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Land rights talks heading to new start

By Lynda Powless
Editor

The Six Nations Haudenosaunee Land Rights negotiating team has filed a new process for negotiations with the federal and provincial representatives.

Mohawk Chief Allen MacNaughton said the new process was filed during last Thursday's meeting.

It was the first face to face meeting in eight months. The last was held in October 2009.

The draft proposal for a new process has been worked on by Haudenosaunee technicians for the past eight months along with a restructuring.

The draft has not been made public.

It's a proposal for a framework to move negotiations forward, said Chief MacNaughton.

He said "it became obvious we needed to change or move the process forward since it wasn't going anywhere since band council was supposedly in favour of what the Confederacy was doing but

they changed their mind."

He said the process was taking on a government tone. "It began to walk like and smell like a specific claims process. Not only were we doing individual land disputes, while there was nothing wrong with what we were doing, it was how it was treated by the federal government."

He said "for example on Nathan Gage they would say it was all done right, we said no it wasn't and they would close off the discussions.

"On Welland Canal, we would come to an agreement on acreage, flooding, what was owed, the figure at that time, brought it forward they come back with a \$26 million offer they can't explain. When we discuss the particulars of block

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Informal discussions on Six Nations land rights re-opened last week, at the Onondaga dining hall with Confederacy representatives. Ontario representative Tom Malloy and federal rep Ron Doering wait outside the dining hall for talks to begin. (Photo by Jamie Lewis)

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No Integrity Commission Appointees?

By Lynda Powless
Editor

Reports that a Six Nations Band Council member is heading the proposed independent Six Nations Integrity Commission are not true says the chairman of the committee.

Six Nations Election Code committee chair, Steve Williams said no one has been appointed to the Six Nations Election Code's Integrity Commission.

The reports came in a local publication that claimed elected chief Bill Montour said "We have an Integrity Commission here that's

been appointed. Melba Thomas is the chairperson for it".

Elected Chief Bill Montour did not return Turtle Island News calls by deadline.

Councillor Melba Thomas did not return Turtle Island News calls.

That surprised even councillor Helen Miller. "Not that I know of. We don't have a integrity commission of our own. The only one anyone has talked about is the one in the new election code."

She said she is not aware of councillor Thomas being appointed to it.

But, if she, was she said, it would concern her.

"Of course it would concern me. The only time this has come up is in the election code. And Melba aint sitting on nothing. As far as I know."

Miller said, "according to the election code, it's suppose to be community appointment. Independent. They wouldn't put Melba (councillor Thomas) on there."

But, she added, "council did agree to let councillors sit as community members. And I didn't agree with that. You are a councillor 24-7."

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Informal meeting sees draft proposal filed, no band council present

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Five Moulton Township, they came back with an offer that included several parcels, not just Welland Canal for an offer of \$26 million and they can't come up with an explanation for it. If we consult economists we are 1000 points apart." He said the discussions are not negotiations.

"There are no negotiations. We discuss the facts and they come up with an offer. We are bouncing back and forth like we are in court without a judge. We believe that is not a process that will get us anywhere."

"They have said they are booked through August so we won't be back until September. We are trying to get regular meetings."

"We are ready to go every day. But when we were doing that we did have a mediator."

He said part of the package is proposing a mediator and defining what his role is, "such as a watchdog of the process, to make sure we are following our framework and following through on our commitments. He is not there to make a decision on substance."

He said the negotiating team has proposed a restructuring and mandate for itself. That includes the ap-

move forward without some hope and faith in each other."

He said the restructuring and draft proposal will be on the agenda for Saturday's Confederacy meeting. He said these watchdogs are being set in place to facilitate the process."

He said he was surprised how the two representatives took the proposal.

"What is in the framework is actually a much stronger mediator or facilitator position than what we had previously."

He said the provincial and federal representatives appeared to be surprised with the proposal being



Allen MacNaughton

Chief MacNaughton said the booklet does show the band council may have learned something from the Confederacy over the past four years and includes informa-

tion from Confederacy talks..

"It talks about Land rights instead of land claims and stays the course of what the Confederacy route is."

"They have compiled information from the talks that have been going on and are using Confederacy phrases in their report."

"I find that not ironic, but somewhat pleasing. Maybe they learned something over these past four years," he said.

"I can't help but hope they have something else up their sleeve than what they are leading everyone to believe," he said.

He said their idea of a global settlement smacks of the federal government's comprehensive claims process that demands surrender and extinguishment of land.

"They know where that process is going to take Six Nations."

He said he doesn't know what role the band has to play in negotiations if they are back in court and in the claims process. "They are talking

about a global process that's a comprehensive claim process."

He said surrender or extinguishment is not on the Confederacy agenda.

"It is concerning that they (band council) have not indicated if they would extinguish or surrender the land."

He said "If Canada wants to talk about certainty, that's something else, but while Canada is in negotiations with native people across the country their bottom line has been extinguishment, and money for land."

He said the land rights talks may be willing to give them certainty on an ongoing relationship but not the loss of the land. "As long as we are here and they are here, there is a relationship that has to be maintained. That's why we have been pushing the relationship forward the Two Row and Silver Covenant."

He said they are expected to resume discussions in September with the possibility of full time talks being launched.

Hazel Hill, a Haudenosaunee technician working on the land rights, said she could not comment directly on the works, but said "I am very proud of the efforts of our Haudenosaunee negotiating team in moving forward with the initiative taken by Confederacy. It looks to the future. It is not dwelling on the past."

The meeting Thursday was short, only an hour long with the Six Nations negotiators taking up most of the time filing the draft, she said.

Hill said, the federal and provincial representatives were happy to see the initiative. "They were surprised and pleased. They didn't know what to expect. They were coming just to talk. They assumed it was going to be a talking about talking session."

She said the draft proposal, while not public, encompasses issues raised by the community over the past four years, including the need to secure a land base and protect it. "We have taken the concerns of the community to another step to find a process that will work for Canada and Ontario as well."



Federal and provincial representatives and their teams wait outside the Onondaga longhouse dining hall. Confederacy council is holding its land rights talk there after being forced out of the Oneida Business Park by band council. (Photo by Jamie Lewis)

He said that process didn't work. "So we have developed a framework that will give us a chance to move forward in a principled manner. It builds on the principles signed to date."

He said he cannot discuss details but he hopes to give the discussions more clarity and accountability.

