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Confederacy lets "squatter" stay, tells land rights table to find solution

By Lynda Powless
Writer

The Haudenosaunee Confederacy Council has allowed Jeff Henhawk to continue living on lands he does not own for six months while they negotiate a resolution to the land grab.

Confederacy made the decision at its meeting Saturday.

Confederacy legal adviser Aaron Detlor said the decision was an attempt to resolve the issue to "everyone's satisfaction".

"My understanding of council's decision was, they indicated a six month stay on any enforcement activity that may be taken by the OPP further to any court order."

OPP media relations officer Mark Foster, said the ball is now in the

band council's court.

"It is something the elected band council will have to address... If the land ownership issues change then that means it's got to go back to the courts and have this addressed by the courts again."

As to the whether the charges will still need to be addressed: "Everything needs to go before the courts, so I wouldn't be able to answer that."

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Sixth Line Road was closed for about an hour last Thursday after a blue Honda left the road ejecting the lone occupant of the vehicle. Six Nations Police are continuing their investigation. (Photo by Jamie Lewis)

Truth and Reconciliation Commissioners off to Hawaii

By Bill Curry
Globe and Mail

Two leaders of Canada's Truth and Reconciliation Commission are off to Hawaii for a week-long conference — partly at commission expense — before returning to Canada to debate whether the residential-schools panel needs more money.

Commissioners Wilton Littlechild and Marie Wilson are among several Canadians scheduled to be in Honolulu for a week starting Thursday to address the Healing Our Spirit Worldwide

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7 years after SARS concert

Wahta Water company wins \$1.4 million in damages against Molson

TORONTO-CP- A Wahta bottling company has won \$1.4 million in damages seven years after taking Molson Sport and Entertainment to court.

The suit stemmed from the SARS-Stock concert that featured the Rolling Stones who performed in Downsview Park in 2003.

The aboriginal bottling company was left high and dry by a major sports and entertainment business and the unscrupulous actions of a Toronto impresario.

In a 3-0 decision Friday — seven years after the event that attracted

450,000 concertgoers — the Ontario Court of Appeal ordered Molson Sport and Entertainment Inc. and concert promoter Johnathan Vrozoz to pay \$1.4 million in damages to the company, Wahta Natural Spring Water of Muskoka. Sometimes described as a fixture on Toronto's entertainment scene, Vrozoz has operated such well-known venues as the Palais Royale ballroom and the Brunswick House tavern.

He was also expected to be a key witness at a corruption trial of two Toronto police officers accused of

shaking down bar owners in exchange for keeping liquor inspectors off their backs. The charges were stayed last year because of delays.

At the SARS concert, Vrozoz violated in the most "reprehensible" way the confidence the First Nations company had placed in him, justices Eileen Gillette and Harry LaForme said in Friday's decision. "It is clear that at every turn, that trust and confidence was thoroughly abused by Vrozoz for his own personal gain in ways that

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Six Nations Band Council faces community on land rights plans

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SARS Concert, court awards \$1.4 million in damages to Wahta Bottling

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were utterly dishonest and gratuitous," the court said in ordering him to pay \$765,366 plus \$50,000 in punitive damages.
The business, which operates on Mohawk territory just west of Bala, had acquired exclusive rights to sell bottled water at the concert, which was organized to boost Canada's flagging tourism industry following the outbreak of SARS.
It was a big event for the little firm, which was then just two years old and hired refrigerated trailers to transport more than three million bottles of water to the park, where they were to be sold at \$3 each.

The company, however, ended up selling just 250,000 bottles. Unknown to the people at Wahta, Molson and Vrozoz had separately entered into side deals with other vendors, who also paid for the right to sell water at the concert, including a catering company and Pizza Pizza.
More than 600,000 bottles were also given away free at the park gates after a heat alert was declared by Emergency Medical Services.
The giveaways included 350,000 bottles of Wahta water that Vrozoz sold to Molson for \$28,000, without reimbursing Wahta.
It didn't end there.
As the Stones were packing up and the public was leaving, Vro-

zos went to a Wahta trailer and took \$631,616 in cash.
"He put the money into his car and drove off," said Gillese and LaForme.
"The weight of the money was so great that apparently the rear end of Vrozoz's car was barely off the ground as he drove away."
Confronted the next day, he returned about \$100,000 in coins, but never repaid the balance, the court said.
Wahta also paid Vrozoz \$20,000 for use of a hangar to store its water and house its employees, but he never made any effort to rent the facility so the workers ended up sleeping in a field.
Friday's ruling upholds most of a trial judge's decision from 2008,

including a finding that Vrozoz's conduct amounted to fraud.
"We feel the courts were just in their decisions and we were given a fair shake as the little guy going up against the big guy," Sandra Franks, Wahta's general manager, told the Star.
Molson held all food, beverage and merchandising rights for the concert. Vrozoz made a verbal deal with Molson's vice-president that granted, for \$120,000, exclusive rights to supply water at the concert.
Vrozoz resold the rights to a man named Stephen Barber, who assigned them to Wahta.
Lawyers for Vrozoz and Molson did not respond to requests for comment.

Molson, meanwhile, which must pay \$632,000 in damages, argued Wahta could have taken steps to minimize its financial losses.
Although Wahta sold its leftover water at a discount immediately after the concert, in part because the labels were damaged by condensation, Molson argued the company could have relabelled them for about 16 cents a case and resold them at market value.
But the appeal court said the relabelling costs were only one consideration. Wahta would have also had transportation and storage costs.
Molson said it lost \$940,000 on the concert. -CP-

Truth and Reconciliation Commissioners Hawaiian junket raising anger

(Continued from front)
Conference. Billed as an international forum on indigenous healing and substance abuse, the conference kicks off with a football game and tailgate party at Aloha Stadium and features a two-day hula workshop. Conference organizers have agreed to pay some of the travel costs for the invited commissioners, but the commission estimated Wednesday that it will be on the hook for between \$5,000 and \$6,000. The commission said about 800 other Canadians will attend as delegates, but they are expected to pay their own way.
In addition to discussions about needle-exchange programs, obesity and mental health, the week pro-

vides plenty of opportunity for lighter fare, including the tailgate party and swimming under a waterfall. But Mr. Littlechild said he won't be attending any of those recreational events. He said the conference is of such value that he decided to attend, even though he knew there might be criticism because Hawaii is seen as a "non-work" environment.
"I'm not doing any of that," he said of lighter activities. "I think there's a lot of expertise globally to deal with challenges that indigenous people face."
Mr. Littlechild, a former residential-school student, said if there are objections to the cost of the trip, he would be willing to cover the ex-

penses personally.
Ms. Wilson could not be reached for comment.
The commission's \$60-million, five-year budget is a direct result of the out-of-court settlement Ottawa and the churches reached to compensate former students of residential schools for the decades-long state policy that removed aboriginal children from their families. A string of delays and resignations has already extended the commission's mandate into a sixth year, but the extension did not involve a budget increase. Officials with the commission have suggested that their budget may not be enough to accomplish the massive task of crossing the country to gather stories from former students,

many of whom live in remote communities. Meetings are scheduled to take place when the commissioners return to determine whether they will ask Ottawa for more money.
A spokesman for former students said the trip came to light only after an organizer of residential-school events invited commissioners for a meeting in Northern Ontario and the invitation was declined because of a conflict with the Honolulu trip.
"It's on the backs of survivors," Michael Cachagee fumed. The executive director of the National Residential Schools Survivors Society noted that his organization has largely been silenced after Ottawa cut off all funding last year, citing concern over expenses.
"They come down here and nitpick the hell out of me and the organization, yet you've got these clowns going off to Hawaii," he said.
The first official event Thursday is a tailgate and football game, featuring the University of Hawaii versus the University of Southern California.
"Begin in the parking lot of Aloha

Stadium for a good-times tailgate party full of barbecue, burgers and soft beverages," states the official itinerary. "Once inside the stadium, the party continues as we sit together to cheer on our favorite team, the whole thing televised on ESPN. We return you to Waikiki in your air-conditioned motorcoach, pumped up for the rest of the week."
Some of the side events on offer during the conference include "Waikiki by Land and Sea," a guided walking tour followed by "a double-hulled canoe and paddle along the shores while your guide gives you an ocean side tour of the famous beaches."
A "Mysteries of Honolulu" event features "stories of cultural and supernatural occurrences throughout Honolulu," while another offers a two-day workshop on the hula by an "internationally renowned" hula teacher.
The international conference is held roughly every four years. The last one, in 2006, was in Edmonton.

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SN Police respond to suicide threat

Six Nations Police investigated a possible suicide victim Sunday when at about 11 a.m. a 19-year-old suicidal female had been brought to the fire hall in Ohsweken. Before police arrived she fled on foot into the village. She been seen going into a home where a party was going on. Police attended the house and the female fled on foot out a back door. She was found hiding in a bush and taken into custody. Once she had sobered up she was released unconditionally to a mental health crisis worker for follow up on any mental health issues.

Japan's Ainu come to learn from Six Nations on saving culture

By Christine McLaren
Writer

Six Nations took part in a unique cultural exchange last week, to help a group of students from Japan who are seeking to save an ancient, oppressed culture from extinction.
"The Japanese government has tried to assimilate the Ainu culture recently they made a new legislation to help preserve it," said Professor Michiaki Okada from the University of Hokkaido, during a visit to Oliver M. Smith Elementary school where Six Nations students were treated to traditional Ainu dances.

UN Special Rapporteur criticized the Japanese government for failing to tackle ongoing issues of

"We heard that the Six Nations people are famous for being proud of their culture. In the world they are very renowned for it. So we decided to come here," said Professor Michiaki Okada from the University of Hokkaido



Ainu students show Six Nations students a bit of their culture at OMSK last week. (Photo by Jamie Lewis)

"We think that the cultural preservation will foster our pride as an Ainu nation. We heard that the Six Nations people are famous for being proud of their culture. In the world they are very renowned for it. So we decided to come here," he said.
The Ainu people are an indigenous group from northern Japan, who were taken over by the Japanese as they migrated up from the southern part of the country in the mid 1400s. Under a government assimilation policy until the late 19th century the Ainu were prohibited from speaking their own language, observing their daily customs, and farming. A 2006 report issue by a

prejudice and discrimination. In 2008, the Ainu finally received official recognition as "an indigenous people with a distinct language, religion and culture."

