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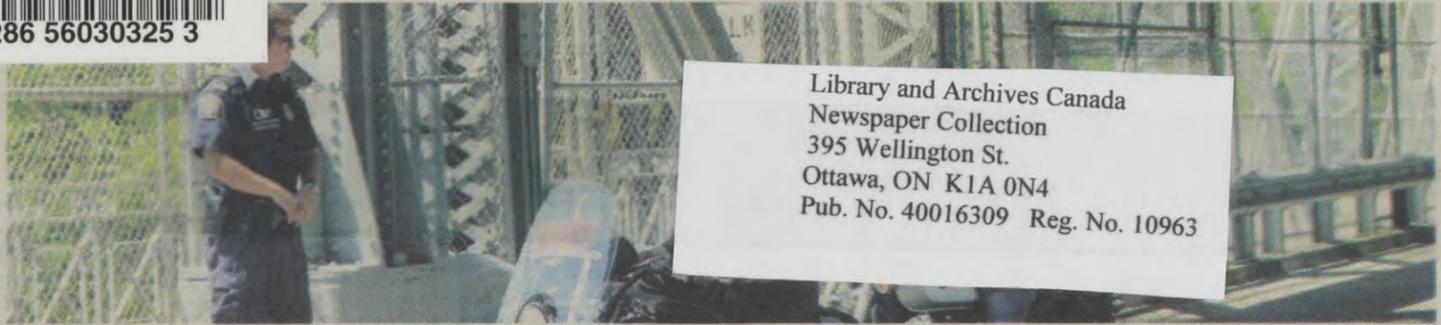


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Aboriginal affairs transfers land without band approval

By Donna Duric and Lynda Powless Writers

A retail oasis that has erupted on Highway 54 may end up pitting band council against Aboriginal and Northern Affairs Canada (AANAC) after the department transferred land ownership there without band approval.

The dispute centers around two retail outlets, KT Gas and Tobacco and the Oasis business development.

KT Gas and Tobacco are seeking a band council business recognition letter that will allow them to open a gas station and coffee franchise.

But the land the tobacco shop currently sits on was designated as residential property by the band.

District Four Councillor Helen Miller says council is caught in the middle of a dispute created by the owners and AANAC.

She says council has made no decision on the future of KT Gas and Tobacco.

"Council never made a decision not to grant business recognition," she told the Turtle Island News last Fri-

day. "We never made a decision not to, but we've not made a decision to do it either," she said.

Instead she said Council is seeking legal advice.

The land in question used to belong to the Bertha Davis Estate. She had willed her land to council.

Band council put the lands out to public tender, Miller explained.

The land was divided into three parcels. The names of those interested in purchasing the lots had their names put into a hat and three were drawn out.

Those who got possession of the land were asked to sign agreements saying the land was to be used for residential purposes only. All three owners signed the agreements.

"Now you have Ken Mt. Pleasant and Joanne Sault having businesses, even though they signed the thing saying they wouldn't do that," Miller said.

Miller said when council found out cigarettes were being sold at the property, it sent them a letter reminding them of the agreement.

The businesses began with a trailer selling cigarettes on the Mt. Pleasant property and then became a building.

When the commercial enterprise continued the next door neighbour then launched a business.

Miller said Mt. Pleasant after receiving band council's letter, then attempted to get out of the land ownership agreement by transferring it to his sister.

But he didn't make the transfer at Six Nations land office where the sister worked, she explained.

"He (Mt. Pleasant) went to (aboriginal affairs Brantford office) and transferred it to his sister, believing it fixes the situation. Then he got it transferred back from her. In my mind, the agreement goes with the land, not the person that owns it," she says.

"That's what he did. AANAC approved the transfer creating the tobacco shop despite band council concerns."

Six Nations businesses receive business recognition letters from band council for a number of reasons, one of them being able to

purchase supplies tax-free. The letters stipulate the recognition is not to be used for a cigarette quota.

KT Tobacco came to council about a month ago seeking business recognition. It had added a newly-constructed gas station to the residential property.

The business needs the recognition letter to receive a gasoline supply and the franchise is demanding a business license or recognition before providing service.

The issue is no longer just about KT Tobacco, says Miller.

"Now the issue is that anyone can transfer land through aboriginal affairs and band council's land registry office will never know about it," she says.

"Anybody can do that, as far as I know and INAC doesn't even tell us," she says.

"That's what he did. We never knew people could do that until he did it. There are some councillors that are in support of approving it. But we have to follow that agreement. What's the point of making an agreement if we say, to

heck with it?"

She said she intends to raise the issue with council on why lands would have advised Mt Pleasant the agreement didn't go with any sale of the land.

"I don't know if he means the lands department or his sister because she works in the same building so I want clarification on where that information came from and why staff override our resolution."

The business is located near the bottom of a small hill. Miller, whose district the businesses are in, says she is concerned with how it affects the flow of traffic.

"I'm just wondering where he's going to put all his traffic. It's going to be dangerous. He has very little parking space."

Miller said she's not sure if Mt. Pleasant can take legal action against council. "He signed it," she said. "Twenty years later, he wants us to forget about it?"

Miller suspects Mt. Pleasant thought if he transferred the land to someone else, the agreement would fail to apply.

"My feeling is the agreement goes with the land." Miller says nobody is sure which employee at Brantford's aboriginal affairs office approved the transfer.

"INAC doesn't go to our (lands and) membership (office) and say, oh I just want you to know, this is what we did. If people go to INAC to get their land transfers, why do we have a lands and membership office? They (INAC) shouldn't be having anything to do with the transfer of land."

Miller says the issue is still up in the air and she's not sure how it will play out.

"We never made a decision. It's been deferred. But I know some councillors want to and some councillors don't. So I don't know what's going to happen when it comes back."

Geneviève Guibert, Media Relations Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada has not returned Turtle Island News calls on the land transfer or why AANAC approved the cigarette shops.

Ken Mt Pleasant did not return Turtle Island News calls.

Samsung to attend Great Law reading

By Donna Duric and Lynda Powless Writers

Six Nations Band Council has come under fire for building an internet tower on land it may not own and supporting an off reserve internet company over local businesses.

Six Nations Band council cannot explain how it assumed control of the former school property lands that came under dispute Saturday by competing owners.

The school property at Third Line and Mohawk Road was decommissioned several years ago when the new larger OMSK elementary school was built.

The lands remained vacant until last week when Silo Wireless began building an internet tower on the site, with band council permission.

The problem is, band council may not own the land and Martin family descendants want to know why the land, originally owned by their grandfather, was not returned to the family.

The construction work came to a stop last week when Arnold Douglas called the Six Nations Police on workers, whom he claimed were building on his land.

Douglas claimed the one and a quarter acre was part of the old Martin family farm he now has ownership of.

But even Douglas admitted after being confronted by Martin family descendants Saturday that he didn't own the former school property.

Six Nations Band Council, faced with protesters stopping the work, sent out a press release late last Friday calling for a community meeting on the site. But Elected Chief Bill Montour did not show up Saturday.

District Two Councillor Ava Hill was present, she said to find out what the concerns of her district were over the tower.

"We had community

Samsung executives say they are interested in attending and supporting the coming Great Law Recital on Six Nations from Aug.

10 to Aug. 19. Samsung C&T Corporation plans on building a \$1 billion green energy park on unceded Six Nations lands and archeo-

logical work for the project has already started. General Manager Michael Yoo told The Turtle Island News they want to support the event

and learn more about the Great Law, although he didn't specify if their support included financial sponsorship for the 10-day event.

"Samsung wants to support the recital," said Yoo. "That is a very good event, we think."

Ownership of land tower being built on under question

By Donna Duric and Lynda Powless Writers

Six Nations Band Council minutes, dating back to 1913, before band council was formed, stated that the land was sold by Peter Martin to the Confederacy to build the old Number One school.

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"I don't know," said Councillor Ava Hill. "I wasn't around in 1920 or whatever."

The councillor said the current status of the property is that it is band-owned land, which she says, translates to community-owned land.

Hill said band council held two public meetings on the issue last fall and never heard opposition to the project. She said she's had residents call her saying they want the tower to go up.

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The heated argument left councillor Hill disappointed. "I'm tired of people fighting with each other. I'm getting so tired of it. People in this area said they wanted Internet service, so we're trying to fulfill the needs of the community. It seems like no matter what band council does, there's always going to be people protesting just because it's band council."

But Hazel Hill, interim director of the Haudenosaunee Development Institute, (HDI) says that argument is naive.

She said the protests aren't just about band council. "Regardless of what payment was made to Peter Martin for the purpose of acquiring property for the school, once that school

meetings on the internet service and no one said anything then about not wanting a tower here," she said.

But Hill couldn't explain how the land became band land.

Elected Chief Montour admits in his press release, the land was sold to the Confederacy.

He showed Mohawk Chief Allen MacNaughton copies of old Confederacy council minutes during a brief meeting with Chief MacNaughton last Friday.

MacNaughton was called to the protest scene by Douglas.

Chief MacNaughton said contrary to the band's press release claiming he was part of a protest group he was called in by those at the scene.

He said he told Montour he would take the issue to Confederacy Council.

Montour claimed in his press release that "the project is facing opposition from a few community members including Chief Allen MacNaughton, Arnold Douglas and Debra Springle."

