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Mayor wants to talk about development with Confederacy

By Lynda Powless
Editor

Brantford city Mayor Chris Friel tried to bring an olive branch to Confederacy Council Saturday saying he wanted to meet with the chiefs to find a new way to move the city and Six Nations forward in development.

But he stopped short of agreeing to drop the \$10 million dollar injunction the city has against the Confederacy, Six Nations people and individuals in the community. Instead Friel said he wanted to find "a new way of working together and moving forward."

Friel has already begun similar talks with the elected band council.

Those talks resulted in a consultation and accommodation proposed agreement being quashed when Six Nations community members learned the agreement was born in secret and was being signed without community input.

Band council was confronted firstly by the local Men's Fire and by community when Mayor Friel attempted to hold a

communication session at the local community hall.

About 150 angry people turned out to a band council community meeting telling the band council it had to meet with the Confederacy. In homespun style Friel told the Chiefs he wanted to get down to the basics in talks.

And for him, he said that means "it's all about putting food on the table." Friel said he wanted to see development "we can all agree on."

He said he has studied Six Nations history and Six Nations will find him "sympathetic" to their cause.

He said education between the two communities is needed with city residents unaware of Six Nations history. He said he is aware, like other cities, there is racism in Brantford.

But he said with the help of area municipalities Six Nations could approach the land rights talks with added clout. He accused the federal government of trying to divide the Haudenosaunee and cause dissension between neighbours.

Seneca sub-chief Butch Thomas reminded Friel Brantford sits on Six Nations land. Friel told him he was aware the land belongs to the "Haldimand Proclamation." But Friel said he was not there to discuss who owns the land, but how it is used and developed.

Seneca Sub-chief Butch Thomas told Friel he was developing Six Nations lands, without Six Nations permission. "You have a dim view on consultation and accommodation," he said telling Friel development on Six Na-



Brantford Mayor Chris Friel, Haldimand Mayor Ken Hewitt and Brantford city councillor Jan Vanderstelt outside the longhouse Saturday. (Photo by Lynda Powless)

tions lands without their permission needs to stop. Friel told the chiefs he would like them to consider engaging in discussions on how to use the land and "to find ways to live together as neighbours."

Mohawk Chief Allen MacNaughton told the meeting the negotiation team needs to talk to "to the people on the ground. We have not been talking to municipalities."

"No matter how small the gain is, it helps us."

He said the talks have been stalemated with both the federal government and Ontario refusing to move forward. "The federal negotiator tells us Canada has no land to give. Ontario tells us they stand by their land registry system even though we all know it's just a case of Ontario doesn't want to open up its registry to see how it obtained the land through theft and embezzlement."

He said when Six Nations people draw attention to that fact, "you want to

throw them in jail." He said the federal negotiator makes speeches up and down the Haldimand Tract telling developers to keep going. This is a stalling tactic and we know that."

He said it has disillusioned some Six Nations people who want the talks to come to an end.

"But we cannot end these talks," he said. "It is up to Canada to walk away, not the Haudenosaunee."

New York State to collect taxes

Onondaga Nation plans to stop selling name-brand cigarettes

SYRACUSE NY- The Onondaga Nation will likely stop selling national brands of cigarettes after a federal appeals court decision Monday, the tribe's lawyer said.

The court ruled that New York could collect taxes on cigarettes sold on Indian reservations. The tax would be paid by wholesalers, who would collect the money from the tribes.

"It's clearly not going to work for the Onondaga to sell major brands," said attorney Joe Heath. "We'll sell out what we have and what we can get, and then we'll sell native brands. People have been very accepting of Seneca and other native brands."

The Oneida Indian Nation said Monday it, too, would

sell only native brands. The Oneidas have their own manufacturing plant in Oneida, and said they will make and sell only their own brands. The Seneca Nation of Indians, the largest tribal cigarette seller, said it would continue to fight against the state's tax collection.

Gov. Cuomo's office said the state will immediately start collecting cigarette taxes on cigarettes bound for sale at Indian reservations.

A federal appeals court ruled Monday Indian tribes can't halt NY state's efforts to collect taxes on cigarettes sold by tribes. The three-judge panel ruled unanimously that the tribes have not proven that the

state's regulations put into place last summer would violate tribal sovereignty.

The Seneca Nation said "We will continue fighting against this overreaching action by the State to protect our treaty rights, tobacco commerce and all the jobs it supports," said a statement from Seneca President Robert Odawi Porter. A federal judge in Utica had issued an injunction last fall preventing the state from collecting the taxes, while a judge in Western New York refused to issue injunctions. The appeals court upheld the Western New York judge and rejected the Utica judge's decision.

The cases are now sent back to district court for more arguments.

Woman stabbed in arm in fight

A 24-year-old Six Nations woman has been charged with Assault with a Weapon after another woman was stabbed in the

arm. Police received a report of the stabbing Sunday (May 8) morning. Police said two women had

been involved in a physical altercation at a residence on Second Line Road when a 22-year-old woman said she was stabbed in the arm

by the other woman. Charged was Kelli Lynn Clause of Ohsweken. She is also facing a Fail to Comply with the Condi-

tions of Recognition. She was held in custody for a bail hearing.

Six Nations could lose 26 children under draft Ontario adoption changes

By Stephanie Dearing
Writer

Ontario is pushing draft adoption legislation that could not only see Six Nations lose 26 children, but the province has failed to consult with First Nation communities on the changes.

Ontario's Ministry of Children and Youth Services proposed legislation to amend the Child Welfare Act is proposing a key change that would make it easier for people to adopt Crown Wards by eliminating access orders.

Under the current law, when a Crown Ward has an access order allowing the family to have contact with the child, the province cannot try to find an adoptive home for the child.

If passed, at least 26 Six Nations children could be adopted-out to other families, something the Six Nations Director of Social Services found "worrisome."

Arliss Skye told the elected council's new Human Services Committee that Bill 179, Building Families and Supporting Youth to be Successful Act, 2011 was a "cost saving" measure.

Skye explained to the committee the province pays a per diem rate to those who care for Wards. "The province wants children to be adopted out to relieve that cost to them. Once a child is eligible for adoption through Crown Wardship, the access will be automatically terminated. We want, as a community, continued contact with children in care."

Skye spoke about her attendance at a child welfare summit held in Fort William recently. "What I learned in Fort William is the use of customary care (placing Aboriginal children into Aboriginal foster care) will be an additional process that will provide for ... Six Nations children. But that would come without the monetary support."

Skye recommended that Six Nations elected council review the proposed legislation

and its impacts on Six Nations children being placed for adoption.

"On the territory here we have 21 Crown Wards with access and 5 Wards without access ... We're working on finding the numbers of all Six Nations that we have," Skye told the committee.

The bill was introduced to the Ontario legislature on April 13 and has already passed its second reading, needing only one more reading approved to become law.

The bill is now at the province's Standing Committee on Social Policy for review. That committee is holding a public hearing for the legislation on May 10.

District Four councillor Helen Miller was disturbed by Skye's report. "So we have 26 kids that will be adopted out to save the province money? That's terrible!" SAO Dayle Bomberry asked if there was still an opportunity to lobby against the legislation, and Skye assured him there was.

Skye said there are differences between legislation and following policies, rules and regulations. The concern for Six Nations, she said, is the legislation is not based on our community standards.

Ontario raised its per diem rates for care-givers in 2006, to a basic minimum payment of \$25.71 per day. Foster care providers receive additional monies for clothing, special allowances and special needs. Once a child is adopted, the adoptive parents take over all expenses.

