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Six Nations has to grow own revenue to survive, Elected Chief

By Donna Duric
Writer
Six Nations could be facing a grim economic future if the community doesn't start bringing in more of its own revenue, said Elected Chief Bill Montour. The comments came at council's Annual General Meeting last week, saying he has stopped expecting the government to adequately provide funding for Six Nations services and infrastructure, citing years of cuts that will only continue to get worse. "When I hear people talking about, 'the government owes us, there's a fiduciary obligation'...I can't see it. In fact, a friend of mine once said, 'you can't eat fiduciary.' It's non-existent." He said the onus is on Six Nations now to start bringing in the money. "We've got to come together and start looking at



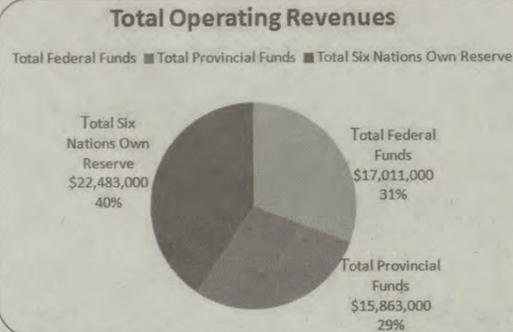
Elected Chief Bill Montour opportunities, projects that have the potential to bring millions of dollars into this community," said Montour. "But we've got to work together. We can't have people coming along saying, 'I'm going to issue a cease and desist order because I don't like that' or 'you have no authority,'" he said. "I don't believe it's about anybody having authority; it's about us at Six Nations moving proudly into the future. We can only do that

together." He cited continuing fall-out from the 2008 global recession as a reason to worry about the economic future of Six Nations. "I believe everybody in Canada is in for a rough time," said Montour. "The downturn in the world economy is dragging on and on and on. We're lucky in Canada because we have a strong banking system that has been able to withstand a lot of the attack," he said. "But from the First Nations perspective, there's a more dismal picture," said Montour, citing continual government funding cuts. Two days before the meeting, Montour said council received notice from Aboriginal and Northern Affairs Canada that another funding cut was coming to Six Nations, in the amount of \$200,000.

The federal government cut the \$2.4 million Band Advisory Services funding nationwide saying the expertise bands need are now available in professional First Nations organizations. Over the last four years, he said, Six Nations has lost about \$900,000 in government funding. It cost \$71 million to run the community last year. Most of that came from Six Nations' own-source revenues. "The biggest threat I see is we're dealing with a Conservative government that

is no friend of Indians. We're suffering the effects of that right now." Council only received \$40.7 million in government funding in 2011-2012. Council's expenses totalled over \$66,000,000, leaving a \$26 million deficit. If it weren't for the community's \$28,000,000 in own-source revenue, Six Nations would have been in third-party management. Montour said the community has a lot of problems to fix: a better education system, a better health system, more responsive social programs, youth suicide, drugs, and family violence, to name a few. "These issues, in my mind, are going to be detrimental to our community if we don't get a hold of them now," he said. "I don't want to be a wet blanket on everything but I think

there are opportunities here, too." Montour said this year's accomplishments include beginning construction of the \$40 million water treatment plant (council has a \$15 million bank to foot its share of costs), and a Samsung Renewable Energy deal to build a green energy park on unceded Six Nations land in south Cayuga that would net the community between \$33 million and \$55 million over a period of 20 years. He said the Six Nations community has to look to the future. "We have a number of people in this community who want to live like we used to. We can't do that. This is the year 2012. Economically, culturally, socially, change has happened. In fact, change is the only constant on this journey we can depend on."



The majority of money flowing through Six Nations Band council coffers is Six Nations own generated revenue. But band council has not commented on how it spends the \$28,223,721 that includes over \$14 million made at the local bingo hall and over \$8 million from the gaming fund. Six Nations revenues include:

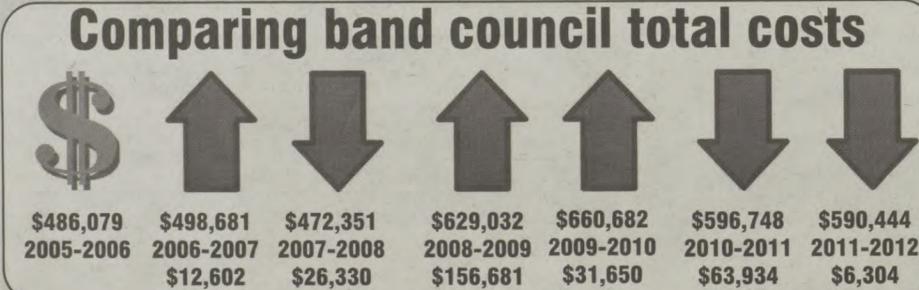
- Bingo Hall \$14,147,089
- Donations \$390,0004
- Investment income \$1,168251

- Ontario First Nations Limited Partnership \$8,809,768
 - GRETI \$325,229
 - Equity in Six Nations Natural Gas Company \$266,282 and
 - "Other" includes \$3,117,098
- For a total of Six Na-

tions generated revenues of \$28,223,721. Elected Chief Bill Montour says in his annual report to the community that the community has only been cut back \$892,498 in government funds. He didn't explain how it spent the community's own source revenues.

Band Council costs over the years

Six Nations Band Council honoraria and travel costs have dropped for the past two terms after a skyrocketing total cost of \$660,682 in 2009-2010. Here is a comparison.



Six Nations finance director has refused to release the bands supplementary schedules or detailed department expense statements for the 2011-2012 year. Director Gary Phillips said he "will not release them to anyone." Instead he said the band, at some future date, may post them on their website. But according to Aboriginal and Northern Affairs Canada, the finance director cannot refuse to release the information to band members, or the public. The statements detail how

departments spent their dollars during the 2011-2012 fiscal. The band's audit simply says it spent more than \$66,374,362 last year. That is broken down by council committee to: Corporate and Committee of the Whole spending \$11,120,105; the Physical and Economic Development committee spending \$24,147,459; Human and Emergency Services spending \$31,106,018 and other unknown expenses of \$780,000, for a total of \$66,374,362.

Stolen truck and trailer recovered, sprint car still missing

A sprint car is still missing after Six Nations Police located a stolen and truck and trailer on Bate-man Line. Reports do not

indicate when. The truck was a 2007 White GMC Sierra Pick-up quad cab and the trailer is a white 2009 Road Master Trailer.

Both were reported stolen from Brantford area. According to reports, a dirt track 360 spring car linked with the truck and trailer

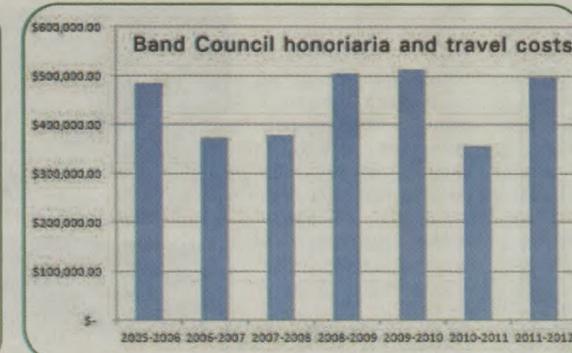
is still missing. The registered owner of the sprint car is from Stephentown, New York. Anyone with information regarding

these thefts is asked to contact the Six Nations Police at (519)445-2811.

