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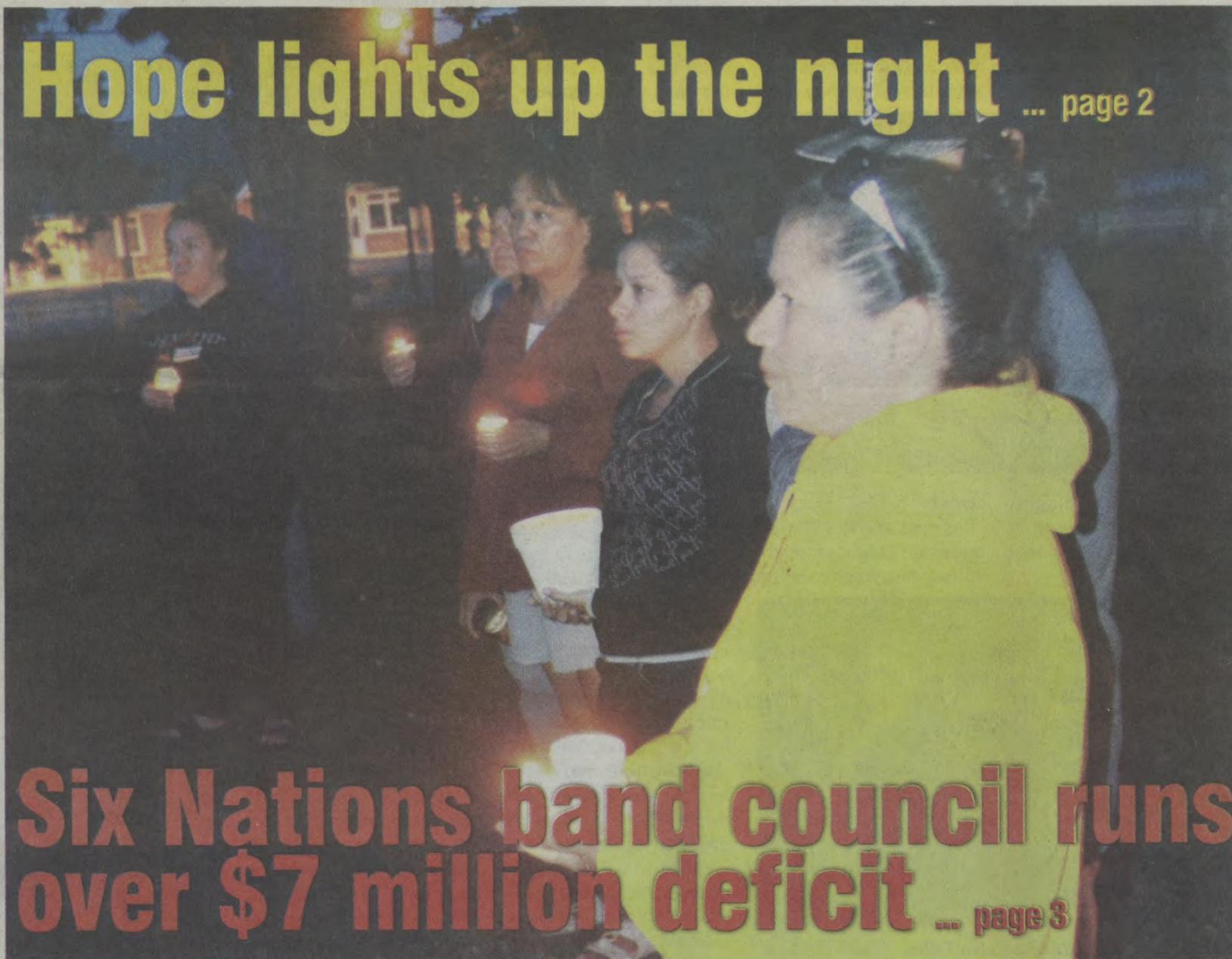
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Six Nations Safe Walk holds out hope for suicide prevention

By Donna Duric
Writer

The idea came to her in a dream. In it, she was walking along a lonely road on the reserve and she kept feeling like her son was right behind her. She used to walk with him all the time before he took his life on April 4, 2010.

A week shy of his 16th birthday, Tylor General said good-bye to the world via a Facebook post saying he was going out for his last smoke. He then walked

Tylor's mother, Michele, wants to ensure that no other young person here takes his or her life and she did not want her son's death to be the impetus for another youth suicide.

That, coupled with her dream, is the reason she started the grassroots group Suicide Awareness For Everyone (SAFE). The group has been walking throughout the territory since last spring handing out suicide awareness literature to anyone they come

across. Relatives there for strength.

And friends and others who want to stop the loss of the community's youth.

General often sees her son in her dreams. Those visits help her feel like he's still with her and they've found a way to spend some time together.

Remembering her son, General sees a humorous boy who loved to crack jokes and would go out of his way to help people.

"He was funny. I always thought when he grew up he was going to be somebody who helped people. He was really empathetic. He would do just about anything to help people. He was really energetic and he was always smiling."

At the time, she never saw any signs that he was about to end his life. "He had all these plans. He had just introduced me to his girlfriend and said he was saving up for a car. I couldn't believe it."

Looking back, she sees them now.

"In retrospect, there's loads of signs. He had loads of problems. I could have been more receptive. I did notice there was something off about him. If I had just said, 'is anything wrong?' he might have, he might not have told me, but at least he would have known that he could have told me if he wanted to."

Experts on suicide say it's common for the deceased's loved ones to blame themselves for the suicide, rationalizing that the survivor can't bear placing the blame on their loved one, so they place it on themselves.

After her son's death, General said she entered a strange state of numbness and shock that was almost business-like. And for whatever reason, she said she decided to check his Facebook. That's when she saw the messages. "His



More than 60 people took part in Monday's Safe Walk, drawing awareness to suicide prevention. They walked from Veteran's Park through Ohsweken. (Photo by Jim C Powless)

friends were saying they were going to come along with him," she said. "That made it even harder. Nobody should have to go through that again. I can't let nobody go through this."

Four months after he died, General had the dream.

"I was leaving this huge party on the reserve and I was walking by myself and then I felt like he was with me. I kept turning around thinking he was right behind me. I just knew he was there. In the dream, I just started talking to him. Then I just got this overwhelming feeling that he missed those walks. When I woke up from that dream I just felt it strongly that I should just walk. Then it came to me that maybe I could turn that into something that might help somebody."

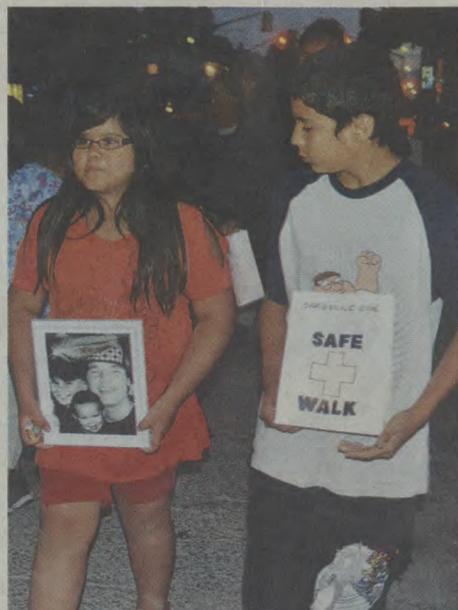
So she started SAFEwalk with a small group of people. She also started a Web site with general information on suicide awareness and prevention, along with a list of suicide-related resources both on and off the reserve.

"I don't know if it's helped anyone but it's basically just me handing out the tools for help and if they choose to use them, they

choose to use them. I hope they use them."

She has since started tak-

and that local politicians will work to step up suicide assistance services.



Safe Walk raised awareness about the need for suicide prevention programs and tears for those who remember... (Photo by Jim C Powless)

ing courses at Polytech and aims to become a social worker.

