



SIX NATIONS OF THE GRAND RIVER 59th ELECTED CHIEF & COUNCIL

Political Updates Newsletter • Volume 3

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Chief Sherri-Lyn Hill making stops along the Haldimand Tract to meet with and educate mayors on SNGR's history, providing each with a framed copy of the Haldimand Tract and legend.

A MESSAGE FROM THE 59th ELECTED CHIEF:

Welcome to Volume 3 of the Political Updates Newsletter. This edition covers priorities, goals, accomplishments and outcomes for April, May, and June 2025 of the Six Nations of the Grand River 59th Elected Council (SNGREC).

To our wonderful community, thank you for continuing to trust and share with me. I appreciate and value your input and feedback!

Elected Chief Sherri-Lyn Hill

INCREASE FINANCIAL RESOURCES

"Building financial independence to govern on our own terms"

CHIEF'S GOALS:

- RECOVER EXCISE/FUEL/CARBON TAX REVENUES FROM THE GOVERNMENT
- SUPPORT INCREASED "OWN SOURCE" REVENUES

WORK BEING DONE:

Steps Chief Sherri-Lyn Hill actioned and/or undertook include:

- At the June 2025 Chiefs of Ontario Annual Chiefs Assembly in Hiawatha, Chief Hill moved a resolution titled *Researching the Return of Taxation Revenue to First Nations*.
- This resolution reaffirms that any form of taxation is a violation of First Nations inherent rights, and it calls on the Chiefs of Ontario Economic Development sector to conduct research on amounts of taxation (including gasoline tax) paid by First Nations in Ontario to external governments.
- The research is expected to inform a strategy on how to approach external governments on the return of tax revenues to benefit First Nations. The resolution supports SNGREC's continued advocacy for increased "own source" revenues.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

The Resolution moved by Chief Sherri-Lyn Hill, with full support of the 59th Elected Council, and seconded by Chief R. Donald Maracle Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte was carried unanimously by Chiefs in Assembly.



Chief Sherri-Lyn Hill posed outside of Parliament with Kahnawa:ke Grand Chief Cody Diabo when they attended the rally against Ontario's Bill 5, "Protect Ontario by Unleashing our Economy Act".

This work is supported by Six Nations of the Grand River Elected Council Lands Resources Wealth & Economy Committee.



PRIORITY:

COMMUNITY SAFETY AND TRANSPORTATION

"Actively listening to make our community safer and more accessible"

CHIEF'S GOALS:

- CONTINUE TO LISTEN TO COMMUNITY CONCERNS
- ADVOCATE FOR INCREASED SAFETY MEASURES
- IMPLEMENT A PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM

ACHIEVEMENTS:

The SNGR Community Safety project is expected to commence this summer. This project includes two additional crosswalks in the village of Ohsweken and new side-walks between Chiefswood Road and Woodland Drive.

This work is supported by SNGR's Public Works department.

Scan the QR code to learn more about GO Bus Route 15B including stops, schedules, and contact info!



WORK BEING DONE:

- Submitted a delegation request to meet with the Ontario Ministry of Transportation at the Association of Municipalities of Ontario 2025 Annual Conference. The goal is to share information about SNGR's Transportation Plan, and advocate for funding streams that more accurately meet the needs of First Nations.
- A focus group of eight departments and agencies that work with our youth and elders are collaborating to promote safe travel while riding the GO bus. Thank you to Ganohkwasra Family Assault Support Services for creating checklists and safety tips for bus riders. This focus group also plans to provide additional training for youth and elders to safely access public transportation.
- Two funding applications were submitted in support of implementing the next phases of the community Transportation Plan with support of SNGREC.
- The Six Nations Sports and Cultural Memorial Center GO Bus Stop has changed to the intersection of Fourth Line and Chiefswood Road. The new pickup locations are 1844 Fourth Line for eastbound travel and 1631 Chiefswood Road for westbound travel.
- The Metrolinx GO bus continues to offer 4 bus stops on the territory, three trips a day in each direction, 7 days a week.

