

Aamjiwnaang Regular Council Minutes

The Regular Council Meeting was held in the Online Zoom, at 5:00 PM on Tuesday, August 3, 2021

Present Chief Chris Plain, Councillor Tom Maness, Councillor Mike Jackson, Councillor Shawn Plain, Councillor Lareina Rising, Councillor Joanne Rogers, Councillor Tony Jacobs, Councillor June Simon, and Councillor Darren Henry

Regrets Councillor Dallas Sinopole - Vacation

Staff Present Ashley Jackson, Council Clerk, Natasha Montano, Finance Coordinator, Patrick Nahmabin, Community Information Officer, Jamie Maness, Band Manager, and Ashley Fisher, Human Resource Officer

Guests Present

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Council Meeting was called to order by Chief Chris Plain, at 5:00 P.M. and Councillor Tony Jacobs, offered a prayer.

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Item #1: Regular Council Meeting - Monday, July 19, 2021

Motion #01-2021

Moved by: Tom Maness

Seconded by: Shawn Plain

That Aamjiwnaang Chief and Council adopts the Regular Council Meeting Minutes, of Monday, July 19, 2021, with noted changes.

CARRIED.

3. COMMUNITY MEMBER REQUESTS

Item #2: Community Member Request - Ashley Jackson

Community Member, Ashley Jackson has submitted a request for donation to the Port Huron Area Pow Wow which will be held on August 29, 2021. The funds donated will be used to help pay for costs of drummers and gifts for the dancers.

Motion #02-2021

Moved by: Tom Maness

Seconded by: Lareina Rising

That Aamjiwnaang Council acknowledge the Community Member, Ashley Jackson's request regarding a donation for the Port Huron Area Pow Wow. Furthermore, that Council approve the request for \$1300 donation in Canadian Funds.

CARRIED.

4. PUBLIC WORKS

Item #3: Briefing Note - Barriers for Right of Ways

The Aamjiwnaang Security Team had noticed vehicles in the Plains Midstream/Air Products right of way between Indian Road and Scott Road on two different dates. Sarnia Police were called on both occasions, and fines were issued. Both companies are concerned about the depth of cover in the area.

Plains Midstream indicated to the Public Works Coordinator that temporary barriers can be put in place at both ends of the location trespassed, with a small parking area. This will allow Band Members to access the area by foot for hunting purposes but prevent vehicles from entering the area.

Council have decided to approve option 2 and have Plains Midstream to put up gates at both ends of the right of way with keys to the gate be held by Aamjiwnaang First Nation, Plains Midstream and Air Products.

Motion #03-2021

Moved by: Lareina Rising

Seconded by: Mike Jackson

That Aamjiwnaang Council acknowledge the Public Works briefing note regarding Barriers for Right of Ways, as presented. Furthermore, that Council approves Option 2, to install a gate at both ends of the Right of Way with keys to the gate held by Aamjiwnaang First Nation, Plains Midstream and Air Products.

CARRIED.

5. CORPORATE MANAGER

Item #4: Briefing Note - First Nations Conservation Program and Home Weatherization Program Roll Out - Hayl Gendron

Motion #04-2021

Moved by: Lareina Rising
Seconded by: June Simon

That Aamjiwnaang Council acknowledge the Community Energy Champion's briefing note regarding the First Nations Conservation Program and Home Weatherization Program Roll Out. Furthermore, that Council approve to grant Logan Hill (the assessor from First Nations Engineering Solutions) access into the Aamjiwnaang Community from August 3, 2021 to the week of August 16, 2021 in order to visit the homes of the participants of the First Nation Conservation Program and Home Weatherization Program.

CARRIED.

Item #5: Appointment of Chair

Motion #05-2021

Moved by: Joanne Rogers
Seconded by: Mike Jackson

That Aamjiwnaang Council appoints Councillor Tom Maness to Chair the meeting until Chief Plain returns.

CARRIED.

Item #6: Briefing Note - Gas Bar Review

Chief Chris Plain and Lareina Rising have declared conflict and left the meeting, returning when the item was finished. Patrick Nahmabin has also left the meeting, due to conflict.

At a previous meeting, Council has directed the Corporate Manager to provide documentation for the Petro Canada Gas Station. Council has discussed these documents and was given a background from Councillor Tom Maness. Council have requested that Tom Maness and Tony Jacobs both attend the next Chippewa Industrial Developments Limited Board of Directors meeting to discuss the

termination of the Petro Canada Gas Station Lease and the development of a Business Plan for Aamjiwnaang to pursue a Gas Station for Aamjiwnaang.

Motion #06-2021

Moved by: June Simon

Seconded by: Mike Jackson

That Aamjiwnaang Council acknowledge the Corporate Manager's briefing note regarding the Gas Bar Review, as presented. Furthermore, that Council approves to have Councillor's Tom Maness and Tony Jacobs both attend the next Chippewa Industrial Developments Ltd. Board meeting to discuss the options of terminating the lease with Petro Canada and discussing next steps for a business plan for another Gas Station for Aamjiwnaang First Nation.

CARRIED.

6. EDUCATION

Item #7: Briefing Note - 2021-2022 Niingaan Gdizhaami Fund Approval Request

Motion #07-2021

Moved by: June Simon

Seconded by: Mike Jackson

That Aamjiwnaang Council acknowledge the Education Coordinator's briefing note regarding the 2021-2022 Fund Approval Request, as presented. Furthermore, that Council approve the 2021-2022 Niingaan Gdizhaami Fund from the Kinoomaadziwin Education Body for an Indigenous Youth Leadership project with the St. Clair Catholic District School Board in the amount of \$40,000.

CARRIED.

