

## Council Minutes

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

#1 – Gethin Edwards- was present 5 years ago at Council. Since then we started "Indigenous Peoples' Court" which now sits once a week. It has proven very successful. We also started an Indigenous Peoples' Court in Cayuga. In 20 years as a judge, all I heard from Indigenous People was a plea of guilty. The Indigenous Court strives to help understand and help an offender. He would also like to assist our community in child protection. He thinks Ogwadenideo taking control of child care is the right thing to do. He is also working on a "Mobile Court" which functions in remote "fly-in" communities. He is here to update the Chiefs on ongoing work and these initiatives are beneficial, even at the present he sees many Six Nations People.

Various Chiefs spoke to Justice Edwards about our Treaties, rights, and responsibilities. We can't consent to Provincial Laws being forced on our people. We have only agreed for the Crown to have limited jurisdiction (murder, rape and theft). Everything else is being imposed, in total disregard to our rights and sovereignty.

All sides agreed to thank Justice Edwards for his presentation and the Chiefs agreed to work on our own Justice system and they recognize the need for Law and Order and we have to stay in line with Treaties and our laws.

#2 – Mary Anne Caibaiossi – Ojibway who currently lives in Kitchener. She believes she has been guided by spirits/ancestors. She is 2<sup>nd</sup> degree Mideiwin Lodge. She began walking for water in honour of her deceased sister. She distributed a flyer with info about their water walk taking place in September 2018. They expect to pass through Six Nations around 2<sup>nd</sup> week of September. Lou Thomas can be a contact if anyone wants information on the water walk (during the walk).

All sides gave their support and thanked her for her efforts.

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

#3 – Kris Hill – Update – The first mediation session got cancelled for reasons unknown. The mediation likely won't start till either late May or early June. The advisory committee will be taking a lead in tiling the Burtch land. Legal fees were \$60,000 from January to April. There shouldn't be a need to have 2 Councils this month, due to the delay in process (for whatever reason). Also asking to put forward any names if we know someone that can do the tiling. This will help keep things in our control.

All sides agreed to cover the \$60,000 for January to April.

Also, we should have someone compile information and be made public how much money is being wasted over the Burtch land (both Councils).

Also, to include the fact that Band Council is stalling the process.

Firekeepers added on that Kris provide a breakdown of the costs being covered.

#4 – Ogwawishda Dedwahsnye – Colin Martin Johahise distributed a written report and reviewed their activities and ongoing work. He also reported on a meeting he attended last week in which he heard Hazel say she was taking a leave of absence due to health issues. Aaron Detlor has stated that he is filling in as Director. Colin told them that this all has to come through Council. Arnold Hill told that Hazel is continuing work from home and she has Tracy General working next to her.

All sides agreed to fund a scholarship program in the amount of \$18,000. To be overseen by Mohawk Seedkeeper Garden.

Also, the Chiefs and Clanmothers to meet Wednesday @ 630 Kris Hill's to try come up with some solutions or options to fix our operations/committees (HDI and Ogwawishda etc).

All accepted their financial report.

#5 – Grand Council Report – Deskahe gave a brief report from last Saturday's Grand Council. First issue was the I.D. Report. The company now handling our card system is "Atos". They are proposing using iPads and iCloud and that they could produce cards by the end of this year.

Decisions made at Council were;

- 1) H.E.R.C. – Co-chairs (Howard Thompson and Kanentokon Hemlock) and Karl Hil (HDC) to set up a meeting with Atos reps, to meet at Onondaga.
- 2) Investing \$15,000 (approx.) to have a temporary card system, similar to Onondaga's red card
- 3) Legal action to be prepared against Siemens for breach of contract. (Atos is a branch of Siemens).
- 4) Letter to be sent to Governor General, Draft distributed.

Deskahe urged the Chiefs to attend Grand Council on May 19<sup>th</sup>. The issue he has is whether that letter should be signed by our Council Secretary, or HERC or Tadodahoh.

Firekeepers closed Council at 4:30 pm.

**Agenda – June 16, 2018**

\*\*\*\*\*Seating and encouragement to new Chiefs\*\*\*\*\*

#1 – Kris Hill mediation update

#2 – Ogwawihksda' Dedwahsnye'

#3 – H.D.I.

#4 – ? Barb General-Bylaws

#5 – Iroquois Nationals request-Travel to Israel or not?