

**Aamjiwnaang
Regular Council Minutes**

**The Regular Council Meeting was held in the Administration Complex - Council Chambers, at 5:00 PM on
Monday, October 15, 2018**

Present Chief Chris Plain, Councillor Shawn Plain, Councillor Janelle Nahmabin, Councillor Dallas Sinopole, Councillor Marina Plain, Councillor John Adams, Councillor Mike Jackson, and Councillor Tom Maness

Regrets Councillor Janelle Nahmabin (Arrived 6:08 PM)

Staff Present June Simon, Band Manager, Rose John, Finance Coordinator, Vicki Ware, Education Coordinator, and Lynn Rosales, Council Clerk

Guests Present Alan Plain, Community Member

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Council Meeting was called to order by Chief Chris Plain, at 5:04 P.M. and offered a prayer.

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Item #1: Regular Council Meeting Minutes of October 01, 2018

Motion #01-Oct-15-2018

Moved by: Shawn Plain
Seconded by: John Adams

That Aamjiwnaang Chief and Council adopts the Regular Council Meeting Minutes, of Monday, October 1, 2018, with noted changes.

CARRIED.

Item #2: Special Council - Local Industry Leaders - Tuesday, July 17, 2018

Motion #02-Oct-15-2018

Moved by: Dallas Sinopole
Seconded by: Shawn Plain

That Aamjiwnaang Chief and Council acknowledges the Special Council Meeting Minutes, of Tuesday, July 17, 2018, as presented.

CARRIED.

Item #3: Special Council - Council Orientation - 21 August 2018

Motion #03-Oct-15-2018

Moved by: John Adams
Seconded by: Shawn Plain

That Aamjiwnaang Chief and Council acknowledges the Special Council Meeting Minutes, of Tuesday, August 21, 2018, as presented.

CARRIED.

3. COMMUNITY MEMBER

Item #4: Mr. Alan Plain - Collection of Fossils

Mr. Alan Plain, was in attendance with respect to his fossil collection that he would like to sell to Aamjiwnaang for historical/educational purposes. He noted that there is a business in the City of Sarnia, where people pay to view fossils and artifacts, and there could be a similar opportunity for Aamjiwnaang to do the same. It was noted that in the past when he came it was recommended that he have the collection appraised and develop a plan for what he hopes to come of his request. He noted that the fossils and artifacts have been collected in and around Aamjiwnaang territory. It was noted that there is a special projects coordinator, and perhaps he can meet with that staff to develop a plan for the fossils and artifacts. Council needs a concrete plan and a recommendation from staff/committee, for consideration.

It was also noted that when the second span of the Bluewater Bridge was being built that thousands of fossils and artifacts were unearthed and are being stored and are on loan at two different universities. There has been no plan to date to have those artifacts returned to the community and perhaps this situation can be considered with a comprehensive plan for all artifacts that are owned by Aamjiwaang and other community members. Mr. Alan Plain, noted the importance of honouring our past, the Chief's, the Princesses, community champions need to be recognized, we need to

honour our community and bring the bundles together.

In closing, the Chief and members of Council thanked Mr. Alan Plain, for attending about his request and noted that the Band Manager, will give direction to the appropriate staff for follow-up. Mr. Alan Plain, thanked Council for their time and noted that he will be back with more information as requested.

4. EDUCATION

Item #5: Kinoomaadziwin Education Body Inc. (KEB) - Financial Statements for Period Ending March 31, 2018

The Education Coordinator, was asked to comment further on the work and activities of the KEB. She noted that the KEB has hired regional coordinators and administrative support, they are in the process of setting up the records management system for participating First Nations of the AES. The post-secondary funding matter has been resolved and Aamjiwnaang will be in receipt of their full funding in future years.

Motion #04-Oct-15-2018

Moved by: Marina Plain

Seconded by: Dallas Sinopole

That Aamjiwnaang Chief and Council acknowledges the Kinoomaadziwin Education Body Inc., Financial Statements for the period from November 30, 2017, to March 31, 2018, as presented.

