

Aamjiwnaang Regular Council Minutes

The Regular Council Meeting was held in the Council Chambers, at 5:00 PM on Monday, November 18, 2019

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

Regret Chief Chris Plain - Out of Town Council Business

Staff Present June Simon, Band Manager, Lynn Rosales, Council Clerk, Rose John, Finance Coordinator, Patrick Nahmabin, Community Information Officer, Brian Bois, Public Works Coordinator, and Ashley Jackson, Council Clerk

Guests Present Kevin L Martin, C.E.T, President

1. APPOINTMENT OF THE CHAIR

Item #1: That Aamjiwnaang Council appoints Councillor Shawn Plain as Chair for tonight's Regular Council Meeting.

Motion #01 - 18 Nov 2019

Moved by: Tom Maness
Seconded by: Marina Plain

That Aamjiwnaang Council appoints Councillor Shawn Plain, as the meeting Chair in the absence of the Chief.

CARRIED.

2. CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Council Meeting was called to order by Councillor Shawn Plain, at 5:00 P.M. and Lynn Rosales, Council Clerk, offered a prayer.

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Item #2: Regular Council Meeting - Monday, November 4, 2019

Motion #02 - 18 Nov 2019

That Aamjiwnaang Council adopts the Regular Council Meeting Minutes, of Monday, November 4, 2019, with noted changes.

CARRIED.

4. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Item #3: Memorandum - Re: Health Centre Expansion Project Status Report

The Economic Development Coordinator, along with KL Martin, was in attendance for discussion of the status update. Council was presented with some options for consideration on how to move forward with the project and reallocation of funding that has been approved through CORP. There were brief comments around the table and it was determined that Council would appreciate a brief overview of the tendering process with a more detailed presentation at an upcoming Economic Development Seminar.

KL Martin, proceeded to provide a brief overview of the prepared information which lead into comments around the table on the matter. It was noted that before Council moves forward with making a decision that possible contractors or project lead should be identified in the community to see if there is interest. Information is to be brought forward to the Economic Development Seminar. It was noted that Council needs to determine and name a contractor within the 90 day period, which is January 3, 2020.

The Project Team will consist of the Band Manager, Public Works Coordinator and Economic Development Coordinator - primary goal is to reach out and identify an interested party for project management/construction management.

The Finance Coordinator, was also commented that Council needs to identify where the funds will be allocated from to cover the costs of the proposed Health Centre Expansion.

Motion #03 - 18 Nov 2019

Moved by: Janelle Nahmabin

Seconded by: Mike Jackson

That Aamjiwnaang Council acknowledges the Economic Development Coordinator Memorandum regarding Health Centre Expansion Project Status Report, as presented.

CARRIED.

Motion #04 - 18 Nov 2019

Moved by: Mike Jackson

Seconded by: John Adams

That Aamjiwnaang Council approves the use of the Gaming Agreement Funds, be allocated to cover the costs of the Health Centre Expansion project.

CARRIED.

Item #4: Memorandum - Re: Economic Development Seminar Dates

Motion #05 - 18 Nov 2019

Moved by: Janelle Nahmabin

Seconded by: Marina Plain

That Aamjiwnaang Council acknowledges the Economic Development Coordinator's Memorandum regarding Economic Development Seminar dates and selected December 9, 2019, from 5:00-7:00 P.M.

CARRIED.

5. EDUCATION

Item #5: Briefing Note - Re: Assembly of First Nation Chiefs Committee on Education, Information to Kinomaadziwin Education Body Chiefs Committee

Motion #06 - 18 Nov 2019

Moved by: Mike Jackson

Seconded by: Marina Plain

That Aamjiwnaang Council acknowledges the Education Coordinator's Briefing Note regarding Assembly of First Nation Chiefs Committee on Education, Information to Kinomaadziwin Education Body Chiefs Committee, as presented.

CARRIED.

Item #6: Education Seminar Request

Motion #07 - 18 Nov 2019

Moved by: Marina Plain

Seconded by: Dallas Sinopole

That Aamjiwnaang Council agrees to hold an Education Seminar on January 15, 2020, from 5:00-7:00 PM, at Maawn Doosh Gamig.