Montour went on to say he met with Chief MacNaughton, Springle and Douglass and they "were adamant the community of Martin's Corner does not want the communications tower erected on this property."

MacNaughton says the press release is incorrect. "Mr. Montour was told the land belonged to the Confederacy, even the minutes he produced showed that. I said I would bring the issue to Confederacy. I think what he did was an attempt to discredit myself because he cannot explain how the band assumed control of that land."

MacNaughton said the Martin family was also not consulted about the future of the property. "The Martin family should have been consulted and the Confed-

eracy but the band seems bent on doing what they want whether the community likes it or not."

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Arnold Douglas tells a crowd Saturday he objects to the tower being built but admits he doesn't own the land he stopped construction on last week. Councillor Ava Hill turned out to hear, she said what people in her district were concerned about. Elected Chief Bill Montour did not show up for the meeting he called. (Photo by Lynda Powless)

was adequately serviced.

Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development (AANAC) had to intervene on the band council's behalf arranging for permits for three towers within Six Nations and to allow the use of Six Nations land for Internet service.

Silo Wireless is paying a small lease fee to the band council for use of the lands. Hill said she did not know what the fee was.

The project was launched after Ontario announced it was providing financial aid to rural communities seeking better internet service. Six Nations was unable to participate in the Ontario program without CRTC permits.

As a result Six Nations had to partner with Brant County, who chose the internet company.

"Why would the band support and partner with a non-native corporate business to come into our territory in direct competition to our own smaller Six Nations entrepreneurs who are already providing internet service in that neighbourhood?" Hazel Hill said.

"They (band council) should be supporting and partnering with the smaller businesses rather than try-

ing to compete and/or shut them down."

Councillor Ava Hill said they are supporting local Internet companies, but she didn't specify how. Instead she suggested a community-wide meeting be called on the issue.

Band council claims about 52 per cent of Six Nations households do not have Internet, according to its press release citing a 2009 study.

Council says high-speed wireless Internet is currently available in the whole territory, with the exception of the disputed area, known as Martin's Corner.

A Martin family representative said the family intends to pursue ownership of the land and will speak to both band council Confederacy council.

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On Friday the 27th of July 2012 Police were conducting a R.I.D.E. program in the Village of Ohsweken. An adult female front pas-

senger was observed in one of the vehicle's that was stopped and officers were aware an outstanding warrant had been issued. Upon

further investigation the female party had a valid bench warrant dated for August 2011. The female was taken into custody

without incident. Night shift officers were asked to attend the location to execute the warrant. The accused female

was held for a for a formal bail hearing for Assault with a weapon and fail to appear charges.

Red Barn shows work of crafty campers

By Chase Jarrett
Writer
After two weeks of crafting, 150 campers got to show off finished projects to family and friends alike at Red Barn's open house. Campers took their parents to the different exhibits spread in and around Sour Springs Longhouse. Crafts included leather wallets

and purses, corn husk dolls, drums, traditional head-dresses, t shirts, moccasins, and soapstone carvings. The campers had spent the last two weeks at the camp around midday trying their hand at whatever crafts they wanted. Coordinator Marion Martin said the only restriction was having to finish a craft before starting

another one. "It does them well to finish crafts," she said. "They wanna take them home and show them right away." Martin said that 21 different teachers taught crafts at Red Barn this year. Philip Skye, one of the 21 volunteer teachers, taught a group of young boys how to make traditional head-dresses.

He called it challenging, saying that in a time of "30 second sound bites" and instant gratification, some kids are not used to "working hard and putting the time in."

"I'm proud of them," said Skye. Skye says the head-dresses took four to five days to put together. "It's definitely a journey of discovery," he said of the camp.

Colleen and Cindy Martin helped campers make their own moccasins. "These are \$40 pairs of moccasins," said Cindy. Cindy said that the funding this year allowed for lining and beadwork on the moccasins. They take about



Campers showed off their crafts to family and friends (Photo by Chase Jarrett)

two and half days to make, she said. "Kids can walk away with a couple hundred dollars worth of stuff if they get to all the stations," says Cindy.

A good deal when the registration fee for the camp is \$20 for each student. Martin the camp coordinator said it is the camp's 45th

year this year. "We've had it at Sour Springs Longhouse for eight years," she said.

Marion says they always get requests to run for more than two weeks of the summer, but they're restricted by funding.

Red Barn is funded by Six Nations Grand River Community Trust, Brantford

Community Foundation, and through community donations.

"Red Barn," as the camp is called, is a long standing tradition that began in 1967. It's the "natural progression," from the original Ohsweken Art Group states a press release issued by the Six Nations Arts Council.



Phillip Skye taught youngsters how to make head-dresses (Photo by Chase Jarrett)

New panel highlights Chiefswood grasslands eco system

By Chase Jarrett
Writer
Chiefswood Museum is taking pride in the tall grassland ecosystem out front with a new interpretive panel. After a year's worth of work and a \$1,000 grant, Chiefswood curator Karen Dearlove unveiled the panel early Friday morning. The panel includes basic information about the prairie, and even has a hi-tech "QR code," which will allow smartphone users to scan the panel and be directed to Chiefswood's web page. Matt Jamieson, along with several members of Six Nations economic development were on site for the panel's unveiling as well. This is very needed, said Jamieson. "This'll increase

understanding." Jaquie Jamieson, a summer student who has been working along side Dearlove since 2001, says the panel and coinciding pamphlets were a lot of work. In addition to basic descriptions of all the grasses, flowers, and trees in the prairie, Jamieson found traditional and medicinal uses for the plants from all across North America. "This is not just Six Nations [knowledge]," she said. The information gathered by the summer students will be included in three brochures, one for summer, spring, and fall, and will be available to grassland visitors. In addition, the summer students constructed a tri-seasonal scavenger hunt

for children which includes different animals and plants for them to seek out while exploring trails that cut through the prairie.

"This is a great way for children to come out," said Dearlove of the scavenger hunt.

Also on board for the panel presentation was Yvette Scrivener, the regional manager of TD Friends of the Environment Foundation. TD Friends was responsible for the \$1,000 grant.

"We're thrilled, this is amazing," said Scrivener. "This is an amazing site, it's more than just grasslands. This is a habitat for insects, there's flowers and trees..." The grasslands were hand-planted with species indigenous to the Grand River



A new panel was unveiled last week depicting grasslands. (Photo by Chase Jarrett)

area. Dearlove said a lot of the plants are adapted to periodic wildfires, and that

a controlled burn is planned for next spring. The museum, and now the

prairie, are open 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Tuesday to Sunday until late Autumn.

LOCAL Road Closure

Onondaga Road between 4th Line & 5th Line will be closed starting at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, July 31 and will remain closed for the entire

month of August. There will be local access only. They will be cutting down the hill.

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Marking the Jay Treaty and passage across the border



A long parade of marchers walked across the lower railroad bridge in Niagara Falls, Ontario to Niagara Falls, New York marking the annual border crossing passage last weekend. The annual event crosses the border with walkers, cars, bicycles, wheel chairs, and motorcycles with Cayuga Chief Steve Maracle and his wife Alison under the watchful eye of U.S. border security. (Below) Elders cross into the U.S. (Photos by Jim C Powless)



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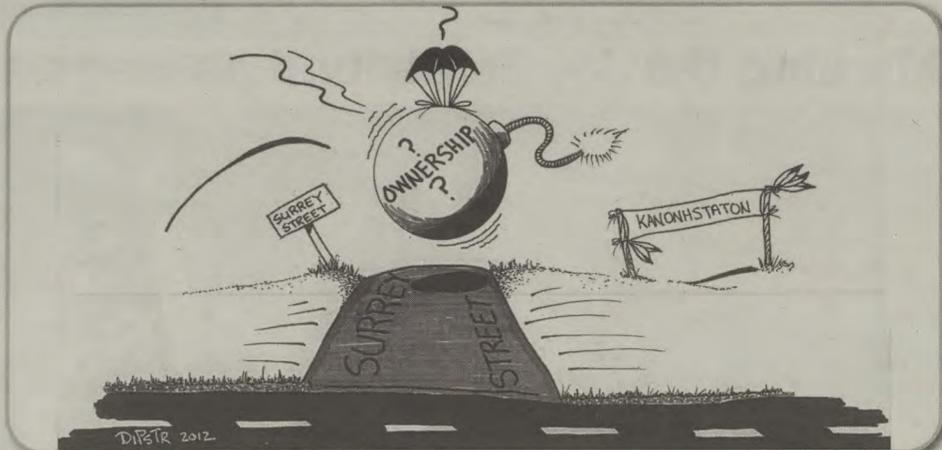
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COMMENTARY



Leaders don't attack people

Six Nations Band Council has managed to find itself in the middle of a pickle again.

This time over an acre of land sitting at the corner of Third Line and Mohawk Road known locally as Martin's corner because of the fact that the Martin family lived there.

Band Council signed onto a deal with Brant County to provide internet service to Six Nations, something it said it needed, but surprisingly while claiming to poll the community for its need, did not bother to find out if there were any local companies providing the service. There are three by the way.

Instead they jumped on with Brant County their contractor Silo Wireless and started building towers all over the community. The reason behind it was simple enough a need to provide high speed wireless internet service to the community.