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Red Barn's annual arts and crafts camp brings culture to youth

By Jamie Lewis

Writer

SIX NATIONS- For 39 years the



Students learned how to make their own Gustowah

Red Barn has had a camp where children from the community have come to learn about their history as well as 18 different crafts from

making Gustowahs to beading.

The year 180 students took part in the 4 day camp. For Trey Bomberry this year he made a Gustowah and learns about patience.

"I had to make a Gustowah and though it was something new, I learned to take my time and to have patience," he said. Philip Skye one of the teachers at the camp said that his class was the large Gustowah group and he had a total of eight children and one was a girl who was making a Gustowah for her brother.

"I wanted to teach the class that to do the best you have to take your time and Trey (Bomberry) worked hard to get and even though it took him and extra day to completely finish his Gustowah it was an incredible piece," said Skye.

Students made cornhusk figurines



Skye said he taught the class all the parts in making a Gustowah and what each part of the Gustowah meant. He said for him, it is uplifting to see the children learn about their culture but to learn about their language and customs.



Kyle Miller serves up some scones and ham last Friday at the Red Barn. (Photo by Jamie Lewis)

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Federal health minister announces funding for aboriginal diabetes programs

LONG PLAIN FIRST NATION, Man. _ The federal government is giving aboriginal people a \$110-million boost to help fight diabetes in their communities. Health Minister Leona Aglukkaq announced the funding Wednesday at Manitoba's Long Plain First Nation, lauding the community for its commitment to supporting healthy living. "I think there's lessons to be learned here," Aglukkaq said of Long Plain, which is near Portage la Prairie. "This is a model I think we need to duplicate. It is an important investment in the long term health of Canada's aboriginal people." The money over the next two years will go toward the Aboriginal Diabetes Initiative which provides diabetes-related education and health resources to communities. The importance of the initiative hits close to home for Long Plain residents. Mounted on the wall of the health services building where the announcement was made is a quilt with patches commemorating the 50 community members who died from diabetes in recent years.

Community members stop trucks; no poop in our backyard

By Jamie Lewis
Writer
MIDDLEPORT-Six Nations community members stopped human waste from being dumped on a farm south of Middleport Tuesday morning. Bill Monture from the Men's Fire says that they and community members stopped the farmer from spreading what is called Biosolids (Human waste) "We don't want them to dump this stuff because all pharmaceutical products as well as HIV, Hep C don't break down, now all of a sudden you're putting this stuff in the field and from there to the human food chain," Monture says. Monture says with Biosolids it brings all kinds of sickness into the community. "We are not only doing it here, but for those in Caledonia, Hagersville and Cayuga," he added. Monture says that they started spraying the field about 5 am. this morning and that a neighbour

called to report it. Monture says that everyone should be made aware of what is being dumped in some fields, because he fears these Biosolids will work their way into the drinking water and river. OPP officer Dan Michaud a member of P.L.T. (Provincial Liaison Team) said that the Ministry of the Environment approved the Biosolids be used on this field. "One of the biggest problems we have today is that we are too loosey goosey about what we are talking about and one of the things I have a problem with is the term Biosolids, I do not know what it means," said Jim Hirishi from the policy office of the Ministry of the Environment. He says that Biosolids are a generic term and he says you do not know if it is water solids or whether it is treated solids and you do not know if it is raw septic waste. "And it is stupid to make these

things so generic and people do not know what we are talking about," he added. Hirishi says that Biosolids have been around for years and he says there are different standards and policies in place for the distribution of the waste. "Even with the standards in place, I am still confused on what we are talking about, is it 100% water? or 99% solid? like what is it? has it been digested?" he said. Hirishi says Biosolids are nutrient-rich organic materials resulting from the treatment of domestic sewage in a treatment facility. And Biosolids are treated sewage sludge which are treated and monitored and must be used in accordance with regulatory requirements. Matt Jolley from Wessuc says that his company was prevented from distributing Biosolids after protesters arrived and said that the land that the Biosolids was being applied to was under a land claim and



OPP, land owners, truckers and Six Nations people meet in Tuesday's heat over dumping of biosolids that his company was accused of dumping solids. "We were approached by some protesters saying that the land we were on was under a land claim, so we decided to shut down the operation," he said. Jolley said the Biosolids came from the Brant County Treatment plant and had been treated prior to being delivered. He said "Biosolids are beneficial, they reduce use of chemical fertilizers and are rich in organic matter, phosphorus and nitrogen which helps improve soil characteristics."

2010 Election to be held under new election code

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She said she doesn't agree with council representation on the committee. "I don't agree council should be sitting on there it should be independent." She said, "I don't think councillors should be sitting on anything as a community member. I voted against it when it came up at council. You are a councillor 24-7. Election Code committee chairperson Steve Williams said the election code committee were

scheduled to make a presentation to band council last night but, "we are not ready for a presentation it is being made September 7th instead." He said the committee is still working on the preamble to the new code and commission. He said there has been no one appointed to the integrity commission. "The (elected) chief can't appoint anyone to the integrity commission it is independent. She (Melba

Thomas) is not on there. There have been no appointments." He said there will likely be appointments made by the election committee in the first year. "We did not want to have elections for the commission at the same time as the band elections because you are already voting for trust trustees and council. It would be too confusing." He said there were concerns people running for council would simply hop over to the commission to

run. "It's like the trust fund. People ran for both council and the trust. When they didn't get on council they got on the trust. So it seems like a lot of former councillors are on there." He said at this point no one has been appointed. He said recent concerns that not have been enough people voted for the new election code so the 2010 elections should be held under the old code will not happen.

"Too bad, that's what's going to happen. In the present (election) code it says we have to have a vote. Which we did. It doesn't say what percentage. If council thinks they any different, then they should be living by same (election) code which they are ignoring." Less than one per cent of the Six Nations voting population turned out to vote on the changes. Less than 7 per cent voted in the last band council elections.

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Break in of home

Six Nations Police are investigating a break-in at a residence Wednesday, July 28, 2010. At about 5:30 a.m. the owner of a town line home awoke to noise coming from the kitchen of the house. The homeowner thinking it was one of his two children went to check it out and saw a person leaving the house through the front door. The intruder got into a small blue car and was last seen heading eastbound on town line. The culprit had entered the house through an open window. It appears the intruder did not go beyond the kitchen before fleeing. The homeowner found that his vehicle had also been entered. A GPS unit, wallet and a Nintendo DS had been taken. Anyone with information is asked to contact Six Nations Police at 519-445-2811 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-tips

Celebrating Joseph Brant Day in Burlington

By Edna J. Gooder
Writer

BURLINGTON, ONT.-The 31st annual Joseph Brant Day was held August 2nd from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. by the Museums of Burlington at the ritzy Lasalle Park.

burgers as the annual event got underway. There was a lot to see and do for the entire family from bouncy slides for the children, free boat rides and for a mere \$5 donation a hot air balloon ride plus craft

ery, dream catchers and bead work to eager festival goers. Melba Hill of Six Nations said she and Diane Nanticoke have been selling their crafts at the Joe Brant Day celebrations for a "few years" now and business has been pretty good.



