

**Council Minutes
October 9, 2021**

- Firekeepers opened at 10 am
- All sides accept minutes and agenda
- #1 Restructuring – The “Well” and “4 Brothers” haven’t picked anyone yet for the 9 person Board.

Recommending: a meeting next week and bring back next Council

- #2 – Land Back Update – Courtney /Myka B. will do a land back update and Courtney Skye will do an update on the “Protect The Tract” initiative. Courtney reviewed a Draft “Terms of Reference”. She will email to Secretary for the Chiefs to review and hopefully approve next Council. She gave an overview of the Draft. They are looking at having the Terms approved, to expire at the end of Mrch 2022, where they hope to have a more comprehensive plan in Apriil 2022. They are looking for Confederacy Council to provide oversight. The “Water” gathering is postponed until further notice. They are also looking at doing a different sign campaign up and down the tract. Myka – not much to report at the Land Back camp. We are getting ready for winter. There is a lady who utilizes the site for her Youth Group, from Six Nations. Approximately 33 charges have been dealt with through the courts. Some had to pay a fine. They paid the monies to local organizations; K/G School, Ganohkwasra etc. The Developer hasn’t proceeded with a civil suit, other than the one naming Skyler Williams. Skyler had a solid legal defense. Planning a Hallowe’en event at 6x6 area. Courtney also told that they paid to rent a tent already and are offering it’s use to do a Wampum Belt presentation. Perhaps around the anniversary of Haldimand Treaty – October 25th.

DECISION MADE: Council thanked them for the update.

- #3 – HDI – Brian reported that the offices have been moved to 44 Sixth Line. We are still in the midst of moving some things. We will maintain a small office for Joint Stewardship Board. Most of the equipment is at Fawcett Road. The property across the road at 51 is being leased as well, for another part of the program developed (Arliss). We should be fully back up and running by December. HDI had been spending approximately \$37,000 per year in rent at GREAT. They also recently acquired 90 acres opposite side of 6x6 corner, (6th Line and #6 highway). He also reported that they’re developing a platform to be better organized, a new program for The House (Gloria) will be hosting some teaching events/webinars in coming months. He also told that they are working to expand in the East with Akwesasne, Kanawake and Kanesatake. Also are still having issues with the Chatham Line and Metro Links, who refuse to do proper consultation. They also are in discussions with the Mayor of Toronto (John Tory), they have some projects of interest, Ontario Place etc.... We have a fight going on over the land which Norfolk is trying to sell Haudenosaunee land. Toby Barret (MPP) stated that Indians have to stay on a reserve. Much racist chatter going on. Aaron has been dealing with a local reporter to make sure our messaging gets out to the public. We also took care of Burtch farming, similar to a share-holder split. They haven’t harvested yet.

Laurie Froman – Director for GREAT clarified that it wasn't true that GREAT kicked HDI out of the facility.

Lunch Break

- No Mohawks, so Hohahes reported on the tobacco burning 2 weeks ago before they commence the search for unmarked graves at the former residential school AKA "The Mush Hole". We have questions to come to one mind on; Council agreed for me to burn tobacco before the police commence their search. We need to figure out if we want to be further involved and what our involvement we foresee. There are many groups/organizations involved. 2 or 3 police forces, Ontario, Coroners Office, Survivors Secretariat and Band Council.
 - **DECISION MADE:** All sides agreed to assign HDI to look into it, to get our Monitors in the field. Also for HDI to report back, as a process moves forward. We may have to just get our monitors in the field and invoice.
 - **DECISION MADE:** All sides accepted HDI report and Brian will email a written report to Hohahes.
 - #4 – Draft Letter to the Dutch Foreign Ambassador to Canada. Hohahes distributed and read the Draft and the question that remains is, does the letter come from Grand River Council or do we direct external relations (HERC) to arrange a meeting. After much discussion, it was realized that there needs to be clarification on what is the extent of HERC.
DECISION MADE: All sides agreed for Hohahes to send the Draft Letter to the Dutch Ambassador and inform her that the HERC will be tasked with arranging a meeting.
 - Mennonites – Hohahes to contact Ben Janzen and arrange a Zoom meeting, make sure Rick Saul can attend. For the Zoom info to be sent via email to Chiefs and Clanmothers to listen in.
 - Email requesting an appropriate art installation on a building in Toronto, to reflect the original land holders.
DECISION MADE: The Council agreed for Arnold Jacobs to pursue the matter.
 - Letter received from "Committed Ongwehon:we Women". It's a cc of a letter delivered to GREAT and Band Council stating their opposition to vaccination requirements. It was also reported that after they attended at GREAT, Director Laurie Froman's windows were smashed.
DECISION MADE: Council accepted it as information and all disagreed with the threats and vandalism.
- ** Skyer Willams joined in to give a report on his present visit to offer moral support to the Wetsuwetin people who are protesting a pipeline in B.C.. He asked for a statement to be read and delivered there, to their Hereditary Chiefs. A Draft was read and approved, to be put on letterhead and sent to him or Courtney Skye.
- #5 – Council tabled the Draft Wampum Policy until next Council. Hopefully Rick Hill can be present.

Hohahe left at 4:30

- #6 – HERC – Johahise (Colin) gave an oral report on various ongoing work (to send Hohahe a follow-up report).

DECISION MADE: Council did agree to pay the balance of Kenneth Deer's expenses (HERC). Approximately \$300.

Firekeepers closed Council @ 5pm.

AGENDA

November 6, 2021

#1 – Draft Wampum policy?

#2 – Land Back update? Protect the Tract Initiative

#3 – Restructuring?

#4 – Trevor Bomberry - Arrowdale Land in Brantford

#5 – Carmen Thomas Request

#6 – H.D.I. Report

#7 – HERC Report

#8 – Letters/Updates

#9 – Any Additions?