



GENERAL COUNCIL MINUTES

February 3, 2009

7:30 P.M.

The twenty-seventh 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 the meeting was opened by Pastor Ralph Garlow at 7:30 pm.

THOSE PRESENT:

Chief William Montour

Claudine VanEvery Albert

Carl Hill

Melba Thomas

Ava Hill

Levi White

Joanne Johnson

Barbara Harris

Wray Maracle

George Montour

ABSENT:

David A. Hill

Helen Miller – CAB Symposium

Christopher Martin – Out of Town

IN ATTENDANCE:

Dayle Bomberry, A/Senior Administrative Officer

GALLERY:

MEDIA:

Turtle Island News

RECORDER:

Laura Beaver, Council Secretary

CHANGES/ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/ADOPTION TO DECEMBER 2, 2008 AGENDA

GC#13/02/03/2009

Moved by George Montour and seconded by Levi White that this Council accepts the agenda for the General Council meeting of February 3, 2009.

ALL IN FAVOUR

CARRIED

2010 TORCH RELAY PRESENTATION

Guests: Cheryl Henhawk, Parks and Recreation Director and Carissa Proserpi, Torch Relay Regional Route Coordinator for Ontario. Miss Proserpi gave an outlined presentation of the torch relay including background information of the Olympic Games and the journey of the Torch Relay. Six Nations has been chosen as one of the Aboriginal Communities on route for the 2010 Torch Relay. The Olympic Torch will be here in Six Nations December 21, 2009. Suggestions from Miss Proserpi were for Six Nations to have an elder present to “bless” the flame on its journey. Also a Youth Flame Attendant is another opportunity for Six Nations to be more involved. A Youth Flame Attendant is someone who keeps the lantern safe. In the event that the torch flame goes out, the flame attendant would be charged with relighting the torch with the original Olympic flame. The torch bearer has the opportunity to either wear a universal uniform or traditional clothing from Six Nations. The contest closes July 15, 2009 and the torch bearer winner will be announced. Another suggestion was that a weekend long celebration could be organized leading up to the arrival of the torch.

CLARIFICATION RE: STONERIDGE HOUSING

Guest: Linda Bomberry

Mrs. Bomberry explained to the Council that the building under construction at 16 Stoneridge Circle is a garage with a loft. The garage portion will house 4 vehicles, ATV's and tools plus a loft is being constructed to house the tenant's mentally challenged brother that she has been caring for. She further explained that he is stable enough to have his own living area but still close enough where she can over see his activities. Six Nations Housing has been in contact with the tenant and all concerns and “rumours” have been satisfactorily answered. The hydro poles that need to be moved to accommodate the size of the building will be at the expense of the tenant. Councillors thanked the tenant for attending and answering the questions raised plus the tenant invited Councillors to visit and view the building for themselves.

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF GENERAL COUNCIL, JANUARY 20, 2009

GC#14/02/03/2009

Moved by Levi White and seconded by George Montour that this Council accept the minutes of January 20, 2009.

ALL IN FAVOUR

CARRIED

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, MEMORANDUM DATED JANUARY 28, 2009

A quote was submitted from Lubek Electric in the amount of \$10,155.00. Plus a memorandum dated February 2, 2009 with a breakdown of the cost for a Crossing Guard. It is agreed by Councillors that the potential danger at the intersection of Chiefswood Road and 4th Line for the young community members who regularly cross are in need of a crossing guard immediately until the investigation and decision of a stop/walk signage with a timer is complete. Funding for this would be covered by Six Nations Council with funding source being sought. Indian and Northern Affairs covered the cost of crossing guards at one time. Currently they do not. Imperial Oil Agreement is willing work within the agreed limit. Have the dollars realigned and flow through Grand River Post Secondary. Presentation would need to be made to Imperial Oil. Another suggested funding source would be John Baunum, Area Representative for Union Gas. They are willing to allocate dollars into this Community as a “good will gesture”.

GC#15/02/03/2009

Moved by Carl Hill and seconded by Claudine VanEvery-Albert that this Council approves the annual cost for a Crossing Guard at the intersection of Chiefswood Road and 4th Line. Cost is based on 3 hours per day, 5 days per week at \$12.50 per hour plus 10% benefits, initial training, cost of paddle and vest. And that a Crossing Guard is implemented immediately until the end of the 2008/2009 school year.

ALL IN FAVOUR

CARRIED
SECOND READING WAIVED

RECORDS MANAGEMENT RE: AUTHORIZATION FOR DESTRUCTION

GC#19/02/03/2009

Moved by George Montour and seconded by Melba Thomas that this Council accepts the recommendation by the Records Management System to authorize destruction of the records listed on the Authorization for Destruction forms attached to Briefing Note dated January 27, 2009.

ALL IN FAVOUR

CARRIED

COMMUNITY LIVING SIX NATIONS “RONATAHSKATS”, LETTER DATED JANUARY 8, 2009

It was expressed that the Community Living Six Nations “Ronatahskats” Board of Directors does not want to meet with Full Council.

Councillor Claudine VanEvery-Albert handed out a memo to Council, dated February 3, 2009.

Outlining 8 points including:

1. Memorandum of Understanding;
2. Resolutions indicating that Special Services is under Six Nations Council;
3. Land Ownership;
4. Housing Ownership;
5. Administration/Activity Centre
6. Trust Agreement;

7. INAC funding for Special Services flowing through Six Nations Council and;
8. Ministry of Community Living and Social Services funding flowed directly to Special Services as a courtesy from Six Nations Council to Special Services, due to good working relationships

A/SAO will take the 8 points from this memo and investigate each one with a report back to this Council.