CARRIED.

6. EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Item #7: Notification Report - September 2019

Motion #08 - 18 Nov 2019

Moved by: Marina Plain

Seconded by: Tom Maness

That Aamjiwnaang Council acknowledges the Emergency Management Planner's Notification Report for September 2019 and October 2019, as presented.

CARRIED.

Item #8: Notification Report - October 2019

Item #9: Notification Report for Training Activities at Local Industry Facilities - September - October 2019

Motion #09 - 18 Nov 2019

Moved by: Marina Plain

Seconded by: Dallas Sinopole

That Aamjiwnaang Council acknowledges the Emergency Management Planner's Notification Report for Training Activities at Local Industry Facilities for September - October 2019, as presented.

CARRIED.

7. STANDING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL

Item #10: Finance Meeting Minutes October 22, 2019

Councillors Dallas Sinopole, Janelle Nahmabin and Shawn Plain, were excused from the discussion for Conflict of Interest.

The Finance Coordinator, provided a brief

Motion #10 - 18 Nov 2019

Moved by: John Adams

Seconded by: Marina Plain

That Aamjiwnaang Council acknowledges the Finance Coordinator's Standing Committee Meeting Minutes October 22, 2019, as presented.

CARRIED.

Motion #11 - 18 Nov 2019

Moved by: Marina Plain

Seconded by: Mike Jackson

That Aamjiwnaang Council approves the Finance Committee Recommendation #1 as follows:

1. Establish the original cost of the home;
2. Allow credit for rent paid by other tenants;
3. Apply rent paid to date by present tenant;
4. Offer a mortgage for the Balance owing after the CMHC mortgage is paid; and,
5. Send letters to tenants and inform them of the costs with the formula and give the opinion to increase their payment monthly if they would like.

CARRIED.

Item #11: Housing Meeting Minutes - October 1, 2019

Motion #12 - 18 Nov 2019

Moved by: Dallas Sinopole

Seconded by: Tom Maness

That Aamjiwnaang Council acknowledges the Housing Coordinator's Standing Committee Meeting Minutes October 1, 2019, as presented.

CARRIED.

Item #12: Housing Meeting Minutes - October 15, 2019

Motion #13 - 18 Nov 2019

Moved by: Marina Plain

Seconded by: Dallas Sinopole

That Aamjiwnaang Council acknowledges the Housing Coordinator's Standing Committee Meeting Minutes October 15, 2019, as presented.

CARRIED.

Item #13: Governance Committee - Re: Letter of Interest - Tyler Stonefish

Motion #14 - 18 Nov 2019

Moved by: Marina Plain

Seconded by: Janelle Nahmabin

That Aamjiwnaang Council acknowledges the Tyler Stonefish's Letter of Interest for the Governance Committee, as presented. Further that, he is appointed to the Governance Committee, for the remainder of the 2018/2020 Council Term.

CARRIED.

8. ADMINISTRATION

Item #14: Band Manager Report - November 2019

The Band Manager, was in attendance and provided a brief overview of the information presented in the report. Items of focused for staffing for various positions, such as janitors, PSW's, ECE's, and the movement of staff from one position/department to another; business of the program coordinator meetings; staff Christmas party; business travel for staff; expired pipeline agreements; iCompass training with staff; language use initiative with staff; and, the CIDL Drainage Issue and MTO request to install drainage.

Motion #15 - 18 Nov 2019

Moved by: Dallas Sinopole
Seconded by: Marina Plain

That Aamjiwnaang Council acknowledges the Band Manager Report, as presented.

CARRIED.

9. CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION

Item #15: Chiefs of Ontario - Special Chiefs Assembly Notice

Motion #16 - 18 Nov 2019

Moved by: Janelle Nahmabin
Seconded by: Marina Plain

That Aamjiwnaang Council acknowledges the Chiefs of Ontario - Special Chiefs Assembly notice, as presented.

CARRIED.

