

Regular Council Meeting
Aamjiwnaang First Nation
Tuesday, February 20, 2018 - 4:00 PM

The Regular Council Meeting was held on the above-date in the Administration Complex Council Chambers scheduled for 4:00 PM.

Council Members Present: Chief Joanne Rogers, Councillor Darren Henry, Councillor Dallas Sinopole, Councillor Sherri Crowley, Councillor Shawn Plain, Councillor Marina Plain, Councillor John Adams, Councillor Mike Jackson (arrived 6:12 pm), Councillor Tom Maness

Regrets: Councillor Errnol Gray (ILL)

Others Present:

June Simon, Band Manager

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Rose John, Finance Coordinator

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Jessica Pickett, Lands Management Officer

Scott Robertson, Partner, Nahwegahbow, Corbiere

Stephen O'Neil, The Honourable, Associate Nahwegahbow, Corbiere

Call to Order:

Chief Joanne Rogers, called the meeting to order at 4:15 p.m. and Councillor Tom Maness, offered a prayer.

Special Council Meeting Minutes, Saturday, February 10, 2018

Follow-Up:

Discussion: It was confirmed that the meeting held on Saturday, February 10, 2018 was a Special Council Meeting. There was a request for information for the upcoming Estate Training Workshop, that the Lands department will be offering, at this time a date is not known, however, an update will be provided to Council later. It was mentioned that the time for the upcoming Environmental Health Seminar is 6:00 – 8:00 PM, on March 8, 2018.

➤ Changes to be completed.

Motion #2. MOVED BY: Marina Plain
SECONDED BY: Dallas Sinopole

That That Aamjiwnaang Chief and Council adopts the Special Council Meeting Minutes, of Saturday, February 10, 2018, with noted changes.

MOTION CARRIED

Item #1: Education Coordinator

a) Memorandum – Re: Aamjiwnaang Education Law

Follow-Up:

Discussion: The Education Coordinator was in attendance and provided an overview of the process for the development of the Education Law and reviewed the revised copy and noted all changes are mark ups. After brief discussion and clarification on sections of the draft Education Law, there are only minor changes to be completed prior to final review, comment and approval. Further comments

➤ Clean revised copy to be forwarded to Council for final review, comment and approval.

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were noted about mental health supports for students and their parents. Development of a Discipline Policy for First Nations students, and the possibility of the formation of an Education Board for Aamjiwnaang or remaining a with status quo.

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

That Aamjiwnaang Council acknowledges the Education Coordinator memorandum regarding the revised Aamjiwnaang Education Law, and approves the draft with noted changes.

MOTION CARRIED

b) Post-Secondary Checklist

Follow-Up:

Discussion: The Education Coordinator, noted that the checklist is for informational purposes only and is a useful tool to ensure the post-secondary information exchange from the Southern First Nation Secretariat to Aamjiwnaang is efficient.

➤ None Required.

Motion #5. MOVED BY: John Adams
 SECONDED BY: Mike Jackson

That Aamjiwnaang Council acknowledges the Education Coordinator's, submission of the Post-Secondary Checklist 2018, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

**c) Anishinabek Nation – Anishinabek Education System (AES)
Student Engagement Session**

Follow-Up:

Discussion: The Education Coordinator, noted that she will be attending the session next week and that there is a Kinomaadziwin Education Board meeting prior to the planned session. Council was also informed of the two students who will be attending the youth engagement session.

➤ None Required.

Motion #6. MOVED BY: Sherri Crowley
 SECONDED BY: Tom Maness

That Aamjiwnaang Council acknowledges the Anishinabek Nation, notice for the Anishinabek Education System, First Nation and School Board Forum on, February 27-28, 2018, at Toronto, and accepts the recommendation to appoint Councillors Shawn Plain

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and Mike Jackson, to attend.

