

**Regular Council Meeting  
Aamjiwnaang First Nation  
Monday, December 19, 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 Phillip Maness, Councillor John Adams, Councillor Errnol Gray

**Regrets:** Councillor Shawn Plain (Vacation)

**Others Present:**

June Simon, Acting Band Administrator	Sharilyn Johnston, Environment Coordinator
Sandy Waring, Community Information Officer	Vicki Ware, Education Coordinator
Jessica Pickett, Lands Management Officer	Tracy Williams, Housing Coordinator
Kim Henry, Principle, Junior Kindergarten	Dolly Oliver, Community Member
Melissa Medeiros, Community Member	Nevaeh Williams, Community Member
Elaine Williams, Community Member	Mike Williams Sr., Community Member

**Call to Order:**

Chief Joanne Rogers called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM, and Councillor Errnol Gray offered a prayer.

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**Follow-Up:**

**Discussion:** Page 1 of 9, spelling; Page 2 of 9, wording amendment; Page 5 of 9, spelling; Page 6 of 9, spelling and grammar amendment; Page 8 of 9, wording amendment; Page 9 of 9, wording amendment. There was a question regarding the requested meeting with Mr. Ron Rowcliffe, it was noted that a meeting is confirmed for February 1, 2016, 9 AM. Brief comments were made regarding the Shell Addition to Reserve (ATR), and a previous correspondence. Council was informed by the A/Band Council Clerk, that the Motion order has been adjusted due to new information being received.

➤ A/BCC to complete all noted changes and amendments.

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

That this Council adopts the Regular Council Meeting Minutes, Monday, December 12, 2016, with noted changes.

MOTION CARRIED

**Item #1: Young Native Artist Calendar Winner – Kim Henry, Junior Kindergarten Principle/Teacher**

**Follow-Up:**

**Discussion:** Mrs. Kim Henry, Principle, Junior Kindergarten, provided the background information for the Young Native Artist Calendar winner, and noted that Miss Nevaeh Williams, was awarded the honour for the 2017 calendar year. Calendars were distributed to members of Chief and Council, the young artist and her family. A gift was also presented to Miss Nevaeh Williams on behalf of the Education Department.

➤ N/A

**Motion #2.** MOVED BY: Sherri Crowley  
SECONDED BY: Errnol Gray

That this Council acknowledges the Young Native Artist Contest Winner, Nevaeh Williams.

MOTION CARRIED

**Item #2: Environment Coordinator**

a) **Briefing Note – Re: Letter the Minister of the Environment and** **Follow-Up:**

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**Climate Change**

Discussion: The Environment Coordinator informed Council that the community Species at Risk (SAR) program was featured in the Sarnia Journal recently with a good article on the project. The submitted information regarding the letter to the Minister of Environment and Climate Change (MOECC) was reviewed and it was noted that the letter outlines the chronology of events with regards to the delay in approval of the standards for Sulphur Dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>). It was suggested that the letter be distributed to other political offices as well. Further discussion included: increased flaring; start up and shut downs; industry standards; storing and burning off excess product; and industry not looking at alternative ways to dispose of waste product. > N/A

Motion #3. MOVED BY: Sherri Crowley  
SECONDED BY: Darren Henry

That this Council acknowledges the Environment Coordinator briefing note and authorizes Chief Joanne Rogers to sign the letter addressed to the Minister of the Environment, Glen Murray, which outlines concerns regarding the new SO<sub>2</sub> standard of delay and the application of section 10 to include all operating conditions including Flaring or Transitional Operating Conditions.

MOTION CARRIED

**b) Briefing Note – Re: Canadian Tank Cleaning ECA Amendment**

Discussion: The Environment Coordinator provided an overview of the discharge infractions and steps taken by the company to remedy the situation, as outlined in the briefing note to Council. Further discussion included: Environment Compliance Approval (ECA) amendment; whomever produces the product is responsible for any clean up; lease agreements clearly stating responsibilities for all product being produced or service being provided; collaborative effort between Lands and Environment; CIDL responsible for development of agreements for on-reserve; infrastructure and the inadequacies for water and sewer and future growth and development; third-party monitoring; development of an Aamjiwnaang ECA; cost efficiency for businesses to come and do business on-reserve; jurisdictional issues need to be sorted out and closely controlled; lease agreements to stipulate all terms and requirements to regulate on-reserve businesses; and, how to ensure tenants are compliant with their agreements.

**Follow-Up:**

- > **TABLED, until January 23, 2017.**
- > It was noted that Motion #4, may be rescinded if necessary.

Motion #4. MOVED BY: Errnol Gray  
SECONDED BY: Dallas Sinopole

That this Council acknowledges the Environment Coordinator briefing note regarding Canadian Tank Cleaning Environmental Compliance Approval (ECA) Amendment, and accepts the recommendation to recommend that the MOECC continue the approval process for the Environmental Compliance Approval Amendment for Canadian Tank Cleaning.