Band Council costs continue to hover at over half a million



\$93,998
Elected Chief Bill Montour
Honoraria: \$71,500
Travel: \$22,498
Total: \$93,998
In 2010-2011:
Honoraria: \$71,525
Travel: \$20,839
Total: \$92,364
Increase of \$1,634



Six Nations Band Council is made up of one full time Chief and 12 part-time councillors. Councillors are elected in six districts, two to a district. Total councillor's honoraria \$426,906. Total travel expenses \$69,540. Total councillor and chief honoraria \$498,406, total travel expenses \$92,038. Six Nations elected council cost the community \$590,444 last year in honouraria and expenses.



\$53,927
District Two Councillor Ava Hill
Once again tops band council's expense list.
Honoraria: \$36,200
Travel: \$17,727
Total: \$53,927
In 2010-2011:
Honoraria: \$36,665
Travel: \$17,304
Total: \$53,969
Reduction of \$42



\$46,679
District Four Councillor Wray Maracle
Honoraria: \$36,200
Travel: \$10,479
Total: \$46,679
In 2010-2011:
Honoraria: \$34,435
Travel: \$2,413
Total: \$36,848
Increase of \$9,831



\$44,977
District Two Councillor Carl Hill
Honoraria: \$36,200
Travel: \$8,777
Total: \$44,977
In 2010-2011:
Honoraria: \$36,360
Travel: \$9,666
Total: \$46,026
Reduction of \$1,049



\$44,275
District Five Councillor Bob Johnson
Honoraria: \$36,200
Travel: \$8,075
Total: \$44,275
In 2010-2011 (newly elected):
Honoraria: \$11,636
Travel: \$267
Total: \$11,903 first four months
Increase of \$32,372



\$43,827
District Four Councillor Helen Miller
Honoraria: \$36,200
Travel: \$7,627
Total: \$43,827
In 2010-2011:
Honoraria: \$34,453
Travel: \$8,574
Total: \$43,025
Increase of \$802



\$39,751
District Three Councillor Ross Johnson
Honoraria: \$36,200
Travel: \$3,551
Total: \$39,751
In 2010-2011 (newly elected):
Honoraria: \$11,636
Travel: \$1,876
Total: \$13,512 first four months
Increase of \$26,239



\$39,175
District One Councillor Lewis Staats
Honoraria: \$36,200
Travel: \$2,975
Total: \$39,175
In 2010-2011 (newly elected):
Honoraria: \$11,636
Travel: \$1,045
Total: \$12,681 first four months
Increase of \$26,494



\$39,007
District One Councillor Dave Hill
Honoraria: \$36,200
Travel: \$2,807
Total: \$39,007
In 2010-2011:
Honoraria: \$35,703
Travel: \$3,036
Total: \$38,739
Increase of \$268



\$37,959
District Six Councillor Mark Hill
Honoraria: \$36,200
Travel: \$1,759
Total: \$37,959
In 2010-2011 (newly elected):
Honoraria: \$11,636
Travel: \$267
Total: \$11,903 first four months
Increase of \$26,056



\$37,641
District Six Councillor Melba Thomas
Honoraria: \$36,200
Travel: \$1,441
Total: \$37,641
In 2010-2011:
Honoraria: \$33,429
Travel: \$5,592
Total: \$39,021
Decrease of \$1,380



\$36,200
District Three Councillor Roger Jonathan
Honoraria: \$36,200
Travel: \$0
Total: \$36,200
In 2010-2011 (newly re-elected):
Honoraria: \$11,636
Travel: \$136
Total: \$11,772 for first four months
Increase of \$24,428



\$1,889
District Five Councillor Darryl Hill
Honoraria: \$1,889
Travel: \$0
Newly elected in March 2012 by-election

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Mohawk Workers issue stop order

The Mohawk Workers say they are going to investigate a development company's "unauthorized" archaeological work on a proposed housing development in the Brantford Tutela Heights area. The workers posted a video to YouTube last week showing archaeologists about to undertake work at the site. They said in a press release the work is a violation of a Legal Notice of Intent the group filed against the company two weeks ago, demanding the Walton Group cease all development activity within the Haldimand Tract. On Saturday at a public meeting in Brantford, the Mohawk Workers issued Walton Group executives a summons to present themselves for questioning to the Mohawk Workers within 72 hours or retreat from lands within the Haldimand Tract.

Six Nations directors plan for 2012-2013, costs growing

Six Nations Band council has over 700 employees, 13 directors and a Senior Administration Officer costing the community up to \$1,114,053 a year.

Lands and Resources, Director Lonny Bomberry "We're responsible for protecting and pursuing our land rights issues," said Bomberry. "When we talk about our land rights issues, one of the tasks we have is to educate the public at large about what are our rights and interests in the Haldimand Tract and I 701 Nanfan Treaty area," he said. He cited the Samsung partnership as one of the department's biggest achievements this year, and is working on rolling out a new GIS coordinate system throughout the entire Haldimand Tract. "It will be a great help to us in having GIS coordinates throughout the entire Haldimand Tract," said Bomberry.

The department is looking at hiring a consultation coordinator, as well.

Lands and Resources receives about 1,200 development notifications a year within the Grand River Tract, said Bomberry, in accordance with an agreement signed with the Grand River Conservation Authority in

1996 that stipulated Six Nations must receive notification of work within the Tract. "It's a chore to look at all these and respond to them...we try the best we can," he said. Lands and Resources is in the midst of creating its own potential environmental monitors program to keep an eye on developments up and down the Tract.

Parks and Recreation, Director Cheryl Henhawk

Accomplishments: Parks and Recreation built a million-dollar running track on the Six Nations Sports Fields on Fourth Line, although it's been plagued by shoddy workmanship and has required numerous repairs. Repairs will be complete by the end of this month. At Chiefswood Park, electrical work was upgraded to allow campers use of air conditioners and big-screen T.V.s at their sites. Maintenance staff got a new scissor lift, which Henhawk says will aid the staff greatly in cleaning hard-to-reach areas of building exteriors. Parks and Recreation also secured a deal with Coca-Cola products to be supplied at all facilities at a better price than its previous contract with Pepsi. Also, it has applied for community funding from

the province for a third ball diamond, and expects to finish construction of its ball hockey arena beside the community hall this fall. A location for the much-anticipated Youth and Elder's Centre has also been determined (between the Community Hall and Gaylord Powless Arena), with half of the funds needed for the \$10 million building already set aside.

Public Works, Director Mike Montour

Montour said one of this year's biggest accomplishments was the beginning of construction of the \$40 million Water Treatment Plant, which is expected to be completed and operational by the spring of 2013. Public works has also increased security at the landfill in order to curb a growing arson problem that plagued the landfill this past spring. Onondaga Road and Tuscarora Road, both known as dangerous roads for car accidents, are being fixed and resurfaced, said Montour. In the future, he said, public works intends to improve the water distribution system throughout the village and it's also "tirelessly" working at getting its thermal treatment plant at the land fill operational.