Meagan Hamilton works with Kayanase, a Six Nations organization working on the ecological restoration of indigenous plants. She met Shin Shiga, a student working on ecological restoration with the Ainu people, and the two worked to facilitate the exchange.
"The Ainu are kind of struggling right now. They don't get much recognition from Japan as the indigenous people. They're looking for ways to revive their language, projects to do to help strengthen their culture, their dances, their

crafts," she said. "So, it's been a cultural exchange for the community."
Students attended a social at the Mohawk longhouse, learned about traditional beadwork and art and visited schools. "They are amazed at the way this community is so strong in their culture," said Meagan.
Ayumi Slaibuya, one of the Ainu

students involved in the exchange, said she came to Six Nations to engage with a generation of youth fighting for their culture.
"I came here to learn as an Ainu, with young Haudenosaunee people. We can talk, and we share so much because we are in the same generation. I want to learn from them so that I can bring the experience back home and try to help my

friends back home foster their culture," she said.
Professor Okada also said he was impressed by the engagement of Six Nations youth. "During this trip we saw many younger children leading in a dance, or they speak their own language... these are all really shocking to us. We're really impressed by it," he said.

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School is in driver and parents need to be vigilant

Six Nations students are back in school and drivers need to be more careful when approaching school buses. Turtle Island News received calls from bus drivers concerned that drivers are not stopping when they approach a stopped bus with lights flashing.

seem to care that one of their cars almost hit a student," the driver said. In another incident Six Nations Police almost called a ground search for a missing five year old last week when the student's parent wasn't home when he was dropped off by the bus driver.

Confederacy allows squatter to stay on community lands

(Continued from front)

One of the trustees holding the land on behalf of the community, Lonny Bomberry also said it was in band council's hands. "I suppose I'll have to run that issue before council and get their thoughts on it. I did my part in regards to taking the matter to court and getting the eviction orders. Now it's up to council. I've done my part. I can't go any further."

Institute) to toss it to the H.D.I. and the negotiating team to resolve in some capacity. "So it's a six month stay of action and for the negotiating team and H.D.I. to try and resolve the issue."



Aaron Detlor

which sits on land purchased back by the band council and is awaiting return to reserve status, and the smoke hut in front of the house, that sits on land under claim, or on Plank Road (Hwy 6), along with four other smoke huts that have set up without permission.

He said once the HDI and negotiating team have come to a decision, "at that point, chief and council will hopefully stand by it." The suggestion to continue to allow Henhawk to squat on community land was pushed by the Cayuga bench, observers told Turtle Island News. Detlor said Confederacy council made the decision partially because they had not been consulted on the court case (that produced an eviction order) launched by three Six Nations lawyers who were appointed as trustees over the land by the band council, in advance. He said the council wanted six months to resolve it.



Henhawk's house

three years ago. The house itself is located on land bought back by the band council. The land is being held in trust for Six Nations by three trustees, all Six Nations lawyers, while it awaits return to reserve status. Haldimand County has zoned the land as agricultural and the band has been paying land taxes. In an effort to remove the house, Haldimand County charged the trustees in 2009. The trustees, three Six Nations lawyers, then petitioned the courts for an order have Henhawk removed. In April, the court stayed the order forcing Henhawk to remove his house from the land, and gave him two months to work out an agreement with the Band.

Confederacy land registry being developed as fear of land tax rises

By Lynda Powless Editor The Six Nations Haudenosaunee Confederacy Council is developing a land registry that reverts to the way land was held prior to imposition of the Indian Act. Confederacy legal adviser, Aaron Detlor said the registry is still in its draft stages. But the Confederacy has 10 individual living both on and off reserve who are prepared to enter into the registry process with the Confederacy. "That process will have an impact upon the manner in which municipalities deal with Confederacy regulated land," he said. He said the registry is only dealing with residential and agricultural lands at present. He said off reserve registrations are, "at this time, being limited in terms of its geographical scope depending on the applicants normal municipal residence. "None of these registrations involve smoke huts or Jeff Henhawk's issue, or any businesses." He said the land registry, being developed, moves Six Nations away from the idea of owning land, back to a system that recognizes the importance of responsibility to the land. "It's not a question of enforcement. The compliance aspect would be self regulating. If someone decided to put up a tire recycling plant on land authorized as residential, the certificate of responsibility (instead of a certificate of possession currently held by reserve land owners) issued by the

Confederacy would be pulled and the individual would then be subject to municipal or provincial regulation for off reserve registrations." On reserve, he said they would fall back potentially within the Indian Act system." He said the Confederacy system was not throwing enforcement responsibility back on the band council or province. "It is not an issue of trying to force anyone to do anything. If it becomes a significant enforcement issue it would be open to the Confederacy to create resource management officers to investigate." He stressed the land registry is still in the draft stage. "As you are aware the issue of enforcement, is a sensitive subject that needs to be approached with a lot of cultural sensitivity with lines of authority in traditional governance. The traditional approach is often a bottom up, rather than top down with one person giving instructions to another." He said concern over attempts to impose taxation on reserve lands and environmental issues have become significant concerns. "The taxation issue is significant in terms of whether Ontario, Ottawa or the band start taxing Indian lands," he said. He said if those who register their lands with the Confederacy are not compliant with Confederacy land use policies "their permit would be pulled. Council would then decide how to address the circumstances." He said the registry sets out to change the way people view land.



Hazel Hill

be exploited or taken care of? We are trying to foster the idea that land is there to be taken care for the faces yet to come. So instead of looking at what can go wrong, it is what can go right." He said community meetings on the land registry will be held. "We want to make sure to find something that brings the community together, not divide it." But he said under the currently developed Confederacy land registry terms Jeff Henhawk would not be able to obtain a permit. And that could end up leaving the lands under band, municipal or provincial control. "Under the current terms, he would never be able to move forward on a certificate of responsibility under the Confederacy system for the business. We would look at the whole picture, the house and smoke shop but it is not under the current proposal."

Confederacy secretary Leroy Hill did not return Turtle Island News calls. Haudenosaunee interim director Hazel Hill said the land registry is being based on what existed prior to the imposition of the Indian Act, when lands were held by the Confederacy council. "It is being set up based on a certificate of responsibility instead of a certificate of possession," she said. "We (HDI) have been approached by several Haudenosaunee people interested in registering their land with Confederacy as opposed to the INAC system. The responsibility for the land is based on individuals making sure the people are complying with Haudenosaunee principle and the policies in place." She said the idea of a Confederacy land registry developed when the Land Rights negotiating team negotiated the return of Six Nations lands at Burch back to Six Nations, in the same way in which it left. "We started with Burch. To find how the Confederacy held lands before. There is some written information available." She said the lands could be held by chief titles as opposed to individuals. "When we lose a clan-mother or chief those titles continue. The responsibility goes back to way the Peacemaker set it up. The clan family works together to make sure future and land is protected. So who holds it and how will it be held is held by clan titles." "This is not about Jeff Henhawk. It is about the land. Band council

has gone to courts to get an injunction against one of our people to get them off the land. They said they would do that against all the squatters on the Haldimand Tract but they didn't do it. They went after one of our own instead." Hill said the issue is bigger than Henhawk. "We can't look at this from a little box. No one wants anyone setting up on their front yard, that's not what this is about." If I wanted to buy a piece of property and set up a tire dump that's not environmentally sound or conducive to who we are as a people I wouldn't be allowed to register that with the Confederacy just to bypass provincial laws that might be less than what Haudenosaunee laws are." But she said people don't need to fear losing their land. The registry, she said is in its early developmental stage. "We welcome questions and concerns. She said a community meeting will be held on the land registry. She said the land registry will go to the clanmothers this week and then a community meeting will be held. "In 2006 people said they wanted the Confederacy to govern and this is part of it." She said Ontario has been working with the band council on addition to reserve status for the Burch lands. "We have met with the Ontario Minister of Aboriginal Affairs representatives who say the band has to be part of the return of lands. We are saying no. The agreement was the land was to come back to the Confederacy."

Man charged with impaired after car accident

An 18-year-old man is facing impaired driving and a series of charges after police responded to a motor vehicle accident Saturday (Sept 4) at about 8:30 a.m. on Cayuga Road. Police found a grey 1999 Chevrolet Silverado pickup truck in the ditch.

Paramedics at the scene were restraining a male on the side of the road. The man appeared to be intoxicated and had a cut on side of his head. Police placed the man under arrest. Police said his behavior became aggressive and belligerent and he at-

tempted to damage the interior of the police vehicle using his head and feet. Paramedics were unable to treat the cut on the head of the accused due to his violent and aggressive behaviour. Charged with impaired driving refusing to provide a breath sample, dan-

gerous driving, breach of probation and failing to comply with conditions of a recognizance was Jordan Thomas Earl Miller, 18 of Brantford. The 1999 Silverado found at the scene had been reported stolen in Hamilton.

GREAT's skills and training program gets boost for women

By Christine McLaren Writer

Ontario Minister Responsible for Women's Issues, Laurel Broten announced a \$5 million commitment to fund training for over 400 women with low incomes last week and chose Six Nations as the venue for the announcement. "It's the perfect venue for today's announcement, because we are talking about great opportunities for the women who are here today for a new career, and a new lifestyle," she said at a press conference at the Grand River Employment and Training (GREAT) center Tuesday afternoon. Over \$166,000 of the funding is going toward a nine-month Technical Support Agent-IT Contact Center training program which started a few weeks ago for 13 women on Six Nations, run by the Ogwehweh Skills and Trades Training Center. "Having had a few minutes to talk to the women who are here today, it's obvious that this program is about much more than about technology and jobs. It's about the strength of women to shape a new future for themselves and their families," said Broten.

"It also helps women in the community become a role model for other women in the community to say, 'if I said why not, why not go down that path?' someone else can go down that path too. It's obvious that it builds a more strengthened community, and that it helps generations. When mothers are stronger, their children are stronger too," she said. Elvera Garlow, Executive Director for GREAT said that the program is providing opportunities for the women involved, but that it will also foster greater resilience in the Six Nations community. "As an employer at Six Nations, I feel I am going to benefit from this program, like all other employers in our community," she said. "These people, these women are from Six Nations, they were trained at Six Nations at a Haudenosaunee training facility, they were trained by qualified instructors from Six Nations, and they are going to be working in this community with our employers. Yet they've got the skills to work anywhere. And I think that's the real plus. We're all winners here." The program runs in nine communities throughout the province and



MPP Dave Levac and Minister Responsible for Women's issues Laurel Broten watch Six Nations women training in WIST/IT program at work (Photo by Jim C. Powless)

is called Women in the Skilled Trades and Information Technology Training program. It aims at giving Ontario low-income women the skills they need to get higher paying jobs in non-traditional fields. Some of the fields included in the programs are carpentry, electrical, network administration, web design, and horticulture. The tech support and IT program run on Six Nations is the only program aimed specifically at Aboriginal women.

