

**Regular Council Meeting  
Aamjiwnaang First Nation  
Monday, November 21, 2016 - 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 Darren Henry, Councillor Dallas Sinopole, Councillor Sherri Crowley, Councillor Shawn Plain, Councillor Phillip Maness, Councillor John Adams, Councillor Errol Gray

**Others Present:**

June Simon, Interim Band Administrator

Melanie Williams, Ontario Works

Gary Johnston, Guest

Phyllis George, Executive Director, TCDC

Janice Rising, Supervisor, Mnaasged

Vicki Jacobs, Family Support Worker, Mnaasged

Jennifer Thrasher, Director of Services, CAS

Vicki Ware, Education Coordinator

Mitch DeGurse, Community Member

Michael Johnston, Guest

Mary Jane Shin, Business Development Officer, TCDC

Patti Gilbert, Family Support Worker, Mnaasged

Debra Issac, Indigenous Team Manager, CAS

**Call to Order:**

Chief Joanne Rogers, called the meeting to order at 5:02 a.m. and Councillor Phillip Maness, offered a prayer.

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**Discussion:** Page 2 of 11, spelling correction; Motion #3, wording amendment; Page 7 of 11, Motion #20, wording amendment; Page 10 of 11, Item e), wording amendment; Page 11 of 11, Item b) wording amendment; and, Item c), Follow-Up, delete wording. It was also noted that Heidi Piche's family has contacted the Band office for clarification of request.

**Motion #1.** MOVED BY: Errol Gray  
SECONDED BY: Sherri Crowley

That this Council adopts the Regular Council Meeting Minutes, Monday, November 7, 2016, with noted changes.

MOTION CARRIED

**Item #1: Jamie Maracle – Proposal for Plowing Snow**

**Discussion:** Item should not have come to the Council table. DELETED from the agenda.

**Follow-Up:**

- A/BCC to complete changes.

**Follow-Up:**

- N/A

**Item #2: Permit to Reside – Gary Johnston (Mitch Degurse)**

**Discussion:** Mr. Gary Johnston and Mr. Mitch DeGurse, (sponsoring member) were in attendance for the Permit to Reside request. There was a brief question answer period with a reminder to Mr. DeGurse, with regards to the permit fees.

**Motion #2.** MOVED BY: Phillip Maness  
SECONDED BY: Shawn Plain

That this Council approves Gary Johnston's, Permit to Reside, for a six (6) month period, per Permit to Reside Terms and Conditions.

MOTION CARRIED

**Follow-Up:**

- Mr. Gary Johnston, to meet with Membership Officer, for follow-up.

**Item #3: Permit to Reside – Michael Johnston (Mitch Degurse)**

**Discussion:** Mr. Michael Johnston and Mr. Mitch DeGurse, (sponsoring member) were in attendance for the Permit to Reside request.

**Follow-Up:**

- Mr. Gary Johnston, to meet with

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Membership Officer,  
for follow-up.

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

That this Council approves Michael Johnston's, Permit to Reside, for a six (6) month period, per Permit to Reside Terms and Conditions.

MOTION CARRIED

**Item #4:      Ontario Works – NCB Fund Re: Food Bank and Inn of the Good Shepard Lunch Donation**

**Follow-Up:**

Discussion:      Melanie Williams, Ontario Works, Employment & Income Caseworker, was in attendance to speak to the matter. There was a brief question answer period with it being noted that there are approximately 30 to 40 families who regularly attend the food bank and the numbers are increasing. Ms. Williams, also noted that the Inn of the Good Shepard dinners are well attended and will remain an ongoing program with continued donations. The Interim Band Administrator, noted that the National Child Benefit Program (NCB), funding will continue and will flow through a different department and is funded through INAC.

➤ Next Fiscal Budget to include Food Bank Support Funding.

Motion #4.      MOVED BY: Darren Henry  
                  SECONDED BY: Errnol Gray

That this Council acknowledges the Ontario Works briefing note regarding the Ontario Works – NCB Fund Re: Food Bank and Inn of the Good Shepard Lunch Donation, and agrees to continue to support the Inn of the Good Shepard donations in the amount of \$1,800.00 (eighteen-hundred dollars), for 2017 calendar year.

