

Aamjiwnaang Regular Council Minutes

The Regular Council Meeting was held in the Council Chambers, at 5:00 PM on Monday, January 21, 2019

- Present** Chief Chris Plain, Councillor Shawn Plain, Councillor Dallas Sinopole, Councillor Marina Plain, Councillor Janelle Nahmabin, Councillor John Adams, Councillor Mike Jackson, and Councillor Tom Maness
- Regrets** Chief Chris Plain - Arrived at 7:37 PM (Personal)
Councillor Mike Jackson - Excused at 7:04 PM (Work)
- Staff Present** June Simon, Band Manager, Lynn Rosales, Council Clerk, Vicki Ware, Education Coordinator, Christine James, Environment Consultant Worker, Rose John, Finance Coordinator, and Lorrie Guggisberg, Human Resources
- Guests Present** Phil Maness - Community Member

1. APPOINTMENT OF THE CHAIRPERSON

Motion #01 - Jan 21 2018

Moved by: Mike Jackson
Seconded by: Shawn Plain

That Aamjiwnaang Council appoints Councillor John Adams, as the Regular Council Meeting Chairperson in the absence of the Chief.

CARRIED.

2. CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Council Meeting was called to order by Councillor John Adams, at 5:04 P.M. and Councillor Shawn Plain, offered a prayer.

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Item #2: Regular Council - Monday, January 14, 2019

- It is to be noted that Councillor Marina Plain, attended the Band Representative Conference and that "Personal" is to be changed to Band Business.

- Item #17, #22 and #24 - Wording changes as noted by Councillors.

Motion #02 - Jan 21 2018

Moved by: Shawn Plain

Seconded by: Dallas Sinopole

That Aamjiwnaang Chief and Council adopts the Regular Council Meeting Minutes, of Monday, January 14, 2019, with noted changes.

CARRIED.

4. LANDS DEPARTMENT

Item #3: Briefing Note - Sun Canadian Pipeline Update

The A/Land Management Officer, was in attendance and provided an update on the matter and noted that further direction is required from the Council table. It was suggested that legal opinion on the matter is to be obtained before proceeding with granting access for the integrity dig. It was noted that an agreement may also be needed to protect Aamjiwnaang assets and interests as well as the landowner.

Motion #03 - Jan 21 2018

Moved by: Marina Plain

Seconded by: Mike Jackson

That Aamjiwnaang Council acknowledges the A/Lands Management Officer, briefing note and accepts the recommendation that legal be requested to comment on the matter for further consideration.

CARRIED.

5. EDUCATION

Item #4: Kinoomaadziwin Education Body - Support Funding for Student Information Management Systems

The Education Coordinator, was in attendance and provided a brief overview of the funding and noted that it will be allocated to support management of student information.

Motion #04 - Jan 21 2018

Moved by: Janelle Nahmabin

Seconded by: Marina Plain

That Aamjiwnaang Council acknowledges the Kinooaadziwin Education Body correspondence of January 14, 2019, regarding support funds in the amount of \$3,000.00 for the AES Student Information Management Systems, as presented.

CARRIED.

Item #5: Kinooaadziwin Education Body (KEB) - Support Funds for AES Data & Information Consent

The Education Coordinator, was in attendance and provided a brief overview of the funding and noted that consent forms have to be kept on file for each student. There was a question about the status of the funding agreement and relationship with Lambton-Kent District School Board and if it has improved? It was noted that the agreement is outstanding, however, KEB staff have been here for meetings and discussions are proceeding well and that the working relationship is improving.

Motion #05 - Jan 21 2018

Moved by: Shawn Plain

Seconded by: Marina Plain

That Aamjiwnaang Council acknowledges the Kinooaadziwin Education Body correspondence of January 14, 2019, regarding support funds in the amount of \$2,800.00 for the AES Student Data & Information Consent.

CARRIED.

Item #6: Kinooaadziwin Education Body - Niigan Gdizhaami Forum and Youth Forum Notices

The Education Coordinator, was in attendance and provided a brief overview of the February Forum and noted that there is a separate youth forum. Council was also informed of the youth selection process and noted that last year male students were selected with the assistance of the workers and committee.

