

Six Nations Transitioning to Provide Its Own Child Welfare

In 2016 Ogwadeni:deo (Six Nations Child Welfare) progressed to Stage C of the Child Welfare Designation Process. As part of Stage C, also referred to as the transition and implementation phase, the agency provided the Ministry of Children and Youth Services (MCYS) with a presentation on their working service delivery model.

“Our service model will demonstrate inclusiveness, non-intrusive practices and collaboration with families, clans and service providers,” said Crystal Doolittle, Director of Ogwadeni:deo. “We are supporting the building of our community capacity to respond

to situations that can be diverted from protection services and align with a community response approach.”

Earlier this year a Provisional Foster Care License was granted to the agency, enabling Ogwadeni:deo to recruit, train and assess potential caregivers. The license also allows the agency to place children with Alternative Care Homes, other family/community placements or repatriation.

“In April of this year we began providing training to all of our staff, Community Care Leaders, as well as potential and current caregivers. At this point in time four cohorts of the training have

been completed and ongoing training is planned,” added Doolittle.

The agency has since applied and is awaiting notice of approval for capital funding to have its services accessible to the community. Following completion of the full designation process, the agency will promote community capacity, customary care and healing for Six Nations children and families.

For information on upcoming training sessions and/or Six Nations Child Welfare contact Ogwadeni:deo at 226-227-2168 or visit www.sixnations.ca/CWD.

The results are in....

COMMUNITY OUTREACH SURVEY

The purpose of the Community Outreach Survey was to give Six Nations community members the opportunity to get involved and provide their input/feedback on their preferred use of the Burtch lands and some other community needs.

See Page 8 for a summary of the results

THIRD POSITIVE CASE OF RABIES ON THE TERRITORY

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) has notified Six Nations Wildlife Program and Animal Control Services that a third raccoon originating from the Grand River Territory has tested positive for rabies. Six Nations Police assisted Animal Control with safe removal of the specimen from a barn located on Mohawk Road near Third Line.

To help with the prevention and/or spread of wildlife rabies, Six Nations has and will continue taking part in a province wide aerial baiting program. Exposure to the bait (pictured below) is not harmful, however in the unlikely event that you or your pet come into contact with the vaccine contained in the bait contacting a doctor or veterinarian as a precaution is recommended.

REMEMBER TO:

- Report ALL animal bites and scratches to Six Nations Health at 519-445-2672.
- Report sick, injured or strangely behaving wildlife to Six Nations Wildlife Office at 519-445-0330.

RABIES AERIAL VACCINE PROGRAM



WHAT ARE IN THE BAITS?

There is currently one type of vaccine bait that is used in Ontario for both fox strain and raccoon strain rabies control. These "Ultra-lite" baits contain an oral rabies vaccine (ONRAB), vegetable based fats, wax, icing sugar, vegetable oil, artificial marshmallow flavour and dark-green food grade fat-soluble dye.

WHEN ARE THE NEXT BAIT DROPS?

Upcoming bait distribution is scheduled during the summer and fall of 2017. The distribution of baits is conducted in rural areas by plane with MNRF aircraft flying low-level and/or by hand in urban areas by MNRF Wildlife Technicians. If found the bait(s) should not be touched, but left for raccoons, skunks and foxes to consume.

HOW IS A BAIT DROP DONE?

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FOR MORE INFORMATION

For more information on the rabies virus and how you can protect your family and pets call Six Nations Public Health at 519-445-2672. You can also visit www.snhs.ca/hpnsRabiesBrochure.pdf or www.ontario.ca/rabies. If you are in need of Animal Control Services call 519-445-2947 OR for after-hours services call 519-445-4818.

SIX NATIONS PUBLIC HEALTH

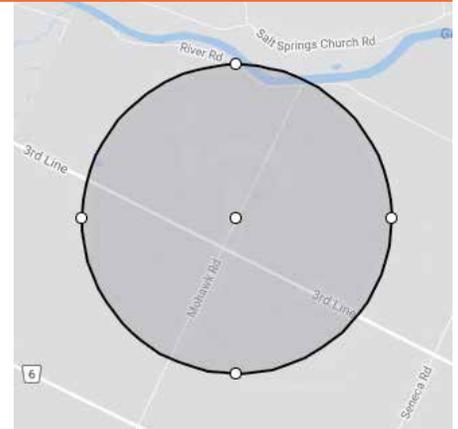
1769 Chiefswood Road, Ohsweken
P: 519-445-2672

SIX NATIONS WILDLIFE OFFICE

2676 Fourth Line, Ohsweken
P: 519-445-0330

SIX NATIONS ANIMAL CONTROL

1769 Chiefswood Road, Ohsweken
P: 519-445-2947 After Hours: 519-445-4818



PREVENTION & PROTECTION

WHAT IS RABIES?

