

**Regular Council Meeting
Aamjiwnaang First Nation
Monday, November 20, 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 (excused at 10:15 pm), Councillor Dallas Sinopole, Councillor Sherri Crowley (excused at 10:00 pm), Councillor Shawn Plain, Councillor Marina Plain, Councillor John Adams, Councillor Errnol Gray, Councillor Mike Jackson, Councillor Tom Maness

Others Present:

June Simon, Band Manager	Sara Plain, Health Director
Jessica Pickett, Lands Management Officer	Vicki Ware, Education Coordinator
Carole Delion, Economic Development Coordinator/Project Manager	
Sandy Waring, Community Information Officer	Laura Rogers, Band Representative
Phillip Maness, Community Member	Alfred Joseph, Community Member
Bobbi-Joe Joseph, Community Member	Jennifer Whiteye, Southern First Nation Secretariat
Ashely Sisco-Savage, Consultant – SFNS	David Doey, Consultant

Call to Order:

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

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Discussion: Discussion on the minutes included; Community Services Committee and the Aamjiwnaang Community Funding youth; advanced level athletes and funding support; and the established fund to assist Band members in their pursuit of Recreational and Cultural activities needs to be clear for everyone to understand. Permit to Reside Fees, it was suggested that the Development Committee further discuss the application and fees process. It was noted that Councillor John Adams attended the Anishinabek Nation – Fall Chiefs Assembly In lieu of Councillor Mike Jackson.

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

That Aamjiwnaang Band Council adopts the Regular Council Meeting Minutes, Monday, November 6, 2017, with noted changes.

MOTION CARRIED

Item #1: Tiffany Burrell – Request

Discussion: There was a brief discussion regarding past practice and the amount of support provided for financial support request. It was noted that past practice is to approve at 60% of total request.

Motion #23. MOVED BY: Mike Jackson
SECONDED BY: Marina Plain

That Aamjiwnaang Band Council approves Tiffany Burrell's request for financial support in the amount of \$684.00 (six-hundred, eighty-four, dollars), which represents 60% of total request, to attend Focused Intention Technique (FIT), Basic Certification, at Oshweken, Ontario.

MOTION CARRIED

Item #2: Philip Maness – Westbank First Nation Constitution

Discussion: Philip was in attendance and noted that he supports and believes in a green policy. He is here today to present the Westbank First Nation Constitution, the leading document for a Band in British

Follow-Up:

➤ Community Services Committee, to revisit the Policy and Guidelines for Applying for Funding, regarding advanced levels of competition.

Follow-Up:

➤ Cheque requisition to be prepared.

Follow-Up:

➤ None

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Columbia, which could be a tool for continued development here in the community. He also noted the importance of the Governance Committee Terms of Reference come from the Council table. Philip, went on to state that the many years ago the community was consulted and a Membership Code was drafted and passed through a community referendum, but the government did not accept it and said it was discriminatory in nature. Philip also mentioned that the Aamjiwnaang Chi'Naaknigewin – Community Constitution (the Constitution) is generic and was not passed by majority vote. The Constitution was initiated because the Union of Ontario Indians needed it in place for the Anishinabek Education System to pass. Council needs to include the people, in the past leadership went out to the people and asked for their input. It was also mentioned that the first Comprehensive Community Plan (CCP) was developed through 86% participation of the community and was to be reviewed every ten (10) years, however, today its reviewed every five (5) years. In the past the leadership of the day had foresight and embarked on the development of Chippewa Industrial Development Corporation (CIDL) for community and business initiatives. In closing, Philip, thanked Chief and Council for their time.

Motion #2. MOVED BY: Sherri Crowley
 SECONDED BY: Marina Plain

That Aamjiwnaang Band Council acknowledges Phillip Maness' submission of the Westbank First Nation Constitution and presentation, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

Item #3: Health Director

a) Briefing Note – Re: Lambton Community Health Study

Discussion: The Health Director, was in attendance and reviewed the presented information regarding the Lambton Community Health Study (LCHS) and the previous Board of Directors. It was noted that with recent announcement from the Minister Chris Ballard, to fund a health study in the Sarnia area the former LCHS board recently met to discuss the announcement. It was determined that a meeting will be held with Minister Ballard, on Wednesday, November 29, 2017, at Toronto. An invitation was extended to Council to appoint delegates to attend the meeting. In closing it was noted that the former Bluewater Village was moved due to health impacts and it may be beneficial to seek out information pertaining to that time.

