

**Regular Council Meeting  
Aamjiwnaang First Nation  
Monday, March 19, 2018 – 5:00 PM**

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The Regular Council Meeting was held on the above-date at Maawn Doosh Gumig Community and Youth Centre – Banquet Room, scheduled for 5:00 P.M.

**Council Members Present:** Councillor Darren Henry, Councillor Shawn Plain, Councillor Marina Plain, Councillor John Adams, Councillor Errnol Gray, Councillor Tom Maness

**Regrets:** Chief Joanne Rogers (ILL), Councillor Dallas Sinopole (Personal), Councillor Sherri Crowley (Work), Councillor Mike Jackson (Work)

**Others Present:**

June Simon, Band Manager	Rose John, Finance Coordinator
Sandy Waring, Community Information Officer	Vicky Ware, Education Coordinator
Brian Bois, Public Works Coordinator	Carole Delion, Economic Development Coordinator
Sara Plain, Health Services Director	Jamie Maness, Community Services Coordinator
Ed Gilbert, Corporate Manager	Tracey Williams, Housing Coordinator
Charles Rogers, Community Member	Philip Maness, Community Member
Tina Johnston, Community Member	Annabelle Cornelius, Community Member
Fenton Plain, Community Member	Brad Brownlee, Consultant

**Appointment of Chairperson**

Motion #1.      MOVED BY: John Adams  
                      SECONDED BY: Shawn Plain

That Councillor Errnol Gray is appointed as the meeting chairperson in the absence of the Chief.

MOTION CARRIED

**Call to Order:** Councillor Errnol Gray, called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m. and offered a prayer.

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**Discussion:** Confirmation of funding was requested for the health centre capital purchase of the 10-seater van; the Band Manager, confirmed that the funding for the purchase was received from Health Canada.

It was noted that in the development of Impact Benefit Agreements (IBA's), should also include the Band Manager, Economic Development, Finance, Corporate Manager, Lands Management Officer along with the Environment Coordinator and Health Services Director. It was also suggested that an external consultant be brought in to assist with the collaborative efforts in the development process.

**Follow-Up:**

- No changes required.
- Direction for IBA development to be forwarded to identified program coordinators.

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

That Aamjiwnaang Chief and Council adopts the Regular Council Meeting Minutes, of Monday, March 5, 2018 as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

**Special Council Meeting Minutes, Friday, March 9, 2018**

Discussion:      No Comments.

Motion #3.      MOVED BY: John Adams  
                      SECONDED BY: Tom Maness

That Aamjiwnaang Chief and Council adopts the Special Council Meeting Minutes, of Friday, March 9, 2018 as presented.

2-Abstained; Councillors Shawn Plain and Marina Plain, were not present at the meeting.

MOTION CARRIED

**Follow-Up:**

➤ No changes required.

**Item #1:      Finance Coordinator – Aamjiwnaang Revenue Contributions for 2018-2019 Fiscal Year Budget (presentation)**

**Follow-Up:**

Discussion:      The Finance Coordinator provided an overview of the Aamjiwnaang 2018/2019, Annual Consolidated Budget, noting key areas of change for cost centres, Aamjiwnaang revenue (band) contributions for programs and services, and noted increases and decreases for each program. Comments and additional discussion items were:

- Councillor John Adams requested the cost of replacing the warning system so that the amount spent can be presented to the CAER Board for reimbursement.
- It was noted that the wording ‘casino’ is to update and changed to gaming.
- The reduction of cost centres is a result of a recommendation from the auditor’s management letter, it was mentioned that program coordinators agree that finances are much easier for tracking with one (1) cost centre for their department.
- It was recommended that in future years when the budget is being presented that previous year’s actual band contributions be included for comparison purposes.

➤ Staff consulted for fees charged for services rendered.  
➤ Copies of the 2018/2019 Annual Consolidated Budget to made available for interested community members.

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- There was a concern that fees charged for services rendered need to match and keep up with the rate of inflation. Appropriate services providers are to be consulted, such as the Permit to Reside fees.
- It was suggested that copies of the budget need to be made available for those members who were not able to attend the meeting. It was noted that copies will be made available at the Administrative Office and Community Centre.