Rabies is caused by a virus that can infect any mammal, including humans. Birds, reptiles, amphibians and fish do not get rabies.

Protect your family and pets from rabies:

- Avoid contact with live or dead animals including raccoons, skunks, bats and any unknown dogs or cats.
- Do NOT feed, help or relocate any wildlife or keep them as pets.
- Vaccinate your pets against rabies and keep vaccinations current for dogs and cats, to protect them and help prevent the virus from spread to other animals and people.
- Don't allow your pet to wander freely unsupervised, especially at night.
- Do NOT leave your pet's food outside as it can attract wildlife.
- If you suspect your pet already has rabies put him/her in a safe, remote area and call your veterinarian immediately. Keep the pet away from other people or animals until he/she has been assessed by a professional.
- Report ALL animal bites and scratches to Six Nations Public Health by calling 519-445-2672. Immediately wash all wounds with soap and water OR hand sanitizer if there is no soap and water nearby, and seek medical attention.
- Report sick, injured or strangely behaving wildlife to Six Nations Wildlife by calling 519-445-0330.

Should Six Nations Participate in the Hydro One Shares Acquisition to First Nations in Ontario?

The Government of Ontario has broadened the ownership of Hydro One, a utility owning the majority of electricity distribution and transmission infrastructure in the province. They are open to the acquisition of meaningful equity in Hydro One by First Nations in Ontario.

Now we would like to get your input on whether Six Nations should participate! Information along with a survey has been mailed and is now available online and various locations in the community. You can fill out the survey and return it to us in one of the following ways:

- Mail it to Central Administration (PO Box 5000, 1695 Chiefswood Road, Ohsweken N0A 1M0)
- Drop it off at Central Administration (1695 Chiefswood Road) Monday through Friday
- Provide your completed survey to your District Councillor
- Take the survey online at <http://www.sixnations.ca/SNHydroSharesSurvey>

Terms of acquisition of Hydro One shares to be shared by participating First Nations in Ontario:

Key Terms – Assumes 100% Participation by First Nations	
Number of Shares	14.875 million representing approx. 2.5% of Hydro One Limited
Purchase Price/Share	\$18.00/share (approx. 20% to 25% discount to market price)
Total Purchase Price	\$268 million
Loan Amount	\$268 million (fully financed by Province – no cash investment req'd)
Loan Term	25 years
Loan Interest Rate	Province's borrowing rate + 0.15%
Seed Capital for Investment LP	\$45 million to be invested for long term wealth creation
Outside Closing Date	No later than December 29, 2017 – targeting earlier date
Participation	80% of the 133 Ontario First Nations need to sign as Partners in order for the deal to be accepted (106)

Key elements to know:

- No cash investment is required by First Nations to participate
- **There is no First Nations liability for repayment of the loan**
- The transaction will not derogate from rights to pursue past grievances against former Ontario Hydro, Hydro One, OPG, OEF Corp, and Province
- A First Nations Wealth Creation Fund is being established to provide long term wealth creation for future generations of First Nations in Ontario
- This transaction is without prejudice to Six Nations 1995 litigation against Canada and Ontario

Information sessions:

- Six Nations Elected Councillors will be hosting district meetings to provide further information and/or answer any questions from community members regarding the acquisition of Hydro One shares.
- Be sure to follow Six Nations Elected Council on Facebook or Twitter @SixNationsEC for upcoming dates, times and locations. You can also visit www.sixnations.ca or contact Central Administration at (519) 445-2201.

Questions? Contact Amy Lickers

Sr. Advisor – Strategic Policy and Intergovernmental Relations, Chiefs of Ontario
 Phone: 416-597-1266 | Email: amy.lickers@coo.org



Do you need assistance with disconnections, arrears, corrections to billing information, unexplained usage, individual payment plans, incorrect smart meter readings, tax exemption, high delivery charges, budgeting or poor interaction with telephone representatives? Have you signed a contract with a retail energy company like Summit Energy or Just Energy?