A museum volunteer works with children in the craft area where they made medallions with Joseph Brant's wolf clan on them and rattles. (Photo by Lynda Powless)

More than 4,000 people were expected to attend the free day-long event commemorating the efforts of Mohawk leader Joseph Brant (Thayendanegea) and the Mohawk people for helping keep Canada - Canada. Shady trees and cool breezes mingled with the sound of musket fire and the aroma of hotdogs and booths for the adults. Strolling about were ladies dressed in period costumes and re-enactors fired muskets and one huge canon -- startling people and filling the air with smoke. There wasn't much native influence present, but one, lone, native booth. Above the Clouds Crafts was doing brisk business selling jew-



Re-enactor fires a huge canon filling the air with smoke during annual Joseph Brant Day held Civic holiday Monday. (Photos by Edna J. Gooder)



The displays included carving a canoe

Jackson added they recognize the importance the part Brant played in keeping Canadians - Canadians -- and -- not Americans thus they proudly hold the annual event. Mohawk leader Thayendanegea was christened Joseph Brant, received an English education, was a captain in the British military and fought alongside the British during the American Revolutionary War. King George III also gave Brant about 3,000 acres overlooking the present day Burlington Bay, where he built a home and lived until his death. A replica of his home is now a museum in the heart of downtown Burlington and draws thousands of visitors a year.



The Power Circle is a group of drummers who show up at a variety of events where anyone can sit in with their drum. They are holding the largest drum circle in the world for global unity at Ohsweken in September. (Photo by Lynda Powless)



Above the Clouds crafts owner Melba Hill with helper Diane Nanticoke (above) did a brisk business at the festival. They were the only craft booth and were kept busy.

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Letters: Questioning election code numbers

Chief and Council: I have been informed the Election Code Committee will be making a presentation to Elected Council regarding the results the ratification vote held in May. A local newspaper published the results in their June 2, 2010 edition: 28 of 45 (62%) voted in the affirmative. Is that a significant enough to declare a successful ratification? I would urge Council and the Community Committee to view the report as information only and begin immediately to prepare an amendment package to be voted at the fall election in November. To be clear - the upcoming election would be held in accordance with the current code. I can appreciate all the work that

went into preparing the recent amendment initiative but the matter of 'leadership selection' is far too important to give detractors the opportunity to say guidelines for determining our leadership was approved by less the 1% of our membership. I am very please to see idea of an Integrity Commission was resurrected from a past amendment package and included in the most recent initiative. I would hope that all such Community Commissions (Integrity Commission, Police Commission, Claims Commission) would gravitate to elected position where the elections coincide with the General Elections. We are all aware our community has great expectations of its leadership - whether: Elected or

Traditional. We are all aware of countless attempts to make positive working relations happen and the resistance to those types of initiatives. To be clear - until we change our leadership selection process and our decision making process to be inclusive of both perspectives - we will continue to revisit the same jaded debate. But until we make that significant change in our governance model - Six Nations Elected Council remains the governing body of our territory. I thank you for the opportunity to share a few thoughts and ideas. I hope everyone is taking some time to enjoy this beautiful summer with family and friends. Dave General

Response to Turtle Island Six Nations Matrimonial Real Property Article Dated July 14, 2010

The July 14 editorial and article on the Six Nations Matrimonial Real Property Law contains several inaccuracies which I would like to correct as well as provide an alternative perspective. As the person who was engaged to develop the Six Nations Matrimonial Real Property Law and facilitate community input I am deeply familiar with the both the content of the

law and the process to develop it. First of all, the Six Nations Matrimonial Property law is not written in stone and is open to input up until it is adopted by Council. Even then it can be amended later on. The article speaks of Council taking a "sudden" interest in this topic and of imposing this law but this is not true. Council has in fact been proactive and responded quickly and early, over 3 years ago, when Canada signaled its intent to pass legislation on this topic. Council engaged me to begin tracking what

(Editorial continued from left) the way while sitting on a granting committee) a grant for a printing operation that went bankrupt...should we go on.

That same publication is operated by an editor who admitted in court that he knows nothing about figures and numbers and looking at spreadsheets means nothing to him, he can't read them. He blames his inability to research or quote people on his own deafness and takes cheap shots instead at a people who have for generations reached out to make their communities better. Six Nations may fight internally as elected chief Bill Montour says, but let's face it, as a people we have that right. As a large family we always do have those family disputes. But like a family we reach out to help those among us who need the help. WE reach out to get the best deals we can for our people and to try to help them in any way we can.

And we stand shoulder to shoulder when a threat from the outside comes. The problem is, sometimes the threat is the enemy within. Six Nations should be proud of the work it does to improve its community in every way it can from band departments, to politicians on both sides of the fence to those who are working behind doors to provide help. We may fight with each other, but let's remember, we are one big family, one people, and our future is intertwined. So handouts...not a chance. Let's talk about reparations return of stolen money and land.

Handouts...you've got to be kidding.

Six Nations headed back to the land rights table last week with a preliminary meeting at the Onondaga Longhouse with Confederacy representatives, the first in eight months.

Sadly Six Nations Elected council representation was not present. Elected Chief Bill Montour has himself come out swinging lately telling a Brantford court Six Nations internal politics is Six Nations to solve, but then went on to explain how he saw the future of Six Nations negotiations going with representation from a whole bunch of factions at Six Nations.

Nothing could be further from leadership than to skirt the tough spots, before an election, and try to look like everyone's buddy. Six Nations land right talks belong to the community's leadership, not every wanna be leader that crops up with a complaint.

Six Nations has two governing systems, the elected and the Confederacy. Both of whom were headed in the right direction until they let petty politics get in their path.

Six Nations does not need a committee of wanna be leaders. It needs its current leaders to lead, or get out of the way.

Unfortunately the community like every other First Nation in the country faces hurdles to negotiations that all stem from inadequate funding. Six Nations band council receives a meagre amount of funding to operate underfunded federal programs here. Six Nations people running those departments are hard pressed to make those dollars stretch, but they try.