Social Services, Director Arliss Skye

Last year, community members fed up with the services of the Brant Children's Aid Society - Native Services Branch provided the impetus for Six Nations to look again at implementing its own child welfare system. Social Services secured funding last year, said Skye, to begin exploring the takeover of child services here. Social Services provided Safe Talk training (suicide awareness and prevention training) to 70 people in the community last year, expanded its mobile crisis services, and also provided grief recovery training for staff to provide to clients.

Welfare and Innovations, Director Sharon Martin

Martin began by telling people she was ready to quit her job. She said they are now able to provide funding for child care for clients looking for work or going to school. She said she saw an increase in people moving toward getting off social assistance, where "they weren't doing that before." They run a drop-in addictions program on Thursday and Friday nights, as well as a 10-week grief recovery program. In the future, Welfare and Innovations will be integrating the provision of both Ontario Works and ODSP (Ontario Disability Support Program) payments.

Economic Development,

Director Matt Jamieson

Composed of 110 employees, mostly from the Bingo Hall and its annual operating budget is \$20 million. This year's accomplishments include the renovation of the historic Chiefswood Museum, which was the victim of a flood last year, as well as the hiring of a new curator for the historic home of poet Pauline Johnson. Jamieson cited council's \$55 million deal with Samsung Renewable Energy to build a 515-acre wind and solar farm on unceded Six Nations' lands as one of its biggest accomplishments this year. "The future is very grim. Economic opportunity is the entire mandate of my division, to source and assess opportunities for our community. Renewable energy has a positive impact on our communities. The fact we can participate and be a partner speaks to the opportunities that lie in renewable energy and those opportunities are opportunities I want to continue to explore this year." He talked about keeping money in the community and encouraging people to re-invest in the community, rather than spending it off the reserve. The Bingo Hall, although gaming revenues have declined across the province, brought in \$14 million last year. Jamieson said Economic Development is focussing on player retention to keep customers happy and coming back, he said.

"We need people to come to Six Nations for more than cigarettes," he said.

Fire Services, Chief Mike Seth

Six Nations Fire Services has 40 volunteer firefighters, and successfully recruited 12 new firefighters last year. It has outsourced dispatch services to Brant County, which, consequently, is saving council \$150,000 a year. Fire Services responded to 700 calls last year and is looking to recruit 10 more volunteer firefighters this year.

Health Services, Director Ruby Miller

One of the largest band departments, Health Services employs 260 people and received national accreditation for the fourth year in a row. "One surveyor who did 50 of them said he had never seen a higher number of scores than Six Nations," said Miller. Health Services also secured houses on Six Nations for mental health supportive housing. More paramedics have been certified as advanced paramedics. Health Services is also implementing a \$600,000 electronic medical records system from vendor Nightingale Informatix Corp., which she says will help the whole department run more efficiently. "The current one that we have isn't meeting the needs that we have."

Lands and Membership, Director Jan Burning

Lands and Membership reports all of its statistics to Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada. Last year, 326 land transactions took place on Six Nations; 387 births; 144 deaths; 110 marriages; 17 divorces; and 281 blood quantum letters had to be issued. Burning said they hope to roll out "secure" status cards next year, and they are working on issuing certificates of possession for residents who don't have them yet.

More dogs removed

Twenty-six dogs were removed from a property on River Range Road last week, the result of an investigation by the Brant County SPCA. The agency said one homeowner is facing numerous charges under the OSPCA Act, and is set to appear in a Brantford court on Oct. 2 to answer to the charges. The agency is not releasing any details of the removal, but the property is the same one where a four-month old puppy named Ruby was removed this past spring. Ruby's removal was highly publicized in local papers after SPCA officials said she was suffering from the worst case of mange the agency had ever seen.

Six Nations paying its own way, offsetting growing admin costs

By Donna Duric
Writer

Turnout at this year's annual general council meeting was sparse and the few community members who did attend had very little chance to say what was on their minds.

After an hour and 45 minutes of band department updates, community members had 15 minutes to ask questions about the band's finances.

Finance Director Gary Phillips touched on the band's audit for less than five minutes, telling the community that council had a \$5 million surplus. In fact, a closer look at the audit reveals the band is using own source revenues to fight what could be a ballooning deficit.

Band administration operational costs have soared to \$66,374,362 but the band only receives \$40,720,722 in federal and provincial funds.

The remaining \$25,653,640 has to be paid for by the band's own revenues sources.

The band made \$28,223,721 from land leases, the bingo hall, gam-

ing funds investment and interest income offsetting what could have been a \$26 million operational deficit.

Using band funds brought the administration into a \$5,788,638 surplus.

Opinions were discouraged at the annual general meeting by moderator Richard Powless, who demanded speakers keep their time at the mic limited to two minutes and two questions per person and to only ask questions directly related to the audit.

"Please make your questions short and no speeches, please," he said. He also instructed that if community members had questions unrelated to the audit to address those with council at another time. Ruby Montour chastised council for the lack of time given to community members to ask questions.

"We do this every year," she said. "You got all the time, then you give us 20 minutes for the whole community. Is that fair? I don't think so."

She asked why Lands and Resources was unaware of

the Lystek sludge plant at the headwaters of the Grand River until community members brought it to their attention. Montour wanted to know what council was doing about the project and its potential to pollute the Grand River and eventually, Six Nations' drinking water.

"Are you going to list those chemicals so that the people of Ohsweken can have a choice of whether or not to give it to their families? Where are his (Bomberry's) people looking out for the Grand River?"

Her questions were ignored.

She grilled Lands and Resources Director Lonny Bomberry on what council was doing about a drainage ditch project on unceded Johnson Tract lands on Garden Ave. in Brantford. She asked if any archaeological work had been conducted at the property. Bomberry said it hadn't.

"It's not required under the Drainage Act," he said. "They were merely fixing up a drainage problem. They didn't need to do archaeological work under the law."

Montour said, "That's their law. Our law says that we do (need an archaeological assessment)."

Interestingly, two weeks ago at that property, a Confederacy Chief found an arrowhead on the top soil within minutes of arriving at the site when the Haudenosaunee Confederacy Chiefs Council and the Haudenosaunee Development Institute shut it down.

"Six Nations elected council doesn't have any laws on off-reserve lands," said Bomberry. "When you say 'our law', you're talking about another set of laws. The laws of the Six Nations Elected Council cannot affect land off the reserve."

Powless interjected to say she was getting off-topic and when she wanted to ask another question, he told her she'd already had her two questions.

Montour's husband, Floyd Montour, told council that archaeological work on any Six Nations unceded lands, regardless of the project, needs to be undertaken.

"I realize that Brant County is putting the drainage in there but before

you put any shovels in the ground it's imperative that an archaeological assessment is done," he said. "There's mounds and mounds of dirt up there that's never been touched by an archaeologist."

Montour also asked Bomberry if lands and resources was doing anything about a massive subdivision being planned by the Walton Group on unceded lands in the Brantford neighbourhood of Tutela Heights.

"We're in a process of beginning to talk to Walton," said Bomberry. "They realize nothing can be done there unless Six Nations approve it. They have to come to Six Nations for approval on that. We had initial talks with them. Nothing is solved; nothing is final yet."

The meeting was originally slated to begin at 6 p.m. with a general council meeting but it was cancelled at the last minute. Councillor Lewis Staats told The Turtle Island News that council had an in-camera meeting earlier in the afternoon and moved the general council meeting

to the following Tuesday. As a result, a number of residents showed up at the community hall at 6 p.m. and sat around for an hour waiting for the official portion of the AGM to begin at 7 p.m.

