



# GENERAL COUNCIL MINUTES

## March 17, 2009

### 7:30 P.M.

The twenty-ninth 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 Councillor George Montour opening with prayer.

**THOSE PRESENT:**

Chief William Montour  
Claudine VanEvery Albert  
Carl Hill  
Melba Thomas

Ava Hill  
George Montour  
Joanne Johnson  
Helen Miller

Levi White  
David A. Hill  
Barbara Harris  
Wray Maracle

**ABSENT:**

Christopher Martin

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Dayle Bomberry, A/Senior Administrative Officer

**GALLERY:**

**MEDIA:**

Turtle Island News

**RECORDER:**

Laura Beaver, Council Secretary

**CHANGES/ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/ADOPTION TO MARCH 17, 2009 AGENDA**

**GC#78/03/17/2009**

Moved by Carl Hill and seconded by George Montour that this Council accepts the General Council agenda of March 17, 2009 with noted additions:

- Iroquois Caucus – Ava Hill, Chief Montour
- Recognition of Businesses Clarification – Levi White
- Gaming Conference – Claudine VanEvery-Albert
- AFN Treaty Conference – Chief Montour
- Request for DVD of Confederacy Minutes from 1835 to 1924 – Chief Montour
- Election Code Committee Recording Secretary – Chief Montour
- Scheduling – JMC – Barbara Harris
- Scheduling - Water Symposium – George Montour

ALL IN FAVOUR

CARRIED

**ADOPTION OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL MINUTES OF MARCH 3, 2009**

**Business from the minutes**

**GC#79/03/17/2009**

Moved by Levi White and seconded by Barbara Harris that this Council suspend the current Recognition of Business process until the draft Recognition of Business Policy has been reviewed and voted upon or until such time that an alternative policy has been reviewed and accepted to further ensure the separation of administration and political duties.

3 – Yes

8 - Opposed

Levi White

David Hill

Claudine VanEvery-Albert

Carl Hill

Barbara Harris

Ava Hill

Joanne Johnson

Wray Maracle

Helen Miller

George Montour

Melba Thomas

MOTION DEFEATED

**ADOPTION OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL MINUTES OF MARCH 3, 2009**

**GC#80/03/17/2009**

Moved by Claudine VanEvery-Albert and seconded by Melba Thomas that this Council accept the General Council minutes of March 3, 2009.

ALL IN FAVOUR

CARRIED

## **PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

### **GC#81/03/17/2009**

Moved by Levi White and seconded by David Hill that this Council defer the matter of Public Works Department Policies and Procedures to be discussed and voted upon following the Joint Workshop with Directors/Managers on April 8, 2009 and that Councillors are asked to forward their questions/concerns to Derek Hill, Public Works Director for compilation.

ALL IN FAVOUR

CARRIED

## **COMMUNITY TREASURES**

### **GC#82/03/17/2009**

Moved by Levi White and seconded by George Montour that this Council accepts the recommendation from the Six Nations Recognition and Awards Banquet Committee, dated March 11, 2009 to accept the following as criteria for selecting Community Treasures and that nominees will be selected based on:

1. Categories, eg; Health, Social, the Arts, Education, Economic Development, Entrepreneurship, etc.
2. Volunteer service
3. Outstanding achievement
4. Devotion to activities that benefit the community
5. Ambassador positively promoting Six Nations culture and community
6. Not currently an elected member of Council
7. A maximum of 2 awards annually
8. No posthumous (award recipient must be living)

ALL IN FAVOUR

CARRIED

## **COMMUNITY TREASURES**

### **GC#83/03/17/2009**

Moved by Levi White and seconded by Barbara Harris that this Council accepts the recommendation from the Six Nations Recognition and Awards Banquet Committee, dated March 11, 2009 to accept the following as additional criteria for selecting Community Treasures; that the person nominating a community treasure be responsible for providing a short backgrounder of at least 5 sentences of the nominee, that must include:

1. The reason for the nomination or award (criteria)
2. An explanation on how they fit the criteria
3. A current picture or graphic of the nominee from the shoulders up
4. Photo arrangements may be made through the Six Nations Communications Department, in order to meet the photo criteria

ALL IN FAVOUR

CARRIED

## **COMMUNITY TREASURES – con't**

### **GC#84/03/17/2009**

Moved by Levi White and seconded by George Montour that this Council accepts the recommendation from the Six Nations Recognition and Awards Banquet Committee, dated March 11, 2009 to accept the following as additional criteria for selecting Community Treasures; that the selections for Community Treasures, including the backgrounder and picture, are to be completed by March 31, 2009 so that printing of the program and framing deadlines can be met without delay.

1 OPPOSED

CARRIED

## **COMMUNITY AWARENESS**

### **GC#85/03/17/2009**

Moved by Claudine VanEvery-Albert and seconded by Melba Thomas that this Council participates in the Community Awareness Week activities as the Official Kick-off Event by organizing a Kick-off Breakfast at the Six Nations Community Hall on May 15, 2009, as coordinated by Naomi Powless, Community Awareness Week Coordinator.

ALL IN FAVOUR

CARRIED

SECOND READING WAIVED

## **THE COMMUNITY PHYSICIAN RECRUITMENT COMMITTEE**

It was mentioned that a previous motion recognizing the noted appointee has been passed. No verification was given at this time.

### **GC#92/03/17/2009**

Moved by Ava Hill and seconded by Carl Hill that this Council appoints Ruby Miller, Health Services Director as a Six Nations Representative on the Brant Community Physicians Recruitment Committee.

