



GENERAL COUNCIL MINUTES

January 6, 2009

7:30 P.M.

The twenty-fifth 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 Ken Hess at 7:30 pm.

THOSE PRESENT:

Chief William K. Montour
David A. Hill
Helen Miller
Carl Hill

Barbara Harris
Melba Thomas
George Montour

Claudine VanEvery-Albert
Ava Hill
Wray Maracle

ABSENT:

Joanne Johnson – Site Visit (Wemindji FN)
Christopher Martin - Site Visit (Wemindji FN)
Levi White - Site Visit (Wemindji FN)

IN ATTENDANCE:

Dayle Bomberry, A/Senior Administrative Officer

GALLERY:

MEDIA:

Turtle Island News

RECORDER:

Laura Beaver, Council Secretary

1. Start up dollars is a historic level of dollars. With the demographics of Ontario and more particularly the Native Communities there is a huge population of “baby boomers” that are approaching the age of additional medical assistance. An adequate data collection system that offers a truer picture of the health requirements for Six Nations specifically is needed
2. The 65 Welfare Agreement deals primarily with Social, there is a health aspect to it where the Federal Government reimburses Ontario 97% of cost to services delivered to First Nations
3. How is LHIN’s integrated with the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care? LHIN’s is an agency of the Crown. Is there an administration fee that LHIN’s takes from the health care dollars prior to administering? LHIN’s reps answered no.
4. This Council wants real representation on the External Boards. When dealing with political issues this Council can offer assistance.

SIX NATIONS PARKS AND RECREATION RE: 2010 TORCH RELAY

Guest: Cheryl Henhawk, Director of Recreation

Six Nations has been chosen as one of the 100 Aboriginal Communities across Canada that will be included as part of the 2010 Torch Relay for the Winter Games. Six Nations also has the privilege of furthering that involvement by selecting a community hero of our own to carry the torch from the Ohsweken Village Plaza to the Ohsweken Community Hall. Pam Boyd, Paralympic Torch Relay Coordinator and Torch Relay Northern Route Coordinator along with Carissa Prosperi Torch Relays Regional Route Coordinator for Ontario came to our community to do a site visit and preliminary meeting to discuss Six Nations’ participation. Carissa Prosperi has offered to do a presentation to Council.

GC#427/01/6/2009

Moved by George Montour and seconded by Carl Hill that this Council invites Carissa Prosperi, Torch Relays Regional Route Coordinator for Ontario to the General Council meeting, February 3, 2009 for update of the 2010 Torch Relay.

ALL IN FAVOUR

CARRIED

GUEST: DARLENE BUTLER RE: LETTER DATED JANUARY 5, 2009

A brief outline of the letter was given. Ms. Butler clearly stated that the decision made by the registered nurses at Iroquois Lodge was unprofessional and that on December 15, 2008 after her father had fallen twice, she demanded that an ambulance be called to take her father to the hospital to be assessed by a doctor. These injuries proved to be fatal over a short period of time. Ms. Butler went on to inform Council that the Coroner’s Office is conducting an investigation and she had notified the Ministry of this matter. Condolences were offered by all who addressed Ms. Butler. These concerns will be taken to the Health Committee with recommendations to Six Nations Council. This matter will be taken seriously and will be dealt with accordingly. Ms. Butler was thanked and commended for bringing this issue to Full Council. Ms. Butler was invited to the next Health Committee meeting on January 27, 2009.

GUEST: ROBERTA HILL RE: LETTER DATED JANUARY 6, 2009

Annual flooding in the area of Fourth Line between Mohawk Road and westward towards Brantford. Continual erosion of this road is inevitable. What are the emergency measures to ensure optimal safety of these residents? Some residents attended in support of Ms. Hill's presentation to Council. Discussion of awareness of Emergency Measures for the community as a whole is part of the plan for the Emergency Measures Planning Committee. District #2 Councilors are willing to revisit the landowners along river road in hopes to reach a verbal agreement on purchasing land in order to move the road followed by the appropriate steps to making this a binding agreement. Currently neighbors help each other when the roads become unsafe due to flooding. The Building and Infrastructure Committee/Public Works will be investigating the safety issues raised.

GC#428/01/6/2009

Moved by George Montour and seconded by Melba Thomas that this Council delegates Chief William Montour to draft a letter on behalf of Six Nations Council to Brant County and express the interest that this Council has in working with them to coordinate a meeting with the Federal and Ontario Governments, the Grand River Conservation Authority (GRCA) and Hydro One Networks Inc. regarding the Grand River and the safety of its residence.

ALL IN FAVOUR

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 16, 2008

GC#429/01/6/2009

Moved by Helen Miller and seconded by Claudine VanEvery-Albert that this Council delegates Derek Hill, A/Public Works Director to compile a detailed estimate with submission to Full Council upon completion for the purchase/implementation of a Stop/Walk Sign with a timer at the intersection of Chiefswood Road and Fourth Line plus a cost breakdown for a Crossing Guard at the same location.