The problem is they didn't bother to find out if they own the land. As it turns out, they don't.

The land was actually bought by Confederacy from the Martin family for use as a school. The school was de-commissioned a few years ago and the lot sat vacant until workers showed up last week.

A protest sprang up to stop it.

Strangely enough band council has been sending out press releases of late taking shots at its own people, in an attempt to discredit not only the activists but even Confederacy leaders. Clearly an attempt to downgrade the Confederacy to a special interest group while trying to improve band council's own image.

But improving ones image at the risk of attacking someone else is simply bad p.r. and band management. In fact it comes right out of Indian Affairs (Aboriginal Affairs today) management 101, get them fighting among themselves.

It almost worked except cooler heads prevailed and band council has to answer for how it took possession of land owned by the Confederacy. Elected Chief Bill Montour even admits the land was bought by the Confederacy in his press release.

Band Council has engaged in a number of questionable tactics of late all aimed at discrediting community members and it is time for it to stop.

Leadership does not attack its people, it supports them. These tactics of late are cheap shots, beneath leadership, or so one would think.

Reader enjoys Turtle AFN election coverage

Dear Lynda:

Thank you (nai:wen) for the excellent editorial and coverage of the recent AFN gathering and the re-election of national Chief Shawn Atleo.

I have been attempting to walk in solidarity with First Peoples for over 40 years, (and First Peoples have so kindly allowed me that privilege, for which I am truly thankful).

I thought there was great hope in the number of women candidates – all of whom are remarkable women, and any of whom will make superb AFN leaders in the future.

I have watched with quiet hope to see the number of women beginning to claim their rightful place within their communities. And since it was the Indian Act and all the tragic interventions of my (settler/immigrant) people who caused the kind of separation you are having to repair, I believe, as I come to know and understand the good teachings of your people, that such a reclamation is meant to be. And I also believe that as First Peoples reclaim their rightful place in the leadership of your homelands, all of us will benefit – so for my future generations, as well as yours, I pray that will happen.

Your political analysis is clear and informative, and

most helpful for my people as we try to come to terms with the true history of this part of Turtle Island that we have chosen to call Canada.

Keep up the good work, and thank you for your leadership among your people and within the world of media!

In respect, peace and friendship,
*Jean Koning,
Peterborough ON*

Councillor sets record straight

Just to set the record straight council has not made a decision to support or not support Ken Mt Pleasant's request for a Business Recognition Letter for KT Gas as reported in another newspaper.

To back up several years there is a history to this issue. Back in 1993 the council of the day was bequeathed a parcel of land from a woman named Bertha Davis. When council decided to sell this "prime" piece of land they broke the parcel into three properties. The land was then put to tender.

I don't know how many people bid on the properties but the story goes that council instead of accepting the highest three bidders decided to put all the names into a hat and the three names pulled

out, no matter what their bid, would be the successful landowners. Ken Mt Pleasant who owns KT Gas was one of the names chosen. Not surprising there was much controversy over the selection process. Some people even accused council of cheating.

Today the cigarette retail business boom thrusts this agreement in the forefront. Prior to the sale of the land any person submitting a tender bid had to sign what is called "Criteria for Sale of Band Land" which stipulates 10 specific conditions the persons agreed to. Condition No 4 states "The applicant agrees that the property will be used for private residential purposes only; the land will not be used for a business or information centre".

Mr. Mt Pleasant along with Joanne Sault who also owns one of the properties both signed the agreement accepting the conditions; yet 19 years later they both have commercial businesses on their property.

Now I don't begrudge Ms. Sault and Mr. Mt Pleasant from starting a business and being successful. I know they have both created employment. But at the same time as a councillor I cannot not sit back and ignore the agree-

ment they signed or pretend that it doesn't exist.

According to news reports Mr. Mt Pleasant says "...there was no reason for the stipulation when I signed that letter initially." But whether there was reason or not he did sign the agreement and in doing so gave his word.

A while back when council noticed that Ms. Sault and Mr. Mt Pleasant were starting businesses on their properties council sent them a letter reminding them of the agreement. We got a brief response from Ms. Sault but Mr. Mt Pleasant chose to ignore council and council's concern.

Shortly after that council heard Mr. Mt Pleasant went to INAC and transferred his property to his sister believing I guess this would rid the property of the agreement. He claimed in the media that someone in the Lands Membership office told him the agreement wouldn't go with the land. But I beg to differ. In speaking only for myself and not for council as a whole it's my opinion the agreement goes with the property, goes with the land not the property owner, not the landowner. The agreement is like a Right of Way. The Right of Way goes with

(Continued right)

Driver escapes serious injury in rollover

Early Saturday morning Six Nations Police responded to a single vehicle accident on Townline Road at Seneca

Road. Police said a black Ford F-150 pick up truck had left the roadway and rolled over in a field. The 19

year-old was being attended by paramedics and ambulance staff when police arrived. Police say he

appeared uninjured but that his truck suffered severe damage. Reports say the truck failed to stop for

a stop sign prior to leaving the road when it entered the field. The accident is still under investigation.

Fire causes over \$1 million in damages to factory

By Lynda Powless
Editor

A multi million dollar fire at a local tobacco manufacturing plant took a half a million gallons of water to douse.

More than 100 firefighters including almost all of Six Nations volunteers.

Took 10 hours to fight the massive blaze brought in 10 surrounding fire stations and costs could skyrocket to over \$96,000.

Six Nations Fire department had to call in help from surrounding departments when a Sixth Line cigarette factory went up in smoke last Monday night.

Six Nations Fire Chief Mike Seth said the fire was his worst nightmare become reality.

"We just don't have the equipment or resources to fight that kind of a fire. I knew it, the council knows, and here we were finally faced with it."

Because Six Nations belongs to a reciprocal fire agreement with outside fire agencies it may not have to pay the more \$96,000 in costs to bring in the outside firefighters.

Six Nations firefighters shuttled water almost constantly from two hydrants on Chiefswood Road.

"There's no question it overwhelmed our department," said Fire Chief Mike Seth.

"All the moons were aligned at just the wrong time for this. It happened in the mid-

dle of a drought. We had firefighters sick it was in a heat alert."

The heat from the day had firefighters jumping into the port-a-ponds just trying to cool off before putting their equipment back on and heading back to fight the fire.

"It overwhelmed our human resources. It was too hot they couldn't physically continue alone. It would have been dangerous and we would ended up with injuries or even deaths depending on the heat they take in."

He said water became an issue. "We didn't have enough water. We had to call in tankers from our neighbours."

He said Six Nations doesn't have the manpower or apparatus to fight such a huge fire.

"Our tankers carry 1000 tons, our pumpers 800 but the others, from outside, carry 1500. We put close to half a million gallons of water on that fire."

He said Waterford tankers carried 3,000 tonnes per load and ran 10 loads.

(Continued from left)
the land and stays with the land no matter how many times the land is sold.

The other issue I have concerns public safety regarding traffic. Both the Oasis and KT Tobacco are located under a hill and already there is congestion on weekends from people coming to buy cigarettes. I don't know how many times I witnessed an almost-accident or tires

screaming from a driver having to stop abruptly. We all know people coming to buy cigarettes ignore the rules of the road.

What concerns me is that I'm hearing in addition to the gas station Mr. Mt Pleasant plans to open a donut shop. So that will be three retail businesses located on this small piece of property. With limited spacing for parking or for cars to line up at the gas pumps this means the

"We had two hydrants on the go on Chiefswood."

He said the "Six Nations water system was able to keep up, as far as I know, we didn't have any problems with the amount of water we were able to get."

He said the saving grace was the 10 or 15 minute lull for the system to keep up between shuttles.

But he said Six Nations doesn't have the capacity or pressure to maintain a direct attack.

"Without out outside help we would have been there longer and it would have been more of a lost cause. We would have had to watch it burn."

He said the whole scene "is heart wrenching. Just knowing what is needed to put it out, and our resources and those of our neighbours weren't even enough to adequately attack it."

He said the cause of the blaze may never be known. "At the end of the day, because of fire fighting, the excavator and damage from the fire itself the actual cause may never be known. We agreed (Seth and the Ontario Fire Marshalls office) if we spent four days digging through it we won't find the point of origin to say what it was. It would have been a futile effort."

One Six Nations firefighter was taken to hospital treated and released for a sprain to her knee.

Seth had police shut down Chiefswood Road at the height of the fire.

"I had them shut down Chiefswood Road, it affected business owners but I looked at the safety of it. I saw a truck loading water and traffic going while she was on the road."

He said AANAC says First Nations Fire fighting funding is based solely on fighting residential fires.

"So in essence someone would have to pick up the bill on this. We are not funded for commercial buildings, council buildings, car fires, accidents all of the things we do."

He said the out of date funding formula is a constant battle with AANAC.

For every apparatus responding to an incident, if the fire department can recover the costs, is \$410 per hour.

Based on 29 units for 8 hours the cost for the fire soars to \$96,000 for equipment and manpower but does not include the cost of water, public works or police personnel, food purchases, equipment loss or damages.

