

Saturday, August 4, 2018

## Council Minutes

Firekeepers opened Council @ 11:00 am.

All sides accepted the minutes and set agenda.

#1 – Kris Hill Report – A one-page report was distributed and read by Tekarihoken. A meeting with Band Council is set for August 22 at 10 am, location is at the Gathering Place (old bingo hall). We will pay for half the rent cost for the day.

All sides also agreed to have a pre-meeting August 21 at 10am at Onondaga Longhouse Dining Hall.

On the costs of Legal Fees up to June, total is \$58,517.99. A breakdown was provided, if any of Council want a copy of legal fees up to June. Deskahe insisted that all fees/paperwork to come to council, be accepted and approved before paying any further legal fees.

#2 – H.D.I. – Brian done a report, outlining their current work. Experiencing difficulty getting developers to the table. It may get worse under the "Ford" government. We do have people working in archaeology doing monitoring. HDI is urging caution with the big expenditures being passed. We recommend a budget set and not to go beyond that. (Mentioned legal fees and H.E.R.C). Deskahe raised concern over HDI May Report, in which a lot of "mudslinging" was written. Also that the matter is to be dealt with in Council.

All sides agreed to remove Hazel as Director at HDI, in light of her actions, and written report of May 5, 2018. In this report, she attacked other committees. They also noted that she intended to resign in the past. After lunch, the matter of what we're going to do to replace her, as she has much knowledge on the workings of HDI.

\*\*\*\*\* LUNCH BREAK \*\*\*\*\*

All sides agreed to appoint Rick Saul to oversee the books/day to day finances, and for him to bring any big issues here for Council to discuss and deliberate. They also agreed to relieve/disband the Board of Directors for HDI, until the restructuring is done. Also for existing contracts to be reviewed.

#3 – Paul Williams – Talked about the Chiefs of the past hung the name "Kayanensen" on him and the past Deskahe (Harvey) told him he is on probation for the rest of his life, it could be taken back anytime. He also remembers them singing Adowa for him. They told him to never do anything to damage our people and rights. He is here to respond to the wrongful accusations HDI has accused him of. They said he was selling out our rights through the hunting agreements, also that the Clanmothers removed Paul, which is not true. Paul also spoke of the Ministers of Indigenous Affairs and Department of Justice of the past Ontario government. They wanted to meet with the Confederacy but they weren't willing to meet with Aaron Detlor

there. They also accused him of taking our rights to Court, sometimes for Band Councils. It is true in the Mitchell Case at Akwesasne. However, he kept the Mohawk Nation Council of Chiefs informed. On the issue of drawing a line restricting Haudenosaunee Territory laid out by 1701 Treaty (400 x 800 miles). The map is simply saying "these are the areas where we will hunt", in the agreement with Hamilton Conservation Authority. He wrote the June letter asking for an apology to protect his name, which is all he has as a lawyer. He also mentioned that HDI has lost 4 cases(info?), that have deeply damaged Haudenosaunee Rights.

Chester also explained the conversations his father (Lehman) had with Paul in the past about the "Williams Map" which was used to limit our hunting area.

**\*Secretary left for the day, Mike Martin took over the minutes,**

*Issue on the floor was item #3 – Paul Williams letter*

Older Brother (OBs) – Feel the actions taken this morning, shows how much we disagreed. After today we can put it back on track. Monitor communications and those speaking on our behalf not carrying the same mindset. To Paul, Linda, and Allen, we apologize and hopefully can put our Good Minds forward. As a Council watch more closely with our helpers. We didn't intend to hurt or offend anyone. Took care of some issues today to get back on track.

Younger Brothers (YBs) – (Made a joke about offering Paul 3 hamburgers instead of 2), but then also apologized for upsetting them, hope this resolves the issue.

Paul – Recognizes and accepts the apology but damage has been done. Asks Council to report the allegations as unfounded and share the same way the allegations were spread. (Jokingly asks for a raise from hamburgers to cheeseburgers)

**Decision** – All sides agree, close up the issue. Apologize to those here and will ask Jock to issue a letter/statement.

All sides agreed to move to item #4 – HERC Report – Deskahe, Steve Jacobs (SJ) presented

SJ – Hand out a written report. At last Grand Council there was a report on Human Rights Council from Geneva. Passports brought up again. Iroquois Nationals got back in Toronto, no issues, Canada even stamped their passports. Next meeting, August 25<sup>th</sup>.

Howard Thompson (HT) – Handed out report. Report on Geneva, five days worth of recommendations on enacting UNDRIP. The report includes a picture of the door in Geneva where Deskahe went to. Thanked helpers for written report. Kenneth (Deer) was off working the phones to help the Iroquois Nationals to the games in Israel. They met Lea Nicholas MacKenzie (sp?) – Canadian Indigenous Rep - tried to educate her on many things including border issues and ID cards.

Some upcoming things:

August 9<sup>th</sup> is UN Indigenous Peoples Day

November - World Periodic Human Rights Review – focus on violence against women and children as intervention most suggested

Climate change meeting in Bolivia to prepare for COP'24 in Poland. Not observer status, but need accreditation so they get in.

Got invited to next year's Seers Conference (?) – getting scientists to understand what we see coming – Gaihiwiyo

Trying to get a meeting with Canada on ID/Passport.

They need funding for this work and these types of trips. Howard T. feels they've asked HCCC enough. Wants to ask other Councils (Mohawk, Onondaga, Tonawanda, in addition to HCCC) to pool funds to support this work. We are known around the world, would like it to continue.

Maybe this Council can contribute \$5,000/month?

We are a leader, we help others. Climate change is leading to people coming to the borders because it's flooding. Want to share messages with the world. Helping other Native Nations – not all Nations are given the same gifts we got - Four Ceremonies, Gaihiwiyo, Leadership.

SJ – Added that he brought up at Grand Council that at the meeting with Atos that we were supposed to get weekly updates, but we have only got one. Deadline is November 25<sup>th</sup>. Whoever is on that committee needs to push to get it done.

Paul – Notes he is only one on that committee here. Hasn't been given updates by email either. On track to produce cards by December [he was corrected about the November date] - says he is not convinced. Notes they are trying to get a meeting with Niagara border stations. Minister Caroline Bennett has been asking what the current Canadian government can do and he told her the border issues.

OBs passed across to close the meeting, YBs agreed, Firekeepers closed.

## **Agenda – September 8, 2018**

#1 – Kris Hill mediation update

#2 – Cease and Desist Letter to Bill M. and Wilf D. as far as Men's Fire, Sonny Maracle, Gunn Loft-request for Council to support statement delivered by Mohawk Men. Also update on lands near Oneida Rd. and Bypass.

Also, a question as to whether it's true that Moe Sandy is anything official, as in wampum keeper. He asserts that he is the wampum keeper.

#3 – Restructuring-Mike, Gloria and Rick

#4 – New Credits Claims-What is Council's position?

#5 – Bill Warner – recycle work