FOR ASSISTANCE WITH THESE ISSUES CONTACT:

Arleen Maracle
 Community Liaison Officer

SIX NATIONS ELECTED COUNCIL CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION
 1695 Chiefswood Road, Ohsweken
 Phone: 519-445-2201 x3230
 Email: arleenmaracle@sixnations.ca
 Hours: Monday - Friday 8:30am-4:30pm

Hydro One Rates

Ontario's Fair Hydro Plan is expected to be implemented this month. The new plan includes:

- First Nations On-Reserve Delivery Credit (note: your bill MUST be tax exempt)
- An average of 25% reduction of the overall bill
- Enhanced relief through the Rural or Remote Electricity Rate Protection
- Access to the New Affordability Fund
- Enhancement of the Ontario Electricity Support Program (OESP)

Please note bills for the month of August will reflect a partial delivery charge for the month of June. In the following month you should see the entire delivery charge removed.

If you are not seeing the delivery charged removed we can help, contact:

Arleen Maracle, Community Liaison Officer
Six Nations Elected Council Central Administration
Address: 1695 Chiefswood Road, Ohsweken
Phone: (519) 445-2201 x3230
Email: arleenmaracle@sixnations.ca
Hours: Monday through Friday from 8:30am-4:30pm

To read more about Ontario's Fair Hydro Plan visit <http://www.sixnations.ca/OntariosFairHydroPlanCommunique.pdf>.

Source: *Chiefs of Ontario Communique to First Nations Leadership.*

SIX NATIONS NATURAL GAS DRILLING

Six Nations Natural Gas has completed drilling of the gas main underneath of the Grand River. The Elected Council has been assured that they have completed the required environmental approval process and that they are a minimum of 4.3 meters below the bottom of the river but will be in the overburden and not the bedrock.

Elected Council Resolution to Halt Trucks on Third Line

A number of recent unexpected changes made to a Third Line development project has resulted in Six Nations Elected Council re-examining its support for the project. As a result, Elected Council has decided to pass a resolution halting trucks from further transporting fill into the Third Line project.

The recent decision to halt the trucks came after careful consideration of these recent changes and the numerous concerns brought forward by concerned community members. Elected Council concluded that the project was posing a significant enough threat to the safety and wellbeing of the community to warrant a decision to halt the trucking activity.

The decision and the reasons for making it have been communicated to the project owners.

Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls (MMIWG) Inquiry

Six Nations Elected Council supports the decision made by the Six Nations families calling for the resignation of the current MMIWG Commissioners and the re-establishment of the inquiry process.

On May 15, 2017 an open letter was directed to the Chief Inquiry Commissioner, Marion Buller, outlining concerns with the current inquiry. On July 11, 2017 a meeting was held with Six Nations families, the Inquiry Commissioners and Minister Carolyn Bennett for discussion of Six Nations concerns.

Concerns were also discussed at a recent AFN Assembly, resulting in two resolution put forth for consideration of the Chiefs. The resolution calling for the re-establishment of the inquiry's mandate was passed. However the resolution calling for the resignation of the Commissioners did not pass. Six Nations Elected Council will continue working with Six Nations families on next steps.

First Nations Conservation Program

FREE energy-efficient upgrades, such as light bulbs, appliances and more are available through the First Nations Conservation Program. There's no cost to you. You can make your home more comfortable and save energy.

Questions? Contact Linda Porter at (519) 445-1202.