MOTION CARRIED

**Item #5:      Education**

**a) Briefing Note – Re: Childcare Update and Policies and Procedures Manual**

**Follow Up:**

Discussion:      The Education Coordinator, was in attendance to discuss submitted information, and noted that there is a request to schedule a Special Council Meeting for a more thorough review of the Policies and Procedures Manual. An update was provided regarding the progress of licensing and completion of changes to the current Policies and Procedures Manual. It was noted that new legislation has prompted several changes in the daycare setting. All efforts are being focused on correcting the areas that were non-compliant under the new legislation.

➤ Revised Policy and Procedures Manual to be distributed to Chief and Council for review, prior to the SCM.

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

That this Council acknowledges the Education Coordinator briefing note regarding the Child Care Update and Policies and Procedures Manual and accepts the recommendation to hold a Special Council Meeting on Tuesday, November 29, at Maawn Doosh Gumig, from 4:00-6:00 PM.

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**b) Briefing Note – Re: Indigenous Education Coalition (IEC) Update Follow Up:**

Discussion: The Education Coordinator, was in attendance to discuss submitted information, and noted that the KPMG forensic audit was ordered by INAC. The finding proved to that there was misappropriation of funds. INAC, will not payout funds that were previously paid out and not delivered to intended entity, however, INAC does see value in the service and original mandate of IEC. The IEC Board of Directors are continuing to meet and are considering a name change and will be under new management, direction will still be taken from the LDCC table. The final report has been forwarded to the OPP and there is going to be an investigation with the possibility of charges laid.

➤ Updates will continue as new initiatives are implemented.

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

That this Council acknowledges the Education Coordinator briefing note regarding the Indigenous Education Coalition Update, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

**c) Anishinabek Education System Information Follow Up:**

Discussion: The Education Coordinator, was in attendance to discuss submitted information and noted that it for information purposes only. Yard signs have been received for those who are interested in posting in yards. There is currently a door-to-door campaign for face-to-face meeting with community members. It was also mentioned that importance of the AES in that it will free the community out from under the government thumb of control to take control of our own education for the children and youth. It was also noted that it would allow more freedom for decision making in the education field.

➤ N/A

Motion #8. MOVED BY: Shawn Plain  
SECONDED BY: Sherri Crowley

That this Council acknowledges the Education Coordinator briefing note regarding the Anishinabek Education System information, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

**Item #6: Tecumseh Community Development Corporation Presentation Follow-Up:**

Discussion: Phyllis George, Manager, and Mary Jane Shin, of Tecumseh Community Development Corporation (TCDC), were in attendance to present information to Council. Ms. George reviewed and the submitted information and provided details about programs and services that are offered by TCDC. It was also noted that there have been a number of changes over the past couple of years with the notable in staffing, re-location, services being provided and the addition of consulting services. The grant process was also reviewed with it being noted that application may be resubmitted upon successful completion of a funded project. There are plans to create an Aboriginal Chamber of Commerce to assist in promoting First Nations businesses. TCDC also offers Youth Entrepreneurial training and economic planning.

➤ N/A



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- c) **Housing Committee Meeting Motions and Minutes, Thursday, September 29, 2016**

**Item #9: Membership Officer – Register Change Report October 2016 – DEFERRED TO NEXT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

**Item #10: Finance Briefing Note – Re: Land Transfer/Certificate of Possession – Peggy Ann Rogers – DEFERRED TO NEXT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

**Item #11: Emergency Management Planner – Notification Report October 2016 - DEFERRED TO NEXT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

**Item #12: Health Director**

- a) **Briefing Note – Re: Home Maintenance Program – DEFERRED TO NEXT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**
- b) **Briefing Note – Re: Union of Ontario Indians – Family Well-Being Program – DEFERRED TO NEXT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**
- c) **Briefing Note – Re: Joint Request with County of Lambton – Human Health Risk Assessment – DEFERRED TO NEXT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

**Item #13: Administration**

- a) **Assistant Band Administrator Memorandum – Re: signing Ceremony with City of Sarnia – Water/Wastewater Agreement and Cooperation Protocol**

**Follow Up:**

**Discussion:** The Assistant Band Administrator reviewed the draft agenda for the proposed signing ceremony for the Water/Wastewater Agreement and Cooperation Protocol and noted that the preliminary meeting with the city officials went well. Further discussion included: unfavorable acceptance of the agreement; water/wastewater fees on community bills; a previous Motion in Council accepted the City of Sarnia Water By-Law; fire and policing agreements; surcharges on hydro and water; review previous agreements negotiated by previous leadership; aging water and sewer lines; and, Council involvement in the negotiation process to achieve a desired outcome.