NOTE: Cash is not accepted on the GO buses.

PRIORITY:

COMMUNITY HEALTH & WELLNESS

"Being there for our loved ones"

CHIEF'S GOALS:

- INCREASE GOVERNMENT FUNDING FOR MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORTS
- EXPAND SERVICES
- REDUCE RED TAPE
- ENSURE FACILITIES MEET COMMUNITY NEED

WORK BEING DONE:

Advocacy work undertaken this quarter:

- Submitted a delegation request to meet with Ontario Ministry of Health at the Association of Municipalities of Ontario 2025 Annual Conference to discuss Six Nations of the Grand River's (SNGR) health and wellbeing priorities.
- Secured a meeting this summer with Dr. Jane Philpott, Primary Care Action Team Chair, to discuss SNGR aspirations for Health and Wellbeing and explore ways we may collaborate to meet the healthcare needs of the community. The outcome of this meeting will be shared in the next issue of this newsletter.
- The Chief and Chief's Office continue to support Senior Leadership in the ongoing work that exists due to the extended closure of Gané Yohs Health Centre. Efforts continue to lobby Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) for a new health centre.

This work is supported by the Department of Well-Being & the Gané Yohs Advisory Group.

This work is supported by Elected Council's Well-Being Committee.



Ontario Lieutenant Governor, the Honourable Edith Dumont presents Chief Sherri-Lyn Hill with a King Charles III Coronation Medal for her leadership and advocacy for First Nations in Ontario.

PRIORITY:

ACCOUNTABILITY TO COMMUNITY

"Improving our effectiveness by enhancing transparency"



Chief Sherri-Lyn Hill and students from J.C. Hill's Thunder Club plant tomatoes, lettuce, bell peppers, squash, broccoli, cucumbers, spinach, strawberries, and basil in the planter boxes around Central Administration.

CHIEF'S GOALS:

- STRATEGIC PLANNING
- DEVELOP SYSTEMS & PROCESSES TO SUPPORT DECISION MAKING
- KEEP COMMUNITY INFORMED

WORK BEING DONE:

Work led by the Chief and Chief's Office:

- Met with SNGR Communications team to support an improved process and timeline for getting updates and notices out to community regarding Elected Council's decisions.
- Continue to build out formal process notes to support business continuity, political advocacy, and consistency in addressing matters of concern through the Chief's Office.
- Participated in the evaluation and assessment of eight proposals that were received in response to a call for proposals to develop a five-year political strategic plan.
- Participated in the evaluation and assessment of four proposals that were received in response to a call for proposals for Employer Relations.

MAJOR ACHIEVEMENT:

The Six Nations of the Grand River Elected Council will be developing a 5 year strategic plan over the summer months with support of a third-party consulting firm.

Tune in to the weekly Chief & Council radio show on Fridays! CKRZ (100.3FM) airs at 2:15pm and Jukasa (93.5FM) airs at 4:15pm!



PRIORITY:

PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT

"Sustaining gifts from the Creator and Mother Earth"

CHIEF'S GOALS:

- STOP ILLEGAL SOIL DUMPING
- PROTECT SIX NATIONS INTERESTS

ACHIEVEMENT:

Chief Hill's advocacy efforts to stop illegal dumping on the territory have resulted in the creation of a multi-governmental, multi-organizational and SNGR multi-departmental response team.



This work is supported by our community, the Six Nations Police service, and the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP).

This work is also supported by Six Nations of the Grand River departments.

This work is further supported by SNGREC's Built Environment Climate Adaptation & Lands and Membership Committee.