CARRIED.

Item #6: Collaborative Service/Program Agreement Between LKDSB and Aamjiwnaang

The Education Coordinator, provided a brief update and noted that the agreement has been accepted by both parties and signed.

Motion #05-Oct-15-2018

Moved by: John Adams

Seconded by: Mike Jackson

That Aamjiwnaang Chief and Council acknowledges the Collaborative Service/Program Agreement between Lambton Kent District School Board and Aamjiwnaang First Nation and the Mental Wellness Referral form, as presented.

CARRIED.

Item #7: Kinomaadziwin Education Body - October 3, 2018 Letter to Ministers

The Education Coordinator, briefly reviewed the information in the correspondence and noted that it was there was adequate funding for Tiers 1, 2 and 3, and the submission is for informational purposes only.

5. FINANCE

Item #8: Finance Committee Meeting of October 11, 2018

The Finance Coordinator, noted that she would appreciate Council making separate motions for each recommendation in the Finance Committee Meeting Minutes.

Motion #06-Oct-15-2018

Moved by: John Adams

Seconded by: Shawn Plain

That Aamjiwnaang Chief and Council acknowledges the Finance Committee Meeting Minutes of October 11, 2018, as presented.

CARRIED.

Item #9: Briefing Note - 2018 Distribution and Community Notice

The Finance Coordinator, noted that information in the briefing note was updated and the Council Clerk, confirmed that the updated version was uploaded to the meeting agenda. The Chief, offered brief comments for the requested update. It was noted that the community should be informed about how the 2018 distribution was calculated, to further understand the increase, and it should be stressed that at other times the amount may be lower. It was suggested that information be prepared for posting at the open house event and on distribution day.

Motion #07-Oct-15-2018

Moved by: John Adams

Seconded by: Shawn Plain

That Aamjiwnaang Chief and Council acknowledges the Finance Coordinator, briefing note and accepts the Finance Committee recommendation that the distribution for December 2018, be \$600.00 (six-hundred dollars); and further that, the calculation on how annual distribution will be determined be added to the Finance Policy and the Band members be informed at our annual Budget meeting; and further that, the distribution notice for the community is approved, as presented.

CARRIED.

Item #10: Auditor Appointment

The Finance Coordinator, noted that BDO submitted an offer for consideration and the annual increase in service fees is minimal.

Motion #08-Oct-15-2018

Moved by: John Adams

Seconded by: Shawn Plain

That Aamjiwnaang Chief and Council accepts the Finance Committee recommendation to grant BDO Canada LLP – Sarnia Branch a three-year contract for auditing services for Aamjiwnaang First Nation.

CARRIED.

Item #11: Financial Policy Update - Travel Expenses

The Finance Coordinator, noted that after review of the provincial and federal standards, they do not encourage travel after hours, however, it is at the discretion of the traveller to determine their travel time. I was also noted that insurance has been consulted on the matter and there are no set standards for travel time. The changes will be reflected in the travel expenses section of the Finance Policy.

Motion #09-Oct-15-2018

Moved by: John Adams

Seconded by: Shawn Plain

That Aamjiwnaang Chief and Council accepts the Finance Committee recommendation to approve the Travel Expenses, changes and that the updated policy will be effective immediately and included in the Aamjiwnaang Financial Policy, with noted change.

CARRIED.

Item #12: Permit to Reside Update

The Finance Coordinator, provided a brief update on the direction of the Finance Committee on the matter.

Item #13: Amending Agreement - Agreement No.: 1617-ON-000063, Amendment No.: 0012

The Finance Coordinator, provided a brief update on the funding increase and noted that the amending funding agreement requires signatures.

Motion #10-Oct-15-2018

Moved by: Dallas Sinopole

Seconded by: Marina Plain

That Aamjiwnaang Chief and Council accepts the Amending Agreement No.: 1617-ON-000063, Amendment No.: 0012, as presented.

CARRIED.

6. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Item #14: Briefing Note - Collaborative Process on Indian Registration, Band Membership and First Nation Citizenship

The Chief, noted that he attended a meeting with respect to the matter of First Nation Membership and changes are going to be implemented for membership eligibility. It was also mentioned that Aamjiwnaang has opted in to participate in the Southern First Nation Secretariat focus group discussions.

Motion #11-Oct-15-2018

Moved by: Marina Plain

Seconded by: Janelle Nahmabin

That Aamjiwnaang Chief and Council acknowledges the Economic Development Department briefing note and selects Monday, October 29, 2018, for the focus group with Sisco & Associates Consulting Services.

CARRIED.

Item #15: Development Committee Meeting Minutes of August 9, 2018 and August 23, 2018

Discussion on August 9, 2018 - One of the Motions in the Meeting Minutes, gave direction to staff. It was noted that it is not the mandate of a Standing Committee to give direction to staff, they are to make recommendations to Council for consideration.

Discussion on August 23, 2018 - There were brief comments with respect to the membership process, it was noted that questions may be answered that the upcoming presentation.

Motion #12-Oct-15-2018

Moved by: John Adams

Seconded by: Mike Jackson

That Aamjiwnaang Chief and Council acknowledges the Development Committee Meeting Minutes of August 9, 2018 and August 23, 2018, as presented.

CARRIED.

Item #16: Membership - Register Change Report for August and September 2018

There were no comments or concerns.

Motion #13-Oct-15-2018

Moved by: Shawn Plain

Seconded by: Dallas Sinopole

That Aamjiwnaang Chief and Council acknowledges the Membership, Register Change Reports for August 2018 and September 2018, as presented.

CARRIED.

7. HEALTH

Item #17: Briefing Note - Medical Transportation Amendment

The Health Director, provided a brief update for the increase in medical transportation funding and reviewed the information for the approved medical driver rates. There were brief comments with respect to parking fees for those visiting cancer clinics. It was suggested that the Health Director, look into the matter.

Motion #14-Oct-15-2018

Moved by: Dallas Sinopole
Seconded by: Marina Plain

That Aamjiwnaang Chief and Council acknowledges the Health Director briefing note and accepts the recommendations as follows:

1. To approve the Amending Health Funding Contribution Agreement 1516-ON-00088-A0015, with the Department of Indigenous Services Canada, to provide a funding increase for Medical Transportation; and,
2. To approve the proposed changes to the flat rates for Contract Drivers.

CARRIED.

Item #18: Briefing Note - Environmental Health Project

The Health Director, provided a brief overview of the joint session that took place last year and noted that comments and discussion at the meeting provided the working group with areas to focus on for the Environmental Health Project. It was also noted that the proposals are being submitted for consideration and to date there is no commitment from the ministry for funding.

Discussion included:

- separating the scope of the project into different projects
- mapping contaminants - an environmental issue
- expected outcomes of the project
- compensation was provided to project participants in a previous study which increases project expenses
- there has always been follow-up, but there has never been anything specific done with the results of the study
- what is Aamjiwnaang hoping to confirm with the project

Motion #15-Oct-15-2018

Moved by: Tom Maness
Seconded by: Janelle Nahmabin

That Aamjiwnaang Chief and Council acknowledges the Health Director briefing note and agree to:

1. Prioritize the scope of work for the Environmental Health Project as Storytelling and Community Cancer Profile;
2. That Cambium Aboriginal is selected for Project Management; and,
3. The Finance Coordinator, is to bring back a recommendation to Chief and Council for funding options.

CARRIED.

8. ENVIRONMENT

Item #19: Emergency Management Planner - Notification Report and Notification Report for Training Activities at Local Industry Facilities for September 2018

It was noted that there are a high number of incidents being reported from Imperial Oil and Nova Chemicals. It was suggested that this could be an agenda item for the next meeting with local industry leaders as this is a concern for Aamjiwnaang.