While the legislation took Six Nations by surprise, spokesperson for the Ministry of Children and Youth Services Anne Machowski-Smith stated in an email the Ministry had consulted with First Nation communities.

"The Ministry of Children and Youth Services and the Commission to Promote Sustainable Child Welfare have been in communication with Aboriginal communities for months on reforms to our

child welfare system. The input gathered during these conversations directly informed the new legislation and package of reforms recently introduced."

However no First Nation communities were engaged. Instead the Ontario Association of Children's Aid Societies was engaged, the association of Native Child and Family Service Agencies of Ontario (ANCFSAO), CAS representatives, lawyers and judges advice was sought.

She said in the ANCFSAO, representing four of the six designated Aboriginal CAS's and seven Aboriginal child and family service agencies seeking designation as CAS's, was invited to discuss about the proposed changes to legislation and was represented in those discussions by one member, Native Child and Family Services of Toronto. These children's aid societies provide service to 63 First Nations, she said. But no First Nations were directly involved.

Not everyone agreed Six Nations could lose children currently in care. Six Nations' Welfare Department manager, Sharon Martin, said there was no proof the children could be lost. "Who's to say that these adoptions wouldn't occur within our band? Is that not possible? Are we jumping to an assumption that they're going to be adopted outside of our community to non-native families?" Skye said the customary care policy was intended to en-

sure that "when Six Nations children are adopted out, they are adopted by Six Nations families."

Councillor Melba Thomas told the meeting Ontario's required home study often rules out Six Nations homes for the children in the care of CAS. "That's always been a problem ... and that's why a lot of our children cannot be placed here," she said.

"The Child and Family Services Act and the CAS's rules and regulations are all based on the white society," said councillor Miller.

"They're not based on First Nations society. We had no input into developing those things, so we need, and what I told council recently, is, we need to start developing our own criteria for foster homes and our own criteria for how things are going to be based on our society. That's what we have to start fighting for, making those changes, until we can sit down and write our own Family and Children's Services law."

Six Nations Elected Chief Bill Montour, was unimpressed by Bill 179. "I think it's a bunch of crap," he said in a telephone interview. "To put it bluntly, I think this person who is trying to do this is one of these people that I used to call "do-gooders." It appears to me that their social conscience is working overtime, and they want to give these poor 'ethnic' children a chance. But it's been my experience that First Nation children, when they are put into foster homes, are

struggling to find their way back at a later time in their lives."

Ontario's Machowski-Smith wrote in her email, "We know that it is critically important for aboriginal children and youth to remain connected to their communities, cultures and traditions and that adoption may not be consistent with these goals. That is why, as part of the package of recently announced reforms, we are working with CAS's and First Nations to encourage more frequent use of customary care arrangements."

But Montour said the system doesn't work now. He knows Six Nations children who were adopted out, and said they come back seeking information about their families.

"Indian Affairs has a locked file and even the person (adopted) can't access their own file," he said. "It's a disservice to that individual. I think everybody should be able to identify with their birth group and they should be able to access that information if they do, by chance, after being adopted out at a very young age, to be able to find their way back home."

Montour said the new leg-

islation would mean more Six Nations children would be taken away from their community.

He said, "A lot of times, in my experience too, the older children are damaged to the point where they rebel against everything because they have been abused because of the system."

There are "about 9,000" Crown Wards in Ontario at present. At least 1,143, or 22 percent of those children are Aboriginal, Métis or Inuit.

The Ministry of Children and Youth Services says 75% of the Wards "have legally binding court orders preventing them from being adopted."

The new legislation will allow the province to strike down any existing access orders and find the child an adoptive home. The Ministry says the bill is meant to give children in care a better shot at life through being adopted into a "forever family." The legislation also allows child welfare organizations to provide extended care to youths past the age of 18. If passed, Wards will not have to declare any financial support from Cas's to the Ontario Student Loans Program (OSAP).

Elected Chief Montour wants three governing houses here

By Lynda Powless
Editor

Six Nations Elected Chief Bill Montour wants to reform governance in the community and told Confederacy council he wants to create three houses of governance.

Making a presentation to the council "as an individual," he said he wanted to see a traditional house, an elected house and an adjudicative house that would settle people's grievances.

Montour did not ask the Confederacy to begin meeting again with the band council.

Nor did Montour raise the issue of the two bodies working together to restart negotiations.



Onondaga Chief - Pete Sky and Elected Chief Bill Montour wait for council session to start. (Photos by Lynda Powless)

plain how he saw future governance. He told the Confederacy it costs \$88 million to operate programs here. "Three years ago I was asked to come out from under the Indian Act but I have to do that in a stepped process. If we don't it will create a vacuum the federal government will fill with something else," he said. He said his proposal would

see a "government of the people, for the people by the people, like the American government but where did they get that from." He said he wanted to see the traditional house, with the "Great Binding Law" and the clan system fixed. He said without that "we will see legislative assimilation by the end of the century. There will be no Indians."

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Two charged in auto theft

Two men are facing charges after a 2000 blue, GMC Yukon had been stolen from the Halton area and spotted

travelling west on First Line May 3rd. Police located the stolen vehicle at Hill's Tire on First Line Road. A man

was arrested inside a smoke shop there. Jonathan Rudy Olson, 25, is charged with Possession of Stolen Prop-

erty and Dangerous Driving. Thomas Ray Worme also known as Thomas Powless, 21, of Ohsweken was

charged with Possession of Stolen Property. The two were held in custody for a formal bail hearing.

INAC own bureaucracy preventing hiring of school superintendent here

By Stephanie Dearing
Writer

Six Nations has been without a federal superintendent of schools for almost three years.

The position came to an end two and a half years ago when the superintendent retired.

But INAC Education Regional Manager says the problem is INAC's own red tape.

Promising better communication in the future, INAC's Education Regional Manager gave the Six Nations Human Services Committee an insight into the state of the territory's elementary school system.

Kris Hill told the committee that government red tape, complicated by a human resources audit meant the position had not been filled after the previous superintendent

retired from the job two and a half years ago. Telling the committee she thought the superintendent would be selected "in the next few weeks," Hill couldn't say when the hire would be announced. She blamed government red tape for the vacancy saying, "We're very mindful of the processes that we're under. We're being diligent to follow processes."

The Superintendent is responsible for overseeing six Aboriginal schools in Ontario; ensuring curriculum is followed as well as providing supervision of the principals. Five of the schools are located on Six Nations of the Grand; the other is at Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte.

Hill said she wanted guidance from elected council about what information they wanted from her department, saying she hoped to make a

formal report to council in June. She touched on the communication breakdown between her department and elected councils saying, "Our sharing hasn't been as good as it could have been in the past. I'm looking at changing that."

Members of the Human Services Committee took advantage of Hill's presence to raise concerns, and visitors to the meeting learned that teacher absenteeism; INAC funding; and the hiring of Aboriginal teachers were all issues. The EQAO results for 2009-2010 are also overdue, but Hill promised to present the test results to council when she made her formal report.

District Two councillor Ava Hill raised a concern about non-native teachers being hired. Kris Hill responded, saying her department had

developed a pool of candidates. She added, "We don't discriminate that way. Yes we look for individuals from the community but we also have the list that we're working off of in terms of ... people that are actually already working in the school on supply positions."

"I thought the government had a policy that preference was to be given to Aboriginal candidates," Councillor Hill asserted. Kris Hill answered, "Yes we do. If you look at the numbers in terms of that, we're over 80 percent, just over 80 percent... We do have processes in place and we have to follow the process. Again, it's an HR process because of the audit that we're currently under; the HR processes are under huge scrutiny."