MOTION CARRIED

d) Kinomaadziwin Education Body (KEB) Correspondence – Re: Governance Top-Up Allocation **Follow-Up:**

Discussion: The Education Coordinator, requested that the item be Tabled, until after the KEB meeting next week, where the matter will be discussed. An update will be provided at the next Council session. ➤ **TABLED, until March 5, 2018**

e) Lambton-Kent District School Board (LKDSB) Media Release – Re: LKDSB Approves Appointment of an Indigenous Student Trustee **Follow-Up:**

Discussion: The Education Coordinator, noted that the media release is for informational purposes only and that student selection has not taken place yet. Updates will be provided as more information becomes available. ➤ None Required.

Motion #7. MOVED BY: Marina Plain
SECONDED BY: Sherri Crowley

That Aamjiwnaang Council acknowledges the Lambton-Kent District School Board media release regarding the LKDSB Approves Appointment of an Indigenous Student Trustee, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

f) Memorandum – Re: Education Committee Meeting Minutes – November 8, 2017 and November 29, 2018 **Follow-Up:**

Discussion: There were brief comments on the minutes with it being noted that jersey's have been donated to the program (November 8, 2017). Noted correction on name of committee member, funding and tutoring – how it is support and current eligibility, and it was noted that Thank You letters are sent to all contributing organizations who offer bursaries for Aamjiwnaang students. There was a brief discussion regarding the need to post for an alternate committee member for the remainder of the 2016-2018 term (Motion listed below) ➤ Post for an alternate position for the Education Committee.

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

That Aamjiwnaang Council acknowledges the Education department memorandum and Education Committee Meeting

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Minutes of November 8, 2017 and November 29, 2017, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion #9. MOVED BY: John Adams
 SECONDED BY: Darren Henry

That Aamjiwnaang Chief and Council agrees to post for an alternate position for the Education Committee due to the illness of a committee member for the remainder of the 2016-2018 term.

MOTION CARRIED

Item #2: Finance Coordinator

a) Financial Updates – Minor Capital, Community Spirituality, Council Contingency and Summary of Restricted Funds – for Period April 1, 2017 – January 31, 2018

Follow-Up:

Discussion: The Finance Coordinator, reviewed all financial schedules presented noting key areas of importance. There were brief comments regarding Waawayaatanong Treaty Council funding and the status of the initiative, and Council Contingency funding and Little Native Hockey League (LNHL) support.

➤ Finance Coordinator to look in to deferring a percentage of Minor Capital funds.

Motion #16. MOVED BY: Sherri Crowley
 SECONDED BY: Tom Maness

That Aamjiwnaang Council acknowledges the Finance Coordinator financial updates for Minor Capital, Community Spirituality Funds, Council Contingency Funds and Summary of Restricted Funds – for Period April 1, 2017 – January 31, 2018, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

b) Briefing Note – Re: Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) 2018-2019 Funding Agreement

Follow-Up:

Discussion: The Finance Coordinator, provided a brief overview and noted that this is the third year of funding for the three-year funding agreement. It was also noted that the education funding will be reported once the transfer to the Anishinabek Education System – Kinomaadziwin Education Board is completed.

➤ Agreement returned to INAC.

Motion #17. MOVED BY: Dallas Sinopole
 SECONDED BY: John Adams

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That Aamjiwnaang Council acknowledges the Finance Coordinator briefing note and accepts the recommendation to approve the Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada 2018-2019 Funding Agreement/Amendment, as presented. Further that, the Finance Coordinator is to provide an update on Education Funding when it is transferred to Anishinabek Education System-Kinomaadziwin Education Board.

MOTION CARRIED

c) Briefing Note – Re: Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) 10-Year Grants (for review and discussion)

Follow-Up:

Discussion: The Finance Coordinator, noted that at this time the information is being presented for informational purposes only and a more in-depth review is necessary to fully understand the initiative. The Band Manager, mentioned that it is an initiative that Aamjiwnaang could potentially benefit from, but more information is needed before any direction is sought from the Council table.

➤ Aamjiwnaang Auditor's to be consulted on the initiative.

Motion #18. MOVED BY: Marina Plain
SECONDED BY: Tom Maness

That Aamjiwnaang Council acknowledges the Finance Coordinator briefing note regarding Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada 10-Year Grants, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

d) Briefing Note – Re: Aamjiwnaang 2018/2019 Budgets

Follow-Up:

Discussion: The Finance Coordinator, noted that she is seeking a date to hold the annual budget meeting with Council and another date to hold the Community Presentation of Aamjiwnaang contributions that support programming and services.