General hopes her story will put pressure on the community to get involved in suicide prevention efforts

She also says there needs to be a suicide survivors' group on Six Nations w. After all, no one else will be able to understand a survivor's pain like another survivor.



down the road from his home and hung himself in an abandoned machinery shed.

across.

This year's final walk took place on Monday night with a candlelight vigil at



Councillors Ava Hill and Helen Miller joined the Safe Walk Monday night from Veterans Park through the village. (Photo by Jim C Powless)

Soon after her son committed suicide, various grieving friends began posting disturbing messages on Facebook saying they wanted to follow in his footsteps.

Authorities and experts on Six Nations were quickly alerted and were able to prevent more youths from reaching the same fate.

Veteran's Park.

Unbeknownst to General when she planned the event, Monday was also National Suicide Awareness Day. To her, that's more fate than coincidence.

More than 60 people gathered in Veteran's park Monday night.

Families touched by sui-

Stop for buses police say

Six Nations Police say they will be patrolling an area of Sixth Line Road between Onondaga and Cayuga Roads after receiving complaints from a bus company that cars are passing while Six Nations school children board. The call was received on Monday September 10 and it advised Six Nations Police that the school bus frequently stops along the section of Sixth Line Road and that lately a number of vehicles have failed to stop when the bus is stopped with flashing lights and stop sign activated. The driving is endangering students when they are entering or leaving the bus, reports say. One bus driver said a male driving a large, dark green vehicle went through the lights without stopping. According to reports the school bus driver had to physically stop her kids until the truck drove by and it was safe.

Six Nations band revenues averts \$7 million deficit

By Lynda Powless
Editor

Six Nations Band Council's operating deficit has grown to \$7.8 million and the band has used \$8.8 million in Rama funds to get it under control.

Six Nations Band Council held its annual general meeting last night with about 30 community members attending to find out what the band's financial health was.

What they found out was Six Nations more than \$28 million in own source revenue is keeping the community afloat.

According to the band's 2011-2012 audit the band only received a total of \$40,720,722 in federal and provincial revenues in the last fiscal.

But they spent \$66,374,362 which would have left the band with a huge \$25,653,640 operating deficit.

That is if it didn't have the community's \$28,223,721 in own source revenue gained from the bingo hall, donations, the natural gas

company and gaming revenues and even lays claim to GRETI revenues of \$325,299.

Northern Affairs Canada.

Now auditors lump together all band expenses and revenues that end up



Elected Chief Bill Montour

The band has begun a new type of accounting for the community that does not detail department expenses, but it does include all community assets as directed by Aboriginal And

offsetting the loss of government funding.

But if you look into the details of the audit you find Council has included \$8,809,768 in gaming revenues, \$14,147,089, in



Band staff were put at the front of the room to face the community. (Photos by Jim C Powless)

bingo funds, \$390,004, in investment income (or Ottawa Trust fund) of \$1,168,251.

Six Nations Elected Chief Bill Montour told the community again Harper's Conservatives are "no friend of the Indians."

He said he doesn't believe the federal government recognizes its fiduciary responsibility to Six Nations.

He told the audience Six Nations has a grim future. And he is right.

This year's operating deficit has grown by over \$2 million from last year

when the band ran up a \$5 million operating deficit. That was the largest operating deficit in the bands history.

The band used \$2.4 million of its gaming funds to bring it down to \$2.5 million.

This year it took over \$8 million of the gaming funds to rescue the band's operating deficit.

Six Nations revenues included \$14,147,089 from bingo, donations totaling \$390,004, the Ottawa trust fund and interest earned off the gaming

funds totaled \$1,168,251.

The band also included the Six Nations Natural Gas company revenues of \$266,282, gaming funds of \$8,809,768 GRETI monie totaling \$325,229 and gains on sales of assets for another \$3,117,098 for a grand total of \$28,223,721.

Under its new accounting system the band claims to have a \$134,771,390 surplus. But that includes the bands assets and once the assets, and gaming funds are removed the band is left with a \$7.9 million operating deficit.

Core funding hit 10% Program funds hit, band advisory cut
AFN, First Nations organization hit with massive cuts

By Lynda Powless
Editor

First Nations advocacy groups including the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) have become the latest victims of federal funding cuts with more than \$10 million expected to be cut from their coffers over the next four years.

Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANAC) announced Tuesday changes to the funding formula for all national and regional aboriginal representative organizations that will take effect in 2014.

Under the new formula, core funding for national organizations will be cut by 10

per cent, while regional organizations face either a 10 per cent cut to their core funding or a ceiling of \$500,000

More than \$10 million in core and project funding will be cut from the \$101 million five national First Nations organizations including: the AFN, Metis National Council, Congress of Aboriginal Peoples, Innuit Tapirit Kanstami and Native Women's Association of Canada and 40 regional aboriginal organizations receive.

The AFN will take the biggest hit, expecting to lose \$500,000 from its \$5 million annual core funding

In addition, the federal government is cutting its \$2.4

million Band Advisory Services program shared by 19 larger First Nations, including Six Nations.

AANAC says the program is no longer needed with the emergence of First Nations professional organizations including the The Aboriginal Financial Officers Association, First Nations Financial Management Board and the Aboriginal Economic Development Board, who provide the expert advisory services to First Nations, that had been provided through Tribal Council or Band Advisory Services.

The AFN receives another \$5,558,478 in program funding that will be hit.

Regional organizations are

having their funding cut by 10 per cent or capped at \$500,000.

Project funding reductions will hit in the 2013-2014 fiscal year and core funding in 2014-2015.

In addition 78 tribal councils that received \$46.9 million for the past fiscal year will see almost \$5 million cut from their budgets in the 2014-15 fiscal year.

National Chief Shawn Atleo has called for a thorough analysis of how this latest round of cuts will affect First Nation organizations and AFN.

"We are still in process of doing this. Also, the National Chief Atleo has been talking to individual Regional

First Nation organizations on these cuts and to our AFN Executive," said Alain Garon, AFN media relations.

This week, he said National Chief Atleo is attending the Treaty I-11 meeting and at UBCIC to discuss the cuts with B.C. Chiefs and an AFN executive meeting will be held this week to discuss the cuts and strategy.

The cuts come on the heels of spring cuts to First Nations health and social services, and organizations.

"It's a shame that Canada has decided to cut First Nation budgets in order to justify its attacks on First Nations in general," says Anishinabek Nation Grand Council Chief Patrick Madah-

bee. "Canada has made a lot of statements about how they want to work with First Nations, yet every time we turn around they're cutting funding to health, social services and other key areas that impact First Nations peoples' day-to-day lives," he said.

"Let's be truthful here, Canada is aiming to divide First Nation communities so they can create a vacuum in order to gain control over our people and our land," he said. "It's clear to me that Canada and even Ontario to a degree, has three objectives when it comes to First Nations people- divide, control and conquer," says Madahbee.

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Financial losses are due to temper tantrums

There has never been a more intense time for Six Nations leadership to pull together.

The band system is in a bind with the federal government intent on cutting its fiduciary responsibility to First Nations by cutting funds for the various departments bands run.

That means a growing operational deficit, some of the largest the community has ever seen.

The quickest way to cut deficits is to cut jobs but that's the last thing anyone wants to see when jobs are few. And unfortunately the community can't fire the councillors.

Six Nations Band Council needs to take its inability to lobby for more funds seriously and ask themselves individually are they in fact the problem, not the solution.

An independent evaluation of both the councillors ability to effect change coupled with an evaluation of the system is desperately needed. Six Nations needs a band administration council with clout in Ottawa.

Right now, Six Nations has none of the above.

Instead every budget year, Band Council, unable to lobby for increased funding tells the community it has to use the gaming funds to offset federal cutbacks. Or as Elected Chief Bill Montour has told us in the past, he may be forced to tax!

