

**Regular Council Meeting  
Aamjiwnaang First Nation  
Monday, May 15, 2017 - 5:00 PM**

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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 Sherri Crowley, Councillor John Adams, Councillor Errnol Gray

**Regrets:** Councillor Darren Henry (Vacation), Councillor Dallas Sinopole (Personal), Councillor Shawn Plain (ILL)

**Others Present:**

June Simon, Band Manager  
Carole Delion, Economic Development Coordinator/Project Manager  
Frances Maness, Community Member  
Philip Maness, Community Member  
Lareina Rising, Suncor Adelaide Wind Limited Partnership, Board of Directors  
Leslee Whiteye, Chief Chippewas of the Thames First Nation  
Rolonda Elijah, Project Manger, Chippewas of the Thames First Nation  
Frederic Bettez, Consultant, Cosime  
Rose John, Finance Coordinator  
Denise Wright, Community Member  
Mike Jackson, Community Member

It was agreed prior to the beginning of the Regular Council Meeting that the Band Manager, would assume the duties of Meeting Chairperson in the absence of members of Council.

**Call to Order:**

The Band Manager, called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and Councillor John Adams, offered a prayer.

**Regular Council Meeting Minutes, Monday, May 8, 2017**

Discussion: Members of Council noted minor changes for the date of the Imperial Oil incident and grammar error.

Motion #1. MOVED BY: Sherri Crowley  
SECONDED BY: John Adams

That this Council adopts the Regular Council Meeting Minutes, May 8, 2017, with noted changes.

MOTION CARRIED

**Follow-Up:**

➤ Band Council Clerk to complete changes.

**Item #1: Denise Wright – Senior’s of Aamjiwnaang Request**

Discussion: Community members Denise Wright and Frances Maness, were in attendance for the Senior’s of Aamjiwnaang request. There was a brief discussion on the following: list of attendees; minimum number of participants required for the trip; advertisement of the trip; fundraising efforts and results; and, securing rooms in advance. It was noted that the bus can transport 47 people, and the deadline to secure rooms is August. A final list of attendees to be submitted to Council for the August 17, 2017, Regular Council Meeting.

Motion #2. MOVED BY: Sherri Crowley  
SECONDED BY: John Adams

That this Council approves the request for funding for Seniors of Aamjiwnaang trip to Niagara Falls, September 10-13, 2017, in the amount of \$1856.00, to secure hotel rooms. Request supported through the annual approved seniors budget. Furthermore, the Seniors group is to return at a future date with the final list.

MOTION CARRIED

**Follow-Up:**

➤ A final list of attendees to be submitted to Council for the August 17, 2017, Regular Council Meeting.

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**Item #2: Mr. Philip Maness – Request**

Discussion: Mr. Philip Maness, was in attendance for his request to have the Eagle Staff present for the Appreciation Feast, being hosted by Phil Maness and Family, on May 25, 2017, from 6:00 – 8:00 pm, at Maawn Doosh Gumig. Mr. Maness, presented tobacco and a megis shell to the Chief, for the request. Mr. Maness, noted he will be sharing some historical information on the original community Eagle Staff, and that the megis shell is being offered as a gift to the new Eagle Staff. It was also noted that the Aamjiwnaang Chi’Naaknigewin will play a key role in the future development of the community.

**Follow-Up:**

➤ Philip Maness, to contact Ted White Sr. regarding the Eagle Staffs.

Motion #3. MOVED BY: Errnol Gray  
SECONDED BY: John Adams

That this Council approves Philip Maness, request for the two (2) Eagle Staff’s to be present for the Appreciation Feast on May 25, 2017, at Maawn Doosh Gumig Community and Youth Centre. Furthermore, Philip Maness, to contact Ted White Sr. regarding the Eagle Staffs.

MOTION CARRIED

**Item #3: Chippewas of the Thames First Nation Presentation – Tobacco Pilot Project**

Discussion: Chief Leslee Whiteye and Rolanda Elijah, Project Manager, of Chippewas of the Thames First Nation (COTTFN), were in attendance for the presentation of the Tobacco Pilot Project.

**Follow-Up:**

➤ N/A

Chief Whiteye, offered opening remarks and noted that First Nation communities may be able to benefit from the current COTTFN Tobacco Pilot Project. It was also noted that tobacco is a resource for many First Nation communities in Southwestern Ontario. There are many tobacco vendors in the region that need to be protected from the federal and provincial regulations. First Nations need to work toward self-regulation to protect on-reserve retailers from being labeled as contraband tobacco sellers.

