



# GENERAL COUNCIL MINUTES

## DECEMBER 18, 2007

### 7:30 P.M.

The second General Council meeting of the Fifty-fourth Elected Council of the Six Nations of the Grand River Territory was held on the above noted date in the Council Chambers of the Band Administration Building, Ohsweken, Ontario, N0A 1M0 with Chief William K. Montour presiding as chair. Reverend Norm Casey opened in prayer.

#### **THOSE PRESENT:**

Barbara Harris  
G. Ava Hill  
R. Helen Miller  
Claudine VanEvery-Albert

Carl C.Hill  
R. Joanne Johnson  
George A. Montour  
Levi White

David A. Hill  
Christopher N. Martin  
Melba I. Thomas

#### **ABSENT**

#### **IN ATTENDANCE:**

Ruby Jacobs, Director of Health Services  
Ruby Miller, Director of Health Services  
Bill Monture, Grand River Athletics Corporation  
Adam Sault, Grand River Athletics Corporation  
Gerald Hope, Grand River Athletics Corporation  
Brian Porter, Guswhenta  
Arnold Bomberry, Guswhenta  
Barb Miller, Emergency Management Control Officer  
Dayle Bomberry, A/Senior Administrative Officer  
Lillian Montour, Secretary, Health Foundation  
Lois Porter, Vice President, Health Foundation  
Gil Martin, Health Foundation

#### **MEDIA:**

Turtle Island News  
Tekawennake

**RECORDER:**

Shirley W. Johnson, Council Secretary

**CHANGES/ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/ADOPTION TO TONIGHT'S AGENDA**

**GC#5/12/18/2007**

Moved by Councilor David Hill and seconded by Councilor Carl Hill that this Council approves of tonight's General Council agenda with noted changes/additions/deletions.

Carried.

**RETIREMENT RECOGNITION FOR RUBY JACOBS, Director of Health Services**

Plaque Presentation by Chief William K. Montour

Ruby Jacobs was hired on March 1, 1994. She worked in the basement of the Band Administration Building. She was hired as the Manager of Health Services with six employees, New Directions, Addictions Services Community Health Representative, Health Promotion, and School Nurse. Health Administration then relocated to the White Pine Business Complex (former Lady Willingdon).

There is now a total staff at Health Services of 247. Besides her duties as Director of Health Services, Ruby also participates in 10 internal and external committees. She worked hard in receiving accreditation for the Six Nations Health Services, which was acquired in June 2003. A letter arrived on December 11, 2007 from Wendy Nicklan, President and Chief Executive Officer, Canadian Health Services Accreditation that Six Nations has met all considerations and confirmations for full accreditation. In her thirteen years of employment with Six Nations Council, Ruby's other accomplishments include the new White Pines Wellness Centre, Family Health Team and soon the to be satellite Dialysis Centre. Ruby Jacobs was then presented with a plaque of appreciation presented by Chief William K. Montour.

**IN ATTENDANCE: Gil Martin, HEALTH FOUNDATION,**

Re: Donation to Health Services

Gil Martin presented a cheque to Chief William K. Montour, on behalf of the Health Foundation in the amount of \$10,000.00 to go to the White Pines Wellness Centre to go towards the mortgage. Chief Montour in turn presented the cheque to Ruby Miller, Director of Health Services.

**IN ATTENDANCE: Bill Monture, GRAND RIVER ATHLETICS ASSOCIATION**

An event was held for the Mixed Martial Arts on November 3, 2007 and the vent went off quite well. The Grand River Athletics Commission wants to be recognized as the Grand River Athletics Commission to regulate mixed martial arts in the community. Previous Council has given recognition as the Grand River Athletics Corporation, which is the company and in turn the corporation was empowered to create a commission. The Commission members include

Gerald Hope, John Monture Jr., Adam Sault and Jason King in order to regulate mixed martial arts. The recognition is required so that the Commission would be recognized as the governing body to regulate mixed martial arts in the territory.

The event that took place November 3, the Corporation did everything that they possibly could. The reviews the Corporation received included that the event was held and handled professionally as far as the weigh-ins of the participants, all aspects of the event, there was nothing but praise. The Corporation indicated that they would give back to the Community, as a result of the event. All the proceeds from the 50/50 draw were given to Special Services. A community member received the other half.

The Commission took more steps than many other organizations as far as safeguarding the athletes. There were no injuries; all medical staff was present; two ambulances, a ringside doctor, and also the fire department were there on hand. The Commission went over and above what other organizations have done including the UFC, which is what the commission is aspiring to do. The National of Canada's Olympic team is willing to come to Six Nations to start a club to create a bigger organization which will also target youth to get our youth off the streets because not all youth play lacrosse or hockey which are the two main sports on Six Nations. It gives them a different direction. Martial Arts also work towards one mental stability not just their physical stability. They are not just training to fight. They are being trained as an athlete both physically and mentally. This industry is in its infancy and is growing exponentially. This is the whole of idea of bringing Mixed Martial Arts to Six Nations in order for Six Nations to try and showcase it.