Damages and loss right now for Six Nations alone are at about \$8,000 and could hit as much as \$10,000. "Luckily we can mitigate the equipment loss for the short term. Bunker gear is damaged, we had four sets of gear go in and more going next week and it costs \$200 per set and re-

pairs are extra." Hose lines have been lost due to cuts amounting to up to \$500 in damages per length of hose and a port-a-pond was damaged. "We hope it can be repaired, a pipe hose at another \$100. It's adding up, we got truck damage at \$2,500."

And it said it all happened through a fire ban that was just lifted last Friday. "We were in the middle of a huge drought and luckily around there was a nicely piled berm that prevented the fire from spreading into the grass."

A secondary building about a half a kilometre away, an old wooden barn caught fire, he said from sparks from the fire. "This is the scenario I am most worried about. I see all these plants all over and I wonder how we are going to deal with it but there are so many issues in this community it's a matter of which one is first."

Fire Chief Seth urged the manufacturing plants to install sprinklers in their buildings.

"Sprinklers save lives and property it's a proven fact. This is a great way to stop it from spreading and creating more damage."

The plant had apparently been working until 4 p.m. The fire department was called in 45 minutes later at 4:45 p.m.

"I am terrified about what would have happened if

someone was working there. The workers left at 4 p.m. we got the call at 4:45 p.m. someone could have been killed, overcome by smoke. Who knows."

He said fortunately they were also able to keep it from spreading to nearby homes.

He said with so many high risk occupancies in the community, the Six Nations fire department isn't funded for pre-planning and resources. And he said AANAC wants the businesses billed.

Six Nations Fire Chief Mike Seth said AANAC tells the department to bill businesses. We are supposed to bill for anything other than residential structure fires. That includes band council buildings too."

He says in addition at the federal level public services is experiencing cuts and HRDC announced it will no longer be providing engineers or inspection services to First Nations fire departments or for federal buildings after March 2014.

"They are contracting it to private companies and they will expect us to pay the bill. We used them to review plans for new buildings, such as schools and then to come inspect on a regular basis."

"Right now, we don't know what's going to happen with fire inspections and safety."

owners are financially benefitting from our tax free right. If we're going to continue allowing non-natives to benefit from our rights then we should be making these people pay taxes for that privilege. But our own people cover up for them by keeping the names anonymous.

Right now these non-native business partners come here and set up a partnership with some-

one, make money, sometimes tons of money, and go home scot free. They don't have to pay taxes and they don't have to give back to our community. What we should be doing is making accommodation agreements with these non-native business owners/partners just as we do with businesses off the territory.

Councillor Helen Miller



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High fives all around for the Arrows who advance to play Orangeville
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Junior 'A' Arrows complete sweep vs Peterborough



Arrows will now face Orangeville in playoff action

By Neil Becker
Sports Writer

Six Nations Arrows president Landon Miller admitted to being very surprised at how the first round played out against Peterborough.

What surprised him wasn't that his team defeated Peterborough in round one of Junior 'A' lacrosse action but that it came by means of a four game sweep.

"I'm surprised that we put them away in four straight," Miller said. "Peterborough beat us in the season opener and they are a good team. We (coaching staff) thought it would be a long series."

On the scoreboard it was a relatively close series as the Arrows, who this season finished tied with Whitby for first overall with 34 points, defeated Peterborough by scores of 11-8, 10-8, 11-8 and 9-8.

Heading into Peterborough

on July 29th the team according to Miller were ready for the chance to end the series.

"Everyone was confident and focused at the task at hand," Miller said. "We pushed the ball up floor and had lots of contributors on offence."

Leading the Arrows charge on offence were Wenster Green who had two goals and four points along with Randy Staats who scored two goals and three points.

Predictably the Arrows faced a desperate Peterborough team who weren't going to surrender without a fight. Though they scored the game's first goal they couldn't maintain the early momentum as Six Nations got three first period goals from Staats, Seth Oakes with his first of two and Josh Johnson.

The definite turning point to this game occurred early

in the second when Six Nations more than responded to a Peterborough goal by coming right back and scoring four straight.

In an approximate 14 minute span the Arrows who split their season series against Peterborough got goals from Oakes, Wenster Green with two, and Staats.

Interestingly enough the Six Nations players who travelled overseas and played on Iroquois Nationals were showing no signs of fatigue.

"They are all young, strong and in good shape," Miller said about those players. "They were a little winded the first game. The only real concern is how they'll be after the long travel."

Heading into the third Six Nations added a bit more momentum on their side as Shane Simpson scored with only five seconds remaining



Arrows Josh Johnson celebrates with teammates during Game 3 playoff action at the ILA against Peterborough. (Photo By Neil Becker)

to give the Arrows what seemed like a comfortable 8-4 lead.

Following a Mike Miller goal three minutes into the third it seemed like the Arrows were home and cooled out but that wasn't the case at all as Peterborough had one last push in them.

Starting at the period's six minute mark the Arrows began a scoring spree which saw them score four straight. Unfortunately for all the Peterborough fans it wasn't quite enough.

The Arrows won't have long to rest before kicking off their second round se-

ries against Orangeville. "They are fast and have a good transition game," Miller said. "It will be a long hard series."

Wilson also had special praise for his coaching staff in declaring, "They did a great job in getting every-one mentally prepared."

Avalanche must cope without their starting pitcher who is out for season

By Neil Becker
Sports Writer

It's now gut check time for the Six Nations Avalanche who have lost their number one pitcher due to injury.

According to Avalanche coach Paul Williams his son Paul Jr was injured when hit in the leg by a screaming line drive.

As a result the Avalanche who are having a .500 season gave the starting assignment to Austin for their July 27th home game against Caledonia A.

Despite some effective pitching and a key two out hit from Eli Hill the Avalanche dropped a 9-3 decision which brings their

overall record to 7-7 on the year.

"We beat them once before. We're just beating ourselves," Williams Sr said. "Those little errors all add up."

Trailing 3-0 after half an inning the Avalanche quickly narrowed that deficit to one as Hill who was the Avalanche hitting star in this one slammed a two RBI single.

"I like to hit," Hill said when asked about his favourite part of baseball. When asked what his team must do to improve he replied "Not make errors."

That momentum didn't last long however as the Caledonia A's continued to

roll with the bats as they put up a five spot which turned out to be the game's turning point.

During the inning Austin moved to the field as he was relieved by Braydon who was bringing plenty of heat. "I asked Austin if he was getting tired and he said yes," Williams Sr said about the change. "I brought in Braydon who has pitched quite a bit this year."

Austin showed off his lethal bat in the third inning when

with only one out he lined an RBI single which scored Brody who led off the inning by getting on base with a single.

Starting on August 11th the Avalanche who will be without their starting pitcher for the season will be facing a tough challenge as they begin playoffs.

"We must get good pitching and be consistent," Williams said when asked about the keys to success.



Six Nations Avalanche Austin gets ready to unleash the heater in minor league baseball action. (Photo By Neil Becker)

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Bomberry comes through with series winning goal against Wallaceburg

By Neil Becker
Sports Writer

Six Nations Rebels fever is still alive and thriving as they are now only four wins away from defending the Lacrosse Junior 'B' Championship.

No matter the sport there are all sorts of challenges for teams to overcome in playoff competition to be successful and for the defending Founders Cup champion Rebels it was no different as they survived a strong semi final scare against the Wallaceburg Red Devils.

"We left everything on the floor tonight and this is such a good feeling," Rebels veteran Jake Bomberry said following their Game 5 series clinching 5-4 win on July 29th at the ILA.

"Wallaceburg has so much heart. We have great fan support and it's great to see everyone go nuts."

Go nuts with excitement they did as the team re-

ceived countless ovations and car horns were going off to celebrate the semi final triumph.

"No question we feed off of our fans," Bomberry said. "Early on we were drawing bad penalties and they gave us all that we can handle."

After avoiding elimination 24 hours earlier with a big 14-12 road win Six Nations who outshot Wallaceburg by an astounding 60-29 count was in early control of things as they held a 3-0 lead after a period.

Getting things started was Dallas John who got the arena rocking with his eighth playoff goal which came just past the ten minute mark.

Prior to the first being over Six Nations took what seemed like a safe lead as Brine Rice and Joe Haodias Maracle also scored.

"They have two main guys we had to shut down," Johns said. "They

always try to use the same guys. We came out fighting and we weren't going to give up."

Despite trailing by three Wallaceburg who finished the season third overall grabbed some much needed momentum as they scored early to narrow the deficit at two.

That momentum was quickly snatched away as rookie Zed Williams who is coming off an impressive 30 goal campaign sent the home crowd into euphoria as he scored off a juicy rebound to restore the three goal lead at 4-1.

With only five minutes remaining Wallaceburg who were obviously playing desperate lacrosse scored a big goal which made for a suspenseful third period.

"We can see that they were getting gassed," Bomberry said. "We're (Rebels) are in real good shape and were feeling good."

Continuing with their



It was party time at the ILA after the Six Nations Rebels survived a real scare in advancing to the Junior 'B' lacrosse finals. (Photos By Neil Becker)

desperate play Wallaceburg came out strong and scored two straight goals within the period's first ten minutes.

The series was in search for a hero as both teams were tied with only ten minutes remaining. That

hero turned out to be Bomberry who scored what turned out to be the series winning goal with only nine minutes remaining in regulation.

