



GENERAL COUNCIL MINUTES

MAY 20, 2008

6:00 P.M.

The 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 Band Administration Building, Ohsweken, Ontario, N0A 1M0 with Chief William K. Montour presiding as chair. Cam Staats opened the meeting in prayer.

THOSE PRESENT:

Chief William K. Montour
Claudine VanEvery-Albert (late)
Christopher N. Martin
Melba Thomas (late)

Barbara Harris
G. Ava Hill
R. Helen Miller
Levi White (late)

Carl Hill
R. Joanne Johnson (late)
George Montour
Wray Maracle

ABSENT:

David A. Hill

IN ATTENDANCE:

Dayle Bomberry, A/Senior Administrative Officer
Laurel Curley, Six Nations Chapter, Residential School Survivors

GALLERY:

About 3 people

MEDIA:

Turtle Island News
Tekawennake

RECORDER:

Shirley W. Johnson, Council Secretary

Chief William Montour, Councillor Melba Thomas and Councillor Claudine VanEvery Albert indicated in advance that they would be late for tonight's meeting.

GC#153/05/20/2008

Moved by George Montour and seconded by Wray Maracle that Councillor Helen Miller chair this meeting until the arrival of Chief William Montour.

Carried.

PLAQUE PRESENTATION TO THE SIX NATIONS BANTAM ALL STARS

OMHA BANTAM "C" Champions for 2007/2008

In Attendance: Coach Terry "Bean" Smith, Assistant Coach, Trainer, Manager, Players and families.

CHANGES/ADDITIONS DELETIONS TO GENERAL COUNCIL AGENDA FOR MAY 20, 2008

That tonight's General Council agenda be adopted with the noted changes/additions/deletions."

New Business:

MOHAWK INSTITUTE RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL SURVIVORS

In Attendance: Laurel Curley, Chairperson, Six Nations Chapter

The Six Nations Chapter of the Mohawk Institute Residential School Survivors will be holding a one day Independent Assessment Process (IAP) either the end of June or the first of July. The IAP's are a part of the National out of court Settlement Agreement; are held in order to assist Survivors to complete their applications along with assisting those who are experiencing difficulties with their Common Experience Payments. Ms. Curley is before council tonight requesting assistance to financially support the IAP. The event will take place at the Community Hall. The Federal government has verbally agreed to reimbursing any expenses that are incurred to host the IAP's, including hall rental and possible the kitchen, honorarium for Elder, transportation for elderly, catering, etc. When a survivor attends the IAP's, they are encouraged to bring as much of a support network as possible, which is why the whole of the community hall is needed.

Ms. Curley was not able to get a written commitment from Canada to absorb these costs before tonight's meeting and would prefer to have their commitment before should proceeds with asking Council for financial assistance.

The A/Senior Administrative Officer has suggested that himself, and Ms. Curley could meet to discuss possible strategies.

Chief William Montour arrived and reclaimed chair for the meeting.

GREEN COMMUNITIES PROJECT

In Attendance: Jim Doxtdator, Lee Ahenekew

In January, Jim Doxtdator, Lee Ahenekew and Kathleen Padulogen, of AJ Dosxtdator and Associates requested Council support their proposal for a Green Community project.

At that time, Council deferred this project to the Environment Management committee for further discussion and input from the Community Planner.

At the March 4, 2008 General Council Meeting, a recommendation was made by the Environment Management Committee to support the project. The resolution read “..... that the Six Nations Council support the Proposal to Create a Green Community Sustainability Plan Initiative for Six Nations of the Grand River Territory. The motion was carried and Second Reading Waived.

In April of 2008, Mr. Doxtdator returned to Council requesting additional information that needed to be submitted with his application to the Ontario Trillium Foundation to fund the project. At that time, it was discovered that Council was named as the applicant for the project, which was not completely clear and fully understood by Council, until this point. Although council supports the project, a resolution was put forth that the application to the Ontario Trillium foundation be withdrawn and that the be further consultation with the Senior Administrative Officer and the community planner to ensure the application was in order before it be re-submitted.

Tonight Mr. Doxtdator and Mr. Ahenekew return before Council confident that they necessary reas have been re-visited and corrected along with a draft Memorandum of Understanding with Six Nations Council. He wishes to re-submit his application for the July 1, 2008 deadline.