➤ **SCM – Friday, March 9, 2018, from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm, Council Chambers.**

Motion #19. MOVED BY: Marina Plain
SECONDED BY: Sherri Crowley

➤ Community presentation of Aamjiwnaang Contribution Funding for programming – Monday, March 19, 2018, 5:00 pm, at Maawn Doosh Gumig Community and Youth Centre.

That Aamjiwnaang Council acknowledges the Finance Coordinator briefing note regarding Aamjiwnaang 2018/2019 Budgets and selects March 9, 2018, at 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM, for a Special Council Meeting, at the Administration Complex-Council Chambers, where the Program Coordinators will present their department budgets. Further that, a Community Information

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Meeting be held on March 19, 2018, at 5:00 PM, at Maawn Doosh Gumig, to present Aamjiwnaang Contribution Budget.

MOTION CARRIED

e) Briefing Note – Re: Land Transfer/Certificate of Possession – Juanita Lillian Deanna-Ann Plain **Follow-Up:**

Discussion: The Finance Coordinator, noted that information confirmation is pending regarding the matter. ➤ **TABLED**

Item #3: Community Information Officer Briefing Note – Re: Draft Social Media and Media Relations Policies **Follow Up:**

Discussion: The Community Information Officer, was in attendance and provided a brief overview of the Social Media Policy and Media Relations Policy. It was noted that staff have a separate policy that is stated in the Personnel Policy and these policies do not affect them. It was also noted that she is the only one who monitors and responses are sent in private messages, there is no engagement as the pages are used for presenting general information for community members. It was mentioned that social media is a good communication tool just so long it is not abused. ➤ None Required.

Motion #20. MOVED BY: Sherri Crowley
SECONDED BY: Dallas Sinopole

That Aamjiwnaang Council acknowledges the Community Information Officer, briefing note regarding the draft Social Media and Media Relations Policies, and approves the same with note changes.

MOTION CARRIED

Item #4: Health Director

a) Briefing Note – Re: Health Centre Policies – Medical Records **Follow Up:**

Discussion: None ➤ **DEFERRED**

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

Discussion: None ➤ **DEFERRED**

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c) Health Committee Meeting Minutes – November 23, 2018 and January 18, 2018

Follow Up:

Discussion: None

➤ DEFERRED

Item #5: Economic Development Coordinator/Project Manager Memo

a) Southern First Nation Secretariat Regional Economic Leakage Study – Follow-Up

Follow Up:

Discussion: The Band Manager, noted that the information was prepared as follow-up for a previous presentation that was provided for Chief and Council.

➤ None Required.

Motion #27. MOVED BY: Sherri Crowley
SECONDED BY: Tom Maness

That Aamjiwnaang Council acknowledges the Economic Development Coordinator/Project Manager memo regarding follow-up for the Southern First Nation Secretariat Regional Economic Leakage Study regarding maintenance of Aamjiwnaang buildings.

MOTION CARRIED

b) Permit to Reside Application and Permit Service Fees Schedule – Follow-Up

Follow Up:

Discussion: The Band Manager, noted that all information has been confirmed that is listed in the documents and Motion for the Council table is included on the forms.

➤ None Required.

Motion #26. MOVED BY: Darren Henry
SECONDED BY: Mike Jackson

That Aamjiwnaang Council acknowledges the Economic Development Coordinator/Project Manager memo and accepts the recommendation to approve the Permit to Reside Application and Permit Service Fees Schedule for 2017/2018, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

Item #6: Emergency Management Planner – Notification Report January 2018 and Safety Data Sheets Benzene (Nova) and Isobutylene (Praxair)

Follow Up:

Discussion: None

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Item #7: Community Services Committee

- a) Recommendations January 17, 2018**
- b) Community Services Committee Meeting Minutes – December 12, 2017**

Follow Up:

- **ONE MOTION FOR BOTH ITEMS**
- None Required.

Discussion: There was a brief discussion about duties of the Eagle Staff Carrier and use of the Eagle Staff. It was mentioned that Ted White Sr., is supported in the role of Aamjiwnaang Eagle Staff Carrier.

