

Saturday July 6, 2019

Council Minutes

Firekeepers opened Council @ 10:30 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 – What can we do to help Council? Moh./Sen. Bench

-Tekarihoken gave a report that it is very difficult trying to strengthen the titles, the women haven't been able to come to one and fill any titles it seems. They only thing Allen is suggesting is for Colin Martin and Gary Johnson be able to sit in and help him to help Council function. He also noted that the families who supposedly hold those titles are not here even to see how Council functions. He suggests the Council look at the Longhouses to see who could help Council continue. We must find people who believe in our ways. We should reach out to those Mohawk and Seneca Chiefs to ask them to attend Council. Council looked at what can be done. In days past, the Council sanctioned helpers to sit in for the day. Secretary also forwarded some suggestions that came to Secretary over the past few years. 1) Ask the Mitten family to bring forward a helper and perhaps condole someone in that title ('Tsa'degaohye:s'). We also have the title from 'Nishayene'nha'. The elderly Clanmother handed the title back to the Council to place it where it would be looked after, as her family has nobody interested. It rests here in Council still. The Clanmothers should meet and see if they can come up with suggestions and options to strengthen Council. We have to do our best to keep our Fire going strong. It still protects the people.

#2 – Hydro Issue – Johahai:se and Gary Johnson took seats next to Tekarihoken. The men gave an update on last week's attempt by A6N and Hydro One to complete the line work. They stopped them from working on the lines and Matt Jamieson and Hydro One threatened to get an injunction. They served the Confederacy and HDI a 700 page injunction to Aaron Detlor yesterday. He advised them he was not able to accept on behalf of Confederacy. They are going before the judge Monday morning. Aaron also gave an overview of the ongoing emails and correspondence between Hydro One, HDI and Matt Jamieson. Aaron is also suggesting inviting the judge to attend next meeting at the Longhouse. Hydro One is not showing any interest in dealing with the Confederacy. Aaron suggests a strong statement be delivered directly to the judge. The letter to remind them that we are allies and not subjects of the Crown. If they have a problem with our position, we will set a meeting date to sit down and discuss our Treaty Relations and joint responsibilities. All sides agreed to draft the letter and to send someone to speak in the language and another to read it in Court. Also to wear our style of clothes.

4 Brothers suggested Matt Myke, Elan Henhawk or Cam Hill, depending on their availability. The letter to be prepared and sent out by email and to be delivered

Monday if possible. Meet at HDI at 9:00 am to head to Court – To wear Indian Clothes and Gasdo:wah.
All sides agreed to close Council until July 27th (Sour Springs).

Firekeepers closed Council @ 2pm.

Agenda – July 27, 2019

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

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

#3 – Restructure Work

#4 – H.E.R.C.

#5 – Mike Davis

#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

#9 – Barb General

#10 – Johnson Family-Landfill issue