"It felt great," Bomberry said. "It was a team effort." When asked about play-

ing Akwesasne in the finals Bomberry who was part of the recent bronze medal Iroquois National team stressed that the Rebels definitely have their work cut out.

Brennor Jacobs finds himself in hot water following controversial facebook comment

By Neil Becker
Sports Writer

Former Six Nations Rebels Brennor Jacobs has found himself, whether intentionally or not, a main focal point during what has been a suspenseful semi final playoff series.

Jacobs who was part of last season's Founder Cup championship and now plays for the Wallaceburg Red Devils recently angered the Rebels camp by writing

"To be the champs we have to beat the chimps!!" on facebook prior to the Red devils vs. Rebels series opener.

Needless to say those quotes made their way to the Rebels' dressing room wall where apparently unflattering messages about the goalie has been written on that same piece of paper. Both teams have made their displeasure known to Junior 'B' lacrosse commissioner

Dave Vernon who used the term 'psychological warfare' to describe the off floor extra-curricular activities.

"Both teams need to grow up," Jacobs said. "It's an ongoing investigation and right now we're not allowed to comment."

Wray Maracle first heard about the facebook quote before going online and finding it out for himself. "I pulled it up and I was kind of shocked," Maracle said.

"How can he refer to a team that he won a championship with as chimps? If it was a non-native player then it would have been a bigger issue."

Maracle immediately forwarded the facebook quote to the league commissioner and to the Wallaceburg GM to look at.

"They're going to talk to him after practice and find out why he did what he did," Monture said during

the off day between Game 1 and 2. "It was a terrible comment."

When contacted on July 26th following their Game 3 win Wallaceburg coach Eric Shepley had a different view of things.

"I think they are grasping at straws," Shepley said. "They were supposed to blow us out and it's showing that they are desperate."

In terms of the direct quote Shepley said that Jacobs

showed him on facebook the exact same quote he made a year ago against Orangeville when he was with the Rebels.

"They didn't seem to have a problem with it last year," Shepley said.

Despite everything going on around him Jacobs has been phenomenal in this series.

"He is a great goalie and is playing great," Shepley said.

Long Can/Am series quickly shaping up between Slash and Onondaga

By Neil Becker
Sports Writer

Kraig Maracle didn't hesitate to call it a must win game.

Maracle who has been lights out in his rookie season with the Six Nations Slash had a four point game in helping his team square their playoff series against Onondaga.

After dropping the best of five opener by a 17-5 score Maracle insisted that there was no panic going on within the Slash camp.

"The last game we were just forcing things too much," Maracle said. "We were more calm today and just playing our game."

Maracle pointed out that the Slash who finished third overall and defeated Buffalo Creek the first round played well defensively as they didn't allow Onondaga a lot of second chances in what was an

11-8 win.

"They're a team you can't take lightly," Maracle said. Playing at the friendly confines of home the Slash came out strong on July 28th as they quickly jumped out on front courtesy of goals from Dusty Thomas and Jeremy Johns and Hugh Johnson.

Both teams continued to trade scoring chances as both teams were getting a workout. For those who enjoy goal scoring they were not disappointed as Six Nations who were Can/Am finalist last year also got goals from Brad Mazzocato, Kyle Jamieson, Johnson with his second, Jason Johns, Kenny Aaron with two and Maracle as they enjoyed a 9-5 lead after two.

"It was fast paced and we fixed some of our earlier mistakes," Maracle said. Even though they were outscored 3-2 in the third



The Six Nations Slash showed lots of heart as they came back strong against Onondaga in evening up their series at one. (Photo By Neil Becker)

it was the Slash who were celebrating at the final whistle as they have new

life after evening up their series against Onondaga. "If we continue to play like

we did tonight then we should continue to get wins," Maracle said.

Scoring the two Slash third period goals were Aaron and Mazzocato.

Old Bucks need extra innings to snap Buzzards three game win streak

By Neil Becker
Sports Writer

Late July featured a Six Nations showdown going on at the main Ohsweken baseball diamond.

Battling hit for hit in men's old timers baseball were the Old Bucks and Buzzards who on July 29th needed extra innings before Peter Jacobs delivered the winning hit to give the Bucks a 16-15 win.

"They beat us last time but I wasn't around for that one," chuckled Bucks slugger Roger who had a towering home run in this game.

"It was close. We usually always mop them pretty bad."

Coming in on a three game winning streak were the Buzzards who quickly took a 2-0 lead in the first courtesy of sharp RBI singles from Todd and Neale.

That early lead turned out to be short lived however as the Bucks showed their hitting skills as they quickly made a statement by getting run scoring hits from Roger, Bill and Pee-Wee.



The Six Nations Buzzards had quite a few clutch hits as they earned bragging rights in their fun tongue and cheek rivalry with the Old Bucks. (Photo By Neil Becker)

"It was good that it was such a close game," Buzzards captain Weaser said. An inning later the Bucks added to their lead as their hulking first baseman Curt spanked a run scoring double and later scored on an error which stretched their lead to 5-2 with still plenty of baseball to be played. That lead proved to be short lived as the Buzzards exploded offensively in the second started by a two run

bomb from Marshall which also scored Steve. Also cashing in with RBI third inning hits were Todd, Neale, Cory and Weaser which gave them a 9-5 lead. An inning later the Buzzards looked primed to extend their winning streak to four as Marv came through in the clutch with an RBI double.

A batter later Marv came home with the 11th run courtesy of a hit from Mar-

shall. The Buzzards two more runs on another key hit from Dave. Down but certainly not out the Old Bucks began their comeback as Steve scored on a sac fly from Roger. With two outs the man known as Smudge got into the act as he hit a double which scored both Peter and Roger which cut the deficit to 13-9 after five.

"We made lots of errors today," Weaser said.

"They're usually a homerun hitting team."

Hitting homeruns is just what the Bucks did in the sixth as Wade led things off with a homerun and Roger hit a two run round tripper. Also coming home was Smudge who scored on and once again Roger who scored the 15th and go ahead run on an error.

In the seventh and with two outs Todd came through for the Buzzards as his sharp single played the tying run to force extra innings which eventually found a hero in the Buzzards Peter Jacobs.

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The Grand Entry was packed with colour and variety of dancers (Photo by Chase Jarrett)



The Grand Entry gives viewers a chance to see all the dancers in the arena at the same time. (Photo by Chase Jarrett)

By Chase Jarrett
Writer

The Champion of Champions powwow was alive this year with high spirits and

vibrant colours at Chiefswood Park.

Skies that looked like rain in early morning receded into the distance allowing a

bright sun to beat down on the annual festivities.

Tourists and dancers alike cooled down with whatever drinks they could throw ice

in, and what were literally buckets of homemade lemonade. Among other sought after refreshments were ice cream cones, apples and caramel, and different fried-dough treats. Those with a heavier appetite found a home at Cayuga Longhouse, as they offered more substantial "hot meals." Light meals like indian tacos were powwow favorites too, with vendors spread across the fairgrounds.

The Grand Entry launched the powwow festivities as hundreds of dancers filled the grassy ring.

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Young men and women sharpened their skills next to veteran dancers and even audience members were called on to join the powwow family and participate.

The sun poured heat on the competition grounds, and if it became too much, visitors could wander into the shaded market area. Vendors peddled wares of leather, bones, fur, and even turtle shells. Others offered traditional medicines and cures for aches and pains. And business was good; by late Sunday afternoon, both of the on-site ATM machines were out of order because they had been emptied.

The powwow included totts, juniors, and adults, all dancing fancy dances, jingle bell dances, and hoop dances. There were men's

traditional and women's shawl dances as well. As the final day of the powwow wore on, dancers were called back for tie-breakers.



Fancy dancers thrill the audience (Photos by Chase Jarrett)



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By Neil Becker
Sports Writer
The Six Nations Hill United Chiefs have certainly captured the imagination of all hard core baseball fans.

