

Regular Council Meeting
Aamjiwnaang First Nation
Tuesday, June 20, 2017 - 5:00 PM

The Regular Council Meeting was held on the above-date at Maawn Doosh Gumig Community and Youth Centre scheduled for 5:00 PM.

Council Members Present: Chief Joanne Rogers, Councillor Darren Henry (excused 6:50 pm), Councillor Dallas Sinopole, Councillor Sherri Crowley, Councillor Shawn Plain, Councillor John Adams, Councillor Errol Gray, Councillor Mike Jackson, Councillor Marina Plain, Councillor Tom Maness

Others Present:

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| June Simon, Band Manager | Sandy Waring, Community Information Officer |
| Laura Rogers, Band Representative | Philip Maness, Member of Aamjiwnaang |
| Verlynn Plain, Community Member | Marie Simcoe, Community Member |
| Kelly Williams, Community Member | Kelly's son |
| Charlie Rogers, Community Member | |
| Karen Bond, Community Member | Jennifer Carroll, Guest |
| Paige Bird-Carroll, Community Member | Tessa Carroll, Guest |

Call to Order:

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

Prior to the beginning of the meeting newly elected Members of Council took their Oath of Office.

Regular Council Meeting Minutes, Monday, June 12, 2017

Discussion: There was a discussion regarding the selection of the appraiser for the completion of land appraisal for Hydro One (HONI) land use, members of Council expressed their preference for the appraiser who has the most experience with First Nations, land use guidelines. The Chief provided a brief overview for the new members of Council. It was noted that Aamjiwnaang has already determined and set a standard for land use terms for all new agreements. It was also noted that third party appraisals have guidelines that must be followed.

Motion #1. MOVED BY: Sherri Crowley
SECONDED BY: Dallas Sinopole

That this Council adopts the Regular Council Meeting Minutes, Monday, June 12, 2017, with noted changes.

3-Abstained; Councillor Mike Jackson, Councillor Marina Plain, and Councillor Tom Maness – they were not present at the meeting.

MOTION CARRIED

Item #1: Philip Maness – Request

Discussion: Philip Maness was in attendance address Council and expressed that he wished for his remittance be recorded in the official Regular Council Meeting Minutes. A brief discussion followed the reading of the statement to Chief and Council, discussion included: continued development of the Aamjiwnaang Chi'Naaknigewin; hiring a governance worker; development of by-laws; the importance of including language and culture in all future development; inherent rights; and, land value. Chief and Council expressed their appreciation for the presentation and information submitted by Philip Maness, and encouraged him to continue to remain involved and share his knowledge.

Follow-Up:

➤ HONI information to be provided to the new members of Council.

Follow-Up:

➤ The Band Manager to research the possibility of Governance Worker Position.
➤ The governance structure to be reviewed and evaluated prior to the development of by-laws.

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The following is the correspondence remitted to Chief and Council:

Ontario Hydro Assessment

Monday June 12, 2017

Chief & Council, Aamjiwnaang First Nation

Dear Chief Rogers & Members of Council,

The purpose of this letter is that I would like to go on record as a citizen of Aamjiwnaang to petition Chief and Council, to be recorded on record as opposed to the land assessment Agreement with Ontario Hydro.

While I do, understand there was an agreement in place to do a land assessment after a period of time, I have grave concerns that the agreed assessment between Ontario Hydro, Aamjiwnaang is a dangerous precedent which I fear could lead into other agreements accommodating the same practice, particularly with other lease arrangements of occupiers upon Aamjiwnaang Territory. (Other than the fact Ontario Hydro is owned by the Province of Ontario)

I assume all lease arrangements/ agreement are presently held under Section 83 of the Indian Act, whereas the Minister of Indian Affairs approves. I am not aware of any approved by-law that states otherwise. I have enclosed some information that I come across with First Nation Assessments in British Columbia and Ontario.

Some of the successful First Nation Assessment in Ontario are those who have passed their own Lands Management Code, or are presently within section 83 of the Indian Act. I think most of you know my true feelings of the Indian Act, however I do respect our past Leaders initiatives to work with the tools that were/are available to take the best interest and outcome for the Band.

I strongly feel we have an exciting new tool (Aamjiwnaang Chi-Naaknigewin) to develop our own by-laws, assessments, and give authority to our Leadership and to take away any perceived misconception that may potentially erode any rights we have other than to give someone else a perceived notion of what they should pay and come to the conclusion that it could be more than fair!