WIST/IT is part of the five-year Open Ontario plan intended to create new jobs and foster economic growth in the province. It has been running since 2003, and has since trained over 1,460 women. The \$5 million in funding announced Tuesday will extend the program for another two years. Connie VanEvery, a student enrolled in the program at Six Nations

said that her experience so far has been nothing but positive. "I would have never thought that I would be thinking about an apprenticeship in an ITT field," she said. "I am so glad that I accepted a role in the WIST program." She added, "I just hope that at the end I can take my computer apart and when I put it back together again, I won't get sparks."

Jessica Henhawk gets lung transplant

By Christine McLaren Writer

After 12 years' of illness, Jessica Henhawk can finally breathe a sigh

of relief-literally. Last Wednesday Jessica received a lung transplant that should mark the end of a disease she has battled for

nearly half her life. Since she was 20, Jessica has suffered from non-specific interstitial pneumonitis, a disease causing the inflammation



Jessica Henhawk

and scarring of the alveoli in the lungs that makes it difficult to breathe and harder for oxygen to enter the bloodstream. Jessica has been on the waiting list for a double lung transplant for nearly two years, but was rushed to hospital last Monday when her lungs began bleeding internally. On Tuesday, her 33rd birthday, she received news that her wait was finally over. "She called me at 4:00 in the morning on the 31st and said 'Mom, happy birthday to me.' I said 'Well yeah sweetie, happy birthday,' and she goes 'No Mom, happy birthday to me. I got a call,' and I just went oh my God, that's the most wonderful birthday gift ever," said Cindy Henhawk, Jessica's mother. Cindy quit her job and has been living in Toronto with Jessica for over two years, taking care of Jessica's two year old daughter while she underwent intensive treatment. To help cover some of the family's costs during the treatment, Six Nations community members donated

over \$4000. Due to her abnormally high levels of anti-bodies, Jessica will remain in the hospital undergoing plasma treatment to stop the anti-bodies from attacking her new lung. The treatment will continue after she leaves the hospital and cut down slowly. The disease itself, however, should not attack the new lung. "After the operation she was trying to tell me something and she made a gesture like she wanted to write something," said Cindy. "She wrote down 'Is it done?' and I just said oh my goodness, baby, yes." Cindy said Jessica's first plan for when she gets out of the hospital is to run down the beach with her daughter. She said she her only message to the community is her immense graciousness for all the support the family has received over the years. "Just many many thanks to the community for their overwhelming support through this long hard journey with her. Just many many many thanks."

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Confederacy move needed more thought

Six Nations Confederacy Council has taken a step that temporarily protects a squatter's right to take over Six Nations lands without permission or ownership and left the community wondering...why?

The only reason that has seeped out of the closed doors, or Confederacy council meetings by invitation only session, is that they are developing their own land registry system.

A land registry system that is only in its draft stage and the authors of which were stumped to find out that they and the land rights negotiators had to now decide what to do about the errant band member who continues to live on community land.

The problem is, twinning the two issues by drawing in their future land registry leaves a cloud over the plan and question on who would turn to the Confederacy to list their lands?

Any lands listed under that system, by their example Saturday, could be subject to any one who wants to squat on them, even though the band member/Six Nations citizen may very well have paid for the property.

The decision to allow Jeff Henhawk to continue to live on land he doesn't own, is a disappointment in the chiefs whose job it is to see to the faces yet to come.

There have been no public meetings on the Confederacy development of a land registry system, to explain exactly what it is and why it is needed.

The council has in effect set itself on a collision course with the band system, a course that is not needed and can only be seen as unreasonable.

There has been no attempt to work with the band system to build what could be seen as a truly made in Six Nations land registry.

And there has been no explanation of how Six Nations people's lands will be protected from future squatters since the Council has now allowed one to put down roots, even if they plan to revisit the issue in six months.

The decision is shortsighted and has not considered the implications of a community short on land, with a population searching for any piece of land they can find to, (in the past buy) well, according to Confederacy Council now squat on.

Finding the Truth...in Hawaii

What could the Truth and Reconciliation Commissioners possibly have been thinking to take a junket to Hawaii at a time when First Nations across the country are being hit with unexplained cutback by Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC).

In an unbelievable move two commissioners Wilton Littlechild and Marie Wilson attended the Honolulu Healing Our Spirit Worldwide Conference last week.

The conference may have been a forum on indigenous healing and substance abuse, what were the two commissioners doing there and at Commission expense.

The conference included a football game and tailgate party at Aloha Stadium, a two-day hula workshop.

A portion of their travel was paid by the conference, leaving the commission on the hook for about \$6,000.

In its defence the commission tried to belittle the perception saying 800 other Canadians were attending. But they paid their own way.

The job of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission is to document residential school survivors stories. Much as they may enjoy swimming under a waterfall in Hawaii, no one from Canada was sent to a residential school in Hawaii and their junket is in poor taste.

The trip is especially embarrassing and insulting to survivors and First Nations who are still reeling from the federal government cutting funding to the Aboriginal Healing (Editorial Cont., right)

Letters:Reader seeking help for family

A CALL OUT TO ALL LOCAL MUSICIANS!!!

Myself and few friends are planning a benefit concert for the family of Joshua Farnham. Music was a passion of Josh's and I would like to invite any all musicians interested in donating their talents to celebrate the life of Josh. For those of us that knew him, it would be greatly appreciated and mean so much to us to have you all be a part of this celebration. Josh was funny, fun and fun-loving, with a great appreciate of rock and alternative music, as well as visual art. The concert will take place on October 2nd 2010 at

Josh's mom's house on 5th Line. This will be a sober party, out of respect for his family we ask if you are planning to or think you may attend to please do so sober. If you wish to be a part of this event and helping his friends and family remember Josh please contact me via email (cheywilliams.babyduck@gmail.com) or by phone (905) 765-2386. And to any friends that have photos of Josh that would like to put together photo collages to display at the concert please do so and have them ready for display by the concert date. Feel free to email me with any suggestions on what

you would like to see.
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Ottawa studying economic success stories in First Nations

OTTAWA - Ottawa has quietly ordered a study of Canada's most economically successful first nations, raising the prospect of a new way of developing businesses on reserves.

But some native leaders fear their rights to land and resources are at risk.

A growing number of native communities are making millions in earnings as landlords of on-reserve condos, hotels, industrial parks and high-end golf resorts.

The Globe and Mail says the top

public servant at the Department of Indian Affairs has commissioned a project to determine why some reserves are doing well.

A list of the country's 65 most successful communities was drawn up and a senior official was dispatched to meet with 33 chiefs.

Officials say the tour is about making practical, investment-boosting changes to land-use rules and nothing more. But some native leaders fear it's the latest salvo in a campaign to convert reserves to private land ownership.

Assembly of First Nations national Chief Shawn Atleo supports deals with the private sector, but says the department should work with him and all chiefs on land issues rather than fuelling mistrust.

"It's going to place a majority of first nations across the country on their heels," he said, noting that AFN chiefs have rejected a private property plan.

He said it's time to work on bold changes for all 633 communities rather than "tinkering" to help a few. -Canadian Press-

(Continued from left)

Foundation whose works were directly related to helping survivors heal.

The trip is completely unnecessary, a waste of valuable resources and the resignations of both commissioners and the chair who permitted the travel should be called for.

Clearly the newly appointed commission members have no concept of budgets, perception or the unexplained budget cuts that are hitting First Nations communities and organizations.

The truth is, the Truth and Reconciliation Commission is suppose to get at the truth of what happened to our survivors.

The truth is, the actions of these commissioners are unacceptable and they need to step down or Prime Minister Stephen Harper needs to step up to the plate he created, and remove them.

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Former N.S. First Nation chief faces weapons charges

MILLBROOK, N.S.—A former chief and current Shubenacadie First Nation band councillor faces weapons charges following the seizure of a large cache of weapons from his Millbrook home. An RCMP team entered Alex (Butch) McDonald's house early Thursday morning and

seized 16 long guns. They also took three handguns, about 4,000 rounds of ammunition and four bullet-proof vests. Sgt. Al Affleck of Colchester RCMP said officers were surprised at the number of weapons they found.

He said the weapons were not secured and were found in a barrel in a closet. McDonald was chief of Shubenacadie First Nation in 2006. McDonald wasn't home when the search warrant was executed, though his wife and daughter were present. They were not taken into custody.

Literary Review: The Calamity of Caledonia

This Essay was published in the April 2010 Issue

By Christopher Moore

Can Ontario take the confrontation at Douglas Creek Estates seriously?

No one, I think, denies the seriousness of the armed confrontation outside Caledonia in the Grand River valley of southern Ontario. For four years armed gunmen known as the Mohawk Warriors have occupied a ten-house real estate development on the edge of the reserve of the Six Nations of the Grand River, southwest of Hamilton. In April 2006, Ontario Provincial Police sent to carry out a court order for the Warriors' expulsion were driven back, with the gunmen supported by an estimated 1,000 demonstrators from the reserve. The armed standoff has continued ever since, with the constant threat that either miscalculation or provocation will lead to an explosion of gunfire and death. Throughout these years, the confrontation has been destroying homes, ruining businesses, and generally blighting lives and prospects on both sides of the barricades.

The costs are serious too. The government of Ontario alone has spent about \$65 million, mostly for policing—without, many residents would say, providing any real security. The federal government paid the developers of Douglas Creek Estates some \$12 million for the land in question, without affecting the confrontation at all.

But this is a land claim—or what we call a purported or alleged land claim, as if "claim" were not tenuous enough. Those sorts of things are not supposed to happen in southern Ontario. Aboriginal land claims may happen in the Arctic or northern British Columbia, but this is southern Ontario, a place of suburban sprawl, intensive agriculture and industrial zones. Wasn't that land title stuff put behind us, like, 200 years ago or something? Ontario is not likely to take seriously a gunfight over land claims if it cannot contemplate the idea of aboriginal rights in the heartland of the country.

Christie Blatchford writes the Caledonia standoff as a zombie movie. Journalist Christie Blatchford has been trying to take seriously at least the gunfight part of the confrontation. In a long series of articles in The Globe and Mail that ran to some 20,000 words in late 2009 and early 2010, she applied her trademark empathy to the loss and pain experienced by one family trapped by the confrontation. Their sufferings are real and moving: physical danger, loss of home, loss of work, crippling stress, substance abuse, family breakdown and, along with all those, a furious rage, shared and powerfully

expressed by Blatchford in every article, at the way the government of Ontario has actually impeded the family's efforts at redress against the occupation, whether from the police or through the courts. Blatchford calls their story a "horror show that was visited upon an ordinary Canadian couple with the blessing of the state."