Currently the Chiefs who have climbed up the ranks and are now seeded second by the International Softball Congress are preparing for the upcoming ISC World Fastball Tournament which goes from August 11-18 in

Midland Michigan. In preparation for this the Hill United Chiefs who earned a spot in the Worlds courtesy of their Legends of Fastball win in Kitchener will be playing in an upcoming tournament during the first

weekend of August in Erie Pennsylvania. "It's like a warm up for the World Tourney," Bryan Porter who represents the Chiefs said. The Hill United Chiefs who have been battling a few nag-

ging injuries expects to more than likely play the number one ranked team the Grem-lins in this tournament. Similar to the other tourna-ments there will be a series of round robin games which will see the top teams go on

to the playoffs. The Hill United Chiefs are feeling awfully confident with what they can accom-plish in Michigan. Please keep in mind that fans can follow the action at us-tream.com

Chiefs get some well deserved rest as they earn a first round bye

By Neil Becker
Sports Writer
These days the Six Nations Chiefs are playing the wait-ing game and coach Rich Kilgour couldn't be happier. Unlike the past few years the Chiefs earned a first round playoff bye due to finishing second overall only a point behind Brook-lin in the overall standings. "I'm really happy with how we did but a little disap-pointed about not finishing first in our division," Kil-gour said. "We've seen first hand what can happen with a Game 7 and it's a big deal to have home floor ad-vantage." Kilgour whose team was eliminated last year in a Game 7 held in Peterbor-ough stressed all season long the importance of having home floor advan-tage throughout. It took winning their final two games against Peter-borough and Ajax to grab that second bye as they now have the pleasure of

putting their feet up and relaxing while watching the other series which features Brampton vs. Kitchener. Through the Chiefs coach-ing staff have a pretty good read on these two teams they will still be doing plenty of scouting as they watch what they hope will be a long series. "Brampton has a great goalie and a bunch of effec-tive role players," Kilgour said. "They are the defend-ing champs and we have to be able to match their strong tenacity." On the season Six Nations who finished only a point behind Brooklin for first went 2-2 on the season against Brampton. Meanwhile Kitchener who placed fifth overall are also according to Kilgour a team not to be taken lightly. "Kitchener also has a great goalie and play well as a team," Kilgour said. "They hustle every shift and it'll be a tough match-up." This season the Chiefs



The Six Nations Chiefs will now play the waiting game as they will be playing either Brampton or Kitchener in second round playoff action. (Photo By Neil Becker)

posted a more than re-spectable 2-1-1 record against Kitchener. "We're going to sit back and do our homework on these two teams and I don't care who we play,"

Kilgour said. "For sure we'll be watching a few of the games and we'll be looking to find their strengths and hopefully stop them." Looking ahead Kilgour isn't worried about his team

getting rusty due to the first round layoff. "We'll be healthy, rested and ready to go," Kilgour said. Making the Chiefs even more powerful heading to

playoffs is that sniper Stephen Leblanc is back from his shoulder injury. "He is a young guy with a tremendous shot," Kilgour said.

Tony Stewart thrills his many fans at Ohsweken Speedway

By Neil Becker
Sports Writer
Tony Stewart didn't disap-point his legions of fans who were on hand to watch him capture first in the Corr/Pak Sprint Cars. Amazingly enough Stewart who is the 2011 Sprint Car champion show cased his skills as he started in 17th position but still won the main event. Last year Stewart credited his race at Ohsweken Speedway as the spring-board for what got his sea-son going. Stewart who is good friends with track owner Glenn Styres made his debut at the speedway a year ago where he finished third after starting in 15th position at the corr/Pak Merchandising Sprint feature. The following day on July 27th Stewart

earned his first ever World of Outlaws Sprint Car series feature win. One of Stewarts many fans Kathy Ball came all the way from St. Thomas to witness someone she refers to as a 'living legend'. "I love racing and have al-ways followed Tony Stew-art," said Ball who was there with her husband and dog said. "We heard about this through word of mouth and we had to come back this year." Showing their dedication, the Ball's, who have a son that races are staying overnight in a camper so that they can see Stewart race the following day as well. Meanwhile coming all the way from Cambridge was Louis Hynes along with his seven year-old son Isaac.



Louis Hynes and son Isaac fulfill a life long dream of meeting and shaking the hand of Sprint Car icon Tony Stewart. Also present in this picture is Ohsweken track owner Glenn Styres. (Photo By Neil Becker)

"I've been watching Nascar for years and I don't miss a Friday night," Isaac said. "I

grew up on muscle cars and loved old dodges."

Hynes son Isaac was proudly displaying his Tony Stewart flag which was au-

tographed in big letters. "I'm hoping to get Isaac into racing," Hynes said.

RCMP charges former Tory adviser Bruce Carson with fraud

By Donna Duric
Writer
For the second time in one year, the newly con-structed synthetic running track behind the commu-nity hall will have to be re-paired, according to Parks and Recreation. Director Cheryl Henhawk says damage to the track will require repair work later this summer, resulting in a shutdown to the com-munity from Aug. 20 to Sept. 26.

The cost for repairing the \$1.2 million track will be absorbed by the contrac-tor, she said. This past spring, the track was patched in certain areas, and on June 20, when staff went back to check out the condition of the track, they found the patchwork unacceptable, said Henhawk. "There are several places on the track where the upper layer of rubber didn't bond with the bottom

layer of rubber," she said. "To me, (it's) not accept-able. There are still areas

where it's uneven. The overall condition of the track is just not accept-able." The track was originally paid for through a grant from the Six Nations Com-munity Development Trust and the other half paid for through elected council's unused gaming funds. The contractor will have to grind the track down for three weeks, starting Aug.

20. Resurfacing will com-mence on Sept. 10 for five days, after which track



lines will be painted on. Henhawk says she expects the work will be complete by Sept. 20 if there are no construction delays. Parks and Recreation has also added a new pedes-trian gate to the facility, so that patrons can access the track at night. The large gate at the track is nor-mally closed at dusk, so that vehicles don't enter the field at night, said Hen-

alleged to have accepted a commission for a third party in connection with a busi-ness matter relating to the government. The RCMP in-

vestigation began in March 2011 when the PMO con-tacted police with allegations Carson had illegally lobbied the federal government on

behalf of a company that em-ployed his girlfriend. He was executive director of the Canada School of Energy and the Environment.

New \$1.2 million running track needs more repairs



Extensive repairs are needed on the new track.

hawk. Even with the large gate closed, the pedestrian gate will allow people to use the track at night. "It's open basically 24/7," she said, but, she added, "I want to encourage people to use it during daylight hours." Although there are lights at the track, Parks and Recreation hasn't been turning them on at night

because it's not officially open yet, said Henhawk. They will turn them on once it's officially opened, she added. They had looked into using solar lights but Henhawk said they were more ex-pensive than traditional lights, because of the vast amount of light needed to illuminate the area. The de-sign firm council had hired

to oversee the work ad-vised the amount of light needed to store in solar batteries would be more expensive than using tradi-tional lights, said Hen-hawk. Henhawk says she encour-ages people to use the track during daylight hours and if people head there at night, to "use at their own risk."

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Rare white turkey spotted



A rare white turkey was spotted Tuesday afternoon at 1630 Fourth Line. And thanks to reader Arlene Martin we have a photo to show our readers. Remember if you spot news happening anywhere send in your photos to news@theturtleislandnews.com Special thanks to Arlene Martin for this photo.

Water treatment plant update

After a few minor snags, construction of the Six Nations Water Treatment Plant is about a month behind schedule, according to project manager Michael Murray.

The plant was expected to be complete by April 30, 2013, but issues with the intake and low-lift station have caused a minor delay. This month, workers will

begin removing mussels from the Grand River to make way for the intake compartment. The mussels will be relocated and at least two of the species are at risk, said Mur-

ray during a monthly council update last week. The intake compartment has been the biggest risk so far in getting the project done because it lies on

a critical path very close to the river, he said. The Low Lift Station also saw delay where the soil condition was not anticipated.

Champion of Champions pow wow results

POW WOW WINNERS:

Fancy Girls- Fourth - Francesca Pheasant, Ojibway Wikwemikong Total Point 380 Third Number: Total Point: 460 Name: Marie Smoke Nation: Dakota Ojibway, Peterborough Ontario

Second Number: 1956 Total Points 600 Name: Nicole Dashner Nation: Anishnawbe

First Number: 1962 Total Points 601 Name: Lara Whiteye Nation: Ojibway Meskwaki City: London Ontario

Boys Fancy Fourth Number: 1640 Total Points 400 : Wassnedeh Recollet Nation: Wikwemikong

Third Number: 1641 Total Point 490 Cameron Kennedy Nation: Oneida Ojibway

Second Number: 1639 Total Point 570 : Cameron Deleary Nation: Chippewa

First Number: 1642 Total Point 700 Name: Ascension Harjo Nation: Mohawk Kickapoo Seminole Six Nations

Jingle Girl's Fourth Number: 2629 Total Point 370 Name: Laniya Antone Nation: Oneida City:

Third Number: 2630 Total Points 400 Name: Ietsi Tsion:ni Pompana Nation: Mohawk Dakota Sioux City: Tyendinaga

Second Number: 2627 Total Points 570 Name: Ava Belisle Nation: St Croix City: Lawtons NY

First Number: 2623 Total Points 630 Name: AJ Douglas Nation: Mohawk City: Six Nations

Boys Grass Dance Fourth Number: Name: Nation: City: Province / State: 1578 Lucas Shawana Ojibway Wikwemikong

Third Number: 1572 Name: Justin Stewart Meuse Total Point 325 Total Point 510 Nation: ikmaq First Nation of Shubenacadie NS City: Truro

Nova Scotia, 1571 Drako Schuyler Oneida London Ontario, 1573 Bodie Nordwall Shoshone chippewa Navajo Stillwater OK Total Points 580 Total Points 700

Girls Traditional Dance Fourth Number: 1748 Total Points 415 Name: Caye John Nation: Seneca

Third Number: 1747 Total Point 550 Name: Nichole Nordwall Nation: Shoshone Chippewa navajo City: Stillwater Province/State: OK

Second Number: 1745 Total Points 620 Name: Jaelynn Smoke Nation: Dakota Ojibway City: 0

Province/State: First Number: 1744 Total Points 640 Name: Maddy Douglas

Nation: Mohawk City: Six Nations Province/State: 0

Boys Traditional 1452 Hunter Elliott M o h a w k Ohsweken, Ontario 1451

Warante Pompana Mohawk Dakota Sioux Tyendinaga, Ontario 1450 Hayden Shears Odawa Ojibway Sudbury, Ontario 1449 Perton Tone-Pah-Hote III Kiowa Oneida Quaker Hill CT Total Point 75