WORK BEING DONE:

- Chief Sherri-Lyn Hill met with a community-led volunteer Contaminated Soil Working Group who shared their thoughts on solutions to stop illegal soil dumping. The ideas and information from this discussion were shared with a SNGREC Committee for follow up.
- In support of stopping illegal dumping on the territory, companies hauling goods to the community are expected to produce a hauling record. Failure, by truck drivers, to produce a hauling record may lead to being denied access to the territory.
- Chief Hill met with Minister Rickford, Indigenous Affairs and First Nations Economic Reconciliation (IAFNER) to raise awareness and seek support for long-standing matters that continue to negatively impact our community. With respect to illegal dumping, Minister Rickford committed to facilitating an Ontario multi-ministry meeting with IAFNER, Environment Conservation and Parks (MECP), Transportation, Attorney General, Solicitor General and SNGR.
- Submitted a delegation request to meet with MECP at the Association of Municipalities of Ontario 2025 Annual Conference. The purpose is to brief the new Minister on the severity of illegal dumping on our territory and continue to advocate for a multi-ministerial response.

PRIORITY:

BUILD ALLIES AND POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS

"We are stronger in numbers"

CHIEF'S GOALS:

- BUILD POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS
- INCREASE AWARENESS OF SIX NATIONS & OUR SHARED HISTORY



Chief Sherri-Lyn Hill meeting with Constance Lake First Nation delegation at Chiefswood Park in May 2025.

MAJOR ACHIEVEMENT:

Constance Lake First Nation and SNGR have collaborated on a youth exchange program! The day-to-day programming for a summer 2025 exchange program is co-developed by CLFN and SNGR.

WORK BEING DONE:

Steps Chief Sherri-Lyn Hill actioned and/or undertook this quarter include:

- Chief Allen of Constance Lake First Nation (CLFN) and Chief Hill are working collaboratively to build a strong relationship. A delegation from Constance Lake First Nation visited SNGR in May and a delegation from SNGR visited Constance Lake First Nation in June, to explore the development of a youth program.
- Chief Hill commenced engagement with municipalities within the Haldimand Tract. This quarter, she met with the municipalities of:

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| • Grey County | • Melancthon |
| • Grey Highlands | • Grand Valley |
| • Southgate | • East Garafraxa |
| • Dufferin County | • Amaranth |

The goal of the engagements is to create awareness of Six Nations, build relationships, and work cooperatively together when feasible.

- The SNGREC continues to build relationships with the County of Brant. The two councils met for the second time to continue to explore ways in which they can work together for mutual benefit.
- With support from the SNGR Consultation and Accommodation Process team (CAP), Chief Hill met with the City of Brantford Mayor Davis and team to strategize on ways to develop and advance a unique process to address municipal accommodations for Six Nations. They are pursuing a joint meeting with Ontario as a next step.



PRIORITY:

SUPPORTING COMMUNITY

"We have different needs, but we are one people"

CHIEF'S GOALS:

- BEING ACTIVE IN THE COMMUNITY
- SUPPORTING OUR CHILDREN, YOUTH, ADULTS AND SENIORS
- SUPPORTING COMMUNITY CAPACITY

ACHIEVEMENTS:

SNGREC provides support for the construction of a new community school - Kawenni:io/Gaweni:yo Elementary and Secondary School. SNGREC will continue to pursue funding from Indigenous Services Canada to fully fund construction of this school and uphold their fiduciary duty to provide for the education of our children and youth.



WORK BEING DONE:

Chief Hill attended and/or delivered welcoming words at the following events supporting our community members:

- Michelle Farmer's Dance Studio 50th Anniversary Community Showcase
- Bread and Cheese
- Pay It Forward Day
- First Responders Breakfast
- Brant Community Healthcare System's Strengthening the Two Row Event
- Wilfrid Laurier's Education Appreciation event
- Six Nations Polytechnic Convocation
- Pauline Johnson Collegiate student event
- Annual Moccasin Walk for Hospice Fundraiser
- Six Nations of the Grand River Economic Development Corporation Oneida Energy Storage Project Ribbon Cutting
- Chief Sherri-Lyn Hill also held 14 meetings with community members and/or community groups

Students from J.C. Hill's Thunder Club assisted Chief Hill with the community gardens again this summer (pictured left). This project supports increased access to fresh food for our community.



