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Business meeting ends Elected Chief threatens to pull tax support

By Jessica Smith
Writer

Tempers flared and a meeting aimed at developing business regulations in concert with local businesses came to an abrupt end when elected Chief Bill Montour threatened to withhold tax exemption support letters to any business that does not conform to band council licencing.

Six Nations band council called the meeting at the community hall Saturday to engage local businesses in a day long discussion on band council's plan to launch a business licence system. The day long meeting came to an abrupt end after a newly-formed Merchants Association refused to participate and Elected Chief Bill

Montour lost his temper. The group of local business people, have confronted Elected Council twice in recent weeks after a leaked draft tobacco quota agreement between band council and Ontario raised the ire of a number of businesses depended on the tobacco trade.

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New Credit looking at \$20,000 pay outs in Toronto land claim settlement

New Credit's \$145 million Toronto land claim settlement documents obtained by the Turtle Island News show the band is considering one-time \$20,000 per-capita payments.

The documents also show that, under the draft Trust Agreement, the band would set aside \$2 million for land acquisition, \$10 million for "community development" and \$1.5 million for costs, including those associated with negotiating the settlement, from the capital amount.

From interest and investment revenue the band would operate two programs for the benefit of community members, if the draft Trust Agreement is approved.

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Dancers from across North America perform under the welcoming totems from the four nations at the opening ceremonies of the 2010 Winter Olympics. (Photo courtesy of Los Angeles Times)

"Four Host First Nation chiefs on "Indian Time"

Olympics open, protests turn violent

By James Keller
THE CANADIAN PRESS

VANCOUVER- Fears of violent anti-Olympic demonstrations found their way into the heart of downtown Vancouver on Saturday, as black-clad protesters smashed the windows of the Bay's Olympic superstore and eventually clashed with armed riot police on the first full day of the Winter Games.

Seven people were arrested, with protesters accusing the officers of overreacting, police defending their response to "criminals" and local residents saying the demonstrators have lost their credibility. Protests have always been an inevitability at Vancouver's Olympics, but protest organizers and Games officials have insisted they expected them to be peaceful.

Those hopes began to fall apart Saturday morning when protesters snaked through downtown streets, smashing the floor-to-ceiling windows where official Olympic clothing was on display at the Bay. Melissa Miralles, a 29-year-old who works at a kiosk inside the Bay, was preparing for work when she was startled by a loud crashing sound.

"A number of people started yelling 'Get away from the glass, get away from the glass,'" she said. A security guard working across the street said protesters threw giant orange cones at windows of the Bay as well as his store. The protesters continued their march towards the city's iconic Stanley Park, but they soon found themselves corralled by police on

normally busy Robson Street. Once there, the protesters, many wearing masks or covering their faces with cloth, began to dance, beat drums and chant slogans denouncing the Olympics as an anarchy flag waved above them.

A few metres on either side of the crowd were lines of riot police dressed in bright yellow vests and holding shields, a few of them carrying guns that fire non-lethal projectiles and rifles.

But then, with apparently little warning, police advanced on the crowd, hitting their batons against their riot shields and shoving protesters and journalists to the ground.

A Canadian Press reporter was hit several times by the officers'

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Meeting ends, businesses refuse to participate

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The group, have since formed a Merchant's Association, announced one of the group's spokespeople, Joanne Sault, at the public meeting Saturday at the Community Hall.

Sault said the group does not support Elected Council's proposed business licensing regulations.

She said they also did not support the draft tobacco quota agreement Elected Council has said it has abandoned.

Elected Council had planned a day of work shop styled discussion sessions to be held in small groups to get feedback from the business community about the proposed business licence regulations.

But when Sault announced that the group wouldn't participate, the meeting was derailed and the Elected Chief let a burst of anger show.

"If Revenue comes knocking on your door, we won't help," said an angry Elected Chief Bill Montour. The threat of leaving community members on their own to prove their tax exempt status to tax collectors is one of the reasons some of the Merchants oppose the draft licensing regulations.

The current draft says that the council would not help any businesses prove they are exempt as Six Nations businesses if they don't buy a Six Nations business license. At a council meeting in January, one of the merchants, Edna Holyome, called that idea "extortion."

After the Elected Chief's outburst, some business owners left.

Montour, and the remaining merchants, and councillors stayed and shared their opinions on business, taxation, government and the ideological rifts that divide the community.