The event held in November of 2007 was an alcohol free event.

Mixed Martial Arts encompasses techniques from wrestling, judo, karate, street fighting. It is similar to wrestling except with submissions.

One of the biggest thing our children experience is fighting on the school ground, the students are taught under no circumstances that they are not allowed to use these techniques outside the training facility.

The cost is, at present, \$25.00 a month.

Council did get a lawyer's opinion.

Mixed Martial Arts is not regulated in Ontario. It is up to each individual municipality to take that responsibility. This is why the Grand River Athletics Corporation is here, to have Six Nations regulate. The main thing the Grand River Athletics Corporation is looking for is for Council to exert jurisdiction over Mixed Martial Arts and sanction the Grand River Athletics Commission in order that they can be the regulatory body.

The previous Council chose not to exert jurisdiction and provide support because the Grand River Athletics Corporation is incorporated and did not see this as supporting the Six Nations community as a whole.

IN ATTENDANCE: Brian Porter, GUSWENTA,

Guswhenta project is looking for a letter of support from Six Nations Council. They have approached the Economic Development Committee a number of times and before Full Council twice.

A letter of support was drafted with the assistance of Michael Sherry, Legal Counsel, signed by then Chief David M. General and forwarded to Brian Porter. However the letter was lacking matters that needed to be addressed. This issue was in the hands of the Economic Development committee, however Mr. Porter was advised that it was taken out of the hands of the committee and would be addressed by Full Council. This is the reason the matter is being dealt with at Council again. The project needs a council designate and a letter of support.

This project is a \$1 million project. They want to pay the Six Nations community \$1 million a year for the land lease. It's a project that will clean up the Grand River and the air; it will cause a net reduction in air pollution; it will represent about 5,000 jobs during the construction period and about fifty full-time jobs once it becomes operational. Guswhenta's responsibility \$320 Million dollars have to be raised to make this project happen. There are equity opportunities for the Community. What to go forward with the next steps, but cannot do that until the Project can get a positive letter of support from Council.

IN ATTENDANCE: Barb Miller, Emergency Control Officer EMERGENCY  
MANAGEMENT PLANNING COMMITTEE, Briefing Note provided

- The chair shall be appointed by the committee
- The Committee shall include two representatives from the Six Nations Council
- Meetings shall be held at least quarterly

**GC#7/12/18/2007**

Moved by Carl Hill and seconded by Claudine VanEvery-Albert that the Six Nations Council accepts the Terms of Reference for the Emergency Management Planning Committee with the noted changes.

Carried.

SIX NATIONS PUBLIC WORKS, Briefing Note provided

**GC#8/12/18/2007**

Moved by Claudine VanEvery-Albert and seconded by George Montour that the Six Nations Council agree that the County of Brant install a four-way stop sign and flashing red lights, as an interim safety measure, pending a conclusive traffic study to be conducted in the Spring of 2008, over a one-week period and from all approaches to the intersection at County Highway #54 and Pauline Johnson Road/Chiefswood Road AND that the interim 4 way stop would eventually lead to Full Stop lights.

Carried.

**GC#9/12/18/2007**

Moved by David Hill and seconded by Joanne Johnson that a meeting be set up with Brant County Council.

Carried.

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF GENERAL COUNCIL NOVEMBER 20, 2007

**GC#10/12/18/2007**

Moved by Levi White and seconded by Christopher Martin that this Council adopts the minutes of General Council of November 20, 2007 as read.

Carried.

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF GENERAL COUNCIL, DECEMBER 4, 2007

**GC#11/12/18/2007**

Moved by Levi White and seconded by Claudine VanEvery-Albert that this Council adopts the minutes of General Council of December 4, 2007 as read.

Carried.

With regards to scheduling, the meeting that was scheduled for December 8, 2008 with the Regional Director General, Deborah Richardson, did not take place. Chief William Montour is in the process of setting up a meeting with the Minister of Indian Affairs, Chuck Strahl.

SIX NATIONS BUSINESS ASSOCIATION, Template Attached

GC#14/12/18/2007

Moved by George Montour and seconded by Carl Hill that this Council re-establish the Tax Committee.

Carried.

RECOGNITION OF BUSINESS

GC#15/12/18/2007

Moved by George Montour and seconded by Christopher Martin that this council provide a standard letter recognizing This -N-That, owned by Stephanie Burnham as a business operating on reserve.

