

**Special Council Meeting
Aamjiwnaang First Nation
Saturday, February 10, 2018 - 9:00 AM**

The Regular Council Meeting was held on the above-date in the Administration Complex Council Chambers scheduled for 9:00 A.M.

Council Members Present: Chief Joanne Rogers, Councillor Darren Henry, Councillor Dallas Sinopole, Councillor Sherri Crowley, Councillor Shawn Plain, Councillor Marina Plain, Councillor Tom Maness

Regrets: Councillor Mike Jackson (work), Councillor Shawn Plain (work)

Others Present:

Rose John, Finance Coordinator

Call to Order:

Chief Joanne Rogers, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and Councillor John Adams, offered a prayer.

Regular Council Meeting Minutes, Monday, January 22, 2018

Follow-Up:

Discussion: Councillor Darren Henry, noted that he is no longer able to attend the Cannabis meeting in March. Key points of discussion:

➤ Noted changes to be completed

- The health centre is not in favor of Cannabis use.
- Thunderbird Foundation has a presentation which demonstrates significant health benefits for Cannabis in the treatment of trauma, addictions, pain management and mental health.
- Cannabis is beneficial for medicinal uses.
- May be many business opportunities for entrepreneurs.
- Community engagement will need to take place
- Council will need to decide as there has been a request made to the Development Committee for support.
- Individuals will need to be certified to grow and distribute Cannabis products.

There was a brief discussion on the upcoming honoring ceremony that will take place on Saturday, February 24, 2018, Council was informed that Geraldine Robertson will also be an honoree. Councillor Darren Henry noted that an Eagle Feather will also be presented.

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

That Aamjiwnaang Chief and Council adopts Regular Council Meeting Minutes of Monday, January 22, 2018, with noted changes.

MOTION CARRIED

Item #1: Education Coordinator

Deferred

Item #2: Public Works Coordinator Briefing Note – Re: Provincial Highway Traffic and Signing Outreach Update

Follow-Up:

Discussion: Council received an update and it was noted that two speed monitoring signs have been ordered.

➤ None Required.

Motion #10. MOVED BY: Errol Gray
SECONDED BY: John Adams

That Aamjiwnaang Council acknowledges the Public Works Coordinator briefing note regarding the Provincial Highway Traffic and Signing Outreach Update, as presented.

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Item #3: Lands Management Officer

a) Briefing Note – Re: Hydro One Land Rental Rate

Follow-Up:

Discussion: It was noted that the correspondence requires approval before it may be sent.

➤ Letter cc'd to Chief and Council and sent from the Chief's office.

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

That Aamjiwnaang Council acknowledges the Lands Management Officer briefing note and the letter of issue by the Lands Management Officer for Hydro One Network Incorporated, which confirms the adjusted land rental rates, as presented. Further that, the Hydro One Network Incorporated, Appraisal Report is acknowledged, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

b) Briefing Note – Re: Matrimonial Real Property (MRP) Draft Law

Follow-Up:

Discussion: The Finance Coordinator, provided a brief update on the funding that must be used by March 31, 2018. There were brief comments regarding court orders and it was noted that court orders only effect real property. It was also noted that terms will need to be clearly stated in the MRP Law.

➤ Council to be informed in advance of all planned workshops.

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

That Aamjiwnaang Council acknowledges the Lands Management Officer briefing note regarding Phase 1: of the draft law making process and approves the appointment of an Ad-Hoc Committee and dollar allotment for unassociated costs and honorarium.

MOTION CARRIED

c) Briefing Note – Re: Estate Training - Community

Follow-Up:

Discussion: The Finance Coordinator, confirmed the budget and source. It was noted that the workshop needs to be well advertised and should be placed on the website, social media and posted throughout the community.

➤ Posting out to the community and on the website.

Motion #9. MOVED BY: Marina Plain
SECONDED BY: John Adams

That Aamjiwnaang Council acknowledges the Lands Management Officer briefing note regarding Estate Training – Community Workshop, and accepts the recommendation that the Lands Management Officer proceed with planning and a budget of \$1,000.00 (one-thousand dollars).

MOTION CARRIED

Item #4: Community Information Officer

Follow Up:

a) Briefing Note – Re: Communications Update

Discussion: The Finance Coordinator, noted that the update is being provided to keep everyone up to date on the progress of

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implementing the Communication Strategy. Councillor Tom Maness, is opposed to staff posting on social media.

Motion #11. **MOVED BY:** Darren Henry
SECONDED BY: Sherri Crowley

That Aamjiwnaang Council acknowledges the Community Information Officer, briefing note regarding the communications update, and approves the recommendation to have a “Members Only” section on the Aamjiwnaang website with a budget of \$500.00 (five-hundred dollars) and, that Red Chair set up section.

MOTION CARRIED

b) Draft Social Media and Media Relations Policies > Deferred

Item #6: Health Director

a) Briefing Note – Re: Environmental Health Seminar **Follow Up:**

Discussion: It was noted that pm session should be considered for those who work. There was also concern expressed regarding the respite care not being available on weekends. > None Required.

Motion #12. **MOVED BY:** Marina Plain
SECONDED BY: Errnol Gray

That Aamjiwnaang Council acknowledges the Health Director briefing note regarding the Environmental Health Seminar and accepts the recommendation to approve the Environmental Health Seminar on March 8, 2018, from 6:00 – 8:00 P.M.

MOTION CARRIED

b) Briefing Note – Re: Sarnia Environmental Health Study **Deferred**

c) Health Committee Meeting Minutes – November 23, 2018 **Deferred**

Item #7: Economic Development Coordinator/Project Manager Memo **Deferred**

Item #8: Human Resource Officer Memorandum – Re: Political Campaigning in Band Buildings **Follow Up:**

Discussion: It was noted that the Human Resource Officer has received complaints from staff and would like to have posting put in place at all Aamjiwnaang businesses. There was a concern about how it will be enforced, and if it will be incorporated into policy. > None Required.