If there is any consolation in this matter I feel that the decision should be made to the community in a way they can understand other than a statement in the Council Minutes.

All My Relations!

Mii Gwetch!

Phil Maness

The following is a copy of the statement read by Mr. Philip Maness at the meeting:

On April 11, 2017, The Chief & Council of Aamjiwnaang held a Ceremony at the Mawn Doosh Gumig in the signing of what was a significant event, in the Declaration of a Constitution which will set the path for the future development of our own law making authority by the citizens of Aamjiwnaang. As one famous President of the United States once said, in referring to the

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Constitution of his people "Of the People, By the People.... for the people."

There were two other significant events that happened that day... there was a full moon, and in the Christian Teachings it was the celebration of the "Pass Over" leading to what we call today Easter. A great dynamic of Teachings come from the term "Pass Over" when you look at it from the what is presently been expressed "Our Past...Our present...Our Future"

Of great significant to "The Chippewas of Sarnia" is we have been going through some great changes ourselves most importantly identifying who we are upon this land which through ceremony, brought back our identity "AAMJIWNAANG". This event happened by people who took responsibility and passion in what was felt to be a strong need to carry out and identify who we are as Anishinabe. It is of the most fascinating story to be told when the ceremony took place and we Re-Patriated our name. In truth, our ancestors were there and said we were ready.

I am reminded, in 1981, a time when my father Gerry Maness and Chief Ray Rogers took me with them to Manitoulin Island when I was 15 yrs., old. It was a gift from my dad for passing my grade 11 class at SCITS. They went ahead, and I got to go with Councillors Errnol Gray and Tom Maness. They pulled a camper and we roughed it up in Birch Island, during the Chiefs Conference which was the first time they were holding such a conference outdoors and in a First Nation because they felt they had to get back in touch with the "grass-roots" What an experience for me in my youth!!

Of most significant memory to me was they were talking about the Constitution of Canada and how the Trudeau (Justin's Dad) Government was trying to water down the Aboriginal Rights of the First Peoples of Canada.

The Chiefs at the time were in heavy debate, and their voices were quite loud as they debated on strategy.

Across the lake nearby was a gathering happening with elders from the various communities. I remember Aylmer Plains name mentioned. They weren't part of the Conference. During this debate, a Girl who was helping for the Elders, came up to microphone, asked to speak and said she had a note to read. It said "We hear you making a loud noise across the water and it sounds like your disturbed.... Do you require any help...."? What a memory stamp as that scene comes to me repeatedly as I witness the changes we go through for the betterment of our people, and over the years the important role of our Elders and Youth in our communities.

In the Anishinaabe Teachings, there is a teaching that says "... Our elders will wake up and share their knowledge to the people on their road back to prosperity therefore lighting the next fire of the Anishinabek.

I congratulate the newly elected citizens of Aamjiwnaang, who had allowed their names to stand and to give their time and passion to carry on the torch our forefathers have envisioned for the betterment of Aamjiwnaang.

All My Relations!

Phil Maness, Aamjiwnaang Anishinabe

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Motion #2. MOVED BY: Sherri Crowley
 SECONDED BY: Darren Henry

That this Council acknowledges Philip Maness's request to oppose the Land Assessment Agreement between Aamjiwnaang Chief and Council and Ontario Hydro. Furthermore, the Band Manager to research the possibility of a Governance Worker Position for Council consideration.

MOTION CARRIED

Item #2: Finance Coordinator

**a) BDO Audit of Financial Statements of Aamjiwnaang First Nation Follow-Up:
 for the Year Ending March 31, 2017**

Discussion: The Band Manager, noted that the correspondence is part of the routine process of the auditors and is for information purposes only, and that the audit is progressing well. It was suggested that the cost and quality of services being provided by BDO to be monitored. ➤ Monitor cost and quality of services being provided by BDO.