MOTION CARRIED

**c) Briefing Note – Re: Safeway Lease Agreement**

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Discussion: The Environment Coordinator provided background information and scope of work that will be completed by Safeway. The agenda item was Tabled after a lengthy discussion on the following: the lease agreement; alternate process (as outlined in the briefing note, steps 1-4); environmental concerns and who is responsible to provide compensation for the lease agreement environmental consultation; legal consultation for lease agreements; how to minimizing liability; timeline for approval process; and, who is responsible to ensure compliance.

In closing it was noted that this is the first time that CIDL has consulted with the environment on any lease agreement and the MOECC is taking the position that business on-reserve falls under federal jurisdiction. It was also noted that the Environment Department legal advisor is well versed in Provincial and Federal legislation and the advice given should be considered in the agreement process. It was also suggested that all businesses in the industrial park have an Environment Compliance Approval (ECA) as part of the lease agreement process and the Economic Development and Environment departments are to work collaboratively for the development of an ECA on lease agreements.

The A/Economic Coordinator, to attend for discussion with Chief and Council, and a detailed briefing note with clear recommendation for Council consideration.

➤ **TABLED, until January 23, 2017.**

➤ A clear recommendation to Council from CIDL.

**d) Briefing Note – Re: Goderich Port Authority MOU funding in support of Shoreline Softening**

**Follow-Up:**

Discussion: The Environment Coordinator provided an overview of the submitted info and noted that the funding will be used for the shoreline softening project with a start date sometime in December 2016, and a completion date sometime in April, 2017.

➤ N/A

Motion #5. MOVED BY: John Adams  
SECONDED BY: Sherri Crowley

That this Council acknowledges the Environment Coordinator briefing note and accepts the recommendation to authorize Chief Joanne Rogers to sign the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Agreement and begin executing the shoreline softening work and habitat restoration.

MOTION CARRIED

**e) FYI – St. Clair River Area of Concern (AOC) Status Recommendation Re: BUI #5: Bird or Animal Deformities or Reproduction Problems**

**Follow-Up:**

Discussion: It was noted that the Environment Coordinator submitted the information as an update to Council.

➤ N/A

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

That this Council acknowledges the Environment Coordinator, information regarding the St. Clair River Area of Concern (AOC) Status Recommendation Re: BUI #5: Bird or Animal Deformities or Reproduction Problems, as presented.

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**f) Environment Committee Meeting Minutes, November 1, 2016**

**Follow-Up:**

Discussion: There was a brief discussion on Motion #2, with regards a partnership with Heritage and Culture Club who expressed an interest in incorporated more culture and tradition in the environment department greenhouse project.

➤ Motion #2, TABLED

Motion #7. MOVED BY: Errnol Gray  
SECONDED BY: Dallas Sinopole

That this Council acknowledges the Environment Committee Meeting Minutes, November 1, 2016, as presented; and, with the exception of Motion #2, Tabled, due to proposed partnership with Heritage and Culture Club.

MOTION CARRIED

**Item #3: Education Coordinator Daycare Licensing Summary Follow-Up**

**Follow-Up:**

Discussion: The Education Coordinator was in attendance to answer any questions that Council may have with regards to the submitted information. There was a brief discussion on the following: Ministry of Education Licensing Inspection Summary; annual inspection; daily spot checks at the daycare to ensure compliance with new legislation; monthly reporting to Council with expectations; professional development and training initiatives; ongoing coaching/mentoring to ensure all staff are comfortable with implementation of new guidelines and legislation; and, the changes are creating a positive productive working atmosphere at the daycare.

➤ N/A

The Education Coordinator went on to inform Council that the Junior Kindergarten evaluation has identified key areas to focus on for further development, and that funding is available through the ministry.

Motion #8. MOVED BY: Sherri Crowley  
SECONDED BY: Darren Henry

That this Council acknowledges the Education Coordinator's, Licensing Summary Follow-Up information, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

**Item #4: Community Information Officer Briefing Note – Re: Draft Communications Strategy**

**Follow-Up:**

Discussion: The Community Information Officer provided an overview and noted that the communication strategy is being brought back to the table for further discussion and feedback for changes and eventual implementation. Discussion included: coordinators doing a monthly info meeting where programming info could be shared with the community; departmental presentations; Council door is open-people should be coming here to council if they are interested in knowing/learning more information on area of interest; monthly meetings too much; accountability and transparency; grouping different departments for a community presentation; program seminars open to community members; the need for more information provided for Ontario Works and Stepping Stones on programs and services that are available to the clients; all programs providing a service to community members; each department develop a brochure that clearly tells

➤ Community Information Officer to continue with acquiring ticker line on the website for community announcements and notices.  
➤ Community notices to go out with notification for all work that may be taking place in and around the community.