GC#154/05/20/2008

Moved by Christopher Martin and seconded by George Montour that this Council support the proposal prepared by A.J. Doxtdator and Associates to create a Green Community project on Six Nations of the Grand River Territory.

Carried.

JERRY MONTOUR AND STEVE WILLIAMS

There is no by-law against selling cigarettes to minors on the Territory. Mr. Montour is requesting that council consider putting a by-law in place that would prohibit the sale of cigarettes to minors. First Nations communities have the largest growth rate of under age smokers in Canada. The Six Nations Council needs to get involved to control the sale of cigarettes. The Six Nations Police would be able to enforce the by-law if a fine is imposed.

Grand River Enterprises is willing to assist financially, possibly a Community Enhancement Fund. A Six Nations bylaw would hopefully ripple out to other First Nations communities.

ADOPTION OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL MINUTES OF May 6, 2008

GC#155/05/20/2008

Moved by Carl Hill and seconded by Levi White that this Council adopts the General Council minutes of May 6, 2008 as read.

Carried.

RECOGNITION OF BUSINESS

(LL/JJ) Ohgwenonwe Healing Initiative (OHI), owned by Gary Trevor Martin--
DEFERRED

(HM/WM) Just a Buck, owned by Catherine Genera--DEFERRED

(MT/BH) T. H. Construction, owned by Terrance M. Hill Jr.--DEFERRED

SCHEDULING

- Announcement of Dialysis Funding, May 26, 2008 at 12:00 p.m., White Pine Wellness Centre
- Political Liaison, Monday, May 26, 2008 at 6:00 p.m.
- Housing Committee, May 27, 2008 at 9:30 a.m.
- All Ontario Chiefs Conference, June 3 to 5th, Red Rock, Ontario
- Ontario First Nations Limited Partnership, June 3, 2008, Red Rock
- Grand River Notification Agreement, Brantford Tourism Centre, 1:00 p.m., June 2, 2008
- General Council, June 3, 2008, 7:30 p.m. Six Nations Health Foundation Presentation to Council
- General Finance, June 9, 2008 at 7:30 p.m.
- General Council, June 17, 2008, at 7:30 p.m. Derek Miller Recognition

ADDED:

- Iroquois Caucus, Oneida, May 28, 29, 2008
- For further discussion at Political Liaison, Committee Restructuring for June 1, 2008 implementation
- Native Horizons Workshop, Weekend of June 7, 2008

GC#169/05/20/2008

Moved by Wray Maracle and seconded by Carl Hill that Councillor George Montour and Councillor Barbara Harris attend the Grand River Notification Agreement Meeting at Brantford Tourism on Monday, June 2, 2008 at 1:00 p.m.

Carried.

GC#170/05/20/2008

Moved by George Montour and seconded by Wray Maracle that this Council proceed with recognizing the Buffalo Bandit players from the Six Nations of the Grand River Territory who

won the National Lacrosse League Championship on May 17, 2008 and Craig Point who was named NLL Rookie of the Year.

Carried.

NOTE: Councillor Wray Maracle has agreed to assist in confirming and contacting the players to acknowledge acceptance of the presentation. There may be protocol given the players are owned by the Buffalo Bandits.

GC#171/05/20/2008

Moved by Carl Hill and seconded by George Montour that Councillor Barbara Harris and Ruby Miller, Director of Health Services attend the Aboriginal Healing and Wellness Strategy Joint Management Committee meeting, June 10, 11 and 12, 2008.

Carried.

MRP DRAFTED LETTER TO BE SIGNED BY CHIEF WILLIAM MONTOUR

A letter has been drafted by Richard Powless, that will be forwarded, signed by Chief William Montour, opposing Matrimonial Real Property (MRP).

BAND LAND ON HIGHWAY NO. 6 OCCUPIED BY SMOKE SHOP

There was some discussion on what Council could do to stop the construction taking place on the band owned land on Highway No. 54:

- Hydro power is being provided via generator (had considered possibly having Haldimand County Hydro disconnect service)
- Look into the possibility of having the culvert removed

ADJOURNMENT

GC#172/05/20/2008

Moved by Claudine VanEvery Albert and seconded by Christopher Martin that this meeting be adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Carried.

Signature of Chief William K. Montour