of the truth and reconciliation; and, the importance of being updated on the forward movement of the AES.

➤ N/A

The Education Coordinator provided a brief update on the Kinoomaadziwin Education Body (KEB), signing of the Mater Education Framework Agreement (MEFA), and issues with data sharing for student information. Council was informed that a more detailed update will be provided at the RCM of March 6, 2017.

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Motion #10. MOVED BY: John Adams
SECONDED BY: Dallas Sinopole

That this Council acknowledges the Education Committee Meeting Minutes, December 14, 2016, and February 1, 2017, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

b) Education Committee Recommendation – Re: Literacy and Basic Skills Policy Manual

Follow-Up:

Discussion: There were brief comments and recommendations for minor changes in the overall document.

➤ N/A

Motion #11. MOVED BY: John Adams
SECONDED BY: Dallas Sinopole

That this Council approves the Aamjiwnaang First Nation Education Policy Manual, Literacy and Basic Skills 2017, with note changes.

MOTION CARRIED

Item #7: Henk VandenEnde – Re: Wesleyan Methodist Church/School Monument

Follow Up:

Discussion: Mr. Henk VandenEnde and Mr. Brian Black, were in attendance to discuss possible partnership with Aamjiwnaang to improve and honor the historical site/marker for the Wesleyan Methodist Church/School, which served the community several years ago. Members of Council were introduced prior to the guest's, introductions. Mr. VandenEnde, extended his appreciation for the opportunity to meeting with Chief and Council and noted that he wants to conduct business in a good way to do good things. Discussion around the table included: the existing site has already had historical designation; extending an invitation to Kettle and Stoney Point and Walpole Island First Nations; recorded accounts of the missionaries and what they witnessed; historical facts and the significance of Aamjiwnaang territory with regards to time dated artifact and the work on the graves protection and repatriation committee; and, the importance of educating other about who we are as Anishinabe.

➤ A letter to be drafted out to the community to determine interest for involvement on the project.

It was suggested to involve the Culture and Heritage Club, Church Committee, other First Nations, local historians, community members and, any other identified key stakeholders for the proposed project. It was mentioned that the initiative could serve as a good venue on which to tell the story of Aamjiwnaang along with a chronology of events through time. Resources need to be identified, what is required and what is available. A letter to be drafted out to the community to determine interest for involvement on the project.

Motion #12. MOVED BY: Dallas Sinopole
SECONDED BY: Darren Henry

That this Council acknowledges the email correspondences from Mr. Henk VandenEnde, with respect to working on the Wesleyan Methodist Church/School Monument, as presented.

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- Item #8: Ontario Works Memorandum – Re: Staffing Recommendation** **IN-CAMERA**
- Item #9: Environment Committee Meeting Minutes, January 24, 2017** **Follow Up:**
- Discussion: There was a brief discussion about the MOECC response with regards to leasing agreements, a tenant in the Industrial Park and the Water Stories video project. It was mentioned that Council would like to view the video when completed and the importance of protecting the air, land and water. **➤ N/A**
- Motion #16. MOVED BY: Dallas Sinopole
SECONDED BY: John Adams
- That this Council acknowledges the Environment Committee Meeting Minutes of January 24, 2017, as presented.
- MOTION CARRIED
- Item #10: Health Committee Meeting Minutes, January 11, 2017** **Follow Up:**
- Discussion: None **➤ N/A**
- Motion #17. MOVED BY: John Adams
SECONDED BY: Philip Maness
- That this Council acknowledges the Health Committee Meeting Minutes of January 11, 2017, as presented.
- MOTION CARRIED
- Item #11: Community Services Committee Meeting Minutes, January 25, 2017** **Follow Up:**
- Discussion: There was a request to appoint a member of Council to attend the language conference. It was also mentioned that perhaps Aamjiwnaang could host a language conference here in the community and utilize local resources. There was also an expressed concern about language use in the community and the importance of using it more. **➤ Finance will provide detailed information for the average requested amounts and what events/activities the requests are supporting.**
- There was a brief discussion with regards to the Aamjiwnaang Community Fund Application process. It was noted that there are several factors to consider in finalizing the document. The Band Manager noted the importance of Council allocating sufficient revenue for Council Contingency and Community Spirituality Funds. It was also noted that finance will provide detailed information for the average requested amounts and what events/activities the requests are supporting.
- Motion #18. MOVED BY: Darren Henry
SECONDED BY: Philip Maness
- That this Council acknowledges the Community Services Committee Meeting Minutes of January 25, 2017, as presented.
- MOTION CARRIED
- Motion #19. MOVED BY: John Adams
SECONDED BY: Darren Henry

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That this Council is in agreement to appoint Councillor Dallas Sinopole, to attend the 2017 Anishinabemowin-Teg Language Conference, March 30 – April 2, 2017, at Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan.

MOTION CARRIED

Item #12: Band Manager Report – February 2017

Discussion: The Band Manager provided a detailed review of information in her report noting; staff reporting, Mnaasged building renovations, new signage for the Reserve, and the upcoming budgeting exercise where Council will be asked to provide direction for investments. Finally, Council was asked to set a date for the signing of the Aamjiwnaang Chi'Naaknigewin – Community Constitution.