District Four councillor Helen Miller touched on teacher absenteeism. "I have a major concern with supply teachers. My grandchildren go to school and three quarters of the year they have a supply teacher," Miller said. "Does INAC have rules around how many days off that teachers can take?" Miller said she thought there was a correlation between the use of supply teachers and poor student performance on EQAO tests.

"Our teachers are covered under a collective agreement," Kris Hill explained. "They are allowed to accumulate sick days." The problem was finding time to train staff in new procedures, Hill said, citing the example of the new report card. "We're only allowed six PD days a year. So if we need to do additional training with staff that means ... we have to relieve staff."

She attempted to alleviate Miller's concerns, saying supply teachers were expected to teach the lesson plans the teachers have mapped out in their day books.

Councillor Ava Hill wanted elected council to prepare for taking over education from INAC. "We need some kind of plan. We know the whole bottom line is always going to be money and now it's probably going to get worse."

Kris Hill agreed with the councillor. "Our region is cash-strapped ... it's not getting better." Hill described her job as making "sure that we're protecting what we have here." She invited Six Nations elected council to attend her department's meetings, something she stressed as being "very, very important ... just to have that bigger picture overview."

Looking back workshops looks at traditional medicine practices

By Stephanie Dearing
Writer

Modern medicine is an industry designed to "support sickness," Gail Whitlow told an audience of some 30 people gathered at the Six Nations Tourism building. Whitlow was presenting a morning-long workshop on traditional medicine. The April 28 workshop was the fourth of twelve workshops planned for 2011. The animated woman stressed to the audience, "We have responsibility for our health."

Whitlow said traditional medicines work to keep people in balance mentally, physically and spiritually. She maintained it is in the interests of giant pharma-

ceutical corporations to "keep us sick." Describing modern medicine as "a factory for ill health," Whitlow walked the workshop participants through the healing properties of plants. Some traditional healing knowledge has already been co-opted by the western medical system, she said, pointing to the example of aspirin, a medicine that is based on the head-ache fighting properties of the willow tree.

"We used to have a relationship with food," Whitlow said, noting there are barriers between people and plants that did not exist in pre-industry times. Traditionally, the Haudenosaunee

had a connection with plants through medicine ceremonies.

The healer, was full of tips for the participants. "If you have a headache," she said, "sit under a white pine. Connect with the tree and ask it for help and the tree will take the headache away." Whitlow is a strong advocate for connecting with nature, saying even things people perceive as "bad," such as mosquitoes, fill a purpose. "Those mosquitoes feed the birds," she pointed out.

Whitlow also warned that pharmaceutical companies are working to patent plants, and she thought this could spell out the eradication of



Gail Whitlow helpful plants, such as Plantain. "This grows everywhere and it can be used for everything," Whitlow said. The plant can even help fight cancer, she instructed. Whitlow, who spent "2,100 hours" studying biochemistry, botany and other courses as Mohawk College told the participants that she had started out by learning Reflexology, which she

claims originated "from our own healers."

Whitlow said that every toxic plant has its antidote growing within a ten foot area, citing the example of Poison Ivy and its antidote, Jewelweed. Every plant part has a different chemical quality, which depends on the time of year. A plant that can provide strong medicine in the spring can be toxic in the summer, she said, so it is important that people trying to learn about natural medicines learn about what they are doing. Plant identification is the first most important thing a person can learn, because some plants can look similar to each other - but can have wildly

different effects.

Respect is a key ingredient in natural medicines - respect for nature and the environment; respect for the plants; and respect for the future. Whitlow cautioned the audience that corporate pharmaceutical companies do not operate that way, suggesting "people are being used as guinea pigs." That respect extends to seasonality. "We use strawberries to cleanse our bodies," Whitlow said, "but we didn't eat them every day. We didn't eat meat every day either, there was only a certain time for hunting different animals." The Looking Back workshops are held the last Thursday of every month.

Vandal hits Veteran's Hall

Six Nations police were called to the Veteran's Hall on Chiefswood Road early Monday (May 9) morning at about 4:30 a.m.

when an alarm at the hall went off. Police found a door on the north side of the building open

and a window had been broken. Police said it appears a lone culprit left the building through the open door and headed east.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Six Nations Police at 519-445-2811 or CrimeStoppers.

Six Nations celebrate's Mother's Day ... spa style

By Stephanie Dearing
Writer

The children who attend the Stoneridge Children's Centre put on a Mother's Day Spa

for their mothers and grandmothers. The children treated their mothers to make-up, hair and foot care, although applying nail polish

was by far the most popular activity for the pre-school aged children.

Teacher Debbie Henry said Stoneridge works on organizing a different Mother's Day treat each year. Last year, the staff and their charges put on a brunch for mothers. Fathers are not ignored either. The 64 children who attend Stoneridge helped prepare for the event, which ran on May 6 for two hours, by baking cookies. Each classroom made a batch of cookies, and Stoneridge provided cakes baked by teachers as well as fresh fruit.

Door prizes were to be given away, and every mom left with a carnation flower and candle. Six Nations businesses that supported the



Moms Karen, Alicia and Jill (left to right) get pedicures from their children: James, Ashley, KK, Brooklyn and Kali. (Photos by Stephanie Dearing)

event were Soul Essentials, Dawn Williams, along with StyleX, Lennie's Flowers. Jen and Janey Porter also supported the Mother's Day Spa.

OMSK Kids reach out to Japanese raises funds to help rebuild

By Stephanie Dearing
Writer

Oliver M. Smith Kawenni Public School students raised \$3,809.64 for the Japanese disaster relief effort.

On May 2, teachers Shelly Chambers and Kelly Temple presented a mock cheque representing the \$3,809.64

quake and tsunami to the children.

Of all the "several dozen" schools in the Haldimand-Norfolk/Brantford area that dove into helping Japan, Oliver M. Smith is "the first elementary school," Kawasaki noted.

He began his presentation

meant to withstand big quakes.

On March 11, it wasn't so much the 9.0 earthquake that caused so much devastation for nearly half the country, he said, but was the following tsunami, which caused an estimated \$300 billion dollars worth of dam-

age. He showed a picture of the 80 year old grandmother Sumi Abe, rescued nine days after the event. She was found in a basement with her 16 year old grandson, both still alive.

"This is very important to me," Kawasaki said, "because one of my best friends in Hamilton, this is her grandmother. They couldn't make contact with her because there was no communication and they were so worried. Then this picture came across the airwaves. You can imagine the sigh of relief and how happy my friends were to learn their grandmother was alive."

It wasn't just people who were rescued, Kawasaki said, but dogs too, showing a photograph of a dog being rescued. Kawasaki told The Turtle Is-

land News, "There were over 275,000 houses destroyed, but the government is only able to give home owners \$4,000 in compensation." He said the money raised would go the Japanese Red Cross through the Canadian Red Cross, and a portion of the money would go towards building 71,000 temporary houses.

Fundraising helps to support those who are without homes, he said.

He told the children "hopefully the rest of the world would feel the same compassion and make the same effort as you have done, that this school has done and community has done to help those who have been devastated with such a disaster."



