

**Regular Council Meeting
Aamjiwnaang First Nation
Monday, April 3, 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 Sherri Crowley, Councillor Shawn Plain, Councillor John Adams, Councillor Errol Gray

Regrets: Councillor Dallas Sinopole (ILL)

Others Present:

June Simon, Band Manager

Rose John, Finance Coordinator

Sandy Waring, Community Information Officer

Jessica Pickett, Lands Management Officer

Mike Jackson, Community Member

Call to Order:

Chief Joanne Rogers, called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and Councillor Sherri Crowley, offered a prayer.

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Discussion: Noted changes to be completed.

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

That this Council adopts the Regular Council Meeting Minutes Monday, March 20, 2016, with noted changes.

MOTION CARRIED

Item #1: Lands Management Officer

a) Briefing Note – Re: St. Clair Drainage Project – Legal Correspondence

Discussion: The Lands Management Officer was in attendance for discussion of the issue and noted that legal has responded with comment and proceeded to review the submitted information. It was noted that Aamjiwnaang would have to apply to Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) for funding to cover the cost of the drainage work. Further comments included; the Drainage Act, direction of past leadership, and outstanding invoice. Suggested that INAC be contacted to determine funding availability.

Motion #2. MOVED BY: John Adams
SECONDED BY: Shawn Plain

That this Council acknowledges the Lands Management Officer briefing note and Mr. Ronald E. Rowcliffe, QC, correspondence of March 23, 2017, regarding the Froomefield Drain, furthermore, the Band Manager to contact Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada to determine availability of funding.

MOTION CARRIED

b) Briefing Note – Re: Addition to Reserve (ATR) – Lands Information

Discussion: The Lands Management Officer was in attendance for the discussion and provided a brief update with regards to legal and involvement in the process and noted that an agreement will be drafted for Council review. It was noted that the land survey and environmental assessment will be completed by Shell and an

Follow-Up:

➤ A/BCC to complete changes.

Follow-Up:

➤ Band Manager to contact INAC to determine availability of funding.

Follow-Up:

➤ N/A

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Addition to Reserve (ATR) Officer has been assigned to Aamjiwnaang.

Motion #3. MOVED BY: John Adams
 SECONDED BY: Sherri Crowley

That this Council acknowledges the Lands Management Officer briefing note and correspondence of March 28, 2017, addressed to the Clerks Offices of; Township of St. Clair, the City of Sarnia and the County of Lambton, regarding LaSalle Line, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

Item #2: Finance Coordinator

a) Finance Report

Discussion: The Finance Coordinator was in attendance and provided a brief update to Council for Minor Capital, Community Spirituality Funds and Council Contingency Funds and noted that year-end financials are not yet finalized.

The Finance Coordinator and Housing Coordinator attended a meeting with the City of Sarnia and Bluewater Power, regarding unpaid water bills, update included: responsible party for unpaid bills; Ontario Works/Client payments; disconnection notices; treating everyone with fairness; eviction process and support for evictions.

It was also noted that the Community Services Committee has been working on the Community Request Application and a draft will be presented for Council review upon completion.

Motion #4. MOVED BY: Sherri Crowley
 SECONDED BY: Shawn Plain

That this Council acknowledges the Finance Coordinators' briefing note regarding the Water Arrears Meeting with Bluewater Power, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion #5. MOVED BY: Shawn Plain
 SECONDED BY: John Adams

That this Council accepts the recommendation to allocate \$20,000.00 (twenty-thousand dollars), for Planet Stitch to construct new Aamjiwnaang signs, Minor Capital to be used for the allocation.

MOTION CARRIED

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

That this Council acknowledges the Finance Coordinators' report for Minor Capital, Community Spirituality Funds, and Council Contingency Funds, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

Follow-Up:

➤ Recommendation to be brought back to Council, after meeting with Sarnia Police regarding support for evictions.