Carried.

SCHEDULING:

- Lands and Resources, Wednesday, December 18, 2007, 5:00 p.m., Council Chambers
- **Council Departments CLOSED, December 24, 25, and 26<sup>th</sup>, 2007**
- **Council Departments CLOSED, January 1, 2008.** Reschedule General Council. SUGGESTION: January 8, 2007 at 7:30 p.m.
- 54<sup>th</sup> Elected Council Orientation, Council Chambers, January 7, 8, and 9, 2008, 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. each day—OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
- Lands and Resources, January 10, 2008, 5:00 p.m., Council Chambers
- General Finance, January 14, 2008, at 7:30 p.m. Council Chambers
- General Council, January 15, 2008, at 7:30 p.m., Council Chambers
- Political Liaison, January 28, 2007 at 6:00 p.m., Council Chambers
- Independent First Nations Meeting, February 19, 20, 21, (Minister's conference 21<sup>st</sup>)

ADDED:

- Iroquois Caucus Strategic Planning, Ottawa, February 13, 14, 15, 2008, Ottawa Marriott
- Meet and Greet, Parliament Hill, February 12, 2008. Staff to attend: Dayle Bomberry, Richard Powless
- Joint Confederacy/Council Meeting, January 12, 2008 at 9:00 a.m.
- Christmas Baskets Distribution, December 22, 2007, ALL Councillors

TO BE SCHEDULED:

- Tri County Council Meeting
- Planning, Priorities, Visioning prior to Lobbying Efforts in February (possibly end of January 2008)

**GC#16/12/18/2007**

Moved by Carl Hill and seconded by Helen Miller that all “arms length” programs be included in the 54<sup>th</sup> elected Council orientation.

Carried.

**GC#17/12/18/2007**

Moved by Levi White and seconded by George Montour that the first general council meeting of January 2008 (January 1, 2008) be eliminated due the New Year’s day holiday.

Carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Recognition of Mixed Martial Arts

Concerns:

- Not willing to share their Constitution
- The Commission is incorporated. This Council should not be exerting jurisdiction on a private business. If Council is to recognize, then it should be a community commission.
- Legal opinion indicated Council could be liable
- Is Confederacy in support of
- Council consider drawing our own rules and regulations to control
- Council needs to see how we can be accommodating
  - Council needs to consider regulating
- Council not prepared to make a decision, at this time
- Discuss with the confederacy
- Do more research
- Requires more due diligence and consultation from the community

**GC#18/12/18/2008**

Moved by Helen Miller and seconded by Claudine VanEvery-Albert that the Six Nations Council not support the Grand River Athletics Commission nor mixed martial arts contests on Six Nations.

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**GC#19/12/18/2007**

Moved by George Montour and seconded by Helen Miller that the Six Nations Council do more due diligence on mixed martial arts on the Six Nations territory through consultation with the community.

Carried.

**NEW BUSINESS, GUSWHENTA PROJECT**

For discussion. Council reviewed the letter of support drafted by Guswhenta , made some revisions to the letter and requested that the letter be forwarded to Michael Sherry with comments. The recommended changes are as follows

- Second paragraph to read:

- “Having received your project to select documentation, the Six Nations council in support of your project to construct an 800 Megawatt Power Generation Facility to be fueled with natural gas as distributed to Union Gas. It is understood that the electricity that will be produced will be sold to the Ontario Power authority for distribution into their grid infrastructure through a specific power purchase agreement that will be in affect over the life of the long term lease.
- First bullet, third paragraph to read “An amount to be made in a form and amount acceptable to Six Nations of the Grand River.
- Second bullet, “The establishment of a Specific community Trust to be administered in a manner suitable to Six Nations of the Grand River
- Add another bullet to read, “The Six Nations Council reserves the right to terminate this letter of support at their discretion.
- Sixth bullet to read: The proponents will proactively pursue a demand side reduction in the price of electricity at Six Nations of the Grand River to reduce the demands placed on the electrical grid and to save individuals and organizations money.
- Second to the last paragraph to read, “Furthermore, the Six Nations to identify a Council delegation to covey this Council’s support of the project and to be paid for by the project proponents and will make the individual available at certain reasonable times to the mutual benefit of all stakeholders.

**GC#20/12/18/2007**

Moved by George Montour and seconded by Claudine VanEvery-Albert that this Council forward the amended letter of support for the Guswhenta Project to the A/Senior Administrative Officer for review and provide comment back.

Carried.

**MEETING ADJOURNED**

**GC#21/12/18/2007**

Moved by Carl Hill and seconded by Barbara Harris, that this meeting be adjourned at 10:43 p.m.

Carried.

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Signature of William K. Montour