



# GENERAL COUNCIL MINUTES

## September 1, 2009

### 7:30 P.M.

The thirty-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 A. Montour presiding as Chair and opened with a prayer by Councillor George Montour.

#### **THOSE PRESENT:**

Chief William Montour  
Carl Hill  
Wray Maracle  
George Montour  
Melba Thomas

Barbara Harris

David Hill

Christopher Martin

Claudine VanEvery-Albert

Ava Hill

Joanne Johnson

Helen Miller

Levi White

#### **ABSENT:**

Dayle Bomberry, A/Senior Administrative Officer

#### **IN ATTENDANCE:**

Trudy Porter, Director of Finance

Jacklyn Martin-Hill, Internal Auditor

Wes Elliott, Edwards Landfill Site

Laurel Curley, Chairperson, Mohawk Residential School Survivors

Karen Best, Communications Officer

#### **GALLERY:**

Roberta Hill

#### **MEDIA:**

Turtle Island News

CKRZ

#### **RECORDER:**

Shirley W. Johnson, Council Secretary

CHANGES/ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/ADOPTION OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL  
AGENDA FOR SEPTEMBER 1, 2009

New Business:

- Councillor Ava Hill
  - Mohawk Chapel Committee, Designation of New Members
- Councillor George Montour
  - Possible Resolution and Plan of Action for Improper Disposal of Used Tires
- Wes Elliott
  - Requesting Results from last Update of August 4, 2009
- Councillor Helen Miller
  - Sign at Chiefswood Road and Sixth Line

**GC#281/09/01/2009**

Moved by Wray Maracle and seconded by David Hill that this Council accepts the General Council Agenda for September 1, 2009 with the noted additions.

ALL IN FAVOUR

CARRIED.

HEALTH COMMITTEE

**GC#282/09/01/2009**

Moved by Ava Hill and seconded by George Montour that this Council approves the recommendation from the Health Committee to support the initial participation of Six Nations in the CIRCLE II research program and that Ruby Miller, Director of Health Services is given the authorization to sign the Research Agreement. Further that, the proposal will be forwarded to the Ethics Committee for review and final approval.

ALL IN FAVOUR

CARRIED.

SECOND READING WAIVED.

HEALTH COMMITTEE

**GC#283/09/01/2009**

Moved by Ava Hill and seconded by Carl Hill that this Council approves the recommendation from the Health Committee that Barbara Harris attend the Aboriginal Healing and Wellness Strategy Joint Management Committee meeting taking place in Moose Cree First Nations on September 29 & 30, 2009.

ALL IN FAVOUR

CARRIED.

SECOND READING WAIVED.

HEALTH COMMITTEE

**GC#284/09/01/2009**

Moved by Ava Hill and seconded by Claudine VanEvery Albert that this Council approves the recommendation of the Health Committee that Ruby Miller, Director of Health Services gather information regarding applications for funding from Health Canada, Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) and National Agreement process for the purposes of establishing a Residential

School Survivors program. Further that upon confirmation of any available funds that Social Services and Health Services work together to develop a support program.

ONE—OPPOSED

CARRIED.

HEALTH COMMITTEE

**GC#285/09/01/2009**

Moved by Barbara Harris and seconded by George Montour that this Council approves the recommendation of the Health Committee that Councillor Ava Hill and Ruby Miller, Director of Health Services attend the Quality Improvement and Innovations Partnership (QIIP) workshop being held in Toronto on September 29 & 30, 2009.

ALL IN FAVOUR

CARRIED.

ADOPTION OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL MINUTES AND ACTION ITEMS OF AUGUST 18, 2009

With regards to the presence of the Six Nations Farmers Association at the last General council of August 18, 2009 and the concerned raised at the last Safety and Security Community meeting regarding the use of chemicals, it was recommended that the Farmers Association attend the next Community Meeting as part of the panel to give a presentation on the types of chemicals used to assist in the growing of their crops and the impact they have on the environment. It was also suggested that also Six Nations Forestry attend on of these meetings to give an overview on the Gypsy Moth infestation, the impact the Gypsy Moths have on the local vegetation and what process, including the types of chemicals, is used to keep the Gypsy Moth population under control.