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community members what they do and the services they provide; off-reserve membership need to be informed of what is happening in the community as they often find out about events after they have passed; in-camera discussion of Chief and Council made available to the membership; emergency notification system not used for anything except emergencies; and, including the website address on the all correspondences.

In closing the Community Information Officer asked for confirmation from Council to continue with including a ticker line in the website.

Motion #10. MOVED BY: Sherri Crowley  
SECONDED BY: Darren Henry

That this Council acknowledges the Community Information Officer briefing note and accepts the recommendations, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

**Item #5: Housing Coordinator Briefing Note – Re: Social Infrastructure Fund (SIF) Follow-Up:**

Discussion: The Housing Coordinator was in attendance to answer questions of Council. The Chief informed the Housing Coordinator that there was discussion at the Council table with regards to the budget, and clarification is being requested. The Housing Coordinator informed Council that CMHC requested housing to develop a list with identified housing repairs and submit for review. Council expressed the importance of staying within the allocated budget. ➤ N/A

Motion #9. MOVED BY: Sherri Crowley  
SECONDED BY: Errnol Gray

That this Council acknowledges the Housing Coordinator briefing note regarding Social Infrastructure Fund (SIF), and accepts the recommendations regarding CMHC Retro-Fit handout, RRAP application submission, and noted priorities of roofs, electrical, furnace and foundations for the ERP submissions, and only approves the allocated amount of \$110,000.00 (one-hundred, ten-thousand dollars).

MOTION CARRIED

**Item #6: Membership Officer – Register Change Report November 2016 Follow Up:**

Discussion: None ➤ N/A

Motion #11. MOVED BY: Errnol Gray  
SECONDED BY: Phillip Maness

That this Council acknowledges the Membership Officer submission of the Register Change Report, November 2016, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

**Item #7: Emergency Management Planner – Re: Notification Report November 2016 Follow Up:**

Discussion: None ➤ N/A

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Motion #12. MOVED BY: Errnol Gray  
SECONDED BY: Dallas Sinopole

That this Council acknowledges the Emergency Management Planner, Notification Report, November 2016, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

**Item #8: Education Committee Meeting Minutes, September 14, 2016** **Follow Up:**

Discussion: There was an expressed concern about the length of time that has lapsed since the meeting was held and the submission of the committee minutes. It was noted that all committee submissions should be more timely. **➤ N/A**

Motion #13. MOVED BY: Errnol Gray  
SECONDED BY: John Adams

That this Council acknowledges the Education Committee Meeting Minutes, September 14, 2016, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

**Item #9: By-Election Community Survey Results** **Follow Up:**

Discussion: There was expressed concern about the process for gathering in put and it was noted that an election code should be developed. **➤ N/A**

Motion #14. MOVED BY: Darren Henry  
SECONDED BY: Phillip Maness

That this Council accepts the By-Election Community Survey of December 14, 2016; with the results being that Council should leave the two seats vacant based on the vote of 95 ballots received; and, Council should hold a by-election with 54 ballots received, for the 2016-2018 term. Further that, a custom election code development to begin immediately.

MOTION CARRIED

**Item #10: New Year's Feast Quote** **Follow Up:**

Discussion: There was a question about how many quotes were received, Council was informed that there was only one (1) quote received. **➤ A/BCC to prepare cheque requisition.**

Motion #15. MOVED BY: Errnol Gray  
SECONDED BY: Dallas Sinopole

That this Council accepts the New Year's Feast Quote submitted by Cheryl Williams in the amount of \$4,500.00 (forty-five hundred dollars), as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

**Item #11: Band Manager Report December 2016** **Follow Up:**

Discussion: The Band Manager provided a brief overview of the submitted report and noted that a hiring committee may be appointed once applications are received for all posted positions. Council expressed concern about evaluation of senior staff and noted that a process should be in place. **➤ N/A**

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Motion #16. MOVED BY: Sherri Crowley  
SECONDED BY: Errnol Gray

That this Council acknowledges the Band Manager Report, of December 8, 2016, and further that, Council accepts the Position Description for the Child Care Supervisor, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

**Item #12: Correspondence and Information**

**a) County of Lambton – Request for Flag or Banner (TABLED, Nov-21-16) Follow Up:**

Discussion: Chief Joanne Rogers, provided an update and noted that she has spoke with the County clerk to get more details on the request, Council was then informed that the exchange does not have to be a flag, but an object that represents the First Nation, and the exchange is to an effort to build a more positive relationship. A brief discussion followed and included suggestions on what would be suitable to exchange and how to celebrate the event.