Motion #13. **MOVED BY:** Sherri Crowley
SECONDED BY: John Adams

That Aamjiwnaang Council acknowledges the Human Resource Officer memorandum regarding Political Campaigning in Band Buildings during business hours and accepts the recommendation to post that: “THERE SHALL BE NO POLITICAL CAMPAIGNING AT ANY BAND BUILDING DURING REGULAR BUSINESS HOURS”.

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Item #9:	Governance Committee	Follow Up:
	<p>a) Meeting Minutes – December 6, 2017, December 19, 2017 and January 8, 2018</p> <p>b) Recommendation</p>	<p>➤ Deferred</p>
Discussion:	<p>Councillor Darren Henry, provided a brief overview for the proposed governance workshop and it was also noted the importance of inviting other staff who are in the process of developing codes and laws so they are informed of the development processes for Aamjiwnaang.</p>	<p>➤ Staff to be invited to participate.</p>
Motion #14.	<p>MOVED BY: Marina Plain SECONDED BY: John Adams</p> <p>That Aamjiwnaang Chief and Council approves the Governance Committee Recommendation to host a joint information sharing session on Monday, February 26, 2018, from 5-8 PM, at Maawn Doosh Gumig, for Chief and Council, Lands Management Officer, Membership Officer, Economic Development Coordinator/Project Manager and any other identified staff deemed necessary to attend the information sharing session. And, further that, a budget be approved to provide dinner at the meeting.</p> <p>MOTION CARRIED</p>	
Item #10:	Housing Committee Meeting Minutes – October 19, 2017	Deferred
Item #11:	Band Manager	Deferred
Item #12:	Chief Joanne Rogers – Legal Research Information Package	Deferred
Item #13:	Correspondence and Information	Deferred
Item #14:	New Business	
	<p>a) Leaky Tank – GST/HST Sales Taxation On-Reserve</p>	Follow Up:
Discussion:	<p>The Chief, provided a brief overview of the situation and provided background as it was shared with her. It was noted that the Union of Ontario Indians, has been consulted on the matter and a response is expected. It was also noted that registered business owners must abide by all government regulations and taxation laws. It was also noted that any by-laws would supersede any legislation.</p>	<p>➤ Band Manger to contact Aboriginal Governance Network to arrange a workshop.</p> <p>➤ Aamjiwnaang Auditor’s will provide an opinion, and it may be shared with Leaky Tank proprietor.</p> <p>➤ The Chief will contact the Leaky Tank proprietor will be informed of Council’s position.</p> <p>➤ Aamjiwnaang to create a taxation by-law.</p>
Motion #1.	<p>MOVED BY: Errol Gray SECONDED BY: Darren Henry</p> <p>Aamjiwnaang Chief and Council agrees that Aamjiwnaang First Nation is a Tax-Free Zone for Aamjiwnaang Citizens and their businesses situated therein.</p> <p>1-Opposed; Tom Maness, does not address the needs for Aamjiwnaang position on GST/HST taxation.</p> <p>MOTION CARRIED</p>	

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Motion #2. MOVED BY: Darren Henry
 SECONDED BY: Marina Plain

Aamjiwnaang Band Council acknowledges the Leaky Tank correspondence of November 22, 2017, regarding Taxes Collected on Reservation, Leaky Tank Truckstop, and correspondences of October 25, 2017 and January 29, 2018, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion #3. MOVED BY: Tom Maness
 SECONDED BY: Dallas Sinopole

That Aamjiwnaang Chief and Council agrees that legal counsel be directed to draft correspondence to Revenue Canada questioning their jurisdiction over Aamjiwnaang with regards to taxation.

1-Abstained; Darren Henry

MOTION CARRIED

b) Anishinabek Nation Chiefs Correspondence – Re: Full Time Regional Chiefs/Deputy Grand Chiefs

Follow Up:

Discussion: The Chief, offered comment on the matter that will be discussed at an upcoming meeting and noted that she is looking for direction from Council on how they wish to proceed on the matter. After brief comments it was determined that support can not be given for the initiative until more information is received. Once the Anishinabek Nation Chiefs (UOI), develops the strategic plan, Aamjiwnaang would then decide on the matter.

➤ Councillor Errnol Gray to bring back Strategic Plan.

Motion #4. MOVED BY: Marina Plain
 SECONDED BY: John Adams

Aamjiwnaang Chief and Council acknowledges the Anishinabek Nation Chiefs correspondence of January 10, 2018, regarding the Full Time Regional Chiefs/Deputy Grand Chiefs, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

c) Nahwegahbow, Corbiere Correspondence – Re: Clench Claim Settlement Agreement Negotiations – Position Paper and Next Step

Follow-Up:

Discussion: The Chief, noted that legal has proposed a few dates to have a discussion with Chief and Council on the matter and Council needs to select a date.

➤ Meeting date selection Tuesday, February 20, 2018, at 4:00 pm

Motion #5. MOVED BY: Sherri Crowley
 SECONDED BY: Dallas Sinopole

Aamjiwnaang Band Council acknowledges Nahwegahbow, Corbiere correspondence of February 9, 2018, regarding the Clench Claim Settlement Agreement Negotiations – Position Paper and Next Step

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Item #12: Adjournment

Motion #15. MOVED BY: Errnol Gray
SECONDED BY: John Adams

Aamjiwnaang Band Council Adjourns at 12:02 P.M.

MOTION CARRIED

Recorded By:
Lynn M. Rosales,
Band Council Clerk