



# AAMJIWNAANG FIRST NATION Band Council

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## Community Members:

I want to take a moment to share a few key updates prior to the Holiday Break.

The one confirmed COVID -19 case within the community has been resolved and there are currently zero active cases within Aamjiwnaang. Please see the Aamjiwnaang Health Centre page for testing procedures over the Holiday Break.

Council has been meeting virtually and members are encouraged to contact Ashley Jackson to forward your matters to our attention and you are welcome to seek an invitation link to any Council meeting. We anticipate this will be the way we will be meeting until it is safe to meet in-person, at the discretion of our Advisory Team.

Council has been assigned their portfolio's and our Standing Committees are starting to meet and we still have a call out for any interested Band Members to sit on our CIDL Board. Council encourages our members to become involved and gain valuable experience. Please look for that posting and contact Ed Gilbert if you have any questions.

At the Regular Council Meeting held on December 17<sup>th</sup>, one priority item that was discussed was the Clench Settlement. Council has directed Communications Officer Patrick Nahmabin, to conduct a survey to go out in the beginning of the New Year to consult with the community on the Settlement funds. While Council has expressed commitment to a per-capita distribution, we have also committed to engaging the community and we remain committed to that and expect that process to happen prior to receiving the funds, which is expected to arrive early in the new year.

Council also wishes to inform the Community that the legal proceeding published in the Tribe Une on October 2<sup>nd</sup> and October 16<sup>th</sup>, commenced against the Band by Ms. Peters has been discontinued. As a result of this decision by Ms. Peters, Aamjiwnaang has instructed our legal representatives to close this file.

Lastly, on behalf of the Council and Staff, I want to wish you all a Safe and Happy Holiday Season and all the best in the New Year! Merry Christmas to you all!

Chief Chris Plain