The HDI has been relatively quiet throughout the last couple of months since our report to Council in December which was sent out via email to the Clanmothers & Chiefs and posted to our website.

Because of the size of the December report, rather than attempt to go through the entire report at this time, we have included only those things that require decisions. We have also provided a brief update on areas that have changed.

With respect to the HDI Newsletter, further to the request of the Burtch Committee, I removed anything that was related to the litigation or Kris Hill personally and it has now been sent for publication and release as a No:ia Newsletter from the HDI as opposed to fall newsletter as originally designed.

With respect to the Fawcett Road property, given the need for a larger working space for the Haudensoaunee Technical Research Office, HDI has arranged for the property to be utilized as office space commencing April 1, 2018 and the Research Team will relocate all of the files and equipment that is currently in storage. A monthly rental fee will be applied to the mortgage. We are also setting up the appropriate insurance and security as required.

With respect to the Terms of Reference for the HDI, recently we undertook a workshop on the activity of the HDI and are currently working on a detailed report for Council as it relates to the HDI and its’ Terms of Reference. We hope to have this ready for presentation to the Chiefs & Clanmothers at an update session or workshop which will include the Strengthening the House and Moving Forward Report from Gloria Thomas. We trust that this will assist this council as it continues to review its departments and processes. We hope to have this meeting schedule for February, or at the latest March 2018.

As far as decisions, the only decisions remaining as outstanding are whether or not the HCCC is prepared to accept the Audit Reports presented, a new request from GREAT regarding the Identification Cards and the HCCC’s equipment and clarification on the legal expenses of the Burtch litigation.

Also, rather than provide the monthly detailed and confusing financial reports, we have summarized the November 30, 2017 financial report for this council’s review.
1. **Audit**

The audit for the 2016-2017 fiscal for 2438543 Ontario Inc. is finalized and attached.

The audit for the HDI is now complete and also attached. All of the supporting documentation has been reviewed and accepted by KPMG. HDI requires authorization to release the audit(s), pending this council support of HDI in the adjustments made to the accounts payable as brought forward from the previous years.

**Decision Required:**

*That this council authorizes Hohahes to provide a letter to KPMG indicating this Councils support of the HDI in their administration of these accounts*

OR

*Some other decision of this council*

2. **HCCC Equipment at GREAT**

As previously directed, the HDI continues to provide payment for the Internal Line through Bell Canada for the Haudenosaunee Identification Cards equipment located in the main office at GREAT.

GREAT has requested this equipment be moved as they need the space for their own purposes. HDI requires direction as to where this council would like the equipment located. It is possible to have the equipment put into our storage or office area at HDI until we move the Haudenosaunee Technical Research Team over to the Fawcett Road location in April 2018, and then have the equipment set up in the room at the HDI Administration Office if this council wishes.

**Decision Required:**

*That this council direct HDI to have the Haudenosaunee Identification Equipment moved in to HDI temporarily until further direction is provided.*

OR

*Some other decision of this council*

3. **Burtch Litigation Costs**

HDI requires clarification on the legal expenses for the Burtch Litigation.

Our understanding from Kadiyohsta is that her instruction from this council was to continue with the litigation and that the HCCC would cover the legal expense.
September 6, 2017 Minutes indicate that all sides agreed to pay the legal fee’s to date, which at that time were $170,000.

HCCC expense to date on the legal fee’s is $235,391.00

New costs to be paid:

- Court ordered Costs $101,127.00
- Replenish Retainer 42,387.00

Total now owing $143,514.00

Decision Required:

HDI requires clarification that this council has agreed to pay all the legal fee’s owing and to continue with on-going costs.