Rolanda Elijah, Project Manager, reviewed the presented information and offered additional details throughout the presentation. Key points of importance were: taxation of tobacco; retailers selling tax free tobacco to those who do not qualify to receive tax free tobacco; develop own laws for tobacco self- regulation; pricing and discounts drive consumer behaviour; on-reserve tobacco retailers provide employment that could not otherwise be replaced if they were to be shut down or close; community engagement for development of laws; the federal government has criminalized tobacco which has lead to monitoring on-reserve and charges being laid on non-native consumers; and, the provincial government regulates the tobacco industry.

In closing, it was noted that First Nations need to push back on the ideology of criminalization of tobacco and work with the provincial government and develop a tax levy that will benefit the community and the province. The opportunity for revenue sharing in the tobacco industry exists and at this point the provincial government has been very receptive in building a relationship with COTTFN. It was also noted that First Nations need to develop community by-laws and establish that

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government to government relationship. The Sparrow court case decision determined that First Nations have the ability, to make their own laws and can obtain ministerial approval through Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC). Section 35 of the Canadian Constitution, provides protection to the Aboriginal and treaty rights of Aboriginal peoples in Canada.

Motion #4.      MOVED BY: Errol Gray  
                      SECONDED BY: John Adams

That this Council acknowledges the Chippewas of the Thames First Nation presentation of the Tobacco Pilot Project.

MOTION CARRIED

**Item #4:      Economic Development Coordinator/Project Manager – Re: Suncor Adelaide Proposal Presentation**

**Follow-Up:**

Discussion:    It was decided that the presentation for the Suncor Adelaide Proposal will be heard for informational purposes only. Council thanked the guests in attendance and noted they appreciated their patience and understanding for the unforeseen circumstances for meeting Council quorum. Mr. Fredric Bettez, Consultant for Cosime, was invited to attend a Special Council Meeting on May 23, 2017, to further discuss the proposal.

➤ Special Council Meeting, May 23, 2017

Ms. Lareina Rising, Suncor Adelaide Wind Limited Partnership, Board of Directors (BOD), provided a brief overview of the BOD perspective and for the additional acquisition of the shares in Suncor Adelaide Wind Limited Partnership. Further discussion included: investing in and purchasing more shares in the Suncor Adelaide Wind Farm; wind direction and studies; wind farm shut downs; revenue generate; and, debt ratio.

A member of Council noted that previous direction was given to Economic Development to engage the community and seek their input for moving forward with the proposed acquisition of additional shares in the Suncor Adelaide Wind Limited Partnership. There was a clear division at the Council table for the initial approval and the positive vote was determined by the Chief. It was noted that to date there has been no community engagement and due to the time restrictions for the acquisition, a community information meeting can be scheduled and a presentation completed as there is no time for community consultation. The deadline for proposal and acquisition is June 30, 2017.

**Councillor Sherri Crowley excused herself from the meeting and Council quorum was lost at 7:30 P.M.**

**Item #8:      New Business**

**a) Donna Adams, Community Member – Safety Concern**

**Follow Up:**

Discussion:    Ms. Adams, was in attendance and informed Council that she has concerns about an individual who is residing at 701 Scott Road. There have been threats towards her staff who are tending to business at her property that is located across from the noted address. She also noted that the authorities have been notified and the individual has since been charged for bicycle violations. Chief Joanne Rogers, noted that Ms. Adams, has been in on two occasions prior to this evening to make complaint, and a correspondence was drafted and hand delivered to the individual on April 25. Since that time the individual has failed to

➤ The Chief will follow-up with an official letter from the Chief's Office.

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comply and submit requested information for continued residency. The individual's behaviour is a nuisance to the community and it is now evident that there may be safety concerns.

**All remaining agenda items will be discussed at the Special Council Meeting on May 23, 2017, set to begin at 4:00 PM.**

**Item #10: Adjournment**

Motion #6. MOVED BY: Errnol Gray  
SECONDED BY: John Adams

That this Council Adjourns at 7:40 P.M.

MOTION CARRIED

Recorded By:  
Lynn M. Rosales,  
Band Council Clerk