They come up with creative ways to stretch the limited funds, funds by the way that aren't a hand out and have never been and only those with limited intelligence would ever consider the funds a handout.

The amount of money Canada owes Six Nations is the billions. These funds represent only a fraction of the federal government's fiduciary responsibility to Six Nations and First Nations themselves but they get away with the poverty level funding by launching p.r. campaigns or depending on the uninformed or in a recent case narrow minded writers at another local publication who tried to convince people that these are actually hand outs.

So much for community support.

Six Nations, has never received proper funding to match its population base. As a result it has to depend on its own people who man those department to be creative and we congratulate those who recently were able to convince the federal government to invest (not hand out) \$1 million in keeping the Cayuga language alive. Let's remember the feds spend millions on the French language and other minority language programming but First Nations end up fighting for a pittance of what they should be receiving, particularly considering the country was built on Six Nations money.

Handouts from the federal government. laundering money ...balderdash.

Even this newspaper was accused of receiving a "\$20,000 investment" from the federal government (we were also accused of lobbying for \$83,000 but have no idea where that stupidity arose from not to mention they also claimed we received \$210,000 as well, a fable we were hoping was true and eagerly waited for cheque to show up but alas it didn't).

The \$20,000 was not a grant or an investment. Like every other legitimate newspaper in the country a postal subsidy is provided for those that fit necessary criteria to be considered a publication.

If receiving a postal subsidy is a crime let's take a look at the pot that is calling the kettle black and by kettle we mean everyone at Six Nations since the editorial has condemned the entire community for doing what they should be doing.

IN fact, in the past, the small newspaper on Hwy 54 has received hundreds of thousands of dollars in federal "investments" over the years from the same postal subsidy (which they no longer receive because they cannot verify their circulation) to money to put up the building they operate from (money received by

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HSTmailout not necessary after smoother than expected rollout

Colonization (well, Neo-colonialism), Part 2, the roles it takes



By Ru?te'nyà-re' Uchihre'

Two weeks ago I wrote an article (Turtle Island News, July 21) about imperialism, colonialism, and the different forms it takes.

I quoted two individuals: Ngugi wa Thiong'o and Frantz Fanon, two men who lived through the de-colonization of their countries. I like these two men's writings for a number of reasons, but one very important reason is that they lived through it.

They experienced first-hand colonization, the fight of their people against it, the brutal retaliation of the colonizers (in Ngugi's case it was the British, in Fanon's it was the French) against the struggle for liberation, AND they watched the aftermath once the colonizers retreated back into their holes.

This is something that no Onkwehónwe today can claim, which, I would think, would encourage some to take a more

VACOUVER, B.C. - British Columbians shouldn't bother checking their mailboxes for a pamphlet that was supposed to explain the benefits of the newly implemented harmonized sales

tax. Finance Minister Colin Hansen says it won't be coming. He says the uproar over combining the federal and provincial sales taxes has died down since the 12 per cent levy was imposed

on July 1. Hansen says rollout of the HST has been smoother than expected and there's no need to clarify the government's reasons for turning to the tax, just weeks after the

Liberals downplayed the idea during the 2009 provincial election. Hansen says a radio advertising campaign about the value of the HST will be extended.

humble approach when talking about such things.

The time following 'de-colonization' (meaning the actual removal of the colonizer from their lives, and not some dressed-up compromise) is interesting because it is rare, and it is always very complicated anywhere you look in the world where a people or nation took back their lands, natural resources, and control of their own lives. And typically, three things stand out as weak points during this time. But these three things are actually rooted in the time before the de-colonization.

The first weak point is usually the ability of the leaders to manage their affairs efficiently and provide for their people - this is a hard thing for leaders to do after spending so many years being put down by institutions that were put in place by the colonizers. It's like somebody tied them to a chair for many years and then suddenly somebody cut the ropes and said, "OK, jump up and run, now!"

The second weak point is that the old internal disagreements - the ones between the people - often come to a boil.

It's a situation where people, who are used to being angry at the colonizer, and who have become accustomed to trouble, dysfunction, and fighting the colonizer every day, suddenly do not have an enemy in front of them that they can reach out and touch. That's when those

old familiar local differences (or sometimes false differences that were actually created by the colonizer) turn into a fight. This isn't due to the people's shortcomings, it's simply because they've been forced to suffer for so long. This, I believe, is similar to something that the Peacemaker addressed. The Peacemaker knew the people of the Five Nations had suffered a long time, and they experienced feelings like what today are called PTSD (Post-traumatic Stress). That is why the Condolence Ceremony and the concept of 'Wiping the Tears' exists, and that is one reason why, to my understanding, compassion and patience are underlying principles throughout the Gayanehsragowa /Kayaneren'kowa.

Of course the Five Nations were not dealing with European colonizers and non-native Settlers back then, but the Peacemaker saw the danger that long-term abuse can introduce into a family, whether it's been externally or internally inflicted.

The third thing that stands out after a nation is de-colonized is that the colonizers don't really leave (which is why I said that true de-colonization is rare).

For one, they leave behind a security policy' so that they'll still have just enough control to continue making money. And this situation is called "neo-colonial," as I had mentioned before. It's something

that's too big for a couple of articles, but it's important to understand that these people have experience. You can find similarities all around the world when it comes to Europeans colonizing the lands of non-Europeans; but sometimes it's hard to recognize when it's right in front of you because it can be very tricky.

Ngugi wa Thiong'o, who I mentioned earlier, talks a lot about this "neo-colonialism." He talks about how those people who have in almost every way become whites, at least in terms of their thinking and their ways of doing things, become the ones with the money and the power to govern after the colonizer 'pulls out.' And (remember what I said about having experience) these "leaders" come into power in such a way that many of their own people don't realize that they're not actually controlling their own politics and their own futures. And this is usually accomplished simply because these "leaders" look and sound like them - like "natives."

For an example, most "reserves" had white Indian Agents up until a few decades ago. Ohswe:ken (Six Nations) had some. There are pictures of them sitting with the Confederacy Chiefs before the 1924 overthrow. That's a pretty big deal. A white man would come down from Brantford to "observe" and "attend" the council of the Haudenosaunee government at

ports not participating in voting, this would mean that our communities could never enact an MRP law, under the federal Bill.

7. The Federal Bill provides no resources for First Nation communities to develop or implement their MRP laws.

8. The federal Bill is a violation of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples including specifically Articles 3, 5, 18, 19, 26, 27, 32 (2), 34 and 37.

