

**Special Council Meeting  
Aamjiwnaang First Nation  
June 29, 2017 - 9:00 AM**

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The Regular Council Meeting was held on the above-date in Maawn Doosh Gumig Community and Youth Centre scheduled for 9:00 AM.

**Council Members Present:** Chief Joanne Rogers (excused 11:50 am), Councillor Sherri Crowley, Councillor Shawn Plain, Councillor Marina Plain, Councillor John Adams, Councillor Errnol Gray, Mike Jackson, Tom Maness (excused 12:10 pm)

**Regrets:** Councillor Dallas Sinopole (Work), Councillor Darren Henry (Work)

**Others Present:**

June Simon, Band Manager

Rose John, Finance Coordinator

**Call to Order:**

Chief Joanne Rogers, called the meeting to order at 9:15 am, and offered a prayer.

**Item #1: Finance Coordinator**

**a) Council Handbook**

**Discussion:** The Finance Coordinator reviewed the presented Council Handbook. Discussion included: Council stipend; meeting honorarium for special and regular meetings; attending community events and outside meetings; Councillors must be delegated through motion to attend community events, conferences, meetings to receive the honorarium; late at night travel – the Finance Coordinator to verify insurance regulations – may need to have a waiver created for the chief and councillors to sign off on for late night travel – liability issue to take into consideration.

**Band Manager Evaluation**

There was a brief discussion and it was determined that the Band Manager evaluation will be completed as stated in the policy. It was also noted that councillors should not be going to staff and giving direction as it creates confusion and misunderstanding. Council is not elected to micro-manage.

**b) Orientation Binder**

**Discussion:** The Finance Coordinator, noted that the binders were put together as a reference tool for Council use and is for informational purposes only. The Band Manager, noted that updates and notations are constantly being made and if any one member of Council had any questions, comments or concern to please stop in and see her or the Finance Coordinator.

**c) 2017/2018 Approved Budgets**

**Discussion:** The Finance Coordinator, provide and overview of the approved budget for the 2017-2018 fiscal year and noted that budget is prepare with program coordinators. Discussion included: corporate budgets and the approval process; capital expenditures and the approval process; past financial practices and lack of control; Environment Department project budgets, expenditures and staffing. It was suggested that Program Coordinators provide detailed budgets, work plans, and submit timely reports for their department. Human Resource, to assist with the development of all job descriptions.

**Motion #1.** MOVED BY: Shawn Plain  
SECONDED BY: Tom Maness

That this Council directs that the Band Manager must authorize

**Follow-Up:**

➤ Finance Coordinator to complete suggested changes for the Council Handbook.

**Follow-Up:**

➤ July 11, 2017, next Treaty Council Meeting her at AAM, at 10:00 am

**Follow-Up:**

➤ Environment employment opportunities are to be posted

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all short-term employment opportunities within the organization and the Staff Policy to updated to reflect same.

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**d) Council 2-Year Plan and Capital Plan – May 2016**

Discussion: The Finance Coordinator, noted key areas of importance and projects that are currently being focused on. Further discussion included: The Aamjiwnaang Chi'Naaknigewin and moving forward with a qualified person for continued development; By-Law task force moved to high priority; KPMG recommendation continue to be addressed by administration; and, the Finance Policy may need to be reviewed and revised to reflect changes in administrative procedures.

The Band Manager, provided a brief update on the signage that has been placed along the river front. Council was informed that there is an increase of garbage, vehicles are driving up and down the hill, there was a report of violence, a report of an injury at the bottom of the hill and the ambulance was not able to reach the person and emergency services was unable to reach the individual, and there was an incidence of indecent exposure. It was also mentioned that dumping on-reserve is continuing to happen and needs to be addressed.

There was a brief discussion regarding Impact Benefit Agreements (IBA). It was suggested to appoint an interdepartmental task force to move it forward for the community. Previous practices involved contracting various firms to meet the Bands needs. It was suggested that the new Corporate Manager, be tasked with the responsibility to address the matter.

There was a brief discussion regarding the Enniskillen Land Acquisition, it was noted that this matter needs to be a priority. Suggested that a numbered company be used to move the land purchase forward. It was mentioned that the community has identified that this issue be resolved in the Comprehensive Community Plan. Council needs to consider scheduling and may wish to consider working with the provincial and federal governments to acquire land. The Band Manager, noted that the Waawayaatanong Treaty Council Coordinator, has met with her and discussed treaties and land interests and inherent rights. It was also mentioned that the Bands legal counsel, in the past, put the City of Sarnia on notice with regards to land rights and ownership.

It was noted that past practice involved the creation of a checklist by Economic Development, which proved to be beneficial for tracking all projects and the progress.