Total Point 520 Total Point 620 Total Point 690

Fancy Teen Women's Fourth Number: 1374 Total Points 450 Jadyn Bomberry Nation: Mohawk Six Nations

Third Number: 1377 Total Points 510 Alsa Salter Nation: Oneida: London, Ont

Second Number: 1371 Total Points 620 Tavian Whiteye-Lasley Nation: Ojibway Meskwaki

First Number: 1376 Total Point 650 Beedoskah Stonefish Nation: dawa Chippewa Delaware Pottawotomi

Fancy Teen Tyler Dashner Total Points 640, Brayden Doxtator Mohawk Six Nations Ontario Total Points 645

Fourth Number: 1263 Total Points 420 Name: Winter Doxtator Nation: Oneida Inuit, Ottawa : Ontario

Third Number: 1261 Total Points 470, Ellena Morgan-Doxtator Nation: Dine Mohawk Oneida City: Phoenix AZ. Second Number: 1259 Total Points 495 Name: Raena Whiteye-Lasley Nation: Ojibway Meskwaki City:

First Number: 1375 Total Points 620 Name: Waskwane Stonefish Nation: De Delaware Odawa Pottawotomi Chippewa : Peshawbestown, MI

Teen Men's Grass Fourth Number: 934 Total Points 420 Name: Isaias Lucio Nation: Lipan Apache Tribe of Texas City: Truro Nova Scotia Third Number: 932 Total Points 520 Name: Dallan Guitar Nation: Mohawk Six Nations

Second Number: 937 Total Points 600 Name: Terrence Gadwa Nation: Cree City: Kehewin: Alberta

First Number: 936 Total Points 640 Name: Jenmee Bondy Nation: Ojibwe

Fourth Number: 1147 Total Points 460 Hallie Snake Nation: Potawatomi Ojibwe

Third Number: 1148 Total Points 530 Charlotte Day Ojibwe City: St Paul P MN

Second Number: 1150 Total Points 550: Darien Nicholas Nation: Oneida First Number: 1149 Total Points 650 Name: Chelsey Recollet Nation: Ojibway Odawa City: Wikwemikong

Teen Men's Traditional Ryerson Whetung 830 Tyrade Gadwa Cree Kehewin Alberta 833 Nolan Smoke Dakota Ojibway Alderville Ontario Total Points 445

Women's Golden Age Fourth Total Points 450 Oebbie Plain, Anishnaabe Sarnia

Third: Total Points 460, Oralann Caldwell, Menominee

Second Total Points 478, Becky Taylor Ojibwe Hay-

ward WI First Total Points 530 Karen Pheasant Nation: Nishnabe

Golden Age Men Fourth 71 Amos Key Jr Royal Mohawk Brantford Ontario Total Point 440

Third - 65 Mike Dashner Anishnawbe Total Point 470 Second-73 Mike King Oneida Oneida WI Total Point 520

Hagersville Ontario Total Points 620, 344 Denison Brown San Carlos Apache Good Park California, Total Points 680

Women's Jingle Natasha Thompson-Barnes Akwesasne Mohawk Akwesasne, Total Points 431

Stephanie Nordwall Pill River Maidu Stillwater OK Total Points 450

Shannon White Oneida Total Points 460

Men's Grass Fourth Number: 2260 Total Points 430 : James Day Nation: Ojibwe City: Suttons Bay MI

Third Number: 2261 Total Points 490 Name: Matthew Pheasant Nation: Ojibway Wiki, Ontario

Second Number: 2267 Total Points 530 Name: Matthew Isaac Nation: Ojibwe City: Sarnia Ontario

First Number: 2264 Total Point, 640 Name: Adam

First Number: 2719 Total Points 570, Rose Track Nation: Pima Assiniboine Sioux City: Oneida WI

Men's Fancy Total Points 343 Adrian Harjo Kickapoo Seminole



The Grand Entry gives judges a chance to view all dancers and their regalia and style. (Photos by Chase Jarrett)



Nordwall Nation: Shoshone Chippewa Navajo City: Stillwater: OK

Men's Traditional 2016 Devan Kicknosway Mohawk Potawatomi Kahnawake Walpole Island Total Points 480

2017 James Wrightman Aanishanaabe Total Pts 490 2011 Perton Tone-Pah-Hote Jr. 0 Quaker Hill CT Total Points 500

2009 Dan Isaac Ojibwe Kahnawake Quebec Total Points 510

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NATIONAL

National Briefs

Partial evacuation of Sandy Lake First Nation in northwest Ontario begins

SANDY LAKE, Ont.- About 230 residents of the Sandy Lake First Nation in northwest Ontario are being evacuated due to smoke from nearby forest fires.

The province issued an evacuation notice Sunday to get elderly residents, infants and others at risk from smoke to safety. Sandy Lake is not at direct threat from forest fires but requested the stage-one evacuation because of concerns about the impact of smoke on vulnerable people in the community of 2,650.

The First Nation says the evacuated residents are being taken to Thunder Bay.

More than 500 Sandy Lake residents were evacuated last summer as flames from nearby forest fires came within 10 kilometres of the community. -CP-

Military torpedoed 'comically' offensive aboriginal recruitment ad

OTTAWA- A Canadian Forces aboriginal recruiting ad that likened building a canoe to serving on a warship was torpedoed after focus groups found it "offensive to the point of being comical," says a newly released report.

Groups in Vancouver were so put off by the radio spot, in fact, that a polling firm warned airing it could hurt the military's reputation.

"Although commentary was at times measured from participants, likely due to awareness of being observed and politeness, body language clearly reinforced the negative reactions among two groups in Vancouver," says a report completed in March.

"Indeed the degree of offence was deemed to be high, posing a potential risk to the reputation of the Forces were this ad to be released publicly, at least in British Columbia."

The radio spot was meant to recruit engineers. The pollster's report does not include a transcript or description of the ad beyond the reaction it elicited, but it apparently featured a young man and his grandfather talking about the similarities between canoe-making and working on a warship.

NEB approves part of Enbridge Ontario Line 9

by The Canadian Press
CALGARY-The National Energy Board said Friday it has approved Enbridge Inc.'s plan to reverse the flow of part of an oil pipeline in southern Ontario.

The federal watchdog says it has imposed 15 conditions on the \$16.9-million project, mainly having to do with pipeline integrity.

Line 9 currently flows from Montreal to Sarnia, Ont., but Enbridge (TSX:ENB) wants to reconfigure it so it flows from west to east.

Refiners in central and eastern Canada want to use cheaper Canadian crude instead of pricier oil

imported by tanker from overseas.

The NEB approval pertains to the section of pipe between Sarnia, Ont., and Westover, Ont., near Hamilton.

In May the board held hearings where it heard concerns from the public about possible spills from the pipeline.

Enbridge rival TransCanada Corp. (TSX:TRP) is also working on a plan to ship western Canadian crude east. It's looking at converting its gas mainline, which is running part-empty, to gas service. It could ship between 400,000 and

900,000 barrels per day of oil, depending on customer demand.

Two years ago, an Enbridge pipeline in southern Michigan ruptured and spilled some three million barrels of crude into wetlands, a creek and the Kalamazoo River.

The river was recently reopened for recreational use. A report by the National Transportation Safety Board earlier this month likened Enbridge's handling of the spill to that of the "Key-stone Kops."

Enbridge wants to build a pipeline between Alberta and the West Coast so that

Canadian crude can be shipped overseas to Asia by tanker and garner a higher price. The Northern Gateway proposal met stiff resistance from B.C. First Nations groups and others. The company recently announced a slate of safety improvements, such as thicker pipe and better monitoring, that pushed the project's pricetag by \$500 million to \$6 billion. Northern Gateway is at the centre of an argument between B.C. Premier Christy Clark and Alberta Premier Alison Redford over how to fairly divvy up the project's risks and rewards.

Stolen cars found at Six Nations

By Donna Duric
Writer

Hamilton police say there is a direct connection to Six Nations and the city's high rate of car thefts, the second highest in the province.

Although Six Nations police admit a large number of stolen vehicles end up on the reserve, there is no answer from local police showing who is bringing the stolen cars here.

Six Nations Police community services officer Derrick Anderson says it's fair to say a lot of stolen vehicles from nearby towns and cities end up on the reserve.

"A lot of them do come here, from the numbers that we have. It's common knowledge that a lot of stolen vehicles end up here."

Hamilton has a car theft rate of 334 per 100,000

people. Only Brantford has a higher rate, at 523 per 100,000 people.

Anderson is hesitant to place the blame on Six Nations for the high rate of car thefts from Brantford and Hamilton.

"I'm not saying to blame it all (on Six Nations) I'm just saying there are a lot of vehicles that come here because our numbers are coming up. It's fair to say that there's a lot of Brantford and Hamilton vehicles that end up here."

He connects the stolen vehicle trade with organized crime and drugs. But he can't answer who exactly is bringing the stolen vehicles here. He says there is a contingent of organized crime on Six Nations, but he wouldn't say if Six Nations people are directly involved in organized crime.

