



# GENERAL COUNCIL MINUTES

April 7, 2009

7:30 P.M.

The thirtieth 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 Chief William K. Montour presiding as chair and Pastor Ralph Garlow opening with prayer and Brian Maracle opening with the opening address in Mohawk.

**THOSE PRESENT:**

Chief William Montour  
Claudine VanEvery Albert  
Carl Hill  
Melba Thomas  
Wray Maracle

Ava Hill  
George Montour  
Joanne Johnson  
Christopher Martin

Levi White  
David A. Hill  
Barbara Harris  
Helen Miller

**ABSENT:**

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Dayle Bomberry, A/Senior Administrative Officer

**GALLERY:**

**MEDIA:**

Turtle Island News

**RECORDER:**

Laura Beaver, Council Secretary

## **CHANGES/ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/ADOPTION TO April 7, 2009 AGENDA**

### **GC#109/04/7/2009**

Moved by Christopher Martin and seconded by George Montour that this Council accept the General Council agenda for April 7, 2009 with noted additions:

- Councillor David Hill – CMHC Meeting, Toronto, April 20, 2009
- Councillor David Hill – Ditches and Roads
- Councillor Barbara Harris – Canadian Gaming Conference

ALL IN FAVOUR

CARRIED

## **SIX NATIONS HEALTH FOUNDATION RE: \$10,000 DONATION TO SIX NATIONS COUNCIL**

Lois Porter a member of the Six Nations Health Foundation Inc. presented Chief and Council with a \$10,000 donation to assist with the establishment and operation of a diabetes dialysis unit within Health Services. Chief William Montour accepted on behalf of Six Nations Chief, Council and Health Services.

## **HAUDENOSAUNEE YOUTH GROUP**

Tahnee Wilson and Joelle Williams, members of the Young Ongwehonwe United (Y.O.U) presented Six Nations Council with a request of information by April 28, 2009. Including an invitation for Council representation on the newly developed Community Youth Centre Task Force.

### **GC#110/04/7/2009**

Moved by George Montour and seconded by Levi White that this Council supports the efforts of the Young Ongwehonwe United in developing a Community Youth Centre Task Force and that this Council is committed to working with the Community Youth Centre Task Force as per the document, “Presentation: Moving forward with the building of the Six Nations Youth Centre” dated, April 7, 2009.

ALL IN FAVOUR

CARRIED

### **GC#111/04/7/2009**

Moved by Levi White and seconded by Melba Thomas that this Council forward a copy of:

- 1) Six Nations Youth and Senior Centre - Estimate Summary Option 2, dated June 27, 2007
- 2) Six Nations Recreation Master Site Plan – Phase 3, dated June 28, 2007
- 3) Projected Annual Revenue from Facility Additions in 2008 & 2009, dated June 29, 2007
- 4) Memo, dated may 22, 2008 RE: Request for Rama Dollars to construct a Swimming Pool
- 5) Summary of Budget Forecasts, dated June 28, 2007
- 6) Copy of the Slide Presentation RE: Schematics of the Six Nations Youth and Senior Centre (5 pages)

To the Young Ongwehonwe United Group at this General Council Meeting of April 7, 2009.

ALL IN FAVOUR

CARRIED

## **ONONDAGA ODEHYESDAKWA LETTER DATED MARCH 24, 2009**

Onondaga Odehyesdakhwa has experienced funding cuts that has made it difficult for the classes to continue learning on a regular basis. One of their own funding efforts are catering, having monthly 649 draws, requested top up dollars from GREAT. The Language Commission was unaware of the status of the Onondaga Odehyesdakhwa's needs at the time they were implemented. Also, in a previous meeting at another location, Leroy "Jock" Hill said that he would match the funding that Six Nations Council put forward. Jock (Haudenosaunee Resource Centre aka HRC) handed out ideas on how to reorganize the Language Commission. The HRC had a similar experience with the Language Commission's decisions. There is currently zero funding for the Onondaga Odehyesdakhwa and the HRC. Onondaga Odehyesdakhwa is requesting a resolution as soon as possible. Jock clarified the "matching funding comment", and in a Council meeting he was asked what is the HRC doing for other monies? HRC proposed and idea to the DreamCatcher Fund to develop another Fund specifically for language and culture programs, the response back was for the HRC to approach the Cigarette Wholesalers first and then the DreamCatcher Fund would match it. Community Trust is not interested in overseeing the Language Funding at this time.