Horror story is an apt summary of Blatchford's account. No Six Nations Reserve residents, indeed no aboriginal people at all, appear anywhere in her thousands of words except looming over a gun-sight. Blatchford has picked up unerringly on the mood of Ontario. She finds it so difficult to conceive that the Six Nations might have a grievance that they simply do not exist in her narrative. This is a horror story of a kind familiar in pop culture. At Caledonia, Blatchford finds herself writing about the innocent people of a small town menaced by foes who are implacable but impersonal, who do not live by the same rules as normal, living society. Given the sheer unreality of aboriginal land claims to Ontarians, Blatchford writes the Caledonia standoff as a zombie movie. The Six Nations get to be the undead.

Is there another way to conceive this? We may not like it in Ontario, but there is a history here, and it is not surprising that we flinch from it. It is not a happy story.

The Six Nations settled the Grand River valley in 1784. It is frequently said King George III bestowed the lands on them as a reward for their loyalty in the American Revolutionary War, but the Six Nations were always independent allies, not subjects. As a tough-minded soldier of the king said about that time, "one who would call the Six Nations our subjects needs a good army at his back." At the end of the war, the British government acknowledged Six Nations' title to the lands, ten kilometres deep on either side, along the full length of southern Ontario's Grand River "which them and their posterity are to enjoy forever." The government of Upper Canada confirmed the agreement in 1793, guaranteeing the Six Nations "the full and entire possession, use, benefit and advantage of the said district or territory, to be held and enjoyed by them in the most free and ample manner."

This was no postage-stamp reserve. From the resort shores of Lake Erie, past Wayne Gretzky's childhood home in Brantford and the home of the BlackBerry in Kitchener-Waterloo's technology triangle, through the scenic Elora Gorge, and across rich agricultural lands almost as far as Georgian Bay, the lands that the Six Nations were to enjoy forever constitute a substantial chunk of the very best

land in southern Ontario. It is crossed by freeways, railroads and power corridors and is home to hundreds of thousands of non-Native Canadian citizens as well as the largest single aboriginal community in Canada.

"There are no troublesome subtleties in Canadian law," declared an Ontario judge in 1921.

In 1784 the Six Nations territory on the Grand amounted to almost 400,000 hectares. Today the Six Nations hold less than 20,000 hectares of their original territory, and it takes a strong stomach to contemplate what happened to the other 380,000. The Six Nations never built a wall around their territory, and from the start their leaders contemplated non-Native settlement and shared development on their land. Instead, they faced tidal waves of squatters pouring in, and Crown officers who used the squatters to "prove" that the only solution was for the Six Nations to abandon most of their territory. An endless sequence of Crown officials redefined into meaninglessness the commitments of 1784 and 1793, and Crown courts repeatedly sustained them. Development projects that enticed yet more squatters destroyed aboriginal fisheries and farmlands, but were paid for with "Indian monies" that never seemed to be returned to its supposed beneficiaries. Revenues the Crown raised from "Indian lands" that had been appropriated for non-Native use vanished into the public treasury. Even on the lands remaining to them, the Six Nations were unable to maintain their rights. Provincial fish and game laws overrode the treaties, and entitlements guaranteed by treaty and deed were dismissed. "Indians are subjects in the same way as others. There are no troublesome subtleties in Canadian law," declared an Ontario judge dismissing Six Nations' rights in 1921.

This history is well documented. Look dispassionately at the history of the Six Nations lands, and what leaps into question is not the 10-house development project at Douglas Creek Estates that forms about one ten-thousandth of the original Six Nations territory. What really demands scrutiny is the legitimacy of Crown title to that huge chunk of southern Ontario, the Six Nations' lost 380,000 hectares.

But even as I write these paragraphs, I can sense irritation and dismissal rising in Ontario readers. How can this story from centuries ago have any power in today's Ontario? Is every non-Native person and enterprise in the whole Grand River valley somehow going to be uprooted and removed? What happened there a very long time ago may not have been nice, but it happened. It is done. Surely it is impossible and

self-defeating to revisit these ancient obligations and ancient repudiations of them.

They used to say that in British Columbia, too.

Let Right Be Done is a recent collection of scholarly legal studies edited by Hamar Foster, Heather Raven and Jeremy Webber and inspired by the 30th anniversary of a 1973 Supreme Court of Canada decision known as the Calder case. Unusually for a scholarly volume, Let Right Be Done includes a long conversation recorded in 2003 with the case's namesake, Frank Calder, politician, hereditary Nisga'a chief and lead plaintiff in Calder et al. v. Attorney General of British Columbia.

If there had been no treaty and no land surrender, the Nisga'a asserted, how could they not control their own land?

Frank Calder, whose gift for narrative comes through even in this transcript of an impromptu conversation, genially recounts the many decades during which the Nisga'a of the Nass River valley in British Columbia asserted their title to their ancestral lands. The Nisga'a problem was not with a broken treaty, but with the absence of a treaty. Since the 1880s, British Columbia had been asserting authority over the Nass Valley and Nisga'a leaders had been denying their right to do so. If there had been no treaty and no land surrender, the Nisga'a asserted, how could they not control their own land? In the 1920s, with the Nisga'a case about to reach the courts, Canada enacted legislation to forestall the litigation of any aboriginal land claims. It was not until the 1960s, after the law's repeal, that the grandchildren of the original leaders were able to challenge British Columbia's claim to the Nisga'a traditional territory in the Calder case.

In the interview, Frank Calder describes how fellow aboriginal leaders urged the Nisga'a not to take their case to Canada's courts, fearing that if they lost, Native people all over Canada would be worse off than before. It is worth recalling how unlikely a successful legal assertion of aboriginal title must have seemed. In 1969 Pierre Trudeau's government issued a White Paper that dismissed the whole idea of treaty obligations and aboriginal rights and began laying the groundwork for their wholesale extinguishment. Quebec was about to begin developing its James Bay hydro resources without any significant attention to the rights or interests of the aboriginal nations in the lands to be developed. There had not been a new land treaty in Canada since the early years of the 20th century, and most of the existing ones were observed just about as much as Canadian governments and Indian agents cared

to observe them.

In its 1973 Calder decision, however, the Supreme Court of Canada saw logic in the Nisga'a position. It acknowledged the common law precedents and British imperial policies (often breached, but still...) that affirmed that aboriginal land could only pass to settlers through a treaty between the Crown and the aboriginal owners. There were no treaties in most of British Columbia. Then British Columbia's claims—to the Nisga'a lands, but logically to most of the rest of British Columbia as well—lacked legal foundation.

In 1973, it was hardly possible to take seriously the idea that land might actually belong to long-marginalised aboriginal people.

Calder had a profound impact. The ideas of the 1969 White Paper were themselves extinguished, and almost immediately the federal government announced it would fulfill treaties where they existed and negotiate new ones where they did not. Comprehensive treaties and self-government agreements began to be reached across the North; one might say Nunavut is one of the fruits of Calder. The Calder decision along with other cases from the North and Quebec led to Quebec's (and Canada's) James Bay Agreement, negotiated between 1973 and 1975, which now underpins both the vast hydroelectric development of that region and the self-government of the Cree-Naskapi.

Calder's impact was at first very visible in British Columbia. British Columbia was then in a situation similar to Ontario today. It was hardly possible to take seriously the idea that land might actually belong to aboriginal people long marginalized on what small reserves the governments had deigned to provide them. For years, British Columbia essentially ignored Calder, and indeed it is unlikely any British Columbia government could have made a wide-ranging acknowledgement of aboriginal title and survived in office. As late as 1997, when another land claims decision, Delgamuukw, affirmed the impossibility of extinguishing aboriginal title without a clear record of doing so, politician and commentator Gordon Gibson called the Supreme Court decision "invented law." The popular Vancouver Sun columnist Trevor Lautens suggested the province should end this distraction simply by legislating aboriginal title out of existence.

But the court decisions continued to arrive, binding the province ever more tightly and gradually acclimatizing both the government and the citizenry to the idea that aboriginal title could not be avoided. In 1984, a B.C. judicial decision affirmed that where

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Eagles hope for a Golden season



Trainer Deb Watson from Pro-Fit Gym instructs a Golden Eagles hopeful on the proper way to pull a firehose. (Photo by Jamie Lewis)

training camp. The players are going through the same training as firefighters dragging and pulling fire hoses 100 pound sled pulls and other strength training exercises. "The training that we have the Golden Eagles going through will give them speed, agility and stamina on the ice," Watson said. She says what the team does off-ice equals what they will do on ice which involves a lot of bursts of energy and muscle bursts.

Watson says even though they have been training for a short time many of the players are in good shape and many of them trained with her over the summer doing cross training to get ready for training camp. The Golden Eagles open their season of Friday in Owen Sound against the Greys and their first home game of the season will be September 23rd against the Guelph Hurricanes at either the Brantford and District Civic Centre of the Gaylord Powless Arena.

By Jamie Lewis
Writer

SIX NATIONS -With a total of 16 players gone from last year's lineup and a new head coach, the Brantford Golden Eagles are hoping a new look and new team will be golden.

"We're looking for a couple of veterans to go with our young players, as you can see we are a very young team," said Coach Mike Bullard. Bullard said that even with a smaller team they are quicker than last season's team.

"Every kid on this team has a great attitude and are very easy to teach, you know sometimes you can have all the talent in the world, but you know these kids will go through a wall to get to where they have to go," he added.

With questions on the teams defence Bullard says that even though the core is young they will be strong by the time the season gets underway.

"Even with 16 news players the doubters have us finishing fifth, but with this core of players we are going to compete," he says. Bullard says the first thing that has

to be done is to get the team to work as a team and even though the players will make mistakes, he says that is acceptable if they are working hard during the game. He added that last season the team found themselves, many nights playing shorthanded and wants to put an end to bad penalties. "We are going to be a hard-nosed team but we are not going to spend

the night in the penalty box," he added. Bullard says this season will be different, they are not going to be a one man team and everyone will get a chance to play. Bullard also brought in Deb Watson from Pro-Fit Gym to work with the team on conditioning and last Thursday Turtle Island News was invited to the Golden Eagles



Golden Eagles player does a relay carrying 25 lbs of weight last Thursday at the Eagles training camp. (Photo by Jamie Lewis)

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Dallas invites Cheechoo to camp

The Dallas Stars are going to give a former 50-goal scorer another chance as the team announced Saturday that Jonathan Cheechoo had accepted an invitation to attend training camp for a tryout

which begins on September 17th in Prince Edward Island. "We're pleased that Jonathan has accepted our invitation to come to our training camp," said Stars' General Manager Joe Nieuwendyk in a

statement. "He has shown the ability to be an effective scorer in this league. The 29-year old Cheechoo has seen his production fall dramatically since the 2005-06 season when he led the NHL with 56

goals. This past season he skated in 61 games with the Ottawa Senators, scoring five times and picking up nine assists before being waved and sent down to Binghamton of the AHL.