Motion #24. MOVED BY: Marina Plain
SECONDED BY: Tom Maness

That Aamjiwnaang Council acknowledges the Community Services Committee recommendations of January 17, 2018, regarding Little Native Hockey League (LNHL) funding amounts and Little Native Hockey League (LNHL) Elder; and acknowledges the Community Services Committee Meeting Minutes of December 12, 2017, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

Item #8: Governance Committee Meeting Minutes – December 6, 2017, December 19, 2017 and January 8, 2018

Follow Up:

Discussion: None

- **DEFERRED**

Item #9: Housing Committee Meeting Minutes – October 19, 2017 and January 18, 2018

Follow Up:

Discussion: There was a discussion on the meeting minutes of January 18, 2018, with regards to a request for a renovation loan, and unpaid water and hydro bills. It was noted that Bluewater Power are sending Aamjiwnaang all billing for arrears payments. It was mentioned that under the Landlord and Tenant Act, the Landlord is obligated to pay for the arrears. It was mentioned that finance has no way of tracking tenant water fees for rental units. There were additional comments with regards to the Water and Sewer Agreement that is in place with the City of Sarnia, and clarification was provided for the services that the City of Sarnia, is obligated to provide with respect to that agreement. It was also mentioned that Aamjiwnaang does not have an agreement with Bluewater Power, and Finance, Housing and Administration need to determine how to deal with outstanding arrears for water fees.

- Water and Sewer Agreement to be reviewed.

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Motion #3. MOVED BY: Marina Plain
 SECONDED BY: Shawn Plain

That Aamjiwnaang Council acknowledges the Housing Committee Meeting Minutes and Motions of October 23, 2017, as presented and January 18, 2018, with noted changes.

1-Opposed; Councillor Sherri Crowley – the Housing Minutes required revisions.

MOTION CARRIED

Item #10: Environment Worker Memo – Re: Environment Seminar

Follow Up:

Discussion: The Band Manager, noted that the memo is a reminder for the upcoming seminar that will be held on Thursday, February

➤ FYI – None Required.

Item #11: Band Manager

a) Briefing Note – Re: Corporate Restructure

Follow Up:

Discussion: The Band Manager, provided a brief update and noted that the matter does require Council direction to move the initiative forward.

➤ None Required.

Motion #22. MOVED BY: Darren Henry
 SECONDED BY: Sherri Crowley

That Aamjiwnaang Council acknowledges the Band Manager, briefing note and accepts the recommendations:

- i. To approve in Principle the findings and recommendations concerning the corporate restructuring of the First Nation Corporate entities, as presented at the Regular Council Meeting of December 18, 2017; and further that,
- ii. A final report outlining the restructuring process be presented for Chief and Council consideration prior to implementation.

MOTION CARRIED

b) Briefing Note – Re: Ronald Rowcliffe, QC, - Legal Fees Invoice 2017

Follow Up:

Discussion: The Band Manager, indicated that Council direction is required as the invoice is more than her approval amount.

➤ Invoice to be paid.

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Motion #23. MOVED BY: Mike Jackson
SECONDED BY: John Adams

That Aamjiwnaang Council acknowledges the Band Managers briefing note and accepts the request to remit payment for legal services rendered from January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017, in the amount of \$31,500.00 (thirty-one thousand, five-hundred, dollars).

MOTION CARRIED

Item #12: Chief Joanne Rogers – Legal Research Information Package

Discussion: Chief J. Rogers, distributed a correspondence from researcher, Joan Holms Associate Inc. for Council to review. It was noted that the focus of the research is to address outstanding issues as outlined in the research information package that had been previously compiled and prepared by Mr. Ronald Rowcliffe, QC. It was also noted that there is a need to have funds available for research initiative and a budget line item is to be included in the annual budget exercise.

Follow Up:

➤ Finance Coordinator to include research fees in the 2018-2019 budget.

Motion #21. MOVED BY: Darren Henry
SECONDED BY: Dallas Sinopole

That Aamjiwnaang Council approves that Joan Holms Associates Inc. Estimate for Aamjiwnaang Pre-Confederation Plan Research per correspondence of February 20, 2018, further that the research fees are to be paid through Band Funds.

