



Six Nations “Iroquois” Confederacy

GRAND RIVER COUNTRY

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Statement

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Re--Ontario meeting

OSWEGONDO GRAND RIVER TERRITORY- The Haudenosaunee Confederacy Chiefs Council have always worked towards a peaceful and respectful resolution to issues surrounding and touching on our lands and have encouraged the Crown and Ontario to do the same.

The land rights issue, in relation to Kanonhstaton, the former Douglas Creek Estate housing subdivision at Caledonia, Ontario, has been settled as third party interests have been removed with the land now registered in the Haudenosaunee Confederacy Chiefs Council land registry.

While the land is now under the sole jurisdiction of the Haudenosaunee Confederacy Chiefs Council, for the use and benefit of the Haudenosaunee people, the Haudenosaunee Confederacy Chiefs Council is always open to discussions in relation to Haudenosaunee uses of the land and would encourage the Province of Ontario to return to the Communications Protocol process that was established in good faith, with now Premier Wynne, to advance those discussions.

Ontario's ministers are calling a meeting Wednesday night with Elected Chief Ava Hill of the Six Nations Elected Council and Mayor Ken Hewitt of Haldimand County productive, and will meet again later in the summer to discuss the issues, we again would remind Ontario that Haudenosaunee lands and treaties are held by the Haudenosaunee Confederacy Chiefs Council.

Ontario is aware of the recent Supreme Court of Canada decision in the Tsilhqot'in Nation title and land rights case which determined that Band Councils do not have the ability in Canadian law to represent the collective rights and interests of the original peoples of this land.

Supreme Court of Canada's Honourable Vickers said: "While band level organization may have meaning to a Canadian federal bureaucracy it is without any meaning in resolution of Aboriginal title and rights for the Tsilhqot'in people." The Haudenosaunee Confederacy Chiefs Council agrees with that statement.

The Haudenosaunee Confederacy Chiefs Council urges Ontario to follow the path of peace and friendship back to the agreed upon resolution process that both parties agreed to, the Communications Protocol, that allowed for these discussions to take place in a respectful and peaceful manner.2

The Haudenosaunee Confederacy Chiefs Council are deeply concerned for grave consequences that could erupt over the ensuing summer months as the Ontario legislature takes a summer break without returning to the Communications Protocol and discussions.

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