

## Council Minutes

Firekeepers opened Council @ 10:30 am.  
All sides accepted the minutes and agenda for today.

#1 – Kris Hill – Report on yesterday's court. It has been taken out of court, (except her contempt). It now moves to mediation process.

Council accepted the proposed process and agreed to provide funds for 2 months. Also agreed to sanction the Advisory Committee to attend to the mediation.

All sides agreed to Council 2 times in May if needed during mediation.  
Council also was reminded that the Chiefs who don't have laptops can let Kris or Aaron D. know. This is so Chiefs can be kept up to date.

#2 – HERC (Haudenosaunee External Relations Committee) Report –  
Deskahe reported that they have selected Howard T. and Kanentokon H. as co-chairs of their committee. He also told that they are filling out paperwork for visa's to go to the Vatican. As of today, it is not for sure if our delegation will receive acceptance on our own passports. HERC also hasn't met with the HDC on the ID cards. Deskahe introduced Kanentokon as the Chair. He read a draft to be sent to decline the invitation to attend a meeting on April 18<sup>th</sup> with Iroquois Caucus at Akwesasne.

All sides agreed that the proposed letter be sent to inform Band Councils (Iroquois Caucus) of our position, referencing the 8 points of jurisdiction. Also, for no one to be officially sent to the meeting. The letter also to be sent to the Canadian Government, to be addressed properly.

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

#3 – Ogwawishsda' Dedwahsnye' – Johahai:se Colin Martin reported on their work. Done a review of last Council and the direction the Council gave them. They also need direction on what to do with projects requesting funds outside of their mandate. (Gaweni:yo Construction etc.) They are requesting that we hire a coordinator and finance officer for 1 year. Also need insurance, we invite the Chiefs and Clanmothers to a meeting to hear a presentation. Myka Burning has become a Board of Director member, and Elvera Garlow has resigned. Also, we know that the Chiefs agreed to fund 5 reps to travel to the Vatican. Finance Committee received information that was brought forth, Louise MacDonald (Herne?) doesn't have a clan and some do not agree with sending her to represent us, especially the Mohawk Nation Council @ Akwesasne has not met to sanction her.

All sides accept the recommendation from Finance Committee to fund certain language projects this year. (List provided). The total is \$1,049,221.00. These funds are set aside for language and cultural projects from developers. Also agreed to donate \$6,000 US funds to Tuscarora for this summer's Great Law Recital. On the matter of Louise MacDonald (Herne?), we can't agree to fund her, nor do we think a person without a clan should hold a title. Our ancestors set our rules, the old ones foretold that it will be harmful if we place titles on those that don't have a clan. We are observing the negative

impact this is already having on us. We leave it up to the Mohawk's what they do with it. Mohawks asked if Joyce King can take her place on the trip to the Vatican.

All sides agreed.

Passed across item #4 of Ogwawhisda Dedwahsnye report (to hire help for finance board – P/T Coordinator) and #5 (insurance issue) put to Chiefs Advisory board to review what solutions are.

All sides agreed and also accepted Myka B. on finance board, due to Elvera's resignation. Council thanked the members of Ogwawhisda Dedwahsnye for their report and work.

4 Brothers asked about 2 items raised, Colin said it was just info to share.

#4 – HDI Report – Aaron discussed the annual retreat of Chiefs and Clanmothers. The issue that kept coming up is the Administration structure. The issue was sent to Strengthen the House Committee (Gloria Thomas). Stated Mike Martin was working on things and the finance board was working on restructure. HDI is asking for a decision to appoint Gloria Thomas, Rick Hill and Michael Martin to officially task them to develop options. Alternatives for achieving this Administrative Structure. Aaron said HDI wants to stay in its lane. A question was asked; is HDI still paying the Daisy Group. Response; As of today, HDI is not paying the Daisy Group.

All sides agreed to appoint Gloria, Rick and Michael to work on Administration/Organization system.

#5 – Haley Doxtater – Governance Group – Myka Burning, Haley Doxtator, Tahnee Williams. Two handouts; 1) key points on Federal changes 2) Grand Council Governance gathering. Trying to be responsive to changes. Canada's attempt to change Indigenous Crown relationships. They are dissolving the "Indian Act", creating 2 new ministries. They want to do community information sessions. They are doing research on their own and these are their interpretations and perspectives of what's going on. Referenced a nation in BC to be the first under the "Modern Treaty" concept and it has not gone well. If you sign, you give up any right to future land claims. The Government is holding 50 roundtables across the country to decide issues by October 2019. They are doing under the guise of Reconciliation, but it's really termination. They reviewed several examples that are also in their handouts. They want support to get people out to their community information sessions, everyone is invited. The Council accepted and thanked them for their report.

#6 – Johnson Family – Bobbi Jo and Jolene (sisters). They are trying to build homes, but problems with Band Council. They complied, but Bobbi Jo and her son were tasered on their land. They are wondering if HCCC can take over the issue. Their land is 48 acres, they need to fill to flatten out. It is on 4<sup>th</sup> line, their grandmother's estate, Pearl Johnson. Band Council is saying it is not their land. Band land but HCCC holds the land. Went back and forth to Dale's office and different Board meetings. He tells them one thing, SNEC another. Giving the run around. Work has been at a standstill since March. Worked with Todd Williams (HDI) since fall 2017. Just asking for help from HCCC because they don't know what else to do.

HDI to explore and to see if they can help.

4 Brothers – Agree

Firekeepers. – Confirm, all of one mine, passed.

#7 – Barb General left so her issue was tabled.

#8 – Solar Farm – Howard T. presented – just that it was an idea to generate some money with \$1 million in the bank. Will bring research back in future, just want to keep the idea alive.

#9 – Asked if Jock left Cannibas letter, and because he left with it, Council tabled the issue. Moved to close

Reminder of Grand Council April 28, 2018.

Firekeepers closed Council at 6:00 pm.

## **Agenda – April 7, 2018**

#1 – Kris Hill update

#3 – Mary Anne Caibiossi-Ojibway-Proposed walk for water

#4 – Ogwawihksda' Dedwahsnye'

#5 – H.D.I.

#6 – Grand Council Report

#7 – ? Barb General-Bylaws-Wasn't present when her issue came up.