Motion #06 - Jan 21 2018

Moved by: Shawn Plain
Seconded by: Marina Plain

That Aamjiwnaang Council acknowledges the Kinoomaadziwin Education Body correspondence and notice of January 16, 2019, regarding invitation to attend the 2019 Niigaan Gdizhaami "We Are Moving Together" Forum and Youth Forum, to be held at Toronto, Ontario, February 26-27, 2019. Further that Chief Chris Plain and Education Portfolio holders, Councillor Mike Jackson, are appointed to attend and report back. Further that, the Education Committee assist with the selection of two students and chaperons.

CARRIED.

Item #7: Memo - Education Committee Recommendation & Meeting Minutes of November 28, 2018

Motion #07 - Jan 21 2018

Moved by: Shawn Plain
Seconded by: Marina Plain

That Aamjiwnaang Council acknowledges the Education Committee Meeting Minutes of November 28, 2018, and accepts the recommendation that Andrea Grondin, be appointed to the Regional Education Committee (REC) #4, as Aamjiwnaang's representative.

CARRIED.

6. FINANCE

Item #8: Amending Agreement No.: 1617-ON-000063; A-0016

The Finance Coordinator, was in attendance and provided a brief overview of the new funding.

Motion #08 - Jan 21 2018

Moved by: Tom Maness
Seconded by: Mike Jackson

That Aamjiwnaang Council accepts the Amending Agreement No.: 1617-ON-000063, Amendment No.: 0016, as presented.

CARRIED.

Item #9: Lambton Kent District School Board (LKDSB) Invoice - 298-IN

The Finance Coordinator, was in attendance and provided a brief overview of the invoiced amount from LKDSB and noted that education funding has been received from the Kinnoomaadziwin Education Body for the current fiscal year.

Motion #09 - Jan 21 2018

Moved by: Janelle Nahmabin

Seconded by: Tom Maness

That Aamjiwnaang Council approves payment to the Lambton Kent District School Board for: Secondary 40 ADE @ 12.270.84/10 Months x 5 Months, in the amount of \$245,416.80 and Elementary 95 ADE @ 10.915.93/10 Months x 5 Months, in the amount of \$518,506.70, as noted in Invoice Number: 298-IN, noting total amount due upon receipt is \$763,923.50.

CARRIED.

Item #10: On-Reserve Housing Program - 2017/18 Commitment - 5 Units

The Finance Coordinator, was in attendance and provided a brief overview for the funding and noted terms of the of the agreement and interest rate. It was also noted that a ministerial loan will be required, documents will be forthcoming.

Motion #10 - Jan 21 2018

Moved by: Shawn Plain

Seconded by: Dallas Sinopole

That Aamjiwnaang Council accepts the Canadian Mortgage Housing Corporation - Project Operating Agreement for On-Reserve Housing Program (NHA Section 95) in the amount of \$743,000.00, as presented.

CARRIED.

Motion #11 - Jan 21 2018

Moved by: Marina Plain

Seconded by: Mike Jackson

That Aamjiwnaang Council accepts the Canadian Mortgage Housing Corporation - Subsidy Commitment Letter, dated January 14, 2019, as presented.

CARRIED.

7. SOCIAL SERVICES/BAND REPRESENTATIVE

Item #11: Briefing Note - Program Update

The Social Services Coordinator/Band Representative, was in attendance and distributed printed copies of her report for Council to review. Key areas of concern were reviewed for clarification. It was noted that Tracey O'Donnell, Anishinabek Nation (AN), Legal representative, will be in the community for February 5, to answer questions that anyone may have on the AN - Draft Child Well-Being Law. The Child Well-Being Law working group will be meeting in Aamjiwnaang on February 6, from 8:30-4:30, which is an opportune time for further discussion, the Chief and Councillors are welcome to attend the meeting. Staff training was briefly reviewed and it was noted that there is additional funding available for a community training initiative, more information will be provided as it comes available. Council was informed that minor capital funding is available to support the acquisition of a conceptual drawing to expand the annex to accommodate the growing number of staff.