Motion #16-Oct-15-2018

Moved by: Dallas Sinopole
Seconded by: Marina Plain

That Aamjiwnaang Chief and Council acknowledges the Emergency Management Planner - Notification Report and Notification Report for Training Activities at Local Industry Facilities for September 2018, as presented.

CARRIED.

Item #20: Memo - Environment Seminar Request

The Chief, noted that the Environment department is looking for confirmation of the presented dates for upcoming Environment Seminars.

Motion #17-Oct-15-2018

Moved by: Marina Plain

Seconded by: John Adams

That Aamjiwnaang Chief and Council acknowledges the Environment Consultation Worker memo and accepts the date of November 22, 2018 for the next Environment Seminar. Further that, the proposed dates for quarterly Environment Seminars be set as February 28, 2019, May 23, 2019, August 22, 2019 and November 28, 2019.

CARRIED.

9. CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION

Item #21: Mnaasged Child and Family Services Annual General Assembly Notice

The Chief, noted that this is an annual event and requested names of those who are available to attend.

Motion #18-Oct-15-2018

Moved by: John Adams

Seconded by: Dallas Sinopole

That Aamjiwnaang Chief and Council acknowledges Mnaasged Child and Family Services, Annual General Assembly notice and per Corporate By-Laws, appoints Councillor Mike Jackson, Mnaasged Board Member, Chief Chris Plain and Councillors Janelle Nahmabin and Marina Plain, to attend at Caldwell First Nation on Wednesday, November 28, 2018,

CARRIED.

Item #22: Stepping Stones - Annual General Assembly Notice

The Chief, noted that this is an annual event and asked who was available to attend.

Motion #19-Oct-15-2018

Moved by: Mike Jackson

Seconded by: Dallas Sinopole

That Aamjiwnaang Chief and Council acknowledges Stepping Stones, Annual General Assembly notice and appoints Councillor Marina Plain, Stepping Stones Board Member, and Corporate Board Members Councillor John Adams and Councillor Shawn Plain, to attend on Friday, November 9, 2018, location is yet to be determined.

CARRIED.

Item #23: Saugeen Ojibway Nation - Free, Prior and Informed Consent Conference 2018

The Chief, noted that he is interest in attending the event and is requesting support to attend.

Motion #20-Oct-15-2018

Moved by: Marina Plain

Seconded by: Shawn Plain

That Aamjiwnaang Chief and Council acknowledges the Saugeen Ojibway Nation, Empowering Our Future Conference Notice and appoints Chief Chris Plain, to attend at Blue Mountain Inn Conference Centre, October 24-26, 2018, and report back to Council.

CARRIED.

Item #24: Anishinabek Nation - First Nations Citizenship Regional Sessions

The Chief, noted that the Membership Officer has been provided with the information and that it would be beneficial for her to attend.

Motion #21-Oct-15-2018

Moved by: John Adams

Seconded by: Marina Plain

That Aamjiwnaang Chief and Council acknowledges the Anishinabek Nation, First Nations Citizenship Regional Sessions notice and that an appropriate member of staff be delegated to attend at Vaughn, Ontario, on November 8, 2018.

CARRIED.

Item #25: National Aboriginal Lands Managers Association

It was noted that the correspondence is being presented for Chief and Council acknowledgement at the request of the Lands Management Officer.

Motion #22-Oct-15-2018

Moved by: Shawn Plain

Seconded by: Dallas Sinopole

That Aamjiwnaang Chief and Council acknowledges the National Aboriginal Lands Managers Association correspondence of September 27, 2018, to Ministers Bennett and Philpot, regarding Reserve Land Environmental Management Program National Engagement, as presented.

CARRIED.

Item #26: Indigenous Services Canada - 2018-19 Annual Performance Inspections of First Nation Water and Wastewater System in Ontario

There were brief comments with respect to water testing reports and clarifying what is shared with the community.

Motion #23-Oct-15-2018

Moved by: Marina Plain

Seconded by: John Adams

That Aamjiwnaang Chief and Council acknowledges the Indigenous Services Canada correspondence of September 18, 2018, regarding the 2018-19 Annual Performance Inspection of First Nations Water and Wastewater Systems in Ontario, as presented.

