

Saturday, October 5, 2019

Council Minutes

Firekeepers opened Council @ 10:30 am.

All sides accepted minutes and agenda for today.

#1 – Julia Candlish – Lifelong Learning Task Force – They are looking at more than K-12 education take over. Six Nations is only 3 communities left that didn't take the devolution of education. There are only 3 left in Canada. They are looking at establishing a "stand alone" Education Commission. They are reviewing the current system we operate under, as well as looking at studies that have been done. Six Nations hired Deloitte to create a "roadmap" plan to meet our goals. She distributed and went through a print out of her powerpoint. Concerns and questions were addressed, lots of concerns about where the funds will come from. The Chiefs noted this is now the 4th group to attend Council saying they are "A-Political" (Justice Dept, Ogwadenideo, Ec Dev Corp, SN Lifelong Learning). This is a step down the current federal plan to get out of their duties/responsibilities. Gaweniyo Board reps Elva Jamieson and Ruby Jacobs asked to address Council. Elva spoke in Cayuga and Ruby spoke in English. They said Gaweniyo does not want to be under anything that will cause us to lose control. We reject being under Grand Erie District for the same reason. We want to continue as we have for 30 years. We are teaching a Haudenosaunee based model of education. We are taking a "wait and see" approach. We don't want to volunteer in our own destruction.

Council thanked her and Gaweniyo for the info and will accept as information only. We will be in touch, if any follow-up. Council also made it clear that anything that is professing to follow a Haudenosaunee Principled approach to taking control of education. In order for this to proceed, this Council must sanction and be the ones to map out a course of action.

#2 – Paul Williams – Reported on the adjournment until December, the case of the protesters of Band office. He reported that the judge ruled in favour of the Band Council and awarded them \$25,000. To be paid by those named on injunction. He wants Council to approve him to take on the case, he wants to be paid to do so. He explained his idea to challenge them based on their 1998 imposition of "custom government of Six Nations". This Council is the custom government. The Band convinced Canada to allow Six Nations to revert to "Custom Council". The second argument he wants to assert is there were no meaningful consultation in order to change Six Nations Government. Paul also told that he is monitoring a few other court cases (mentioned a fraud case Hunter Montour, Derek White, Ken Hill, Brittany Beaver).

After some discussion and Q&A, Council stopped for lunch.

***** LUNCH BREAK. *****

Council agreed to have Paul try reach out and talk with Band Council to try resolve injunction and case outside of court, and for him to receive funds if need be.

Council also sanctioned for Todd Williams, Gary Johnson and Colin Martin to attend. Paul was not in favour of anyone attending who is not viewed favorably by Band Council. Paul to report back next Council. Going to wait until Mohawk Nation Council at Akwesasne deliberates on the Hunter Montour case. Council does not want to intervene in Ken Hill case, unless they both agree Council should be involved.

Another situation is involving the Short Hills deer hunt (October 22nd). Wants Council support to go against protestors by seeking an injunction against the protestors. Paul, Chester and Brian Skye would seek the injunction order.

-----C.Martin took over minutes after 4pm-----

Agenda – November 2, 2019

#1 – Paul Williams - Follow-up?

#2 – Mike Davis

#3 – Chester Gibson

#4 - H.E.R.C. - Report?

#5 – H.D.I. – Report?