

Saturday June 1, 2019

Council Minutes

Firekeepers opened Council @ 10:20 am.

All sides accepted minutes and agenda.

Joahaise (Colin) also read the minutes he took and apologized that we didn't get them in print in time for today.

#1 – Water Issue -Makasa L. – Going to speak on a few issues (Nestle, Cleaning the Creeks). We are asking Council to sanction a "Cease and Desist" letter and a support letter to protest at Nestle in Aberfoyle.. Makasa also invited everyone to a creek cleanup tomorrow, meet @ #2586 4th Line @11am.

They're meeting June 7th at Dajoh Building, prior to leaving to protest at Nestle. They have partnered with Wellington Water Watchers in the protest.

They also would like Council to sanction 2 reps to be liaison/work to assist and advise the Water Project. They also informed Council they're trying to hire Dehatgahdohs-Cleve T. as Director of the water project, if he will accept.

(As the draft letters hadn't arrived yet, council tabled the matter until they look at the drafts)

#2 – Letters – Hydro One letter was read and also the letter from Matt Jamieson from Six Nations of Grand River Development Corporation. Council decided to defer discussion on how to respond to the letters to a side meeting. Meeting to take place next Tuesday 10am @ S. Springs Longhouse, prior to meeting with Band Council @ noon. Also Hohahes to arrange a meeting with Vires Reps June 11th @ Onondaga Longhouse to review strategies and options on dealing with Hydro One.

#3 – Band Office Update – Hohahes gave a brief update on the current protest and shut down of Band Administration Office (SNEC). Community members advised the Secretary and some Chiefs they intended to shut down Band Office for 1 Day on May 27th. They later reported that due to the Band SAO Dayle Bomberry's actions, they decided to keep it shut down until changes occur. They remain there and remain committed to remain there until changes occurs. They want the Band Councilors to stop pretending to be the Six Nations government and adhere to Confederacy as our National Government, the 8 Points of Jurisdiction, and band as administration only.

Hohahes also gave a report on the meeting with SNEC. The Band agreed to work towards getting out of Indian Act on our own terms and laws. They are to select 4 representatives and Confederacy to appoint 4, to review the previous work that went on. (M.O.U., 8 Points work, Band to withdraw actions at Burtch). Also Hohahes put forth an idea that was unanimously supported, to grow corn, beans and squash this year for community (Longhouses and food bank possibly). Date set for June 7th @ 11am to plant. All are invited.

Sonny Maracle and Rhonda Maracle also gave updates from the protest site. They both shared ideas from people at protest, for Council to consider. (Band to accept Confederacy's 8 Points of Jurisdiction, Burtch-Band withdrawal, and Confederacy to pressure Ontario Government, suggestion to have 2-3 community meetings throughout the year, to hear from people on current issues, Confederacy to keep working to fill the 50 Chief Titles).

Council thanked them for report and reminded them they have the right to address the Council anytime we meet, just get on agenda ahead of time. (Secretary said to inform him a few days before Council). Council also reminded everyone to stay within our Laws as far as how to conduct ourselves.

*****LUNCH*****

*****This matter was put under pillow earlier*****-Council reviewed the 2 Draft Nestle letters; 1-Cease and Desist to Nestle, 2-Support for proposed protest of Nestle. After some minor changes, Council accepted them to be signed by council secretary. Council also accepted to consider appointing 2 Reps as liaison with Water Issue.

#4 – Restructure Work – Gloria T. and Mike M. gave a brief report on their ongoing work. They advised Council that Rick Hill has decided to step back from any committee work. This has left them short-handed. We are planning a two day workshop and would like the Chiefs and Clanmothers to attend. (June 8 & 9th at S. Springs). Council thanked them and encouraged them, we need to fast-track and begin implementation asap.

#5 – H.E.R.C.- Johahai:se reported on their meeting yesterday @ Tonawanda. Four Delegates are to meet with Mark Miller of Canadian Government, to discuss our new I.D. and Passports. They also discussed using "HAU" as our country code. As well, they're meeting with the Ambassador of Ireland to begin the process for our athletes to travel there this year for our National Lacrosse Team. They are also working on a budget. They also pointed out that there was misinformation about their budget being \$100,000. They also thanked Council for approving for 3 to travel to Geneva in July (Deskaheh, Colin, and Kenneth). In June, Arenrehkawah-Howard T. and Kenneth D. will be travelling to Climate Change conference at Germany. Arenrehkwah also gave a report from last weekend's Climate Change summit held here at Grand River. Council also approved for Howard and one other to travel to Geneva in July. (with Colin, Deskaheh and Kenneth).

All sides agreed to close council for today and to re-convene in two weeks (June 15th. Rescheduled to 22nd due to a death).

-Fire keepers reminded council and the public of upcoming events and issues. Tuesday – 10am @S. Springs to strategize and meet Band C. and Thursday - Wampums for school kids & community (9am-6pm). Plant at Burtch June 7th @11am.

Firekeepers closed Council @ 5pm.

Agenda – July 6, 2019

#1 – What can be done to help Council? - Mohawk/Seneca Bench-Any suggestions?

#2 – Matt Myke – H.N.R. Proposal

#3 – Restructure Work

#4 – Paul Williams Issue? (how to deal with him was put “under the pillow” in past days)

#5 – Hydro One & Ec. Dev. Corp.-Updates?

#6 – Justin Sandy Request

#7 – Band Council-Appointment of 4 people to a working group (M.O.U. & 8 Points of Jurisdiction...) what does Council want to do? Do we accept their four? (Reva Bomberry, Phil Monture, Courtney Martin, Rod Whitlow), and who will we appoint? They also suggest a community meeting, where both Councils address the community, to show we are trying to get the Indian Act out of Six Nations on our own terms.

#8 – Water Project