ALL IN FAVOUR

CARRIED

## **AFN/INAC JOINT WORKING GROUP – SECURE CERTIFICATE OF INDIAN STATUS**

There are continuous questions regarding the information obtained by the Assembly of First Nations/Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (AFN/INAC). The INAC Office located in Brantford advised that for those whom obtained a new SCIS Cards that if they do not activate it that in 30 days it will become null and void. What happens to the personal information once it is given? Who secures this information? Will this allow First Nations people to travel across the Canadian Borders? A suggestion was that Six Nations Council should speak directly to Homeland Security to assist with information. June 1, 2009 is the proposed deadline that INAC

has defined as implementing the new Secure Certificate of Indian Status Cards. This matter has been referred to In Camera Political Liaison Meeting on Monday, March 23, 2009.

## **RECOGNITION OF BUSINESS**

### **GC#94/03/17/2009**

Moved by Carl Hill and seconded by Ava Hill that this Council issue a standard letter recognizing The Ryan Sidney Group owned by Landon Miller as a business operating on the Six Nations territory.

ALL IN FAVOUR

CARRIED

### **GC#95/03/17/2009**

Moved by Wray Maracle and seconded by Helen Miller that this Council issue a standard letter recognizing Caddy Shack owned by James Powell and Rachel Maracle as a business operating on the Six Nations territory.

ALL IN FAVOUR

CARRIED

## **SCHEDULING**

### **GC#96/03/17/2009**

Moved by Levi White and seconded by David Hill that this Council delegates Councillor Carl Hill with Councillor Wray Maracle as alternate to attend an Out of Town Meeting with GREAT as Representatives, Niagara Falls, Ontario, March 26, 2009.

ALL IN FAVOUR

CARRIED

### **GC#97/03/17/2009**

Moved by Barbara Harris and seconded by George Montour that this Council delegates Councillor Melba Thomas to attend the Canadian Gaming Summit, Windsor, Ontario, April 28, 29, 30, 2009, as a Gaming Commission Representative.

ALL IN FAVOUR

CARRIED

### **GC#98/03/17/2009**

Moved by Claudine VanEvery-Albert and seconded by Levi White that this Council delegates the following positions to attend the Canadian Gaming Summit, Windsor, Ontario, April 28-30, 2009, 2 Bingo Employees, 1 Councillor, 1 Economic Development Director.

1 OPPOSED

CARRIED

### **GC#99/03/17/2009**

Moved by George Montour and seconded by Melba Thomas that this Council delegates Lewis Staats to attend in Chief Montour's absence the Iroquois Caucus, Tyendinaga, Ontario, March 25-27, 2009.

1 OPPOSED

CARRIED

**GC#102/03/17/2009**

Moved by Claudine VanEvery-Albert and seconded by Melba Thomas that this Council delegates Chief William Montour to attend the Principle and Practice for Working Relationships Meeting, Toronto, Ontario, March 24-25, 2009.

ALL IN FAVOUR

CARRIED

**GC#103/03/17/2009**

Moved by Melba Thomas and seconded by Barbara Harris that this Council delegates Councillor Claudine VanEvery-Albert to participate as a representative of the Community Development Committee/Education, on an Interview Committee for Vice Principals March 23, 2009.

ALL IN FAVOUR

CARRIED

**GC#104/03/17/2009**

Moved by Melba Thomas and seconded by Carl Hill that this Council delegates Councillor Barbara Harris to attend the Joint Management Committee (JMC) in Toronto, Ontario, March 24-25, 2009.

ALL IN FAVOUR

CARRIED

**GC#105/03/17/2009**

Moved by Levi White and seconded by Claudine VanEvery-Albert that this Council delegates Councillors Wray Maracle and George Montour to attend the Indian Resource Council Annual 2-day Workshop, Vancouver, BC, March 24-25, 2009.

1 OPPOSED

CARRIED

**GC#106/03/17/2009**

Moved by Levi White and seconded by Carl Hill that this Council delegates Councillor George Montour to participate in the Water Symposium at Six Nations Polytechnic, Six Nations, Ontario, March 27, 2009.

ALL IN FAVOUR

CARRIED

**GC#107/03/17/2009**

Moved by George Montour and seconded by Carl Hill that this Council delegates Lonny Bomberry, Lands and Resources Director to attend the Assembly of First Nations Inaugural Meet the National Council of Treaty Chiefs, Saskatchewan, March 22-25, 2009.

ALL IN FAVOUR

CARRIED

**NEW BUSINESS – CHIEF WILLIAM MONTOUR**

**GC#100/03/17/2009**

Moved by Melba Thomas and seconded by Claudine VanEvery-Albert that this Council request from Records Management copies of the Confederacy Minutes for the years of 1835 to 1924 and issue one copy to the Confederacy Council and one to each of the Six Nations Elected Councillors.

1 OPPOSED

CARRIED

**ELECTION CODE COMMITTEE RE: RECORDING SECRETARY**

Through discussion it was decided that A/SAO would investigate the funding for a Recording Secretary for the Community-based Election Code Committee such as Innovations. And that a motion would only be necessary if the funds were allocated to the Rama Trust Fund. Motion was not formally withdrawn.

**GC#101/03/17/2009**

Moved by Melba Thomas and seconded by Levi White that this Council delegates A/SAO to investigate funding for a recording secretary for the community based Election Code Committee  
MOTION NOT WITHDRAWN

**MEETING ADJOURNED**

**GC#108/03/17/2009**

Moved by Wray Maracle and seconded by Carl Hill that this Council adjourn the General Council meeting of March 17, 2009.  
ALL IN FAVOUR

CARRIED

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Signature of Chief William K. Montour