➤ The Chief will draft a letter to the County of Lambton.

Motion #17. MOVED BY: John Adams  
SECONDED BY: Sherri Crowley

That this Council acknowledges the County of Lambton correspondence of November 9, 2016, regarding a request for a community flag or banner for display in the County of Lambton Council Chambers. Furthermore, a gift is to be purchased for an exchange.

MOTION CARRIED

**b) John Kennedy – Updated Letter Re: Port Huron, Native American Monument Follow Up:**

Discussion: It was noted that the information submitted is simply an update from Mr. Kennedy.

➤ N/A

Motion #18. MOVED BY: John Adams  
SECONDED BY: Errnol Gray

That this Council acknowledges Mr. John Kennedy's, updated letter for the Port Huron, Native American Monument, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

**c) Ontario First Nations Technical Services Corporation (OFNTSC) – Workshop Introduction to Recovery, January 17-19, 2016 Follow Up:**

Discussion: The Band Manager provided background information and noted that the workshop is a continuation of previous training.

➤ N/A

Motion #19. MOVED BY: John Adams  
SECONDED BY: Errnol Gray

That this Council acknowledges the Ontario First Nations Technical Services Corporation (OFNTSC) – Workshop Introduction to Recovery, January 17-19, 2016, as presented.

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**Item #14: New Business**

**a) Councillor Errnol Gray – Constitution Signing Ceremony**

**Follow Up:**

Discussion: Councillor Gray requested an update in the scheduled signing ceremony for the Aamjiwnaang Chi'Naaknigewin. Due to the recent news of a community members passing the ceremony will be postponed.

➤ N/A

**b) Councillor Darren Henry – Solstice Changing of the Colours at the Bluewater Bridge**

**Follow Up:**

Discussion: Councillor Henry provided an update on the work that takes place at the Bluewater Bridge every year and is requesting accommodation, mileage and meals for Mr. Ronald Yellowman, to conduct the ceremony. Everyone is welcome to attend.

➤ A/BCC to book room for December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016, arrival.

Motion #20 MOVED BY: John Adams  
SECONDED BY: Errnol Gray

That this Council approves \$811.10 plus the cost of a room for Mr. Ron Yellowman, for travel expenses to conduct ceremony at the Bluewater Bridge. Further, that the travel expenses are to be covered through the Community Spirituality Funds.

MOTION CARRIED

**c) Councillor Sherri Crowley**

**Follow-Up:**

Discussion:

**i. Path or Sidewalk along LaSalle**

Councillor Crowley mentioned that she would like to revisit this issue, because in the past Shell had offered to pay for the pathway along LaSalle Line, at one time and wants to know if the offer is still valid. It was also mentioned that the community had identified in the Comprehensive Community Plan, that there is a need for a pathway. It was recommended that the Emergency Management Planner take the lead and follow-up with the initiative.

➤ Emergency Management Planner take the lead and follow-up with the initiative.

**ii. Christmas Hampers**

Councillor Crowley expressed concern for community members being refused Christmas hampers in the city. It was noted that in the past hampers were not picked up by another First Nation community and the service is no longer available for on-reserve members. Council was assured that community members are taken care of through the OW department who distributes vouchers and turkeys to the families and singles for the holidays. It was suggested that Council include this initiative in the annual budgeting exercise and that the Health Centre reach-out to determine community needs and ensure those who are in need are receiving the service. It was also mentioned that there was previous direction to ensure that the seniors are taken care of.

➤ Previous direction of Council to be determined. Band Manager to follow-up.

**iii. Distribution**

Councillor Crowley noted that she was asked a question with regards to children's trust fund and how they are managed. It was mentioned that all trust funds are managed by INAC and out of the Bands hands and band

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members with questions would need to call INAC directly.

**d) Councillor Phillip Maness – Daycare Bus Re: Cub Scouts and Beaver Scouts**

**Follow-Up:**

Discussion: Councillor Maness, informed Council that the 1<sup>st</sup> Aamjiwnaang Cub and Beaver Scouts will be going bowling, and would like to use the daycare bus to transport the scouts to the event. It was also noted that parents are responsible for picking up their children at the conclusion of the event.

➤ N/A

Motion #21 MOVED BY: Errnol Gray  
SECONDED BY: Sherri Crowley

That this Council approves the use of the daycare bus to transport the Cub and Beaver Scouts to the bowling event, on December 20, 2016.

MOTION CARRIED

**Item #15: In-Camera Session**

Motions in Camera - #22, #23, #24, #25, #26

**Item #16: Adjournment**

Motion #27. MOVED BY: Errnol Gray  
SECONDED BY: Sherri Crowley

That this Council Adjourns at 10:47 P.M.

MOTION CARRIED

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