PRIORITY:

UPHOLD MEMBERS' BORDER CROSSING RIGHTS

"Making sure you can return to Canada without hassles"

CHIEF'S GOALS:

- RESPOND TO MEMBER CONCERNS ABOUT BORDER ISSUES
- ADVOCATE FOR OUR BORDER CROSSING RIGHTS

IMPORTANT UPDATE:

Chief Hill attended a virtual information session on Canada's Bill C-2 hosted by Public Safety Canada (PSC). Bill C-2 (also known as the Strong Borders Act) "An Act respecting certain measures relating to the security of the border between Canada and the United States and respecting other related security measures". PSC stated that Bill C-2 will not affect First Nations border crossing rights (including Jay Treaty rights).

This work is supported by the Six Nations of the Grand River Administration.

WORK BEING DONE:

- The Chief's Office continues to work with the Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) regarding border crossing issues.
- SNGREC met with representatives from the CBSA. The goal of the meeting was to secure new contacts within CBSA (due to CBSA restructuring) and to better understand the new tariffs that are being applied when returning to Canada. This allows Chief and Council to better support our community members.
- Chief Hill was invited to join a virtual Jay Treaty Border Alliance Executive Committee meeting alongside leadership from Tribes based in the USA. The Chief learned that American Indians born in Canada with 50% blood quantum are exempt from the Department of Homeland Security's rule that requires registration and fingerprinting for Canadian travelers staying in the USA longer than 30 days.

This information was shared with community in April 2025 and can be found here: <https://bit.ly/4eK7baK>



PRIORITY:

ADVOCATE FOR OUR COLLECTIVE RIGHTS

"The Status Quo is unacceptable"

CHIEF'S GOALS:

- OPPOSE FALSE CLAIMS (LAND, IDENTITY)
- ADVOCATE FOR CLEAN DRINKING WATER FOR OUR COMMUNITY

ACHIEVEMENTS:

- Six Nations of the Grand River and the Iroquois Caucus member Nations signed a historic Nation-to-Nation Trade and Commerce Agreement at the Iroquois Caucus General Assembly in Akwesasne in April.
- Thank you to the Executive Director of Nation Building for representing SNGREC who could not be present at this historic event.

WORK BEING DONE:

- Recall, in fall 2024, SNGR filed a Statement of Claim in Ontario Superior Court against Canada over its failure to ensure a reliable supply of safe drinking water to Six Nations. The claim is in its early stages; a final resolution may still be years away. We will continue to provide updates on the litigation as they are available.
- Chief Hill and Elected Council continue to work and be informed by the community on water quality issues.
- Chief continues to advocate for our inherent rights by sharing our unique history, contributions, and land base at every opportunity. As one example, Chief commenced sharing this with municipalities within the Haldimand Tract.

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CRISIS MANAGEMENT

"Responding to emerging needs"

CHIEF'S GOALS:

- SUPPORT COMMUNITY IN TIMES OF CRISIS
- ADVOCATE FOR ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

WORK BEING DONE:

Work that Chief Hill has undertaken or initiated this quarter:

- In partnership with SNGR senior leadership, the Chief and Chief's Office continue to advocate for increased revenues to support Six Nations' growing infrastructure gap (currently estimated at \$2 billion).
- Following the unprecedented community flooding and subsequent declaration of a State of Emergency in June, Chief Hill led political advocacy efforts seeking support from Ontario and Canada.
- Chief Hill worked with federal/provincial Ministry representatives to ensure that SNGR Administration could properly support First Nation evacuees who were transported to Ontario from the Manitoba region due to wildfires.
- The Chief's Office actively continues to secure meetings with The Honourable Mandy Gull-Masty, Minister of Indigenous Services Canada and The Honourable Rebecca Alty, Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations to ensure these new ministers gain firsthand knowledge of Six Nations needs and issues.
- Chief, with support of the SNGREC, continues to advocate for Jordan's Principle (JP) funding. Chief Hill submitted a JP draft resolution to the Chiefs of Ontario (COO) Annual Chiefs Assembly in June seeking a mandate for COO to undertake immediate federal advocacy. Due to the significant funding gaps experienced by all First Nations, several draft JP resolutions were combined and ultimately supported by the Chiefs in Assembly.



