



# GENERAL COUNCIL MINUTES

## SEPTEMBER 7, 2010

### 6:00 P.M.

The sixty-first 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 held in the Council Chambers of the Administration Building, Ohsweken, Ontario, N0A 1M0 with Chief William K. Montour presiding and with Mr. Cam Staats opening the meeting with a traditional address.

#### **THOSE PRESENT:**

Chief William K. Montour  
Levi White  
Claudine VanEvery-Albert  
George Montour

G. Ava Hill  
Carl Hill  
Wray Maracle  
Christopher Martin

R. Helen Miller  
R. Joanne Johnson  
Barbara Harris  
David Hill

#### **ABSENT:**

Melba Thomas

#### **IN ATTENDANCE:**

Dayle Bomberry, A/Senior Administrative Officer  
Karen Best, Communications Officer  
Sarah Jayne, Little Treasures Daycare  
Six Nations Election Code Committee

#### **MEDIA:**

Turtle Island News  
Tekawennake

#### **RECORDER:**

Carol M. Hill, Council Secretary

Meeting Called to Order at 6:00p.m.

Traditional Opening provided by Cam Staats

**CHANGES/ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/ADOPTION OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL  
AGENDA FOR SEPTEMBER 7, 2010**

**Additions**

1. Dave Hill - Committee Chairs, Attendance
2. Wray Maracle - Business Recognition
3. Helen Miller - Roaming Dogs in the Village
4. George Montour - Hydro One
5. Carl Hill - GREAT Board Retreat
6. Ava Hill - MRP Meeting

**GC#695/09/07/2010**

Moved by Dave Hill and seconded by George Montour that the September 7, 2010 General Council agenda be adopted as presented, with noted additions.

ALL IN FAVOR

CARRIED.

**GRAND RIVER CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS POW WOW COMMITTEE  
PRESENTATION.**

**Charlene Bomberry in attendance**

Chief Montour presents Charlene Bomberry with a recognition given by Phil McColeman, M.P. Brant on behalf of the Government of Canada and The Members of Parliament for Brant.

**SOCIAL SERVICES**

**Progressive Early Aboriginal Childhood Educators(PEACE) Native Supervisors of  
Southwestern Region Gathering**

Briefing Note Provided

**Recommendation #1**

**GC#696/09/07/2010**

Moved by Carl Hill and seconded by Claudine VanEvery-Albert that Six Nations Council support the meeting of the Southwest Region Child Care Supervisors on October 16, 2010 to be held at Six Nations and that two Six Nations Daycare Supervisors participate and share Six Nations issues.

ALL IN FAVOR

CARRIED.

SECOND READING WAIVED.

**Chief Montour to attend to welcome or appoint an alternate.**

**Recommendation #2**

**GC#697/09/07/2010**

Moved by Carl Hill and seconded by Chris Martin that Six Nations Council support the continued networking of the supervisors in principle as PEACE to develop the mission statement and structured mechanism for communication of issues to the political bodies with continued updates to Council.

ALL IN FAVOR

CARRIED.  
SECOND READING WAIVED.

**Child Care**

Briefing Note Provided

**GC#698/09/07/2010**

Moved by Carl Hill and seconded by George Montour that Six Nations Council support the position that the current funding agreement remain with The Ministry of Child and Youth Services for child care spaces and not be transferred to the Ministry of Education for full day learning until Six Nations comes up with their own Child Care model.

ALL IN FAVOR

CARRIED.  
SECOND READING WAIVED.

Social Services has a working group working on this model and is expected to be completed in 60 days.

**SIX NATIONS COUNCIL POLICY DEPARTMENT**

**Recommendations from the Policy and Governance Committee**

**GC#699/09/07/2010**

Moved by Claudine VanEvery-Albert and seconded by George Montour that the Six Nations Policies: *Regulations for procedural rules for Council Meetings, Blackberry usage and Electronic Policy*, and *Attendance Policy for members of Council* be accepted as first reading with second reading and final approval to be at the next General Council meeting.

ALL IN FAVOR

CARRIED.

**ADOPTION OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL MINUTES OF AUGUST 3, 2010**

Page 4 – Report expected from Youth Rally

Page 5 – Just Energy permission to solicit – Steve Hannerman researched and has no concerns.

What is the process to bring items to full council since there are no committees to flow through?

It is up to the director to bring forward to a Council/SAT meeting.