GC#20/02/03/2009

Moved by George Montour and seconded by Levi White that this Council delegates Chief Montour, A/SAO and the Finance Director to meet with the Community Living Six Nations “Ronatahskats” Board of Directors to discuss any and all concerns. And that the A/SAO investigates all points outlined in the memo submitted by Councillor Claudine VanEvery-Albert dated February 3, 2009 with a report back to the next General Council.

ALL IN FAVOUR

CARRIED

SECOND READING WAIVED

POLICY DEPARTMENT RE: SIX NATIONS CONSULTATION AND ACCOMMODATION POLICY

GC#21/02/03/2009

Moved by George Montour and seconded by Barbara Harris that this Council accepts the Six Nations Consultation and Accommodation Policy as presented and that this is effective April 1, 2009 pending the completion of the Procedures Manual.

ALL IN FAVOUR

CARRIED

SECOND READING WAIVED

LETTER DATED JANUARY 26, 2009 RE: DEVELOPMENT IN EAST HAWKESBURY TOWNSHIP

Chief William Montour addressed a letter, dated January 26, 2009 to Mayor Robert Kirby inquiring of the location of the proposed 300 acre Solar Farm located in the East Hawkesbury Township.

BUSINESS RECOGNITION

(WM/HM) Greenhill Training Centre owned by Kristine Hill has been deferred to next month as per Councillor Wray Maracle. Reporting that there are no horses in the barn and the barn stalls are incomplete. Councillor Maracle stated that he will revisit the Centre next month to check on the progress.

NEW BUSINESS – COUNCILLOR GEORGE MONTOUR RE: TAYLOR’S TOWING LETTER DATED FEBRUARY 2, 2009

The letter is requesting this Council’s permission be granted to the Ontario Provincial Police so that they may conduct investigations at Taylor’s Towing whenever a towing service has been conducted for the OPP and the recovered vehicles are stored in their compound. This matter has been deferred to the Six Nations Police Commission with a recommendation back to this Council.

NEW BUSINESS – COUNCILLOR GEORGE MONTOUR RE: BIWEEKLY PAY FOR STAFF

Band Council Employees approached Councillor George Montour with concerns of the Bi-weekly Pays starting in April 2009. Other concerns have arisen that this is considered “lobbying” and that employees have Managers and Directors to approach for their concerns. A/SAO is to reaffirm the start date with the SAT Team. As noted by Councillor Carl Hill that employees wanted respect and consultation. No consultation was given. Further noted by Chief Montour, as chair, the resolution and planning to implement bi-weekly pay periods still stands and that the issue is now closed.

NEW BUSINESS – COUNCILLOR AVA HILL RE: SNOW CLEARANCE FOR EMERGENCY – PLOUGHING – BRIEFING NOTE

GC#22/02/03/2009

Moved by Ava Hill and seconded by Levi White that this Council delegates the A/SAO to meet with appropriate departments to develop an emergency plan for snow removal/clearance for those community members/clientele whom will be determined as eligible for access to this service through completion of an Eligibility Form issued by Health Services.

ALL IN FAVOUR

CARRIED

SECOND READING WAIVED

NEW BUSINESS – COUNCILLOR JOANNE JOHNSON RE: IROQUOIS VILLAGE CENTRE ICE BUILD-UP

A letter from a Community Member stating that she slipped and fell in the Iroquois Village Centre due to unsalted build up of ice located at the ramp in the handicapped parking area in front of the Royal Bank. This ice build up is a result of a leaky eaves trough overhead. Although injury was sustained the complainant’s concern was not for herself but the elderly and handicapped that rely on the usage of this ramp. A/SAO will address this matter with Commercial Leasing.

NEW BUSINESS – COUNCILLOR AVA HILL RE: UNION 67 PLUMBERS AND PIPEFITTERS

GC#23/02/03/2009

Moved by Wray Maracle and seconded by George Montour that this Council delegates Chief William Montour to draft a letter of intent on behalf of the Six Nations Council addressed to Union 67 affirming the commitment to the Proposal for the Development of the Plumbers and Pipefitters Training Facility.

1 OPPOSED

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS – COUNCILLOR AVA HILL RE: MATRIMONIAL REAL PROPERTY

Reintroduction of the Matrimonial Real Property Law is to take place by the end of this month without changes being proposed. Lobbying and presentations will need to be done with the Standing Committee. Richard Powless has drafted 4 letters requesting that party support not be given. If it is brought forward it is hoped to have it brought to committee between first/second and second/third reading.

Lobbying dates are March 17-19, 2009.

NEW BUSINESS – COUNCILLOR AVA HILL RE: JOINT COUNCIL MEETING

A Strategy Meeting is planned for February 4, 2009 at 1 pm. It was suggested by Councillor Barbara Harris that both Councils need to meet and reaffirm each parties' position and "clear the air". Organizing a joint meeting has been suggested, either February 20 or 27, 2009. This will give time for all Mid-winter Ceremonies to be completed at all Longhouses. This Council needs to develop a position before meeting with Confederacy.

GC#24/02/03/2009

Moved by Claudine VanEvery-Albert and seconded by Melba Thomas that this Council forwards monthly calendars to Trevor Bomberry at the Oneida Business Park (OBP) as a tool to better organize meetings between Six Nations Council and Confederacy.

1 OPPOSED

CARRIED

MEETING ADJOURNED

GC#26/02/03/2009

Moved by Carl Hill and seconded by George Montour that this Council adjourn the General Council Meeting of February 3, 2009 at 9:20 pm.

ALL IN FAVOUR

CARRIED

Signature of Chief William K. Montour