Motion #6. MOVED BY: Sherri Crowley
 SECONDED BY: Dallas Sinopole

That this Council acknowledges the correspondence from BDO regarding the Audit of Financial Statements of Aamjiwnaang First Nation for the Year Ending March 31, 2017, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

**b) Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation Loan Renewal – Follow-Up:
 Reference: 14-846-778-007**

Discussion: None ➤ N/A

Motion #7. MOVED BY: Errnol Gray
 SECONDED BY: Shawn Plain

That this Council approves the Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation Loan Renewal – Reference: 14-846-778-007, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

**Item #3: Health Director Briefing Note – Re: Union of Ontario Indians- Follow-Up:
 Funding Agreements**

Discussion: There was a question regarding the work plan for the program and why there was none attached? The Band Manager, noted that the work plans are reviewed during the annual budgeting exercise and when programs apply for funding the work plan is developed and submitted along with funding request. ➤ N/A

Motion #8. MOVED BY: Shawn Plain
 SECONDED BY: John Adams

That this Council acknowledges the Health Directors' briefing note regarding Funding Agreements for the following:

- i. Community Wellness Worker funding program and approves the Funding Agreement in the amount of \$59,601.00, with the Union of Ontario Indians for the 2017-2018 fiscal year;

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- ii. Health Babies Health Children program funding and approves the Funding Agreement in the amount of \$39,568.00, with the Union of Ontario Indians for the 2017-2018 fiscal year; and,
- iii. Family Well-Being Worker, program funding and approves the Funding Agreement in the amount of \$146,049.00, with the Union of Ontario Indians for the 2017-2018 fiscal year.

MOTION CARRIED

Item #4: Membership Officer

a) Register Change Report May 2017

Discussion: None

Motion #9. MOVED BY: John Adams
SECONDED BY: Errnol Gray

Follow-Up:

➤ N/A

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

MOTION CARRIED

b) Development Committee Meeting Minutes, May 11, 2017

Discussion: It was noted that the May 11, 2017, Meeting Minutes have not been approved by the Development Committee.

Follow-Up:

➤ **TABLED**

Item #5: Board of Directors 2401077 Ontario Incorporated – Adelaide Wind Project – Meeting Minutes: January 21, 2016, October 13, 2016, November 22, 2016, December 13, 2016

Discussion: The Chief provided a brief overview of the proposed acquisition of shares in the Suncor Adelaide Wind Project. It was noted that direction was given to inform Suncor that Aamjiwnaang wishes to consult with the membership for the proposed acquisition. It was also noted that Aamjiwnaang would need to identify funds for community engagement as the Suncor Adelaide annual budget has already been set.

Follow Up:

- Suncor Adelaide proposed acquisition information out to new members of Council.
- Shareholders meeting on Monday, June 26, 2017, at Maawn Doosh Gumig, 6:00 pm.

Motion #10. MOVED BY: Shawn Plain
SECONDED BY: Tom Maness

That this Council acknowledges the Board of Directors 2401077 Ontario Incorporated – Adelaide Wind Project Meeting Minutes for the following dates, as presented:

- i. January 21, 2016
- ii. October 13, 2016
- iii. November 16, 2016
- iv. November 22, 2016
- v. December 13, 2016

MOTION CARRIED

Item #6: Board of Directors 2361901 – Ontario Corporation – for the Grand Bend Wind Project – Meeting Minutes: January 14, 2016, March 10, 2016, May 17, 2016, September 21, 2016, November 18, 2016

Follow-Up:

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Discussion: After a brief discussion, it was determined that the minutes would be tabled for clarification, and will be resubmitted. ➤ **TABLED**

Item #7: Correspondence and Information

a) Southern First Nation Secretariat (SFNS) Board of Directors (BOD) – Annual General Assembly, July 21, 2017 **Follow Up:**

Discussion: Brief discussion on available Councillors.

➤ Band Council Clerk to prepare BCR for Council appointments.

Motion #11. MOVED BY: Sherri Crowley
SECONDED BY: Errnol Gray

That this Council appoints Chief Joanne Rogers, Councillor Shawn Plain, appointed board representative and Councillors John Adams and Dallas Sinopole, to attend the Southern First Nation Secretariat, Annual General Assembly, July 21, 2017 at Indian Hills Golf Club, Kettle and Stony Point First Nation.

MOTION CARRIED

b) Anishinabek Nation Memorandum – Save the Date Re: Regional Round Tables – Water and Climate Change **Follow Up:**

Discussion: Councillor Sherri Crowley, noted that she has previously attended and found the sessions to be very informative.

➤ N/A

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

That this Council appoints Councillors Errnol Gray and Marina Plain, to attend the Anishinabek Nation Regional Round Tables for the Southeast/Southwest, July 18-19, 2017.