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HYDRO WORK ON CAYUGA ROAD

The Cayuga Road Enhancement Project is underway, as the project moves forward Hydro One will be providing updates on the project status. At this point below are the estimated timelines:

August 8-18

- Forestry Technician preparations in the field
- Field visits to residents
- Prep material for Aecon/A6N with residence by residence instructions

August 22-31

- Hydro One Forestry crews to commence work on Make-Safe locations as identified by the Forestry Technician

August 28-September 1

- Meeting between Aecon/A6N to discuss the logistics of the work and safety presentation (this meeting will also determine timelines following the forestry work)
- Issuance of work packages to Aecon/A6N
- Discussions with regards to expectations
- Final field visit prior to commencement of execution of work
- Discussion regarding locations as to where crews will have to work together
- Fielding Aecon/A6N's questions if any arise

September 5 (4-6 week estimate timeline)

- Commencement of forestry work by Aecon/A6N
- Provincial lines will review construction and line work in early September (this will determine future timelines and outage dates, an update will be provided)

Mid-October

- Following forestry work, the provincial lines work will begin (potentially mid-October)

Water Tower Design Winner



Thomas Anderson (left) receives his award from Dayle Bomberry, SAO (right) for the winning design to be featured on the Six Nations Water Tower. Congrats and nia:weh Thomas! To see the description of Thomas' design visit www.sixnations.ca

Congratulations!

To all of the athletes who participated in the North American Indigenous Games.

To the PeeWee 2 Lacrosse Team who won gold at the Provincials, and good luck to the **Arrows, Rivermen and Chiefs** in the play-offs.

To the Haudenosaunee Women's Lacrosse Team who travelled to the UK on Haudenosaunee Passports to participate in the Women's World Lacrosse Tournament. Good work girls and special thanks to **Kathy Smith** and **Tia Schindler** in their persistence in getting the girls there!

Assembly of First Nations Annual Assembly

The Assembly of First Nations (AFN) Annual Assembly was recently held in Regina from July 25-27, 2017. Chief Ava Hill attended along with Councillors Terry General and Charlie Wayne Martin. Some of the items discussed included:

- Ten principles the Federal Government will be using to guide them as they begin discussions with First Nations on reconciliation
- The Federal Working Group on the Review of the Laws and Policies
- The carry-over of First Nations funding from year to year
- Policing, emergency services and the environment and climate change
- UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People
- Federal Law and Policy Review
- Environmental Regulatory Review
- Water
- Housing
- Infrastructure
- Health
- Gaming
- Economic Development
- Renewal of the AFN Charter and restricting of the AFN
- Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls Inquiry

Six Nations Grand River Ontario Works

Did you know Ontario Works provides two types of assistance to those who meet eligibility requirements? Including:

1. Financial Assistance

- Income support to help with the cost of basic needs ie. food, clothing and shelter
- The amount of assistance depends on family size, income, assets and housing costs

2. Employment Assistance

- Assistance to help clients find, prepare and keep a job ie. resume writing, access to training opportunities, access to basic education/workshops, access to computers for job searches/resume writing

Other supports are also available, subject to eligibility requirements, such as:

- **Emergency Assistance**
 - May be available to people who are in crisis or an emergency
- **Employment Experience Program**
 - Assistance and support securing a possible employment placement
- **Transitional Support Fund (TSF)**
 - Provides financial support for low income individuals/families
 - TSF is intended to assist individuals/families experiencing financial hardship
 - Health and safety are two primary considerations
- **Senior Relief Program**
 - Provides support for Seniors 55 and over
 - This program is intended to support Seniors who may be experiencing financial hardship
 - Health and safety are two primary considerations
- **National Child Benefit Reinvestment Program**
 - Providing financial support for 18 community projects that support children
- **OW Computer Lab (OW Clients)**
 - Access to computers to assist with resumes, cover letters, etc. (OW Clients)

AUDIT

Six Nations Elected Council's audit is now available.

Visit www.sixnations.ca to view or contact Central Administration at 519-445-2201 to request a copy.

HOUSING

Nia:weh to the Six Nations of the Grand River Economic Development Trust (EDT) for granting \$1.4 million to build a five unit, 3-bedroom townhouse on Fourth Line across from the Village Café.

A special thanks also goes out to Six Nations Housing for securing partial funds for the new infrastructure from the Canadian Housing and Mortgage Corporation (CMHC).

The Community Investment by the EDT will be used to service not only the 5-unit development with roads, water, sewage and hydro but will also provide infrastructure for all 95 units planned in the development, which includes a 20 unit seniors building, as well as the future site of Six Nations Public Library and Archival Repository.

The project is estimated to be completed by early 2018.

Border Crossing

Fred Caron, Special Representative appointed by the Minister of Indigenous Affairs to do engagement on problems and potential solutions related to border crossing issues attended a meeting on July 17, 2018. He heard a number of concerns from the Elected Council, and will be making his final report back to the Minister at the end of August.