Chief Sherri-Lyn Hill attends GRETI's Open House event at the Grand River Employment and Training building during Community Awareness in May 2025.



Chief Sherri-Lyn Hill welcomes the interns visiting Six Nations for the Ontario Legislature Internship Programme.

UPDATE: 59TH ELECTED CHIEF SHERRI-LYN HILL

She:kon. I hope this message finds you and your loved ones in good spirits.

When I reflect on my work, the work of the Six Nations of the Grand River 59th Elected Council (SNGREC), and the work my office undertook this past quarter I am filled with gratitude. I am extremely grateful, despite some very challenging times that our community faced this quarter, that our community and Elected Council have rallied together. Coming together in unity, particularly in difficult times, shows the continued strength and resilience of our Haudenosaunee community.

The topic of cannabis was a major focus for the SNGREC this quarter. Our work in this area is, and remains, very intentional. We heard from and met with community members, the Six Nations Cannabis Commission, and two Six Nations Cannabis Commission Licensees to gain a comprehensive perspective of concerns related to outdoor growing of cannabis within the territory. As shared with community in May 2025 (through the SNGR Communications team) the health and safety of our community is and remains paramount. SNGREC is working diligently with our legal counsel and the Six Nations Cannabis Commission to address community concerns. I ask for your continued patience as we work through this highly complex matter.

In late June, due to severe flooding, a community emergency was declared. I wish to express my sincere gratitude and appreciation to the endless number of staff,

teams, agencies, and levels of government for their time, energy, and commitment to supporting our community during this time of crisis. Nia:wen kowa!

There is so much more work to be done to remediate damages and implement the necessary repairs so again, I respectfully ask for your patience as we navigate through this unprecedented time of community need.

Until next time, be safe and continue to be kind!



COUNCILLOR UPDATE:

Dean Hill

Hello Six Nations of the Grand River (SNGR)! I am excited to give you an update on some of the work I have been involved with as your Elected Councillor. This quarter has been very busy moving the Six Nations of the Grand River 59th Elected Council (SNGREC) forward. Whether it's meeting with governments, nations, organizations, or changes within our own nation and structure, events and celebrations remind us of the power SNGR has in unity for a prosperous nation.

EVENTS

April 16: SNGREC met with the County of Brant at Chiefswood Park, a part of continual relationship building with surrounding communities and bringing more unity and relationship building amongst us.

April 21: I was invited to a tour of the Woodland Cultural Center with the Survivors Secretariat and honoured guest Senator Kim Pate, to bring more awareness to our residential school survivors by sharing the real history of what happened to First Nations in Canada.

April 23: Elected Council had a meeting to decide the date of the 59th SNGREC strategic planning. With this being set into place it will give a clear picture of where priorities in the community need to be focused on for now and the future.

April 24-25: SNGREC had a housing policy retreat to update the housing program. The purpose is to help our community have access to affordable mortgages while recognizing

the modern and historical barriers we have in Six Nations.

May 1: I helped serve breakfast at the community hall for the First Responders Brunch to recognize all the hard work and challenges our emergency personnel face daily to keep our community safe and secure.

May 7: I was invited to the YMCA Community Impact Event hosted in Brantford. Various political leaders came out to celebrate and commemorate the accomplishments of the YMCA and partnerships they created amongst youth, seniors, and others and a look towards future endeavors.

May 12-16: I was invited to Banff, Alberta, to participate in a Thought Leaders Gathering on Indigenous Youth Leadership. Being a youth (under 30) and on SNGREC, I was joined by other youth leaders from across Canada to the Banff Centre for Arts and Creativity. Gathered from different professional sectors, we discussed the direction and qualities of a leader and shared ideas on how a program could be created to help prepare and navigate our future First Nation leaders.