OMSK teachers, Shelley Chambers and Kelly Temple present a cheque to Mitchell Kawasaki. (Photo by Stephanie Dearing)

raised by OMSK to Mitchell Akira Kawasaki, President of the Canadian Japanese Cultural Centre. Meeting in the school's gym, Kawasaki came from Hamilton to give a presentation on the earth-

quake and tsunami to the children. He told them earthquakes are a normal occurrence in Japan, with one occurring about every six minutes. The island nation has built homes and business buildings

by thanking the children. The tsunami travelled faster and farther than anyone expected. With speeds of "600 kilometers per hour - the same speed a jet airplane flies at," Kawasaki said, "When

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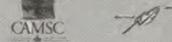
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Unity needed, but elusive

Six Nations Confederacy Council found itself face to face with two of the community's immediate neighbours, Brantford and Haldimand.

These two urban communities more than any other felt the heat of the Six Nations Reclamation and face the daily pressure of knowing the city and town they oversee both sit on stolen land.

Brantford Mayor Chris Friel who says he is sympathetic to the Six Nations cause finally made his way to Confederacy council after months of meetings with the Six Nations Band Council on a consultation and accommodation agreement that bit the dust when members of both communities realized they had negotiated the document in secret, and neither Friel nor Elected Chief Bill Montour felt it necessary during their planning stage to involve the Confederacy? But Saturday both Friel and Montour showed up at Confederacy. Friel, because he finally gets it that he needs to talk to them and Montour because he is still trying to find a way to skirt around the reality that the Confederacy is Six Nations, and that needs to be rebuilt, not a new style of governance that will include three houses, instead of two.

Saturday's Confederacy Council meeting couldn't have gotten anymore absurd but it did when we learned some members of the Chief's negotiating team want to call it quits but they don't want to just walk away from the talks they want to take everyone with them. Mohawk Chief Allen MacNaughton suggested a new way forward with talks that could include a plan to change people involved in the talks, meetings with the band council and holding of a community meeting. Onondaga Chief Pete Skye wasn't interested in anything that had to do with the band council and other chiefs simply sat silent.

After five years community members will without question not be happy with the comedy of errors that appears to be developing from the Confederacy's internal fights to the idea of a three house governance plan, not too mention Montour missed an ideal opportunity to ask the Confederacy to meet with the band council and the band council still has not realized its move to try to go it alone on land talks just isn't working and it needs to find its way back to a joint table.

Before the Confederacy council makes any decision to start meeting with municipal leaders, and before the band council jumps back on its neighbourly tour, they need to resolve their differences or find a way to work together. It now is becoming clear it is individuals who will not open their minds or hearts to moving this community forward who are at the root of the chaos. Chief MacNaughton is right when he says its time to look at a new path.

That may mean with people willing to work together. That is the only way Six Nations wins.

COMMENTARY



Aboriginal teens missing in Thunder Bay

THUNDER BAY-Grade 9 student Jordan Wabasse vanished Feb. 7 after getting off a city bus, just a block from his boarding house but hundreds of kilometres from home. "We have no idea what happened," says Derek Jacob, who does not believe his son has run away.

Wabasse, 15, is one of seven native teens to have disappeared from the Thunder Bay area since 2000. All had come from remote northern reserves to attend high school because there was no suitable school for them back home.

A provincial coroner's inquest into the October 2007 drowning of 15-year-old Reggie Bushie, which was scheduled for June 2009, has been delayed indefinitely because of legal arguments.

The inquest into his death and the four students who died before him was also to have looked at the effects of removing native children from their home to send them away to school.

"These are 14- and 15-year-olds trying to manage on their own," says Nishnawbe-Aski Nation Grand Chief Stan Beardy. "They are just kids."

In Canada, native education is a federal responsibility and funding to the schools has simply not kept up, says National Chief of the Assembly of First Nations, Shawn Atleo. Some schools are missing science labs, libraries, computers, or, there isn't a school at all and children are sent away. On average, a child going to school on a reserve is funded at \$2,000 less per year than a child going to school in a neighbouring community.

"There is a basic and fundamental

inequity here," Atleo says. "It denies our children what every other child in Canada has."

Since Bushie's death, Kyle Morrisseau, the grandson of famed Ojibway artist Norval Morrisseau was found dead in the McIntyre River floodway, Wabasse disappeared, and three of the other teens were eventually found drowned in the waters that feed into Lake Superior.

Robyn Harper died of asphyxiation in an alleged alcohol-related death. She was the only one not found in water. It is unclear of the circumstances that lead up to the deaths of most of the teens.

Six of the dead natives were students at Dennis Franklin Cromarty High School, which is administered by the Northern Nishnawbe Education Council and funded by the federal government.

Nearly 100 kids go to school here. Each has left their home in the Sioux Lookout area, hundreds of kilometres away, to board with other families.

"The kids who come to Thunder Bay do not come by choice," says principal Jonathan Kakegamic. "They come to further their education. For our people in Sioux Lookout, you need to leave."

Dennis Franklin Cromarty High School first opened in 2000 and since then, the loss of six students — Jethro Anderson, Paul Panacheese, Curran Strang, Harper, Bushie and Morrisseau — is palpable. (Wabasse attends the Matawa Learning Centre.)

"It's awful," says vice-principal Sharon Angecone. "Everyday we thought they would come back."

Teacher Greg Quachegan, who taught Curran and Panacheese, still finds it painful to stare at their desks.

When the kids come to Thunder Bay they are not used to being in a city, they are homesick with free time and often no money, he says. Students can be easy targets for native gangs. "Students get harassed for not joining," he says. "They get homesick. They miss traditional foods — wild meat. A lot don't have money."

Conscious of the loneliness, DFC teachers act as surrogate parents, says Angecone.

Native art hangs throughout the school and large murals painted by the students adorn the walls. There is an elder on site all day. She occupies a comfortable room that always has tea brewed and bannock at hand. DFC provides breakfast and lunch for the kids as many come to school hungry.

"We tell all our staff they have to be committed, they need to come for the students," she says. "We are their moms and dads. Our school work doesn't end when the bell rings." To that end, some of the staff are on call 24 hours a day in a unique after-hours program.

They patrol the streets in a van, searching popular hangouts including the river banks, after school until the wee hours of the morning looking for wayward kids.

"When you send a 14-year-old to high school — hundreds of them — logic dictates there will be accidents," says Kakegamic. Wabasse was from Webequie First Nations, a growing community 500 kilometres north of Thunder Bay.

Vehicles hit by damage

Six Nations Police are investigating reports of damage to vehicles on Sixth Line Road Tuesday.

Police reported damage to a blue Chevrolet Astro van parked at a residence on Sixth Line Road.

The owner told Police the vehicle had been parked overnight and in the morning damage to the driver's

door and ignition was discovered. A second van parked on the property that was not

plated and uninsured also had damage to the ignition.

Chiefswood trustees want want parkland flats to go natural

By Stephanie Dearing
Writer

Longstanding concerns over the use of the former Pauline Johnson lands, now the Chiefswood National Historic Site and Chiefswood Tent and Trailer Park are back.

The issues were brought back into the public arena on May 4 after Six Nations Parks and Recreation Director, Cheryl Hill asked for the advice of elected council's Human Services Committee. Missing from the meeting was representation from the Chiefswood National Historic Site.

Chairperson of the Board of Trustees, Kim Hill, said she was surprised her letter to Henhawk had been brought to the council committee. Hill was reached by telephone on Thursday. "I'm sorry she (Henhawk) took it (Hill's letter) as confrontational ... I was expecting a letter back from her saying let's have a meeting. We just wanted to ensure that consultation was taking place."

Henhawk told the committee, "I believe it (Kim Hill's letter) could probably be

handled administratively by responding to her concerns. However, I believe by doing so, it will go to council eventually because she'll be opposed to my answers to her."