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b) BCR 2017/2018 #1 – Appointment of Electoral Officer and Call for Election – Item moved to Administration **Follow-Up:**

Discussion: The Band Manager provided a brief overview of the process for the Electoral Officer and it was noted that Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada has been contacted and are aware the Aamjiwnaang is calling a by-election. ➤ N/A

Motion #9. MOVED BY: Darren Henry
SECONDED BY: Sherri Crowley

That this Council adopts BCR 2017/2018 #1, regarding the appointment of an Electoral Officer, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion #10. MOVED BY: Darren Henry
SECONDED BY: John Adams

That this Council adopts BCR 2017/2018 #5, regarding the election for three (3) Councillors for Aamjiwnaang First Nation Band Council, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

c) RBC Investment and Restricted Funds Report **Follow-Up:**

Discussion: The Finance Coordinator provided a brief overview for the investments and restricted funds report noting key areas of importance. ➤ N/A

Motion #6. MOVED BY: Errnol Gray
SECONDED BY: Sherri Crowley

That this Council acknowledge the Finance Coordinators' RBC Investment and Restricted Funds Report, as presented. Furthermore, Council approves Recommendation #1, to invest an additional \$1,400,000.00 (1.4 million dollars) with the RBC Securities, per approved investment policy.

MOTION CARRIED

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

That this Council acknowledge the Finance Coordinators' RBC Investment and Restricted Funds Report, as presented. Furthermore, Council approves Recommendation #2, to increase the internally restricted Housing Loans to \$200,000.00 (two-hundred thousand dollars), and further that the Finance Policy be updated to reflect that individuals that are in a CMHC Mortgage and are in good standing may be eligible for a renovation loan to the maximum of \$15,000.00 (fifteen-thousand dollars), additional payments will be required and determined based on amount of loan.

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Item #3: Community Services Coordinator

a) Memo – Re: Little Native Hockey League Tournament

Follow-Up:

Discussion: There were a few brief comments and it was mentioned that previous involvement in planning the event was well received by community and provides a good venue for community engagement.

➤ N/A

Motion #11. MOVED BY: Darren Henry
SECONDED BY: John Adams

That this Council acknowledges the Community Services Coordinator briefing note regarding the Little Native Hockey League (LNHL), and accepts the recommendation to appoint an Aamjiwnaang LNHL Host Committee and put forth a bid to host the 2019, Little Native Hockey League Tournament in Mississauga, Ontario. Furthermore, the Community Services Coordinator to be the lead staff for the project.

MOTION CARRIED

b) Community Services Committee Meeting Minutes, March 7, 2017

Follow-Up:

Discussion: There was a comment with regards to Dreamcatcher, who no longer provides funding for registration fees for Little Native Hockey League (LNHL).

➤ N/A

Motion #12. MOVED BY: Shawn Plain
SECONDED BY: Sherri Crowley

That this Council acknowledges the Community Services Committee Meeting Minutes, February 8, 2017, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

Item #4: Membership Officer – Band Transfers

a) Sandra Emily Mok – BCR 2017/2018 #2

Follow-Up:

Discussion: None

➤ N/A

Motion #13. MOVED BY: Errnol Gray
SECONDED BY: Shawn Plain

That this Council adopts BCR 2017/2018 #2, regarding the Band Transfer of Sandra Emily Mok (Maness), transferring from Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation.

MOTION CARRIED

b) Sandra Anne Smith – BCR 2017/2018 #3

Follow-Up:

Discussion: None

➤ N/A

Motion #14. MOVED BY: Shawn Plain
SECONDED BY: Sherri Crowley

That this Council adopts BCR 2017/2018 #3, regarding the Band Transfer of Sandra Anne Smith, transferring from Oneida Nation of the Thames.

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c) Aamjiwnaang First Nation Band Membership Transfer Policy – June 2013 (FYI) Follow-Up:

Discussion: It was mentioned that the inclusion of the policy is appreciated and provides the information necessary for the decision-making process. ➤ N/A

Motion #15. MOVED BY: John Adams
SECONDED BY: Sherri Crowley

That this Council acknowledges the Aamjiwnaang First Nation Band Membership Transfer Policy, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

Item #5: Environment Committee Meeting Minutes and Recommendation, March 7, 2017 Follow Up:

Discussion: It was noted that blue bins were previously distributed to band buildings and the community. It was suggested that the Public Works Coordinator, ensure that blue bins are available at all Band buildings. ➤ N/A

Motion #16. MOVED BY: Shawn Plain
SECONDED BY: John Adams

That this Council acknowledge the Environment Committee Meeting Minutes, March 7, 2017 and accepts the recommendation to implement recycling in all Band buildings within the community and under administrative control to actively recycle by using the blue bins provided by program coordinators. Employees of Maintenance Staff at each building will be responsible to empty the bins and put them outside for curbside pick up; and, that the Environment Department will arrange for educational workshops for the community.