CARRIED.

Item #27: Indigenous Services Canada - 2017-2018 Tribal Council Funding Consolidated Report DCI#5677661

There were no comments or concerns regarding the information in the correspondence.

Motion #24-Oct-15-2018

Moved by: Dallas Sinopole

Seconded by: John Adams

That Aamjiwnaang Chief and Council acknowledges the Indigenous Services Canada correspondence

of September 19, 2019, regarding 2017-2018 Tribal Council Funding Consolidation Report DCI#5977661, as presented.

CARRIED.

10. NEW BUSINESS

Item #28: The Band Manager

1. Wonderland Trip for Halloween - The Band Manager, provided a brief update and noted that there was over 200 interested people and the draw will take place after this evening. Additional tickets will be purchased for those who wish to drive.
2. Day -2 Strategic Planning - The Band Manager, requested the Council select a date to complete the strategic planning. Saturday, October 27, 2018, from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm, in the Council Strategic Planning.

Item #29: Councillor Dallas Sinpole - Scott Road Rail Tracks

Councillor Sinopole, requested an update on the matter of the train tracks on Scott Road. The Chief, noted that the matter will be looked into.

Item #30: Chief Chris Plain - Riverbank Ownership

The Chief, provided a brief update on the ownership of the Riverbank from Marlborough Lane to LaSalle Line. He attended a meeting with the Lands Management Officer and government officials and information needs to be confirmed for accuracy. It was noted that legal has been consulted with on the matter and more discussion will need to take place. The Lands Management Officer will be preparing a briefing note on the matter for Council information and consideration of the matter.

Item #31: Councillor Marina Plain

1. Loan on Distribution - A community member has approached her about getting financial assistance and the possibility of getting an advance on distribution. Councillor Marina Plain, requested how to respond to the individual. The Chief, noted that he was also made aware of the situation and there are no advances on distribution, however, the matter is being looked into by the appropriate department.
2. Treaty Council - Council was asked if they were still interested in supporting the Waawayaatanong Treaty Council. It was noted that funding support was provided at one time but none in the following year. It was also noted that a

report of the Coordinator work is forthcoming and Walpole is preparing a financial statement on the Coordinator work.

3. Bluewater Bridge Authority - Are those meetings still taking place and could follow-up meetings continue with what was started. It was noted that there have not been any meetings since the last one that was held in July 2018. The Chief, will reach out to Mr. Joe Dedecker.
4. Community Information Meetings - Councillor Marina Plain, asked about taking important issues to the community for general information. It was noted that Community Information Meetings are scheduled when important information needs to be shared with the community.

Item #32: Councillor Janelle Nahmabin

1. Vandalism at the Cemetery - It was noted that there was some vandalism that took place and it was suggested that perhaps a community clean-up take place and followed up with a feast. It was suggest that having a gate installed and limit visiting to day time to further deter vandals, may be a good alternative. The Public Works Coordinator. To follow-up with the having a gate installed.
2. New Burial Ground - Councillor Janelle Nahmabin, requested an update on the matter and it was noted that the Lands Management Officer and Public Works Coordinator are looking into the matter and will be bringing a recommendation when a location has been identified.

Item #33: Chief Chris Plain

1. Pipeline Advances - The Chief, informed Council that he has had requests with respect to pipeline advance and why they are no longer approved. There were brief comments and it was noted that there was a concern with multi-year advances and legal was consulted and it was not a good practice to get into when funding had not been received yet.

11. IN-CAMERA SESSION

The Chief opened the In-Camera Session at approximately 8:50 P.M.

The In-Camera Session concluded with adjournment at 9:01 P.M.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Motion #25-Oct-15-2018

Moved by: John Adams
Seconded by: Dallas Sinopole

That Aamjiwnaang Chief and Council Adjourns at 9:01 P.M.

CARRIED.



June Simon, Band Manager



Lynn Rosales, Band Council Clerk