Motion #4.      **MOVED BY:** Shawn Plain  
                      **SECONDED BY:** Tom Maness

That Aamjiwnaang Chief and Council approves the Aamjiwnaang First Nation 2018/2019 Consolidated Annual Budget and Aamjiwnaang Contributions to Operations, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

**Item #2:      Brad Brownlee, Interim Corporation Manager – Corporate Restructuring-Final Report (presentation)**

**Follow-Up:**

Discussion:      Mr. Brownlee was in attendance and presented the final report for the Corporate Restructuring project. It was noted that legal comments were only received the day before the presentation and recommendations have not been included in the report. Noted highlights of the report were:

➤ Band Manager to follow-up with legal and report back to Chief and Council.

- ‘Bare Trust’ will be changed to ‘Limited Partnership’.
- Legal comments have clearly described what a limited partnership entails and will centralize all corporations owned by Aamjiwnaang.
- Leases and payments will be better monitored and arrears issues may be reduced.
- The Chippewa Industrial Development Limited (CIDL), Board of Director’s (BOD), has a fiduciary duty to all shareholders (Aamjiwnaang members), for the financial stability of the corporation and must uphold the same values and mission/vision of Aamjiwnaang.
- It was mentioned that being accountable and transparent to the shareholders are instrumental to ensure that everyone remains informed about the corporation.
- It was also mentioned that the CIDL BOD, are to act in the best interest of the shareholders.
- Training will need to be identified for the CIDL BOD.

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- The concept, 'Conflict of Interest' vs. 'Conflict of Duty', will need to be defined.
- Legal will be consulted for the creation of the Limited Partnership.

Motion #5.    MOVED BY: Darren Henry  
                  SECONDED BY: Tom Maness

That Aamjiwnaang Chief and Council accepts the Corporate Restructuring Final Report of March 19, 2018, as presented by Brad Brownlee; and further that, the findings of the report be referred to the Band Manager for the development of an implementation strategy in consultation with Aamjiwnaang legal counsel and tax consultants, and report back to Chief and Council on or before April 19, 2018.

MOTION CARRIED

**Item #3:        Education Coordinator Memorandum – Re: Aamjiwnaang Education Law (final version)**

**Follow-Up:**

Discussion:    The Education Coordinator provided a brief update and noted that the terms for Aamjiwnaang Law Making, per the Aamjiwnaang Chi'Naaknigewin, were followed. It was also noted that land based curriculum development will be a primary focus for future educational initiatives.

➤ None Required.

It was noted that Aamjiwnaang Law Making process needs to be determined by the community and more consultation should take place. It was further noted that the Matrimonial Real Property (MRP) Law, has a different process that has been defined by Indigenous Affairs and Northern Development, and there needs to be consistency for all development that is taking place in the community.

Funding concerns were also discussed and are listed under New Business.

Motion #7.    MOVED BY: Marina Plain  
                  SECONDED BY: John Adams

That Aamjiwnaang Chief and Council approves the Aamjiwnaang Education Law, as of Monday, March 19, 2018, as presented.

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**Item #4: Lands Management Officer Briefing Note – Re: Nova – Pipeline Permit One-Year Renewal/Draft Agreements #47404, #56531, #264591**

**Follow Up:**

Discussion: The Band Manager provided a brief overview of the matter and noted that Council approval of the one-year pipeline permits is required and Locatee's are requesting payment. After comments regarding the negotiation process, the item was Tabled until the next Regular Council Meeting on Tuesday, April 3, 2018.

➤ TABLED until April 3, 2018.

**Item #5: Health Services Director Briefing Note – Re: The Journey Together Funding Approval**

**Follow Up:**

Discussion: No Comments.

➤ None Required.

Motion #8. MOVED BY: John Adams  
SECONDED BY: Tom Maness

That Aamjiwnaang Chief and Council acknowledges the Health Services Director briefing note and accepts the recommendation to approve the 2017-2018 Child Care and Child Family Program Amending Agreement, and authorize Chief Joanne Rogers and June Simon, Band Manager, to sign same.

MOTION CARRIED

**Item #6: Housing Coordinator**

**a) Briefing Note – Re: Expression of Interest – Canadian Mortgage Housing Corporation (CMHC)**

**Follow Up:**

Discussion: There were brief comments regarding the housing needs and the possible business opportunity for Aamjiwnaang. It was noted that further discussion can take place at a Housing Seminar.

➤ None Required.

