

**Regular Council Meeting
Aamjiwnaang First Nation
Tuesday, September 15, 2015 - 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 Chris Plain, Councillor Darren Henry, Councillor Ted White Sr., Councillor Sherri Crowley, Councillor Shawn Plain, Councillor R. Codey Simon (Excused 7:30 pm), Councillor John Adams, Councillor Errnol Gray (Excused 8:05 pm), Councillor Lareina Rising, Councillor Randi Rogers

Council Members Absent: N/A

Others Present:

Kelly Williams, Assistant Band Administrator
Vicki Ware, Education Coordinator
Sandy Waring, Community Information Officer

June Simon, Finance Coordinator
Wilson Plain, Emergency Management Planner

Call to Order:

Chief Chris Plain called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m. and Councillor John Adams, offered a prayer. After the prayer was offered Chief Plain, commented on the previous week's events and commended the collective efforts of the community to support the families in their time of need.

Regular Council Meeting Minutes, Monday, August 17, 2015

Follow-Up:

Discussion: There was a question regarding Motion #28 and what the invoice was pertaining to. The Chief provided an update about the issue and the Finance Coordinator provided an update and noted that the issue has been resolved. Motion #22 required mover and seconder to be recorded. Council members present requires amending.

➤ Complete changes.

Motion #1. MOVED BY: Errnol Gray
SECONDED BY: Sherri Crowley

That this Council adopted the Regular Council Meeting Minutes dated Monday, August 17, 2015, noted changes.

MOTION CARRIED

Special Council Meeting Minutes, Sunday, August 9, 2015

Follow-Up:

Discussion: None

➤ N/A

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

That this Council adopted the Special Council Meeting Minutes dated Sunday, August 9, 2015, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

Special Council Meeting Minutes, Thursday, August 27, 2015

Follow-Up:

Discussion: None

➤ N/A

Motion #2. MOVED BY: Ted White Sr.
SECONDED BY: John Adams

That this Council adopted the Special Council Meeting Minutes dated Thursday, August 27, 2015, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

Item #1: Community Members Bill and Edna Cottrelle – Re: Request

Follow-Up:

Discussion: The Chief provided an update regarding the request and informed Council that the request has been taken care of. There was a question about the amount provided and it was mentioned that the requested amount was provided.

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Item #2: Finance Coordinator – Band Mortgage Re-Write **Follow-Up:**

Discussion: The Finance Coordinator was present and provided an overview of the band mortgage re-write and the recommendation. ➤ N/A

Motion #4. MOVED BY: Shawn Plain
SECONDED BY: Ronald Codey Simon

That this council acknowledges the Finance Coordinators correspondence and accepts the recommendation per scenario three (3), as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

Item #3: Housing Briefing Note – Re: New Build (TABLED August 4, 2015) **Follow-Up:**

Discussion: Council took some time to review the information that was provided regarding the proposed new build. There was a brief discussion about contractors and deadline to submit required documents to CMHC. ➤

Motion #13. MOVED BY: Ronald Codey Simon
SECONDED BY: Sherri Crowley

That this council acknowledges the Housing Coordinator Briefing Note and accepts the listed recommendations for the New Builds on Beaver Circle.

MOTION CARRIED

Item #4: Education Coordinator

a) Briefing Note – Re: Education Services Contract (Tuition Agreement) **Follow Up:**

Discussion: The Education Coordinator was present and provided an overview of the information regarding current discussions between Aamjiwnaang First Nation Education and the Lambton Kent District School Board for the development of a Memorandum of Understanding for Reverse-Tuition Agreement. Further discussion included: administration of education funding, federal and provincial rates for student education, and on and off reserve tuition fees. ➤ N/A

Motion #5. MOVED BY: Ronald Codey Simon
SECONDED BY: Shawn Plain

That this council acknowledges the Education Coordinators Briefing Note, and accepts the recommendation to move forward with developing a Reverse-Tuition arrangement with the Lambton Kent District School Board (LKDSB) through an Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).

MOTION CARRIED

b) Anishinabek Education Agreement – Re: BCR 2015-2016 #19 **Follow Up:**

Discussion: The Education Coordinator was present and provided an overview of the information regarding the continuation of the development of the Anishinabek Native Education Agreement (FNEA). Further discussion included: development of an Education Constitution; support availability to assist with the initiative; and, possible funds that are available from the federal government. ➤ N/A

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Motion #6. MOVED BY: Shawn Plain
 SECONDED BY: Sherri Crowley

That this council acknowledges the Education Coordinators Briefing Note regarding Anishinabek Education Agreement and accepts the recommendation to continue discussions with Union of Ontario Indians – Restoration of Jurisdiction team regarding the Anishinabek Nation Education Agreement.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion #8. MOVED BY: Darren Henry
 SECONDED BY: Ronald Codey Simon

That this Council adopts BCR 2015-2016 #19, in support of the Anishinabek Nation Education Agreement, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

c) Transportation Project – Visions of Harmony

Discussion: The Education Coordinator was present and provided an update on the project and mentioned that Walpole Island First Nation (WIFN) has already started shuttle service for their students have been picking up students from Aamjiwnaang. Further discussion included: required funds for mileage, insurance and maintenance for the proposed vehicle for the project; costs associated with hiring a driver; possibility of industry donation and other possible funding; and, Employment and Training request for funds.