In an interview later, Montour said he spoke in anger and couldn't actually turn his back on the merchants.

Also after the meeting, two spokespeople for the Merchants



About 60 people turned out to the business workshop sponsored by band council at the community hall last Saturday. (Photo by Jessica Smith)

Association said they also knew the Elected Chief spoke in the heat of the moment.

"I've seen him flare up, temper tantrums, times before," said Audrey Hill, who is also a spokesperson for the newly formed merchant's group.

"See a lot of societies, they see an elected official as somebody who you automatically respect," she said. "I'm only going to respect him if he respects us, and by not helping us with our taxes, and wanting to put in business regulations and sweeping it under the door without us knowing about it, I don't respect that."

The meeting ended shortly before noon with plans for small group discussions abandoned.

Elected Chief Bill Montour did offer to take a resolution to band council on behalf of the Merchants Association, that would tell Council the direction the association would like council to take.

"Is that good enough?" he asked. Green said the group would make that a priority for their next meeting.

Montour said after the meeting that he was disappointed that the small-group discussions never materialized.

"A lot of people want to say something, but they don't want to talk in front of a big group, and we didn't hear those people because a few individuals had their own

agenda," he said. As for the future of the business licensing, Montour said, "We'll wait and see what comes up, and go from there."

Hill said that the group discussed participating in the discussions. She said they decided not to participate because they wanted to show Elected Council that they don't want to be a part of the council's agenda, they want to inform council of their own agenda.

According to Hill, the Merchants Association doesn't need Council to continue their work. She said the association will provide help to each other if abandoned by band council in tax exemption fights.

The Merchants Association set up an interim board with nine members including: Audrey Hill, Morgan Green, Mick Martin, Bill Monture, Irvin Harris, Dalmar Jacobs, Gary Williams, Ross Johnson and Former Mississauga of the New Credit Chief Larry Sault, who is designated a liaison with the Anishinabek people.

Joanne Green, on behalf of the group, asked the council four questions when the meeting began.

She told council they group was concerned about the municipalization of the reserve.

"Municipalization can't come here because it's constitutionally not viable," Montour said. "A munic-



Angry Elected Chief Bill Montour lashed out at merchants.

ipal government receives its authority and mandate from the provincial government, through the Ontario Municipal act... Municipal governments are subordinate to provincial governments. We are not subordinate to them."

The second question asked what the Elected Council was doing to protect businesses from outside taxation.

"We have said for many years we won't pay taxes to another government, nor would we be tax collectors for another government," Montour said.

The third question asked what the Elected Council's position on the Harmonized Sales Tax (HST) is, and what they are doing to fight the tax.

Montour said the Elected Council take the position that Six Nations and First Nations have a treaty right to be completely tax exempt both on- and off-reserve.

"We're saying we should be tax immune from other governments taxing us," he said.

The last question asked why the Elected Council cooperates with other governments.

"We have to cooperate with other governments, because although we say we're sovereign we don't grow our own food, we don't have our own money," he said.

Montour spoke about how the Six Nations elected government is dependent on the federal government for funding to run programs and provide services. He said that Elected Council doesn't get enough money to provide adequate services, but if the council can't balance its budget it will have to give up its control to co-management with Indian and Northern Affairs Canada.

"I've seen this happen all across this country, from BC to Atlantic," he said.

Montour said that the community gives approximately \$140 million a year to the government in taxes on the employment of Six Nations people-\$120 million of excise tax collected from Grand River Enterprises, and another \$20 million in taxes from people who work off-reserve.

Montour said he wants to see transfer payments directly to the band council from the federal government, bypassing Indian and Northern Affairs.

Hamilton firm to film housing documentary if ethics says ok

By Jessica Smith
Writer

Six Nations Elected Council decided to take on the role of censor at last week's meeting.

Council passed a motion that allows the non-profit Skyworks Foundation to film a documentary about Six Nations housing and interview council administration, but will only allow the filmmakers to use the footage if it is approved by the Ethics Committee.

However, Laura Sky, producer and director of the film is "very glad" about decision by council, she said. The film will be called Home Safe Hamilton, and will part of a series of films that already includes Home Safe Toronto and Home Safe Calgary.

"It's about kids and family that are living out housing issues," she said.

"One of the points we want to make, that's important in Hamilton, is the aboriginal community in Hamilton has been working to provide housing for its members," she said. "That discussion, of course, led us to the reserve that many people have lived on, on their way to getting to Hamilton."