**Communications department to inform the community through the newsletter of the new council meeting process.**

**GC#700/09/07/2010**

Moved by Wray Maracle and seconded by Barbara Harris that the General Council minutes of August 3, 2010 be accepted as presented.

David Hill abstains as he was not present.

ALL IN FAVOR

CARRIED.

**GRAND RIVER POST SECONDARY(GRPSEO)**

**Request for financial support**

Canadian Government trying to implement to Student Loan program to replace the current system at Six Nations.

Chief Montour reiterates the importance of people of attending this rally to stand up for our rights.

GRPSEO is requesting financial assistance in the amount of \$6800.00 from Six Nations Council to get busses for students and community members to attend this rally in Ottawa.

**GC#701/09/07/2010**

Moved by Claudine VanEvery-Albert and seconded by George Montour that Six Nations Council support Grand River Post Secondary with the purchasing of 4 buses to attend the rally on September 23, 2010, with students to fill 3 busses and Community and Council to fill the fourth. Money to come from Band Support.

ALL IN FAVOR

CARRIED.

**LITTLE TREASURES CHILD CARE**

**Owner, Sarah Jayne in attendance**

Requesting Six Nations Council “share” subsidy dollars.

She believes current system is not fair and her families are not being treated equally.

Six Nations Council informs Sarah Jayne that there is not enough money to operate current Six Nations daycares and any extra money given would be used to fill empty rooms at Six Nations daycares.

It is suggested that Little Treasures Daycare operate as a non-profit organization to be eligible for subsidy grants.

Six Nations Council points out that the main problem is that Six Nations does not have the money to operated a proper daycare system and that it is up to everyone, Six Nations Council and private operators to work together in getting the money to Six Nations.

Funding is not based on population and eligibility.

**GC#702/09/07/2010**

Moved by Claudine VanEvery-Albert and seconded by George Montour that Little Treasures Child Care, owned by Sarah Jayne be involved in discussions with, Social Services, Six Nations Council and schools that are investigating Early Childhood Education needs at Six Nations.

ALL IN FAVOR

CARRIED.

### **SIX NATIONS MATRIMONIAL REAL PROPERTY**

#### **Presented for Information**

Richard Powless in attendance to go over changes made to the documents based on recommendations of Council and the MRP Committee.

There are major questions regarding the Residency By-law and how it works with the Six Nations MRP law.

**Council is invited to attend the next MRP Committee meeting on September 8, 2010 at 4:00pm in the Council Chambers to discuss more in depth, items in the document.**

The objective is to have the Six Nations Matrimonial Real Property law passed before federal legislation is passed in the Fall.

#### **GC#703/09/07/2010**

Moved by Claudine VanEvery-Albert and seconded by Helen Miller that Councillor G.Ava Hill and Richard Powless attend the Iroquois Caucus Matrimonial Real Property Committee in Ottawa on September 14, 2010.

ALL IN FAVOR

CARRIED.

### **SIX NATIONS ELECTION CODE**

Committee members in attendance to answer any questions of the Council or Community. Community members present stated that there was not sufficient community input.

Many councillors have concerns about the voting process on the revised Election Code and the number of votes that were received and that the whole process was flawed due to the following reasons:

- Not all members on and off reserve were given advanced documents
- Notice of vote was not well advertised.
- Documents at voting station were different than documents given for advance review.
- Complex ballot questions
- Changes were being made to the document after the day of the vote

Election Code Committee Chair, Steve Williams responds that he feels that the Committee did their due diligence to the revising of the Election Code as a community based committee.

#### **GC#704/09/07/2010**

Moved by George Montour and seconded by Barbara Harris that the 54<sup>th</sup> Six Nations Elected Council reaffirm the current Election Code for the 2010 Election of the 55<sup>th</sup> Council.

#### **Amendment**

Moved by Levi White and seconded by Helen Miller that the Election Code Amendment matter be referred to the Chief Electoral Polling Officer for his impartial interpretation, investigation and final decision. The issue to be considered must be "Did the results of the Community vote constitute a proper and lawful Election Code amendment in consideration of the established

Election Code rules, relevant law and the principles of basic fairness and overall community involvement.

**Vote on Amendment**

1 IN FAVOR(Levi White) 10 OPPOSED

AMENDMENT DEFEATED.