The current band administration council is made up of people who have tried for a number of years to run the community, it's almost becoming hereditary, councillors for life, but all the community sees is it is falling deeper in dept at their political hands.

These councillors need to honestly look at themselves and whether or not they are effective leaders and if they are not they need to resign. The community does not pay them not to produce results. Results they would expect their employees to produce.

In this time of restraint the last thing the community needs to see is the band splurging on a party in Toronto that ends up sending the wrong message out when an attempt to portray Six Nations talent turns into a party gone wrong.

The audit clearly shows, the community can't afford anymore parties, or fights with the Confederacy.

The band made a mistake leaving the land rights table and needs to get back now before they do anymore financial damage to the community.

COMMENTARY



Letters: Councillor unfair to families, reader says

To the Editor:

I would like to respond to the letter from District 4 Councillor Helen Miller in last week's paper.

I felt the letter was out of line and touched on so many families in our community in a hurtful way.

I feel the councillor has lost her direction and frankly the reason why she is suppose to be in office, which is FOR the people, not to attack them.

I don't have any problem with the councillor letting us know what is going on at band council in her reports but when she takes a pen to paper and points it at individuals in our community I feel she has lost her way and maybe she should consider resigning her seat.

There are a number of people in our community who have tried so hard to protect our people's rights. They have put their lives on the line, they have been bullied and harassed and pulled into courts and charged.

Where is councillor Miller when this happens to our people and for that matter the rest of band council. They are not there for the people. But they are certainly first in line to grab any grants, trips or the limelight for themselves and they use us, the people, to try to bully the gov-

ernment. But they aren't there for us.

Why don't they show up on the protest lines. Why aren't they there to stop the developments on the Johnson Tract instead of negotiating behind closed doors to get what they can from the development to pay off band's bills with our rights.

We never get asked if they can use our money for the things they are using it for.

The entire band council needs to remember they are suppose to be there for all the people, no matter what their bloodlines or clans or lack of clans or if they vote or if they don't. They want to be the government here, but they have to learn, a government represents ALL the people and councillor Miller has shown us they have not learned that simple fact. So how can we rely on or trust their judgement when they attack the people.

Ruby Montour
Councillor says lands never to go to HCC

This letter is in response to comments made by Hazel Hill, Interim Director of the HDI and Aaron Detlor, Advisor to the Confederacy Council in the story "And...Band Council says Confederacy has no say over lands Sept 5, 2012".

In talking about the Burtch Tract lands Hazel says "...

lands were not to be returned under the auspices of band council" adding that "The lands were to be returned under the original title to the Six Nations people not under the Indian Act."

The elected council sat at the "the main table negotiations" right from the very first meeting. I was at the meeting in Brantford that Hazel speaks of when Ontario rep David Petersen promised the return of the Burtch Lands in exchange for taking down the barricades.

I never trusted Petersen but at no time did I hear him promise the Burtch lands would be returned to the Confederacy Council outside of the Indian Act.

Furthermore, over the four years I sat at the main table negotiations not once did I hear the federal and provincial government say to the Confederacy Council's Negotiating Committee (CCNC) or to the participants attending the meetings the Burtch land or any land for that matter would be returned to the Confederacy Council outside of the Indian Act.

In fact Councillor Ava Hill and I both pointedly asked the federal and provincial representatives on several occasions throughout the talks who would have to sign an agreement regard-

ing the return of lands to Six Nations and both governments always said it would be the elected council.

Problem is the province and feds misled the confederacy council when they started meeting separately with the CCNC and when provincial ministers and federal representatives starting meeting with the confederacy council. The charade continued when the province signed a communication agreement with the confederacy council and with Doug Carr, a little weasel of a guy who works for the province, telling developers they have to consult with the confederacy council/HDI.

I don't know what promises if any the province and feds made during the private meetings with the CCNC but I do know the federal and provincial governments never swayed during the actual talks from their stance that any lands had to be returned to the elected council under the Added to Reserve process.

I think now that the Burtch lands are almost ready to be returned to Six Nations the provincial government is in a bind. Seems to me like the province is starting to backtrack, trying to get out of the mess they created.

I don't (continued right)

Two car crash

Six Nations Police investigated a two vehicle motor vehicle accident on

Sixth Line Road west of Oneida Road. A black Jeep Liberty collided with

a 2008 black ford F-250 pick up truck. No one was injured in the accident and

police continue to investigate. Six Nations Police have not said whether or

not the accident has resulted in any charges.

Ontario reneges on Burtch, land may be added to reserve

By Donna Duric
Writer

The province appears to be reneging on its agreement to turn the Burtch lands back to the Confederacy and is now inviting band council to discussions on returning the land to Six Nations as additions to the reserve.

A Sept. 4 letter from the provincial Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs says it wants to start discussing which legal entity to return the Burtch lands to - band council or the Confederacy - while clean-up work at the site continues.

Haudenosaunee Development Institute Interim Director Hazel Hill says she's not surprised by the move. "The Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs' attempt to undermine the (Burtch) agreement does not surprise me, but it is of no consequence to the Haudenosaunee Confederacy Chiefs Council (HCCC)," she said. "The HCCC has already placed the Burtch lands in its land registry in accordance with the agreement between the provincial Crown and the HCCC in 2006."

The province promised to return the former Burtch Correctional Facility lands to the Confederacy in exchange for Six Nations people removing the barricades on Hwy. 6 during the reclamation of the former Douglas Creek Estates

housing development in 2006. David Peterson, former Premier of Ontario, had negotiated the return of the Burtch lands with Confederacy Chief Allen McNaughton.

The sudden shift in the original agreement is the latest in a series of events that have plagued the smooth return of the Burtch lands to Six Nations.

Last month, Infrastructure Ontario, which is currently holding the land in trust, ousted a Six Nations environmental group from remediation work on the property, which was being conducted to rid the site of contaminants before turning the land back to Six Nations.

Work came to an abrupt halt and band council subsequently made comments at a council meeting that it had authority over the Burtch lands, not the Confederacy.

Infrastructure Ontario is now attempting to order work on the site to continue while aboriginal affairs pushes band council to attend talks on who to turn the land back to.

"While the clean-up work continues, there needs to be discussions about what legal entity will receive the land on behalf of the Six Nations' people," wrote David Didluck, assistant director of aboriginal affairs'

community initiatives branch in a letter to HDI lawyer Aaron Detlor.

ing to protect their land registry by trying to bring the lands back under Addi-

Crown control," said Hill. "Band council was present during negotiations and was well aware of the agreement to bring the lands back to the HCCC under original title. There is nothing left to discuss." The Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs said the province intends to return the land to the community as a whole.

"The province maintains its commitment from May 17, 2006 wherein a letter from David Peterson indicated that 'Ontario is prepared to return the Burtch Lands to the Six Nations people,'" said Ministry Spokesperson Flavia Mussio in an e-mail to the Turtle Island News.

"Therefore, the province will continue to engage with the Six Nations community on the transfer of the Burtch land to the Six Nations people."

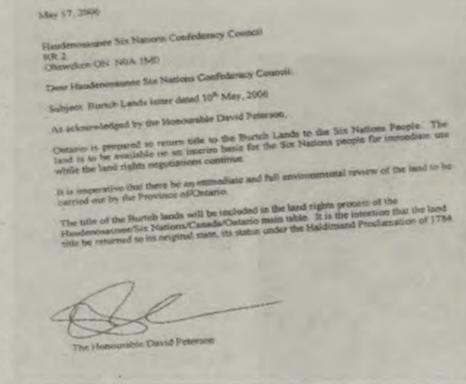
Hill says band council has no authority over the Burtch lands, or any Six Nations lands.

"I believe that the band council is restricted to the Indian Act and therefore has no authority to be dealing with treaties or lands," she said. "Those rest with the HCCC."

The HDI says it is still trying to come to an agreement with the province. Work has not yet resumed on the Burtch lands.