Henhawk said Hill was concerned with three issues: notified by the board of trustees about park improvements; camping trailers not be located along the Grand River; the flats along the Grand River be maintained in as natural a manner as possible. Hill said Chiefswood Park is "our only publicly held park that has river access. They've got a barbed wire fence down there ... and they've got the trailers there without hookups, so there's no sanitary there. There are a number of reasons that we have concerns ... we wanted to have that (the flats) remain open to the community so they could have access to the water and for picnic grounds and for passive enjoyment, not for trailers."

Henhawk told the committee the only improvement planned for Chiefswood Park was the long over-due replacement of the 30 year old

water line.

She said technical difficulties has delayed the replacement for three years.

"Technical Services are trying to get this water line repaired and replaced and there's been problems. The tenders received have been over budget. I haven't had help to do it through Technical Services ... we did receive recent tenders last month in March, but once again they were over budget." Henhawk said the project would be reposted with the goal of replacing the water line in October.

Hill said the board was not consulted on the closure and improvement. "We recently learned the park would be closed early and they were going to be implementing some changes, some improvements to the campground. We were a little alarmed because we had been to them previously about proper consultation with the Chiefswood Board of Trustees, because it's part of the estate."

Henhawk said she also feared the trustees would require an archeological as-

essment of the area before replacing the water line, "we had to once years ago, that was down near the river when we had to do an archeological dig at our cost. The Board of Trustees demanded that would be done ... the water line is already there ... they can put a stop to it ... Hopefully they will be reasonable and will understand the need that this water line be replaced ..."

Hill was puzzled by Henhawk's reluctance to conduct an archeological assessment, saying, "There is a BCR on record requiring that any construction or disturbance of the soil within the Chiefswood estate, that there be an archeological assessment performed. I believe there was one when they started work on the new water treatment plant ... I don't know why she would oppose that when it's only protecting our heritage and our environment."

Telling the committee, "I've been with the Six Nations council for 27 years," Henhawk said, "When I was brought into the job and told about Chiefswood Park, I've

never been told that, you know, you should follow the museum's mandate."

She said she was told to operate the tent and trailer park.

It was only after District Two councillor Ava Hill said she didn't recall the previous correspondence on the issues with elected council that Henhawk revealed that she had been instructed by council in 2008 to meet with the Chiefswood Trustees to resolve the issues. Henhawk said she had tried to organize a meeting, but there were a "number of reasons" why the meeting never took place.

Hill said, "She's right, we were supposed to meet, but it was never followed up on. I guess we were kind of dismissed." She was puzzled that consultation on Six Nations is not a part of departmental procedures, remarking, "We do this with our neighbours up and down the Grand."

"Evelyn Johnson left the estate to the community," Hill said. "It certainly has been whittled away at over the years, and I think the com-

munity should have a say in that (park use). It's only right — it's a public park."

Hill said the trustees have "had concerns in the past about the placement of the trailers. We've been to council twice in the past about that, because we think it's, environmentally, not responsible. There are implications for the water, the riverbank and the natural flora and fauna around there," Hill said.

The Human Services Committee directed Henhawk to place the issue on the agenda for the May 9 meeting of the Committee of the Whole. Hill said she would attend if she received "proper notification, following protocol."

Hill maintains the tent and trailer park, established in the 1960s, was created without consultation with the Board of Trustees. The tent and trailer park is located on the same lot as the Chiefswood National Historic Site.

Henhawk had told the council committee that boundary issues were also raised in Hill's letter.

Walking to raise awareness about violence against women

By Stephanie Dearing
Writer

Three Six Nations women have undertaken a walk along Grand River to raise awareness about violence against women and consciousness about water.

While the connection might not be apparent to most people, for Patty Doxtador-Hill, Cindy Martin and Norma General, the connection is an intimate one. Martin, reached by telephone Friday, explained the link. "Women are life givers and water is a life giver as well so we're looking at the concerns of the environment... We want to protect the water and protect the women for future generations."

Doxtador-Hill said the idea

evolved into a way to connect communities, and to bring awareness of how violence impacts individuals, families and communities. "That's sort of how it started," she said when reached Friday. "Then we talked about we should look at the whole Grand River watershed, not just our community. We initially wanted to go to the source of the river, Dundalk, Ontario and doing a ceremony to honour the water from the beginning to the end, which is in Port Maitland. Somehow, it turned into a 15 day walk," she said.

The watershed is 280 kilometers. "We thought we would break it up into days." The women, along with whoever joins in on the

walk, are sticking to designated trails for safety.

The women welcome anyone who wants to walk with them. "People can walk an hour or two hours, whatever they are comfortable with," Doxtador-Hill said. "We just thought it would be a time for people to come together."

"Some days, we actually have guest speakers," Hill noted.

The journey to draw awareness started with Norma General, the grandmother of Tashina General, who was murdered two years ago. She was pregnant at the time.

"That's sort of where the issue of water came, and honouring women. That's where that started."

Doxtador-Hill said General and Martin "work in areas where they see more prevalence of violence and impacts on families."

Martin said she hoped the walk would unite "people of all cultures ... everyone can be affected (by violence), a mother, a sister, an aunt, a grandmother. Everyone has some type of abuse that affects them."

The fifteen-day-long walk launched on May 7 and continues to May 21. The Grand River Conservation Authority has donated camping sites and pavilions to the travelling conference.

The walkers will be in Six Nations of the Grand on the 16th and 17th of May. Interested people will be able to join in at Chiefswood Park.

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Team Ontario Takes Bronze

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Aboriginal Team Ontario show off their bronze medals following their 6-3 win over Manitoba. (Photo Courtesy Aboriginal Team Ontario)

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Six Nations Tim Porter and Brier Jonathan Take Home the Bronze for Aboriginal Team Ontario

By Ozman Omar
Writer

Two Six Nations teens joined their team mates as Aboriginal Team Ontario players took home the bronze medal at the 2011 National Aboriginal Hockey Championships in Saskatoon Saturday.

"It's always good having a couple of Six Nations boys on the team," said team coach Chandon Hill, who's from Six Nations himself.

The players who represented Six Nations were Tim Porter and Brier Jonathan, who was playing in his final year with the team.

"It was pretty exciting since it was my last year, and we brought home a medal," Jonathan said. Porter was selected to play goalie for ATO just a month before the tournament began.

"It was a good experience. We had three goalies and we rotated from game to game pretty well," Porter said.

He said he was happy to play in the Bronze medal game, but explained he did get a case of the butterflies.

"I was kind of nervous, because it's my first big tournament and I was trying to do my best in every play," he explained. "We had a good team though, everyone was pretty talented."

Hill reflected on Porter's performance.

"It was a very good experience for him I thought, and he played really well in the games he got in," he said. The third place finish is a big accomplishment considering they had a short bench. The team played with only 15 players on the roster, three of whom were goaltenders.

ATO completed the regulation stage of the tournament at 4th place splitting the games with a record of 2-2 heading in to the play-off stage.

They registered a well

earned victory against Alberta 6-3 in their first game of the tournament on April 26. The next game, however, they didn't see the same success as they fell short to Manitoba by that same score line.

They did redeem themselves at the next game, and in a big way as they convincingly overcame the North West Territories 9-1. For their final regulation game they were defeated by tournament hosts Saskatchewan by a score of 5-2.

British Columbia 3-2.

Hill spoke to his players' unselfishness throughout the tournament adding that was a playing factor in the outcome.

"Everybody played as a team and we didn't have one guy trying to be an individual," Hill said.