9. The federal Bill does not address the underlying issues and symptoms of the problem. This issue would not be as serious if the federal government addressed the massive housing backlog in First Nation communities. When couples split one of them has to leave the matrimonial home. If alternative or additional houses were available this would mitigate the biggest irritant in matrimonial property disputes.

Richard C. Powless Ottawa/Six Nations

Matrimonial Real Property (continued from page 6)

took action and responded quickly when virtually no other First Nation community across Canada has acted to occupy the field and develop their own MRP law based on Six Nations inherent authority to do so. Only one other community has done the same in Canada. Council is not "imposing" this law. There has been much opportunity for and community input into this law. There have been 6 community meetings, 13 community focus groups, a community survey, 2 radio call-in shows and the MRP law and materials have been made available on Council's website for the past 2 years. Council formed an MRP Committee composed of Council members, staff and community representatives.

Confederacy Council has been invited several times to appoint a representative to the Committee. Confederacy representatives have met with the committee on a few occasions and the invitation is still open for them to participate. Council is a government and governments enact laws for their people. That's all that is being done and is what a responsible government should do.

The traveling Iroquois court idea was supported during the feedback obtained during the community consultations. Citizens were concerned about the possibility of conflict of interest if we were using a local tribunal, because many Six Nations members are related. The 7 Iroquois communities are all working toward their

own MRP laws and it was thought that each community could supply tribunal members that could be used to decide issues for all Iroquoian communities. Six Nations would always have a tribunal member sitting on all cases but would work with other members from the other Iroquoian communities.

The Six Nations MRP law will supersede the Residency By-law because it reflects the current reality. We know that there are non-members residing at Six Nations and when attempts have been made in the past to remove them, families have intervened. If they are living here sharing a matrimonial home then they have acquired rights, but more importantly the children of mixed marriages are living and growing up in our community and are members of our community. Legal advice has also informed council that if or when the federal law is enacted it too will supersede the Six Nations residency by-law because it was enacted as a by-law under the Indian Act, and more recent federal laws supersede conflicting laws dealing with the same issue.

The article wrongly asserts the Six Nations MRP law will provide more rights to "non-Six Nations people." This is simply not so. Under the Six Nations law no reserve land can be transferred to non-Indians. If a non Six Nations person is married to band member when they split, and provided they are awarded the matrimonial

home, they may be provided a "life estate" meaning they can continue to live there, if they have minor children. In the case where they have no children or enter into a relationship with another non-member then they will be given up to 6 months to leave the community.

It is also important to review what could happen if Six Nations does nothing and the federal government enacts its MRP law, currently called Bill S4 which was started in, and passed the Senate before Parliament recessed for the summer. This law replaces previous attempts of Bills C-8 and C-47 all of which ignored the recommendations of Ministerial Representative Wendy Grant John. Ms. Grant John recommended the law be based on First Nation authority and jurisdiction. This was not done. The federal government will simply impose expensive provincial court processes and legal systems on First Nations.

This Bill S-4, which will go to the House of Commons in September purports to be the source of authority for First Nations matrimonial property laws. This is simply not true. All First Nations know that we did not get our authority to govern from the Indian Act.

Its interesting that the article is critical of Council's law but provides no similar critical analysis of the federal bill S-4. It reads like a Press Release for Indian and Northern Affairs Canada. Here are some of the problems

with the federal Bill:

- 1. The Duty to Consult was not met by the federal government. There was no consultation with the Rights-Holders, the First Nations. Consultation with First Nation organizations (AFN, Chiefs of Ontario, etc.) does not count. 2. Native group supports this federal Bill, including the national native women's organizations and the AFN Women's council. 3. The federal Bill is based on the Indian Act and not First Nation jurisdiction 4. The Bill is contrary to 90% of the recommendations of the Ministers own advisor 5. The federal Bill is not founded on First Nations laws, customs or traditions - rather it will simply impose expensive provincial court systems and costs on First Nation communities. 6. The federal Bill is racist. For Example: 1.) It imposes requirements for a referendum in First Nation communities when no other level or type of government is required to hold a referendum to pass a law; 2.) It imposes an Indian Agent type "Verification Officer" to oversee the law making process in First Nation communities. This flies in the face of the federal Residential Schools apology and imposes the same mentality from that era. 3.) It imposes a Voting Threshold of 25%, meaning at least 25% of electors must participate in the referendum vote. In Iroquoian communities, with Confederacy sup-

ports not participating in voting, this would mean that our communities could never enact an MRP law, under the federal Bill.

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Editor's Note: The Turtle Island News stands by its article. The article is based on the information provided by the matrimonial "law" approved by band council under their new "reading" process, and verified in Mr. Powless' letter. Band council will be holding its second reading in September after it holds committee meetings on the subject. No community meetings have been planned.

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REZ GOLF

I recently coordinated a golf tournament named the Bkejwanong Youth Celebrity Golf Gala. The two day event was a top-notch gala with so many things happening under one roof. The gala evening featured comedian Don Burnstick as the Master of Ceremonies. Guitar sensation Derek Miller rocked the crowd! With over two hundred dinner guests, Native North American artists offered inspirational messages at the celebrity meet and greet. The meet and greet offered youth a chance to sit down and interact with celebrities like Miss Indian World Dakota Brant, Singer Jana Mashonee, Actor/Rapper Litefoot, Comedian Don Burnstick, Actress/Producer Jennifer Podemski and Plex. The event was held at Windsor Caesars inside the Augustus ballroom, the entertainers did a wonderful job for all who were in attendance and the crowd enjoyed every minute.

The event was a two day celebration with the gala taking place on Thursday July 8, 2010 and the golf tournament which was sold out, concluded on Friday July 9 2010. The golf tournament was a four person event with Don Burnstick and Derek Miller teeing off for the youth event. Native American golf professional Rod Curl was also on hand to offer his PGA tour teaching to many of the golfers in attendance. Cheryl Mitchell the first native woman to compete in a LPGA tour event was also on hand to offer her valuable insight.

The entire tournament was a tremendous success and the golf committee believes that next year will be bigger and better. I was very fortunate to be involved with this event and will keep you informed on other wonderful events taking place before the summer is finished. Since were on the topic of great golf events, I recently attended the Mont-Hill Memorial golf tournament located on Ohsweken and the event was a tremendous success. The tournament was a four person scramble and the real winners were the organizations that were recognized as a donor for the funds raised. The event had one of the best prize tables I have seen and the food was cooked to perfection. Although no one brought home the boat there was a trip to Las Vegas won and many smiling faces as the tournament concluded.