Follow Up:

➤ A/Band Administrator to report back to Council on the availability Employment and Training Funds.

Motion #7. MOVED BY: Lareina Rising
 SECONDED BY: Darren Henry

That this council acknowledges the Education Coordinator's Briefing Note regarding the Transportation Project – Visions of Harmony, and accepts the recommendation as presented. Furthermore, the A/Band Administrator to provide a report back regarding available Employment and Training Funds.

MOTION CARRIED

d) Education Committee Meeting Minutes – June 24, July 8, and July 22, 2015

Discussion: There was a brief discussion about excused absences for students who attend ceremonies, funerals, career fairs, hockey camps and other related educational events. Also discussion was Southern First Nation Secretariat Shadow Budget.

Follow Up:

➤ N/A

Motion #9. MOVED BY: Shawn Plain
 SECONDED BY: Sherri Crowley

That this council acknowledges the Education Committee Meeting Minutes dated June 24, 2015, July 8, 2015 and July 22, 2015, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

Item #5: Emergency Management Planner

a) Notification Report August 2015

Follow Up:

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Discussion: The Emergency Management Planner was present and provided an overview of the submitted Notification Report. There was a brief discussion about the information that is provided for any leaks, releases and emissions from industry. It was stressed that there is a need to know the amount of what is being emitted, how long the emission happens and what people are being exposed to. It was mentioned that the Ministry of the Environment will be receiving reports with detailed information and Aamjiwnaang will be in receipt of those reports as well. > N/A

Motion #10. MOVED BY: Errnol Gray
SECONDED BY: Ted White Sr.

That this council acknowledges the Emergency Management Planner Notification Report August 2015, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

b) Briefing Note – Re: Emergency Response Plan

Discussion: The Emergency Management Planner we present and provided an overview of the briefing note regarding amendments to the Emergency Response Plan and the request to have a designate appointed in the absence of the Chief. Chief Plain provided an update on current practices for when he is away. It was also mentioned that it is important for CVECO to report wind speed and direction when sending out emergency notifications.

Follow Up:

> Emergency Management Planner to complete amendments per discussion.

Motion #11. MOVED BY: Darren Henry
SECONDED BY: Lareina Rising

That this council acknowledges the Emergency Management Planner Briefing Note regarding the Emergency Response Plan, and accepts recommendations one (1) and two (2), to amend Aamjiwnaang Emergency Response Plan dated August 21, 2015, with noted change.

MOTION CARRIED

Item #6: Community Information Officer Briefing Note – Re: Website

Follow-Up:

Discussion: The Community Information Officer provided a brief update to Council regarding the website and noted that the final revisions and are being completed and new website will be ready to launch soon. There was a question about community notices that were to be delivered, Council was assured that all approved notices have been delivered. > N/A

Motion #12. MOVED BY: Randi Rogers
SECONDED BY: Sherri Crowley

That this council acknowledges the Community Information Officer Briefing Note regarding the Website, and accepts the recommendation, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

Item #7: Environment Committee Meeting Minutes, July 21, 2015

Follow Up:

Discussion: None > N/A

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

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That this council acknowledges the Environment Committee Meeting Minutes dated, July 21, 2015, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

Item #8: Economic Development

Follow-Up:

a) Economic Development – BCR 2015-2016 #13 (Revised)

Discussion: The Chief provided a brief update regarding the need to revise the BCR 2015-2016 #13. ➤

Motion #15. MOVED BY: Shawn Plain
SECONDED BY: Ronald Codey Simon

That this Council move to rescind BCR 2015-2016 #13, adopted by Motion #1, at Duly Convened Meeting of August 27, 2015.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion #16. MOVED BY: Ronald Codey Simon
SECONDED BY: John Adams

That this Council adopts BCR 2015-2016 #18, as presented.

2-Opposed – Councillor Darren Henry, Due Diligence has not been completed and Councillor Sherri Crowley, Due to the information provided by the A/Band Administrator

2-Abstained – Councillor Randi Rogers and Councillor Shawn Plain, were not present at the meeting on August 27, 2015.