"We are continuing our discussions with IO to ensure that the proper monitoring and process of the HCCC is being respected," said Hill. "We anticipate that we will have reached that agreement in the next couple of days."

Elected Chief Bill Montour did not return calls seeking comments.



Letter signed by David Peterson saying land will be returned under the Haldimand Proclamation - TIN Files-

"To determine this, Ontario intends to engage with both the HCCC and Six Nations Elected Council, ideally reaching a consensus with both councils. We are taking these steps to be certain that we can fulfill our commitment to transfer the land to the Six Nations people." Hill says further meetings over the fate of the Burtch lands are not necessary and believes the province is reneging on its agreement in order to maintain control of the land. "It would appear that Ontario (MAA & IO) is work-

tions to Reserve, which leaves the lands under

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Rally turns into coffee break for McHale

It was probably the most expensive coffee break Ontario Provincial Police have ever taken. More than 30 OPP officers, cruisers, vans and paddy wagons were at Kanonhstaton (formerly Douglas Creek Estates) Sunday when Binbrook activist Gary McHale and about 18 supporters protested. Only this time OPP did not arrest McHale who complained they couldn't find the Highway 6 road allowance. After an almost 2 hour stand off with OPP, McHale left for coffee and didn't return. One Haldimand County man was arrested for Prevent Breach of Peace and Obstruct Police. He faces a charge of obstructing police and will appear in Cayuga Provincial Court at a later date.

Six Nations Fall Fair starts off with sun, rain and then just plain fun

By Chase Jarrett
Writer

Fair goers learned first hand over the weekend that summer is indeed coming to a close with cloudy skies, cool north winds, and rain. Leslie Sowden, president

and organizer of the 145th Six Nations Fall Fair was let down by Saturday's stormy weather, but said "mother nature is mother nature." Saturday saw cancellations of horse racing and baseball events with the pow wow moved from its standard outside venue to inside the community hall. Because of the small attendance the pow wow was not competitive. Sowden said that cancellations caused admission on

Saturday to be dropped except for the pow wow which had a \$5 entry fee. "You can't make somebody pay with three quarters of the fair down," he said.

The measures taken Saturday are the result of past experiences, said Sowden. He said a few years ago the fair board was caught "with no plan B" during a storm. "We stay a day ahead, we knew Friday what the forecast said... 100% chance of heavy rain." The cancellations, said Sowden, saved the fair board financially. But even with a low turnout on Saturday due to bad weather Sowden was optimistic about the fair in general saying the bad day was sandwiched in between a good Friday evening and fun events to come Sunday. "[Friday and Sunday] are not let downs."

For Six Nations kids with the day off from school on Friday, the 145th annual Fall Fair was the place to be. The morning kicked off with an array of activities including races (balloon, spoon and egg, long distance) and



The Six Nations Fair was almost a ghost town during Saturday's rain storm. (Photo by Chase Jarrett)

a "bucket brigade" course where kids tried their hands at being fire fighters.

Going slow and not spilling water was key in the activity, newly crowned Miss Six Nations Christa Johnathan told the young ones. Kids ran around in fire fighter jackets carrying big buckets of water with the goal of filling bottle. Miss Six Nations cheered them on.

Nearby Six Nations Foodbank representative Sadie Buck was handing out free water, part of \$15,000 received in donations from RBC. Buck said the check just came in and now the Food Bank is aiming to "hit all events" and raise awareness with their free water.

It wasn't long before noon time hit and kids abandoned the field activities and races to find the carnival rides and games for a different flavor of fair fun.

All the festivities sparked with Thursday night's pageant where for five Six Nations girls dreams came true.

In an emotional and heartfelt speech Lorelei Isaacs told all of the contestants her time as Miss Six Nations 2011 was "one of the most rewarding and best experiences of my life."

She said between sniffles that the crown is more than just a crown and be proud to represent Six Nations wherever you go.

Meanwhile the atmosphere was tense and the five contestants were giddy with excitement as the announcement of the winner drew nearer.

After first and second runner-ups took the stage Christa Johnathan, 19, heard her name called as the new Miss Six Nations 2012. She said "It feels really good, I'm still in shock."

"My family's all been texitin," Jonathan said, adding that her family are all proud of her, and that other contestants have been nothing but happy for her. "We spent the three days of the pageant together." She said her and the other girls became friends during the competition.

Yvonne Bomberry, mother of Miss Six Nations 2012 said she knew her daughter could do it. "She's a great role model," she said. "It's awesome, she deserves it."

More solar firms come here

A solar company, KPV Photovoltaic Power, has partnered with a Six Nations businessman, Todd Monture, and is looking to

build ground-mounted solar panels on band-owned land and private properties. Council wanted more information on the

proposed business and asked them to meet with its Physical and Economic Development Committee to provide an in-depth presen-

tation on the business before it would pass a resolution approving the company to do work on Six Nations. KPV would pro-

vide local employment and green energy solutions to local homeowners and businesses.

Ontario telling developers to consult with band council not HCCC

By Donna Duric
Writer

Band Council representatives spent six months meeting with Caledonia and Brantford developers last year behind closed doors where discussions took place offering Six Nations \$1,000 per home in return for keeping community members from protesting the developments.

The revelation comes from a document obtained by Turtle Island News and drafted by a Hamilton lawyer representing investor Emilio Mascia who wants to build an 1,100 home subdivision on Mackenzie Road in Caledonia.

Mascia, the 81-year-old founder of the specialty Latin T.V. station Teletatino, had bought the land in 2003 with the intention of building a subdivision catering mostly to retirees. He said his company, Mascia Enterprises Ltd., was ready to put the shovel into the ground before Six Nations reclaimed the lands at the former Douglas Creek Estates housing development in Caledonia in 2006. That put the work on hold indefinitely, he said.

The document provides a chronology of meetings between council's lands and resources department, Caledonia and Brantford developers, Brantford city officials, and aboriginal affairs trying to negotiate a development template for lands within the Haldimand Tract. In December 2010, the document states, Mascia and his business partner Michael Corrado met with Band Council's Lands and Resources Director Lonny Bomberry and lands consultant Phil Monture on the advice of Aboriginal Affairs Minister Doug Carr.

It says on Dec. 23, 2010 that: "As per Doug Carr's suggestion, Mascia and Corrado met with Lonny Bomberry and Phil Monture. A cordial and promising conversation took place and an agreement of how to lawfully develop our land was discussed. In order to achieve that, certain benefits that

would flow back to Six Nations were talked about."

The next time the parties met was Dec. 29, 2010: "Mascia and Corrado meet with Phil Monture. It was stated by us that we would be willing to commit approximately \$1,000 per unit, for a total of \$1 million, after our one thousand units were fully developed in Caledonia." In February 2011, the document states, "Bomberry informs Mascia and Corrado that Brantford's Solicitor, Larry Tansley, has drafted an M.O.U. for a new deal to resolve land claims with Six Nations and once this M.O.U. was signed, we would continue separate negotiations for our own development in Caledonia."

Haudenosaunee Development Institute Interim Director Hazel Hill believes those meetings with Brantford indicate that the draft M.O.U. would have acted as a template (\$1,000 per home being the template) to determine how to deal with developments both in Brantford and Caledonia and along the entire Haldimand Tract.

"It's saying that the Brantford negotiations between the elected band council and the City of Brantford...they're creating an M.O.U. that would be used as a draft

template that they'll use with other developments, including the development in Caledonia and all up and down the Grand River," she said. That's the intent of this February 2011 M.O.U."

The document states that in March 2011, Six Nations and some city councillors rejected the M.O.U. and that, "the Six Nations were not only requesting a special development charge' from developers, but also a share in the past, present, and future municipal tax assessments throughout the entire Haldimand Tract."

Brantford City Council then put the negotiations on hold indefinitely. HDI lawyer Aaron Detlor told Confederacy Council there was an "indication" that band council was considering surrendering some lands in the Tract at a price of \$1,000 per home.