Their semi-final showdown was against team Saskatchewan who would defeat Ontario for a second time by a score of 5-2 to put a halt to their hopes of winning the tournament. Saskatchewan went on to



Tim Porter played in his first National Aboriginal Hockey Championships last month helping his team win third place (Photo by Rachel Skye)

In the first game of the knockout stage they barely managed to get passed

win it all defeating East Door & North in overtime in the championship game.



Brier Jonathan, left, and Tim Porter both from Six Nations represented Aboriginal Team Ontario in Saskatoon last month. (Photo by Rachel Skye)

The loss did not mean team Ontario had to go home empty handed.

In the final day of the tournament Ontario got in one last victory and a meaningful one, as their 6-

3 win over Manitoba got them the Bronze.

Hill expressed his satisfaction on his team's well earned medals.

"You know the players they come together

throughout the tournament, and realize they couldn't win on their own and that they had to play as a team if they were going to win anything or go anywhere."

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Styres, Hasen, Hall and Vinc Make History for Knighthawks

By Ozman Omar
Writer

The Rochester Knighthawks made history last week when the National Lacrosse League named Curt Styres General Manager of the Year and Executive of the Year, becoming the first person to earn the awards in the same season. To make things even better for the Knighthawks the league named Mike Hasen Coach of the Year, Matt Vinc goaltender of the Year, and Jordan Hall took home the Sportsmanship Award.



Curt Styres

This is the first time in NLL history that a team won that many awards at the end



Mike Hasen

of the regular season. Styres who in 2008 became the first Aboriginal in

North America to own a professional sports franchise remained humble about his awards.

"Being named GM of the year is a team effort that can create this. It goes right from the players to the goalies to the coaches so it's a joint effort to win such a title," Styres said.

In the 2010-2011 season Styres added 15 players to the team, most notably acquiring Vinc, in what has been called the biggest trade in NLL history.

"We're very happy with

Matt Vinc we've been watching him for the last six years. And we're very fortunate we got a lot of good people working for us," he said. Hasen's coach of the year selection marks the first time in league history that a rookie coach won the honour. He told the media he never expected it.

"It was quite a surprise. Who would have thought they would give it to a rookie head coach?" He said. "I enjoyed every minute of it. We didn't go where we wanted, but it was a great start for

year one."

The Knighthawks started the 16 game season with a 5-5 record and their playoffs hopes looked doubtful. However, they managed to turn it around winning five of their last six games, before falling to the Toronto Rock in a close East Division Semi Final game.

Despite the first round playoff exit, it was a good season for the Knighthawks considering they missed the playoffs last year as they finished with their best record in four seasons.

The Nationals bring field lacrosse to the hammer

By Ozman Omar
Writer

The Hamilton Nationals practiced at their new home at McMaster University's Ron Joyce stadium Saturday. The last two seasons they were known as the Toronto Nationals, playing in Toronto's Lamport stadium, before announcing the move to the Hammer in February. "It's a really exciting time for the city of Hamilton and we're excited to get to know the community and the people here," Nationals head coach Regy Thorpe told Turtle Island News.

Brodie Merrill, Sid Smith and Cody Jamieson were among the players who appeared at the weekend train-

ing session.

It's a safe bet to say the move to Hamilton is a smart

teams, the Nationals will get more exposure in Hamilton, and the city's close proxim-

here to Hamilton, we're out of the hussle and bussle of Toronto and more of a laid



Nationals coach Regy Thorpe goes through the X's and O's with his players. (Photo by Ozman Omar)

one, considering the venue is practically brand new, and is located at one of the top universities in Canada.

Unlike Toronto which is home to several pro sports

ity to lacrosse hot beds helps, Smith agreed adding that he's happier to play closer to his home at Six Nations

"It's a great move to come

back area that might attract more fans, and it's also closer to Six Nations and surrounding lacrosse communities," Smith said.

The Nationals won the



The Nationals began held their first practice of the season Saturday at McMaster University (Photo by Ozman Omar)

league championship in 2009 after a winning each of their semi final and final games by just one goal.

Like Smith, Jamieson is another player who calls Six Nations home. After a stellar season that saw him lead the National Lacrosse League in rookie scoring, he is shifting his focus to field

lacrosse.

He said being in Hamilton will bring out more support. "Hopefully we can get more fan support. We didn't really get too many fans last year so hopefully this will be more central to everybody," Jamieson said. "Obviously for me being so close to home it will mean a lot more friends coming out. You know it took me a half hour to get here today so I imagine throughout the season a lot people will come down from Six Nations."

Thorpe assumed the head coach role when the move to Hamilton was announced earlier this year. He said there are a growing number of Canadians playing lacrosse and the move will help market the Nationals. "More and more Canadians are playing it (lacrosse) in the states so we're really excited to get a fan base here. They (Nationals) were playing in Toronto the last couple of years a bigger city and think bringing it to a smaller city like Hamilton made business sense," Thorpe said.

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Build safety into your outdoor project plans always call before you dig

(NC) - With summer around the corner, you might be getting ready to tackle an outdoor project, such as building a fence, landscaping or renovating a deck. Make sure you build safety into your outdoor work plans and call before you dig.

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looking to reduce their risks." Here are a few tips from RBC Insurance to help ensure your home is protected from water damage this spring:

- Install downspout disconnections, extensions and splash pads and always have water flow away from the home to avoid leakage into basements. This is especially important during this time of the year because the ground is still frozen and may not be able to absorb additional water from heavy rainfall.

- Speak with your municipality about current rain barrel programs. Rain barrels should be installed near downspouts

to collect water from rainfalls, helping to avoid excessive water in taxed sewage systems.

- Talk to your insurer and a licensed plumber about installing a sewer backflow valve in your basement to help avoid sewage backing up into your home during heavy rainstorms.

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Knighthawks to play on the other side of the Atlantic

By Ozman Omar
Writer

Members of the Rochester Knighthawks are going to the Czech Republic for the 2011 FIL World Indoor Lacrosse Championships which will be held in the country's capital Prague.

The tournament consists of eight teams. There will be eleven Knighthawks players playing for three different teams. The Iroquois Team, Team Canada and Team USA.

The Iroquois team will consist of Knighthawks' star rookie forward Cody Jamieson who is coming off an excellent season leading all rookies with 53 points, Sid Smith, Craig point, Ron Cogan and Peter Jacobs.

Meanwhile Knighthawks playing for team Canada are Jordan

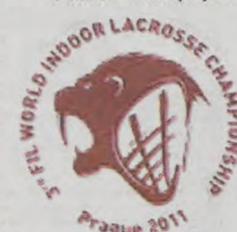
Hall, Shawn Evans and Matt Vinc who joined the Knighthawks this season in what was arguably the biggest trade in league history.

Team USA will consist of Chris Schiller and Scott Ditzell.

Knighthawks owner and GM said this means his team has high calibre athletes.

"It's very exciting. This tells us that we got world class players on our squad," Styres said.

"I think all the players



are very excited to be selected to play in something like this. You know it's always an honour to represent your country and it's always a great accomplishment for the families of those young men who are playing the sport. Right from the mothers the fathers and cousins and uncles...It's huge!"

The week long tournament will take place from May 21-28 all games played in Prague's Eden Arena.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TOURNAMENT



Students from Lloyd S King closely watch their teammates during the Larry Lewis Tournament at the Iroquois Lacrosse Arena Thursday. (Photo by Ozman Omar.)

By Ozman Omar
Writer

Elementary schools from Six Nations participated in the Larry Lewis Lacrosse Tournament at the Iroquois Lacrosse Arena last week. The games are usually held outdoors, but due to

overcast skies this year's tourney was an indoor event.