## **SIX NATIONS LANGUAGE COMMISSION**

Lack of communication has been the biggest stumbling block to date. Members of the Language Commission is inexperienced on this level of administration. The only other entity of this magnitude is in British Columbia. They are experiencing growing pains as a governing body. Decision making was based on the proposals submitted. The Mohawk Program received a larger funding portion because they submitted more than one proposal and they were waiting for their funding since September 2008. The Language Commission believes that the motion on the floor is hasty. The Language Commission knew that the formula is not enough to cover the needs of the language programs. The Language Commission was hoping that the language students would apply to other funding sources to top up their allowance. The Language Commission accepts the responsibility of poor communication. As for conflicts and favoritism and equity across the board, the Language Commission believes that they have accomplished this to best of their ability.

### **GC#112/04/7/2009**

Moved by Claudine VanEvery-Albert and seconded by Ava Hill that this Council

1. Allocates funding in the amount equal to the recipient's 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of the 2008/09 fiscal budget in order to assist with costs incurred during the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of the 2009/10 fiscal
2. That the Six Nations Council delegates A/SAO to determine the internal funding source
3. That all language/cultural groups appoint 2 members to meet with the Language Commission with the goal of gaining a clear understanding of the funding processes and how to restructure the Language Commission in order move forward
4. And that the combined group report to Six Nations Council by June 15, 2009

5 OPPOSED

CARRIED

**ADOPTION OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL MINUTES OF MARCH 17, 2009**

**GC#113/04/7/2009**

Moved by George Montour and seconded by David Hill that this Council accept the General Council minutes of March 17, 2009.

ALL IN FAVOUR

CARRIED

**BUILDING AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE/PUBLIC WORKS**

**GC#116/04/7/2009**

Moved by George Montour and seconded by David Hill that this Council accept the recommendation from the Building and Infrastructure Committee that the contract to hire a Consultant to complete engineering services for the new Water Supply and Treatment Plant be secured by way of invited tenders, with at least five to eight invitations being requested.

2 OPPOSED

CARRIED

SECOND READING WAIVED

**SIX NATIONS HEALTH COMMITTEE**

**GC#117/04/7/2009**

Moved by Helen Miller and seconded by Claudine VanEvery-Albert that this Council approve the submission of the 2009-10 New Horizons for Seniors Program application to Social Development Canada in the amount of \$25,000.

ALL IN FAVOUR

CARRIED

**SIX NATIONS HEALTH COMMITTEE**

**GC#118/04/7/2009**

Moved by Ava Hill and seconded by Carl Hill that this Council accepts the recommendation from the Six Nations Health Committee to search for additional funding in the amount of \$25,200 for the Iroquois Lodge to hire the Nursing Consultant Services of Claire Annis & Associates Inc. for a period of 9 months commencing April 1, 2009.

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**COMMUNITY TREASURES**

It was briefly discussed that the process of choosing a Community Treasures is by secret ballot and because they were not prepared for tonight that it be done during the next full council meeting the next business day, April 8, 2009. Therefore giving the secretary time to prepare the ballots.

**SIX NATIONS POLICE RE: (EMAIL) SAFE STREETS SAVES LIVES PRESENTATION**

**GC#120/04/7/2009**

Moved by George Montour and seconded by Ava Hill that this Council accepts the invitation from the Community Services Coordinator, Six Nations Police to host the Safe Streets Saves Lives Awards Presentation in November 2009.

