

**Council Minutes**

All sides accepted the minutes and agenda.

#1 – Kris Hill – Mediation occurred at Toronto this past Thursday. We feel it was successful, both sides of Burtch Land dispute agreed to get together to try resolve the matter (with Band Council). The legal action will be “stayed”. Kris will need Lynda Powless’ help during the process, so we stay on top of media and information. We will need financial assistance for legal fees during mediation process. Kris thanked the “Advisory Committee” that attended a very long meeting at Toronto. The Chiefs made it clear that they are not “working together” with Band Council, however, we can work “alongside” the Band Council, as they are under the Canadian Government. Tekarihoken reported on the agreement to enter a mediated process. They also are wanting to tile Burtch Lands. If mediation is unsuccessful, arbitration shall take place. They agreed that “no entry” shall occur @ Burtch prior to all parties agreeing (by May 10<sup>th</sup>). Both parties are taking the tentative agreement back to Council. There is a possibility that the Band Council can reject it, or the Chiefs’ Council could. Tekarihoken read last Council Minutes, whereby the Advisory Committee were sanctioned to pursue a “mediated process”, so they believed they had sanctioning to work something out and bring it back. He proceeded to go through the entire tentative agreement. (which was distributed after copies were made). This tentative agreement has potential to take Kris Hill out of Court. All sides agreed with the agreement made and for it to be used to fix things, in regards to Burtch Lands. All agreed for Kris to be able to let the Council all know when they will be meeting (including Secretary) and the whole Council to be included, as alternates to the “Advisory Committee”.

#2 – Lynda Powless – Unpaid invoice for her work with Kris Hill, and the Burtch Land Issue. Tekarihoken read her letter outlining all the work she done and has submitted an invoice for \$20,000. All sides agreed to pay the invoice today, but in in future, paperwork must be submitted for approval, prior to any work to be paid.

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

#3 – Haudenosaunee External Relations Committee (HERC) – Deskahe reported on Grand Council. Council decided the HERC members work on ID card, along with HDC members. They have a meeting tomorrow at Tonawanda. One of the issues as well is to pick a new “chair” for HERC. Due to the passing of Bob Antone. Howard Thompson and Kanentokon Hemlock are the two names put forward so far. We also need financial support for the trip to Vatican. All sides agreed on the following;

That we sanction Deskahe, Paul Williams and Colin Martin be formally sanctioned onto the "HERC". We also select Howard Thompson as the "chair". Hohahes reminded the Council today that because it's a Grand Council Committee, the other reps also have a word in deciding. Also, that we assist our delegates with travel to NY City for United Nations. They are to receive mileage and turn in receipts.

#4 – Ogwawishda' Dedwahsnye' – Johahai:se Colin Martin gave a written report and went through their line by line items and recommendations. All sides agreed for the new programs/proposals to be put under the pillow until next Council, in the case of Haudenosaunee Resource Centre, we have already sanctioned for them to receive annual funding. Ogwawihdsda' Dedwahsnye' to come back in 2 Saturdays with more info on each new proposal. Some Chiefs wanted to look at whether they were funded last year and what amounts received comparing last year and this year.

#5 – HDI – Aaron distributed a written report and itemized ongoing work. Council thanked them for report, accepted the Audit and decided to wait until next Council in 2 weeks to look at the other requests. All are to think about who should be on the requested committees. Also Mohawk bench urged Council to think about starting our own Solar Farm with the \$1 million Guaranteed Investment Certificate.

#6 – Letter of invite to attend a meeting at Akwesasne Resort and Casino on April 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> to discuss Membership/Citizenship. Government of Canada is working on Bill S-3, which could add 50,000-100,000 members to Six Nations membership. All agreed for HERC to discuss at tomorrow's meeting. Tekarihoken and Deyohowe:to: (Allen M and Roger S) volunteered to go, as well as any Chiefs and Clanmothers that can attend on April 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>. Council agreed that we should cover our reps' travel expenses (mileage and turn in room receipts).

#7 – Cannabis Issue – Council agreed to support the statement from Akwesasne and our Council to look at our own letter next Council.

#8 – Travel Funds – Council agreed to fund Chiefs/Committees for travel, based on mileage charts at HDI. Whether it to be for Committee work or Council, including Grand Council. Also, any accommodations or expenses.

Firekeepers closed Council at 6:00 pm.

## **Agenda – April 7, 2018**

#1 – Kris Hill update

#3 – H.E.R.C. Report-Deskahe

#4 – Ogwawhisda Dedwahsnye'

#5 – H.D.I.

#6 – Hayley Doxtator-Governance Group

#7 – Barb General-Bylaws