"It says right there they're (Bomberry and Monture) meeting with Brantford developers," said Detlor. "The band council put forward to Brantford developers and to Caledonia developers \$1,000 per unit and they also want a share in taxes. They were trying to get this deal to let development go ahead for \$1,000 per unit."

Hill said Mascia has never met with the HDI and the first correspondence between him and the HDI was through a letter from his lawyer this past spring. Ontario's Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs would not answer why it directed Mascia to only consult with band council. "We cannot comment on the specifics of the Mackenzie Road property, but it is provincial practice to recommend that project proponents try to engage, in appropriate circumstances, with both the Six Nations Elected Council and the Haudenosaunee Confederacy Chiefs' Council," said Ministry Spokesperson Flavia Mussio. Mascia said he was willing to meet with the Confederacy and HDI but said he didn't acknowledge the duty to consult with them. "We were directed by the Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs to negotiate with the elected council," said Mascia.

He said he went to Ottawa to search the land title on the property and claims his research shows Six Nations relinquished title to the Crown. He said he does not want to see another Douglas Creek Estates happen but said, "We understand if the Aboriginals have claims but what do we have to do with it? You don't repay wrong with wrong. We bought the land in good faith."

Mascia still owes about \$2.5 million on the property, he said. In an e-mail to The Turtle Island News, Elected Chief Bill Montour said band council's request for municipal taxes from developers and Brantford City officials was actually a request for land transfer taxes, and was tied in with the \$1,000 per home offer discussed during the meetings. "The question was put to the developers to gauge their reaction to honouring the Crown's obligation to con-

sult and accommodate Six Nations land rights," said Montour.

"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," said Montour.

"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," he said.

"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."



Six Nations new royal family are: Top Row (left to right): Mini Miss Six Nations: Jubly Jamieson, Pre Teen Miss Six Nations: Alexis Thomas, Miss Six Nations: Christa Jonathan, Teen Miss Six Nations: Taylor Martin. Bottom Row (left to right): Tiny Tots Miss Six Nations Teegan Jonathan, Tiny Tots Mister Six Nations Cainan Martin, Little Miss Six Nations Kierin Martin (Photo by Christina Hill-Harris)

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Inquest Into The Death Of Robert Clause Adjourned

Toronto - Dr. Bert Lauwers, Deputy Chief Coroner for Inquests, today announced that the inquest into the death of Robert Clause, originally scheduled to begin on Monday, September 10, 2012 has been indefinitely adjourned. New information brought forward following the death of a key witness has initiated a full police investigation and precludes an inquest taking place. The future of the inquest and its possible resumption will be determined upon the completion and results of the police investigation. Mr. Clause, aged 33, died on March 4, 2011 while in custody at the Brantford Jail. An inquest is mandatory under the Coroners Act.

OPP respond to gunshot claims on

By Chase Jarrett
Writer

Six Nations Police called in the OPP Emergency Response Team and a Canine Unit due to a domestic dispute that resulted in what witnesses thought were gunshots Saturday.

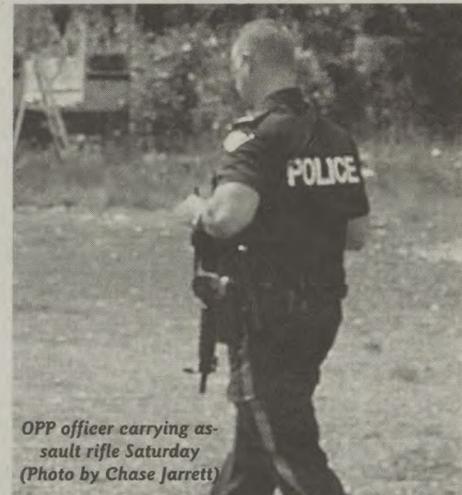
Around noon Six Nations Police attended a Fourth Line Road residence after receiving a report of a young man and woman running into the bush as a result of a domestic dispute.

Moments later possible gunshots were heard, reports say.

A containment of the area was set up and the OPP were enlisted.

At least one OPP was on scene with an assault rifle.

According to reports, the 18 year old female came



OPP officer carrying assault rifle Saturday (Photo by Chase Jarrett)

out of the bush as search preparations began. She assisted Six Nations Police in locating her 19 year old boyfriend. It is reported both teens were safe and uninjured and escorted back to their residence without incident. Police say there were no firearms located or reports of anymore gunshots.



Cayuga Chief Blake Bomberry and HDI interim director Hazel Hill talk to contractor after shutting down site Friday. (Photo by Donna Duric)

HCCC shuts down Johnson tract construction site

By Donna Duric
Writer

The Haudenosaunee Confederacy Council Chiefs (HCCC) have closed down a second construction site.

The Haudenosaunee Development Institute, (HDI) on behalf of the HCCC shut down construction of a drainage ditch in Brantford last Friday over concerns that it wasn't consulted on the project prior to work taking place.

HDI Interim Director Hazel Hill, HDI archaeological monitor Wayne Hill and Confederacy Chief Blake Bomberry instructed contractors to leave the property on Garden Ave. and Highway 403 last Friday until it could meet with Brant County to ask why the Confederacy hasn't been consulted on the project.

The property in question sits on the unceded Johnson Tract just north of Brantford city limits.

"There is a concern that this is happening without any engagement from the Confederacy, whether it's drainage, or any development of the land, this is still unceded treaty territory," Hill told an engineer at the site.

The group had originally gone to issue a cease and desist order to Brookfield Homes, believing the property was slated for development of a housing subdivision, but an engineer at the site told them it was constructing a drainage ditch to prevent the adjacent farmland from flooding.

A large sign at the front of the property advertises a future subdivision by Brookfield Homes. A representative from Brookfield Homes said the sign was there to advertise a housing development it is building further down the road

on Garden Ave., between Henry Street and Colborne Street.

About 60,000 cubic metres of soil has been excavated from the property. Six Nations had not been consulted on any archaeological work at the property. Within minutes of arriving, Confederacy Chief Blake Bomberry had found an arrowhead sitting on top of the soil.

"It's a big concern for our people," said Hill. "Brant County is required to engage with the Haudenosaunee, and they haven't. We'll have to do some investigation."



Cayuga Chief Blake Bomberry finds an arrowhead sitting on top soil pile. (Photo by Donna Duric)

ONTARIO FIRST NATIONS TECHNICAL SERVICES CORPORATION ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Contract Position to March 31, 2013

The mandate of the Ontario First Nations Technical Services Corporation (OFNTSC) is to provide technical and enhanced advisory services to all First Nations in Ontario. The OFNTSC requires the services of an Administrative Assistant. This is a contract position until March 31, 2013 located in the Toronto or New Credit office. Under the direction of the OFNTSC Emergency Planning Public Information Officer, the Administrative Assistant will be mainly responsible for collection of First Nation emergency plans, data entry and contact with First Nations and Emergency Planning Community Advisors. DUTIES:

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documents. STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS:

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CLOSING DATE: Friday, October 5, 2012, 4:30 p.m. (EST). Please mark very clearly on the envelope "Administrative Assistant-Emergency Planning" and Email, Mail/Fax your Resume to: Brian Staats, CRSP, Operations Manager Ontario First Nations Technical Services Corporation 111 Peter Street, Suite 606, Toronto, Ontario, M5V 2H1 bstaats@ofntsc.org We thank all applications, however only those receiving an interview will be contacted.



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Six Nations fans were treated to many suspenseful impact crashes and trick driving at the 145th Six Nations Fall Fair. (Photo By Neil Becker)

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Montour smashes his way to first place at Six Nations fall fair demolition

By Neil Becker
Sports Writer

Looking ahead Brian General has big plans for the annual Fall Fair Demolition Derby.

While reflecting on the success of this year's recent derby General who is the derby's coordinator revealed his long term goal of running the event.