The Finance Coordinator, clarified what minor capital funding is and the projects have already been identified for this years budget. It was also noted that the Band Representative program is now receiving funding from the government that may be able to be used to support the request. There were comments with respect to rebuilding and identifying an alternate location for a new building. Other funding sources were noted and should be considered for future development and other identified projects.

There were brief comments on the two-positions that will be posted, one is to fill an existing position and the other would be a new position and would require funding to be identified to support it. Other areas that will be focused on is the repatriation of children back to the community and ensuring records are shared between agencies as needed.

Motion #12 - Jan 21 2018

Moved by: Marina Plain

Seconded by: Mike Jackson

That Aamjiwnaang Council acknowledges the Social Services Coordinator briefing note and accepts the following recommendations:

1. Approve to proceed with obtaining an inspection on the existing building to determine feasibility of expansion;
2. Obtain an on-site Environmental Screening; and,
3. That the Band Representative funding is to be allocated to obtain the noted reports.

CARRIED.

Motion #13 - Jan 21 2018

Moved by: Marina Plain

Seconded by: Shawn Plain

That Aamjiwnaang Council acknowledges the Social Services Coordinator briefing note and accepts the recommendations to post for a Prevention Worker Position, per Aamjiwnaang hiring policy.

CARRIED.

Motion #14 - Jan 21 2018

Moved by: Marina Plain

Seconded by: Shawn Plain

That Aamjiwnaang Council acknowledges the Social Services Coordinator briefing note and accepts the recommendations to approve to post for an Administrative Assistant/Legal Clerk, per Aamjiwnaang hiring policy.

CARRIED.

Motion #15 - Jan 21 2018

Moved by: Marina Plain
Seconded by: Dallas Sinopole

That Aamjiwnaang Council acknowledges the Social Services Coordinator briefing note and accepts the recommendation to approve the Sarnia-Lambton Children's Aid Society to provide Mnaasged Child and Family Services requested data.

CARRIED.

8. STANDING COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL

Item #12: Governance Committee - Recommendation

There was a question with respect to the budget, and how the line items were determined? It was noted that a budget from 2008 was found and used as a guide to draft a new budget. It was noted that the budget may be a bit inflated but can be adjusted to reflect what Council wants, and will most likely not come in at the noted amount. A more detailed budget with line items for expenditures is required for further consideration.

TABLED Until the next Regular Council Meeting of February 5, 2019.

Item #13: Governance Committee Meeting Minutes of January 7, 2019

Motion #16 - Jan 21 2018

Moved by: Shawn Plain
Seconded by: Marina Plain

That Aamjiwnaang Council acknowledges the Governance Committee Meeting Minutes of January 7, 2019, as presented.

CARRIED.

Item #14: Environment Committee Meeting Minutes of December 18, 2018

Motion #17 - Jan 21 2018

Moved by: Janelle Nahmabin
Seconded by: Marina Plain

That Aamjiwnaang Council acknowledges the Environment Committee Meeting Minutes of December 18, 2018, with noted changes.

CARRIED.

9. CHIEF AND COUNCIL

Item #15: Cannabis Task-Force - Cannabis Community Survey - Draft

It was suggested that a FAQ sheet be attached to the survey for general information purposes to ensure everyone is informed about the subject matter. It was suggested to host a community information session about Cannabis and Cannabis use. It was also suggested to include links for additional information right on the survey that people can use to access additional information for themselves. It was noted that there should be a process in place for the regulation of a controlled substance.

Motion #18 - Jan 21 2018

Moved by: Marina Plain

Seconded by: Janelle Nahmabin

That Aamjiwnaang Council acknowledges the draft Aamjiwnaang Cannabis - Community Survey, and approves that it go out to the community that a link be included where participants can access additional information on Cannabis. The survey's will be posted out until February 15, 2019.

CARRIED.

Item #16: Councillor Marina Plain - Community Presentation Rights Recognition Framework

Councillor Marina Plain, provided a brief overview on the matter and noted that she sits on the volunteer working group at Chiefs of Ontario. She feels as though it is important for community members to hear a presentation from Grand Chief Gord Peters on the subject. It was also noted that community members need to be informed of important matters that may have an impact on them.