When questioned on why council wasn't holding the general meeting at 6 p.m., Councillors Melba Thomas and Mark Hill said they didn't know and hadn't even been aware of the in-camera meeting held earlier in the afternoon. The two councillors came to the community hall believing the general meeting would commence at 6 p.m.

The meeting left community member Cam Staats disappointed, who suggested council mail the audit to residents two weeks prior to future Annual General Meetings so residents can come prepared with specific questions.

"They did drag it on," he said. "They gave the departments too much time to speak on their behalf and didn't leave enough time for the community. It was a lot of stuff to (take in) in two hours."

Six Nations funds withheld, financial reports late

Aboriginal And Northern Affairs Canada (AANAC) has been withholding funding to non-essential services at Six Nations since August.

The holdback is a result of late financial statements being filed for the 2011-2012 fiscal year, said Michelle Perron, Media Relations.

"As a result, funding to Six Nations of the Grand River, for those services which are not essential to the health and safety of the community, is being automatically withheld every month until the audited financial statements are received," she said. AANAC will continue to provide funding for essential services in education, social services and safe drinking water.

The amount of the funds being currently halted represent 11% of their total agreement value, an estimated \$2.5 million.

Audited Consolidated Financial Statements are submitted annually. AANAC requires the statements 120 days after fiscal year-end which is March 31, or by July 29th annually.

AANAC halts funding for services which are not essential to the health and safety of the community to First Nations whose Audited Consolidated Financial Statements are past due by more than 30 days. To date, the Six Nations of the Grand River First Nation has not submitted its 2011-2012 Audited Consolidated Financial Statements, she said Friday.

Salaries and travel expenses paid 10 senior officials included in the consolidated financial statements are as follows:

Name	Position	Number of Months	Salary range per annum	Travel expenses
Dayle Bomberry	Senior Administrative Officer	12	\$ 90,000 -120,000	\$361
Trudy Porter	Acting Director of Finance	8	87,317 -115,683	\$332
Lonny Bomberry	Director of Lands and Resources	12	50,135-78,337	\$1,511
Ruby Miller	Director of Health Services	12	50,135-78,337	\$8,662
Hazel Johnson	Director of Human Resources	12	50,135 -78,337	\$263
Frank Montour	Director of Public Works	3	50,135-78,337	0
Mike Montour	Director of Public Works	5	50,135 -78,337	\$306
Arliss Skye	Director of Social Services	12	50,135 -78,337	\$906
Matt Jamieson	Director of Economic Development	12	90,000 -95,000	\$2,988
Cheryl Henhawk	Director of Parks and Recreation	12	50,135-78,337	\$333
Sharon Martin	Director of Welfare	12	50,135-78,337	0
Michael Seth	Fire Chief	12	50,135 -78,337	\$335
Janice Burning	Manager, Lands and Membership	12	50,135 -78,337	0
Nick Petruzzella *	General Manager of Six Nations			
	Natural Gas	12	87,317 -115,683	0

* Salary range for General Manager of Six Nations Natural Gas has not been approved by council resolution.

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COMMENTARY



Commenting on politics not damaging, it spurs healthy debate

Six Nations Elected Chief Bill Montour is demanding Turtle Island News apologize for what he says are editorial comments (September 5, 2012 edition) that "defames my reputation" and he says it is "damaging to his credibility and integrity."

Is it? We don't think so. Editorializing on politics is far from damaging. It spurs healthy debate within a community, province or country.

But it's never unusual for a politician to make such a claim, take public comments personally, or even threaten legal action, especially if they don't have to pay the legal bills.

But, of course it's never really in their best interest to do so either, but it happens. And when it does it causes the media involved to respond.

So here it goes.

Elected Chief Bill Montour objects to the comment in our editorial,

"In what almost amounts to a childish tirade, the band council ranted last week it is the boss here, not the Confederacy and then tried to distance itself from what looks like attempts by the band to shut out the Confederacy through closed doors deals"

So let's examine that.

Firstly it refers to the band itself, not Bill Montour individually.

Did the council rant about who is the boss during that council session. They most certainly did and our tape recorders show it.

So let's look at if this band council has involved the Confederacy.

Six Nations Band Council held closed door negotiations on the Samsung's green energy project, over a number of years, not involving the Confederacy at any stage.

And in fact even telling the community they didn't need the community to vote to approve the leasing of 515 acres of Six Nations lands for 20 years either. They wanted quality responses not quantity.

If the deal was that good, why didn't the band council put it to a vote, and why didn't they just involve the Confederacy? Why shut them out of the process?

But let's look at another incident.

Band Council representatives spent six months meeting with Caledonia and Brantford developers last year behind closed doors.

During those discussions the band was offered \$1,000 per house being constructed in return for keeping community members from protesting the developments.

An odd negotiation.

But nonetheless band reps did meet behind closed doors with the developers,

without Confederacy chiefs or their reps, and the elected chief himself admits the negotiations took place and Turtle Island News in fact has a copy of the schedule showing the offers made to band negotiators Phil Monture and Lonny Bomberry on behalf of the band council.

And here is the elected chief's own email to Turtle Island News saying yes it did happen:

"The question was put to the developers to gauge their reaction to honouring the Crown's obligation to consult and accommodate Six Nations land rights. In 2009 we had done a study to look at what Ontario gleans from Haldimand Tract lands each year. In land transfer taxes levied by Ontario this figure is about \$68,000,000 per year. The Six Nations proposed levy would have been on the Ontario land transfer tax alone and not municipal taxes. We believe our land rights compensation for surface use must come from Ontario's land transfer tax as representing the Crown in the Right of Ontario.

I believe that some developers were willing to consider this extra cost added on to each house constructed but did not go further as I would submit that the Ministry of Municipal Affairs would not allow

this to happen. Consequently all of these talks did not go further.

*William Montour
Chief Six Nations of the Grand*

Interesting response for a man who claims the band did not "shut out" the Confederacy.

But let's look again. This time at the controversial Burch lands.

Here's what he didn't like:

"This past week, using a local sub contractor's claim his cleanup project at the Burch lands was shut down by the Haudenosaunee Development Institute (HDI) Elected Chief Bill Montour tried to wipe the band's hands clean of that back room affair by blaming the H.D.I.'s Hazel Hill and Aaron Detlor for the shutdown even going so far as to claim it could push the community into gangster styled chaos."

In the Burch lands issue a local contractor complained he had been shut out of work accusing the Confederacy's H.D.I. of shutting down the project he was working on.

What actually happened was firstly, the man was subcontracted by the very non-Six Nations firm that took over the property cleanup from a Six Nations firm.

How odd is that!

And the fact that no one at the band council meeting seemed to object to the Six

Nations environmental engineering firm being replaced.

And how did it happen when Six Nations businesses and people were supposed to be employed not replaced under the Ontario Haudenosaunee/Six Nations Burch agreement?

Well here's how it unfolded.

Ontario put the job out to tender, and on the agreement of the band's land research director/lawyer Lonny Bomberry they hired a new firm.

And Ontario also claimed Lonny Bomberry represented the Confederacy interests.

All happening without Confederacy involvement, again. That is until the Confederacy found out.