➤ Assistant Band Administrator to forward Agreement and Protocol to Council for final review.

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

That this Council acknowledges the Assistant Band Administrator memorandum regarding the Signing Ceremony with City of Sarnia, for the Water/Wastewater Agreement and Cooperation Protocol, and accepts the agenda with noted changes.

1-Opposed; Councillor Errol Gray, feels as though the surcharge is a form of tax.

1-Abstained; Councillor Darren Henry, was not present for the entire process due to work schedule.

MOTION CARRIED

- b) **Assistant Band Administrator Memorandum – Re: Draft Chief and Council Two-Year Plan 2016-2018** **Follow Up:**

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Discussion: The Assistant Band Administrator reviewed the final draft of the Chief and Council Two-Year Plan and the Goals and Objectives and noted that the information is conveyed to the Standing Committees and Council through the Program Coordinators. It was also noted that the Program Coordinators develop their work plans based on the Goals and Objectives of Chief and Council. Through further discussion it was determined that negotiation of agreements for policing and fire need to take place with the province and INAC. It was also noted that currently INAC does not provide any funding water/wastewater, policing and fire. ➤ N/A

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

That this Council acknowledges the Assistant Band Administrator memorandum regarding the Chief and Council Two-Year Plan 2016-2018, and approves the draft Goals and Objectives and the Two-Year Plan, with noted changes.

MOTION CARRIED

**Item #14: Correspondence and Information**

a) **Assembly of First Nation – Special Chiefs Assembly, December 6-8, 2016 – DEFERRED TO NEXT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING** Follow Up:

b) **Union of Ontario Indians – Invitation and Draft Agenda for Post Education Ratification Vote** Follow Up:

Discussion: It was noted that Aamjiwnaang representation should be in attendance at the planned meeting so information can be gathered for the possible implementation of AES strategies. The Ratification Vote is yet to determine if the initiative will move forward. ➤ A/BCC to book rooms.

Motion #7. MOVED BY: Shawn Plain  
SECONDED BY: Sherri Crowley

That this Council appoints the Education Coordinator, the Finance Coordinator or her designate, along with Education Portfolio Holders, Councillors Phillip Maness, and John Adams to attend the Anishinabek Education System Post Ratification Vote Gathering, at Ottawa City Centre, December 6-8, 2016. Further that, Councillor John Adams is appointed as Aamjiwnaang Proxy holder.

MOTION CARRIED

c) **County of Lambton – Request for Flag or Banner – DEFERRED TO NEXT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

d) **Waawayaatanong Anishinabek – Southwest Treaty Council** Follow Up:

Discussion: Chief Roger expressed that the protocol will be reviewed at the upcoming Waawayaatanong Anishinabek – Southwest Treaty Council meeting. If the document is acceptable to all member First Nation's the document may be signed. ➤ N/A

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

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That this Council acknowledges the Waawayaatanong Anishinabek – Southwest Treaty Council Protocol, as presented. Furthermore, Chief Joanne Rogers is authorized to sign the document upon approval by the Waawayaatanong Anishinabek.

MOTION CARRIED

**Item #15: New Business**

**a) Councillor Dallas Sinopole – Pipeline Rally Support**

**Follow Up:**

Discussion: Councillor Sinopole, expressed concern for showing community support for the upcoming rally in Ottawa, or any other rally that Aamjiwnaang may be attending. A question was also posed to Council as to whether or not Aamjiwnaang would be sending a bus to the rally. It was also mentioned that perhaps food and other supplies could be sent in support of the NO Dakota Access Pipeline (NODAPL).

➤ N/A

Motion #20. MOVED BY: Shawn Plain  
SECONDED BY: Errnol Gray

That this Council supports Councillor Dallas Sinopole to purchase a Banner from Planet Stitch, purchase not to exceed \$100.00 (one-hundred dollars), purchase supported through Council Contingency funds.

MOTION CARRIED

**Item #16: In-Camera**

Motion In-Camera #14, #15, #16, #17, #18

**Item #17: Adjournment**

Motion #21. MOVED BY: Errol Gray  
SECONDED BY: Phillip Maness

That this Council Adjourns at 11:55 P.M.

MOTION CARRIED

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