MOTION CARRIED

b) Development Committee Meeting Minutes, July 2 and July 22, 2015

Discussion: None ➤ N/A

Motion #17. MOVED BY: Sherri Crowley
SECONDED BY: Lareina Rising

That this Council acknowledges the Development Committee Meeting Minutes dated, Thursday, July 2, and Wednesday, July 22, 2015, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

c) Development Committee Member – Letter of Interest

Follow-Up:

Discussion: There was a question about whether or not the submitted letter was from the posting in the Tribe-Une, it was confirmed that the letter of interest was the only submission. ➤ N/A

Motion #18. MOVED BY: Sherri Crowley
SECONDED BY: Randi Rogers

That this Council acknowledges the Letter of Interest dated September 3, 2015, and appoints community member Dana Nahmabin to the Development Committee for the remainder of the 2014-2016 term.

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d) Business Development Officer Memo – Re: Giiwedín Nodin Board Meeting **Follow-Up:**

Discussion: It was noted that the Business Development Officer has indicated that the proposed dates for the shareholders meeting were not able to be confirmed. A memo will be forwarded with new proposed dates for mid-October. **➤ TABLED**

Item #9: Community Services Committee Meeting Minutes, August 10, 2015, and Recommendation, August 24, 2015 **Follow Up:**

Discussion: There was a discussion about requests to support various events in the community. It was mentioned that there is a process in place that needs to be recognized and followed to allow Council the opportunity to review and acknowledge requests. It was mentioned that there was a request to support a Fall Feast that will be held next week. It was also mentioned that there are several other events taking place over the next few weeks and there is a need for event coordination to avoid double booking. **➤ N/A**

Motion #19. MOVED BY: Shawn Plain
SECONDED BY: Errnol Gray

That this Council acknowledges the Community Services Committee Meeting Minutes, dated August 10, 2015, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion #20. MOVED BY: Shawn Plain
SECONDED BY: John Adams

That this Council accepts the Community Services Committee recommendation dated August 24, 2015, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

Item #10: Health Director

a) Penny Carnival and Parade **Follow Up:**

Discussion: It was mentioned that the Parade has been cancelled. **➤ N/A**

Motion #21. MOVED BY: Randi Rogers
SECONDED BY: Shawn Plain

That this Council acknowledges the Health Directors Briefing Note regarding the Penny Carnival and Parade.

MOTION CARRIED

b) Bluewater Health Foundation – Annual Tribute Gala **Follow Up:**

Discussion: Health Director to determine who will attend. **➤ N/A**

Motion #22. MOVED BY: Randi Rogers
SECONDED BY: Shawn Plain

That this Council acknowledges the Health Directors Briefing Note regarding the Bluewater Health Foundation Annual Tribute Gala and approves Bronze sponsorship in the amount of \$1,000.00.

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c) Health Committee Meeting Minutes, June 8, 2015

Follow Up:

Discussion: NONE

➤ N/A

Motion #23. MOVED BY: John Adams
SECONDED BY: Errnol Gray

That this Council acknowledges the Health Committee Meeting Minutes dated, June 8, 2015, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

Item #11: Band Administration

a) Assistant Band Administrator and Public Works Coordinator – Paving Concrete Project Tender Recommendation

Follow Up:

Discussion: The Assistant Band Administrator provided an overview of the process for selection of the recommended contractors and the work to be completed. There was a concern that the work to be completed at the docks would conflict with a project the Environment department is working on along the waterfront for the Shoreline Softening Project, Council was assured that the projects are not conflicting.

➤ N/A

Motion #24. MOVED BY: Randi Rogers
SECONDED BY: Sherri Crowley

That this Council accept the Assistant Band Administrator and Public Works Coordinator, Capital Expenditure Tender Recommendations for paving and concrete projects as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

b) Assistant Band Administrator – Clench Defalcation Settlement Offer-Negotiator Questions-KSPFN/AFN

Follow Up:

Discussion: The Assistant Band Administrator provided an additional documents to Council for review prior to a lengthy discussion. Further discussion included: update on meeting with legal counsel; apportionment of proposed settlement offer for the Clench Defalcation; the adoption of a BCR stating Bands position on the settlement offer; historical agreements of previous Councils that split of settlement offer would be based on 1919 split; loss of land; and, the outstanding Cameron Land Claim.

➤ SCM with KSPFN on Thursday, September 24, 2015 at 11:00 am, at Kettle Point with an alternate date of Thursday, October 8, 2015. Assistant Band Administrator to confirm and notify members of Council.