Once they did it was challenged by the H.D.I. who refused to support the move to hire an off reserve firm and as a result the company itself shut the project down waiting to see what was next in this bizarre meeting that the band knew about.

Instead of calling for a clearing of the air (in fact it wasn't until this week when councillor Ross Johnson asked for an explanation that some kind of answer to the incident was heard), asking the SAO for an explanation or even explaining the band's role in the affair, the Elected Chief blamed the H.D.I. taking a shot at

the H.D.I., saying, "Hazel (Hill HDI interim director) and Detlor (HDI adviser) are acting without authority in my mind."

And let's look at that comment.

The two individuals don't work for the band, so are outside of the elected Chief's authority and his SAO since they are not band employees.

As members of the community are they acting without authority when we don't see the elected chief taking pot shots at the Men's Fire who protest without his permission or the Mohawk Workers who either and in fact the Mohawk Workers say the elected council, which he represents, does not have the authority to make deals on the lands.

And we do know the H.D.I. receives its instructions from the Confederacy Council chiefs, their bosses, at its September meeting. So they aren't acting without authority.

And if the elected chief has an issue with their authority, why doesn't he take it up with the Chiefs?

Why instead appear to be shifting the blame.

But let's move on.

Montour even criticizes a negotiation framework signed by Ontario Aboriginal Affairs Minister Kathleen (continued right)

Local charged in drug raid

Two Six Nations people are facing drug-related charges after Six Nations police raided a Fourth Line residence

Sept., 18th. Charged with 'possession of a controlled drug and substance' and 'possession of a controlled

drug and substance for the purpose of trafficking' was Mary Longboat, 55, of Ohsweken and Vernon Hill, 58.

Hill also faces a charge of 'breach of undertaking'. Six Nations Police with an OPP Canine unit entered a Fourth

Line residence last Tuesday, seizing marijuana, crack cocaine, oxycontin, and a large quantity of cash. A day

later a second arrest was made at the same residence. The investigation is still ongoing.

Cheri Maracle wow's Brantford Jazz crowd

BRANTFORD, ONT.- Six Nations Cheri Maracle's jazz vocals floated through downtown Brantford this past weekend wowing a packed crowd at the fifth annual Brantford International Jazz Festival.

The festival lucked out with perfect weather coupled with name dropping acts, and a huge out of town crowd from New Jersey to Windsor.

The award winning Maracle

took to the stage Saturday wowing the crowd with her jazz and blues styles.

The Brantford Jazz Festival also played homage to Six Nations own jazz man, the late Richard Green.

Richard, with a long history of writing from journalism to authoring and teaching, also had a deep love of jazz that came out in a column he wrote for Turtle Island News and a jazz show on CKRZ. The show brought acoustic

jazz into homes throughout the region with jazz lovers tuning in to hear his weekly choices along with insight into the world of jazz.

Richard chatted up musicians and executives at jazz festivals from Montreal to New York running into a Blue Note Records executive that resulted in Richard receiving records as they were being released in Europe, before they hit the North American market.

And overhearing a conversation on jazz at a Brantford coffee shop he couldn't help but comment to the couple talking that he had a love of jazz. That led to a friendship with Brantford Jazz Festival founder Frank DiFelice.

That love of jazz led to his hosting the first Toronto Jazz Festival and saw him travel near and far to hear jazz. Richard passed away in March.



Cheri Maracle performs at Jazz Festival. (Photo by Bill Powless)

Police destroy \$1 million marihuana grow operation



Six Nations Police are still investigating a local grow operation after burning and destroying about 1000 marihuana plants with a street value of \$1 million. On September 14th police received information of a large, outdoor marijuana crop growing on Third Line Road between Chiefswood and Seneca. The tillage was only accessible by foot deep in the bush. After finding the grow operation Six Nations Police torched the plants which are now destroyed. (Six Nations Police photo)

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Wynne and the Confederacy this past spring, calling it "bogus."

And he says the Burch contracting issue had the potential to turn into a "nasty community issue," when the contractor said he could have 20 men supporting him at the site in a hurry if anyone gives him trouble when he returns to work there.

What an excellent moment that would have been for Montour to take control of

the discussion and promote a peaceful resolution. But he doesn't.

Instead he insults the Confederacy claiming their framework agreement is "bogus" tells them they are not the "legal representative of Six Nations" and when a contractor offers a goon squad to fight off anyone, the elected chief calls it a "nasty community issue."

And let's remember haunt-

ingly in the background is the incident just a few months ago when the water treatment plant construction was shut down by protesters, the elected chief showed up with his own group of "supporters" and the police to re-open the gates.

Guess that was another "nasty community issue." Was Elected Chief Bill Montour defamed?

Certainly not. And we are offended that he would

think so.

As the newspaper in this community it is our job to watch what council does and let the community know. And we do.

Elected Council does shut out the Confederacy and has since 2009.

Elected Chief Bill Montour as the leader of that body sets its tone and path. So far that path has not included the Confederacy. The Elected Chief by his comments, made it appear

as if there were no back room or closed door negotiations going on.

The elected chief tells us himself closed meetings have taken place, and Lonny Bomberry himself says yes he did approve the Ontario contractor.

Instead of clearing up that matter the Elected Chief pointed fingers at the Confederacy's HDI. So was he defamed, his integrity or credibility questioned?

Maybe that's a question he should be asking of his council after he was found in breach of nine sections of the code of conduct from council members in January of this year.

At that time the council ordered him to write a letter of apology to the community and forfeit a week's pay.

Neither of which have happened. So here's our apology. Where's the elected chief's?



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Chris Lewis scored a couple of touchdowns in win against Pauline Johnson (Photo By Neil Becker)

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Powless helps lead Assumption to season opening victory



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Six Nations Masters Lacrosse

The Six Nations Masters attended the Seneca Nation of Indians Fall Festival this past weekend to compete in their Annual Masters Lacrosse Tournament. The trip proved successful as the Six Nations Masters

defeated Buffalo by a score of 13-4, Tuscarora by a score of 9-7, and the Rez Dogs, also from Six Nations by a score of 9-4 to advance to the semi final and championship games on Sunday. The Six Nations Masters defeated the host team, Newtown Masters by a score of 8-3 to bring home the Championship.

The Six Nations Masters team players are Brian Porter, Dave W Johnson, Kevin Martin, Chuck Martin, Ladd Staats, Carlton Hill, Dave A Johnson, Bryan Miller, Fred Doolittle, Paul Henhawk Jr, Bob Henry, Cam Bomberry, Todd Thomas, Carter Bomberry and Goalies Daren Williams and Doug Hill who led the way to the victories.



Brian Porter, Dave W Johnson, Kevin Martin, Chuck Martin, Todd Thomas, Ladd Staats, Carter Bomberry, Fred Doolittle, Carlton Hill, Paul Henhawk Jr, and Dave A Johnson, Bryan Miller, Daren Williams (Goalie), Cam Bomberry, and Bob Henry (Submitted Photo)

Assumption's Powless showcases his many moves in home win against Pauline Johnson

By Neil Becker
Sports Writer

Exciting things are happening for Anthony Powless who is about to take another giant step towards his ultimate football goal. On September 29th Powless who is currently in what is termed a victory lap at Assumption College will be at Wilfred Laurier's homecoming where he will officially make his signing official.

