



GENERAL COUNCIL MINUTES

August 4, 2009

7:30 P.M.

The thirty-seven 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 Administration Building, Ohsweken, Ontario, N0A 1M0 with Councillor George Montour presiding as Chair and opened with a traditional opening by Cam Staats.

THOSE PRESENT:

Ava Hill

Claudine VanEvery-Albert

Levi White

Barbara Harris

George Montour

Melba Thomas

Christopher Martin

Joanne Johnson

Carl Hill

ABSENT:

Chief William Montour

Dayle Bomberry, A/Senior Administrative Officer, bereavement

David Hill

Helen Miller

Wray Maracle

IN ATTENDANCE:

Jackie Blackbird, Nike First Nation Program

Young Ongwehonwe United (Y.O.U.)

Wes Elliott

Laurel Curley, Indian Residential School Resolution support Program

Carmen Thomas and Andrea Curley, Ongwehonyeh Youth Empowerment

Teesha Emarthle

Karen Sandy

Laurie Jacobs

GALLERY:

Full

MEDIA:

Turtle Island News

Tekewanake

RECORDER:

Shirley W. Johnson, Council Secretary

CHANGES/ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/ADOPTION TO AUGUST 4, 2009 AGENDA

New Business

Claudine VanEvery Albert

Christopher Martin

1. Safety and Security
2. Request from Ongwehonwe Youth empowerment

Melba Thomas, Health and Safety Hazard (improper disposal of tires)

GC#241/08/04/2009

Moved by Claudine VanEvery Albert and seconded by Melba Thomas that this Council accepts the General Council Agenda for August 4, 2009 with the noted changes/additions/deletions.

ALL IN FAVOUR

CARRIED.

IN ATTENDANCE—NIKE FIRST NATIONS PROGRAM

Jackie Blackbird, Power Point Presentation

Recommendation from Community Focus Committee

NIKE First Nation will be in touch with Administration to schedule time to do the presentation to the Senior Administrative Team. This way, she can share NIKE First Nations initiative with the Programs and Departments with the Six Nations Council structure.

GC#242/08/04/2009

Moved by Levi White and seconded by Claudine VanEvery Albert that the Slide Show Presentation by Jackie Blackbird, Manager, NIKE First Nations Incentive Program be accepted as information.

ALL IN FAVOUR

CARRIED.

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IN ATTENDANCE— YOUNG ONGWEHONWE UNITED (Y.O.U.)

Recommendation from the Community Focus Committee:

The Y.O.U. made a “YouTube” presentation on the reasons why those First Nations in British Columbia are protesting the 2010 Vancouver Winter Olympics.

Members of the Y.O.U Organization, along with a delegation of supporters were in the gallery to provide support to Y.O.U. The delegation consisted of members of the Men’s Fire, community youth, parents and Y.O.U.

Y.O.U. has implored Council to reconsider their support and approval to the Olympic Torch Relay passing through the community in December of 2009 in preparation of the 2010 Winter Olympics in British Columbia. All supporters voiced their concern of the presence of the Relay mainly to support the First Nations in British Columbia who are protesting the hosting of the Winter Olympics on lands which are “unclaimed”. The topic caused a lengthy discussion and the ultimately the main topic always referred back to the fact that they (Youth/community) did not have an opportunity to voice their stance on whether or not to allow the Torch to pass through Six Nations. They feel as though Council had made that decision for them without consultation with the community.

An invitation was extended to Chief and Council to attend a meeting on Sunday, August 9, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. at the Old Council House, hosted by the Men's Fire Council with special guest Kanahus Pelkey (who is the host narrator on the You tube clip) of the Secwepemc and Ktunaxa First Nations giving her reasons why the games are being protested by First Nations in British Columbia.

Wes Elliot informed Council that Kanahus Pelkey is scheduled to meet with Chief William Montour on Monday, August 10, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. at the Band Administration Building.

GC#243/08/04/2009

Moved by Christopher Martin and seconded by Melba Thomas that a community meeting be scheduled for Thursday, August 20, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at the Community Hall (pending venue availability) to have an open forum discussion (under the guidance of a Facilitator) on the subject of the Olympic Torch Relay event scheduled to take place on Six Nations of the Grand River Territory.

ALL IN FAVOUR

CARRIED.

SECOND READING WAIVED.

IN ATTENDANCE, WES ELLIOT

Update on Edwards Landfill Site

Has requested the following three things from Council for their consideration:

1. An updated letter be sent to the receiver of the site from this Council opposing the activity at the site
2. Any information sharing with regards to Edwards Landfill Site be passed to the Communications Officer of the Six Nations Council (who has extensive experience with the site.
3. Six Nations Council consider hosting a Summit on the:
 - a. Edwards Landfill Site
 - b. Site 41 (Midland, Simcoe County Area)
 - c. Discuss as information, the unwanted dumping of garbage at Oneida, (the large site for Toronto's garbage)

GC#244/08/04/2009

Moved by Ava Hill and seconded by Levi White that this Council refer the verbal requests made by Wes Elliot regarding the Edwards Landfill Site to the next Lands and Resources meeting on August 27, 2009.

ALL IN FAVOUR

CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS, ONGWEHONYEH YOUTH EMPOWERMENT

Carmen Thomas and Andrea Curley was in attendance along with supporters of the Organization who have benefited from the delivery of the "Leadership Through Fun and Adventure" camps targeted to the community's youth between the ages of 10 to 15 years of age. The camps are nearing completion and are requesting a monetary donation of \$9,025.00 to complete the camps.

