

AAMJIWNAANG
Community Information Meeting
Monday, May 14, 2018 - 5:00 PM

The Community Information Meeting was held on the above-date at Maawn Doosh Gumig Community and Youth Centre in the Banquet Room at 5:00 pm.

Council Members Present:

Chief Joanne Rogers	Councillor Shawn Plain	Councillor John Adams
Councillor Darren Henry	Councillor Marina Plain	Councillor Errnol Gray
Councillor Mike Jackson	Councillor Tom Maness	

Council Member Regrets:

Councillor Sherri Crowley (Bereavement)	Councillor Dallas Sinopole (Personal)
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Staff Present:

June Simon, Band Manager	Rose John, Finance Coordinator
Jessica Pickett, Lands Management Officer	Carolyn Nahmabin, Membership Officer
Brian Bois, Public Works Coordinator	Sharilyn Johnston, Environment Coordinator
Carole Delion, Economic Development Coordinator/Project Manager	

Others Present:

Janice Rogers	Carlyle Maness
Marion Waters	Sue Rogers
Annabelle Cornelius	Stephanie Rogers
Peggy Rogers	Ada Lockridge
Jacky Cunningham	Tina Johnston
Geraldine Robertson	Dorothy Gilbert
Susan Burt	Philip Maness
Jenn Cottrelle	Courtney Jackson
Sheila Firth	Sophie Solaras
Sidney Maness	Sherry Rogers
Anthony Plain	Arielle Rogers
Randi Rogers	Paula Williams
Jacqueline Joseph	William Cottrelle
Shelley Adams	Mia Cottrelle
Alan Plain	Tracey George
Verda Maracle	Audrey Jacobs
George Pitfield	Amy Williams
Terry W. Williams	Poblo Cottrelle
Gail Drakes	Carolyn Bressette
Janet Fawcett	John White
Alysha White	Linda Rogers
Danalynn Williams	Raymond Williams, Sr.
Wilma Simon	Rob Williams

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Glynnis Williams	Diane Williams
Ravena Williams	Robin Wood
MaLynda Maness	Jeremy Fisher
Kevin Plain	Dan Henry
David Plain	Elizabeth Plain
Natalie Nahmabin	Bonnie Plain
M. Pauline Williams	Brennan Williams
Romane Domke	Geezhig Bressette
Roger Williams	Justin Waters
James Maness	Jordan Adams
Rebecca Adams	Lisa Williams
Hunter Adams	Frances Pawis
Becky Maness	Roxanne Oliver
Mariah Maness-Henry	Billi-Jo Oliver
Charles Rogers	Jeff Williams
Mark Rogers	Mike Plain, Sr.
Wilson Plain, Jr.	Dorothy Plain
Annette George	Denise Gray
Dawn Maness	Laurie Nahmabin
Frances Maness	Tracey George
Marie Simcoe	Alyssa Plain
Geri Oxlade	Liz Cronk
Christina James	Ada Plain
Wilson Plain, Sr.	Travis Gray
Chris Plain	Diane Love
Alan Boam	Heide Bois
Christine Plain	Pam Williams
Terry B. Williams	Ashley Ayers
Leanne Williams	Emily Williams
Fenton Plain	Jarrod Wrightman
James Wrightman	Charlie Maness
Shawnacey Williams	Nathanial Stonefish
Scott Robertson, Partner Nahwegahbow Corbiere	Jim Rattis, Associate Nahwegahbow Corbiere

Opening Remarks:

Chief Joanne Rogers welcomed everyone to the meeting and expressed her appreciation for everyone attending the meeting and noted that Elder Pauline Williams would be offering a prayer and Elder Roger Williams would offer a smudge to those who wish to participate. The agenda was reviewed and it was noted that the purpose of the meeting is for Chief and Council to provide an update on the matters listed in the agenda and listen to comments and concerns from Aamjiwnaang community members.

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There was a question with regards to whether the meeting is a Band Meeting or Community Meeting? And what the difference is? It was noted that generally, information meetings are for general discussion of community business anyone may attend. A Band Meeting is specifically for Band Members only and motions may be taken from the floor.

Item #1: Clench Defalcation Settlement Agreement Update

Discussion: Chief J. Rogers, introduced Mr. Scott Robertson and Mr. Jim Rattis, both are from Nahwegahbow, Corbiere – Genoodmagejig Barristers and Solicitors Law Firm.

Mr. Scott Robertson, reviewed the timeline of events that have taken place since Nahwegahbow, Corbiere has been involved in the negotiation process and procedural steps that have taken place. It was noted that earlier in the day a meeting was held with Kettle and Stony Point First Nation legal team and a letter has been forwarded to the federal negotiators which provided them with an update on the progress of negotiations.

Questions:

- What comparison has been used for the settlement offer by the government?
- What additional information will be shared with the community?
- Why has the matter not moved forward? A meeting was held two years ago and community direction was given to go to arbitration if an agreement with Kettle and Stony Point First Nation is not accepted for the 68.5%/31.5% apportionment.
- Were the 2012 negotiations with the federal government separate?
- Are historical records and information available?