May 28: I participated in the Community Living Six Nations Community Awareness blind volleyball tournament. Our team played valiantly and strongly. I'm proud of our team and all the participants who came out to make it a fun event.

May 30: SNGREC held the finale to cap off our community awareness month, serving food to those that came out to celebrate the hard

work of the organization.

June 3: SNGREC welcomed our new leadership staff (CEO and COO) to the organization. These roles will be crucial in administering SNGREC decisions moving forward for the betterment of our community.

June 21: I held the honour of emcee for our Solidarity Day celebrations for the community, with free treats and a midway for all to enjoy. First Nations visitors from Manitoba were also welcomed with open arms and celebrated the day with us.



Councillor Dean Hill also attended the annual Bread and Cheese event, handing out portions of bread and cheese to community members on Monday, May 19, 2025.



CHIEFS OF ONTARIO (COO)

This month was busy with our participation in the Chiefs of Ontario (COO). I attended Leadership Council meetings on April 17th, May 23rd, and June 9th as a proxy to the Chief for SNGR. Various discussions occurred at these meetings, including the status of the Ontario Final Agreement (OFA) on Long-Term Reform of the First Nations Child and Family Services (FNCFS).

June 17-19 was the COO 50th Anniversary Annual Chiefs Assembly held in Hiawatha. I participated as proxy to the Chief and councillor as the chiefs in assembly got through the resolutions on the agenda regarding various sectors that effect all First Nations in Ontario. I also attended the COO rally in Ottawa

to oppose Bill-5's objective of taking away our inherent rights and jurisdiction as First Nations people.

June 26-27: the Chiefs Committee on Social, Social Services Coordination Unit and 1965 Advisory Committee met in Toronto to discuss and review the Ontario 1965 Welfare Agreement and its terms for social services for Ontario First Nations.

This is a quick insight into some of the ongoing work being done by myself and other members of SNGREC. There is a wide range of areas we all work in, and we are all committed to doing the work put in front of us in the name of a greater Six Nations community.



COMMITTEE UPDATES:

COMMUNITY

I (Councillor Dean Hill) am the committee chair and have the following sectors/departments involved at its table:

- Social Services
- Parks and Recreation
- Ontario Works
- Six Nations Fire & Emergency Services
- Community
- Community events
- GRETI
- OGD
- Survivors' Secretariat

We have the Grand River Champions of Champions Powwow happening this summer and Six Nations has funded up to \$125,000 to help offset this historic event that is widely recognized as one of the biggest powwows.

I will be participating in the Two Row on the Grand's 10th anniversary paddle from the mouth of the Grand River to the source to honour our Haudenosaunee Two Row wampum belt and its Treaty.

The Community Committee has been discussing the creation of a 2SLGBTQIA+ Governance board that will help support Elected Council in discussions and inclusiveness. We have been exploring options for similar boards to

bring more voices to the SNGREC table.

Construction has had a bit of a delay, but the extension of our Social Services building has an estimated completion date of September 26, 2025.



Councillor Dayle Bomberly and Councillor Cynthia Jamieson support this year's Solidarity Day festivities.



DATA GOVERNANCE

I (Councillor Dean Hill) am also the committee chair for the Data Governance committee and have the following sectors/departments involved at its table:

- Data Analytics & Insight
- Information Technology

This is a new committee with exciting discussions about how technology will continue to help advance the health and future of the community. Keeping SNGREC up with the modern world at present and what it will be for the next seven generations.

Discussions about privacy and sharing information that is for our community members only and have the committee considering options of our meetings going back to in-person only for open public meetings. Also, more online rules and guidelines are being explored for councillors' use of online meetings and participation.

Systems are being innovated to allow leadership to have access to and streamline data gathered in all sectors of our community for our use in advocacy.