Motion #9. MOVED BY: Darren Henry  
SECONDED BY: Marina Plain

That Aamjiwnaang Chief and Council acknowledges the Housing Coordinator briefing note and accepts the recommendation that the Expression of Interest, to CMHC for ten (10) new housing units.

MOTION CARRIED

**b) Housing Committee Meeting Motions and Minutes – February**

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Discussion: There were comments with regards to the limited information recorded at and presented from the Housing Committee. It was recommended that the Housing Coordinator prepare quarterly reports and more detailed minutes are to be provided. Councillor Shawn Plain, Council Portfolio holder for the Housing Committee, noted that the Housing Committee is requesting a meeting with Council.

➤ Housing Seminar, April 19, 2018, 5:00 pm, at Maawn Doosh Gumig.

Motion #10. MOVED BY: John Adams  
SECONDED BY: Marina Plain

That Aamjiwnaang Chief and Council, acknowledges the Housing Committee Meeting Motions and Minutes of February 15, 2018, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

**Item #7: Emergency Management Planner – Notification Report February 2018**

**Follow Up:**

Discussion: It was suggested that a new practice of evaluating the severity of an incident to determine any safety violations and the possibility of increasing danger or impact on the environment be looked at. It was suggested that the Emergency Management Planner and Environment Coordinator, review “Cause and Review” practices for use in the community.

➤ Emergency Management Planner and Environment Coordinator, review “Cause and Review” practices for use in the community

Motion #11. MOVED BY: John Adams  
SECONDED BY: Marina Plain

That Aamjiwnaang Chief and Council acknowledges the Emergency Management Planner, Notification Report for February 2018, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

**Item #8: Community Services Committee Meeting Minutes – January 31, 2018**

**Follow Up:**

Discussion: No Comments.

➤ None Required.

Motion #12. MOVED BY: Tom Maness  
SECONDED BY: Darren Henry

That Aamjiwnaang Chief and Council acknowledges the Community Services Committee Meeting Minutes, of January 31,

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2018, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

**Item #9: Membership Officer – Register Change Report February 2018**

**Follow Up:**

Discussion: No Comment.

➤ None Required.

Motion #13. MOVED BY: Darren Henry  
SECONDED BY: Marina Plain

That Aamjiwnaang Chief and Council acknowledges the Membership Officer, Register Change Report of February 2018, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

**Item #10: Correspondence and Information**

**a) Community Information Officer Briefing Note – Re: Cannabis Legislation (FYI)**

**Follow Up:**

Discussion: There was a brief discussion regarding the impending Cannabis Legislation and the importance of reaching out to the community to gather feedback on the matter.

➤ A community information session will need to be scheduled to discuss the matter.

Councillor John Adams and Errnol Gray attended the Anishinabek Nation Cannabis Legislation information session on March 6-7, 2018. A verbal review of the meeting was provided and it was noted that the meeting was well attended and the implications of legalization may have a significant impact on First Nation communities across the nation. Pros and Cons of marijuana use were noted and it was stressed that the community will need to be consulted on the matter. It was mentioned that Aamjiwnaang will need to be in a position to make an informed decision and educate self and others on all legislation (i.e. permitting, growing, distributing, etc.). It was noted that documents from the meeting will be circulated for Council to review.

Motion #14. MOVED BY: Marina Plain  
SECONDED BY: Tom Maness

That Aamjiwnaang Chief and Council acknowledges the Community Information Officer, briefing note regarding Cannabis Legislation. And the matter be Tabled until further

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discussion.

MOTION CARRIED

**b) Tecumseh Community Development Corporation (TCDC) – Re: Notice of Annual Meeting of Members (AMM)**

**Follow Up:**

Discussion: There were brief comments on who attended in previous years and how many additional people may attend on behalf of Aamjiwnaang.

➤ BCR to be prepared for April 3, 2018

Motion #15 MOVED BY: John Adams  
SECONDED BY: Marina Plain

That Aamjiwnaang Chief and Council acknowledges the Tecumseh Community Development Corporation notice of Annual Meeting of Members, and appoints Councillor Darren Henry, current Board Member and Councillors Shawn Plain and Tom Maness to attend the meeting at London, Ontario, April 20, 2018.

MOTION CARRIED

**c) Assembly of First Nations – Re: Call for Bids to Host the 2019 Annual General Assembly**

**Follow Up:**

Discussion: There were brief comments and it was determined that Aamjiwnaang and surrounding area do not have the required needs to host the Assembly of First Nations.