REZ GOLF

Dreamcatcher Fund Clinic 2010

This article I would like to keep you focused on the junior clinic I recently organized along with the support of the Dreamcatcherfund and the Styres driving range. The day started out with weather conditions a little overcast but that didn't stop the young golfers from bringing their enthusiasm to the golf program. All the youth were very excited and did a great job while the video cameras were rolling. Healthy snacks were provided for the entire two days and although we had one bee sting during the clinic everyone still managed to hit them straight.

With most golfers the tendency is to grab the driver and smack a hundred golf balls out of the range, as for our youth we had a small warm up session to loosen the muscles and get ready for a long practice session. It's okay to want to loosen up your muscles with a few light swings before you head to the course, but allow yourself enough time to work on all your clubs. I had a question from one of the parents about how young should you start teaching your child about the fundamentals of the golf swing? My suggestion to all parents, see how your son or daughter takes to the game first this will determine how driven they will be about the game of golf. If there is a real interest and desire to play the game let them continue to play and have fun. Youth know where they would like to go and tournaments are

sometimes a great choice while others like to play it occasionally and that's okay too. This mentorship golf program provided both parent and child the necessary golf techniques to encourage each other however the time spent together creates a lasting impression for both parent and child. It was a pleasure to see both a father and son hitting golf balls together while a grandmother and granddaughter shared stories about how they both love the game. I would like to recognize Glenn Styres for allowing us to use his golf facilities and the Dreamcatcherfund staff for bringing over the healthy snacks for the youth, it was very much appreciated. I will be on the road soon. Turtle Island News has me heading to the Notah Begay Foundation tournament, I will keep you posted on the golf event and write a special article about the tournament and some of the players I met during the event. Keep sending in those emails to steve@stgolf.biz and keep focused on the fairway. ST GOLF 2010

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Styres grabs last win before Nationals

By Jamie Lewis
Writer

OHSWEKEN-Last Friday night the curtain fell on Friday Night Thunder as the season came to an end on a night where champions were crowned.

Glenn Styres won his second Corr/Pak Merchandising Sprint race of the season taking the checked flag, but it will be Dave Dykstra who will win the title when he takes the green flag at the Canadian Sprint Car Nationals in two weeks.

Friday night was a night of crashes and pile up as drivers raced to win the prize.

In Sprint car action there were a total of three wrecks as the drivers all vied for the season ending trophy and the cars did not fair better in the Mini Stocks and the Bombers as drivers threw the rules out the window and came hard at each other.

In the 25 lap Sprint feature Kyle Moffit and Glenn Styres started on the front row

Right away the caution flew after Dain Naida spun going into corner one to bring out the first of 3 cautions in the early stages of the race.

With the caution waving, the rest of the field did not make it

through the second turn before a red flag was needed to stop the race.

The incident began as Tom Huppunen spun, collecting Mitchell Brown, Dave Dykstra, Stan Zanchin, Todd Hodrick, and Mike Ling.

Zanchin got the worst of it, landing upside down at the exit of turn two.

After a lengthy delay Moffit took the lead for the first four laps, but spun on corner two, hitting the wall to end his run. Styres took over the lead and led the rest of the way, but had to survive many restarts as flat tires, crashes, and mechanical issues plagued others in the field.

Keith Dempster had one of the harder hits of the night when he contacted the wall in turn one on lap twenty-three. The 2008 champion emerged from his heavily damaged machine gingerly, but uninjured and was transported by ambulance to the infield care center.

Dain Naida came from the back of the pack to finish second with Tom Huppunen, Jared Zimbardi, and Kyle Patrick rounding out the top five.

In Esso Thunder Stocks

Rob Disher and Chris Dickie started the twenty-five lap feature up front, but the field quickly fanned out as championship contenders Jamie Cox and Billy Bleich searched for a path to the front. Larry Czinege, Jr. was again very fast on Friday, and quickly took over the lead, while Bleich, Ryan Dinning, and others raced in the top five.

Issac Pellisero spun in turn two to bring out a caution flag on lap ten, and when the race restarted, Rob Disher and Ed McNamara both lost wheels in turn one to bring the caution back out. Bleich knew he had to finish at the front and looked for ways to get there, but Czinege proved too strong out front, while Ryan Dinning slipped by to claim second at the end. Bleich settled for third, followed by Phil Nyssen and Mike Thorne.

In Mini Stock action

It was Jamie Cox who cruised to finish eighth to capture the Mini Stocks Championship.

Rob Disher and Chris Dickie started the twenty-five lap feature up front, but the field quickly fanned out as championship contenders Jamie Cox and Billy Bleich battled traffic trying to get to the

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Glenn Styres captured his second win of the season at the Ohsweken Speedway last Friday night. (Photo by Jamie Lewis)

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THE FEATHER REPORT: Seventh annual Birding on the Rez Six Nations loves those Humming Birds

By Rachel Powless

Hummingbirds in September
This is our seventh year banding hummingbirds at Six Nations. Six Nations was the very first Native Territory in Ontario to band hummingbirds and likely all of Canada's Native Lands to hold this distinction. Many of you may not be familiar with our research and why we band hummingbirds. Banding is a scientific tool used for gathering data

Throughout the world there are but 225 hummingbird banders. It is a specialized area of bird study that requires an addendum to an individual's permit. In Ontario there are six hummingbird banders including myself and Carl. Native Territories Avian Research Project bands birds primarily on Native Territories which also includes Walpole Island, the Chippewas of the Thames and the Wikwemikong on Manitoulin Island.



At the home of Sherwin & Judy Maracle. Judy releases her juvenile female hummingbird

about a bird species that we would not otherwise be able to acquire. Placing a unique numbered band on a bird allows us to determine site fidelity, survival & longevity rates, migration routes, populations dispersal, social structure, territory size, habitat requirements, annual cycles (molting, nesting, migration), and the importance of migration stopovers to name just a few. Bird banding establishes base-line data for future studies.

In September, the fledglings have increased the population three-fold. Female Ruby-throated Hummingbirds produce one brood with two eggs per season in a nest. If for some reason the nest fails early-on due to inclement weather, predation or other problems the female will rebuild her nest and try again. It is not known yet if Ruby-throated hummingbirds routinely produce two broods per season in Ontario. It is entirely possible if a bird nested successively in early May. This is a piece of the puzzle we have yet to determine as we continue our research.

We all love our Ruby-throated Hummingbirds yet there is little information known in Ontario of this species. It was not until 2000 that hummingbird banding was established in Ontario. The field of hummingbird banders is very small.

Many hummingbird hosts will tell us they are absolutely positive of the fact that their hummingbirds return



Rachel reaches for humming bird caught in trap (Photos by Carol Pascoe)



Dana McKinney holds a hummingbird. Visiting his wife Bev Maracle's home from Ohio he didn't expect to hold a humming bird in his hand. (Photos by Carl Pascoe)

year after year to their homes. We can say unequivocally, "Yes they do!" Each year we recapture some of the same birds we banded in previous years. Site fidelity is more common in females than in males. We have recaptured females that we originally banded five years ago and some of our male recaps have been three years prior to their originally date of banding. Our hummingbird hosts are treated to many different experiences that most bird lovers would not have the opportunity to see and hear. How often does anyone ever hold a hummingbird in their hand or listen to the heartbeat which beats so fast it sounds like a cat purring?

2.7 grams in July but can easily tip the scales at 4.5 grams by September as was evident this Labour Day weekend with one of our males. He certainly packed on the fat, even looked rather round and was squishy. Our biggest surprise was a juvenile female that weighed in at an astonishing 5.4 grams. Females during nesting will weigh 3.1 grams and will increase slightly when carrying an egg. We use a scale of 0-7 in defining hummingbird fat. This female received a 6. She definitely was on her journey south. We will continue to see hummingbirds throughout September during fall migration but numbers will begin to dwindle as October approaches.

The Rufous Hummingbird. This hardy hummer nests in the Rocky Mountains and is able to withstand colder temperatures. After breeding season ends, some of these hardy hummers disperse throughout the eastern U.S. and even Ontario. Should you have a hummer at your feeder in mid-October through November we would like to know.

Thank you to all of our hosts this season. We were not able to visit each host this time around due to winds and colder weather. The hummingbirds were sparse due to these conditions and in some cases impossible to catch. We look forward to Spring Migration.

If you are interested in becoming a hummingbird host please contact The Turtle Island News at: 519-445-0868 or contact Rachel Powless & Carl Pascoe of The Native Territories Avian Research Project at 248-788-1116 or NTARPI@aol.com. Keep Looking Up.

As the days become shorter, our tiny jewels increase their weight for the long journey to their winter homes of southern Mexico and Costa Rica. The metabolism of the hummingbird changes at this time of year and their bodies become proficient at converting food to fat. A male hummingbird generally weighs



Beverly Maracle listens to the heartbeat, 200 beats per minute at rest



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Do you have a craving for a platter of succulent yellow lake perch and a side order of savoury celery bread? Then hop in the car and take a trip...to Joey's Only Seafood Restaurant. That's right, Joey's Only in the Zeller's plaza just off West Street.

Now serving deliciously irresistible perch platters and dinners just like those from Lake Erie, Joey's Only gives people even more reasons to stay in town when they're due for an evening out, or for a much-needed lunch break. "Our perch platters feature one pound of yellow lake perch, a basket of celery bread and a big dish of fries. People can order their perch lightly battered, or in Joey's Only batter...they don't have to drive out of town anymore to get their perch and celery bread," noted owner/operator Dan Sheppard.

Now in its 12th year in Brantford, Joey's Only has been satisfying the seafood cravings of local residents quite admirably with varied menu selections that allow patrons to 'have it their way.'

"We give our customers a choice," says Sheppard. "We still cook the fish your way, whether it's lightly battered, pan-fried, charbroiled, Cajun, blackened, poached or lemon buttered."

The diverse range of cooking options enables health conscious consumers to have greater control over the food they consume, while still having the foods they love. Joey's Only utilizes zero trans fat oil and also offers healthy side options in addition to french fries. For instance, people can opt for rice, a side salad, garlic parsley potatoes, mashed potatoes and gravy, steamed vegetables, coleslaw, garlic toast or honey bourbon beans; whatever tickles their tastebuds, or suits their diet. Although All You Can Eat Fish and Chip Tuesdays are extremely popular among Joey's Only patrons, the restaurant offers many other seafood delicacies. Pacific snapper, salmon, shrimp, scallops, mussels, oysters and trout are sure to please the appetites of seafood lovers with their generous portion sizes and reasonable costs. Alternative options such as combo platters, soups, salads, appetizers, sandwiches, barbecued chicken, steak and chicken fingers are also available for those who aren't huge seafood fans.