MOTION CARRIED

Item #6: Health Committee Meeting Minutes, February 16, 2017 Follow-Up:

Discussion: It was noted that there is a minor grammatical error of Page 2, discussion. ➤ N/A

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

That this Council acknowledges the Health Committee Meeting Minutes, February 16, 2017, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

Item #7: Development Committee

a) Employment and Training Meeting Minutes, February 2, 2017 Follow Up:

Discussion: There was a brief discussion with regards to a tenant located at the Chippewa Industrial Park, regarding wage subsidy and staffing concerns that should be addressed at the Council table. There have been expressed concerns with regards to treatment of employees by management. It was mentioned that there may be a recommendation forthcoming with regards to the situation. ➤ N/A

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

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That this Council acknowledge the Development Committee-Employment and Training Meeting Minutes, February 2, 2017, and the Development Committee Meeting Minutes, January 19, 2017 and February 16, 2017, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

a) Development Committee Meeting Minutes, January 19, 2017 and February 16, 2017 **Follow Up:**

Discussion: It was mentioned that there are Heritage and Culture grants available for Canada's 150th Celebration. It was also recommended that the Band Manager, explore potential funding options for a proposal writer. ➤ Band Manager to research funding options for a proposal writer.

Motion #19. MOVED BY: Sherry Crowley
SECONDED BY: John Adams

That this Council directs the Band Manager, to explore the possibility of hiring a proposal writer and research funding sources.

MOTION CARRIED

Item #8: Administration – Band Managers Report, March 2017 **Follow Up:**

Discussion: The Band Manager provided additional details for the information presented in the report and reviewed the job postings, staff changes, and temporary/call-in staff. The Band Manager also reviewed the screening process for Council agenda item requests. It was noted that the screening process will assist in ensuring that the matter(s) have/have not been addressed by the appropriate staff/department prior to being placed on the Council agenda.

➤ N/A

Further comments included: all Chief and Council correspondences should be presented to Council for review; Human Resource needs to ensure that all staff are aware of and understands the Staff Policy; Council has one (1) staff, the Band Manager.

Motion #20. MOVED BY: Darren Henry
SECONDED BY: Sherri Crowley

That this Council acknowledges the Band Manager Report for March 2017, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

Item #9: Correspondence and Information

a) CN Railway, Chief Security Officer, Canadian National (CN) Railway – Re: Rail Safety Week **Follow Up:**

Discussion: There were a few brief comments with regards to the request for a Band Council Resolution (BCR) from CN Railway for rail safety week. ➤ N/A

Motion #21. MOVED BY: Shawn Plain
SECONDED BY: Darren Henry

That this Council acknowledges the correspondence of February 17, 2017, from Canadian National Railway, regarding Rail Safety

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Week, with the exception of, the request for a Band Council Resolution (BCR).

MOTION CARRIED

b) Anishinabek Nation – Re: Community Perspectives on Metis Nation of Ontario Assertions **Follow Up:**

Discussion: The Chief, informed Council that a very comprehensive package of information has been received from the Anishinabek Nation, with a request for feedback with regards to the Metis Nation assertions and claims for shared resources. ➤ N/A

Motion #22. MOVED BY: Darren Henry
SECONDED BY: Shawn Plain

That this Council acknowledges the Anishinabek Nation correspondence of February 21, 2017, regarding requesting community perspectives concerning ongoing assertions made by the Metis Nation of Ontario, as presented. Furthermore, Chief Joanne Rogers and Councillors John Adams, Errnol Gray and Sherri Crowley are appointed to a Task Force to coordinate a collective response for presentation at the Anishinabek Nation Grand Council Assembly.

MOTION CARRIED

c) County of Lambton – Re: United Nation Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) World Heritage Designation – Oil Springs Industrial Landscape **Follow Up:**

Discussion: The Chief, informed Council that she will be attending the ceremonial designation at Oil Springs. ➤ N/A

Motion #23. MOVED BY: Sherri Crowley
SECONDED BY: Errnol Gray

That this Council acknowledges the County of Lambton, correspondence of March 17, 2017, regarding the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) World Heritage Designation – Oil Springs Industrial Landscape, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

d) Delaware Nation – Les Timothy Memorial Golf Tournament **Follow Up:**

Discussion: There was a question about previous support and the amount of the donation. ➤ A/BCC to prepare cheque requisition.

Motion #24. MOVED BY: Sherri Crowley
SECONDED BY: Shawn Plain

That this Council acknowledges the Delaware Nation Council correspondence of March 9, 2017, regarding the Les Timothy Memorial Golf Tournament and agrees to a donation of \$200.00 (two-hundred dollars) donation for a hole sponsorship, donation supported through Council Contingency Funds.