"That made us want to understand what the housing situation was on Six Nations, without doing the same old, same old, which is what you see on the news all the time, horrible housing, just destitute situations," she added. "We wanted to show basically the process whereby the community is working to take on the housing issue and to do positive things."

Sky met Florence Hill, a Six Nations woman who moved away from the reserve and currently lives in social housing in Hamilton

with her three daughters.

"When she lived on Six Nations her two major problems were potable water and transportation, because she was living in a trailer that was on the outskirts of the community," Sky said. "So then we decided to visit the community and see if her issues were familiar, and of course they were, they are."

Sky said she doesn't know exactly what locations her crew will film, but they are interested in talking to the Six Nations housing administration.

Sky doesn't mind that she will have to show the footage to the Ethics Committee, and doesn't see that requirement as censorship.

"We make films for community development. We make films for groups that are trying to solve problems, and so the Six Nations situation is a pretty good example

of a whole community taking on the issue of housing," she said. Councillor Melba Thomas brought to motion to council from the Ethics Committee. That committee received it after the housing committee didn't know what to do with it, said Councillor Dave Hill.

Thomas said all of the footage would go to the Ethics Committee "for approval and to see if it's appropriate to allow that to continue, if not we would withhold that and not approve it."

Elected Council debated the motion before approving it. "I guess we're going to need to figure out what is the benefit for us, this documentary," said Councillor Helen Miller. "What are we going to get out of it? Does anybody know? What are we going to get out of it?"

Elected Chief Bill Montour spoke

about the housing problem. "We all know the problem, right now we need 800 houses just to fill the pent up need. We haven't got a hope in Hell of Indian Affairs riding to the rescue here, or CMHC," he said.

"I'm concerned about the backlash in the community, showing housing that may not be up to standard," he added later.

Elected Councillor George Montour said he would support it. "It's only going to help Six Nations, everybody knows of the trials and tribulations we have in providing adequate housing at times. So it might open some eyes out there," he said.

"If it's coming back to the ethics, if they don't like what they see, they're going to stop it at that point," he added later.

The motion passed with only Miller and Wray Maracle opposed.

Medical Transportation Program

Elected Councillors were wary of a recommendation from the Health Committee and Health Canada that suggested Six Nations take over the medical transportation program at the February Finance meeting. Elected Council voted to send it back to the committee level with a request for more information after several councillors expressed concerns that Health Canada wouldn't properly fund the program, and leave Council with extra costs. The recommendation had asked Elected Council to approve Health Serv-

ices to administer the Medical Transportation Program for the fiscal 2010-11 year, and investigate further if Six Nations would continue the program later.

"I would be very cautious if I was Six Nations," said Councillor Helen Miller, adding that when Ruby Jacobs was director of Health Services she had opposed Health Canada's efforts to get the community to take over the program.

Cornbread and Roses aimed at bringing businesses together

By Jessica Smith
Writer

G.R.E.A.T.'s Workforce Connections hosted a night of food, music and conversation at the Community Hall last week.

"It's networking," said Yvonne Beaver, who managed the second annual Cornbread and Roses event. "It's an opportunity for businesses on- and off-reserve to meet, for business people to get to know each other a little bit, for people who might be looking for employment or business opportunities to meet people in the business world and maybe network a little bit that way and learn a little bit about the kind of work they might like or the kind of jobs that might be available."

The turnout was a little lower than last year, with 150 people from the community and area-businesses came out to the event.

Hors d'oeuvres from Family Traditions catering, including two kinds of corn soup and a chocolate fountain were served, and local musicians Rebecca Miller and Cheri Maracle entertained the crowd.

The businesses provided door prizes, which were drawn for frequently, and local potter Steve Smith provided the grand prize, a hand-made vase.

Beaver gave a short speech that explained the name of the event, which is based on a strike by immigrant textile workers in Massachusetts in 1912 that became known as the Bread and Roses strike.

"If one cannot get bread, one does not have the means to sustain life," she said. "Yet if it takes all of one's time to acquire the means to afford an adequate supply of simple bread, what else is starved? If there is no time or money left to enjoy art or music or even to see the flowers, the heart and mind are undernourished and the whole person suffers."

The name is "cornbread," because it's cornbread that has sustained generations of local people, she said.