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Rebels eliminated in heartbreaking loss



Six Nations Rebels captain Jason Johns is consoled by his teammates after the Rebels battled back from a 8-4 deficit only to see the Elora Mohawks score two goals late in the third to eliminate the Rebels 10-9 in the Western Conference Final. (Photo by Jamie Lewis)

By Jamie Lewis
Writer
OHSWEKEN-The Six Nations Rebels of the OLA junior "B" saw their season come to an end last Saturday night at the GPA. The 20-0 Rebels, who had won the first two rounds of the playoff faced a tough Elora Mohawks and had trailed the series 2-0, but battled back forcing a deciding game five. Six Nations trailed the game 8-4 after two periods of play then fought back scoring 5 goals to tie the game 9-9. Carney Johnson was called for interference to give the Mohawks a power play. Stu Montour says that the call late in the game was very questionable considering the lack of calls the referees were letting go all night. "I am pretty sure we had more helmets laying on the floor

throughout the game then Elora did and it is tough to have a game decided on a questionable call like that, its kinda beyond me and there is nothing we can do about it," added Montour. The Mohawks Brady Heseltine fired a low shot that snuck past Rebels goalie Warren Hill, (who replaced Don Alton midway through the second), to give Elora a 10-9 lead with just under two minutes left. The Mohawks controlled the ball, running out the clock to win the J.A. MacDonald trophy. Silence fell in the Gaylord Powless Arena as the clock ran out ending what was a perfect season for Six Nations. The hardest hit was Rebels captain Jason Johns, with tears rolling down his face crouched beside the Rebels goal and consoled by fellow teammates.

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Arrows drop game one

Six Nations Arrows dropped game one of their best of seven OHL junior "A" championship series to the Orangeville Northmen Monday night by a score of 11-5. The Arrows and the Northmen

were tied 4-4 entering the 14th minute of the second period when Orangeville's Jeremy Noble broke loose for an unassisted shorthanded goal. Orangeville controlled the third

period as it scored three unanswered goals to post the victory. Jeremy Noble led the Northmen with three goals and three assist Alex (Kedoh) Hill and Jim Purves each scored one goal and earned

two assists for the Arrows. Johnny Powless got two assists. Aside from Dilks, the Arrows also got goals from Elijah Printup and Kyle Isaacs. Kraig Maracle and Randy Johnson earned assists.

Chiefs go to semi-finals

By Jamie Lewis
Writer

SIX NATIONS-The Six Nations Chiefs of the Major Lacrosse Series continue to the semi-finals against the Brampton Excelsiors after the Chiefs eliminated the Ajax-Pickering Rock 10-6 last Sunday and swept the series in four straight.

Six Nations took a 2-0 lead into the dressing room after Steven Keogh scored both Chiefs' goals. Six Nations scored 6 goals in the second to lead 8-4 after the second. Craig Point started the period off with his goal 1:10 into the second. The Rock rallied scoring two goal three minutes apart to cut into the Chiefs lead of 3-2.

Jason Mainer scored a power-play goal and Brandon Collins tallied with his goal.

Six Nations went on a four goal scoring binge to take a 7-2 lead before the midway mark of the

period. Point scored to give the Chiefs a 4-2 lead at 1:10 of the second period. A minute fifteen later Six Nations took a three goal lead after Tom Montour drove a low shot into the Rock goal, Roger Vyse tallied just over six minutes gone in the period and Rob Marshall scored a minute later to give Six Nations a 7-2 lead. Jordan Coffey made the score 7-3 after he took a long pass from Zac Mcilmoyle and drove it past Six Nations goalie Jeff Powless.

Justin Gibson cut the Ajax deficit to 7-4 with his goal with just over a minute left in the period, but a give away cost the Rock as Steven Keogh scored with less than a minute left giving his team a 8-4 lead after two periods.

Six Nations Brendan Thenhaus scored two goals in the third to give the Chiefs a 10-4 lead only to see the Rock respond scoring two goals of there own from Kiel Donahue



Six Nations Chiefs Murray Porter Dives and fires the ball into the Ajax-Pickering goal last week at the I.L.A. (Photo by Jamie Lewis)

and Jason Mainer to cut into the Chiefs lead of 10-6. Six Nations hung onto win the game 10-6 and eliminate Ajax-Pickering four straight. Steve Keogh had three goals and

two assists while Colin Doyle earned five assists for the Chiefs. Brendan Thenhaus and Craig Point each snapped two goals and one assist for Six Nations. Roger Vyse had one goal and two assists.

Tom Montour with one goal and one assist. Rob Marshall also scored one goal. Murray Porter and Kyle Schmelze each rallied with one assist.



Six Nations Rebels goalie Don Alton throws up an arm to make a fantastic save last Sunday at the GPA. (Photo by Jamie Lewis)

"We kept it that way and fell a little short, we did the unthinkable not only coming back in the third period but one shot either way it could have been us," added Montour.

He said his two young goaltenders (Don Alton and Warren Hill) played great throughout the season and he says in time they are going to be great goaltenders. "A big game like this is pretty hard to handle when your 16 years old," he added.

Montour said that for five players, their time with the Rebels has come to an end, Jeremy Johns, Jason Johns, Corey Davis, Russell Longboat and Wayne VanEvery. "They are all great players, I had the privilege of having Jason, Jeremy and Wayne for the full four years and they are all great players on and off the floor, they all have a bright future in lacrosse," said Montour.

He says the future looks good for Six Nations and in the community there is a great lacrosse factory

Rebels heartbreaking loss... continued from page 8

period down 3-2 after Jake Weidner and Dan Keane scored 48 seconds apart to give the Mohawks an early 2-0 lead.

Six Nations rallied midway through the first scoring two goals from Chris Attwood and Rodd Squire to tie the game 2-2, to the delight of the huge crowd that jammed into the GPA.

A late penalty in the first cost the Rebels a goal when Kyle Dobbie scored for Elora with 25 seconds left, to give his team a 3-2 lead after one period.

The Mohawks roared out of the gate scoring the first four goals of the period to take a 7-2 lead.

Jordan Godin, Brady Heseltine,

Jordan Denny and Steve Hutchison all tallied for the Mohawks.

Rebels started Don Alton, who had been Six Nations number one goalie throughout the season and the playoffs was pulled and Warren Hill came into the net. Chris Attwood responded for the Rebels with his goal at 15:16 of the period, cutting into the Mohawk lead of 7-3.

