

Saturday, January 7, 2017

Council Minutes

****Council met at Sour Springs due to Midwinter Ceremonies at Onondaga's.**

Firekeepers opened Council at 10:30 a.m.

All sides accepted the October 2016 minutes and December 10, 2016 Grand Council minutes.

All sides accepted the agenda for the day.

#1-H.D.I.-Aaron D. and Brian D. distributed a written report and provided an oral report. Priorities today are the communications document and the financial reports. A member of parliament has asked if he can attend a Council meeting at some point. They have a conference call every Wednesday at 2 p.m. with "Daisy Group," who are assisting us with two areas (a) Government Relations-Engagement with Provincial and Federal Ministries (b) Exploring Financial opportunities (grants available). They are asking to meet with Chiefs and clanmothers. HDI also would like to confirm that "Ogwawhista dedwasnye" continue to operate payroll services (at least until March). Also we would like Council to confirm that Hazel continue as Director until Council determines other action/direction taken. Lynda P. also distributed a communications report January -December 2016.

*******LUNCH BREAK*******

Colin "Johahaise" Martin gave a brief report on expanding the finance board membership and they have a Draft Terms of Reference but he doesn't have it today.

-All sides accept HDI report and accept the Audit as presented, and for it to be released (16 pages)

-In regards to utilizing the Daisy Group, all sides agreed for Daisy Group to continue for 3 months, and for them to work together with the Grand Council sanctioned "External Relations" committee to ensure the messages being put forth to Ottawa is always consistent.

The Firekeepers requested a brief report from the External Relations Committee Members present today. (All sides agreed).

Deskaheh and Bob Antone gave an overview of their current work (Vatican-Doctrine of Discovery) and Canadian government-ID Cards and Iroquois Nationals travel abroad. As well as the work at the United Nations. We are working still with Homeland Security on the ID cards. They just met on January 2nd at Onondaga (another one set for January 23rd). Their focus is preparations for the Vatican and the ongoing work at the United Nations.

-Draft Letter to Mayor and Council or Haldimand approved to be sent out.

The letter to Minister of Energy in regards to Enbridge, to be re-worked and brought back to next Council.

Council sanctioned HDI to prepare a budget to either re-build a house or structure to maintain a secure presence on "Kanonhstation."

#2-Kadiyosta-Kris Hill gave a report on "oyengwa" Tobacco Board activities. Also distributed a paper showing the 7 member board. She also reminded everyone that they have lots of Flint corn still, contact her or Gary Johnson.

Council accepted report.

#3-Cleve Thomas gave a Draft statement to be read at every meeting. Also, Steve Hill wants to know if he is to continue. Council appointed him and the late Normal Jacobs. Steve would like to continue in his role as Haudenosaunee Rep, also asking if someone else is selected/sanctioned. Band Council has a rep that sits on Grand Erie District School Board. All sides agreed to take time to look at the issues involving Grand Erie District School Board. For the issue to come back next Council. 1.-Find out the background as to how, when and why Steve Hill and Norman Jacobs were appointed. 2.Proposed statement to be read at every meeting. 3-Is Steve Hill to continue as our Rep and will someone else be appointed?

Firekeepers closed Council closed at 4:30 p.m. and announced that the next Council date is Feb., 11th due to Midwinters Ceremonies.