**GC#286/09/01/2009**

Moved by Helen Miller and seconded by Claudine VanEvery Albert that the Six Nations Famers Association be invited to attend the next Safety and Security Community Meeting to give a presentation on the use of chemicals to aid in the growing of crops on the Six Nations Territory.

ALL IN FAVOUR

CARRIED.

**GC#287/09/01/2009**

Moved by Christopher martin and seconded by Claudine VanEvery Albert that Chief William Montour and Councillor Ava Hill attend the meeting with the newly elected NDP Leader, Andrea Horwath.

ALL IN FAVOUR

CARRIED.

Date, time and location of the meeting are still pending.

There was some discussion regarding the rates of speed which vehicles are travelling within the Community. This issue has been brought up at previous Safety and Security Community meetings and also voiced to district councillors. It was suggested that the Six Nations Police be reminded of the Six Nations Traffic By-Law and that measures be taken to enforce the by-law. The by-law includes the maximum rate of speed in non-residential areas is 80 km/hr and 50 km/hr in residential and a graduated fine system. It was also suggested that the Communications Department provide a campaign blitz (via Newsletter) reminding the community to obey the

speed limits and especially with the recent return of students to school that speed limits and safety should be exercised.

There was some discussion around the needed presence of a Cross Walk Guard at the Chiefswood Road and Fourth Line.

In regards to the RIDE Program, this is done on a voluntary basis and “off-shift” for the Six Nations Police. Once again the idea of a “Safe Driving Blitz” was encouraged.

**GC#288/09/01/2009**

Moved by George Montour and seconded by David Hill that this Council adopts the General Council Minutes of August 18, 2009 as read.

ALL IN FAVOUR

CARRIED.

Wes Elliot was in attendance at tonight’s General council to get a reply to the update and the requests that he presented before General council on August 4, 2009. The three requests were:

1. A current letter signed by Chief William Montour opposing the re-activating of the Edwards Landfill Site
2. A liaison person with whom Mr. Elliot could correspond within Six Nations Council
3. The possibility of hosting a summit on the Six Nations Territory sponsored by Six Nations Council focusing on unwanted Landfill Sites operating on first Nations Lands under claim (i.e. Oneida, Munsee, Tyendingaga, Site 41).

A recent letter will be forwarded to the Receiver for the Edwards Landfill site, and the Ministry of the Environment.

**GC#289/09/01/2009**

Moved by George Montour and seconded by David Hill that Wes Elliot work with Clynt King, Environment Manager and prepare a proposal for a landfill site Summit to be hosted on the Territory by this Council.

ALL IN FAVOUR

CARRIED.

SECOND READING WAIVED.

It has come to the attention of Chief William Montour that an elderly community member with medical problems, is in immediate need of emergency repairs to her home. Her bathroom needs repairs and her roof is caving in.

**GC#291/09/01/2009**

Moved by Ava Hill and seconded by George Montour that the matter regarding the necessary and immediate repairs to the home of \_\_\_\_\_ be referred to the next Finance and Audit Committee on Thursday, September 3, 2009 for further discussion.

ALL IN FAVOUR

CARRIED.

It was also noted that the Housing Inspection that was completed by Dan Butler be made available for this meeting and that the “Draft Terms of Reference for the Elders Committee also be made available to the Finance and Audit Committee.

**GC#293/09/01/2009**

Moved by Claudine VanEvery Albert and seconded by Christopher Martin that Councillor George Montour be delegated to attend the Chiefs of Ontario Environmental Department Nuclear Waste Conference to be held at the Earth Healing Centre on Seneca Road on September 16, 2009 at 9:00 a.m.

ALL IN FAVOUR

CARRIED.