**Vote on Original Motion – Recorded Vote**

**In Favor**

R.Joanne Johnson  
Claudine VanEvery-Albert  
Carl Hill  
Levi White  
Barbara Harris  
George Montour  
G.Ava Hill  
Christopher Martin

**Opposed**

David Hill  
Helen Miller  
Wray Maracle

ORIGINAL MOTION CARRIED

**CHIEF ELECTORAL POLLING OFFICER**

**GC#705/09/07/2010**

Moved by Levi White and seconded by Wray Maracle that Six Nations Council forego current policy of the **Appointment of the Chief Electoral Polling Officer, Section 16, Subsection C. a., which reads “Must be a registered band member of Six Nations”**, and accept the submission of Vaughn Johnston as the successful proposal for the Chief Electoral Polling Officer for the 55<sup>th</sup> Six Nations General Election.

8 IN FAVOR  
3 OPPOSED

CARRIED.  
SECOND READING WAIVED

**RECOGNITION OF BUSINESS**

(GM/CM) North American Mohawk Imports and Exports, Owned by Trevor VanEvery

**District Councillors Did Not Visit – Will visit by next General Council**

(GM/CM) Rockin T's, Owned by Trevor VanEvery

**District Councillors Did Not Visit – Will visit by next General Council**

(HM/WM) A & T Variety, Owned by Trevor VanEvery

**GC#706/09/07/2010**

Moved by Helen Miller and seconded by Wray Maracle that Six Nations Council recognize “A & T Variety, owned by Trevor VanEvery as a business operating on Six Nations.

ALL IN FAVOR

CARRIED.  
SECOND READING WAIVED

(GM/CM) RMJ Music Group, Owned by David James Jacobs  
**District Councillors Did Not Visit – Will visit by next General Council**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- Business Recognition – deferred to next Council Meeting as application did not meet the September 7, 2010 agenda deadline.
- Chairs of Committee – due to program restructuring Councillor was inquiring as to whether he is still Chair of the Housing Committee as that department is now under Economic Development.
  - Councillor is told that he will remain as the lead of housing issues.
- Councillor David Hill informs Council that he will not be available for Council on September 21, 22, and 23, 2010 due to medical appointments.
- Hydro One – Councillor has concerns with Hydro One negotiations. Needs full Council discussion.
- District Four Councillor has been informed of a dog bite incident. Bicentennial Trail resident concerned about the loose dogs crossing paths with school children and the elderly.
  - **Communications department will post in the Six Nations Council newsletter the Six Nations Dog By-law and notify that due to arising Community concerns the said by-law will be strictly enforced.**

### **SCHEDULING AND DELEGATIONS**

#### **GC#707/09/07/2010**

Moved by Levi White and seconded by George Montour that Councillors Carl Hill and Wray Maracle attend the Grand River Employment and Training retreat to be held in Rama, Ontario on September 29, 30, and October 1, 2010

ALL IN FAVOR

CARRIED.  
SECOND READING WAIVED

#### **GC#708/09/07/2010**

Moved by Wray Maracle and seconded by Carl Hill that Councillor David Hill attend the Southern Tribal Council and Large Unaffiliated First Nations in London, Ontario on September 28 and 29, 2010.

ALL IN FAVOR

CARRIED.

SECOND READING WAIVED

**GC#709/09/07/2010**

Moved by George Montour and seconded by David Hill that Councillors Helen Miller, Ava Hill, Carl Hill, Wray Maracle and Claudine VanEvery-Albert attend the First Nations Advocacy Day in Ottawa on September 21, 2010, lobby on September 22, 2010, and Rally on September 23, 2010 and that all Councillors return home on the purchased rally bus.

ALL IN FAVOR

CARRIED.

SECOND READING WAIVED

**CANDO's 17<sup>th</sup> Annual National Conference and Annual General Meeting "Embracing Change"**

Economic Development Director, Matt Jamieson and Bryan Laforme will attend the Cando Conference.

**GC#710/09/07/2010**

Moved by David Hill and seconded by Carl Hill that Chief Montour and Councillors Barbara Harris and Melba Thomas attend the Independent First Nations meeting in Toronto on September 28, 29, and 30, 2010.

ALL IN FAVOR

CARRIED

**ADJOURNMENT**

**GC#711/09/07/2010**

Moved by David Hill and seconded by Levi White that the General Council meeting of September 7, 2010 be adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

ALL IN FAVOR

CARRIED.

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Signature of Chief William K. Montour