COUNCILLOR UPDATE:

Greg Frazer

STARS OF TOMORROW 50 YEARS OF GRACE AND GLAMOUR

On May 17, 2025, I had the pleasure of attending the 50th anniversary of Michelle Farmer's Talent Showcase held at the Sanderson Centre in Brantford. It was an evening of exceptional dance and modelling that showed over 30 performances from our community's young dancers and models. Chief Sherri-Lyn Hill presented a SNGREC Community Award to Michelle and her staff for their dedication to the community. It was also a treat for me to be on stage with my longtime friend, Gary Farmer, the master of ceremonies for the evening. Congratulations to all and I hope there are many more to come!

BREAD AND CHEESE

The Bread and Cheese celebration this year was again a great day for our community. The weather held off and everyone was in a festive mood. The midway was busy long after the bread and cheese was dispensed. This year, over 6600 lbs of cheese and 8500 slices of bread were given out! Thank you to all dignitaries, councillors, volunteers, and recreation staff for helping throughout the day. Special recognition goes out to our oldest volunteer, Jack Hill and to Bernice (General) David who blessed us with her presence at 100 years old!



Councillor Kerry Bomberly and Six Nations Ambassador Miss Mini Six Nations at the annual bread and cheese event.

ANNUAL CHIEFS ASSEMBLY 50TH ANNIVERSARY – HIAWATHA, JUNE 16-17

A special emphasis this year was placed on the effects of Ontario's Bill 5 – Protect Ontario by Unleashing Our Economy Act, and Canada's Bill C-5 – The One Canadian Economy Act. Pushing economic development with disregard for First Nation treaty rights and traditional lands was their apparent goal. Both bills provide steps for the governments to circumnavigate their Duty to Consult and Accommodate by having exemptions for Special Economic Zones and increasing cabinet and ministerial powers. The process to enact these bills was carried out without adequate First Nation consultations and passed within days of being tabled.

On June 17, 2025, Chief Hill, Councillors Amos Key Jr, Dean Hill, Cynthia Jamieson, and myself attended the Chiefs of Ontario rally opposing Bill C-5 on Parliament Hill in Ottawa. Ontario Regional Chief Abram Benedict and other Ontario First Nations leaders expressed their strict opposition. The Assembly of First Nations National Chief Cindy Woodhouse-Nepinak and MPP Sol Mamakwa were also in attendance.



SOLIDARITY DAY 2025 FESTIVITIES

With so many pressures that we have been experiencing in our lives, it was a good time to gather and enjoy Solidarity Day. The food, entertainment, and vendors were excellent, especially the cotton candy truck! It was also nice to see and welcome our brothers and sisters from Manitoba that are staying in Niagara Falls.

One highlight of the day was the GO bus, beautifully decorated with artwork by Shayde Sandy (pictured above). The brilliant colours and her grandfather adorning a major portion of the bus made her artwork more special. Thanks to Metrolinx for making this happen.

A big nia:wen to all staff, volunteers, Parks & Recreation staff, vendors, sponsors, carnival workers, bands, and community members for coming out!



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Elected Chief only participates in decision-making
when a majority cannot be reached.

POLITICAL COMMITTEES

Built Environment, Climate Adaptation, Lands & Membership

Chair: D. Bomberly | Co-Chair: H. Miller
A. VanEvery, K. Bomberly,
H. Johnson & L. Greene

Unity Building & External Government Relations, Justice Committee

Chair: G. Frazer | Co-Chair: C. Jamieson
D. Hill, L. Greene & M. Thomas

Community Committee

Chair: D. Hill | Co-Chair: D. Bomberly
M. Thomas & K. Bomberly

Lands & Resources, Wealth & Economy

Chair: C. Jamieson | Co-Chair: A. Key Jr.
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Education, Language & Culture

Chair: A. Key Jr. | Co-Chair: A. Powless-Bomberly
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Data Governance

Chair: D. Hill | Co-Chair: G. Frazer
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Well-Being Committee

Chair: A. Key Jr.
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