Item #16: Indigenous Services Canada - 2018-2019 Financial Statements Review

The Finance Coordinator, was requested to comment on and review the information in the presented document. It was noted that the document is basically a report card for Aamjiwnaang and it was noted that all funding has been accounted for in the report. There was a question about what happens when there is an unfavorable report, It was noted that there is a progressive intervention process which may lead to third-party management.

Motion #17 - 18 Nov 2019

Moved by: Marina Plain
Seconded by: Dallas Sinopole

That Aamjiwnaang Council acknowledges the Indigenous Services Canada 2018-2019 Financial Statements Review, as presented.

CARRIED.

Item #17: LAWSS Board Meeting Minutes and Information

The Council representative, noted that there is a concern about not being able to have a vote at the table when there are issues that may effect Aamjiwnaang traditional territory. It was noted that the Mayors of the Municipalities, are the ones with voting privileges on the LAWSS Board of Directors. It was noted that there is an Aboriginal Water Works Board and information for that board will be brought forward at a future Council meeting. It was noted that the current board is restructuring their policies and Aamjiwnaang may wish to consider requesting a voting seat on the LAWSS Board.

There were additional comments with respect to promoting job opportunities and career options with students while they are in school so that they can taylor their studies to pursue a career in a chosen field.

Motion #18 - 18 Nov 2019

Moved by: Janelle Nahmabin

Seconded by: John Adams

That Aamjiwnaang Council acknowledges the LAWSS Board Meeting Minutes and Information, as presented.

CARRIED.

Item #18: Shell Canada Land Transfer Document

The Band Manager, noted that the documents have been signed and have been forwarded to legal and only requires an acknowledgement.

Motion #19 - 18 Nov 2019

Moved by: John Adams

Seconded by: Mike Jackson

That Aamjiwnaang Council acknowledges the Shell Canada Land Transfer Document, as presented

CARRIED.

10. NEW BUSINESS

Item #19: Communication - Conference Calling Equipment

It was suggested to have live streaming for community members and conference

calling equipment needs are to be updated.

Motion #20 - 18 Nov 2019

Moved by: Janelle Nahmabin

Seconded by: Marina Plain

That Aamjiwnaang Council agrees that Live streaming options be researched by the Community Information Officer, and information is to be presented back to Council for consideration.

CARRIED.

Item #20: Cultural Centre Floor Plan

It was requested that the Cultural Centre floor plans be brought forward and presented to the community for comment. There were comments around the table and it was noted that the Council table has not approved a final plan.

Item #21: Business Development Moratorium

Council was informed that a utility provider emailed with questions, inquiring if the Moratorium posted in July 2019 was made a matter of public knowledge. The Community Information Officer, brought the original notice and reviewed with Council and staff are now requesting that Council provide direction on how to proceed. There were comments on tying into facility service lines for personal business development. It was noted that the original correspondence was sent to local utility providers and City of Sarnia, informing them that Council has placed a moratorium on community business development. It was noted that an Environmental Assessment is supposed to be provided for all development in the community which includes building houses as well as business.

It was noted that the Business Development protocol needs to be pushed forward and be put in place as soon as possible. There was a request for the initial information that was gathered so that Council can review and start to move the development matter forward. It was noted that Council needs to take control of the community as business development is out of control.

Motion #21 - 18 Nov 2019

Moved by: Janelle Nahmabin

Seconded by: Marina Plain

That Aamjiwnaang Council agrees to hold a Special Council Meeting on Saturday, November 23, 2019, at 8:00 am, at Maawn Doosh Gamig, to discuss Business Development Agreement.

CARRIED.

Item #22: Governance Committee

There have been questions on the forward movement of the Governance Committee and the work that was assigned. It was noted that the committee members have questioned about the status of the committee.

Item #23: Meeting with Legal

Legal has requested that a meeting be scheduled to review agreements and other outstanding issues that require further discussion from Council. A meeting will be planned to take place at 3:00 PM, which is prior to the Community Consultation Meeting that has been scheduled for Monday, November 25, 2019, at Maawn Doosh Gamig.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Motion #22 - 18 Nov 2019

Moved by: John Adams

Seconded by: Dallas Sinopole

That Aamjiwnaang Chief and Council Adjourns at 8:23 P.M.

CARRIED.