Further discussion included:

- Area of study – a section of the study should be dedicated to Aamjiwnaang.
- How will the information be presented and accurately represent Aamjiwnaang health statistics and data?
- Conducting a community survey, house to house, to collect personal stories and have them recorded so that Aamjiwnaang's health story is told/documentated.
- Important to have terms of reference for the study as it pertains to Aamjiwnaang's interests.

Follow-Up:

- Health Committee to review and further discuss the mandate of the health study to ensure the best interest of the community is secure.

Motion #4. MOVED BY: Shawn Plain

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SECONDED BY: Mike Jackson

That Aamjiwnaang Band Council acknowledges the Health Director's attendance at the meeting regarding the Lambton Community Health Study and briefing note and accepts the recommendation to:

1. Define Aamjiwnaang's position regarding Minister Ballard's announcement to fund a local health study; and,
2. Appoints Councillors Darren Henry and Marina Plain, to attend the meeting between the Minister and former Lambton Community Health Study Board in Toronto, Ontario, on November 29, 2017.

MOTION CARRIED

b) Health Committee Meeting Minutes – September 21, 2017

Follow-Up:

Discussion: No comments.

➤ None

Motion #5. MOVED BY: Shawn Plain
SECONDED BY: Errnol Gray

That Aamjiwnaang Band Council acknowledges the Health Committee Meeting Minutes of September 21, 2017, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

Item #4: Lands Management Officer Briefing Note – Re: Land Transfer

Follow-Up:

Discussion: Ms. Bobby Jo Viscount and Alfred Joseph, were in attendance for discussion of the matter. It was noted that any Band member may transfer land from one individual to another, Council has no say in land transfers, they are merely acknowledged. The Lands Management Officer, provided background information for previous services that were in place, but were removed by the Band, therefore, Council may be obligated to assist with access and restoring utility services.

➤ Report back to Council for any existing utilities/services that are still in place and run to the property.

Motion #3. MOVED BY: Shawn Plain
SECONDED BY: Darren Henry

That Aamjiwnaang Band Council acknowledges the Lands Management Officer briefing note and directs the Lands Management Officer to report back to Council for existing utility services that are in place and run to Lot 7-3-3-2 Range 5 RSO 824.

MOTION CARRIED

Item #5: Economic Development Coordinator/Project Manager Memorandum

a) Southern First Nation Secretariat (SFNS) Regional Economic Leakage Project – Ashley Sisco-Savage

Follow Up:

Discussion: Ashley Sisco-Savage, Consultant and Jennifer Whiteye, Executive Director, SFNS along with the Economic Development Coordinator/Project Manager, were in attendance for the presentation of the SFNS Regional Leakage Study. Noted points of interest were:

➤ Additional Information is requested regarding the amount of leakage, for the sub-category Cleaning and Maintenance.

- Report may result in increased entrepreneurial and business development.
- Information may be used to further enhance Aamjiwnaang's Comprehensive Community Plan.

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- SFNS could work collaboratively with Aamjiwnaang education and employment and training to develop the work force and focus on specialized skill sets and skilled trades.
- The development and implementation of a First Nation Chamber of Commerce could also benefit First Nation communities and business.

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

That Aamjiwnaang Band Council acknowledges the Economic Development Coordinator/Project Manager memorandum and the Southern First Nation Secretariat Regional Economic Leakage Project presentation, as presented. Further that, Aamjiwnaang Band Council supports the next Phase, a Household Economic Leakage study and directs the Economic Development staff to participate in the initiative.