MOTION CARRIED

c) Bawating Water Protestors – National Day of Action July 1, 2017, Ottawa **Follow Up:**

Discussion: Members of Council expressed concern for the proposed protest/planned action and the presented request for financial support. The noted that the information is being shared for informational purposes to keep Council informed of events and issues.

➤ Monitor the proposed action.

Motion #13. MOVED BY: Sherri Crowley
SECONDED BY: Shawn Plain

That this Council acknowledges the correspondence regarding the Bawating Water Protectors – National Day of Action June 28 – July 2, 2017, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

d) Johnny Vallely (Nootchatai) – Request for Constitution 2017 **Follow Up:**

Discussion: There was a brief discussion regarding the request. The Band Council Clerk noted the individual contacted her office and asked to have his request forwarded to Council for consideration. The Band Manager was consulted on the matter.

➤ N/A

Motion #14. MOVED BY: Tom Maness
SECONDED BY: Marina Plain

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That this Council acknowledges John Vallely's letter or request to use the Aamjiwnaang Chi'Naaknigewin for Nation Building within Anishinabek Nation communities and approves the use of the same for research purposed only and may not be reproduced in part for any purpose other than that stated in the letter of request.

MOTION CARRIED

Item #14: New Business

a) Permit to Reside – Jennifer Carroll (Karen Bond)

Discussion: Karen Bond, Jennifer Carroll, Paige Bird-Carroll and Tessa Carroll, were in attendance for the matter. There was a brief discussion prior to Council approval.

Motion #3. MOVED BY: Shawn Plain
SECONDED BY: Errnol Gray

Follow Up:

➤ Matter to be finalized with the Membership Officer.

That this Council approves Jennifer Carroll, Permit to Reside, at 1634 St. Clair Parkway, for a period of twelve-months, effective date of application, June 15, 2017, per Permit to Reside Application terms and conditions and pending receipt of a clear Canadian Police Inspection Centre (CPIC) report.

MOTION CARRIED

b) Councillor John Adams – Council Portfolio Holders

Discussion: Councillor Adams, noted that there are seats that need to be filled on Standing Committees of Council.

Motion #15. MOVED BY: Shawn Plain
SECONDED BY: John Adams

Follow Up:

➤ Posting out to the Community for the Environment Committee.

That this Council appoints Councillor Marina Plain, as the Council Portfolio Holder for the Environment Committee, Councillor Tom Maness, as the Council Portfolio Holder for the Development Committee, and Councillor Mike Jackson, as the Council Portfolio Holder for the Education Committee. All appointment are effective immediately for the remainder of the 2016-2018 Council term.

MOTION CARRIED

c) Councillor John Adams – College Prep Camp at Lambton College

Discussion: Councillor Adams, provided details about the camp being offer to students to encourage them to continue their educational efforts with an emphasis on math and technology. The camp is being sponsored by Shell. Information has been provided to the education department and will also be provided to Councillor Dallas Sinopole, who holds a position with the Lambton-Kent District School Board.

Follow-Up:

➤ N/A

d) Councillor John Adams – Master Education Agreement (MEA) Signing Ceremony

Discussion: Councillor Adams, informed new members of Council about the upcoming signing ceremony that will take place at Rama First

Follow-Up:

➤ Band Council Clerk to secure rooms for those interested in attending.

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Nation, in August. All new members of Council have expressed an interest in attending the event.

e) Chief Joanne Rogers – Updates to Council

Follow-Up:

- Discussion:
- i. Maawn Ji Giig Do Yaang Delcaration Celebration – The Chief distributed an email correspondence confirming July 20, 2017, as the day the declaration celebration will take place. All members of Council are invited to attend the celebration that will be held at Neyaashiinigiing (Cape Croker First Nation). The Chief will confirm Aamjiwnaang attendance.
 - ii. The Chief, informed Council that the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change has approved the SO₂ Regulation and will be posted on June 30, 2017. Industry will now have to meet the new regulation. It was also noted that a resolution will also be on the agenda at the Assembly of First Nation, 38th Annual General Assembly, being held in July, at Regina, Saskatchewan.

➤ N/A

Item #15: In-Camera Session

Motions in Camera - #4, #5

Item #16: Adjournment

Motion #16. MOVED BY: Errnol Gray
SECONDED BY: Shawn Plain

That this Council Adjourns at 7:30 P.M.

MOTION CARRIED

Recorded By:
Lynn M. Rosales,
Band Council Clerk