To compliment the meals, Joey's Only offers a full selection of beers and wines to enhance a leisurely dining experience in the cosy and friendly 65-seat restaurant that is as appealing to couples as it is to large families. In fact, tasty kids meals are always a hit with the younger crowd, offering appetizing selections in kid's sized portions.

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Price signs two year deal

Montreal Canadiens general manager Pierre Gauthier has saved himself a major headache as the team announced Thursday that they have signed restricted free agent goaltender Carey Price to a

two-year contract. The deal is worth \$5.5 million, with Price set to earn \$2.5 million this season, and \$3 million in 2011-12. "We are extremely happy that Carey has agreed to pursue his

career with the Canadiens," Gauthier said in a statement. "Carey is a key member of our Club. He has proven that he has what it takes to be a good goaltender in the league, and we are

confident he will perform to the best of his abilities for years to come in a Canadiens uniform."

Aircraft enthusiasts enjoy 11th Annual Air Show

By Jamie Lewis
Writer

Photos by Jamie Lewis

BRANTFORD—Hot weather and sunny skies did not stop 25,000 aircraft enthusiasts from enjoying 11th annual Rotary Club Air show last Wednesday at the Brantford Municipal Airport.

The highlight of this year's show was the world's only flyable aircraft the Lancaster Bomber.

The Skyhawks opened the Air show with their acrobatic dance in the air and the while fighting strong winds the parachutist landed on their marks to the roar of the crowd.

"This year's attendance was down a bit, but considering the heat and the humidity, I think it was great," said announcer Gary Surette.

He says he hope the event will make about \$50,000, which will go toward projects at the Boys and Girls Club and Lansdowne Children's Centre.

Harvard aircrafts took to the skies in a show of precision and skill, the planes were once used to train fighter pilots during World War one.

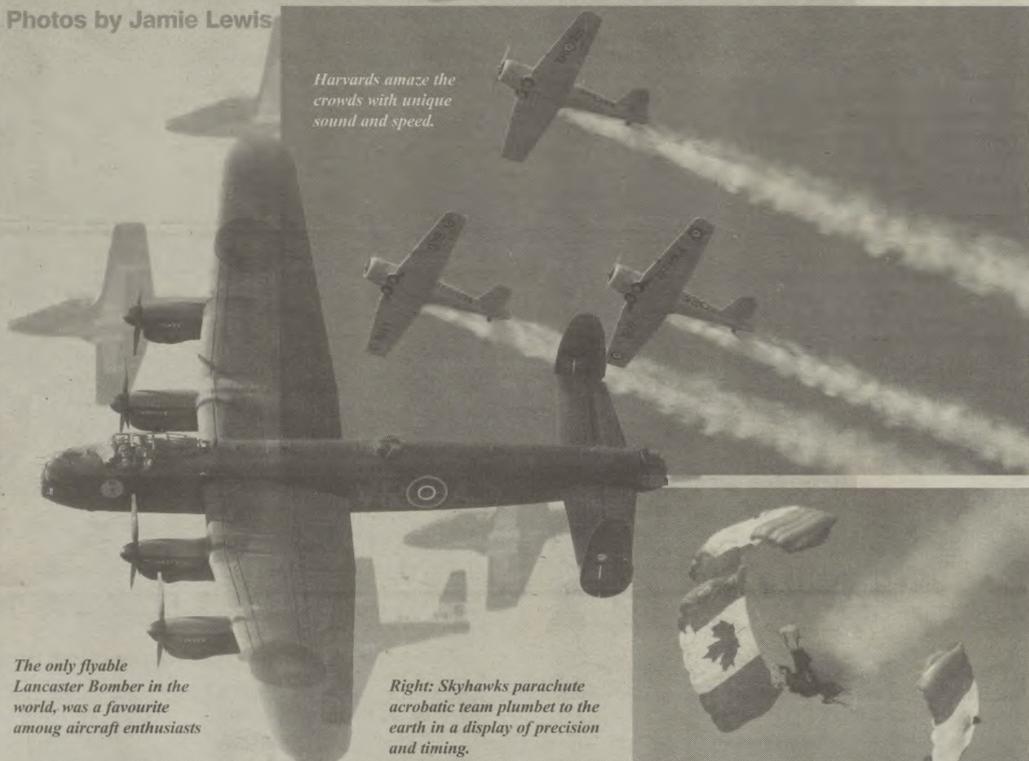
The Canadian Snowbirds ended the show performing over 50 maneuvers to the delight of the thousands that attended.

One maneuver was a tribute to the 2010 Canadian Olympic Athletes that won a record number of medals in 2010.

"The Olympic split is a series of maneuvers representing the five rings of the Olympics," said Captain Marc Vclaus.

He says the Snowbirds train for about six months prior to the summer air show season and the team will fly at over 50 air shows throughout Canada and the United States.

"This is my first year on the team, I grew up watching the Snowbirds, my father was a pilot and he used to bring me to the air shows," Vclaus said.



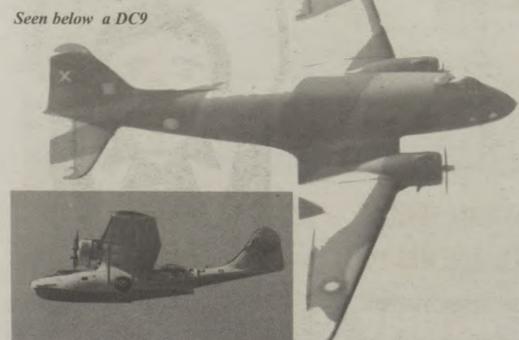
Harvards amaze the crowds with unique sound and speed.

The only flyable Lancaster Bomber in the world, was a favourite among aircraft enthusiasts

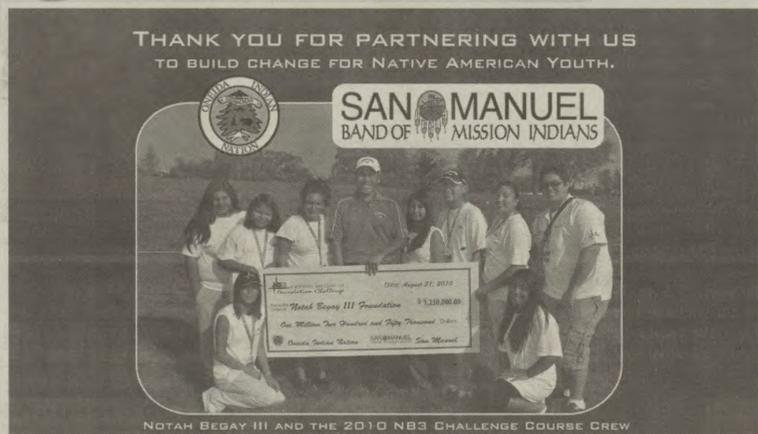
Right: Skyhawks parachute acrobatic team plumbet to the earth in a display of precision and timing.



This Russian training plane soared above the crowd, showing how versatile the plane was in it's day



A PB9 Cantilena sea plane.



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NB3 Foundation Challenge raises \$1.25 million

Verona, N.Y.—The pairing of Hunter Mahan and Cristie Kerr outshot a world-class field of PGA and LPGA TOUR stars to win the third annual Notah Begay III (NB3) Foundation Challenge. The winning twosome fin-

ished the mixed team, best ball tournament at 10 under par, two shots better than the runner-up pairing of Rickie Fowler and Annika Sorenstam, at the challenging Atunoyte Golf Club course at Turning Stone Resort &

Casino in Verona, N.Y. The tournament raised \$1.25 million for the Notah Begay III Foundation. "Our event gives us a tremendous opportunity to amplify the issues of obesity and diabetes among Native American

youth, and drive forward with our mission of creating a national youth movement to empower the good health and leadership development among these kids," said the event's host, Notah Begay III.

Sprints

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front.

Larry Czinege again had the fast car and quickly took over the lead, while Bleich, Ryan Dinning, and others raced in the top five.

Isaac Pellisero spun in turn two to bring out a caution flag on lap ten, and when the race restarted, Rob Disher and Ed McNamara both lost wheels in turn one to bring the caution back out.

Bleich fought his way to the front trying to catch Cox, but Czinege kept his foot to the floor and Bleich ended in third after.

Steve Hess drove for his second win in a row.

Paul Goodale survived a scary moment when his car caught a rut coming off corner two and flipped. Goodale climbed out of the



Rescue crews work to remove Jim Price from his sprint car after he was forced into the wall last Friday night. (Photo by Jamie Lewis)

twisted car unhurt, while a handful of cars were sent to the pits for ignoring the red flag.

Trevor Goulding finished sixth and wrapped up his first ESSO Mini Stocks championship.

In Bomber action

Karl Sault finished sixth and wrapped up his second consecutive Bomber division championship.



Mitchell Brown surveys the damage to his car after he was knocked into the wall last Friday night. (Photo by Jamie Lewis)



Stan Zanchin's car lays in a crumpled heap off corner two after a five car pile-up last Friday night. (Photo by Jamie Lewis)

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B.C. leader says no to hearings on oil pipeline

National Briefs

N.B. Liberals make campaign pledge of native language training in schools FREDERICTON- Students in New Brunswick could have the chance to learn the Maliseet and Mi'kmaq languages if the Liberals win the provincial election.

Premier Shawn Graham says a Liberal government would develop curriculum to teach both languages, with the goal to eventually offer native language training at every grade level.

Graham says the Mi'kmaq and Maliseet cultures are an important part of what defines New Brunswick and the new courses would help First Nations students retain their language.

He says translation software could be used as part of his plan to provide laptop computers to all middle school and high school students.

Graham hasn't provided a price for the campaign promise. The election is Sept. 27.- The Canadian Press-

B.C. fishermen pull in 9.6 million salmon in largest run

VANCOUVER- B.C. fishermen have pulled in close to 9.6 million sockeye salmon from the Fraser River's near record run of the lucrative fish.

After weeks of increasing the estimated catch numbers, the Pacific Salmon Commission now believes its estimate of 34 million salmon will stand.

The commission estimates the commercial catch of Fraser sockeye so far is 8.68 million, while non-commercial catches such as test fisheries, First Nations and recreational fisheries have pulled in 911,000 salmon.

Experts believe the migration of Fraser sockeye through the Johnston and Juan de Fuca Straits has declined.