Comments:

- The federal government has a standard formula for determining a land settlement offer, and is based on an 80%/20%. (*The 80/20 represents the ratio of 80% of the compensation brought forward by Consumer Price Index (CPI) and 20% compounded annually.*)
- The government has made an offer, the matter should be kept out of the courts because Aamjiwnaang is entitled to the money in the settlement offer.
- It is hard to predict any future settlements, only the past can be looked at and researched for discrepancies.
- Kettle and Stony Point First Nation members are not informed of the matter, and have requested to attend Aamjiwnaang meetings. Can there be a joint meeting of membership?
- Arbitration is a lengthy process and is binding, it may result in the matter never being resolved, because the final decision must be accepted and ratified by both communities. The matter may be reviewed by a non-native who has no knowledge of the two communities, and would based the decision on the facts presented.

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- It was mentioned that the terms of negotiation for the apportionment of the funds was decided by the community to be 68.5%/31.5% and is based on the 1919 separation of the Aamjiwnaang and Kettle and Stony Point.
- Aamjiwnaang has a constitution in place and Aamjiwnaang has the authority to govern self and we need to start using the document for our community.
- The government has created the situation with an offer being made to both communities as opposed to offering separate settlement offers.
- The federal negotiators have noted that the settlement offer will be recalculated with the additional time that it has taken to negotiate the settlement apportionment.
- Need to make a declaration to Canada and have them move on the matter to assist with resolving the issue of apportionment.
- The federal government is not concerned with moving the matter forward and have no concern with Aamjiwnaang and Kettle and Stony Point disagreeing with unrest between the communities.

Follow-Up:

- A community survey will be conducted within the next few weeks and will followed up with another meeting for Band Members only.
- Mark Rogers, requested a copy of historical records on the Clench Defalcation.
- Elizabeth Plain, requested that it be noted and recorded that she wants her share of the Clench Defalcation Settlement money to go her heirs.

Item #2: Permit to Reside

Discussion: Chief J. Rogers, introduced Economic Development Coordinator/Project Manager, who was appointed to present information on the matter.

The message was conveyed that matter of Permits to Reside should have been handled in a different manner. A copy of the correspondence and Permit to Reside Application should have been sent to each household as opposed to individual homes. It was noted that the notices were sent to homes that were on file in the Membership and Finance records, and that existing information should have been confirmed prior to proceeding with mailouts. It was also noted that the Permit to Reside was put in place by a previous Chief and Council of the early 1960's, and current sitting Chief and Council made the decision to ensure the past process was being followed.

Questions:

- Do off-reserve members have to pay into or have deductions taken from their distribution to support on-reserve expenses?
- What is the CPIC for?
- Why is the Permit to Reside being focused on now?
- Who determines if an unfavorable CPIC is unfavorable/favourable?
- What is the process for CPIC review?

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Comments:

- The letter that was sent out was very poorly put together and is based on gossip, hearsay and rumor and violates human rights.
- There is a previous standing Motion in Council that states spouses do not have to pay for the Permit to Reside fees.
- It was noted that payments have been faithfully paid for the past 40 years and there should be equal treatment across the board for everyone.
- CPIC's are requested for the safety of everyone living in the community, and everyone is aware of who is living in the community, and Chief and Council are the ones to review the CPIC's.
- CPIC's may not be required for everyone.
- Chief and Council should be required to submit CPIC's, when they are running/elected (should be a pre-requisite).
- It was noted that someone who was born here in Aamjiwnaang, married out, then moved back and had to pay for a Permit to Reside until her transfer back to Aamjiwnaang was approved and the payments were made without a fuss.
- What is the problem with asking for CPIC's, we all want a safe community and there are many people who volunteer and offer their time to the community and contribute freely, and they pay their fees.
- Maybe everyone who comes for programming should have to pay a fee so that its fair and equal treatment for everyone.
- The issue may be related to procedural problems and a by-law could eliminate misunderstandings. The current process is being dictated by the Indian Act and the constitution should be used to determine direction from Aamjiwnaang, for Aamjiwnaang.
- An apology was offered for the earlier outburst and it was suggested that a letter of apology be sent out to everyone for the Permit to Reside process and how it was brought to the people.
- The \$100.00 application fee is too much and should be reconsidered.
- It was noted that the Permit to Reside has been actively in place since the early 1960's and has been amended from time to time.
- It was mentioned that in the terms of the Permit to Reside that anyone who presents unfavourable or undesirable behaviour they may be asked to leave the community.
- The community members should be the ones to determine undesirable people.
- The Permit to Reside is a controversial issue and feedback from the community is important to hear, and if some people are paying then all people should have to pay, that is equal and fair treatment.

Follow-Up:

- By-Law – look up all amendments and prepare an update version.
- Apology letter to the community.