"I'm not going to say yes or no. There's organized crime everywhere. What we're trying to do is curb any of that activity that's going on in our community."

Last year, 594 stolen vehicles ended up on Six Nations, according to statistics on the Six Nations police Web site. So

far this year, 330 stolen vehicles have been recovered on the reserve.

Anderson says car theft is one of the most common crimes that Six Nations police respond to on a daily basis.

"We recover vehicles usually on a daily basis," he said. "It's one of our higher-end calls that we have."

The top three vehicles recovered on Six Nations, by make and model, are: Chevrolet Silverado; GMC Sierra; and Cadillac Escalade.

To curb the problem, Six Nations Police is involved in a joint task force with area police services, termed Project Shutdown.

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I would like to thank the Dreamcatcher Fund for their help and support on my trip to Albuquerque, New Mexico for the Gathering of Nations Pow Wow.

Miss Six Nations, Loreli Isaacs.

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Miss Six Nations, Loreli Isaacs would like to take this opportunity to thank all the Six Nations community for their help and support on her trip to Albuquerque, New Mexico. It was a great experience and one I will cherish.

Nyaweh.

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I would like to thank the Dreamcatcher Fund for their generous funding of a computer for my son, he will benefit greatly from this. Thank you, Bonnie.

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The family of Bonny Martin would like to sincerely thank everyone who supported us during this difficult time. Hugs to our moms for your love and support - Maggie, Robbie, Melanie and Laurie. Special thanks to Shagoweheh, Bud, Robin Fraser, Sharon & Lisa Loft and Carolyn General for going above and beyond to do whatever was needed without hesitation. To our Aunts - Darlene, Valerie, June and our cousins; much love for your care, compassion and food donations. Ashlee, we are truly thankful and appreciative of all you did in our time of need.

Niawen to Blanche for making dad's clothes and to Shagoweheh, Ruth and Ashlee for dressing dad. Also to Myran for the unique casket, dad would have appreciated the fine craftsmanship. Niawen kowa to the speakers Brian Maracle, Frank Miller and Jeremy Green and to the wake singers Jordon, Arnold, Margaret, Jaycee, Eiwaihe, Pauline, Randy Jr, Ron, Quentin, Dallas, Elan, Ed, Beeb, Sean, Toni & Mike.

A special thank you to Robin, Melanie, Jonathon, Val, Ashlee, Alison and Audrey for the home cooking and meal preparation. Thank you to Matt Sault, Keith General and Public Works for the services in kind. To everyone who

stopped by, gave hugs, brought food and sent flowers, messages and monetary donations, thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

Thank you to Bill Lofthouse for your professionalism and guidance throughout. Our community is lucky to have Ron Thomas Jr as a paramedic; Ron your professionalism, care, compassion and down to earth nature is a definite asset here. Thank you for treating your job not just as a profession but your passion. We just wanted you to know that we appreciate the work you do.

To the pallbearers - his nephews Roger, Jody, Mikey and Delmor Jr, his grandson Steven, his cousin Wit and his friend Jeff; thank you for honoring our dad and carrying him to his final resting place.

Thank you to the staff of the Critical Care Unit at Hamilton General.

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YARD SALE

Four family yard sale. 528 Second Line. Monday August, 6. Lots of stuff. 9:00 am to 2:00 pm.

YARD SALE

Multi family yard sale / Bake sale 1130 First Line (Between Mohawk and Seneca) Saturday August, 4th. 9:00 am to 4:00

BUCK N'DOE

Let's celebrate! Buck and Doe for Krissy Doxtator and Jesse James Green on Saturday August 4, 2012 at 1213 Fifth Line 9:00 - ? Gates open at 8:30. Advanced tickets available. \$10.00 Single \$15.00 Couple. \$15.00 Per person at the gate.

READINGS

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LOST

Lost rough Collie (Lassie type dog) a mixed coat of brown and beige, half up to neck with a white collar of hair around neck, a long slender nose. Went missing on July 23 from our farm, missed by his seeni cats. Mainly blind. Went missing from Fourth line and Oneida area. Dearly missed. Reward offered 905-765-4188.

LOST

Lost family dog, answers to Peaches. Beige and black face. 10 - 12 lbs. Lost between Fifth Line and Sixth Line, Cayuga road July 26, 2012. Call 905-973-9007



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 Closing Date: Thursday, August 9, 2012 @ 12:00 Noon

Qualifications:
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 College Diploma in field of Business or Finance and 5 years of related experience; OR 8 years
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For details on the position please contact the MNCFN Administration Building
 (Ph: 905.768.1133; Fax: 905.768.1225) for a detailed job description.

Only those candidates successful in the Selection & Hiring Process will be contacted.

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YOU ARE INVITED to join the Board of Governors and staff of the Woodland Cultural Centre at the opening reception for **Greg Staats: A Retrospective**

YOU ARE ALSO INVITED TO ATTEND THE FOLLOWING:
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Maintenance Worker	Community Living Six Nations	TBD	Aug. 3, 2012
Home and Community Care Coordinator/ Home and Community Care Supervisor	Mississauga of the New Credit First Nation	TBD	Aug. 9, 2012
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Six Nations Council ~ Human Resources Department

Request for Proposal re:

Job Analysis & Description Review & Review of Compensation Factors

The Six Nations Council's Human Resource Department is requesting proposals from qualified individuals to submit tenders regarding the Job Description Review and Compensation Review. The successful candidate will provide information in line with the Request for Proposal.

Interested applicants are encouraged to obtain the Request for Proposal Information Package. These packages can be picked up at the Six Nations Council Human Resources Department or are available online at www.sixnations.ca.

All inquiries should be directed to the Human Resources Department by calling (519) 445-2223 or e-mailing to hazeljohnson@sixnations.ca.

The deadline for receipt of your proposal is Friday August 24, 2012 with a project start date of September 17, 2012.

Inspection

Inspection of Approved Aerial Herbicide Spraying French Severn Forest

The Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) invites you to inspect the MNR-approved aerial herbicide spray project. As part of our ongoing efforts to regenerate and protect Ontario's forests, selected stands on the **French Severn Forest** (see map) will be sprayed with herbicide to control competing vegetation, starting on or about **September 4, 2012**. The herbicide Garlon XRT PCP registration #28295 and VisionMax PCP #27736 will be used.

The approved project description and plan for the aerial herbicide project is available for public inspection at the Westwind Forest Stewardship Inc. office (address below) and on the MNR public website at ontario.ca/forestplans beginning **May 31, 2012** until **March 31, 2013** when the annual work schedule expires. Ontario Government Information Centres at 207 Main Street West, Huntsville and 7 Bay Street, Parry Sound provide access to the Internet.

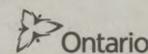
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For more information, please contact:

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE #5 Highway 7&8 Transportation Corridor Planning and Class EA Study G.W.P. 13-00-00

STUDY OVERVIEW

The Ministry of Transportation (MTO) is undertaking the Highway 7&8 Transportation Corridor Planning and Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) Study, from Greater Stratford to the New Hamburg Area. The purpose of the study is to identify and address the long-term transportation needs for the Analysis Area and prepare a preliminary design for the provincial roadway components of the recommended plan.

PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE #5

The public is invited to attend Public Information Centre (PIC) #5 to review and comment on the preliminary design alternatives, including preliminary roadway cross sections and crossing road treatments, and the evaluation process to be used to determine a preferred preliminary design for the entire study area from Greater Stratford to the New Hamburg area.

In response to municipal stakeholder input, the Study Team will be examining in greater detail the route alternative that uses existing Highway 7&8 west of Shakespeare via a north by-pass of Shakespeare, and a segment of Road 110 as the linkage from existing Highway 7&8 to Lorne Avenue. To accomplish this, preliminary design alternatives for the north by-pass route have been generated and will be collectively evaluated with preliminary design alternatives for the previously selected south by-pass route, at the same level of detail. Both routes are illustrated below.



The PIC is offered on three dates:

Wednesday, July 25, 2012
Shakespeare & District Optimist Hall
3976 Galt Street, Shakespeare
5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Thursday, July 26, 2012
Stratford Rotary Complex Community Hall B
353 McCarthy Road, Stratford
5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Wednesday, August 15, 2012
Wilmot Recreation Complex
1291 Nafziger Road, Baden
5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Drop-in style open house format.
Brief presentations at 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.
The same information will be presented at each PIC.

Information to be presented at this PIC will be on the study website, at local municipal offices and at local libraries beginning on **July 25, 2012**. Comments may be submitted at the PIC or via the study website at www.7and8corridorstudy.ca.

PROCESS

The study is following the *Class Environmental Assessment (EA) for Provincial Transportation Facilities* (2000) process for a Group 'A' project. External agency and public consultation will take place throughout the study. To date, seven rounds of PICs have been held.

Upon completion of the study, a Transportation Environmental Study Report (TESR) will be prepared and made available for public review. A Notice will be published at that time to explain the review process and identify the locations where the TESR is available for the 30-day public review period.

COMMENTS

Your comments on the information presented at PIC #5 are requested by **September 28, 2012** so they can be considered in the selection of a preferred preliminary design.

To obtain additional information, provide comments or to be placed on the study mailing list, please contact:

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