For the fish going through the river, the commission says water temperatures and other migration conditions are satisfactory. The continued abundance of fish in the river means a variety of seine, reefnet, troll, and gillnet fisheries will remain open as planned.

First Nations deliver ultimatum to Ottawa over B.C. mine OTTAWA- First Nations in British Columbia are warning the federal government that they will stop at nothing to prevent a mining company from destroying a fishing lake to process copper and gold.

"This lake, as I've indicated, is fundamental to the Tsilhqot'in people. The destruction of this lake is not an option," said regional chief Jody Wilson-Raybould, on behalf of the Assembly of First Nations.

"We are here sitting, with unity of purpose," warned Wilson-Raybould, surrounded by other regional and local First Nations representatives.

The federal cabinet is expected to decide by next Friday whether it's worth sacrificing the health of Fish Lake in northern B.C. and other aspects of the local environment for the jobs that the \$800-million Prosperity mine project promises to bring.

The First Nations groups are in Ottawa to lobby key federal ministers and explain their case to the public.

A recent federal review panel found that the project would impose "significant adverse environmental effects" on fish, fish habitat, grizzly bears and First Nations' use of the land for traditional purposes.

But the B.C. government approved the mine anyway, putting pressure on Ottawa to agree and give the project a final green light. If Ottawa breaks with tradition and chooses economics over environment, First Nations groups say they will do whatever it takes to prevent work from going ahead, from lobbying and litigation to protest and even physical confrontation, if need be.

"Our people are willing and ready to defend our lands," said local Chief Marilyn Baptiste.

"As one of my elders had said when we were going through the panel hearings, she will be there on the road in her wheelchair. She will have her shotguns, and she will not miss."

She said her people fought off gold prospectors in the late 1800s and are prepared to do so again.

"We are willing to sacrifice our lives. I am willing to sacrifice my life for the sake of saving our lands and future generations," she said.

The local bands are backed by regional and national organizations as well as 12 environmental groups.

The B.C. government argues that Taseko Mines Ltd. should go ahead with the mine, partly because the economic benefits during the 20-year life of the mine would outweigh the environmental harm.

The provincial assessment predicted a \$5-billion economic injection over the life of the mine, and \$600 million in tax revenues for various governments. The mine would be about 250 kilometres north of Vancouver in an area that has struggled to deal with the mountain pine beetle, the collapse of the forestry industry and low commodity prices.

KITIMAT, B.C.- A B.C. First Nations leader took a defiant stand against a plan to build an oil pipeline across B.C. as he appeared Tuesday before a federal panel holding hearings on the massive project. Carrier Sekani Tribal Council vice chief Terry Teegee was among 35 speakers at the hearing, which is reviewing Enbridge's proposal to build a \$5.5 billion pipeline from Alberta's oil sands to the northern B.C. coast at Kitimat. "(Enbridge president and CEO) Patrick Daniel asked me what it would take for me to turn no into yes," Teegee told a protest rally. "I said to him: 'What is it about no you don't understand?'"

Tories demand bureaucrats produce weekly count on stimulus signag

OTTAWA- Civil servants across Canada were ordered by the Harper

government to document every single sign posted anywhere promoting the federal economic stimulus plan, The Canadian Press has learned.

They've spent countless hours tracking every one of more than 8,500 signs posted since last summer, when the urgent, weekly exercise was ordered by the Privy Council Office, the bureaucratic support arm of Prime Minister Stephen Harper's office.

It continues to this day.

Eighteen departments and agencies are involved, including the country's over-stretched food inspection agency, fisheries and oceans officials, health, public safety and environment workers and Parks Canada employees.

The signage database, at the request of PCO, includes the total number of projects that require an "Economic Action Plan" sign.

The number of signs already installed, the number of signs remaining to be installed and the number of signs ordered.

PCO also demanded to know the anticipated installation dates for uninstalled signs.

The tracking exercise generated thousands of pages of documentation over a six-month period at a single Crown corporation, according to Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation documents obtained under the access to information law.

The CMHC effort involved everyone from corporation president Karen Kinsley, who signs off on each week's tally, to CMHC field staff spread across Canada.

More than 500 pages of CMHC signage documentation obtained by The Canadian Press, winnowed down from more than 3,000 pages generated between mid-October 2009 and mid-April 2010, include multiple reminders from PCO that the arms-length housing agency's signage report must be submitted "every Monday by noon."

The PCO reminders are written in bold face and underlined. It's an exercise taking place across the federal civil service.

"There are currently 18 departments / agencies reporting on signage," PCO said in an email response to The Canadian Press.

They range from the Canada Food Inspection Agency to Canadian Heritage, the departments of Fisheries and Oceans, Industry, Parks, Public Safety and Natural Resources, and regional diversifi-

cation agencies in Ontario, Atlantic Canada and Western Canada.

Opposition critics have repeatedly claimed that the Conservative government is using the 2009 budgetary stimulus package, branded by the Tories as Canada's "Economic Action Plan," as an ongoing partisan platform to promote the Harper government.

A Privy Council spokeswoman said the government is simply communicating with Canadians.

Gerard Kennedy, the Liberal critic on infrastructure spending, said the internal tracking effort is ridiculous, especially since the government hasn't bothered tracking how many jobs were created by the stimulus spending.

"It's outrageous. They will not be accountable for whether Canadians get employed (using stimulus dollars)," fumed Kennedy.

"There's no evidence that they put anywhere near that kind of energy or interest into making sure that there were jobs (created) or that they get good value for these projects."

Kennedy says "This (tracking project) shows almost an obsession with that kind of stuff ... propaganda versus reality: propaganda seems to have won every time with these guys."

The CMHC documents do little to dispel the government's critics. "To ensure maximum visibility, it was decided to install two signs, one at each entrance of the complex," Anne Dawson, CMHC's then-executive director of communications, explains of one large project.

"Going forward, one sign will be installed at each project, where appropriate."

At one point, CMHC field staff were required to phone every single First Nation band office with an outstanding project in an effort to determine whether signs had been erected, and if not, why. A Prairie communications co-ordinator for CMHC describes doing "everything in my power" to reach provincial officials to clarify a project list, without success.

He adds that by using tracking systems at Purolator and Canada Post he has confirmed signs were delivered to a number of Yukon communities. But "I cannot reach our contact in Carcross (Yukon) or Teslin Tlilit that it has been installed, and while it was confirmed that Taku received their sign it has since gone MIA and the proponent is trying to locate it

in their office."

According to PCO as of Aug. 27, 2010, there were 8,587 signs erected across Canada, up 339 from the 8,248 installed as of Aug. 16.

There are also explanatory notes why signs had not been installed immediately on some projects.

Those reasons range from the practical lack of sign installers, frozen ground, inability to get installers to remote native communities to the political.

"The gap between the number of signs remaining to be installed and signs ordered is due to the ongoing negotiations between the Governments of Canada, Ontario and Manitoba on CEAP (Canada Economic Action Plan) templates and CEAP signage," says the weekly report from March 29, 2010.

However provincial sources say Ottawa was adamant from the beginning that federal signs would not share space with provincial messaging, and that by June of last year the feds were going ahead with sign installations.

While Newfoundland and Labrador had agreed as of last March on the look of the signs, an internal CMHC email reveals "there is an outstanding issue pertaining to the order of precedence (who gets to speak first at events and who gets quoted first in news releases)."

Ottawa also butted heads with VANOC, the Winter Games organizing committee, over the placement of signs in Vancouver.

"The sign for Russell Housing Centre in New Westminster, B.C., is outstanding due (to) issues around the Olympics," says the Mar. 29, 2010 report.

And CMHC officials also felt compelled to explain why signs were inappropriate in some situations: "This is a shelter for women who are victims of family violence ... For safety reasons no signage is planned for this location."

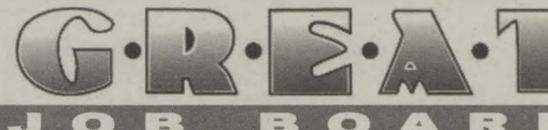
CMHC did not respond to inquiries about the overall cost of the tracking exercise, nor the number of employees involved.

But the internal correspondence does give a hint as to the cost of the signage program.

In response to a PCO request last November, CMHC listed the average cost of each sign without shipping and installation.

For the smallest one-foot by three-foot sign, the cost was \$86. Larger 2x6 signs cost \$204, while 4x12 signs cost \$663.

Careers & Notices



POSITION	EMPLOYER / LOCATION	SALARY	CLOSING DATE
Director of Negotiations	Haudenosaunee Confederacy Chiefs Council Negotiations Committee, Six Nations	T.B.D.	Sept. 27, 2010
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Dump & Water Truck Driver	Stoney's Trucking, Six Nations, ON	T.B.D.	Sept. 17, 2010
Education Counsellor	Chippewas of Nawash FN, Cape Croker	T.B.D.	Sept. 10, 2010
Youth/Families Facilitator	Native Women's Centre, Hamilton, ON	\$44,000. yr.	Sept. 8, 2010
P/T Childcare	Private Home, Six Nations	\$12.50 hr.	Until Filled
(3) Research Assistant	The University of Western, London	\$33.80 hr.	Sept. 8, 2010
Executive Director	Kahnawake Community Services, Kahnawake, QC	T.B.D.	Sept. 10, 2010
Ojibwe Language Teacher	Chippewas of the Thames FN, Muncey, ON	T.B.D.	Sept. 23, 2010
General Labourers/ Packers	Hunt Personnel, Hamilton/Brantford, ON	T.B.D.	Sept. 17, 2010
Long Term Care Worker	The Children's Aid Society, Barrie, ON	\$50,772 - \$70,766. Yr.	Sept. 10, 2010



POSITION	DEPARTMENT	TERM	SALARY	CLOSING DATE
Early Childhood Educator	SN Child Care Resource Ctr. Social Services	Full-Time	T.B.D.	Sept. 8, 2010
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OBITUARY

BEARDY: COLEEN TENONA
Peacefully at the Iroquois Lodge, Ohsweken on Sunday September 5, 2010 at the age of 67 years. Loving mother of Mandy Wesley (nee. Eason) and her husband Stan Wesley of Toronto. Daughter of the late Evan and Nancy Beardy. Dear sister of Alec, Harvey, and the late Sarah, Levi, Leslie, Solomon, and Jake. Funeral Service for Coleen will be held at the Styres Funeral Home 1798 4th Line, Ohsweken on Wednesday September 8, 2010 at 1 p.m. (visitation 1 hour prior to service). Cremation to follow.