The tournament took place on three different days. Monday grade 7 and 8 students took to the floor; Emily C. General Elementary beat out three other schools to take the

championship. The primary (Grade 3) and junior (Grade 4-6) tournaments were held Thursday and Friday. Oliver M. Smith Elementary took the title for the juniors while Jamieson came out on top for the primary kids.

Hulkamania Set to Go Wild in Brantford

By Ozman Omar
Writer

Bringing back that good old school wrestling style is what Championship Wrestling International is doing come May 14 when the much anticipated arrival of Hulk Hogan is to take place at the Brantford Civic Centre.

Hogan will be joining several wrestlers at the Brawl at the Bush II.

Tatanka, Kevin Nash, Scott "Big Poppa Pump" Steiner, The Nasty Boys, Hack Saw Jim Duggan and the High-

landers are among the stars expected to appear.

That generation of wrestlers took off to superstardom in the 80s and 90s, and was responsible for evolving the sport bringing more dramatic elements to wrestling than ever before and bringing it to the mainstream.

"This is the biggest wrestling event to take place in Canada in decades perhaps ever," CWI president Nick Nitro Wyman said.

Hogan, who is widely re-

garded as the most successful professional wrestler of all time agreed to appear in March.

Wyman said he wanted to bring back wrestlers from past generations because many fans will identify with them.

"We wanted to have more of an old school brand. We've put out some market research and found that people turn to watch our program on TV over Raw (WWE) and they rather watch old school wrestling."

One of the matches to take place is Scott Steiner's CWI title defence against Kevin Nash, the rest of the fixtures are yet to be announced.

Many young wrestling fans attending the event may not remember some of the old names. Wyman said CWI is putting on the kind of show that will entertain a wide range of audience.

"I'm a 100 percent positive that we're going to cater to all audience and that's what's going to set us above everybody else."

Wyman said. "The kids will remember people like the Highlanders because they were fresher, and Big Poppa Pump is somewhat fresher, because he's been consistently on TV for quite sometime...But we're also teaching our kids how wrestling used to be and how much we enjoyed it."

The last two or three decades, fans were drawn in by the individual characters and the skilful acting demonstrated by the athletes.

"What we're trying to do is

to relieve the 80s that style of wrestling good and bad characters, not just your average Joe."

Wyman is confident his Brawl at the Bush II will not disappoint, and for good reason. Last year CWI was nominated for Best Show of the Year by the Ontario Wrestling Indy Elite for their Fall Brawl in Caledonia.

"We believe people will leave very happy and they've left very happy in the past. The response from our last shows was outstanding."

Six Nations Rebels VS. Elora and Niagara Falls

By Ozman Omar
Writer

The Six Nations Rebels had a busy Mother's Day weekend at their home floor. They came out victorious both Friday and Sunday night versus the Elora Mo-

Chris Attwood scored three of a game high seven goals and stood out as the MVP of the game. Heading into the third it was a 10-0 lead for the Rebels.

The Mohawks looked frustrated as it seemed like they

Weindner scored midway through the final period, they later got a goal from Jordan Ernst, although the Mohawks broke the shut out the goals did little to ease their frustration.

Members of the Mohawks

called for fighting. Minutes later Mohawks' Alex Gleeson and Rebels' Vaughn Harris were sent to the box for the same penalty.

Rebels captain Alex Martin said their close loss to Elora in last year's playoffs was still fresh in their minds.

"We wanted the game, you know it was revenge. They beat us out in the playoffs and we just wanted it more than them, and showed it on the floor," Martin said. "We just hustled we got our legs in the second period and put it on them."

That go get'em attitude Martin spoke of has been a major factor in the last five games, and their defence was exceptional in Friday's game, they're offence executed quiet well at the other end of the floor Sunday's game wasn't all that different when they pummeled the Niagara Thunderhawks 18-6.

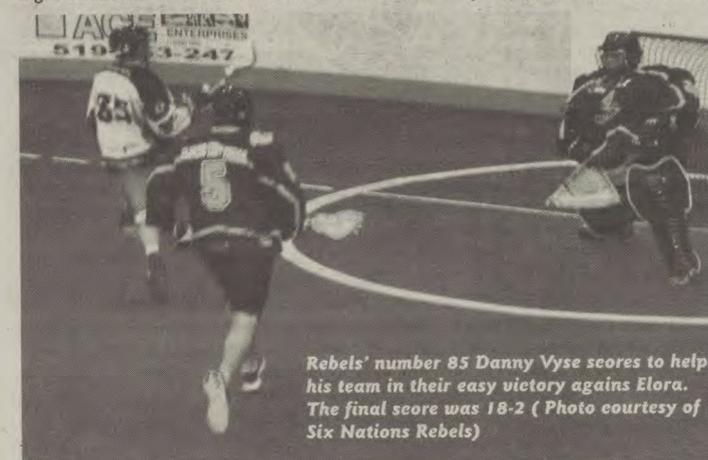
Surprisingly enough it was the Thunderhawks who

jumped out to a 2-0 lead with less than five minutes gone in the third period. The Rebels cut the lead just 17 seconds after Niagara's second goal and added two more to take a 3-2 lead at the end of the first. The first period was probably a wake up call for the Rebels, they had a slight lead going into the second and they wanted to extend it, outscoring the Thunderhawks 10-3 and went into the final frame with a 13-6

lead. The Rebels added five more goals in the third while holding Niagara to a lone goal in the 18-6 win.

Following the game Rebels head coach Ron Chatelain spoke to his team's successful weekend.

"Everything was all put together, our speed was there, our awareness, we had our feet moving, we were aggressive we put a lot of pressure on the ball and caused a lot of turnovers." Chatelain said.



Rebels' number 85 Danny Vyse scores to help his team in their easy victory against Elora. The final score was 18-2 (Photo courtesy of Six Nations Rebels)

hawks and the Niagara Thunderhawks, outscoring the opposition 36-2 at the two contests.

First up for Six Nations was Elora in Friday night's showdown. After losing a nail biting series deciding game to Elora last August the Rebels were looking for some redemption, and they did not disappoint crushing Elora 18-2.

The first period was a dominant one for the Rebels something they did throughout this young season. It was a full team effort for Six Nations; perhaps this was best demonstrated in the first period when they closed the period with five goals from five players.

Chris Attwood gave his side the lead in with under three minutes gone in the first period, and just over a minute later his teammate Tony Doxtator doubled the lead making it 2-0. Their efforts were followed by Vaughn Harris, Spencer Hill and J.Quinn Powless and they headed to the first intermission with a 5-0 lead.

In the second the Rebels rewrote what they did in the first adding another five goals while holding their opponents scoreless. Danny Vyse, Vaughn Harris and

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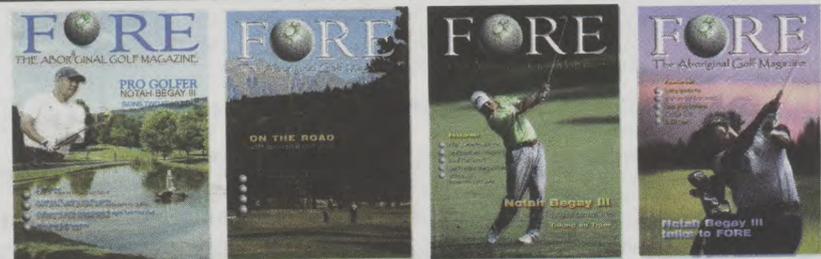
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Program Highlights

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- Available seats 25 participants
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- Placement wage subsidies available
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For more information, contact:

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The distribution of Upper and Lower Cayuga payments will be held at the Six Nations Community Hall - Sportsden from Monday, May 23 to Tuesday, May 24, 2011 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. daily.