In the meantime the Elected Council will continue to work with both the US Immigration and Customs, and the Canadian Border Services Agency to coordinate a joint community meeting at Six Nations. This will be a question and answer session for community members. They are also looking to develop a brochure with frequently asked questions. The Border Officials are also agreeable to conducting cultural awareness sessions for their staff and participating in a job fair here in our community.

If you have any issues at the border please ask to immediately speak to the Supervisor and/or take the name and badge number of the Border Guard.

If you hold Status and are living and working in the United States you are not required to obtain a green card. Some employers may insist that you have to apply for a green card, however the Elected Council has been provided with a letter that clearly states a green card is not needed for those who hold Status and were born in Canada. For more info or to obtain a copy of the letter for your employer contact Central Administration at (519) 445-2201.

ELECTED COUNCIL UPDATES

Bridge Rehabilitation

This summer we will begin rehabilitating Bridge No. 7 located on Chiefswood Road between Third and Fourth Line. These repairs will impact the flow of traffic through this area, but are needed to ensure the continued safety of our community. The bridge is scheduled for closure October to November 2017.

A funding request for the rehabilitation of Bridge No. 15 located on Onondaga Road between Second and Third Line has been submitted.

This past year we have successfully completed 2 urgent bridge replacements. Overall we have identified 11 bridges in need of rehabilitation in the upcoming years. We will also be completing inspections on all of Six Nations bridges and culverts to ensure the continued safety of motorists.

Funding

We are advocating Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) for the funding needed to replace two pumper tankers that are more than 25 years old, for the Fire and Emergency Services Department.

We have been able to secure the majority of funding from Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) to close the existing Landfill Site and build a transfer station. We are currently working with a consultant to complete a Landfill Site Closure Study funding 100% by INAC.

We are continuing to work tirelessly to secure funds to complete Phase One of the watermain extensions to the outlying federal schools and the Oneida Business Park, in addition to other infrastructure projects.

We have secured funds to complete a

community wide, ongoing, West Nile Virus Abatement Program from Health Canada.

We are proud to announce that Six Nations has been granted \$900,933 from the Clean Water and Wastewater Fund with 67% of the funds coming from Canada and the remaining 33% from Ontario.

Since the November 2016 election, the Elected Council has secured 2.75 million in capital project funding.

Wastewater

We will be completing a study and necessary upgrades to our lagoon system as well as the Stoneridge peatland system to help ensure our wastewater systems can properly support our growing and developing community for generations to come.



Councillor Wray Maracle greets USA Congressman Kevin Cramer at the Northern Tribal Border Summit in Minnesota.



Meeting with the Federal and Provincial Ministers re: Child Welfare in Ottawa



Chief Ava Hill and Lieutenant Governor Dowdeswell start a NAIG lacrosse game.

CHIEF AND ELECTED COUNCIL COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENTS

AUGUST 2017

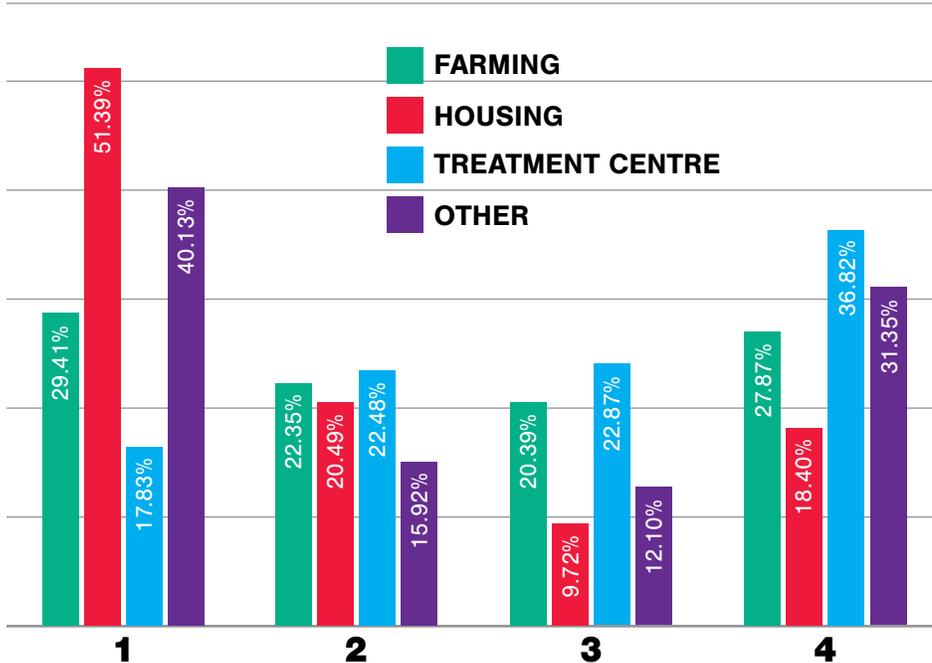
- 1st** Chiefs of Ontario Political Confederacy Meeting with Premier Wynne
- 2nd** Chiefs Committee on Wealth Creation
- 3rd** Radio Interview with 92.9 The Grand re: Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls Inquiry
- 9th** Meeting with the City of Brantford and the County of Brant re: Accommodation Related to the Boundary Agreement
- 9th** Hockey Night in Brantford
- 10th** Minister of Community Social Services for Ontario, Helena Jaczek visits Six Nations
- 14th** Meeting on Child Welfare with Federal and Provincial Governments in Ottawa
- 14-15th** Association of Municipalities of Ontario Annual Conference in Ottawa
- 16th** Meeting with Minister of Infrastructure for Ontario, Bob Chiarelli in Ottawa
- 16th** Meeting with Ambassador of Ecuador in Ottawa
- 18th** Representatives of the YMCA in Toronto visit Six Nations
- 20-21st** Northern Border Crossing Summit in Minnesota
- 23rd** Federal Government Working Group re: Review of Federal Laws and Policies in Ottawa
- 25th** 25th Anniversary of Grand River Employment and Training
- 29-30th** Iroquois Caucus in Tyendinaga

COMMUNITY OUTREACH SURVEY RESULTS

The purpose of the Community Outreach Survey was to give Six Nations community members the opportunity to get involved and provide their input/feedback on their preferred use of the Burtch lands and some other community needs.

QUESTION 1

What do you feel is the best option for future use of the Burtch lands? Please rank the following options where 1 = most important and 4 = least important.



	1	2	3	4	TOTAL
FARMING	29.41% 75	22.35% 57	20.39% 52	27.87% 71	255
HOUSING	51.39% 148	20.49% 59	9.72% 28	18.40% 53	288
TREATMENT CENTRE	17.83% 46	22.48% 58	22.87% 59	36.82% 95	258
OTHER	40.13% 63	15.92% 25	12.10% 19	31.35% 50	157

Based on the surveys submitted and priority ranking, there is an overwhelming response from the community of Six Nations to use the Burtch lands for housing.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion 204 surveys were submitted online and 135 hard copies were received, for a total of 339 surveys received. Results of the Burtch Land Community Outreach will be communicated throughout Council vehicles ie. newsletter, social media, website, etc.

QUESTION 2

Would you like to see a Neighbourhood/Elderly Watch in our community?

YES: 88.5% NO: 11.5%

QUESTION 3

Would you be willing to participate in the Neighbourhood/Elderly Watch?

YES: 57.37% NO: 42.63%

QUESTION 4

Would you like to see a Crime Stoppers Program on Six Nations?

YES: 87.63% NO: 12.37%

QUESTION 5

Would you like to see Methadone Clinics on Six Nations?

YES: 37.31% NO: 62.69%

QUESTION 6

Should Six Nations get involved in medical cannabis?

**YES: 51% NO: 24.5%
I'M NOT SURE/NEED MORE INFORMATION: 24.5%**

QUESTION 7

Would you like to see a casino on Six Nations?

YES: 53.06% NO: 46.94%

COMMUNITY EVENTS

To see a list of upcoming community events be sure to follow Six Nations Elected Council on Facebook or Twitter @SixNationsEC. You can also visit www.sixnations.ca or visit Central Administration at 1695 Chiefswood Road, Ohsweken Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:30am-4pm to view the Community Board.

Nia:weh!

To the community for really coming together to host the thousands of visitors to our community who were visiting for the North American Indigenous Games, Champion of Champions Pow Wow and World Indigenous Peoples Conference on Education.