Electoral Officer's Report

1. Name of First Nation: Aamjiwnaang
2. Band Number: 172
3. Date of Election: October 16, 2026
4. District/Region: Southwest
5. Type of election: General
6. Date of last general election: October 2024
7. Total number of band members: 2,625
8. The band council is composed of one Chief and nine (9) Councillors.

   Is there a Ministerial Order setting the size of council: YES √❑ NO ❑
9. Total number of eligible voters from the **master voters list**: 2,090
10. The ***Notice of Nomination Meeting*** was:

    a) Posted on the 4th day of September 2026, at the following locations:

Band Office	Community Centre
Band's Website	Social Media

    b) Mailed to 1,305 off-reserve electors on the 5th day of August 2026.
11. The nomination meeting was held on the 4th day of September 2026,

    at the Maawn Doosh Gumig Community Centre, from 12:00 to 7:00 p.m..
12. The ***Polling Notice*** was posted on the 9th day of September 2026 at the:

Band Office	Community Centre
Band's Website	Social Media

13. (a) Total number of mail-in ballot packages sent to **off-reserve** electors: 1,261
    (b) Total number of mail-in ballot packages sent to **on-reserve** electors: 20
    (c) Total number of mail-in ballots mailed & signed out: 1,281
14. The poll was held on the 16th day of October 2026, at the Maawn Doosh Gumig Community Centre.

15. Mail-in Ballots

		FOR CHIEF	FOR COUNCILLOR
A)	Total number of mail-in ballot packages sent to **off and on reserve** electors (including any second mail-outs to the same elector, if applicable)	1,281	1,281
B)	Total number of mail-in packages returned as undeliverable	24	24
C)	Total number of mail-in ballots returned by the elector who voted in person at the polling station	5	5
D)	Total number of mail-in ballots not deposited in the ballot box during the verification process.	9	9
E)	Total number of mail-in ballots deposited in the ballot box	123	126
F)	Mail-in ballots not returned (A – B – C – D – E) (Subtract A through E)	1,120	1,117

16. Ballot Reconciliation

		FOR CHIEF	FOR COUNCILLOR
A)	Number of **valid** ballots cast (i.e. inserted in the ballot box - including the tie breaker[1] vote, if applicable)	596	591
B)	Number of **rejected** ballots cast (i.e. inserted in the ballot box)	9	17
C)	Number of ballots spoiled (never placed in the ballot box)	1	2
D)	Number of unused ballots	236	235
E)	Total number of mail-in packages returned as undeliverable (same as 15 B)	24	24
F)	Total number of mail-in ballots returned by the elector who voted in person at the polling station (same as 15 C)	5	5
G)	Number of mail-in ballots not deposited in the ballot box during the verification process. (same as 15 D)	9	9
H)	Total provided at 15 F (Mail-in ballot not returned)	1,120	1,117
I)	Total number of ballots (A + B + C + D + E + F + G + H) (Add A through H)	2,000	2,000
J)	Total number of ballots printed (Should equal totals at (I) above)	2,000	2,000

1 In the event of a tie breaker, please complete section 22.

17. **Candidate's for Chief:**

BAND NUMBER	CANDIDATE FOR CHIEF	MAILING ADDRESS	TOTAL VOTES
[redacted]	NAHMABIN, Janelle	[redacted]	287
[redacted]	PLAIN, Christopher T.	[redacted]	**309**

18. **Candidates for Councillor:**

BAND NUMBER	CANDIDATE FOR COUNCILLOR	MAILING ADDRESS	TOTAL VOTES
[redacted]	ADAMS, John Q.	[redacted]	Withdrew
[redacted]	BRANTON, Jodi	[redacted]	88
[redacted]	CLARK, White-Lightning	[redacted]	125
[redacted]	CROWLEY, Sherri	[redacted]	**370**
[redacted]	DEGURSE, Steven	[redacted]	126
[redacted]	GEORGE, Crystal	[redacted]	161
[redacted]	HENRY, Darren	[redacted]	**277**
[redacted]	HUETE-JACOBS, Anthony	[redacted]	**175**
[redacted]	JACKSON, Michael	[redacted]	**250**
[redacted]	MANESS, Erica	[redacted]	**206**
[redacted]	MANESS, James Sr.	[redacted]	132
[redacted]	NAHMABIN, Kristal	[redacted]	**215**
[redacted]	PLAIN, Bonnie	[redacted]	135

[redacted]	PLAIN, J. Kenneth	[redacted]	**243**
[redacted]	PLAIN, Marina	[redacted]	**256**
[redacted]	PLAIN, Nesyre	[redacted]	134
[redacted]	PLAIN, Pamela	[redacted]	**165**
[redacted]	PLAIN, Wilson A. Jr.	[redacted]	141

19. The following candidates have been publicly declared elected:

(a) **To the Office of Chief:** PLAIN, Christopher

(b) **To the Office of Councillor:** CROWLEY, Sherri
HENRY, Darren
PLAIN, Marina
JACKSON, Michael
PLAIN, J. Kenneth
NAHMABIN, Kristal
MANESS, Erica
HUETE-JACOBS, Anthony
PLAIN, Pamela

20. **The term of office commences on October 17, 2026.**

21. Additional comments:

The nomination meeting process went well for this being the first time using the custom election code. One candidate was reported to verbally attack a Deputy EO regarding having to submit for a CPIC. There isn't any concrete recourse listed in the Code for "violation of respect" to the EO and DEO, this section may need to be looked at once other amendments are being addressed.

Twenty (20) mail-in ballots were mailed to the Band Office for local voters to sign out if they could not attend the vote in-person on October 16, 2026. Early requests were made directly to the EO by on-reserve voters for mail-in ballots, as well.

Once the Poll closed at 8:00 p.m. the mail-in ballots were opened. All eligible mail-in ballots were deposited into the ballot boxes. The criteria to have a ballot

deposited into the ballot box was that a voter declaration be included, on the declaration there needed to be a voter signature, witness signature, a band number &/or DOB, as well that the eligible voter did not vote in-person.

Once all mail-in ballots were deposited into the ballot boxes the councillor ballot box was opened and ballots inspected for any rejected ballots, all rejected ballots were shown to the scrutineers. This process was repeated for the Chief ballot box once all councillor ballots were tabulated.

The procedure for the counting of ballots was to have the ballots divided into 4 groups, the three Deputy's and the EO read out the votes on each ballot and scrutineers tallied at each table. At these four tables there was a recount every so often so that all talliers compared their tally to make sure all talliers had the same number of votes for each candidate, as the count progressed.

Once all the ballots were tallied the results from each table were tallied together to give a grand total for each candidate. Once the top vote getter for Chief and Councillors were determined, a declaration of those elected candidates was made by the Electoral Officer and the results immediately posted at the community centre and on social media.

The election results were mailed to off-reserve voters on October 19, 2026.

22. Explain the tie breaker method: **N/A**

23. **Declaration**

I, Vaughn Johnston, appointed to the position of Electoral Officer by BCR for the Aamjiwnaang First Nation election, declare that the polling place was kept open between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m., and that I have correctly counted the votes cast for each candidate and have performed all other duties required of me by Aamjiwnaang Inaankonigewin - Dewaabmang'waa Niigaanzijig. I further declare that a copy of the *Statement of the Votes* will be posted at each place where the *Polling Notice* was posted and will be mailed to the last known address of off-reserve electors.



October 22, 2026

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