MOTION CARRIED

Item #13: Correspondence and Information

a) Southern First Nation Secretariat – Re: Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Follow Up:

Discussion: None

➤ DEFERRED

b) Anishinabek Nation – Re: Gasoline and Tobacco Revenue Sharing – Agreement In Principle (AIP) Development

Follow-Up:

Discussion: None

➤ DEFERRED

c) Ontario First Nations (2008) Limited Partnership (OFNLP) – Re: 3rd Quarter Unaudited Financial Statements for Fiscal Year

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Discussion: None ➤ DEFERRED

d) Anishinabek Nation – Child Well Being Working Group (CWBWG) Meeting and Koganaawsawin Training Follow Up:

Discussion: None ➤ DEFERRED

Item #14: New Business

a) Councillor John Adams – Anishinabek Nation – Lands and Mines Meeting Follow Up:

Discussion: Councillor John Adams, expressed interest to attend an upcoming meeting with the Anishinabek Nation – Lands, Minerals and Mines department. There is a meeting taking place at the end of February, Council motion is requested for approval to attend. ➤ Meeting date, time, location to be confirmed.

Motion #25. MOVED BY: Mike Jackson
SECONDED BY: Sherri Crowley

That Aamjiwnaang Chief and Council appoints Councillors John Adams and Errnol Gray to attend the Anishinabek Nation, Lands and Mines meeting at Vaughn, Ontario, on February 28 – March 1, 2018.

MOTION CARRIED

b) Councillor Dallas Sinopole – Fishing at Aamjiwnaang Piers Follow Up:

Discussion: Councillor Sinopole, enquired about permits for guests fishing on Aamjiwnaang territory. Council was informed that the Development Committee is working on a permit and will be presented when it has been completed. ➤ The Development Committee will be presenting information at a future date.

c) Councillor Marina Plain – Comfortable Seating for Seniors Follow-Up:

Discussion: Councillor M. Plain, requested that more comfortable seating for senior members, be purchased for the community centre that can be used during wakes and funerals. It was suggested that the Community Services Coordinator, to review budget, and make a recommendation. ➤ Community Services Coordinator, to look at budget for seating options.

d) Councillor Tom Maness – Speed Limit on Virgil Avenue Follow-Up:

Discussion: Councillor Maness, informed Council that there are complaints for ➤ Request Police patrol

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speeding along Virgil Avenue, and stop signs not being honoured. It was mentioned that perhaps more speed bumps need to be put in place. There was also a request for the speed monitoring signs that were to be purchased. Council was informed that the Public Works is taking care of the researching and ordering two signs for use in the community. It was also suggested that we request police monitor Tashmoo Avenue as well.

on Tashmoo Avenue for speeding.

e) Chief Joanne Rogers – Honouring Ceremony

Discussion: Chief J. Rogers, provided a brief update regarding the upcoming Honouring Ceremony that will be taking place on Saturday, February 24, 2018, beginning at 11:00 am. She informed Council that plaques have been ordered for the community honoree and will be presented, along with that a separate plaque has been ordered to that will be on display at the Administration Complex. It was also noted that Ted White, will be presenting the Eagle Feather to Geraldine Robertson.

Follow-Up:

➤ Eagle Feather will be presented.

e) Councillor Sherri Crowley – Flooding at Bear Park

Discussion: Councillor Crowley, informed Council that there are pictures being posted on social media of the flooding that is occurring at Bear Park, and requested that Public Works post signage. It was also suggested that caution tape be put in place to further signify that people need to take caution and keep away.

Follow-Up:

➤ Public Works Coordinator – monitor and post signs and caution tape for safety.

Item #15: In-Camera Session

Motions in Camera - #1, #10, #11, #12, #13, #14, #15

Item #16: Adjournment

Motion #28. MOVED BY: John Adams
SECONDED BY: Mike Jackson

That Aamjiwnaang Chief and Council Adjourns at 10:52 P.M.

MOTION CARRIED

Recorded By:
Lynn M. Rosales,
Band Council Clerk