Item #8: Briefing Note - 2021-2022 First Nations Child Care and Child and Family Program Services Agreement

Motion #08-2021

Moved by: Tom Maness

Seconded by: Joanne Rogers

That Aamjiwnaang Council acknowledge the Education Coordinator's briefing note regarding the 2021-2022 First Nations Child Care and Child and Family Program Services Agreement, as presented. Furthermore, that Council approve the 2021-2022 Child and Family Program Services Agreement with the Ministry of Education in the amount of \$843,636.00.

CARRIED.

Item #9: 2021/2022 Additional Funding to Support COVID-19 Measures in Education

Motion #09-2021

Moved by: Tony Jacobs

Seconded by: Mike Jackson

That Aamjiwnaang Council acknowledge the 2021/2022 Additional Funding to Support COVID-19 Measures in Education, as presented.

CARRIED.

Item #10: 2021-22 PSE Financial Summary

Motion #10-2021

Moved by: Mike Jackson

Seconded by: Shawn Plain

That Aamjiwnaang Council acknowledge the 2021-22 Post Secondary Education Financial Summary, as presented.

CARRIED.

Item #11: Education Committee Recommendation - Sick Days for ABKM

Motion #11-2021

Moved by: Joanne Rogers

Seconded by: Tom Maness

That Aamjiwnaang Council acknowledge the Education Committee Recommendation regarding Sick Days for ABKM. Furthermore, that Council approve the recommendation to have sick days credited back to the students who stay home due to Covid-19 going forward from today's date, August 3, 2021.

CARRIED.

7. LANDS

Item #12: Aamjiwnaang Band Council Resolution #15-2021/2022

Motion #12-2021

Moved by: Lareina Rising

Seconded by: Mike Jackson

That Aamjiwnaang Council adopt Aamjiwnaang Band Council Resolution #15-2021/2022, as presented.

CARRIED.

Item #13: Briefing Note - Docking Permit - Request to Add to Existing Dock - TABLED

Council has requested that the Docking Permit be tabled until next Regular Council Meeting when the Lands Management Officer can be present. Council have also directed the Band Manager to complete a review of the Lands Department and return to Council with a report.

8. MEMBERSHIP

Item #14: Membership Change Report
January 2021
February 2021
March 2021
April 2021
May 2021

Motion #13-2021

Moved by: Joanne Rogers

Seconded by: Tom Maness

That Aamjiwnaang Council acknowledge the Membership Change Reports for January 2021, February 2021, March 2021, April 2021, and May 2021, as presented.

CARRIED.

9. HUMAN RESOURCES

Item #15: Briefing Note - Staff Appreciation Event - August 27, 2021

Aamjiwnaang Council was excited to see there will be an appreciation day for Aamjiwnaang Band Staff. The Human Resource Officer was in attendance to explain how the days events will occur. All Band Operations will be closed on August 27, 2021 from 12:00 PM - 4:30 PM for Staff to participate. All games will be on a Zoom call and Staff will be split into teams of five to play games and Trivia. All Coordinator's will be ordering lunch separately for each department. Due to Covid-19 Restrictions, there will not be any gathering.

Motion #14-2021

Moved by: Tom Maness
Seconded by: Mike Jackson

That Aamjiwnaang Council acknowledge the Human Resources briefing note regarding Staff Appreciation Event on August 27, 2021. Furthermore, that Council approve to close all Band Operations at 12:00 PM to 4:30 PM on Friday, August 27, 2021.

CARRIED.

10. FINANCE

Item #16: Briefing Note - CMHC Phase 8 Renewal

Motion #15-2021

Moved by: June Simon
Seconded by: Mike Jackson

That Aamjiwnaang Council acknowledge the Finance Coordinator's briefing note regarding the CMHC Phase 8 Renewal, as presented. Furthermore, that Council approve the recommendation to extend the term for 1 year and 6 months, with the mortgage to mature on March 1, 2023.

CARRIED.

11. STANDING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL

Item #17: Environment Committee Meeting Minutes

June 15, 2021
July 6, 2021

Motion #16-2021

Moved by: Joanne Rogers
Seconded by: June Simon

That Aamjiwnaang Council acknowledge the Environment Committee Meeting Minutes of June 15, 2021 and July 6, 2021, as presented.

CARRIED.

Item #18: Economic Development Committee Meeting Minutes
March 25, 2021
May 6, 2021
June 17, 2021

Motion #17-2021

Moved by: Joanne Rogers
Seconded by: Shawn Plain

That Aamjiwnaang Council acknowledge the Economic Development Committee Meeting Minutes for March 25, 2021, May 6, 2021 and June 17, 2021, as presented.

CARRIED.

12. CHIEF AND COUNCIL

Item #19: Aamjiwnaang First Nation Chief and Council Strategic Plan

Motion #18-2021

Moved by: Tom Maness
Seconded by: Mike Jackson

That Aamjiwnaang Council approve to have a Special Council Meeting on Monday, August 23, 2021 at 5:30 PM to discuss the Chief and Council Strategic Plan.

CARRIED.

13. CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION

Item #20: Grand Bend Wind Limited Partnership - Monthly Report July 19, 2021

Motion #19-2021

Moved by: June Simon

Seconded by: Mike Jackson

That Aamjiwnaang Council acknowledge the Grand Bend Wind Limited Partnership for Monthly Report July 19, 2021, as presented.

CARRIED.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Motion #20-2021

Moved by: Darren Henry

Seconded by: Mike Jackson

That Aamjiwnaang Chief and Council Adjourns at 9:06 P.M.

CARRIED.



Ashley Jackson, Band Council Clerk



Jamie Maness, Band Manager