ALL IN FAVOUR

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL MINUTES OF December 16, 2008

GC#430/01/6/2009

Moved by David Hill and seconded by Wray Maracle that this Council accepts the General Council Minutes for December 16, 2008 as read.

ALL IN FAVOUR

CARRIED

SIX NATIONS MATRIMONIAL REAL PROPERTY LAW

GC#431/01/6/2009

Moved by Carl Hill and seconded by Wray Maracle that this Council accepts the Six Nations Matrimonial Real Property Law – Draft One Final, as information only.
ALL IN FAVOUR CARRIED

SAFETY & SECURITY/GAMING COMMISSION RE: TERMS OF REFERENCE AND RULES OF PROCEDURE

The Safety and Security Committee and the Policy Department have been working on separate revisions for the Gaming Commission Terms of Reference and Rules of Procedure. Both revisions are to be merged by the Policy Department and forwarded to Political Liaison the end of January. Also invite the Gaming Commission to attend.

GC#432/01/6/2009

Moved by Ava Hill and seconded by David Hill that this Council accepts the Gaming Commission Terms of Reference as information and that the Policy Department obtain the revision from the Gaming Commission and merge all revisions into final draft form for the next Political Liaison meeting January 26, 2009 and that the Gaming Commission be invited to attend.
ALL IN FAVOUR CARRIED

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT – BRIEFING NOTED ATTACHED

Discussion regarding a needs assessment prior to purchasing the requested vehicle was understood by the Building and Infrastructure Committee Chair to be complete hence the recommendation to purchase.

GC#433/01/6/2009

Moved by George Montour and seconded by Wray Maracle that this Council accepts the recommendation from the Building and Infrastructure Committee/Public Works to General Finance that the 2009 Tandem Dump Truck Tender be awarded to Waycon International of Guelph in the amount of \$188, 268.00. Funding will be borrowed from Reserved Minor Capital Funds (4th Line Visibility #29010-000-RF4) and repaid from next years' 2009-2010 Minor Capital Funds.
2 OPPOSED CARRIED

BUSINESS RECOGNITION

GC#434/01/6/2009

Moved by Barbara Harris and seconded by Melba Thomas that this Council issue a standard letter recognizing Grand River Insurance Solutions owned by Kenneth R. Hill and Darren DeDobbelaer as a business operating on the Six Nations territory.

ALL IN FAVOUR

CARRIED

SOCIAL COMMITTEE – LETTER TO LITTLE TREASURES CHILD CARE

GC#435/01/6/2009

Moved by Carl Hill and seconded by George Montour that this Council accepts resolution S.C.#2-12/16/2008 regarding the draft response letter, dated December 31, 2008 to a request from Little Treasures Child Care, dated October 16, 2008 as information and that owner Ms. Sarah Jayne be invited to attend the next General Council meeting on January 20, 2009.

ALL IN FAVOUR

CARRIED

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT RE: LAND SUBSIDENCE (SINKHOLE)

A land subsidence (sinkhole) was reported to the Environmental Office on November 21, 2008. At the time of investigation the measurements were 4 x 5 feet in diameter and approximately 7 feet deep. The Environmental Officer is currently leading the research and monitoring. Updates will be reported to Council as the investigation of the sinkhole.

GC#436/01/6/2009

Moved by Carl Hill and seconded by George Montour that this Council accepts the Building and Infrastructure Committee Briefing Note dated December 18, 2008 regarding Land Subsidence (Sinkhole) as information and that the Public Works Department will monitor and submit updates with recommendations if necessary to Full Council as needed.

ALL IN FAVOUR

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS – COUNCILLOR DAVID HILL RE: SAFETY AND SECURITY COMMITTEE/FIRE DEPARTMENT

GC#437/01/6/2009

Moved by Claudine VanEvery-Albert and seconded by George Montour that this Council acknowledges the Briefing Note dated January 6, 2009 as submitted by the Safety and Security Committee/Fire Department and redirects Michael Seth, Fire Chief to contact surrounding Fire Departments for policy and procedure manual guidance and to develop a draft Policies and Procedures Manual for the Six Nations Fire Department with submission to the Safety and Security Committee for review with recommendations to Full Council.

1 OPPOSED

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS – COUNCILLOR HELEN MILLER RE: SOCIAL COMMITTEE

GC#438/01/6/2009

Moved by Helen Miller and seconded by Claudine that this Council sign a Six Nations Council Resolution authorizing the application for our Six Nations Cultural Camp with Great Lakes Cultural Camp for the amount of \$49,999.61.

ALL IN FAVOUR

CARRIED

MEETING ADJOURNED

GC#439/01/6/2009

Moved by David Hill and seconded by Barbara Harris that this Council adjourns the General Council meeting of January 6, 2009 at 10:50 pm.

ALL IN FAVOUR

CARRIED

Signature of Chief William K. Montour