



# GENERAL COUNCIL MINUTES

May 5, 2009

7:30 P.M.

The thirty-second 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 opening by Stanley Henry, Gaweni:yo High School, in the Cayuga Language.

**THOSE PRESENT:**

Chief William Montour

Claudine VanEvery-Albert

David A. Hill

Joanne Johnson

Wray Maracle

Christopher Martin

Barbara Harris

George Montour

Levi White

**ABSENT:**

Carl Hill – MRP Lobbying

Ava Hill – MRP Lobbying

Helen Miller – MRP Lobbying

Melba Thomas – MRP Lobbying

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Dayle Bomberry, A/Senior Administrative Officer

**GALLERY:**

**MEDIA:**

Turtle Island News

**RECORDER:**

Laura Beaver, Council Secretary

**CHANGES/ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/ADOPTION TO MAY 5, 2009 AGENDA**

**GC#153/05/05/2009**

Moved by Claudine VanEvery-Albert and seconded by Wray Maracle that this Council accept the General Council agenda of May 5, 2009 with noted additions:

- Councillor David Hill: SECURE CERTIFICATE OF INDIAN STATUS CARD UPDATE
- Councillor David Hill: SIX NATIONS BINGO HALL INCIDENT

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- Councillor Claudine VanEvery-Albert: DELEGATION: DOUG DOOLITTLE
- Councillor George Montour: TERMS OF REFERENCE: WATER TREATMENT PLANT
- Councillor Wray Maracle: DELEGATION: SCOTT MARACLE

ALL IN FAVOUR

CARRIED

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/ECNOMIC DEVELOPMENT – REQUEST TO USE GLEBE LANDS LETTER, DATED APRIL 21, 2009**

Jennifer Hill, Outreach Worker for the Ojistoh Transitional House in Brantford, who is also a part of the Brant/Brantford Roundtable for the Elimination of Poverty. Who has developed the Community Garden Project and has requested the use of approximately 2 acres of the Glebe property for the purpose of this project. And that this project is geared towards both native and non-native clientele.

**GC#154/05/05/2009**

Moved by Claudine VanEvery-Albert and seconded by George Montour that this Council support the request from Jennifer Hill, Aboriginal Outreach Worker, Ojistoh Transitional House to utilize approximately 2 acres of land, located on the Glebe property within the city limits of Brantford, Ontario for the crop season of 2009 upon confirmation from current Leasee that this specific acreage is not in use

**AND THAT**

All Groups of interest have been notified

**AND THAT**

This matter be referred to the Community Development Committee agenda for May 6, 2009.

MOTION WITHDRAWN

**GC#155/05/05/2009**

Moved by Levi White and seconded by Claudine VanEvery-Albert that this Council accept the letter from Brantford Native Housing Ojistoh House dated April 21, 2009 and the presentation by Jennifer Hill, Aboriginal Outreach Worker, Ojistoh House as information

**AND THAT**

This matter be referred to the Community Development Committee agenda of May 6, 2009 with a response to Jennifer Hill, Aboriginal Outreach Worker, Ojistoh House by Friday, May 8, 2009.

ALL IN FAVOUR

CARRIED

SECOND READING WAIVED

**DOUG DOOLITTLE – DELEGATION BY COUNCILLOR CLAUDINE VANEVERY-ALBERT**

Councillor Claudine VanEvery-Albert introduced Doug Doolittle, Coordinator of the Alternative Dispute Resolution and Family Group Decision Making. His goal is to advocate for children that are currently in care to be placed within their family as opposed to a foster home. Plus he wants to create a Group that also gives children a voice and avenue to express themselves freely. International Children's Day is June 6, 2009 and he wants to organize a March recognizing children and a small event in Veteran's Park. Requesting band support in order to move forward. Since this is a March the Six Nations Police would also need to be approached and request similar support.

**GC#156/05/05/2009**

Moved by Claudine VanEvery-Albert and seconded by Levi White that this Council support Doug Doolittle's efforts in developing the Alternative Dispute Resolution and Family Group Decision Making endeavours including the development of the International Children's Day Parade on June 6, 2009 to be held here in Ohsweken as per request.

ALL IN FAVOUR

CARRIED

SECOND READING WAIVED

**SCOTT MARACLE – DELEGATION BY COUNCILLOR WRAY MARACLE**

Councillor Wray Maracle introduced delegation, Scott Maracle and declared conflict of interest and excused himself from the Council Chambers for the duration of this discussion. Mr. Maracle currently has a cigarette manufacturing company here on Six Nations and is seeking a letter of support in order to obtain a license from the Federal Government. Concerns of the implications that this would have for taxes here on Six Nations. Too many questions are being arisen. It was suggested to refer this matter and invite the opinion of Lewis Staats to a General Finance meeting.

**GC#157/05/05/2009**

Moved by Christopher Martin and seconded by George Montour that this Council invite Lewis Staats and Scott Maracle to the In Camera General Finance meeting of May 12, 2009 start at 6 pm with topic being a letter of support for cigarette manufacturing license and potential tax issues related.

Councillor Wray Maracle declared conflict of interest.

ALL IN FAVOUR

CARRIED

**ADOPTION OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL MINUTES OF APRIL 21, 2009**

**GC#158/05/05/2009**

Moved by Levi White and seconded by Claudine VanEvery-Albert that this Council accepts the General Council minutes of April 21, 2009 as read.

