

Council Minutes

Firekeepers opened Council @ 10:15 am.

All sides accepted minutes and agenda set for today.

#1 – Haudenosaunee External Relations Committee (HERC) – Al Day (Shonohses) read a draft response on the Canadian Governments' passing of Bill S-3, which will add a significant amount of newly eligible "Indians" to our rolls. The six page document was read and emailed out to Council. Shonohses went through the document, which goes over key points. 1) Relationship with the Crown (Two Row and Covenant Chain) 2) Also explains our Covenant of the Circle Wampum which lays out our rights and responsibilities 3) Citizenship Issues, based on our law. Also we have defined our assertion of jurisdiction 4) Summary of the reasons we reject Canada's passing of Bill S-3 or any other laws that infringe on our rights. All sides agreed to look over the draft, make your suggestions to HERC and we will finalize it next Council. (Perhaps 2 weeks from now).

#2 – Visitors from Taykwa, Tagamou Nation – Chief Bruce Archibald and Victor Linklater – Deputy Chief Howard Archibald. They traveled 8 hours to get here (Treaty #9). They have 17 Hydro-Electric projects operating in their territory (which they haven't received much benefit from), through their partnership with Vires Capital, they are now re-claiming interests in Hydro and power projects. They are pursuing all areas of Hydro business, Generating, Transmission and also Renewable Energy. Previously, the Government of Canada wouldn't give them much as compensation for the damaging effects from the Hydro-Electric projects. They have no stumbling blocks with Vires Capital, they signed a 2 year contract to begin with. Bruce mentioned that they have a termination clause in the agreement. They will have a potential 50 year Hydro deal, once they agree to sign. They're doing a two year deal as a trial basis. They have been in conversations with Hydro One and Ontario Power Generation (OPG) and so far, everyone seems to be on board. They Hydro One Chief Executive (?) spoke in Parliament that it is imperative that "First Nations" Indigenous People be partners in Hydro Projects. They have created a task force to oversee meetings with our partners and with Ontario Government, Hydro One. Discussions took place in regards to protecting against taxation.

3 questions; Q1) How their people benefit? A1) We will consult our people as to where they want it spent. We need housing and also we've lost our language. Q2) How does the agreement affect your rights and lands? A2) The rights we have belongs to all of our Nation, I have no authority to surrender our Inherent Rights. Our goal is to become independent and live a long and healthy life, extending seven generations. They also own a forestry company. We would like to form a partnership with the Haudenosaunee to be able to export lumber. Council thanked them for attending today and sharing.

All passed by and shook hands and then Chief Arenrehkowa sent "a bundle of words", our Chiefs, Clanmothers, Faithkeepers, people and the children send greetings and well wishes.

******* LUNCH BREAK *******

#3 – Kris Hill – Distributed a written report/update. There has been no response yet from Elected Council. A suggestion was made to invoice the Province for Legal costs to date. Firekeepers suggest a letter to be written, reiterating that it's our land that is in discussion. To be sent to Government of Canada, Ontario and to the Community. Not only to invoice legal costs, but to remind them that they haven't produced proof as of yet, that we agreed to sell Plank Road lands and Burtch Tract. Tekarihoken to call a meeting to prepare a letter.

#4 – Bonnie Kowennakon Whitlow – Distributed and went over a Proposal for Peacemakers Journey. They're following up with asking each Council for support, also to encourage each community to participate. Either financially or with the youth to walk or canoe. Great Law Committee was also asked to participate as well.

Council agreed to pledge \$20,000, provided they raise the other funds (\$80,000)

All sides also ask that Rick Saul attend next Council to give a financial report, so we know our financial situation. We shall put this under the pillow until we understand our finances more.

#5 – Financial Report – A report provided by Rick Saul at HDI was tentatively accepted, which was that funds not exceeding #750,000 will be expended this year, pending a review by finance.

#6 – Howard reported that he will be attending a seers gathering in Mexico March 18th and has invited Hohahe. This is tentative date.

All sides agreed to close Council for today and re-convene in two weeks. (March 16th)

Firekeepers closed Council at 4:45 pm.

Agenda – March 16, 2019

#1 – HDI-Rick’s Financial report

#2 – Letters

#3 – New Credit- Any follow up?

#4 – Water Project-Makasa

#5 – Matt Myke