

**Regular Council Meeting
Aamjiwnaang First Nation
Monday, April 4, 2016 - 5:00 PM**

The Regular Council Meeting was held on the above-date in the Administration Complex Council Chambers scheduled for 4:00 PM.

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

Regrets: Councillor Errnol Gray (ILL), Ted White Sr. (ILL)

Others Present:

Kelly Williams, Acting Band Administrator
Tracy Williams, Housing Coordinator
Joanne Rogers, Community Member
Mr. Roger Bryan, Partner, KPMG

June Simon, Finance Coordinator
Jessica Pickett, Land Management Officer
Stephanie Rogers, Community Member
Mr. Marcel Humelnicu, Senior Accountant, KPMG

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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Follow-Up:

Discussion: Page 3, Motion 6; there was a brief discussion regarding the wording, those who were in opposition provided clarification, the Motion stands as recorded.

➤ N/A

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

That this Council adopts the Regular Council Meeting Minutes, Monday, March 21, 2016 as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

Item #1: KPMG Presentation – 2015 Organization Review

Follow-Up:

Discussion: Mr. Roger Bryan, Partner, KPMG and Mr. Marcel Humelnicu, Senior Accountant, KPMG, were in attendance for the presentation to Council. Prior to the beginning of the presentation Chief Plain, welcomed the guests and provided a brief overview of the initiative.

➤ N/A

Mr. Bryan, began by noting that the view presented is based on the information gathered during the organization review and noted the process that was followed. Throughout the presentation key recommendations were pointed out as well as the importance of implementation for the benefit of the First Nation as a whole. The presentation and discussion included: leading practices; successful management; providing service and programs that benefit the community; restructuring within administration; subjective review by an external source on all Band investments; accountability and transparency; development of a strategic plan; data collection of daily work tasks completed within each department to ensure adequate compensation; and, the importance of creating a stability at the administrative level.

In closing, Chief Plain, thanked the KPMG representatives for attending and noted that KPMG may be invited back a future time for further consultation.

Item #2: Housing

a) Housing Budget 2016-2017

Follow-Up:

Discussion: The Housing Coordinator was in attendance and provided and overview of the Housing department 2016-2017 annual budget,

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noting all changes being presented. Also discussed were: CMHC Phases; housing expenses; loans; band contribution, cost of repairs, and training.

b) Housing Committee Letters of Interest

Follow-Up:

Discussion: There was a brief discussion regarding the submitted letters of interest and it was noted that one individual currently holds a position on another committee. The Housing Coordinator requested that the newly appointed member be notified of the next Housing Committee meeting.

➤ A/Band Administrator to notify successful candidate of Council appointment.

Motion #6. MOVED BY: Randi Rogers
SECONDED BY: Shawn Plain

That this Council appoints Elaine Williams, to the Housing Committee, for the remainder of the 2014-2016 term.

MOTION CARRIED

Item #3: Lands Management Officer

a) Land Transfer – Allotted to Darlene Joan Williams

Follow-Up:

Discussion: The Lands Management Officer was present for discussion of this agenda item.

➤ N/A

Motion #7. MOVED BY: Randi Rogers
SECONDED BY: Sherri Crowley

That this Council acknowledges the Land Transfer to Darlene Joan Williams, and adopts BCR 2016/2017 #01, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

b) Land Transfer – Allotted to Elsie Lynn Williams

Follow-Up:

Discussion: The Lands Management Officer was present for discussion of this agenda item.

➤ N/A

Motion #8. MOVED BY: Ronald C. Simon
SECONDED BY: Randi Rogers

That this Council acknowledges the Land Transfer to Elsie Lynn Williams, and adopts BCR 2016/2017 #02, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

Item #4: Environment Committee

a) Meeting Minutes, February, 17, 2016

Follow-Up:

Discussion: There was a question regarding the spraying project of Hydro One and when it took place. It was clarified that the spraying was completed after the time when the Butler Gardiner Snakes are known to go into hibernation.

➤ N/A

Motion #9. MOVED BY: Shawn Plain
SECONDED BY: Randi Rogers

That this Council acknowledges the Environment Committee Meeting Minutes, February 17, 2016, as presented.

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b) Recommendation and Meeting Minutes, March 1, 2016

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Discussion: There was a lengthy discussion that included: new standards that are being implemented by government; the US EPA 325 Technical Standard; local industry not able to meet the new standards are requesting changes to regulations; Fenchline Monitoring (accumulative data) and the benefits; the Bucket Brigade (point in time data) and the contribution they provide for data collection; the need for the First Nation to conduct own monitoring and collect data for future initiatives and own information; a new stand-alone air monitoring station near the Daycare site; local industry reporting; lack of factual information on emissions; impact of pollutants on the community; the need to be proactive and pursue industry for compensation for direct impact on the community; and, the importance of developing Impact Benefit Agreements (IBA) with local industry. ➤ N/A

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

That this Council acknowledges the Environment Committee Meeting Minutes, March 1, 2016, and accepts the recommendations, as presented.

2-Opposed; Councillor Ronald C. Simon – the US EPA 325 Technical Standard is not yet recognized in Canada.
Councillor Randi Rogers – Aamjiwnaang already has a monitoring system in place.

