

**Aamjiwnaang  
Community Information Meeting - BAND MEMBERS ONLY Minutes**

**The Community Information Meeting - BAND MEMBERS ONLY Meeting was held in the Maawn Doosh  
Gumig, at 6:00 PM on Sunday, July 8, 2018**

**Present** Chief Joanne Rogers, Councillor Dallas Sinopole, Councillor Errnol Gray,  
Councillor John Adams, Councillor Mike Jackson, Councillor Shawn Plain,  
Councillor Marina Plain, and Councillor Tom Maness

**Staff Present** June Simon, Band Manager, Lynn Rosales, Council Clerk, and Sandy Waring,  
Community Information Officer

**Guests Present**

Marie Simcoe	Harrison Plain
Lorrie Giorgi	Chris Plain
Kelly Williams	Janelle Nahmabin
Jennifer Pimental	Janes Maness
Arno Yellowman	Tony Jacobs
Bonnie Williams	Shelly Glombowski
Shawnacey Williams	Virginia Nahmabin
Annabelle Cornelius	Dorothy Gilbert
Wilson Plain, Jr.	Kevin Plain
Winterson Rogers	Peggy Rogers
Ada Plain	Phil Maness
MaLynda Maness-Henry	Nim Plain
LaDonna Maness	Geroge Pitfield
Frieda Stewart	Shari Eyre
Alyssa Plain	Debbie Cottrelle
Diane Williams	Ravena Williams
Sheila Firth	Marion Waters
Verna Cottrelle	Lynwood "Poblo" Cottrelle
Jacqueline Joseph	Ada Lockridge
Jeremy Fisher	Terry Fisher
Frances Maness	Mike Plain, Sr.
Darlene Williams	Mary Lou Williams
Bonnie Plain	Geri Oxlade
Christine Plain	Mark "Monk" Rogers
Steve DeGurse	Mary DeGurse
Lareina Rising	Shelly Redmond

Alissa Myers  
Elizabeth Cronk  
Geraldine Robertson

Selina "Kim" Henry  
Annette Geroge

## 1. WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS

### 1.1 Chief Joanne Rogers

Chief Joanne Rogers, offered opening remarks for the meeting, welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked staff for planning and organizing. Mr. Scott Robertson, Associate, Nahwegahbow Corbiere, was introduced and those present were informed that Mr. Robertson will present the results of the survey.

Mr. Robertson, provided a brief update and noted that there has been much that has taken place since the last meeting. Said, Miigwech, to the community for responding to the survey and expressing their concerns and commenting on the Clench Defalcation Claim Settlement. A brief review of the prepared power point presentation followed the opening statement which led into an open question answer session, key concerns were:

#### Arbitration:

The Arbitration process was reviewed, and it was clearly noted that it could take several years to have a ruling and then both Aamjiwnaang and Kettle and Stony Point First Nation (KSPFN) would still have to successfully ratify the ruling that is handed down and the ruling is final. The ruling might well depend on the arbitrator, and could take up to 2-years, all historical records have to be reviewed by the arbitrator and may want to interview community members from both communities. Both communities have to agree on the arbitrator. And, the community may want an arbitrator who is receptive and knowledgeable about Anishinabe culture and tradition and willing to base their decision on those values.

If arbitration is the decision – both communities would put forth a name of an arbitrator and then both have to agree on the arbitrator – the final decision is binding and cannot be appealed, ever.

#### Ratification:

Aamjiwnaang and KSPFN, must first agree to the 50/50 apportionment of the settlement funds, then a tri-partite agreement will need to be drafted that includes the government of Canada, then a ratification vote has to take place, if a threshold of voters does not show to vote, then there is no ratification. It was also noted that the federal government would have to accept the settlement agreement and the with the change in the government it is hoped that the amount of the original offer will not change.

#### Community Member Comments:

Mark Rogers – referenced the historical information that provided and asked why every band member was not provided with a copy of the information years ago when the claim process started.

A crime was committed and the Indian Agent of the day misappropriated funds that were

supposed to be paid to the community and never was. The government has now made an offer to resolve the matter and settle the outstanding claim of that Indian Agent.

Mr. Robertson – Noted that in the initial stages of research information is generally not shared and there have been meetings with KSPFN to resolve and they have participated in meetings.

Will Chief and Council have a question on the ballot for accepting the 50/50 split at the upcoming election poll? And, what about the ratification costs, who pays for those costs. Mr. Robertson, noted that negotiations are still ongoing with KSPFN, however, the ratification costs will be covered by the federal government.

Is KSPFN accepting of a 50/50 split? Mr. Robertson, noted that KSPFN listed that they wanted a 50/50 in their initial BCR. Aamjiwnaang wanted the 68.5%/31.5% split and negotiation have been ongoing since that time and have been unsuccessful.

#### Survey Results:

Chief Joanne Rogers, provided a brief overview of the efforts of the sitting Council, and it was noted that leadership was working to resolve the matter based on the initial direction that the community gave. The survey results have indicated that a 50/50 apportionment of the settlement funds is what the people want and that is what will be pursued. It was also noted that the survey was widely publicized using social media and staff assistance was offered for those who completed the survey using the OneFeather services.

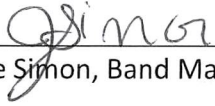
The survey results were reviewed and was followed by a brief question answer session, the following concerns and comments were noted:

- Will Chief and Council follow through with the results of the survey or will they be moving forward based on their own decision.
- If the people want 50/50, that is the mandate Council will move forward with
- The claim was settled based on Aamjiwnaang research.
- May be important to stress the time it may take to resolve a split based in 68.5%/31.5% as opposed to 50/50.

## 2. CLOSING REMARKS

- 2.2 Chief Joanne Rogers, thanked everyone for attending the evening meeting and expressed her appreciation for those who took the time to attend and participate in the discussion. It was noted that Council will be meeting with legal to plan and move forward with community direction.

The Community Information Meeting Concluded at 7:50 P.M.



June Simon, Band Manager



Lynn Rosales, Band Council Clerk