The event was free, and the Work-



Rebecca Miller sings at the 2nd annual Cornbread and Roses networking event at the community hall. (Photo by Jessica Smith)

force Connection Project, part of Grand River Employment And Training (G.R.E.A.T.), bore all the costs, Beaver said.

Some people just came to enjoy themselves. The Iroquois Red Hat group spent their "night out" at the event and was having a good time, the group of women said.

Amy Maracle, manager of Two Feathers Heavy Equipment Training, she was hoping to network.

"Just to get our name out there," she said. "To see other services too."

Maracle came to the event last year and enjoyed it, she said.

Clinton Allen Wade Henry spoke to people about his business, Wade's Eagle Eye Roofing. At 29, he's been roofing for 15 years, and owned his own business for one year, he said.

"I came because G.R.E.A.T. helped me out, they gave me the idea to start my own business," he said.

So far, business has been booming, he added.

Josy Thomas, a local sculptor, came to demonstrate his soapstone

carving in the front hall, and early in the evening had already sold "quite of a bit" of the works he brought with him.

The work of other local artisans was on display at tables by business such as Rosewater Crafts, and Gifts and Brantford's Tiki Loft.

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INAC Comprehensive Funding Agreement

Elected Council passed resolutions to accept six amendments to the funding agreement with Indian and Northern Affairs Canada, bringing the current total amount of funds from INAC to \$19,031,655 for this fiscal year, up from \$17,814,407 prior to the amendments. The amendments included funds for Income Assistance-Active Measures Reserve Fund staff training (\$26,000), the Income Assistance-Active Meas-

ures Reserve Fund Pathways to Success program, (\$18,000) and the First Nations Water and Wastewater Action Plan (\$10,000). After the meeting, Elected Chief Bill Montour said a further breakdown of INAC funds would not be available until the audit for this fiscal year is released.

MNCFN looking at per capital payouts to members on Toronto land claim

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The first would be a Community Wellness program that would give up to \$1,500-a-year rebates for costs of the necessities of life for each member, including expenses such as housing, clothing and exercise programs. The second program would pay up to \$10,000 in funeral expenses to the estates of band members when they die. However, a question-and-answer document included in the document says that one of the changes the council is considering is to operate that program as a \$10,000 life-insurance program instead of covering only funeral expenses, which would leave the family members of the deceased with more discretion over the funds. The documents show a "tentative" timeline that would lead up to a May 22, 2010 ratification vote. The final community meeting, where the council will continue to gather input from members, would be held on Feb. 27 and a meeting where the finalized Trust Agreement and Settlement Agreement would be presented with legal and financial advisors present would be held on May 15. Community meetings on the trust have been well attended, community members said with numerous questions about the settlement being asked. The draft of the Trust Agreement, a question-and-answer-style document about the settlement, and an agenda for the evening were provided to the members who attended the closed community meeting. Members had been told

not to report on the meetings, but community members were allowed to do whatever they wanted with the documents they were given, according to MNCFN Chief Bryan LaForme. According to one member, the council admitted to failing to properly inform the community about the settlement, and is considering opening the next meeting. The member also said that he or she describes as the "undemocratic" ratification vote was an issue at the meeting. The question-and-answer document describes the ratification process. It says "Canada's letter of offer must be ratified by a community vote where 25 % plus one of all eligible voters votes in favour. This ratification must be done

after a community information session explaining the two agreements." According to that document the questions of whether or not to accept the settlement and whether or not to accept the Trust Agreement will be asked jointly in a question that will be worded "That document also tells members there will be harsh consequences if the agreements are not ratified: "if we choose not to accept the offer, Canada will take this offer off the table and close the file. MNCFN will still have the option of taking the matter to court and suing Canada, recognizing that this process will be both time consuming and very expensive, with no guarantees." Also according to another member, several people expressed concerns about the choice of the

council to keep the funds in a corporate trust, rather than to use a community trust, because council could have "a large amount of unchecked or [un]scrutinized access to funds. "But the question and answer document includes an answer to the question explaining: "Why is Council proposing a Corporate Trust Model when we already have an existing trust?" "The Corporate Trust model is cheaper to operate, avoids all tax issues and provides the best security for the compensation," the answer reads. "It guarantees ongoing benefits to Members each year through the Community Wellness Policy and Funeral Policy and gives Members the most control over how the income is spent each year through Chief and Council."