**Request from Neegan Burnside to perform a Water and Waste Water Assessment**

Neegan Burnside was the successful in obtaining a nation-wide contact to assess the water and waste water systems on over 600 First Nations communities across Canada.

There was concern with giving permission to Neegan Burnside to do the assessment within the territory as this may be a tool that Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) may be using to implement the proposed new legislation on water and waste water which Six Nations is opposed to. It was suggested that a meeting be coordinated with INAC and Neegan Burnside. The proposed new legislation will enforce certain standards on Water Plants yet INAC is not willing to provide the necessary funds to bring the Water Plants up to standard.

**GC#294/09/01/2009**

Moved by George Montour and seconded by Christopher Martin that this Council initiate a meeting with Neegan Burnside and Indian and Northern Affairs Canada to discuss their request to perform a Water and Waste Water Assessment on the Six Nations Territory.

ALL IN FAVOUR

CARRIED.

SECOND READING WAIVED.

**NEW BUSINESS, COUNCILLOR AVA HILL—MOHAWK CHAPEL**

The Mohawk Chapel Committee recently called for applications to fill to seats on the Mohawk Chapel committee from the Community. According to the Terms of Reference for the Mohawk Chapel Committee, such designation has to be approved by the Six Nations Council.

**GC#295/09/01/2009**

Moved by Ava Hill and seconded by George Montour that this council approve the designation of Leona Moses and Dorothy Patterson as community members on the Mohawk Chapel Committee.

Councillor Levi White declares a Conflict of Interest.

ALL IN FAVOUR

CARRIED.

SECOND READING WAIVED.

**Update on possible program available to clean up Stock Piled Used Tires**

Councillor Levi White attended the Ontario First Nations Technical Services Conference last week in Sault St. Marie. The Waste Diversion Ontario falls under the Waste diversion Act and includes such programs as blue boxes, municipal hazardous or special waste, electrical and electronic equipment and used tires. The Used Tire Program under Waste Diversion Ontario requires collectors, haulers and processors. The collectors would receive the tires from the public at no charge. The Ontario Tire Stewardship would pay the collectors \$.88 per

passenger/light truck for each tire, \$3.05 per medium truck tire and \$0.88 for off road tires if less than 10 kg and \$3.05 if more than 10 kg. The program starts September 1, 2009 and is on-going; therefore the application did not have to be completed prior to September 1, 2009 for eligibility.

As a collector, all Six Nations would need to do is to identify a location for pick up of the tires, at no cost but there are specifications for the storage site. More details can be provided once the presentation is made. The information will be directed back to the Building and Infrastructure Committee who will then, in turn, arrange to have the presentation made for further discussion.

The community members who live adjacent to the stockpile site would like to be a part of the process and once the special Building and Infrastructure Committee meeting is scheduled, they will be informed.

Sign on Chiefswood Road and Sixth Line, Councillor Helen Miller

There is a sign within the road allowance at Chiefswood Road and Sixth Line which appears to be very racist. A community member contacted Councillor Helen Miller and felt that the sign would be offensive to non-native who visits the Territory. The sign is described as having a picture of a burning wagon, references to toilets and reads, "qilwite", which when spoken could be interpreted as "kill whitey". It is requested that the sign be removed by Public Works.

**GC#296/09/01/2009**

Moved by Helen Miller and seconded by George Montour that the Public Works Department be directed to remove the sign located at Chiefswood Road and Sixth.

ALL IN FAVOUR

CARRIED.

SECOND READING WAIVED.

**GC#297/09/01/2009**

Moved by Christopher Martin and Seconded by Melba Thomas that Chief William Montour attends the Five Large First Nations Meeting in Toronto, September 4, 2009.

ALL IN FAVOUR

CARRIED.

SECOND READING WAIVED.

ADJOURNMENT

**GC#299/09/01/2009**

Moved by Carl Hill and seconded by Levi White that this meeting be adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

ALL IN FAVOUR

CARRIED.

SECOND READING WAIVED.

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signature of Chief William Montour