They (Laurier) called me and liked the way I performed," Powless said. "I wanted to play university ball and they are a good fit for me."

Powless who had several schools interested in his services has the eventual goal of one day making it to the CFL. For now however he is just concentrating on dominating in high school football which he managed

to do on September 15th in a 38-0 Assumption home win against Pauline Johnson.

Assumption who are the defending Ontario Regional Football Champions thrilled their fans early on when Powless showcased his speed by going into overdrive and returning the opening kickoff an approximate 35 yards.

"Anthony has great hands, intelligence and a strong desire to learn and improve," Assumption coach Raj Saini said. "As a coach we have pride to see our players go to that next level."

Following that opening drive Assumption who on offence were led by the likes of Chris Lewis and Emmett Putt got to within the 15 yard line but couldn't score. Late in the first quarter Assumption finally got on the



Assumptions' Anthony Powless who was a huge factor against Assumption will be playing his post secondary football at Wilfred Laurier. (Photo By Neil Becker)

scoreboard as Lewis scored his first of two touchdowns.

"Overall it was a pretty close game," Saini said. "It's a game of endurance and I think our cardio was a little higher."

Showing that they're seri-

ous about repeating Assumption quickly seized control as both Powless and Lewis gained some crucial yards and #1 scored two touchdowns as they led 28-0 at the half.

"We expected them (PJ) to be tough and they were,"

Powless said. "They are a big team on offence and defence who block well." Refusing to ease up on offence Assumption increased their lead on Lewis second touchdown then finished things off with a fourth quarter field goal from Toic

While it's great to get that first win Powless knows that there is a lot more work ahead for Assumption. "It would be good to get back to the Western Bowl," Powless said.

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Redmen make it interesting but can't complete comeback at Challenge Cup World Qualifier

By Neil Becker
Sports Writer
It was close but no cigar for the Ohsweken Redmen in the Challenge Cup. Facing elimination in what

was a double knockout tournament the Redmen gave their fans a thrill when on September 16th in day three of the weekend tournament they almost pulled

off a miraculous comeback against the heavy hitting Sweaburg Crush. The Redmen who lost two nights earlier against Kitchener were trailing 5-0 in the fourth when Josh Martin gave the Ohsweken home fans reason to cheer as his triple brought home Dave Hill with the first run. Martin who swung a hot bat all weekend long eventually made things more interesting as he scored on a sac fly by Robert Bomberry. With two outs the Redmen came inches from getting a third run as infielder Matt Sault who earlier in the day had a two run homer in a win against Welland was absolutely robbed of one against Sweaburg. "The Ontario Challenge Cup is used as a world qualifier," Darryl Anderson who ran



The Ohsweken Redmen had fans on the edge of their seats on September 16th during their must win games against the Crush and Sweaburg. (Photos By Neil Becker)

After that game though the Redmen found their groove as they strung together

recruited Craig Long which scored Luke Hill. "This is the best tourna-

made things entertaining as Martin smacked an RBI double which plated Dave Hill

"The Ontario Challenge Cup is used as a world qualifier," Darryl Anderson said

the tournament said. "On Friday night we lost 6-1 against Kitchener and that right away puts us at a disadvantage."

wins against Chepstow, and of course Welland which brought them up against Sweaburg in another of a string of must win games. Two innings later the Redmen completed the comeback which was jumpstarted by a smashing two run double by Sault which instantly got the crowd off their feet. An out later the Redmen got that tying run courtesy of an RBI single from newly

Down to their last out they

to make it a one run game. Refusing to go down quietly Martin eventually caused mass hysteria as he took advantage of a Sweaburg throwing error by coming around with the tying run. Ohsweken couldn't take the lead which at the end proved costly as Sweaburg managed to eliminate the Redmen by scoring the eighth and winning run in the bottom of the seventh. "We knew that the heart of their line up was up and they are all really good hitters," Long said. When it was all said and done it was the Wiaratin Nationals who won it all by beating the Alviston Indians by a 3-1 score.

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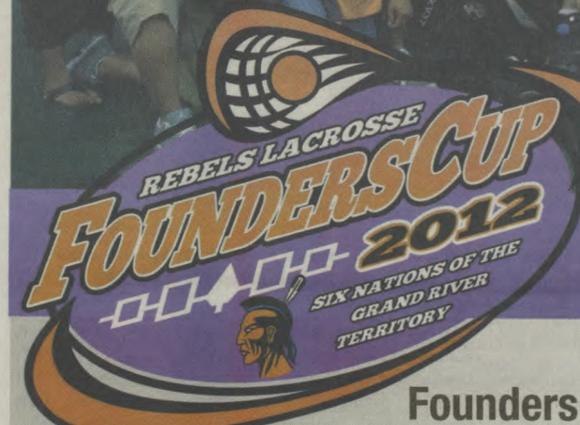
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Peter wins gold medal

By Neil Becker
Sports Writer

It was mission accomplished for Richard Peter who decided after winning

gold that it's time to retire from international wheelchair basketball competition.

Peter, who has been playing with Team Canada wheelchair team since 1994 recently lived the thrill of helping Canada to a 64-58

gold medal win against Australia at the 2012 Paralympics held in London England.

Things were tight throughout the game as Australia held an ever slim 27-26 lead at the half and were tied at 48 late in the fourth.

At that point Team Canada who won silver at the last Paralympics games scored the next five points and that point never looked back.

This B.C. native who comes from the Cowichan Tribes in British Columbia retires

with an impressive four medals in Paralympics competition including gold in the 2000 and 2004 games along with a silver from 2008 in Beijing.

For the game Peter who just turned 40 years-old scored an impressive 10 points and

four rebounds.

Besides for internationally Peter who currently lives in Vancouver has also stared overseas where he played for two years in Germany and another one in Italy

Corvairs follow up their home opening loss with convincing win in Brampton

By Neil Becker
Sports Writer

Right away it was clear that this wasn't the same Caledonia Pro Fit Corvairs team who dropped their home opener against Cambridge.

Less than 48 hours after some veterans got called out by Coach Mike Bullard the Corvairs travelled to Brampton and soundly defeated them by an 11-2 score.

"We were pleased with how our younger guys played in that opener and our vets led by Brandon Montour answered the call in the second game." "There was pressure in that second game. That was the first

home opener we dropped in quite a few years."

In that September 14th home opener penalties proved costly for the Corvairs who despite playing a solid third period still came out with a 3-2 loss.

Cambridge who were coming off a shutout win against Waterloo scored a power play goal in the first and second period as they stunned the Caledonia crowd by taking a 2-0 lead after forty minutes.

"That first goal they scored was off a really stupid penalty," Bullard said. "We came out flat and showed some nerves. Our young guys really stepped it up but I wasn't happy with

my veterans."

One of those young rookies trying to make an immediate impact with Caledonia is rugged forward Brier Jonathan.

Jonathan who played junior 'C' hockey last year in Caledonia has a simple game plan going into this season.

"I just want to get better every game," Jonathan said. "I want to keep pushing myself and always finish my checks out there."

Caledonia who were out-shot 36-22 in the first two periods played a solid third period as they registered 22 shots and gave their fans reason to cheer as Brandon Montour and Connor Mur-



Coravairs coach Mike Bullard was full of praise for his rookies but not so much for some of his veterans during their opening night loss against Cambridge (Photo By Neil Becker)

phy scored to make it a brand new game.