MOTION CARRIED

b) Romney Wind Project

Discussion: Economic Development Coordinator/Project Manager, was in attendance and distributed a fact sheet with relevant background information for the Romney Wind Project. After review of the information there were concerns about the location of files on the project and what Aamjiwnaang's financial commitments are at this point. It was stressed that Council needs to be fully briefed on all projects and all agreements associated with those projects.

Follow Up:

- Look up previous briefing note from former Acting Band Administrator.

Motion #7. MOVED BY: Sherri Crowley
 SECONDED BY: Dallas Sinopole

That Aamjiwnaang Band Council acknowledges the Economic Development Coordinator/Project Manager memorandum and overview of the Romney Wind Project, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

Item #6: Education Coordinator

Follow-Up:

a) Education Feasibility Study – Dave Doey

Discussion: The Education Coordinator and Dave Doey, Consultant were in attendance to review the Education Feasibility Study. It was noted that the review this evening is merely to provide an overview and begin the necessary discussion on how to move forward with the information. Key points of interest were:

- None

- The intent of the study and feasibility of extending the education program on-reserve past grade one (1).
- The recommendations are exhaustive however, they are meant to engage thought and assist in the decision-making process.
- Financial requirements for needed facilities.
- Amount of funding and determining factors.
- Bussing for students is not a right it is a privilege, consideration may need to be given for any off-reserve family that may want to send their child(ren) to an on-reserve school.
- Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada, funding is based

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on project components.

- Language retention requires a child to hear their family and converse with them daily.
- A foundation based on culture/tradition may assist the child(ren)/youth with preparing for life.

Motion #8. MOVED BY: Mike Jackson
 SECONDED BY: Darren Henry

That Aamjiwnaang Band Council acknowledges the Aamjiwnaang First Nation, Education Feasibility Study in Support of Community Dialogue, of October 2017, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

b) Memorandum Re: Kindergarten Policy Manual

Follow Up:

Discussion: The Education Coordinator, reviewed the revisions and noted that the presented document is the final version. ➤ None

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

That Aamjiwnaang Band Council acknowledges the Education Department memorandum and accepts the final draft of the Aamjiwnaang First Nation Kindergarten Policy Manual, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

c) Memorandum Re: Education Committee Meeting Minutes – September 27, 2017

Follow Up:

Discussion: Meeting Minutes to be re-submitted. ➤ TABLED

Item #7: Emergency Management Planner – Notification Report, October 2017

Follow Up:

Discussion: No comments. ➤ None

Motion #15. MOVED BY: Dallas Sinopole
 SECONDED BY: Mike Jackson

That Aamjiwnaang Band Council acknowledges the Emergency Management Planner, Notification Report, October 2017, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

Item #8: Environment Committee Meeting Minutes – October 3, and October 17, 2017

Follow Up:

Discussion: There was a brief discussion regarding Real Time reporting of air quality to the community and associated costs. ➤ None

Motion #16. MOVED BY: Shawn Plain
 SECONDED BY: Dallas Sinopole

That Aamjiwnaang Band Council acknowledges the Environment Committee Meeting Minutes of October 3, 2017 and October 17, 2017, as presented.

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Item #9: Membership Officer – Register Change Report October 2017 **Follow Up:**

Discussion: No comments. ➤ None

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

That Aamjiwnaang Band Council acknowledges the Membership Officer submission of the Register Change Report, October 2017, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

Item #10: Council Reports **Follow Up:**

a) Councillor Marina Plain – Chiefs of Ontario, Child Welfare Updates

Discussion: Councillor M. Plain, distributed a copy of a Chiefs of Ontario resolution, for Immediate Relief Prevention Funding, and asked what Aamjiwnaang's stance is for the Native Child Well-Being Law? A copy of the Wikwemikong Children's Bill of Rights was also distributed. ➤ None

Motion #18. MOVED BY: Shawn Plain
SECONDED BY: Dallas Sinopole

That Aamjiwnaang Band Council acknowledges Councillor Marina Plain's report on the Chiefs of Ontario, Child Welfare Updates, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

b) Councillor John Adams – Anishinabek Nation, Fall Chiefs Assembly

Discussion: Councillor J. Adams, referenced the binder of information received at the Anishinabek Nation, Fall Chiefs Assembly and provided an overview of the following: ➤ None