"We'll continue (year to year) to bump up the prize fund and hopefully get more sponsors," General said.

"By the 150th anniversary we want to have the biggest payouts in Ontario. We want to do everything we can to give drivers what they need to succeed. After all they are the show."

In the near future General

who had 22 entries at this year's derby is looking at having a prestigious first place cup that from year to year will have the grand winner's name engraved.

Though the Fall Fair baseball tournament was going on at the same time many enthusiastic fans gathered by the horse track to watch what worked out to be two heats of the pro modifies, a truck heat, consolation to get into the feature and the feature.

When the dust was settled Dan Montour who was driving a Ford Crown Vic was crowned derby winner. "They (drivers) spend hours and hours building their cars and getting them highly competitive," General said. "We had drivers

from Ancaster, Simcoe, Burford, Brantford and Six Nations. The main thing is to take care of the drivers and make them want to come back."

One of the many highlights for General was the truck heat where Ryan Hess got the crowd's attention with a thunderous loud hit.

"Ryan Hess ripped the rear from a truck with a big clean hit," General said. "You could hear the fans hooting and hollering which is exciting."

According to General who has seen a lot of derby in his day an average hit can be delivered up to 40 miles per hour.

Besides for fans cheering the many quality hits the best news for General and



Six Nations demolition derby coordinator Brian General is all smiles in presenting derby payouts at the Six Nations fall fair. Dan Montour was the overall winner. (Photos By Neil Becker)

the drivers is that there were no fires to deal with.

Tractor pulling one of the many captivating Six Nations fall fair events

By Neil Becker
Sports Writer

There was an interesting side bet going on between Kelly McCabe and husband Geoff at the Six Nations Fall Fair tractor pull.

In what was a fun exhibition of tractor pulling both Kelly and Geoff who were among the 22 or so participants usually have a bet among each other where whoever has the worst showing is responsible for dinner that evening.

"Because I have bigger tires I'll probably beat his but," Kelly said with a laugh. Despite the early morning rain these two who come

from Lynedoch which is near Delhi showed their commitment by making the hour or so trip to along with their fellow riders.

"We just love coming out and doing this," she said. "I'm really just in competition with myself. I like to set personal goals and then see how far I can go and weather I can make it."

These riders who represent Big Creek Tractor Pullers Association were performing down by the horse track where they had two attempts at pulling their tractor which is weighted down by depending on divisions certain weights which they



Despite the early morning rain and less than favourable track conditions Six Nations were still treated to watching an exciting tractor pull event put on by members of the Big Creek Tractor Pullers Association. (Photo By Neil Becker)

have to pull the maximum 200 feet.

"It's all about distance and getting as far as you can go," Geoff McCabe said. "Both distances from their two tries are added together. Today however is just a fun day."

Besides for the husband and wife team competing their was also a father and son going head to head in Kurt and son Calvin Vaughan from Tilsonberg. "We just try to see who can pull better at the end of the day," Kurt said. "He has a pretty good idea how to set up the weights and gage the

tire pressure."

The elder Vaughan described the track as being both lose and hard in certain places.

"There is gravel and harder surfaces. You have to change setting on the tractor to measure track control." Meanwhile Kory who is 23 years-old described the art of tractor pulling as being very scientific.

"It (success) depends a large part on where you place your weights," he said. "I pulled 155 on my first attempt today and we're (with dad) somewhat competitive."

Wrestling at Six Nations

By Neil Becker
Sports Writer

Never suggest to Classic Championship Wrestling promoter Jay McDonald that wrestling isn't real.

McDonald who recently brought his talented wrestlers to the Six Nations Fall Fair was full of high praise for his wrestlers who

absorb a lot of physical punishment while in the ring.

"All the guys are trained athletes," McDonald said. "They take a lot of punishment and things like the body slams are all real. We do three or four shows a weekend which makes them sore."

Judging by the enthusiastic Six Nations fan participation it's safe to say that this event which included such accomplished wrestlers as former WWF wrestlers Luke

Williams from the Bushwhackers and Rob McAllister from the Highlanders was a total success.

"We got fans booing and cheering and giving high fives which is what we wanted to do," McDonald said. "My guys love fair shows and the goal is to get fans off their seats and involved."

In what was their second straight Fall Fair appearance fans with the majority of them being kids were to see-

ing a blend of comedy, action, and suspense as they saw approximately seven scheduled events plus an added bonus.

Matches included Derek Wylde defeating Mr. Atlantis, Killer Coulter defeating Cole Stark, Shayne Sabre winning a triple threat, Xandra Bale beating Allysin Kay, Highlander defeating John Greed, Luke (Bushwhacker) beating Sergeant Dickson and Tyler defeating Mike Rollins.

Besides for the comedic self promoting mic spots which are a natural part of wrestling shows there was also an element of surprise at the end when McAllister proposed a surprise tag team match up which began among vocal excited kids outside of the ring.

"Six Nations fans are always really happy and cheerful," McAllister said. "We had a really good turnout. It's a real rush to perform here." If there were any slight

drawbacks it came when a five to ten minute rain fall chased away some fans right before Luke (Bushwhacker) made his appearance to fight Sergeant Dickson.

"I do somewhere between 50 and 60 shows a year," Luke said. "Every show they (audience) paid good money so you work hard and not sit on your ass."

The bond between these wrestlers and the appreciative fans seemed to be tight.

Pee-wee Thunder take that final step in becoming OR Champions

By Neil Becker
Sports Writer

After coming so agonizing close a year ago the Six Nations Pee Wee Thunder Girls have finally earned the distinct thrill of being called OR champions.

Led by some lights out pitching from Emily Hill along with some timely clutch hits the Thunder finally accomplished their mission as they pulled off a sweep against Innerkip.

"Last year we won the first game (in OR finals) then fell apart and lost two," Thunder's coach Mike Davey said. "That is in the past and no we didn't mention it."

They often say in sports that a team has to lose before they can win and that certainly seemed to apply for the Thunder who swept the best out of three series by scores of 9-8 and finally capped things off on August 14th with a 4-2 series ending win.

"That first game was a real toss up," Davey said. "After the first inning it was 2-2 and after two innings they were winning 6-2. The

turning point came in the fourth when we exploded for four runs and added one more in the fifth."

Davey, whose team beat Zurich in the semis was also full of praise for Hill who racked up some impressive strikeout totals in the two games.

"Emily had 15 strikeouts that first game which was awesome," Davey said. "She even struck out the side in the fifth."

Heading into the later innings Innerkip who have never played the Thunder until now made things close as they added to the scoreboard but ended up finishing an agonizing one run short.

"It was a real good ballgame between two equal teams," Davey said. "We've seen them earlier for a couple of innings at an Ancaster tournament. They have a lot of tall girls but I told my girls that they are the same age with the same capabilities." Fate seemed to be on the Thunder's side as they won a coin toss prior to the opener which meant that both Game 2 and 3 would be



Contratulations to the Pee Wee Thunder who recently became OR champions. Roster: Coach Cheryll Bomberry, Shani Bomberry, Connor Martin, Hannah Thomas, Hope General, Leah Hill, Aliyah Garlow, Jherica Manture, Alaynie Maracle, Haylee Hill Coach Mike Davey, Nichole Davey, Chaley Martin, Emily Hill, Andie Bomberry, Jennifer Jacobs (Submitted Photo)

held at the friendly confines of Ohsweken.

After the opening series win Davey had a strong message for his team. "I told them let's take them in two straight," Davey said. "I knew we could do it."

Once again Hill proved to be durable and clutch on the mound as she struck out 18 batters over seven innings and got some stellar defence highlighted by a clutch catch

from outfielder Shani Bomberry.

"In the top of the seventh they had a runner on second and their clean-up hitter hit a long fly ball to the outfield," Davey said. "I turned to Cheryl (Co-coach Cheryl Bomberry) and said she's got it and she caught it."