All eligible Upper and Lower Cayuga members may receive their payments at this time and should have their status cards available.

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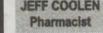
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JEFF COOLEN
Pharmacist

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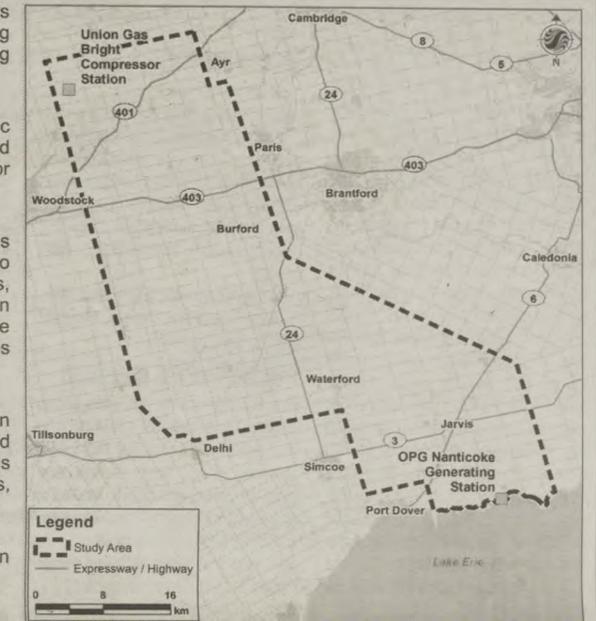
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The EA will fulfill the requirements of the Ontario Energy Board's (OEB) "Environmental Guidelines for the Location, Construction and Operation of Hydrocarbon Pipelines and Facilities in Ontario (2011)". The EA process will include consultation with various stakeholders including landowners, First Nations, the Métis Nation, government agencies and other local stakeholders. Consultation will be instrumental in various aspects of the EA including the evaluation of various pipeline route alternatives; the selection of the preferred pipeline route; and the various mitigation measures employed to minimize the effects of constructing and operating the proposed pipeline.

It is anticipated that the EA will be completed in early 2012 at which time Union Gas will file an application for the proposed pipeline to the OEB. The OEB's review and approval is required before the proposed natural gas pipeline project can proceed. If approved, and direction is received from the Provincial Government to convert the Nanticoke plant to natural gas, construction of the pipeline could begin in the spring of 2014.

Public Information Sessions are planned in mid-2011. Notices of the sessions will be placed in local newspapers.

For questions regarding the EA study process or this project, please contact Stantec Consulting Ltd. at 1855-802-6353.



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- Six Nations of the Grand River Band Member
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- Six Nations Council Appointee meeting the criteria as established by Commission policy shall serve concurrent with their term of office, two terms at a maximum
- Willingness to place his/her signature to a declaration/oath

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- Willingness to adhere to existing Commission Policies
- Able/willing to become knowledgeable of the proceedings by attending meetings in an observation capacity before taking office
- Able/willing to attend training sessions
- Ability to dialogue into a consensus/decision making process
- Attend regularly scheduled monthly evening meetings
- Must be willing to submit to an initial and an annual police background check, which includes information required on the Consent to Disclosure of Criminal Record information Form (must be original signature)
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IN MEMORY



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This year starts out with our dinner theatre at O.M. Smith school May 21, titled "Dinner with Tecumseh family and friends" and will carry over to our pageant "Tecumseh" in August. We have a volunteer sign up sheet that will be available at Turtle Island News Paper, CKRZ Radio, Six Nations Library, Six Nations tourism and Two Rivers. Interested people can also contact:

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May 14th 2011 Alexanders Market St. with The Healers, Derek Miller and Jace Martin. Raffle prizes include 3 hours recording time at Jukasa records, Gibson guitar value \$299.99, Samsung surround sound value 299.99, 1 night accommodations at Best Western Brantford including complimentary continental breakfast. Too many door prizes to mention. Doors open at 8:00 pm. Light refreshments available. \$20.00 per person.



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EVENT

Six Nations Native Pageant at Forest Theatre welcomes you to our dinner theatre
This years production will be "Dinner with Chief Tecumseh and Family and Guest". Sit and dine with Chief and family and guests listen to stories that will be shared throughout the evening. The dinner will be an introduction to this years pageant. Our 63rd pageant "Tecumseh Chief Freedom Fighter Statesman" written by George Beaver and Directed by Yvonne Beaver. **Where: O.M. Smith school gym. When: Saturday May 21, 2011.** Doors Open at 5:00 pm with Dinner at 6:00 pm. Some short acts will be performed plus entertainers T.B.A. full course dinner served at 6:00 pm. Ticket Prices \$20.00.

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SAT. MAY, 14/2011 7PM

WEEKEND OF EVENTS

Saturday, May 14/2011

9-11am Brawl At The Bush II Family Fun Brunch
- Join the Stars of CWI for a Charity Breakfast event benefitting the Princess Margaret Elementary School Playground Fund, at Club Sagittarius across from the Brantford Civic Centre.
- Admission by donation and non-perishable food item.

6:30pm- BRAWL AT THE BUSH II

11pm- BRAWL AT THE BUSH II AFTERPARTY
FEATURING BROOKE HOGAN



Friday, May 13/2011

7:30am - Stars of CWI Ted DiBiase, Virgil and President Nick Nitro Wyman appear on CHTV's CHMorning Live

1:45pm - CWI Star "The Genius" Leaping Lanny Poffo Visits Jean Vanier Elementary

2pm- 4pm - CWI star Brutus "The Barber" Beefcake meets fans at Friday the 13th in Port Dover.

5:30pm - Join CWI Champion Scott "Big Poppa Pump" Steiner and challenger Kevin Nash at the Brawl At The Bush II Weigh-In and Show & Shine in support of Miles to Go, as they meet the fans and media ahead of Saturday's battle for the belt.

- Located at Pro-fit Health Club
3771 Sixth Line Road, Six Nations
- Also featuring Native American Tatanka, Brutus "The Barber" Beefcake, X-Pac, the "Million Dollar Man" Ted DiBiase and Virgil.

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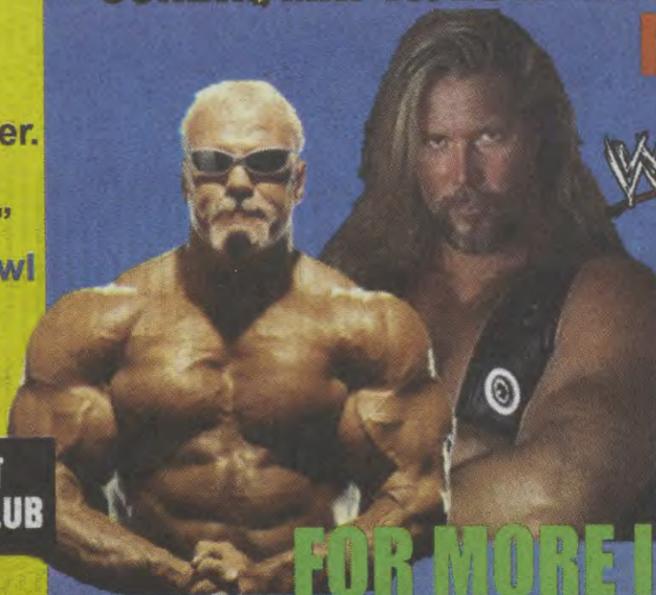
Sunday, May 15th/2011

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