

**Special Council Meeting
Aamjiwnaang First Nation
Monday, May 11, 2015 - 5:00 p.m.**

The Special Council Meeting was held on the above-date in the Administration Complex Council Chambers scheduled for 5:00 p.m.

Council Members Present: Chief Chris Plain, Councillor Errnol Gray, Councillor Darren Henry, Councillor Ted White Sr., Councillor John Adams, Councillor Shawn Plain, Councillor Sherri Crowley, Councillor Lareina Rising (Conference Call)

Council Members Absent: R. Codey Simon (Work), Randi Rogers

Others Present:

Linda Henry, A/Band Administrator

Kelly Williams, Assistant Band Administrator

Sharilyn Johnston, Environment Coordinator

Ron Rowcliffe, Legal Counsel

Call to Order:

Chief Chris Plain called the meeting to order at 5:08 pm and Councillor Errnol Gray offered a prayer.

Enniskillen Community Information Meeting Minutes – Monday, April 20, 2015

Item #1: Land Acquisition

Follow Up:

Discussion: The purpose of the meeting was reviewed prior to open discussion. The following concerns and comments were mentioned:

- The consensus of the membership in attendance at the community information meeting was favourable of the proposed land purchase, however, Council may wish to consider offering a lesser amount than originally proposed.
- The initial appraisal was for the golf course and all the assets.
- The task of locating land has been in the process for several years now and the people of the community have indicated that they are favourable of a land purchase.
- While it has been determined that the land purchase is important Council needs to be mindful of what will need to be accomplished before the land is ready for use. It would be most beneficial to not spend more than what has been allocated for the land purchase. There is also the issue of taxation until the land has successfully been reverted to Reserve status. It would have been beneficial to hear from membership who have technical expertise.
- The land in the area of the proposed land purchase is highly sought.
- Development of the infrastructure for any area requires a substantial amount of capital investment, the ideal scenario would be to start small.
- The initial offer has expired and a new offer will have to be presented. Previously the offer was made through a realtor to shield identity, however, the seller knows identity and another offer could be made along with a request to tour the property.
- A team was appointed in the past and they now need to be put to work and address the issues that need to be considered for this land purchase. There are funds available that could be used toward the end of the fiscal year when there is slippage available.
- The band could look into grants to assist with the work that needs to be completed for the land purchase.
- There is nothing wrong with putting in an offer with conditions applied i.e. favourable engineering report. And, at this point the land title does not have to be determined. Council will have to be mindful as to whether or not the offer will be entertained.
- Council could contract a civil engineer for additional information that will be needed for possible development of the land.

- Assistant Band Administrator to contact Doug Lazenby to determine final billing.
- Tour of the property to be requested along with the new offer.

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- The Environment Coordinator was present to comment on the environmental assessments that have been completed and answer questions. There was nothing back from the Ministry on the use of pesticides and herbicides on site that may require disposal, the responsibility for disposal is the seller. Water and soil information was limited; no concern about the water as it is only used for irrigation not drinking; and, no concern about hydro carbons. The land fits the standards for Housing and light industrial. The St. Clair Conservation may only have limited jurisdictional authority once the land is reverted to Reserve status (federal). The Band could request a record search from the Ministry of Environment, for any issues of environmental concern.

MOVED BY: Errnol Gray

SECONDED BY: Darren Henry

Motion #1.

That this council agree to make an offer on 4195 and 4197 Aberarder Line, Camlachie, Ontario (Site), with total acreages of 296.9, in the amount of 1.6 Million dollars.

MOTION CARRIED

Item #2: New Business

Follow Up:

a) Chippewa Treaty Council – Chief Chris Plain

Discussion: Chippewa Treaty Council Meeting Minutes from April 23, 2015 were provided to members of Council and background information about the initiative. All members of council were encouraged to attend the upcoming meeting that will be hosted by Aamjiwnaang at Maawn Doosh Gumig on Wednesday, May 15, 2015 for the day. Attendance could be beneficial to increase understanding of the treaties and the historical significance. There are technical experts in attendance at the meetings who provide important information for those who attend.

The Treaty Council is in the process of becoming formalized with meeting minutes being drafted for distribution to communities for use. A community member has expressed interest in acting as a technical support person while the Treaty Council is meeting here in Aamjiwnaang and would require approximately 3 days to complete those tasks.

It was mentioned that most people do not know the treaties and need to learn more about them and become fully familiarized as they were written. The principles of the wampum belt also need to be learned and how to care for them for the future generations. First Nation people need to know about water rights and the importance of the water.

It was also noted there are several treaties that are related to this area and better understanding of the treaties and what they mean to the Ojibwe Nation as a whole. All researchers need to go through all the treaties to learn.

Motion #2. MOVED BY: Shawn Plain

SECONDED BY: Darren Henry

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That this Council appoint Greg Plain as Aamjiwnaang First Nation technical support person for the Chippewa Treaty Council Meeting, and be compensated at the daily honorarium rate.

MOTION CARRIED

b) Band Representative – Councillor Sherri Crowley

Follow Up:

Discussion: There was a question as to whether or not there was a motion in Council to appoint a Band Representative at the previous meeting? It is important to understand that the Band Representative, represents the Band interests and scope of the work is very confidential with specific protocols for court proceedings. Child welfare is important and the Child and Family Services Act has to be followed to ensure that the rights of the child are protected. Council set direction for an interim Band Representative.

➤ A/Band Administrator to contact Joanne Rogers, re: Interim Band Representative.

Motion #3. MOVED BY: Sherri Crowley
SECONDED BY: Errnol Gray

That this Council directs administration to contact community member Joanne Rogers to discuss the possibility of acting as the Band Representative on an interim basis.

1-Opposed-Councillor Shawn Plain, possible conflict of interest with Mnaasged.

MOTION CARRIED

Item #3: Adjournment

Motion #4. MOVED BY: Errnol Gray
SECONDED BY: Shawn Plain

That this Council Adjourns at 6:45 P.M.

MOTION CARRIED

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