Motion #20. MOVED BY: Darren Henry
SECONDED BY: Philip Maness

That this Council acknowledges the Band Manager Report – February 2017, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

Item #13: Correspondence and Information

a) Hydro One Network Inc. – Councillor Errnol Gray Report

Discussion: The Chief, informed Council that Councillor Gray, wants to speak to the report, and suggested that the item be tabled until the next RCM.

b) Community Awareness Emergency Response (CAER) – Council External Appointment

Discussion: The Chief provided brief comments with regards to requesting that a member of Council be appointed to the CAER Committee. There was a brief discussion and it was suggested that the appointed representative be willing to address all issues that may be effecting the community.

Motion #21. MOVED BY: Dallas Sinopole
SECONDED BY: Darren Henry

That this Council approves the addition of the Community Awareness Emergency Response (CAER) Committee to Aamjiwnaang's list of Council external committee appointments. And, further that, this Council appoints Councillor John Adams, is appointed as Council representative on the CAER Committee, for the 2016-2018 Council term, with Councillor Philip Maness, as the alternate.

MOTION CARRIED

c) UOI Memorandum – Anishinabek Nation Child Well-Being Law

Discussion: The Chief noted that a majority of Council have indicated that they would like to have a presentation and a meeting is to be arranged.

Motion #22. MOVED BY: Darren Henry
SECONDED BY: John Adams

Follow Up:

➤ The Aamjiwnaang Chi'Naaknigewin – Community Constitution Signing Ceremony, will take place on April 11, 2017, 5:00 – 8:00 PM, at Maawn Doosh Gumig Community and Youth Centre.

Follow Up:

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➤ N/A

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➤ The Chief to make arrangements for a presentation.

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That this Council acknowledges the Anishinabek Nation memorandum regarding Anishinabek Nation Child Well-Being Law, dated February 9, 2017, as presented.

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d) Ontario First Nation Limited Partnership – 17th Annual General Meeting, June 8, 2017 **Follow Up:**

Discussion: The Chief confirmed that a Proxy will need to be designated to attend the OFNLP AGM. It was suggested to wait until there is a full Council prior to appointment of a proxy. **➤ TABLED**

e) INAC Correspondence – Re: Abenakis Challenging the Indian Registration Provisions Under the Indian Act **Follow Up:**

Discussion: The Chief, informed Council that the correspondence is for information purposes only. There were brief comments in regards to the Quebec court ruling and a Supreme court ruling. **➤ N/A**

Motion #23. MOVED BY: Darren Henry
SECONDED BY: John Adams

That this Council acknowledges Canada's response the Descheneneaux et.al.v. Canada decision, of February 6, 2017, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

f) Grizzly Security **Follow Up:**

Discussion: The Chief, noted that the correspondence is for information purposes only. There were brief comments with regards to the services provided and that it may be beneficial to keep the information on file for future reference. **➤ N/A**

Motion #24. MOVED BY: John Adams
SECONDED BY: Dallas Sinopole

That this Council acknowledges Grizzly Security correspondence, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

g) Saugeen First Nation Correspondence – Re: Request for Meeting/Presentation on Saugeen Sustainable Energy Centre **Follow Up:**

Discussion: The Chief, informed Council that Saugeen is requesting time to present information. Council was in agreement and would like to have a presentation. The Chief, to make arrangements for a presentation. **➤**

Motion #25. MOVED BY: Dallas Sinopole
SECONDED BY: Philip Maness

That this Council acknowledges the correspondence from Saugeen First Nation, Chief Lester Anoquot, regarding the request to make presentation to Aamjiwnaang Chief and Council, as presented. Further that, the Chief is to confirm date and time for presentation.

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h) UOI – Anishinabek Nation Grand Council Assembly 2017

Discussion: The Chief, indicated that she is seeking direction on how to proceed. It was mentioned that this is an excellent opportunity to engage the community at large. Further discussion included; community beautification/clean up, house demolition, length of time before the event, and possible involvement of Lambton College students.

Motion #26. MOVED BY: Philip Maness
SECONDED BY: Dallas Sinopole

That this Council acknowledges the correspondence from Anishinabek Nation regarding notification of successful proposal submission to host the Grand Council Assembly, June 6-8, 2017.

MOTION CARRIED

Item #14: New Business

a) Councillor Dallas Sinopole – Constitution Committee

Discussion: Councillor Sinopole, asked Council if the current Constitution Committee continue to work on community development, by-laws and other initiatives. It was mentioned that there is a law-making process in the existing Constitution, the question is how does Council want to move forward with development of codes and bylaws using the Constitution. It was mentioned that it had previously been determined that more discussion would take place at budget time to determine if there was a need for an additional Standing Committee of Council.

Follow Up:

➤ Task Force to schedule a meeting to discuss next steps.

Follow Up:

➤ N/A

b) Chief Joanne Rogers – Anishinabek Nation & Stakeholder Gathering on Great Lakes Knowledge Sharing – March 9, 2017

Discussion: The Chief noted that the information was recently received and asked who on Council might like to attend. There was a brief discussion on the importance of the water and traditional knowledge sharing.

Motion #27. MOVED BY: Philip Maness
SECONDED BY: Darren Henry

That this Council appoints Lynn Rosales to attend the Anishinabek Nation and Stakeholders Gathering on Great Lakes Knowledge Sharing, March 9, 2017, at North Bay, Ontario. A report is to be brought back to Council.

Follow Up:

➤ A report is to be brought back to Council.

MOTION CARRIED

Item #15: In-Camera Session

Motions in Camera - #13, #28, #29

Item #16: Adjournment

Motion #30. MOVED BY: John Adams
SECONDED BY: Philip Maness

That this Council Adjourns at 11:20 P.M.

MOTION CARRIED

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