- Water issues in the northern communities.
- Anishinabek Nation 7th Generation Charities.
- Social Services sector in relation to the agreement signing ceremony for the Native Child Well-Being Law.
- Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and perhaps there is a need to Grandmother Teachings in the community.
- Health Transformation and the lack of health care for some people.
- Cannabis and a clear split decision to support the legalization.
- Ministry of Transportation, and road safety issues. It was noted that road taxes and portion of gasoline taxes are supposed to be used to pay for safe roads.
- Governance Agreement, the update was provided all in the language with no interpretation.
- Funeral expenses, it was noted that there are additional funds available and perhaps staff could consider the matter.
- Updates were provided for the Anishinabek Education System and other related agreements.
- Two new resource books being released for treaty week, for grade schools, information provided to education department.

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Motion #19. MOVED BY: Errnol Gray
SECONDED BY: Dallas Sinopole

That Aamjiwnaang Band Council acknowledges Councillor John Adams' report on the Anishinabek Nation, Fall Chiefs Assembly, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

Item #11: Correspondence and Information

a) Assembly of First Nation – Re: Amendments to End Gender Discrimination – Indian Act

Follow Up:

Discussion: FYI

➤ None

Motion #20. MOVED BY: Shawn Plain
SECONDED BY: Dallas Sinopole

That Aamjiwnaang Band Council acknowledges the Assembly of First Nations correspondence regarding Updates on the Amendments to End Gender Discrimination in the *Indian Act*, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

b) Chiefs of Ontario – Re: Ontario First Nations Sovereign Wealth LP – Hydro One Shares

Follow Up:

Discussion: Additional information received from the Anishinabek Nation, was distributed to Council for review prior to discussion. The Chief, asked Council if they are interested in proceeding with the project and if any further discussion is needed. It was further noted that the Anishinabek Nation has been involved with the project.

➤ To be further discussed at the SCM of Monday, November 27, 2017.

Motion #21. MOVED BY: John Adams
SECONDED BY: Marina Plain

That Aamjiwnaang Band Council acknowledges the Chiefs of Ontario, information package regarding the Ontario First Nations Sovereign Wealth LP – Purchasing Hydro One Shares, as well as the responses received from Anishinabek Nation, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

c) Anishinabek Nation – Re: Anishinabek Nation Recommendations on Specific Claims Policy and Process

Follow Up:

Discussion: The Chief noted that she has requested more information on the matter, and that the information received is a response from Grand Chief Mahdahbee.

➤ None

Motion #22. MOVED BY: Errnol Gray
SECONDED BY: Dallas Sinopole

That Aamjiwnaang Band Council acknowledges the Anishinabek Nation information of October 24, 2017, regarding the Submission to the Standing Committee on Indigenous and Northern Affairs, "*Anishinabek Nation Recommendations on Specific Claims Policy and Process*", as presented.

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Item #12: New Business

a) OFNLP 2008 – Re: Representative on the OLG Board of Directors

Follow Up:

Discussion: FYI

➤ None

Motion #24. MOVED BY: Dallas Sinopole
SECONDED BY: Marina Plain

That Aamjiwnaang Band Council acknowledges the OFNLP 2008 Representative on the OLG Board of Directors

MOTION CARRIED

b) Chief Joanne Rogers – Suncor Speed Detector

Follow Up:

Discussion: The Chief provide a brief update to Council and informed that Suncor has agreed to let Aamjiwnaang use their speed detector along St. Clair Parkway. It was suggested that Aamjiwnaang look-into purchasing two (2) that may be used in other areas of the reserve as there are real concerns with speeding along Tashmoo Avenue.

➤ None

Item #13: In-Camera Session

Motions in Camera - #10, #11, #12, #13, #14

Item #14: Adjournment

Motion #25. MOVED BY: Errnol Gray
SECONDED BY: Dallas Sinopole

That Aamjiwnaang Band Council Adjourns at 10:42 P.M.

MOTION CARRIED

Recorded By:
Lynn M. Rosales,
Band Council Clerk