That momentum wouldn't last long however as Cambridge scored what turned out to be the winning goal with only five minutes remaining in regulation.

"It's always important to win that first game and we

have to win on Sunday," Bullard said afterwards.

Leading the way two days later in Brampton were Montour who scored two goals and four points along with fellow vet Mitch Brown who had three assists.

Looking to rebound after that opener Caledonia took

control early and never looked back as they jumped out to an early 5-0 lead courtesy of goals from Matthew Henderson, Montour with two, Connor Murphy and Connor Blunt. With less than five minutes remaining in the first Caledonia would get one more as Fabrizio Ricci scored to make it a 6-1 game after twenty minutes.

"We were working hard and the puck was bouncing our way," Rizzetto said. "Brampton is a big physical team and we knew what we had to do and we did it."

Any thoughts of a Brampton comeback were quickly dismissed after Fabrizio Ricci and Dalton Riley scored within seven minutes of the second to make it an 8-1 game.

Looking for any kind of a spark Brampton got one more before the period was over before Caledonia came back with third period goals from Nate Mitton, Nick McMullen and Dalton Riley. "We have 15 new players and right now it's a process," Rizzetto said.

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War of 1812 monument to be built

OTTAWA- The Harper government wants to commemorate the War of 1812 in stone and asked for artists who want to design a national monument to step forward with their qualifications. The National Capital Commission and Canadian Heritage issued the call for artists, saying the 1812 monument will be placed on Parliament Hill. The government hopes to have the structure designed, built and installed by the end of 2014, capping two years of celebrations marking the 200th anniversary of the war. "This monument will be a national tribute to recognize the courage and bravery of those who served during the War of 1812 and who successfully defended their land in the fight for Canada," said the online qualifications request.

1812 commemoration building bridges between Six Nations and Caledonia



OMSK teacher Theda Brnt talks to students from all over Haldimand County and Six Nations about Six Nations dances

By Chase Jarrett
Writer

With lacrosse and traditional dancing Six Nations definitely had a niche to fill at last week's War of 1812 commemoration in Caledonia that sought to "educate and appreciate."

Part of "Building Bridges to Peace" the Caledonia Fair

Grounds were jam packed with school kids getting a break from the classroom to explore and learn about the War of 1812 in a fun, outdoor setting.

The massive event drew 2300 kids from 14 schools, including all the kids from OMSK except for the kindergartners.

They did "circuits" taking short visits to different booths and set ups with everything from elders talks to drums and singing to traditional native dancing and story telling.

Cam Bomberly was on site with a circuit stop to introduce students to lacrosse. Also on site was Woodland

Cultural Centre with a shadow puppet show depicting the Haudenosaunee creation story.

And OMSK teacher Theda Brant with the Niyohkwari'ta'a Dance Troupe ran a workshop that got Caledonia kids dancing in traditional native styles.

Brant said the day went good even though it was

pleased with how the event turned out and supported what he called the "pillars" of building bridges.

"The way that you build a bridge is to develop respect and from that comes trust and from that comes friendship," he said, adding that respect, trust, and friendship were the three pillars on

worked together. "We wouldn't be here if we didn't stand together and help each other out."

Mrs. Demille, an OMSK teacher, said her grade 1-2 class loved the event even though she thought only higher grades were learning about 1812 this year.

"They're really excited for workshops," she said, adding that the morning attractions, which included animals and cannon firing really got the students going.

She said her class, who had siblings in Niyohkwari'ta'a were proud of their morning performances. She called the dancers "excellent naturals."

Guns and cannons also went off during the morning in commemoration of the war.

John "Ballhog" Hill, 7, of Mrs. Demille's class said his favorite part of the morning was watching the cannon fire. He said he ducked. "Heck yeah I thought it was gonna hit my head," he remembered.

Komarniski wants the bridge building to continue. "This is a wonderful community and if we could share in each others traditions and could understand each other... what a better place we could make this."

He said the 1812 commemorations are just part of an ongoing healing process. "We're not going to do it over night we know that."

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Six Nations students teach other students about dances

"busy and hot." She said the Caledonia students that stopped at her workshop were really open minded and wanted to join in.

"They seemed to enjoy it. They all participated," she said, adding that the kids seemed to appreciate the chance to learn native dances.

Alex Komarniski, a Caledonia man who co-chairs the Building Bridges to peace committee with Jim Miller,

which to continue repairing relations between Six Nations and Caledonia that had been strained in a 2006 land reclamation.

Komarniski said a big part of the goal was to let kids know that the War of 1812 happened and become "aware of the bicentennial."

He said students needed to know three nations were involved in the War of 1812 and that Canada is here today because First Nations, British, and Canadians

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Chubb shining at tryouts

By Neil Becker
Sports Writer

So far Six Nations resident Colton Martin is feeling pretty confident about his chances of shining this fall at the Ontario International Baseball Academy.

This 17 year-old who pitches and plays right field has been showcasing his

skills which include a cannon arm to various coaches and evaluators at the recent Ontario International Baseball Academy tryouts.

"It's quite intense. They are looking at how you play and your fundamentals," Martin said. "After the first tryout they said that they liked my work ethic and composure."

Martin whose ultimate goal is to get a baseball scholarship to a junior college is one of about seven or eight who

starting in late August at Glen Abbey diamonds in Oakville have been trying out.

"We do hitting, base stealing and outfield drills along with intense conditioning work which includes lots of running and hitting," Martin said.

Looking ahead Martin who just finished playing his first year with the Ontario Cardinals is looking forward to possibly playing in the Perfect Game Tournament

which takes place in Arizona.

"That would be exciting," Martin said. "There are four to six Olympic coaches coming down to help (at the tryouts) and I'm pretty excited about that."

Besides for being evaluated for their training and play during the two day a week 2.5 hour tryout session coaches are also looking at how these potential players carry themselves off the field.

"School plays a big part of it," Martin said. "How you are as a student and whether you're respectful."

Prior to the Cardinals Martin who is currently starting Grade 12 at Assumption College started for two years with the Hamilton Thunderbirds.

"I've been playing baseball since I was four," Martin who doesn't play any other sports said. "Before hardball it was softball." In the coming weeks Martin

will have more competition as players from Venezuela will be coming out.

"The coaches said not to panic and to remain calm and work hard," Martin said. It won't be until around September 16th that the Academy games and tournaments will kick into high gear.

According to Martin they will go from that time until the end of October followed a month or so later by winter workouts which lasts until April.

U-16 Iroquois showcase bronze medals at Canadian National Field Lacrosse Championships



Months of practice paid off in spades for the U-16 Team Iroquois who ended up earning the bronze medal with their win against Alberta. The team was made up of players from different communities who came together as a team both on and off the field. (Photo By Neil Becker)

By Neil Becker

Jay Smith admitted to feeling strong relief when the final buzzer sounded to conclude what was a 13-11 U-16 Team Iroquois bronze medal win against Alberta.

"I felt relief in seeing our boys smiling as they got their medals," Smith who is the U-16 Iroquois main coordinator said. "Our goal was to medal. We had boys from five different communities and it's a big accomplishment being third in the whole country."