ALL IN FAVOUR

CARRIED

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

Six Nations Natural Gas does not service the Six Nations Tourism or Bingo Hall, located on Pauline Johnson Road, adjacent to Chiefswood Road. Improved lines of communication are necessary in order for expansion of gas lines to service these locations plus westward on Highway 54.

**GC#159/05/05/2009**

Moved by George Montour and seconded by Christopher Martin that this Council delegates Councillor George Montour to meet with Nick Petruzzella, General Manager of Six Nations Natural Gas and John Bonin, Union Gas Executive to discuss the current and potential natural gas lines of the Six Nations territory.

ALL IN FAVOUR

CARRIED

## **KAYANASE**

Questions were raised as to whether the New Relationship Fund Proposal being submitted by Kayanase is conflicting with the funding requests of the Lands and Resources, Eco Centre and the Environmental Officer. It was also suggested to consult with Paul General.

### **GC#160/05/05/2009**

Moved by Claudine VanEvery-Albert and seconded by Christopher Martin that this Council accepts the Kayanase, New Relationship Fund Proposal as information and that Dayle Bomberry, A/Senior Administrative Officer refers this matter to the appropriate Committee for recommendation back to this Council.

ALL IN FAVOUR

CARRIED

## **BRANTFORD MAYOR'S OFFICE LETTER, DATED APRIL 2, 2009**

Six Nations Economic Development's lines of communication need to be reviewed. The direction in which Six Nations Council is to take Economic Development needs to be discussed in detail. Chair for the Community Development Committee conveys best wishes to the former Economic Development Director.

### **GC#161/05/05/2009**

Moved by Levi White and seconded by Claudine VanEvery-Albert that this Council has a Special Meeting in June 2009, specific date to be announced, to discuss Six Nations Economic Development's current status, relationships and future endeavours.

ALL IN FAVOUR

CARRIED

## **AUCTION REQUEST APPLICATION**

Policy reads that all Auction Request Applications must be reviewed by Six Nations Council and supported by resolution.

### **GC#162/05/05/2009**

Moved by Levi White and seconded by Christopher Martin that this Council approves the Auction Application Request submitted by Warren Rose, Smart Liquidations to host an auction on the Six Nations territory, as per application.

ALL IN FAVOUR

CARRIED

## **NEW BUSINESS - COUNCILLOR DAVID HILL - SECURE CERTIFICATE OF INDIAN STATUS CARD UPDATE**

Indian and Northern Affairs Canada is not in a position to provide a specific date as to when the Secure Certificate of Indian Status Cards will be available. As of June 1, 2009 the current version of Status

Cards that First Nations people use will not be a valid document when crossing the Canadian-US Border. The Ministry of Transportation also says that the new license is not considered a valid document for identification when crossing the Canadian-US Border. The current Canadian Passport does not carry any different identification than a Status Card.

**GC#163/05/05/2009**

Moved by David Hill and seconded by Levi White that this Council directs the Communications Officer to develop a press release to include an update as per the information from Indian and Northern Affairs Canada, dated May 4, 2009 regarding the Secure Certificate of Indian Status Card, the current Status Card and travelling across the Canadian Border as of June 1, 2009.

ALL IN FAVOUR

CARRIED

**GC#164/05/05/2009**

Moved by Christopher Martin and seconded by Wray Maracle that this Council directs the A/Senior Administrative Officer to per sue a legal opinion regarding a Human Rights challenge regarding acceptable Canadian border crossing identification for First Nations people

**AND THAT**

The initial opinion is requested from Lonny Bomberry, Director, Lands and Resources.

ALL IN FAVOUR

CARRIED

**NEW BUSINESS - COUNCILLOR DAVID HILL: SIX NATIONS BINGO HALL INCIDENT**

Councillor David Hill received a complaint that a community member was verbally abused by a Six Nations Bingo Hall Security Guard. This community member was and still is a bingo player at the Six Nations Bingo Hall and was outside of the building waiting for entry into the building when approached by the security guard.

**GC#165/05/05/2009**

Moved by Claudine VanEvery-Albert and seconded by David Hill that this Council direct the A/Senior Administrative Officer to investigate the Six Nations Bingo Hall incident regarding a security guard complaint from a community member with a report back to General Finance on May 12, 2009.

ALL IN FAVOUR

CARRIED

SECOND READING WAIVED

**NEW BUSINESS - COUNCILLOR GEORGE MONTOUR: WATER TREATMENT PLANT**

Councillor George Montour, Chair, Building and Infrastructure – Public Works, as directed by this committee to discuss the veto by Chief Montour and A/Senior Administrative Officer of halting the tendering process for the Water Treatment Plant. Chief Montour explains that he has the authority to act upon the communities concerns, when Six Nations companies and people should have equal opportunity to compete for bids. Councillor George Montour rebutted that an emergency meeting should have been called instead of having “the plug pulled”. There’s a special meeting on Friday, May 8, 2009 to resolve this issue.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**GC#167/05/05/2009**

Moved by George Montour and seconded by David Hill that this Council adjourn the General Council of May 5, 2009 at 9:47 pm.

ALL IN FAVOUR

CARRIED

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Signature of Chief William K. Montour