ALL IN FAVOUR

CARRIED

**COMMUNITY FOCUS COMMITTEE - RE: RESOLUTION GC#31/02/17/2009**

**GC#121/04/7/2009**

Moved by Ava Hill and seconded by Dave Hill that this Council accept the recommendation by the Community Focus Committee to amend GC#31/02/17/2009 regarding waiving of Community Hall and Kitchen rental fees for Community Living Six Nations "Ronatahskats" for the purpose of hosting (6) inter-agency dances throughout the 2009 calendar year (to include: Valentines; Easter/Spring/Bread and Cheese; Summer; Halloween/Fall; Labour Day and Christmas to ensure that these rental fees are paid through the Donation by Resolution Account (\$20,000.00) allocated for waiving of rental fees and NOT from the Donation Committee Account as originally indicated.

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**INDIAN AND NORTHERN AFFAIRS CANADA (INAC) RE: ADDITION OF THE GST TO RENT & FEE CLAUSES FOR COMMERCIAL LEASES & PERMIT**

**GC#122/04/7/2009**

Moved by David Hill and seconded by Carl Hill to invite the Indian and Northern Affairs Regional Director to meet with this Council and discuss the letter dated February 10, 2009 addressed to Ontario Region Lands Managers and Lands Staff regarding addition of the GST to rent and fee clauses for commercial leases & permits.

ALL IN FAVOUR

CARRIED

SECOND READING WAIVED

**SIX NATIONS COUNCIL – COMPREHENSIVE INSURANCE**

**GC#123/04/7/2009**

Moved by Carl Hill and seconded by George Montour that this Council invite the applicant to Solicit on Six Nations Territory, David Lorne Gibson, owner of Typhoon Impex to the next General Council Meeting of April 21, 2009.

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**RECOGNITION OF BUSINESS**

- (JJ/LW) Wayne Butler Construction owned by Wayne Butler (ON HOLD)
- (JJ/LW) Rez Auto Salon owned by Sylvenus Clause (ON HOLD)
- (JJ/LW) Josh's Custom Detailing owned by Joshua Clause (ON HOLD)

- (AH/CH) Martin's Craft Shop owned by Marion Martin

**GC#124/04/7/2009**

Moved by Carl Hill and seconded by Ava Hill that this Council issue a standard letter recognizing Martin's Craft Shop owned by Marion Martin as a business operating on the Six Nations territory.

- (BH/MT) Clear Sky Insurance Services owned by Kenneth Hill

**GC#125/04/7/2009**

Moved by Barbara Harris and seconded by Melba Thomas that this Council issue a standard letter recognizing Clear Sky Insurance Services owned by Kenneth Hill as a business operating on the Six Nations territory.

ALL IN FAVOUR

CARRIED

**GC#126/04/7/2009**

Moved by Melba Thomas and seconded by Barbara Harris that this Council issue a standard letter recognizing B&J Custom Gustowa Making owned by Jeffery Scott Johnson and Bobbi-Lynn Carpenter as a business operating on the Six Nations territory.

ALL IN FAVOUR

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**NEW BUSINESS – COUNCILLOR DAVID HILL RE: CLEANING DITCHES**

**GC#128/04/7/2009**

Moved by George Montour and seconded by Christopher Martin that this Council direct the A/SAO to investigate and prepare a Cost Analysis including funding source to hire people to clean the ditches of Six Nations Community.

ALL IN FAVOUR

CARRIED

**SCHEDULING**

**GC#127/04/7/2009**

Moved by Carl Hill and seconded by Barbara Hill that this Council delegates Councillor David Hill to attend the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) Allocation Working Group meeting, Toronto, Ontario, April 20, 2009.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

**GC#129/04/7/2009**

Moved by David Hill and seconded by Carl Hill that this Council adjourn the General Council meeting of April 7, 2009 at 11:05 pm.

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CARRIED

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Signature of Chief William K. Montour