Wearing a huge grin Davey then went on to describe how the team rushed out to the outfield to congratulate her on the catch which officially made Six Nations the OR champions.

"It was a fitting way to end the game with all 14 girls out there in centre field."

All four of the game 2 Six Nations runs came courtesy of some old fashioned small ball. After a couple of bunt base hits Leah Hill slammed a triple which brought home a couple of runs.

Later on in that same inning the Thunder scored a couple more runs on a throwing error which turned out to make the difference.

"When we go to the Championship banquet the girls will then realize what we accomplished," Davey said.

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Commission head wants Metis recognized

The head of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission says former students at two Metis boarding schools in northern Saskatchewan should be af-

forded the same recognition as residential school survivors. Ottawa refuses to place the boarding schools that operated in Timber Bay and Ile-a-la-

Crosse under the list of facilities approved in the Indian Residential School Agreement. Chief Commissioner Murray Sinclair says the TR-C

is even coming back to Saskatchewan for hearings next week to give those Metis a chance to be heard. He says he doesn't know that the

Metis are looking for compensation so much as they are looking for a recognition that their treatment was the same as others. (CJME)

Intense training prepares SNFD for the worst

By Chase Jarrett
Writer

A personal alarm device blared inside an abandoned house. Six Nations Fire Fighter Jesse Brant was "down."

The door burst open in response and a two man team (Ron Johnson and Martin MacNaughton) sporting full fire fighting gear entered the danger zone.

Their mission: enter "burning" building, find the downed team mate and successfully extract her.

The catch: do it blind-folded.

The evolution, or drill, was just one of many at a Highway 6 training site Saturday preparing Six Nations Fire Department (SNFD) for the worst.

The brick house, demolished Monday, spent its last days being torn apart by SNFD as they practiced res-

cuing down team mates and "turning windows into doors" to get them out of a burning building.

Mark Vanderfeyst, a Woodstock fire fighter and president of Fire Starter Services Inc. lead the morning training and called the location a "perfect prop" to simulate a real environment.

SNFD practiced what he called RITs (Rapid Intervention Teams) to learn how to extract fellow fire fighters from a scene which is much different than getting civilians out, he said.

Rescuing a downed fire fighter differs from rescuing a civilian in two primary ways.

"The fire fighter can be anywhere," Vanderfeyst says. Civilians are usually in what Vanderfeyst calls "common areas" making them easier to extract than a downed fire fighter.



Firefighters Ron Johnson and Martin MacNaughton take part in RIT team training rescuing their own Jesse Brant. (Photos by Chase Jarrett)

The second way, says Vanderfeyst, is when a fire fighter goes down, must be rescued, and the building

has been burning a while and is more deteriorated. "The fire is growing and getting bigger."

These two factors combined - a hard to find fire fighter and growing blaze - make for life threatening situations.

To prepare, fire fighters used saws and hammers to cut through wood and knock out brick, forcing openings in the houses side. In addition to the blind folded extractions, the fire fighters had to find their way through the building filled with smoke.

Crystal Johns, one of the 17 fire fighters who trained Saturday, called her first experience with RIT training intense and stressful, saying it "took tolls" on the teams physically and mentally.

But, she said, "at the same time it helps understanding... I was more confident than I thought I would be, knew more than I thought I did."

Johns said that Six Nations hasn't had a fire fighter completely "downed," but that there have been times teams

have had to step in and help out struggling fire fighters.

The evolutions reinforced our endurance, and reminded us how chaotic a

fire can be, said Johns about the RIT training. "Our training has to be continuous— it's building confidence in ourselves and our team."



Marion "Babs" Hill, Nicole Martin, Courtney Skye and Mark Starrett watch a demonstration of a four man RIT team. (Photo by Chase Jarrett)

Firefighters called to stolen car graveyard to put out fire



Six Nations Firefighters put out a car fire on Fifth Line Wednesday. A stolen car that had been partially stripped was set on fire by vandals in what appeared to be a stolen GMC graveyard. Six Nations Police said the cars were dismantled and partially stripped GMC products stolen from off-reserve. They had not been at the site for more than a couple weeks said Six Nations Police. They were removed from the Fifth Line Road / Cayuga bush and recovered once the fire was put out.. (Photo by Chase Jarrett)

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 Notice of a proposal to engage in a Renewable Energy Project
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING #2 SunE BRUINING 1 SOLAR FARM PROJECT

Project Name: SunE Bruining 1 Solar Farm
 Project Location: Ingleside, Ontario
 Dated at Township of South Stormont this the 12th of September 2012

SunEdison is planning to engage in a renewable energy project in respect of which the issuance of a Renewable Energy Approval is required. The distribution of this notice of a final project meeting, the proposal to engage and the project itself are subject to the provisions of the Environmental Protection Act (Act) Part V.0.1 and Ontario Regulation 359/09 (Regulation). This notice must be distributed in accordance with section 15 of the Regulation prior to an application being submitted for completeness by the Ministry of the Environment.

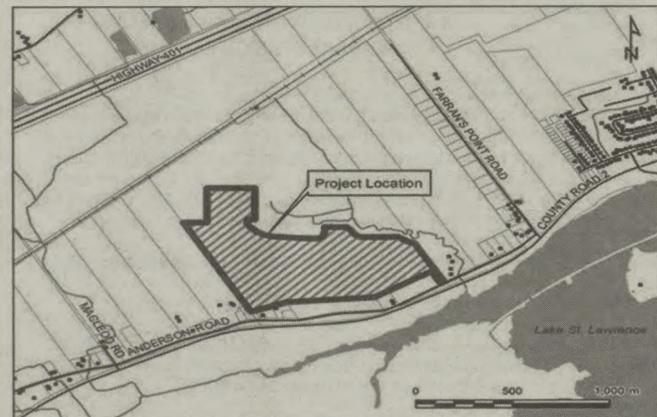
Date:	Public Meeting #2 Wednesday, September 19, 2012
Time:	5:30 pm to 8:00 pm
Format:	Drop-In Centre/Open House
Location:	South Stormont Community Hall 2 Mille Roches Road, Long Sault, ON K0C 1P0

Project Description:

Pursuant to the Act and Regulation, the facility, in respect of which the project is to be engaged in, is a Class 3 Solar Facility and if approved, this facility would have a total maximum name plate capacity of 10 MW and would interconnect into the Hydro One electrical system. The project location is outlined in the map below. This project is being proposed in accordance with the requirements of the Act and Regulation.

The Process:

The Renewable Energy Approval process includes public, aboriginal, municipal and review agency consultation, assessment of the potential effects of the proposed project and identification of measures to mitigate any potential adverse effects. Public input is encouraged throughout the Renewable Energy Approval process. Input is being facilitated through two public meetings and the project website: www.sunedison.ca/Bruining1. The second public meeting will be held, as noted above, to provide details of the completed environmental investigations, the proposed solar site layout and to seek public input. We invite the public to attend the meeting so that we can answer your questions and receive your feedback.



Documents for Public Inspection:

The Draft Project Description Report, titled SunE Bruining 1 Solar Farm Draft Project Description Report, describes the Project as a 10 MW groundmounted solar electric generating facility. The facility will utilize photovoltaic panels installed on racking structures. DC electricity generated from the PV panels is converted to AC electricity by an inverter. The voltage level of the AC electricity produced by the inverter is stepped-up to the distribution level voltages by a series of transformers. A written copy of the Draft Project Description Report was made available for public inspection on September 28, 2011 at Township of South Stormont offices at 2 Mile Roches Road, Long Sault, Ontario and was available at www.sunedison.ca/Bruining1.

Further, SunEdison has obtained or prepared, as the case may be, other supporting documents in order to comply with the requirements of the Act and Regulation. Written copies of the draft supporting documents will be made available for public inspection starting on July 11, 2012, at the Township of South Stormont offices and the project website, www.sunedison.ca/Bruining1.