Elora charged back scoring 20 seconds later with Matt Hummel's goal, making the score 8-3 and Six Nations made it a four goal game after Rodd Squire scored to make it an 8-4 game after two periods.

The Rebels rallied in the third period and fired the first five goals

to take a 9-8 lead by the midway point of the period.

Elora's Brad Heseltine scored a power-play goal at 16:26 to tie the score 9-9 and Heseltine scored the go ahead goal with 1:48 left in the game.

Chris Attwood finished the night with two goals and three assists to lead the Rebels. Jeremy Johns and Rodd Squire each had two goals. Vaughn Harris and Quinn Powless each got one goal.

Torrey VanEvery scored one goal and three assists and Wayne VanEvery got four assists.

Jake Bomberry and Jesse Johnson each got two assists. Johnson Jimerson had one assist.

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- A short description of the successes achieved

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Mohawks beat Indians to advance

The Kahnawake Mohawks will be facing the Valleyfield Dinomytes in the Quebec Senior Lacrosse League finals after they downed in Caughnawaga Indians three games to one. The Mohawks closed out the semifinals against the Indians on Friday night by a score of 13-4.

The Mohawks offense and fresh legs buried the Indians in the third period as the Mohawks outscored the Indians 6-0. Goals came from Wiles (4G), Markie Kirby (3G) and Jamie Rooney

World of Outlaws Donny Schatz takes checker flag



Six Nations Glenn Styres closes in on Craig Dollansky during the feature at the Ohsweken Speedway last Sunday night. Styres finished ninth in the world of Out Laws race. (Photo by Jamie Lewis)

By Jamie Lewis
Writer

OHSWEKEN-After rain scrubbed the World of Outlaws "Six Nations Showdown" last Saturday night the drivers were hoping clear skies would greet them Sunday.

With the extra day of sunshine the Outlaw took to the track Sunday night with Donny Schatz and Steve Kinser the front row. Schatz took off to an early lead over 3.2 second ahead of Kinser, when a caution flag came out after Lucas Wolfe slid off the track entering corner three.

With the field drawn single file on the restart Schatz regained his

lead with Kinser closing in again in second place.

On lap eight Ben Gregg found that corner three was a problem and his car also spun off the track after he lost a shock on the bumpy corner.

With a restart Craig Dollansky came to a stop in turn two after his car slid to the top of the apron and stalled bringing out the third caution in less than eight laps.

World of Outlaws officials determined on that restart that Jason Sides had accelerated too soon and he was docked two positions for the next restart.

On the third restart Schatz again opened his lead for about four laps Schatz lead was being chased

down by Steve Kinser who found taking the low part of the track was the fastest way around and he began to cut into the lead.

Schatz led all the way to the finish though, while Kinser lost the second spot to Joey Saldana on lap twenty-one after he went wide on corner two.

Schatz cruised to the win more than one second ahead of runner-

up Joey Saldana, while Steve Kinser, Paul McMahan, and Jason Meyers rounded out the top five.

"I had an awesome race car. We've always had a blast coming here to race at Ohsweken," said Schatz. Mo-Lite Stars Championship Tour North Blair Young and Scott Billing shared the front row, for last Sunday's twenty lap feature.

A full inversion was used to line

up the feature field, meaning multiple time Ohsweken feature winner Paul Klager started eighteenth on the grid.

Klager worked his way through the field to take the win, Corey Howe finished second, followed by Brad Fuller and Jordan Curran.

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Former Boston Bruins tough guy Stan Jonathon (back right) hit the course for charity with Lori Dupuif and Mike Rivet. It was a fun day for families. Delby Powless, his wife Marcie, daughter Honey and son Josh hit the greens for a day of family fun.



Dreamcatcher Foundation 5th annual golf classic, a day of fun



Turtle Island News' sports guy Jamie Lewis gets up close

The 5th annual Dreamcatcher Charitable Foundation golf Classic hit the Greens at Renton last Friday for a sun filled day of fun and raising money for charity. With over 200 golfers that day saw the Mixed Division won by Howard Yin, (owner of the course) Bretney Brunton, Dwayne Roloson, (goalie plays for the New York Islanders) and his wife Melissa with a -15.
Men's Division Winners:
 Brad Froman, John Monture, John Monture Jr., Melvin Smith with a -17

Photos
by Jim C
Powless



Turtle Island News' Darren Doxtater puts on the gloves in his challenge against our sports guy Jamie



Dreamcatchers chairman Steve Williams watches while teammate Glenn Lickers checks out the line



Dreamcatchers CEO Dan Brant welcomes everyone to the tournament



MPP Brant Dave Levac helps line up shot

New York Islanders goalie Dwayne Roloson's team won the mixed division. It included his wife and course owner Howard Yin and Bretney Brunton.

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Inuit start court fight against seismic tests in proposed marine park

An Inuit group is turning to the courts to fight federal plans to test for oil and gas in a proposed Arctic national marine park. The Qikiqtani Inuit Association has served notice to Natural Resources Minister Christian Paradis that it intends to apply for an injunction against seismic testing this summer in Lancaster Sound. Association president kalik Egeesiak says the government planned the tests without adequately consulting area communities. The Inuit fear that sound waves from the testing will harm area wildlife, which includes walrus, polar bears and several kinds of whales.

Appeal denied: Top court rejects serial killer Pickton's request for a new trial

By James Keller and Tamsyn Burgmann

VANCOUVER-The families of women Robert Pickton plucked from Vancouver's troubled Downtown Eastside will finally get to bury the remains of their sisters, daughters and mothers, which have until now been locked away as evidence.

What remains of the six women Pickton was convicted of killing, along with the remains of 20 others for which he is still charged, have been evidence since they were unearthed on his sprawling farm nearly a decade ago.

The Supreme Court of Canada decision Friday to dismiss Pickton's request for a new trial, effectively brought an end to the criminal case against him and opened the door for the women's relatives to reclaim what is, in some cases, little more than DNA. "In some cases there were physical remains; in other case, there was forensic evidence, DNA and so

forth," Michael Petrie, one of the prosecution lawyers, told reporters in Vancouver following the court ruling.

"So when you talk about remains it was a bit difficult to know what could be returned. In some cases, there are no specific remains to return."

British Columbia's coroner said he has issued death certificates for the six women Pickton was convicted of killing, and has been talking to the families about the return. For the remaining 20, that is expected to happen soon.

It is a milestone marking the end of a seemingly unending investigation and legal process for the serial killer, convicted in December 2007 of killing Mona Wilson, Sereena Abotsway, Brenda Wolfe, Marnie Frey, Andrea Joesbury and Georgina Papin.

