

# C-47 Presentation to Community

- MAJOR CONCERNS FOR SIX NATIONS  
& ACTION PLAN

# Background

Bill C-47 tabled in Parliament on March 4

Could be in Committee end of April

Ignored recommendations of Min. Rep

AFN & NWAC opposed - no \$

# Part 1- FN lawmaking

No recognition of First Nation jurisdiction  
- “Creates” FN authority to pass laws -  
very narrow scope

Installs Indian Agent “Validation” officer  
to oversee community approval process  
requires community referendum for a  
valid law - THIS IS RACIST!

# Part 1

Requires min 25% of Electors voting to approve MRP law - unlikely SN will ever meet that %

No precedent for this in any other government law making process  
may violate s. 35 of the Constitution & Canadian Human Rights Act

## 2 - Provisional rules

Provisional Rules will apply to all FN until they pass own MRP law

No recognition of FN Courts, Tribunals or ADR - imposes prov. courts, judges, Orders, etc.

recognizes for 1st time in a law, a non-Indian's right to occupy family home and share in division of value of matrimonial home

# Provisional rules

Bill recognizes non-indian right to occupy house (180 days) after spouse dies & may be granted exclusive occupation

Band Member cannot dispose of their property without the consent of non-Indian spouse

Provides for automatic 50-50 share in value of matrimonial property

# Issues

If FN member dies with both a spouse and common law - CL gets paid first - half the value of lands and structures

C-47 will prevail over existing Indian Act where there is conflict - result unknown?

No consultation with “rights holders” - duty to consult not met

# Actions

Hold this emergency community meeting

File a Human Rights Complaint on day  
law is passed

Launch court challenge on failure of duty  
to consult - same day

SN lobby MPs and Appear before  
Standing Committee

# Actions

Six Nations continue to develop own MRP law based on community driven process & Six Nations Culture/Traditions  
SN develop and implement a broad Communications strategy on their position  
file complaint under new International Declaration of Indigenous Rights

# Actions

Developing our own MRP Law - Rolling Draft 3

Begin smaller Focus Groups meetings in the community - clubs, organizations, large families, etc.

Consultation document to be developed

# Q & A

We encourage all to attend our MRP meetings - get involved - we need your input on SN law

Chief - Council & MRP Committee will respond to community questions, comments or recommendations