# Special Council Meeting Aamjiwnaang First Nation Wednesday, May 25, 2016 - 2:00 p.m.

The Special Council Meeting was held on the above-date at Maawn Doosh Gumig Community and Youth Centre scheduled for 2:00 p.m.

**Council Members Present:** Chief Chris Plain, Councillor Darren Henry, Councillor Shawn Plain, Councillor Ronald C. Simon, Councillor John Adams, Councillor Lareina Rising, Councillor Randi Rogers

**Regrets:** Councillor Errnol Gray (GWG Mtg. @ SSM), Councillor Sherri Crowley (Work), Councillor Ted White Sr. (Personal)

#### **Others Present:**

Carole Delion, A/Development Coordinator Ed Gilbert, Renewable Energy Advisor Brad West, Director, Business Development, Winds and Biofuels Renewable Energy Sector Glenn Brisson, Business Development Manager/Renewable Energy Suncor

#### Call to Order:

Chief Chris Plain called the meeting to order at 2:25 P.M.

### Item #1: Overview of Suncor Proposal on Adelaide Wind Farm

Follow Up:

N/A

Discussion:

The A/Development Coordinator provided an overview of the presented information with primary focus on financing of a new loan, Aboriginal funding, and financial commitment for the proposed acquisition. A lengthy discussion followed and included: payback on the initial investment; payments made on current loan; 2017 projections with and without acquisition; wind study; Suncor is losing money; potential lenders for loan for the acquisition; others are being paid before Aamjiwnaang; corporate structure review; Council due diligence; option of Aamjiwnaang selling current shares; locked into a long-term project with no return; previous recommendation of Administration with regards to heavy investment in the energy sector; applying a moratorium on all business investments until corporate structure review is completed; the need to see all financials for a clearer understanding in the decision making process; losses in the oil industry fueling partners decision; and, limited partnership funding may be accessed for closing costs on the proposed acquisition. It was also mentioned that the Adelaide Board of Directors have not presented a budget for Council review and approval.

Motion #1.

MOVED BY: Shawn Plain SECONDED BY: Randi Rogers

That this Council does not accept the Possible Acquisition of additional 24.99% shares in the Suncor Adelaide Wind Limited Partnership at this time.

Seconder withdraws support of proposed amended motion. MOTION FALLS TO THE FLOOR

### Item #2: Suncor Letter of Interest and Presentation

Follow Up:

Discussion

Suncor representatives, Brad West, Director, Business
Development, Winds and Biofuels Renewable Energy Sector and
Glenn Brisson, Business Development Manager/Renewable
Energy Suncor, were invited to join the meeting. Introductions
around the table was followed with a short presentation by the
Suncor representatives that led into a lengthy discussion which
included: Suncor investments in offshore drilling, mining, and
renewable energy; financing options for the proposed acquisition
being offered to Aamjiwnaang; Suncor conducting wind study for
profit/loss/investment/operating costs; limited partnership

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agreement and percentage of Adder; potential income for Aamjiwnaang with additional acquisition in the Adelaide Wind LP; senior debt, lending and loan rates; and, monthly/quarterly/annual return on investment may want to be considered in the decision making process.

Chief Plain, thanked the Suncor representatives for attending and noted that Council will need to have further discussion on the matter.

Closing discussion included: Aboriginal Adder increases potential for acquisition; Aboriginal Adder may resell to another First Nation; purpose of the Aboriginal Adder is to encourage companies to engage with First Nations with limited resources for business investments/ventures; and whether or not the A/Development Coordinator is to continue discussions for the proposed acquisition.

Motion #2. MOVED BY: Shawn Plain

SECONDED BY: Ronald C. Simon

That this Council acknowledges Suncor Non-Binding Letter of Interest – Increased Participation in Suncor Adelaide Wind Limited Partnership, as presented. Furthermore, in order for Council to honour their Due Diligence in the decision making process, Council will defer the decision until the completion of the Green Energy Corporate Structure Review.

1-Opposed; Councilor Randi Rogers, opposed the project from the beginning. MOTION CARRIED

Item #3: Adjournment

Motion #3. MOVED BY: Randi Rogers

SECONDED BY: John Adams

That this Council Adjourns at 4:20 P.M.

**MOTION CARRIED** 

Recorded by: Lynn M. Rosales, A/Band Council Clerk