➤ None Required.

Motion #16. MOVED BY: Darren Henry  
SECONDED BY: Marina Plain

That Aamjiwnaang Chief and Council acknowledges the Assembly of First Nations, call for bids to host the 2019 Annual General Assembly, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

**d) TKemlúps te Secwépemc (Kamloops Indian Band) – Re: First Nation Cannabis Tax Jurisdiction**

**Follow Up:**

Discussion: It was suggested that the information from Kamloops, be included in information packages for the scheduled Cannabis Legislation community information meeting.

➤ None Required.



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Motion #17. MOVED BY: Darren Henry  
SECONDED BY: John Adams

That Aamjiwnaang Chief and Council acknowledges the TKemlúps te Secwépemc (Kamloops Indian Band), regarding the First Nation Cannabis Tax Jurisdiction, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

**Item #10: New Business**

**a) COO – Re: Special Chiefs Assembly, April 17-19, 2018**

**Follow Up:**

Discussion: Hold until April 3, 2018, so the Chief can speak to it.

➤ **TABLED**

**b) KEB Education Funding Allocation Agreement 2018/2019**

**Follow Up:**

Discussion: The Education Coordinator, provided a brief update for the correspondence and noted that a letter was drafted and signed by the Chief and was forwarded to the Regional Director General, per Council direction of March 5, 2018. There was expressed concern with moving forward and signing the funding agreement as presented. It was mentioned that there has been a breach of trust due to the reduced amount of funding listed in the presented agreement. It was noted that strategic planning needs to take place and Aamjiwnaang needs to be prepared to ensure all enrolled post-secondary school students have uninterrupted funding for their needs. Finalizing the funding agreement is to remain a priority.

➤ None Required.

Motion #6. MOVED BY: Shawn Plain  
SECONDED BY: Marina Plain

That Aamjiwnaang Chief and Council acknowledges the Education Coordinator, verbal report and furthermore, to withhold signing the Kinomaadiziwin Education Board – Education Funding Allocation Agreement 2018/2019, until confirmation of post-secondary funding is received.

MOTION CARRIED

**c) Finance Coordinator Briefing Note – Re: 2018/2019 Tobacco Allocation**

**Follow-Up:**

Discussion: Councillor Shawn Plain, excused himself from the discussion due to Conflict of Interest.

➤ Council Motion for tobacco distributors to be looked up.

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The Finance Coordinator provided a brief overview of the quota assignment and noted changes for a few of the tobacco distributors. Council was asked about previous direction regarding the number of tobacco distributors in the community. It was noted that there is previous direction.

Motion #18. MOVED BY: Tom Maness  
SECONDED BY: John Adams

That Aamjiwnaang Chief and Council acknowledge the Finance Coordinator briefing note and accepts the recommendation, that all nine (9) retailers would be included in the 2018/2019, Tobacco Allocation.

MOTION CARRIED

**d) Councillor John Adams – Re: Anishinabek Nation Minerals and Mines Meeting**

**Follow-Up:**

Discussion: Councillor Adams presented the information and expressed interest in attending the meeting at Rama, along with Councillor Gray.

➤ Accommodations to be confirmed.

Motion #19. MOVED BY: Marina Plain  
SECONDED BY: Tom Maness

That Aamjiwnaang Chief and Council appoints Councillor John Adams and Errnol Gray to attend the Southeast/Southwest Regional Round Table meeting at Rama, Ontario, April 24, 2018.

MOTION CARRIED

**e) Councillor Errnol Gray – Re: Anishinabek Nation Governance Working Group Meeting**

**Follow-Up:**

Discussion: Councillor Gray presented the information and expressed interest in attending the meeting at Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, on March 28-29, 2018.

➤ Accommodations to be confirmed.

Motion #20. MOVED BY: Darren Henry  
SECONDED BY: Shawn Plain

That Aamjiwnaang Chief and Council appoints Councillor Errnol Gray to attend the Anishinabek Nation Governance Working Group meeting at Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, on March 28-29, 2018.

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MOTION CARRIED

**Item #11: No In-Camera Business**

**Item #12: Adjournment**

Motion #21. MOVED BY: John Adams  
SECONDED BY: Darren Henry

That Aamjiwnaang Chief and Council Adjourns at 8:18 P.M.

MOTION CARRIED

Recorded By:  
Lynn M. Rosales,  
Band Council Clerk