

**Special Council Meeting  
Aamjiwnaang First Nation  
Thursday, August 27, 2015 - 4:00 PM**

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The Special Council Meeting was held on the above-date at Maawn Doosh Gumig Community and Youth Centre, Meeting Room A, scheduled for 4:30 PM.

**Council Members Present:** Chief Chris Plain, Councillor Darren Henry, Councillor Ted White Sr., Councillor Sherri Crowley, Councillor R. Codey Simon, Councillor John Adams, Councillor Errnol Gray, Councillor Lareina Rising

**Council Member Regrets:** Councillor Shawn Plain (ILL), Councillor Randi Rogers (ILL)

**Others Present:**

Carole Delion, Business Development Officer  
Edgar Hielema, Gardiner Roberts LLP  
George Cholakis, Access Capital

Ed Gilbert, Gilbert Consulting, Renewable Energy Advisor  
Queenie Lo, Gardiner Roberts LLP  
Fatema Jivaji, Student-At-Law, Gardiner Roberts LLP

**Call to Order:**

Chief Chris Plain called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and Councillor Errnol Gray, offered a prayer.

**Opening Remarks:**

Chief Plain offered a brief overview of the agenda and informed all that he will excuse himself early for a previous commitment. Councillors Darren Henry and Sherri Crowley, indicated that they will excuse themselves at 7:30 PM for a previous commitment.

Prior to the start of the meeting, the Community Information Officer reviewed the proposed new website with Council members present. Throughout the presentation of the website members of Council provided suggestions for additional information that may be useful to be listed on the website. The Community Information Officer requested additional sources to acquire historical information for inclusion on the website, members of Council suggested an individual that could be contacted.

**Item #1: Review of Projects**

**a) EDF Romney Wind Projects**

Discussion: The Business Development Officer referred to the agenda and reviewed the five projects to be discussed. Ed Gilbert, Gilbert Consulting, introduced the first project to be discussed and turned the floor over to George Cholakis, Access Capital, who provided an overview of the project summary. And, Edgar Hielema, Gardiner Roberts LLP, provided additional information regarding liabilities, the partners of the project noting that this project will require a five (5) year commitment even if the bid on the project is not won.

Before the discussion proceeded, Chief Plain indicated that the A/Band Administrator prepared comments for consideration by Council prior to making any decisions about the five projects under consideration. The comment page was distributed for Council to review. After review, of administrative comments it was mentioned that the information should be taken into consideration when reviewing the projects.

Motion #1. MOVED BY: Lareina Rising  
SECONDED BY: Ted White Sr.

That this Council approves BCR 2015-2016 #13, regarding the Romney Energy Centre Limited Partnership and Romney Wind Project, as presented.

2-Opposed – Councillor Darren Henry; Due Diligence has not been completed and Councillor Sherri Crowley; Due to the information provided by the A/Band Administrator

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Motion #5.      MOVED BY: Lareina Rising  
                    SECONDED BY: John Adams

That this Council approves the Payment of \$501.00 for the Unit Subscription Price for the Romney Wind Project.

2-Opposed – Councillor Darren Henry, Due Diligence has not been completed; and, Councillor Sherri Crowley, Due to the information provided by the A/Band Administrator

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**b) Suncor Nauvoo Wind Project**

**Follow-Up:**

Discussion:      Ed Gilbert, Gilbert Consulting, introduced the second project to be discussed and turned the floor over to George Cholakis, Access Capital, who provided an overview of the project summary. And, Edgar Hielema, Gardiner Roberts LLP, provided additional information regarding contribution shortfall and payment of bid-related costs.

➤ N/A

Further discussion included: softer provisions in the agreement, previous project collaboration terms, and possible wording change in the proposed BCR. After discussion, Council concluded that there will be no consideration to further pursue this project.

**c) Ontario Power Generation and Sun Edison Lambton Solar Project**

**Follow-Up:**

Discussion:      Ed Gilbert, Gilbert Consulting, introduced the third project to be discussed and turned the floor over to George Cholakis, Access Capital, who provided an overview of the project summary.

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Further discussion included: funding options, project partners, interest rate of loan for project, and whether or not there is an established budget line item for project investment.

Motion #2.      MOVED BY: Lareina Rising  
                    SECONDED BY: John Adams

That this council approves BCR 2015-2016 #14, regarding the Ontario Power Generation and Sun Edison Lambton Solar Project, as presented.

2-Opposed – Councillor Darren Henry, Due Diligence has not been completed; and, Councillor Sherri Crowley, Due to the information provided by the A/Band Administrator

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Chief Chris Plain excused himself from the meeting at 6:30 pm.

Motion #3.      MOVED BY: John Adams  
                    SECONDED BY: Ted White Sr.

That this council appoints Councillor Errnol Gray as the meeting Chairperson in the absence of the Chief.

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**d) Canadian Solar Solutions Inc. and Suncor Solar Project**

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Discussion: Ed Gilbert, Gilbert Consulting, introduced the fourth project to be discussed and turned the floor over to George Cholakis, Access Capital, who provided an overview of the project summary. ➤ Draft BCR for signatures

Further discussion included: the difference in the formatting of the documents, wind and solar are different projects, staff involvement for the projects are different, and this particular project has a lesser rate of return on investment.

Motion #4. MOVED BY: John Adams  
SECONDED BY: Ted White Sr.

That this council approves BCR 2015-2016 #15, regarding the Canadian Solar Solutions Inc. and Suncor Solar Project, as presented.

2-Opposed – Councillor Darren Henry, Due Diligence has not been completed; and, Councillor Sherri Crowley, Due to the information provided by the A/Band Administrator

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**e) BluEarth Renewables Inc. and Pembina Pipeline Corporation Solar Projects** **Follow-Up:**

Discussion: Ed Gilbert, Gilbert Consulting, introduced the fifth and final project to be discussed and turned the floor over to George Cholakis, Access Capital, who provided an overview of the project summary and stated that this project will not win a bid and has the potential to have limited return on investment. The Business Development Officer provided additional information regarding the ROW for Council to review. ➤ N/A

Further discussion included: how many orders/contracts awarded to Aamjiwnaang; agreement to have a term that specifies that First Nations be hired/contracted to assist in the building and maintenance of completed facility, it was mentioned that this discussion is perhaps premature; previous meeting with BluEarth is being listed as a consultation session; existing issue with Pembina needs to be resolved before proceeding with other business with this potential partner; obligation to pay project costs if no action is taken; and, outstanding Pembina issue

**Item #3: Organization of Project Companies** **Follow Up:**

Discussion: The Business Development Officer provided an overview of the structure of the Project Company. Prior to appointment of members of Council to sit on Board of Directors, the Business Development Officer indicated that Chief Plain wished to be on the Board of Directors for the Project Company. ➤ Draft BCR for signatures

Motion #6. MOVED BY: John Adams  
SECONDED BY: Ted White Sr.

That this council appoints Chief Chris Plain, Councillor Ronald Codey Simon, and Councillor Lareina Rising as Directors of the Project Company, per BCR 2015-2016 #16.

1-Opposed – Councillor Darren Henry, Due Diligence has not been completed

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**Item #4: Next Steps**

Discussion: None

**Follow-Up:**

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**Item #5: Adjournment**

Motion #7. MOVED BY: Lareina Rising  
SECONDED BY: John Adams

That this Council Adjourns at 7:30 P.M.

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