

# COMMUNITY NOTICE: 59TH ELECTED COUNCIL UPDATES – AUGUST 26, 2025

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**OHSWEKEN, ON** – Six Nations of the Grand River 59<sup>th</sup> Elected Council (SNGREC) shares the following update with community from their August 26, 2025 meeting.

#### **Finance Committee**

 SNGREC has approved for Councillors Amos Key, Alaina VanEvery, Cynthia Jamieson, and Dayle Bomberry to sit on the Finance Committee.

#### Manitoba Evacuees – Educational Assistance

• SNGREC continued to support Manitoba First Nations Leadership and evacuees who were displaced from their homes due to fires and relocated to Niagara Falls. SNGREC coordinated assistance with the Niagara Region and Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) to address back to school plans for 500 elementary and secondary students.

# **Iroquois Caucus**

 SNGREC has approved the recommendation to have Loretta Landmesser from Justice Canada present to the Iroquois Caucus regarding the United Nations Declaration on the Rights on Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP)/United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act (UNDA).

#### **Alcohol Permits**

- SNGREC will not approve any requests for alcohol permits, as alcohol is prohibited on the territory.
- However, community members may still apply for a Special Occasions Event Permit through the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO).
- To apply for a Special Occasions Event online, visit <u>www.agco.ca</u>.

## First Nations Housing Professional Association (FNHPA)

• SNGREC has approved for Councillor Helen Miller to attend the FNHPA annual conference in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.

## **Audited Financial Statements**

- SNGREC approved the Audited Financial Statements for 2024/2025.
- These Audited Financial Statements are now available to view on our website, <u>www.sixnations.ca</u> under the "Resources" tab.

#### Parks and Recreation Roof

- Through a tendering process managed by Garland Canada, on behalf of Six Nations of the Grand River (SNGR) Parks and Recreation, a successful bidder was identified.
- SNGREC approved awarding the roof replacement contract to Pollard Enterprises Ltd. at a cost of \$1,532,316.45.
- The source of funds for this project includes a reallocation of capital dollars from the Parking Lot Project, remainder amount left from the Zamboni purchase, and partial reallocation from the Walking Path Project.

# Bill C-2: An Act respecting certain measures relating to the security of the border between Canada and the United States and respecting other related security measures

- SNGREC has adopted the following position on Bill C-2:
  - "Bill C-2 risks undermining Six Nations' inherent and treaty rights and cannot advance without meaningful consultation and explicit protections for those rights."

# J.C. Hill Elementary School

- SNGREC post-approved the Accessibility Renovations & Improvements Project for the J.C. Hill Elementary School washrooms to ensure continued compliance with the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA).
- Belko Contracting Inc. was the successful bidder and completed the project over the 2025 summer break.
- The project was funded through the Public Works School Maintenance Operation and Maintenance Budget, with a full reimbursement provided by Indigenous Services Canada (ISC).

# **Water Connection Strategy Reserve Fund**

- The 2021 Housing Water Connection Strategy recommended establishing a Six Nations Water Connection Fund as a mechanism for community contributions aimed at improving community access to watermain extensions and water service connections.
- In the 2024/2025 fiscal year, Six Nations Public Works received a total of \$30,227.50 in donations for community water connections, which will be allocated to the Water Connection Strategy Reserve Fund.

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