GC#246/08/04/2009

Moved by Carl Hill and seconded by Levi White that the request from the Ogwehonwe Youth Empowerment for a donation of nine thousand twenty-five dollars (\$9,025.00) be referred to the

Finance and Audit Committee for their consideration and recommendation to General Finance on Tuesday, August 11, 2009.

ALL IN FAVOUR

CARRIED.

SECOND READING WAIVED.

NEW BUSINESS, HEALTH AND SAFETY HAZZARD/IMPROPER DISPOSAL OF TIRES

A group of concerned residents that reside within an area of the Territory, where a stockpile of used tires have been disposed of have come before Council requesting help in cleaning up the area(s) where the tires of disposed of. They are aware of two known sites, owned by one person, who disposes(d) or presumably has allowed to dispose(d) of on his property. They share the health, environmental and safety risks that they have researched that are associated with tires that have not been properly disposed of and are left to stockpile on the land. This is not the first time this incident has been brought to this table and Council will make an effort to have the landowner come back to this table, along with the concerned community members and recommend that options be discussed on how to remedy this serious problem.

GC#247/08/04/2009

Moved by Levi White and seconded by Claudine VanEvery Albert, that a Special Council meeting be scheduled with the landowner(s) of the properties on fifth and sixth line where tires have been improperly disposed of and with the community members within the area that are concern with the Health, safety and environmental issues that are associated with the stockpiles.

ALL IN FAVOUR

CARRIED.

SECOND READING WAIVED.

RECOGNITION OF BUSINESSES

ii) (WM?HM) Route 54 Variety and Gas owned by Kristine Hill

Although this business is not operating, the recognition of business letter is required by the Ministry before they can be provided with gas service. Recently, the qualification criteria for gas delivery onto the Territory has been changed by the Ministry. Although it is process--that the business be "operating" as a business before Council will approve the application--consideration for exception is being presented given the change in criteria for the application process with the Ministry of Finance.

GC#248/08/04/2009

Moved by Melba Thomas and seconded by Christopher Martin that this Council provide a standard letter recognizing Route 54 Variety and Gas, owned by Kristine Hill, as a business operating on the territory.

TWO-OPPOSED

CARRIED.

SECOND READING WAIVED.

SIX NATIONS HEALTH COMMITTEE,

Recommendation from the Health Committee

GC#249/08/04/2009

Moved by Ava Hill and seconded by Barbara Harris that the Six Nations Council approves the recommendation of the Six Nations Health Committee to approve the submission of the Healthy Communities Funding application to the Ministry of Health Promotion in the amount of \$107,

600 (one hundred seven thousand six hundred dollars), and that Ruby Miller, Director of Health Services be given permission to sign the application.

AND further that the Six Nations Council provides full support to this application.

ALL IN FAVOUR

CARRIED.

SECOND READING WAIVED.

SIX NATIONS HOUSING, Briefing Note Attached

Recommendation from Housing:

GC#251/08/04/2009

Moved by Carl Hill and seconded by Christopher Martin that the Six Nations Council approves the recommendation from Six Nations Housing for acceptance of the funding under CEAP (Canada Economic Action Plan) from Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation totalling \$116,975.00 (one hundred sixteen thousand nine hundred seventy-five dollars)

AND further that Six Nations Council authorizes Chief William Montour to sign Appendix "A" on behalf of the Six Nations Council."

ALL IN FAVOUR

CARRIED.

SECOND READING WAIVED

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE/LANDS AND MEMBERSHIP

This item was removed. The recommendations went to General Finance of July 14, 2009.

ADOPTION OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL MINUTES AND ACTION ITEMS OF JULY 7, 2009

DEFERRED UNTIL THE GENERAL COUNCIL OF AUGUST 18, 2009.

WOODLAND CULTURAL CENTRE, Councillor Ava Hill, Memorandum AND Constitution Attached

DEFERRED TO GENERAL COUNCIL OF AUGUST 18, 2009

SCHEDULING AND DELEGATIONS (Local and Out-of-Town) Continued:

GC#252/08/04/09

Moved by Levi White and seconded by Carl Hill that Councillor Ava Hill did attend a meeting with the Honourable Brad Duguid, on Wednesday, June 24, 2009 in Toronto, Ontario.

ALL IN FAVOUR

CARRIED.

SECOND READING WAIVED.

GC#253/08/04/09

Moved by Barbara Harris and seconded by Christopher Martin that this Council delegates Councillor Claudine VanEvery Albert to attend the Indigenous Education Coalition at the Munsee Delaware First Nation on August 21 and 22, 2009.

ALL IN FAVOUR

CARRIED.

SECOND READING WAIVED.

RECOGNITION OF BUSINESSES, continued

i) (WM/HM) The Albert Group owned by Jese VanEvery Albert

GC#254/08/04/09

Moved by Ava Hill and seconded by Barbara Harris that this Council provide a standard letter recognizing The Albert Group, owned by Jese VanEvery Albert as a business operating on the territory.

Councillor Claudine Albert VanEvery declares conflict of interest.

ALL IN FAVOUR

CARRIED.

SECOND READING WAIVED.

MEETING ADJOURNED

GC#255/08/04/2009

Moved by Christopher Martin and seconded Carl Hill that this meeting be adjourned at 11:07 p.m.

ALL IN FAVOUR

CARRIED.

Signature of Chief William K. Montour