Motion #19 - Jan 21 2018

Moved by: Marina Plain

Seconded by: Janelle Nahmabin

That Aamjiwnaang Council acknowledges Councillor Marina Plain's information submission on

Canada's Recognition and Implementation of Indigenous Rights Framework, and agrees to host a community presentation about the noted framework.

1-Abstained - Councillor Shawn Plain

CARRIED.

Item #17: Councillor Janelle Nahmabin - Public Letter of Support Unist'ot'an Camp

Councillor Janelle Nahmabin, provided reasoning for the request and noted that perhaps a link can be included on our website for community members to access more information on the matter. There were brief comments with respect to Hereditary Council or Elected Council. It was mentioned that jurisdiction and respecting the process of the government need to be considered in expressing support.

Motion #20 - Jan 21 2018

Moved by: Janelle Nahmabin

Seconded by: Marina Plain

That Aamjiwnaang Council acknowledges Councillor Janelle Nahmabin's request to provide a public letter of support towards the Unist'ot'en Camp.

CARRIED.

Item #18: Mnaasged Child and Family Services - Draft BCR

TABLED

10. CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION

Item #19: Peace Hills Trust Workshop - Stick Handling Negotiations in Today's Challenging Environment

The Finance Coordinator, noted that she has contact one of the organizers and has requested that a workshop be offered here in the community for anyone else who may be interested in attending.

Motion #21 - Jan 21 2018

Moved by: Dallas Sinopole
Seconded by: John Adams

That Aamjiwnaang Council acknowledges the notice from Peace Hills Trust Workshop "Stick Handling Negotiations in Today's Challenging Environment", to be held at Rama, Ontario, February 28, 2019. Further that, Councillor Janelle Nahmabin and Councillor Tom Maness (pending community workshop confirmation) is appointed to attend and report back to Council.

CARRIED.

11. NEW BUSINESS

Item #20: 2019 New Years Eve Round Dance - Financial Report

The Finance Coordinator, was in attendance and provided a copy of a detailed report for the 2019 New Years Eve Round Dance, and noted that the report accurately reflects the funds allocated for the event. It was mentioned that more community members should be approached to assist in the planning process.

Motion #22 - Jan 21 2018

Moved by: Janelle Nahmabin
Seconded by: Tom Maness

That Aamjiwnaang Council acknowledges the Aamjiwnaang 2018 New Years Eve Round Dance, cost tracker and expense report, as presented.

CARRIED.

Item #21: Environment - Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency - Master Contribution Agreement and Draft BCR

The Environment Coordinator, was in attendance and noted that the Master Contribution Agreement was distributed at the last Council meeting to allow more to for review. It was noted that a BCR is required to proceed with preparing an agreement for signatures.

Motion #23 - Jan 21 2018

Moved by: Janelle Nahmabin
Seconded by: Marina Plain

That Aamjiwnaang Council adopts BCR 2018/2019 #28, with respect to the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency - Master Contribution Agreement (10-Year) funding program.

CARRIED.

Item #22: Councillor Janelle Nahmabin - Conference Call

Councillor Janelle Nahmabin informed Council that she will be participating in a conference call with Audrey Mascarenhas, President and CEO of Questor Technology on Tuesday to continue the first conversation from November 2018, where they met at the Indigenous Solutions to Environmental Challenges Conference in Banff, Alberta.

Item #23: Chief Chris Plain - Senior Complex

The Chief noted that renovations on a rental unit at the Senior's Complex is taking longer than anticipated and the tenant is requiring assistance. Details of the assistance was provided and it was agreed that the proposed assistance is acceptable given the circumstances.

Item #24: Band Manager - All My Relations Conference

The Band Manager, reminded everyone about the upcoming "All My Relations" Conference taking here at Aamjiwnaang on January 24-25, 2019 at Maawn Doosh Gumig, and that all are welcome to attend.

12. IN-CAMERA SESSION

The In-Camera Session commenced at 7:20 P.M. and concluded at 7:25 P.M.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Motion #24 - Jan 21 2018

Moved by: Janelle Nahmabin
Seconded by: Dallas Sinopole

That Aamjiwnaang Chief and Council Adjourns at 8:28 P.M.

CARRIED.


June Simon, Band Manager


Lynn Rosales, Band Council Clerk