Environment group struggles to garner interest from Six Nations

By Jessica Smith
A local environmental group has plenty of money, but few members, and has had a hard time getting the community involved. A group called GR HOME received a \$31,000 Trillium Grant awarded to Kayanase, a not-for-profit ecological restoration and native plant and seed business in Six Nations, said Meagan Hamilton, a Kayanase employee who facilitates the environment group. "That's been a challenge, getting people to come to meetings," she said. "A core group has kind of surfaced, that's about five to eight people that come regularly, and the others are kind of floaters that come in and out at meetings." The group began meeting in May 2009, but officially formed in July, after it was awarded the Trillium grant. They group voted

on the name GR HOME, which stands for Grand River Honouring Our Mother Earth, Hamilton said. Hamilton said they put out flyers classified ads trying to attract membership. The group has brought in members through members bringing friends, she said. The small membership has meant it's been hard for the group to do projects. So far, they've picked up garbage and mulched the beginning of the Eco Trail near the housing office, Hamilton said. They have printed education materials and aid for Kayanase trucks to drive mulch to the eco trail. In the spring, they hope to use some money for Green house space at Kayanase, she added. "There's one major project that

was part of the grant that we're attempting right now, it's to develop a woodlands or community stewardship plan," she said. "And that's what we submitted to Trillium as one of the outcomes that we would meet by the end of the grant next June, to have this document drafted." "The main goal would be to preserve the 30 to 40 percent forest cover that already exists at Six Nations," she added. At this month's meeting, Jaime Overy, who did a similar plan for the Spencer Creek area with the Hamilton Conservation Authority, spoke to the group, Hamilton said. Overy told the group that they would need better community involvement than they have now, and that she would advise them on how to go about getting it, Hamilton said.

"They way they set [the Spencer Creek project] up is they had open houses to get community input and they made a team to develop with different interest groups, they had some farmers, some scientists, they pulled in the research for the area that had been done," Hamilton said. Hamilton said she hopes to involve the Six Nations environment office and Eco Centre in the project. However, the end result would belong to the community. "It's not something that would be a council document," she said. King said he spoke to the group once, and would be happy to provide the group with any information he has, but he hasn't been asked to participate yet. "If they want me to do something for them, as a resource person, that's right up my alley," he said.

The rest of the \$75,000 grant is for an education program, in which a Kayanase staff member teaches school children what Kayanase does and about plants and trees that are unique to the Carolinian Forest, Hamilton said.

Council buys \$3,700 NAAF Gala table, but no donation funds left

Six Nations Elected Council is sending \$3,700 to buy a table at the National Aboriginal Achievement Foundation (NAAF) annual gala in Regina...but no one may be going. Elected council agreed to buy the tickets, at its finance meeting last week, and will use money from its advertising fund to pay for them. The decision came after elected chief bill Montour suggested council buy the table. Montour said the council "found the money" in the advertising budget. Council has used the advertising budget like a slush fund recently, buying a \$3,000 table at October's Dreamcatcher Gala and three \$900 tables at the Mohawk Chapel's November gala. Councillor Levi White remarked, "We can't even fill our donations fund, yet we can find money for a table?" The empty donation fund was set up to serve community members in need. At previous meetings, councillors have said the waived rental fees budget and the elder's relief fund are also out of money. Asked about White's remark after the meeting, Elected Chief Bill Montour said council would be able to top up the donations fund at the beginning of the new fiscal year, this spring.

Good Road Conference

The Elected Council passed a resolution that authorized four councillors to attend the 2010 Ontario Good Road Conference in Toronto this month and direct Elected Council to bear the cost of sending them. "This is a question I asked last year, and I believe I

asked it the year before, and I'll continue to ask it again as needed: What is the reason for sending four people to this convention?" ask Councillor Claudine VanEvery-Albert. Elected Chief Bill Montour said that workshops run concurrently, and Councillor Dave Hill said he was

going to lobby government ministers, but was not sure they were going to be there. Councillors Dave Hill, Wray Maracle, George Montour and Carl Hill were authorized to attend the conference.

First Nations across Ontario taking on building and managing electrical transmission lines

By Lynda Powless
Editor

First Nation communities across Ontario, including Six Nations, are moving to build and manage new electrical transmission lines as part of a major expansion of the power grid. In northern Ontario a group of 22 first nations recently formed the Lake Huron Anishinabek Transmission Co. and named veteran Ontario native leader John Beauchage as chief executive officer. The company is aiming to take an ownership stake in part of Hydro One's three-year, \$2.3-billion plan for 20 new transmission projects and the company's project is expected to create about 20,000 jobs. The McGuinty government announced the plan last September, releasing a map showing proposed transmission arteries that would run east from Sault Ste. Marie to Sudbury with a link to Manitoulin Island; south from Sudbury to the GTA; and a link in the northwest between Nipigon and Wawa.