Motion #25. MOVED BY: Lareina Rising
SECONDED BY: Sherri Crowley

That this Council adopts BCR 2015-2016 #17, regarding the Clench Defalcation Land Claim Settlement, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion #26. MOVED BY: Lareina Rising
SECONDED BY: Darren Henry

That this Council adopts BCR 2015-2016 #20, regarding the Clench Defalcation Land Claim Settlement, as presented.

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Motion #27 MOVED BY: Randi Rogers
 SECONDED BY: Lareina Rising

That this Council accepts BCR 2015-2016 #21, regarding the Cameron Land Claim, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

Item #12: Correspondence and Information

a) SFNS Due Diligence Workshop, September 16, 2015

Follow Up:

Discussion: Chief Plain informed Council that this workshop could be beneficial to attend. There was a suggestion to host this workshop here at Aamjiwnaang to allow staff and standing committee members to attend.

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Item #13: In-Camera Session

Motions in Camera - #28, #29, #30, #31

Item #14: New Business

a) Councillor Sherri Crowley – Mnaasged Annual General Assembly (AGA)

Follow Up:

Discussion: Councillor Crowley informed Council that the upcoming Mnaasged AGA has been rescheduled and will be held in October. She will forward information with new date.

➤ N/A

b) Councillor Sherri Crowley – Compensation for Language Instruction

Follow Up:

Discussion: Councillor Crowley informed Council that for some time now community member Frances Pawis has been teaching language at the community centre and feels as though she should receive an honorarium for her work. It was mentioned that in the past a staff member would submit a request for this program but there has been not submission for some time now. After a brief discussion it was suggested that Frances Pawis write up a proposal for consideration.

➤ Frances Pawis to draft proposal for language class instruction.

c) Councillor Darren Henry – Eagle Staff

Follow-Up:

Discussion: Councillor Henry wanted to know who was responsible to bring the Eagle Staff to community events, funerals and other activities. It was noted that requests can be made by anyone and currently Chief Plain is the one who usually delivers the staff as it is requested, since he has keys to the Band Office. Councillor White usually returns the staff to the Band Office and also ensures that it is smudged and feasted when appropriate.

➤ N/A

d) Councillor Darren Henry – Healing Ceremonies

Follow-Up:

Discussion: Councillor Henry is concerned for the community and the upcoming proposed healing ceremonies. The families who have experienced loss and are grieving at this time need to be taken into consideration before making a decision to hold a community wide healing ceremony. Councillor Henry went on to explain that he has been approached by concerned community members who have expressed that the proposed healing ceremony may be being planned too soon.

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e) Councillor Lareina Rising – Community Showcase

Discussion: Councillor Rising was approached by a community member Marina Plain member of the Culture and Heritage Club, who will be hosting an upcoming event the, Community Showcase. Ms. Plain has indicated that she is looking for donations that may be used for prizes at the event. Councillor Rising indicated that a written request will be submitted.

Follow-Up:

➤ N/A

f) Councillor Randi Rogers – Lateral Violence Workshop

Discussion: Councillor Rogers requested that a notice be sent out for the 2nd session of the Lateral Violence Workshop that has been scheduled to be held on October 2, 2015.

Follow-Up:

➤ Assistant Band Administrator to confirm with Health Director.

g) Chief Chris Plain – Verlynn Plain Request

Discussion: Chief Plain presented information for a written request for financial support, submitted by community member Verlynn Plain for a Community Harvest Feast to be held on Wednesday, September 23, 2015. The submitted request included a budget for food and cutlery with a total of \$950.00 dollars. After a lengthy discussion it was suggested to have the proposed date to be reconsidered to allow for more time to advertise the event and that an agenda or event description be developed as well.

Follow-Up:

➤ Chief Plain to follow-up with Mrs. Verlynn Plain.

h) Councillor Randi Rogers – Funerals at the Community Centre

Discussion: There was a lengthy discussion with regards to funerals being held at the Community Centre. It was mentioned that staff and community members are concerned about this practice. Further discussion included: having a place to grieve for their loved ones; perhaps a separate building should be built for funerals; Aamjiwnaang is a diverse community with traditional and non-traditional gatherings being planned for funerals; some people in the community are being re-traumatized when they enter the community centre after a funeral; and, there may be a need to build a multi-purpose lodge/cultural centre. It was mentioned in closing that requests from community members need to be respected when they are asking to use the community centre for a family funeral. It was suggested that the Business Development Officer research possible funding for a separate building where funerals can be held. In closing it was mentioned that the discussion was good to have about possibilities for future development to meet the community needs.

Follow-Up:

➤ N/A

Item #15: Adjournment

Motion #32. MOVED BY: Randi Rogers
SECONDED BY: Sherri Crowley

That this Council Adjourns at 10:05 P.M.

MOTION CARRIED

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