MOTION CARRIED

Item #5: Health Committee Meeting Minutes, February 4, 2016 and March 3, 2016

Follow Up:

Discussion: None ➤ N/A

Motion #11. MOVED BY: Darren Henry
SECONDED BY: Shawn Plain

That this Council acknowledges the Health Committee Meeting Minutes, February 4, 2016 and march 3, 2016, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

Item #6: Education Committee Meeting Minutes, February 10, 2016

Follow-Up:

Discussion: There was a brief discussion regarding the Spirit Award and the delegation of meeting Chairperson. ➤ N/A

Motion #12. MOVED BY: Shawn Plain
SECONDED BY: Lareina Rising

That this Council acknowledges the Education Committee Meeting Minutes, February 10, 2016, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

Item #7: Administration – Band Representative Hiring Committee

Follow Up:

Discussion: The A/Band Administrator provided an update noted that there were three applicants for the position and in the past Council has appointed members of the Hiring Committee. ➤ The A/Band Administrator to confirm dates of availability.

Motion #13. MOVED BY: Randi Rogers
SECONDED BY: Darren Henry

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That this Council appoints Councillors Sherri Crowley and Errnol Gray, along with Janice Rising, Mnaasged Supervisor, pending acceptance, to the Band Representative Hiring Committee.

MOTION CARRIED

Item #8: Correspondence and Information

- a) **Assembly of First Nations – Special Chiefs Assembly, May 25-26, 2016** **Follow Up:**

Discussion: It was noted the information was being shared as an FYI, and the agenda will be provided as soon as it is available. ➤ N/A

Item #9: In-Camera Session

Motions in Camera - #2, #14, #15

Item #10: New Business

- a) **Joanne Rogers – Letter of Concern Re: Vicious Dogs** **Follow Up:**

Discussion: Mrs. Joanne Rogers, was in attendance and provided an overview of the situation as well as some background information. It was also noted that correspondences have already been forwarded stressing the importance of following the established Dog By-Law. Further discussion included: enforcement of the By-Law; how previous situations were handled; review and update of the existing Dog By-Law; the dogs in may need to be apprehended and taken to the Humane Society; and, being a responsible home owner involves minding your pets. ➤ The A/Band Administrator to draft a letter to Resident at 2166 Vidal Street South, and confirm Permit to Reside. ➤ The Development Committee to review and current Dog By-Law.

Motion #3. MOVED BY: Sherri Crowley
SECONDED BY: Randi Rogers

That this Council directs the Development Committee to review the Dog By-Law and forward recommendation to Council for change. Furthermore, a posting for an additional Animal Control Officer Position is to be posted off Reserve.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion #4. MOVED BY: Darren Henry
SECONDED BY: Sherri Crowley

That this Council acknowledges the correspondence submitted by Mrs. Joanne Rogers, regarding the residence at 2166 Vidal Street, South. Furthermore, that all applicable Policies and By-Laws are to be used to address the issue.

MOTION CARRIED

- b) **Aamjiwnaang First Nation 2016-2017 Annual Budget** **Follow Up:**

Discussion: The A/Band Administrator, presented the final 2016-2017 Operating Budget, per direction received at the budget exercise held on March 31, 2016. There was a question regarding the upcoming Constitution Development, and whether or not the budget reflected a budget for the initiative. It was noted that the appointed working group will have to develop a budget and submit for approval by Council. ➤ N/A

Motion #5. MOVED BY: Shawn Plain
SECONDED BY: Sherri Crowley

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That this Council accepts the Aamjiwnaang First Nation 2016-2017 Operating Budget, as presented. Furthermore, a 2% wage increase for all permanent employees, effective April 3, 2016.

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c) Councillor John Adams – Sump Pump Alarm

Follow-Up:

Discussion: Councillor Adams, requested that the A/Band Administrator to follow-up with the City of Sarnia, and request a high level alarm be installed at a sewer located along the St. Clair Parkway. Further discussion included: the current flow of water runoff from homes along the river; flooding is becoming an issue along St. Clair Parkway; the Band should take steps to rectify the issue as opposed to the city; pump trucks are currently being used to assist with the flooding issue; and, the need to identify the areas the need immediate attention.

➤ N/A

d) Councillor Lareina Rising – Band Administrator Hiring Committee

Follow-Up:

Discussion: Councillor Rising, request a Motion in Council for the appointment of the Band Administrator Hiring Committee.

➤ N/A

Motion #16. MOVED BY: Sherri Crowley
SECONDED BY: John Adams

That this Council appoints Councillors Randi Rogers and Lareina Rising, as well as Jennifer Whiteye and Margo Parsons, to the Band Administrator Hiring Committee.

1-Abstained; Councillor Ronald C. Simon
MOTION CARRIED

e) Councillor Ronald C. Simon – Security on Reserve

Follow-Up:

Discussion: Councillor Simon, informed Council that he has been approached by community members with concerns in light of the recent events that have taken place here in the Reserve. There are other safety concerns to consider as well and the unwanted dumping that take place on the Reserve. It was mentioned that perhaps the Sarnia Police should be taken to task as the Band spends a significant amount of funds on paying for police protection by the Sarnia Police. It was noted that there are community members interested in providing the service. It was suggested that the Development Committee receive direction to discuss and consider a Security program for on Reserve and the Business Development Officer research funding sources to support a Security Program.

- The Development Committee to discuss and consider a Security Program for on Reserve.
- The Business Development Officer to research potential funding to support a Security Program for on Reserve.

Item #11: Adjournment

Motion #17. MOVED BY: Randi Rogers
SECONDED BY: Sherri Crowley

That this Council Adjourns at 8:57 P.M.

MOTION CARRIED

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