They also proposed to take over a 660 km line from Bruce to Milton and the Niagara reinforcement transmission lines, that have been built but remain dormant. That line includes a skeletal tower sitting along Sixth Line that remains stagnant as a result of Six Nations reclaiming its lands in 2006. Six Nations band council has provided a letter of support for the project but Confederacy Council, after two presentations from Hill and his partner lawyer Kim Thomas has still not decided to support the project. Hill told Turtle Island News Ontario needs to provide more power to the GTA and that is providing a window for First Nations to open their own utility companies. "Lines are at their capacity. Hydro One needs more transmission capacity so they want to engage First Nations as partners." Hill, recently undertook a wind farm study for Sagamog First Nation. "The inhibitor to the plan was access to transmission. The same with Manitoulin. They have enormous wind potential but they are at their capacity and need infrastructure to provide the delivery. What is happening is the GTA is at its limit and they need transmission lines to increase power. Those lines are crossing First Nation territory." He said that translates into a multi-million dollar gross revenues for northern First Nations. He said launching a Six Nations not-for-profit utility won't necessarily mean lower hydro costs for Six Nations people. "You will still get your bill from Hydro One, but what it will do is generate an income for the community. The community would own the lines." He said the community could set up both transmission and distribution companies that could result in

more than \$40 million in gross profits for the community. "We are proposing to take over the transmission lines from Niagara Falls to Six Nations. That line has been stalled at the DCE," (Kanonhstaton, formerly Douglas Creek Estates housing developing) outside Caledonia. He said the next target is the Bruce to Milton line which falls within the Haldimand Tract. Hill and Thomas propose to open negotiations with Hydro One to take over the transmission lines and establish a Six Nations Utility Company "It would provide Six Nations with a cash flow." He said he is not in favour of seeing the funds go towards lowering hydro bills but would support helping the elderly and looking at investing the funds back into the utility to look at solar and wind power and thermal heating that could move Six Nations homeowners off the grid, and away from utility bills. The plan becomes murky when it comes to ownership of the utility company. Hill said the company would operate as a not for profit with funds going towards Six Nations projects. Hill has set up an interium board made up of Cayuga Clan mother Carole Jacobs, band councillor Claudine VanEvery-Albert, a local woman Yvonne Hill and youth representative Missy Elliot. He said he is disappointed the Confederacy council has not moved to support the project yet but he is hopeful. "I think there is some fear of the unknown." But he says he is moving forward with the plan "There is some concern that Confederacy was getting involved with a private company and allowing it to take over their rights, but the reality is, we are a private

company establishing a public company based on the rights we hold." He said if the company goes ahead this year, they could have an agreement in place within four years. He said he would want to see the lines finished off first from Niagara that would bring the company the cash flow it needs to expand and provide a template for future development. "Any First Nations would be excited with the talent pool that Six Nations has. We can draw on so many accomplished people in making this happen." Hill said he has seen what he describes as a "pushback" against

aboriginal professionals by non-native consultants in a variety of professional industries. "Once you have an aboriginal professional with the same qualifications and education as they have, that when it starts. They start to try to keep you in your place and that place isn't up there with them. We've seen that happening with a lot of non-native consultants and native consultants who have been around for years but have the same credentials." But he said if Six Nations moves on the project they could see gross estimates of tens of millions of dollars in revenues a m. "I think its time we get into he game.

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Band council tactics foster disunity

There isn't a First Nations community anywhere in Canada that expects to be consulted, both by, external forces and especially internal ones, more than Six Nations.

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Council members, let us all remember, who sit in their seats at the pleasure of the community, and who can be removed by this community come this November's elections.

So why the rush to push through business regulations? Is band council in fact admitting they are failures at being able to lobby Canada/Ontario for the funding needed to provide federal programs to the community.