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- Door to Door census to get an accurate number of all people living on-reserve.
- Develop parameters for CPIC review and requests. Also need to determine what the community wants and do not want for CPIC review and requests.

Item #3: Fishing Permit

Discussion: Chief J. Rogers, introduced the Lands Management Officer, who was appointed to present information on the matter.

Background Information was provided on how the Fishing Permit was developed and why. It was also noted that there was a community member present at the Regular Council Meeting when the Fishing Permit was approved and they could comment on the proposed course of action and provide input for Council to make their final decision. It was also noted that Chief and Council gave direction to the Development Committee to develop the permit based on community concerns with: over crowding; non-native and non-community members fishing from Aamjiwnaang shores; being disrespected; and, garbage along Aamjiwnaang shores.

It was stressed that the Fishing Permit is in place for non-members only, and members may request guest passes for daily use, this measure is in place to simply monitor the number of fishers only and is hoped to address the issue of over crowding.

The MNR was asked to assist with monitoring the situation and are not coming in to charge members. The MNR, can issue fines and enforce non-natives fishing along Aamjiwnaang shores.

The process will be reviewed at the end of the current process that has been put in place and all comments and concerns from this meeting will be reviewed at that time, and a meeting will be specifically to hear additional concerns.

Questions:

- The large rocks, what are they for and why were they placed where they are? (information will be shared when the Shoreline Softening Project is reviewed)
- Why is the MNR in Aamjiwnaang?

Comments:

- Aamjiwnaang should create a by-law for fishing, with own regulations.
- Determine how to track the number of people fishing daily and how many fish are being caught.
- May want to consider creating designated areas specifically for community members, painted lines.
- All Aamjiwnaang members have the right to fish and hunt within the traditional treaty territory.
- Some community members expressed disapproval of the MNR being present in the community and monitoring the fishers. It was mentioned that members were asked

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how many fish they've caught, notes were also being taken. Community members have no trust in the MNR being in the community.

- It was stressed that the Fishing Permit is specifically for non-members.
- The MNR was brought in to assist with crowd control and they can press charges on violators who are over fishing and are fishing illegally. They are not present to police Band members.
- There was a discussion about entering into an Memorandum of Understanding, agreement with the MNR, where clear terms of what Aamjiwnaang wants can be listed.
- No MNR is wanted in the community!!
- Aamjiwnaang should be employing our own security, not public works employees, to assist with policing the shores of Aamjiwnaang. It was mentioned that security will not have the ability to press charges for violators.
- It was noted that Chief and Council, took-action based on community concerns and complaints.
- Fishing is an inherent right of the people.
- Need to come up with a way to enforce own by-laws, enforcement officer.
- Should consider reducing the cost of the Fishing Permit, the cost for buying a provincial licence is only \$100.00 for one-year. And, if someone is a holder of a provincial licence, are they still required to have a Fishing Permit from Aamjiwnaang? Yes, they will be required to have a Fishing Permit, and they must have a guest pass and/or are fishing with a member as a guest.

Follow-Up:

- Create a Fishing By-Law.
- Train someone as an enforcement officer.
- No MNR in the community.
- Security should be able to distribute guest passes, and they will be put in place to assist with monitoring the situation.
- Education on the matter needs to be a priority.
- A meeting will be scheduled for hunters and fishers, for continued development.

Item #4: Shoreline Softening Project

Discussion: Chief J. Rogers, introduced the Environment Coordinator, who was appointed to present information on the matter.

A complete history of the Shoreline Softening Project was reviewed and the number of focus groups were held in the community since 2013. It was also mentioned that having a focus group specifically for the fishers in the community was overlooked and apologies were conveyed. At the end of the presentation everyone who was still present, was invited to attend the upcoming community engagement for the project on May 30, 2018, from 3:00 – 7:00 pm, at Maawn Doosh Gumig. The agenda for the meeting will cover the extension of the existing pier, the new swimming platform, landscaping, new dock and new fishing pier.

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A brief review of pollution fishery was also provided. It was noted that due to high levels of mercury in the river in the 1970's the local fishery was shut down.

Comments:

- There could have been a focus group for the fisher people.

Follow-Up:

- Life Rings to be placed at the new piers, new swimming platform and new dock.
- Community Engagement to include fisher people.

Closing Remarks:

Chief Joanne Rogers, thanked everyone for attending and offering comments. Chief and Council, and staff will be reviewing the recorded comments to ensure that what the people want is inclusive of continued development of community initiatives.

Written Remarks:

Randi Rogers, 1720181001 – I agree with the Permit to Reside to be implemented, if members from other First Nations want to be here without a fee perhaps we could have an election to adopt these new members. Non-members native and non-native should have to pay and not come from our band funds. I agree with the Fishing Permit and see all positives for our community coming from this. I appreciate all what Chief and Council have done to put this together. You have shown that the community has been heard.
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Recorded By: Lynn M. Rosales, Aamjiwnaang Council Clerk