But it also means Pickton will likely never stand trial on 20 more murder counts, to say nothing of the nearly two dozen more he bragged about to undercover

police. The former pig farmer was charged with 26 murder counts in total, but the trial judge split the charges into two groups and a trial on the remaining 20 charges was put on hold.

The end of the legal process does mean, however, that the victims' families and the public may finally get some answers about why Pickton was able to kill so many women for so long.

Following the top court's decision, the Vancouver Police Department offered its strongest admission yet that the force failed Pickton's victims.

"On my behalf and on behalf of the Vancouver Police Department and all the men and women who worked on this case I would say how sorry we all are for your losses and because we did not catch this monster sooner," said Vancouver police deputy chief Doug LePard.

"When faced with the worst, we should have been better." -CP-

National Briefs

Appeals over for Manitoba mom who killed girl

WINNIPEG-A woman convicted of the brutal murder of her five-year-old daughter will not appeal the case to the Supreme Court.

That clears the way for a public inquiry into the anitoba child welfare system and its handling of the case of Phoenix Sinclair. Samantha Kematch, Phoenix's mother, was convicted along with her then-boyfriend Karl McKay of first-degree murder in the child's 2005 death.

The couple's initial appeal was rejected by Manitoba's top court and Kematch appeared interested in taking her appeal to the Supreme Court. Kematch had until Monday to file that appeal, but the deadline came and went. Her lawyer, Leonard Tailleux, said Kematch instructed him not to proceed, even though he was willing to do so.

Court was told that Kematch and McKay neglected, confined and repeatedly beat Phoenix and forced her to eat her own vomit. The girl's stepbrothers testified she was often hit, choked, shot with a BB gun and forced to spend days and nights lying naked in the basement of the family's home on the Fisher River First Nation north of Winnipeg. Experts told court the girl suffered repeated injuries over a long period of time and had broken bones from her pelvis to her skull.

Three months before Phoenix's death, a tip prompted a social worker to visit the child's home, but the worker left without laying eyes on the girl. After her body was found, then-premier Gary Doer agreed to call a public inquiry to determine how the child welfare system failed to keep track of the child's whereabouts or protect her.

Even though the inquiry's terms of reference and a shortlist of possible commissioners have been drafted for months, the Manitoba government said it couldn't begin the inquiry until Kematch and McKay exhausted their appeals. A provincial spokeswoman said the government will now approach judges who may be able to commit to a long inquiry and will put the finishing touches on the terms of reference. -CP-

Pedestrian killed in collision on Manitoulin Island First Nations

MANITOULIN ISLAND, Ont.- A pedestrian is dead after a collision on a First Nations reserve on Manitoulin Island. Investigators say a man was hit around 2 a.m. Monday morning on the M'Chigeeng First Nations reserve. Police are still trying to identify the victim. Many tourists are in the area this weekend to attend a powwow. Ontario Provincial Police are investigating. There have been at least three other deaths on roads in the province this long weekend. -CP-

First Nations slam proposed pipeline after latest oil spill

VANCOUVER-Aboriginal leaders say a spill in southern Michigan that's poured 3.1 million litres of oil into the Kalamazoo River is further evidence that B.C. should steer clear of such projects. Calgary-based Enbridge (TSX:ENB) has proposed a pipeline stretching from the tar sands near Edmonton to the northern B.C. coastal community of Kitimat. But Enbridge's affiliate, Enbridge Energy Partners LP of Houston, is responsible for the Michigan spill and a B.C. First Nations coalition says it's further proof why the proposed Northern Gateway project should be scrapped. Coastal First Nations executive director Art Sterritt says despite Enbridge's claim that the Northern Gateway project will be a model of safety, such a spill could happen in B.C. Sterritt, recently visited the U.S. Gulf Coast to view the effects of that region's oil spill, says he was told by locals that the only way to avoid a similar disaster is to keep oil out.

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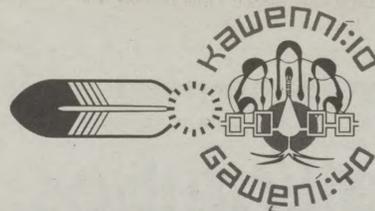
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MACDONALD: JAMES RANDALL
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THE PROJECT

The Ministry of Transportation, Ontario (MTO) has retained Delcan Corporation to carry out a Preliminary Design study and Class Environmental Assessment (EA) to address drainage issues on 1.2 km of Highway 3 in Canfield and a culvert assessment approximately 4 km east of Canfield. The study areas are located within Haldimand County.

During Preliminary Design the study team will review:

- The Highway drainage system;
- Potential Highway improvements;
- Potential local road detour options; and
- Deficiencies at one (1) structural concrete culvert east of Canfield.

THE PROCESS

This study is being carried out in accordance with the *Class Environmental Assessment for Provincial Transportation Facilities* (2000) as a Group 'B' project. Public consultation is an important part of the study. Two Public Information Centres (PICs) will be held in association with this study. The first PIC is tentatively scheduled for the fall of 2010. The PIC will provide an opportunity to voice public concerns and to review and comment on the preliminary design alternatives under consideration. A second PIC will be held in the winter, to present the technically preferred alternative. Notification of the PICs will be published in this newspaper and sent to any others who request to be added to the study mailing list.

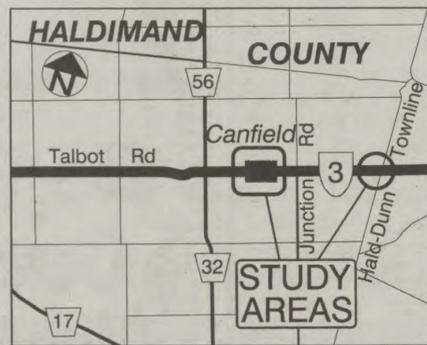
Upon completion of the Preliminary Design study, a Transportation Environmental Study Report (TESR) will be submitted to the Ministry of Environment (MOE) for information purposes and will be released for a 30-day public review period. Interested persons are encouraged to review the document and provide comments within the 30-day review period. Notification of the TESR submission and review locations will be published in this newspaper.

COMMENTS

We are interested in receiving any comments that you may have about this project. Comments and information regarding this project are being collected to assist the project team in meeting the requirements of the *Environmental Assessment Act*. Information will be collected in accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. With the exception of personal information, all comments will become part of the public record.

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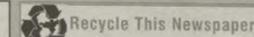
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