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-7:00pm New Credit vs. Ohsweken Redmen
-8:30 pm Caledonia vs. Sour Springs

Friday, September 10th
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Fireworks (at dusk)
Men's 50+ Fastball Tournament - hosted by the "OLD OHSWEKEN REDMEN"
-7:00pm Winner of Game #1 vs. Chiefs
-8:30pm Winner of Game #2 vs. Jarvis

Saturday, September 11th
Baby Show - In Arena (10:15am)
Pow - Wow - Grand Entry (Noon)
Chuckwagon/Chariot Races/Amateur Harness Racing - On Track (1pm)
Fashion Show - In Arena (3pm)
Arena Entertainment after Fashion Show

Grandstand Show (6:45pm Opening Band, "Old Chicago") - Headliner: "George Canyon"
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Sunday, September 12th
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Pow - Wow - Grand Entry (Noon)
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ATV driver injured

Six Nations Police were called to the scene of an ATV accident Saturday (Sept 4) at about 12:30 a.m. on Third Line and found a Can-Am Renegade ATV collided with a hydro pole. The ATV had sustained major front end

damage. The driver had been thrown from the ATV and was found lying on the ground with an apparent broken leg. He was transported to Brantford General Hospital by ambulance.

In a separate incident police are investigating a vehicle being damaged while parked on Bicentennial Trail Sunday at about 6:30 a.m. Three people all wearing hoodies were seen running from the area. The car had its windows smashed.

Commentary: The Calamity of Caledonia

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treaties existed, they had to be considered "in the sense in which they would naturally be understood by Indians," not simply for the convenience of government departments. In 1986, 13 years after Calder, the highest court in British Columbia had to explain to the provincial government that Calder really was the law and it was "a fallacy" for the province to believe it could go on ignoring it. In that same year came a further wake-up call: another British Columbia judgement found that in the absence of treaties, the province could not assume it was free to authorize mining, logging and other economic activities.

Gradually, all the decisions since Calder began to be reflected in land and treaty policy in British Columbia. As recently as 2002, the province held a referendum designed to ensure that only token acknowledgements of aboriginal title would ever be made. But British Columbians were ceasing to treat aboriginal title with the disbelieving dismissal that still typifies the general Ontario response to the purported "claims" of the Six Nations and other Ontario First Nations. After holding out for 17 years, British Columbia in 1990 had joined the treaty discussions that Canada and the Nisga'a Nation had begun after Calder, and the province was a signatory to the Nisga'a Final Agreement in May 2000.

The Nisga'a agreed to cede much of their traditional territory to British Columbia; the Haida have not yielded one hectare. Some of the consequences of changing realities in British Columbia can be seen in All That We Say Is Ours: Guujaaw and the Reawakening of the Haida Nation by West Coast journalist Ian Gill. Gill's book explores the recent achievements of one British Columbia First Nation through the lifework of Guujaaw, a Haida who first presented himself in public in the 1970s as a hunter-gatherer, a drummer, a carver, a keeper of traditional lore. Today, in his mid 50s, Guujaaw is president of the Haida Nation and a figure to reckon with in British Columbia politics. During Guujaaw's time in public life, the revival of Haida

culture and political organization have been reinforced by the Haida Nation's vigorous assertion of aboriginal title and refusal to negotiate its extinguishment. All That We Say Is Ours is a story of what has become slowly possible for British Columbia First Nations in the post-Calder environment. Today young Haida have options other than becoming sullen tenants on their own islands.

Gill describes how Guujaaw and a non-Native ally, late one night at a kitchen table, pretty much invented the world-famous South Moresby wilderness preserve, now Gwaii Haanas National Park. But equally to the point is Gill's account of how the bureaucrats of Parks Canada came to grasp that co-management with the Haida Nation was more likely to produce a national park than attempts to sideline aboriginal participation. He takes note how, as British Columbia lost its illusion of unfettered authority to greenlight resource developments without regard to aboriginal title, businesses began to turn—however reluctantly—to the partner that could actually make developments possible. Gill even suggests that the non-Native logging population of the islands, once strong supporters of the multinational logging companies whose clear-cut timber leases the Haida fought to abolish, now calculate they might be better off working in a sustainable industry with Haida forestry projects than trusting to cut-and-run multinationals. The Nisga'a agreed to cede much of their traditional territory to British Columbia; the Haida have not yielded one hectare. But in both cases, non-Native businesses and non-Native citizens continue to live and thrive where they were before aboriginal title was affirmed.

Let's not be too optimistic about the revolution in aboriginal land law in British Columbia. There have been many confrontations and there are doubtless more to come. Much distrust endures, much remains unsettled, and many aboriginal people in British Columbia remain poor, undereducated, misgoverned and often embittered. The cost to British Columbia of accepting aboriginal

title is also real. Aboriginal people are going to be the landlords and proprietors of a good deal of British Columbia, and they are certain to collect a rent or royalty on the province's future prosperity.

But the next generation of British Columbians may find a better solution and a more manageable cost than the vain hope that police or military force will sustain a denial of aboriginal title that the courts of Canada have long since found to be without legal or ethical foundation.

Are there lessons for Ontario in the West Coast experience? At least since Calder, every Canadian judicial decision in aboriginal law has declared that these questions ought to be resolved by negotiation, not litigation. Aboriginal rights are political questions, and the courts will always be blunt instruments with which to try to formulate policy. Yet without the prodding of the courts, it would surely have been impossible for any government to move toward fair treatment of aboriginal title and aboriginal rights in British Columbia. Only the steady accretion of judicial decisions on aboriginal rights has gradually educated governments and the business community, and the public too. Court decisions gradually taught that land claims left unsettled will prevent economic development, undermine everyone's land titles and subject the Crown either to endless litigation or to violent confrontations. As that lesson slowly took hold, sober self-interest began to whisper that a deal was both smart and feasible. Less than a decade after the provincial government of Gordon Campbell came to power very hostile to aboriginal rights, it hosted the 2010 Vancouver-Whistler Olympic Winter Games in partnership with four First Nations whose title to the territories where the games were taking place could not be gainsaid.

Are there lessons for Ontario in the West Coast experience? In Ontario, 19th- and early 20th-century judicial decisions on aboriginal rights mostly show settler governments and settler courts working hand in hand to reason away any obligation that might

have impeded the appropriation of aboriginal land and rights. Lower courts in Ontario still seem to be guided by those ancient precedents. In March 2008 an Ontario judge jailed most of the elected councillors of the K1 First Nation of the James Bay lowlands when they insisted their treaty rights should not simply be overruled by the Ontario Mining Act. In 2006, when the Ontario government sought a negotiated settlement to forestall further violence at Douglas Creek Estates, an Ontario judge decreed negotiations must cease. He wanted his injunction enforced, at the point of a bayonet if necessary. He called that the rule of law.

Indeed, much of the bitter criticism of Ontario's attempts to negotiate out of the Douglas Creek Estates impasse has invoked "the rule of law" with apparently serene confidence that in Ontario the law will never include aboriginal rights. In her articles, Christie Blatchford's strongest attacks were on the Ontario government for tolerating "two-tier justice" that indulged "natives who ... played the victim." It is probably still politically impossible today for any Ontario government to treat aboriginal rights with the kind of respect they have begun to receive in British Columbia. Ontario courts have not spent 40 years educating governments and citizens what the rule of law actually requires on aboriginal title and treaty obligations. The Nass Valley and Haida Gwaii seem very far away.

Let the courts speak clearly enough, and governments and even journalists in Ontario would eventually grasp the lesson. If Ontario had a case like Calder affecting the status of the Grand River valley, what might the law actually say? Now that it is settled law that Canada must accept treaty obligations to First Nations, can the cynical manoeuvrings and tortured reasoning by which Ontario justified its 19th-century appropriations of Six Nations' land survive judicial scrutiny? Now that legal interpretations of treaty clauses must consider how aboriginal parties actually understood them, the courts may eventually take a fresh look at how

Ontario redefined those guarantees of land "to be enjoyed forever" and "in the most free and ample manner." It might not be a bad bet to wager that one day a court is going to rule that the Crown in Ontario lacks valid title not just to the postage stamp that is Douglas Creek Estates but to the full 400,000 hectares of the original Six Nations territory, and that the Crown is indeed compelled to consult in the use and development of those lands and their resources.

Would Kitchener and Waterloo have to move away and Highway 401 cease to run? Hardly. The Six Nations have shown themselves willing since 1784 to share the development of their territory. Already, experience in the rest of Canada suggests that confirmation of aboriginal title is less of an obstacle to progress or economic development than endless conflict over it. The Nisga'a and the Haida have repeatedly declared that aboriginal title leads to partnership with non-Native society, and in northern Quebec the James Bay Agreement has fostered economic development instead of forestalling it.

There would surely be a cost to Ontario in paying a royalty to the landlords of the Grand River valley, perhaps even one larger than the cost of maintaining an endless armed force at Caledonia. But the British Columbia experience suggests that prospects for economic development—to say nothing of cooperation, justice and cultural enrichment—are enhanced, not harmed, by a generous acknowledgment of aboriginal rights and titles.

Let the courts speak clearly enough, and governments and even journalists in Ontario would eventually grasp the lesson. Kids in Ontario First Nations might even aspire to be Guujaaws and Frank Calders instead of being driven to become masked armed warriors on their own territories. That would not be a horror story. (www.christophermoore.ca) is a Toronto writer on historical subjects. His *The British Columbia Court of Appeal: The First Hundred Years* (University of British Columbia Press) was being published in April 2010.

Controversial energy company wants to do business at Six Nations

An independent energy supplier with numerous charges against it is requesting permission from the Six Nations Band Council to solicit door-to-door on the Six Nations reserve. Just Energy was fined \$90,000 earlier this year by the Illinois Commerce Commission for falsely telling customers they would save money under the company's

plans, enrolling customers in long-term contracts without proper authorization, and not disclosing prices and terms of service. In 2008 the company was also fined by the Illinois Attorney General's office after more than 3,000 complaints were filed against the company's sales tactics in 36 months. "Specifically, Just Energy claimed to customers that under

its fixed price program, customers would be protected against energy price volatility. But when customers signed up for the program, they were really signing up to pay a higher rate per therm, and potentially lose \$500 a month by switching gas providers to Just Energy," stated a CBS report on the charges. Just Energy was formerly known

as US Energy Savings Corporation. It offers a fixed price for natural gas and electricity under contracts of up to five years. The company says it offers customers peace of mind because they know how much they will pay for energy in the long term, instead of being subject to "inherent volatility of natural gas and electricity supply prices." But the fixed rates they

offer have been reported to be nearly double the price customers were paying beforehand in some cases, and the cost to break the contract costly. Ray Polowski was expected to request permission for Just Energy salespeople to solicit door-to-door on Six Nations at the general council meeting Tuesday, September 7.

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