Heading into the Canadian National Field Lacrosse Championships on Labour

Day weekend in Oshawa the Iroquois faced a monumental challenge right off the bat as their first round robin game was against the defending champions from B.C.

"B.C. plays a smothering defence and their team was picked last October and we just picked ours about five months ago," Smith said. "It was good to gage our boys against the defending champs."

Things didn't go according to plan in that first game as B.C. who would go on to defend their championship won by a more than con-

vincing 17-2 score.

"I talked to the boys (afterwards) and told them not to give up," Smith said. "Lots of eyes were watching us. They learned a lot from that game."

Team Iroquois who were playing with a lot of rookies drastically turned things around in their second round robin game as they enjoyed an offensive explosion in soundly defeating Manitoba by a 37-2 score.

"We had to play with a sense of urgency and make a statement that we're not pushovers," Smith said. "We had to stay on them because the tie breaking sequence is decided by goals for and against."

Building off the momentum Six Nations won their third and final round robin game by another high score of 25-4 against Nova Scotia. "Our offence really got going after that second game and we really started running plays and making pin point

passes," Smith said. "We knew that our offence is capable of causing some damage. Our only big weakness is inexperience."

During semi final play Six Nations were staying stride for stride with Team Ontario until late in the fourth when Ontario suddenly began pulling away and went on to a 13-9 win.

"Team Ontario is a powerhouse," Smith said. "They have about 400 players to choose from. A lot come from the Edge Program, Evolve and Northern Lacrosse."

In their bronze medal game the U-16 Iroquois stormed out to a commanding 8-1 lead which eventually evaporated into a 10-8 deficit.

"The boys finally snapped out of there rut and took the lead and never looked back," Smith said. Meanwhile taking home the silver was Team Ontario.

Band council says it had nothing to do with shutdown at Burtch

By Donna Duric
Writer

Band Council is continuing to blame the Haudenosaunee Development Institute (HDI) for a local contractor being out of work when remediation work came to a halt at the Burtch lands last month.

Councillor Ross Johnson brought the issue to council's committee of the whole, Monday saying contractor Dan Elliott and his employees are considering applying for social assistance due to being unable to work on the property. Johnson wanted to know if council was going to do anything to help the crew get back to work.

"They're looking to going on welfare to help them through these tough times,"

said Johnson. "Right now, it's up in the air."

Infrastructure Ontario is currently holding the Burtch lands in trust until it is returned to Six Nations. Clean-up work had been ongoing at the site when a Six Nations environmental monitoring company was ousted in favour of a non-native company from Kitchener. Ontario did not tell the Confederacy of their move instead saying they spoke with band lands research director Lonny Bomberry.

The HDI learned of the move to hire a non-Six nations firm, after it had been done and did not approve the change. Ontario put a halt to work until it was sorted out.

Elliott and his company had

been sub-contracted to remediate the soil before the property was returned to Six Nations. Work stopped Aug. 13.

Roger Jonathan said it wasn't up to band council to help Elliott. "This table never hired him. I don't think we have to do anything. I'd like to help the man, too, but I don't see anything we can do," said Jonathan.

"The province and the feds are just playing games with the Confederacy," he continued.

Councillor Helen Miller said the provincial Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs now wants to meet with both band council and the Confederacy Council to discuss the return of the Burtch lands. Originally, Mohawk

Chief Allen MacNaughton had negotiated the return of the Burtch lands to Six Nations in its original state, not as additions to the reserve, in exchange for Six Nations removing the barricades during the Caledonia reclamation in May 2006.

"They're (the province) playing games," said Miller. Miller said she believed that Confederacy Chiefs had instructed the HDI to help Elliott go after the province for lost wages. "They're supposed to be fixing it for Dan Elliott and his crew," said Miller. "The HDI was ordered to fix Dan's problem."

Lands and Resources Director Lonny Bomberry blamed the entire mess on Infrastructure Ontario.

"When they put out propos-

als for an environmental monitor (on the Burtch lands), they contacted me," he said. "They created the problem. It's up to Ontario to fix it."

Council Senior Administrative Officer Dayle Bomberry said, "They just asked you if you had any concerns with those companies, correct?" Bomberry said, yes, and that he had told Ontario he had no problem with any of the companies that had been tendered for the environmental monitor role.

"It was Infrastructure Ontario who chose the environmental monitor," he said. The SAO said, "They asked you if you had any issues with these two companies and you said no? That was the end of it? You didn't rec-

ommend who they should hire."

How does the HDI fit into all of this?" asked Johnson. "They seem to have more control than we do. They stopped the project."

Miller said, "It's not our fault Ontario listens every time Hazel says something. Don't you understand they (the government) want us to fight?"

Johnson said, "Well, they're doing a good job of it."

HDI Interim Director Hazel Hill said "The HDI continues to work with the appropriate ministries and individuals as instructed by the HCCC to ensure that all matters relating to the Haudenosaunee/Burtch Lands are being dealt with appropriately," she said.

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-Journaling: sometimes writing your concerns down may help prevent you from mulling them over and over in your mind
-Exercise: exercise is good medicine for body and soul. Health benefits are seen by exercising 30 minutes 3-5 times per week but as little 10-15 minutes of exercise can improve mood.
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Proud parents James and Cindy Longboat would like to introduce the newest member of their family - Jackson James Longboat. Weighing a healthy 9lbs Oz, "Jax" made his debut on August 24th, 2012 at Brantford General Hospital. A new play toy for Dizzy and Fulsom. Proud grand-parents are Bev and Jimmy Longboat - and the first grandson for Ron & Marion Garlow. Great Grandson for Stoney & Nadine Isaacs, and for Jean Garlow. Another nephew for Sissy, Trevor, Nathan and Curty, first nephew for Chad. Special thanks to grandma Bev, grandma Marion, and great-grandma Nan for helping Cindy through delivery. Special thanks to Dr. Rooney and all the nurses at BGH for their help and kindness. Special thanks for Dr. Amy for holding the iPad so the proud father could see everything in Afghanistan. Jax would also like to thank his cousins, great-aunts, great uncles and friends for their love and support. Jax can't wait for his Dad to return home from his US Air Force tour at Christmas time - thanks for keeping us all safe.

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EVENT

Free CHILDRENS OUTREACH DINNER and a movie. Friday September 21, 2012 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Place: 2319 Third Line road Ohsweken. Phone 905-768-8566.

EVENT

Ancestors in the Archives A time to share and present our collective story through archival photos of people and events from Six Nations. Sunday September 22, 2 pm Woodland Cultural Centre 184 Mohawk Street, Brantford www.woodland-centre.on.ca 519-759-7650

EVENT

An invitation to all. Come celebrate the wonderful past and even greater future of the First Nations people, a people whose history needs to be told to fulfill a prophecy that says, "truth shall spring out of the earth." Special presentations, speakers, food and singing will highlight the weekend. Festivities begin Saturday, September 29, 2012 at 1 PM and continue on Sunday morning at The Church of Jesus Christ, 2357 Fourth Line Road, celebrating its 75 years of service to the Six Nations Reserve. Need a ride or more information call Marvin at 1-226-388-9174.

EVENT

Come help celebrate 75th birthday - Carole Hill. BBQ 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm at 945 Seneca Road and then Euchre to follow at the seniors complex (Sunrise Court - activity room) from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. No kids please at the Euchre.

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