MOTION CARRIED

e) The Royal Canadian Legion – Re: Military Service Recognition Book **Follow Up:**

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Discussion: The Band Manager indicated that perhaps the information could be forwarded to Chippewa Industrial Development Limited (CIDL), for consideration. ➤ A/BCC to forward information to CIDL.

Motion #25. MOVED BY: John Adams
SECONDED BY: Errnol Gray

That this Council acknowledges the Royal Canadian Legion Ontario Command, correspondence regarding the Military Service Recognition Book, and correspondence to be forwarded to CIDL for consideration.

MOTION CARRIED

f) Anishinabek Nation Child Well-Being Law – Presentation (email)

Follow Up:

Discussion: The Chief, provided a brief update regarding a request for a presentation for Chief and Council and the community, after a brief discussion and possible dates for presentation it was determined that the suggested dates would not allow adequate time to allow to advertisement.

➤ **TABLED**
➤ Alternative dates to be determined for Council consideration.

g) A/Band Council Clerk – Report on Anishinabek Nation & Stakeholders Gathering on the Great Lakes Traditional Knowledge Sharing

Follow Up:

Discussion: The A/Band Council Clerk provided a brief overview of the report and expressed appreciation for the being able to attend the gathering and participate as a representative for Aamjiwnaang. It was also mentioned that Alan Corbiere, a presenter at the gathering, was very knowledgeable and it may be beneficial to invite him to the community for a presentation on Treaties.

➤ N/A

Motion #26. MOVED BY: John Adams
SECONDED BY: Sherri Crowley

That this Council acknowledges the A/Band Council Clerk, Report to Chief and Council, on the Anishinabek Nation and Stakeholders Gathering on Great Lakes Knowledge Sharing, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

Item #10: New Business

a) Lands Management Officer – BCR 2017/2018 #4, Land Allotment – IN-CAMERA – Motion #27

b) Chief Joanne Rogers – Tobacco Presentation

Follow Up:

Discussion: Chief Rogers, updated Council on the proposed presentation by Chippewa of the Thames First Nation, on their work for the development of a tobacco regulation. It was noted that a date is to be determined and Council will be updated.

➤ N/A

c) Chief Joanne Rogers – MOECC New Standards for Air Emissions - Re: SO2

Follow-Up:

Discussion: Chief Rogers, informed Council that the she has put forward a request to have Aamjiwnaangs' concern regarding the new air

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emissions standards, and it will be place on the 2017 Grand Council Assembly agenda for discussion.

d) Councillor Shawn Plain – Chiefs of Ontario, Special Chiefs Assembly

Follow-Up:

Discussion: Councillor Plain, indicated that he had an interest in attending the session that will be held in May at Gatineau, Quebec.

➤ N/A

Motion #28. MOVED BY: John Adams
SECONDED BY: Darren Henry

That this Council appoints Chief Joanne Rogers and Councillors Shawn Plain, Sherri Crowley and Errnol Gray, to attend the Chiefs of Ontario – Special Chiefs Assembly, May 2-3, 2017, at Gatineau, Quebec.

MOTION CARRIED

e) Councillor Errnol Gray – Indian Oil and Gas

Follow-Up:

Discussion: Councillor Gray, informed Council that he will be attending the Indian Oil and Gas meeting for final review and approval of Oil and Gas Regulations, at Edmonton, Alberta, April 12-13, 2017

➤ N/A

Motion #29. MOVED BY: John Adams
SECONDED BY: Darren Henry

That this Council appoints Councillor Errnol Gray, to attend the Indian Oil and Gas meeting for Oil and Gas Regulations, at Edmonton, Alberta, April 12-13, 2017.

MOTION CARRIED

f) Chief Joanne Rogers – Historical Document

Follow-Up:

Discussion: Chief Rogers, distributed the document and noted that Dennis Plain had brought a copy for the Bands records.

➤ N/A

Motion #30. MOVED BY: Errnol Gray
SECONDED BY: Sherri Crowley

That this Council acknowledges the submission of Historical document from Dennis Plain, and gives direction for the document to be shared on the website.

MOTION CARRIED

Item #11: In-Camera Session

Motions in Camera - #27, #31, #32

Item #12: Adjournment

Motion #33. MOVED BY: Errnol Gray
SECONDED BY: Sherri Crowley

That this Council Adjourns at 9:35 P.M.

MOTION CARRIED

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