Project Contacts and Information:

Communication is critical to this process and we work hard to communicate fully and freely with all our stakeholders during each of the project development, construction and operation phases. For further information on the project proposal, public meetings or to communicate concerns, please contact one of the project team members listed below, or visit the project website at www.sunedison.ca/Bruining1. Please note that, with the exception of personal information, all comments will become part of the public record.

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Sour Springs and Jr's earn right to be called Fall Fair baseball champs

By Neil Becker
 Sports Writer

There were quite a few interesting storylines drawn out on the old diamond at this year's baseball fall fair tournament. On the men's circuit a major storyline was written on September 9th when Sour Springs captured their second Fall Fair baseball championship in the past three years with a convincing 11-2 final win against New Credit. "Ohsweken beat us last year and we wanted to come back," Sour Springs veteran Terry General said. "We've had basically the same team from the last few years. I used to coach most of those guys (on New Credit) in the Erie League."

Meanwhile another big story were the Six Nations Jr's who revenged an earlier loss against the Storm to defeat them in the fair finals by a 12-1 score. "They are all good hitters on that team," Jr's coach Steve Montour said. "It's all for fun and it's all for bragging rights. It always feels good to win we we didn't want to let up until the end." On what could be billed as Super Sunday the Jr's who lost that first game 8-5 spotted the Storm an early first inning lead before fully flexing their offensive muscles. Getting things started for the Jr's was Lois who with no one out spanked a two RBI double to put her team up for good. Looking to

build on that lead infielder Jayme Sky who was a force both offensively and defensively drove in the second run and eventually scored on a sacrifice. "It was just fun playing against other community members," Sky said. "I enjoy playing against my aunts. I try hitting the ball over to them." The Jr's who earlier also beat Hell's Bells broke things open in the third on RBI singles by Jayme and Tiffany Sky. Prior to the inning being over they would add one more run courtesy of a throwing error to take a 6-1 lead en route to enjoying the fruits which go along with being named Fall Fair champions. Following that game Sour Springs took the field



After dropping their first round robin game the Jr's redeemed themselves and eventually went on to defeat the Storm in the fall fair baseball finals. (Photo By Neil Becker)



The Sour Springs baseball team once again found themselves in the winners circle in the Six Nations Fall Fair. They have won two of the past three championships. (Photo By Neil Becker)

against New Credit and like the Jr's had to overcome an early deficit to win. After falling behind by a 2-0 count Sour Springs who also had solid contributions throughout their order made an early strong statement by scoring three in the first courtesy of RBI hits from Dave G., Jeff and Possum. From that point the of-

fensive flood gates were just opening up as they went on to increase their lead to 9-2 after four and a half with the big blow being a bases loaded two RBI hit from Rich. "It was a good fun weekend," New Credits Dave Van Every said. "It's all for bragging rights." Congratulation goes out to main organizer Cecil

Davis and his many volunteers who ran this year's fall fair tournament. "It's always a fun tournament and Sour Springs deserved to win," Davis said. "The money we make will go to the local fair board. Note: The Ohsweken Redmen will be hosting their Challenge Cup World Qualifier during the September 14th weekend.

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NOTICE OF POSTING TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL REGISTRY Regarding a Proposal to Engage in a Renewable Energy Project

Project Name: Bluewater Wind Energy Centre

Project Location: Bluewater and Huron East, Huron County, Ontario

Dated at the Municipalities of Bluewater, Huron East and Huron County on September 12, 2012

Varna Wind, Inc., (a wholly owned subsidiary of NextEra Energy Canada) is planning to engage in a renewable energy project in respect of which the issuance of a renewable energy approval is required. The proposal to engage in the project and the project itself is subject to the provisions of the Environmental Protection Act (Act) Part V.0.1 and Ontario Regulation 359/09 (Regulation). This notice is being distributed in response to the Ministry of the Environment (MOE) accepting the application for a renewable energy approval submitted to the MOE by Varna Wind, Inc. The MOE has screened the submission according to the requirements set out in the Regulation and the application has been deemed complete. The MOE will now begin a technical review of the submission.

Project Description: Pursuant to the Act and Regulation, the facility, in respect of which this project is to be engaged in, is a Class 4 Wind Facility. If approved, this facility would have a total maximum name plate capacity of 60-megawatts (MW). The Project Location is illustrated in Figure 1.

Filing of Application for a Renewable Energy Application

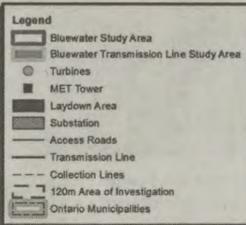
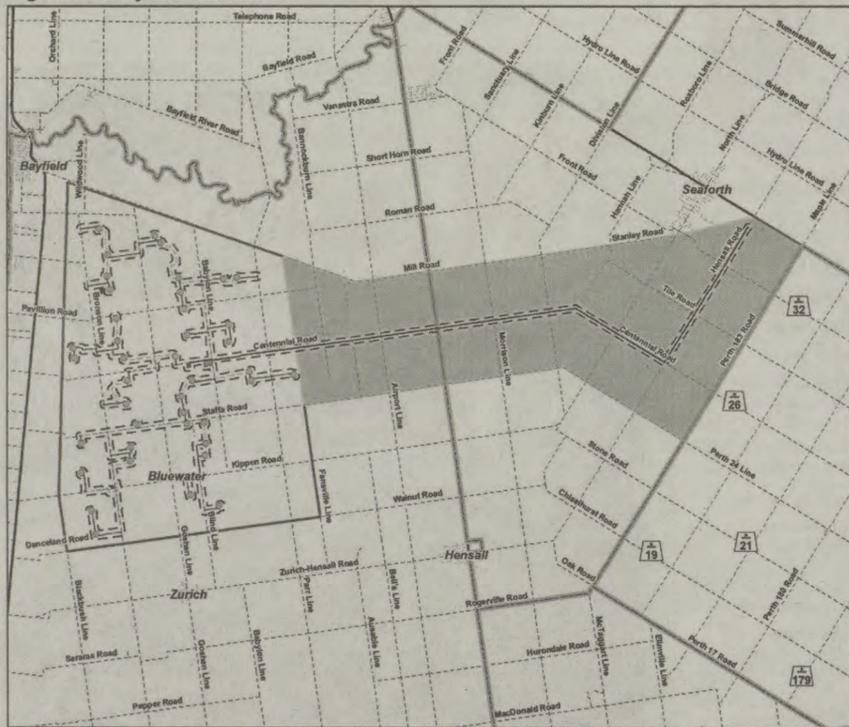
A proposal for an approval in respect of this renewable energy project has been posted on the Environmental Registry referred to in Section 5 of the Environmental Bill of Rights, 1993. Comments in respect of the proposal may be submitted to the Director through the Environmental Registry which can be found at: www.ebr.gov.on.ca. The posting number for the application is 011-7101. Comments will be accepted for a period of 30 days from the time of posting until September 30, 2012.

Documents for Public Inspection: The Final Project Description Report titled "Project Description Report – Bluewater Wind Energy Centre" describes the project as consisting of 37 GE 1.6 MW turbines (although the Renewable Energy Approval application will include 41 turbine locations), a pad mounted transformer at each turbine, one transformer substation, underground electrical collection lines and an overhead transmission line, turbine access roads, an operations building, two meteorological towers and construction staging areas.

Varna Wind, Inc. has prepared the following supporting documents in order to comply with the requirements of the Act and Regulation: Project Description Report; Construction Plan Report; Design and Operations Report; Decommissioning Plan Report; Wind Turbine Specifications Report; Natural Heritage Assessment Report; Water Assessment and Water Body Report; Stage 1 and 2 Archaeological Assessment Reports; Heritage Assessment Report; and Noise Study Report.

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Figure 1: Project Location



Project Contact and Information:

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