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

That this Council agrees to dissolve the Management Committee and update the appropriate policies to reflect same.

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**e) Expenditures of Minor Capital 2016/2017 and To Date for 2017**

Discussion: The Finance Coordinator, reviewed the information.

- Numbered locks for the gates to the ramps to the riverbank.
- The new Corporate Manager, be tasked with the responsibility to further develop IBA's for the benefit of the community.

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**f) Update on Investments and Restricted Funds (External and Internal)**

Discussion: The Finance Coordinator, provided an overview of the Summary of Restricted Funds, trust funds, and the terms of use. It was also noted that generated revenues are being transferred to RBC premium investment account. Banking terms were also reviewed. It was suggested that Council discuss short-term and long-term planning for the revenues that are being generated through business investments, and that Council needs to be cognizant in making decisions and investing the revenues. It was suggested that the Band move to Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT), to eliminate the need to issue so many cheques.

It was mentioned that the proposed sidewalk along Tashmoo Avenue, should be considered as it has been determined that it is a community need.

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

That this Council acknowledges the Finance Coordinators update on the Summary of Restricted Funds, Council Contingency Fund, and Community Spirituality Fund, as presented.

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**g) Update of Union of Ontario Chiefs Meeting (Financial)**

Discussion: To be presented at the RCM of July 4, 2017

**h) Pow Wow Update (Financial)**

Discussion: To be presented at the RCM of July 4, 2017.

**i) Employees List – FYI**

Discussion: To be presented at the RCM of July 4, 2017.

**j) Special Housing Meeting – August 2, 2017, 9:00 AM – Maawn Doosh Gumig Community and Youth Centre**

Discussion: The Finance Coordinator reminded members of Council that the meeting has been confirmed for August 2, 2017.

**k) RCM July 17, 2017 – Audit Presentation at 6:00 PM**

Discussion: The Finance Coordinator, informed Council that the draft Audit will be presented at the RCM of July 17, 2017, at 6:00 PM.

**Item #2: Band Managers Report**

**Follow-Up:**

Discussion: The Band Manager, completed an overview of the information contained in the report, noting key areas of importance and noted that more information will be forthcoming on some matters. It was noted that Program Coordinator's provide updates to the Band Manager, who in turn, provides an overview to Chief and Council, so that they are up to date on programming and services.

Jordan's Principle – there was a brief discussion and Council Education portfolio holders, indicated that the matter has been

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resolved and all services have been reinstated.

Daycare renovations, update provided on the current situation with the contractor. A letter has been drafted and will be forwarded to the contractor.

The Band Manager, requested that Chief and Council confirm their interest in attending the proposed Band Representative Training. A suggested date was July 22, for the proposed training, that will take place at Maawn Doosh Gumig. The Band Manager to confirm and forward information as it is available.

The Band Manager, provided an overview of the Economic Development Coordinator's request for an assistant. A copy of the briefing note was shared with Council for their review. A brief discussion followed and included; the proposed new position, and the role and responsibilities of the Economic Development Coordinator/Project Manager will be responsible to coordinate all special projects and determine all aspects of each respective project. It was recommended that the Band Manager, monitor the request and situation and report back to Council if there is a need for the new position.

The Band Manager, briefed Council regarding the retirement of the Mnaasged – Aamjiwnaang Site Supervisor. Information was provided to Council on the terms of Aamjiwnaang employees who transferred to Mnaasged. Councillor Sherri Crowley, also provided an update on Mnaasged and noted that there is a new board in place and the organization is still sorting out the governance issues. The Band Manager, also noted that a request for financial support for the planned retirement open house for the retiring staff member.

The Band Manager, also provided a brief update on the Summer Fitness Program transportation matter and noted that it is resolved and a driver is in place. It was also mentioned that the Education department will be assisting with associated expenses.

Motion #4.      MOVED BY: Sherri Crowley  
                      SECONDED BY: Errol Gray

That this Council acknowledges the Band Managers Report, June 2017, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion #5.      MOVED BY: Shawn Plain  
                      SECONDED BY: Marina Plain

That this Council approves the request for financial support for caterer for a Retirement Open House for Janice Rising, Mnaasged Site Supervisor.

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**Item #3:      New Business**

**a)      Councillor John Adams – Visions of Harmony Meetings**

Discussion:      Councillor Adams updated Council on the Visions of Harmony meetings with Suncor, and inquired as to who should be attending? It was mentioned that no staff have been attendance for some time now and that the projects provide important

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service to the community and it's important to for someone to attend the meetings. Suggested to have the Economic Development Officer take on that role and be responsible for delegating staff to attend.

**Item #4: Adjournment**

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

That this Council Adjourns at 1:45 P.M.

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Recorded by:  
Lynn M. Rosales,  
Band Council Clerk