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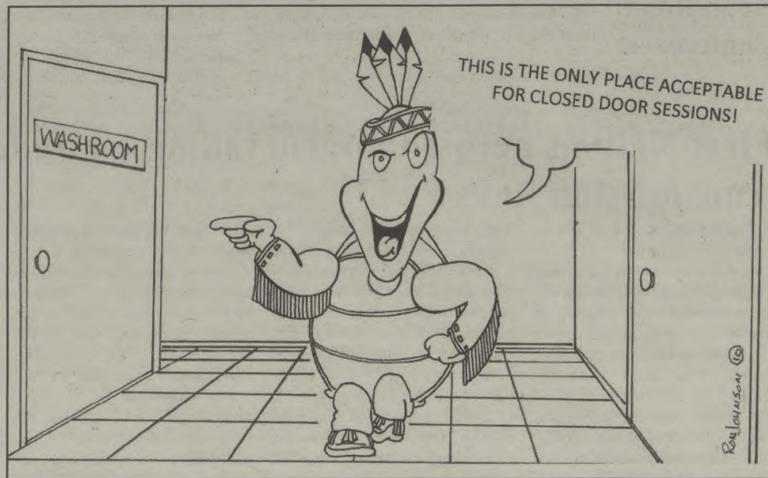
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They promised to work with Confederacy to help unify the community, to provide back up support on the land (Continued at right)



Letters: Reader questions band council legitimacy

Can anyone tell me how and why we have a band council? I know it was forced upon us in 1924. Not by a referendum, but by the RCMP. I believe at the order of the Federal Government.

The Band Council in the mid-90's took us out from under the Indian Act. Not by referendum, but by a vote in council. Council kept the right for the people to elect a chief and council.

I see the need of a band administration for the needs of the community. But I do not see the need for the council, by themselves making deals that affect the community without the consent of the community.

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Or impose any by-law without the consent of the community? IETobacco quota fees. And why is council making deals (MOU) with Samsung without community input? No, on cash for life. Yes on temporary jobs? Council is turning away millions of dollars a year. Money that could be used for secondary school funding, more than any scholarship. Why? Because he can. But at what cost.

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Blackberries and council chairs

Elected Council passed a motion to investigate how much it would cost to buy new chairs for Elected councillors. Dave Hill brought the motion forward, complaining that the current chairs hurt his back. Councillor Helen Miller concurred, but offered to pay for her own chair.

Hill also proposed a motion that would restrict councillors from using their Blackberries during meetings, saying that he had received complaints from community members. The motion was rejected.

New water plant increases flow, not lines

By Jessica Smith Writer

There will be more water for those already on the Six Nations water lines, but not more lines.

Six Nations new water treatment plant that will quadruple the supply of clean water, but that doesn't mean more homes will get water service, engineers told the public at a drop-in meeting at the Community Hall this week.

"A lot of people think they're getting water main, but no, this is just to increase the capacity to provide the existing flow," said Kevin Martin, the owner of First Nations Engineering and K.L. Martin and Associates, the two engineering firms designing the plant.

The new plant will quadruple the capacity of the current plant, which produces about 12 L of water per second, and if the Six Nations population grows the news plant can be extended to produce potable water even faster, Martin said.

Once the plant is up and running, Six Nations Elected Council can decide to build more water mains, he said. Senior Administrative Officer Dayle Bomberry said extending the water mains is a long term plan.

"Six Nations would have make an application to INAC for funding to do that," he said. "The plan is that once the water plant gets up, it'll have the capacity, and the next project we'll have to do is look for funding to extend the water main."

"It's a lot of money to extend lines, I don't think we'll be able to do a lot right away," he added.

Bomberry said that when council did a study years ago that looked at extending waterlines right through the reserve, the cost was estimated at close to \$80 million or \$100 million to provide service for the whole reserve.

No parts of the reserve have been set for higher priority to get water service first, he added.

The engineering firms set up displays at the Community Hall that showed community members what they plant will look like, the steps the water will go through as part of the filtration process, the government oversight that they are working with and the local jobs the project will create.

The site of the new plant is across Pauline Johnson road from the Bingo hall, and the water intake is just upstream of the Chiefswood Road Bridge, Martin said, pointing to a display that shows a Google Satellite image of the area.

He also pointed to a list of government agencies that oversee different aspects of the project that includes INAC, Health Canada, Environment Canada, Transport Canada, Human Resources and Skills Development Canada, and the provincial Ministry of the Environment.

"That's just to let you know that there's a huge amounts of bureaucracy that we have to go through, and meet their objectives to provide a quality potable water supply," he said.

The project began in July of last year, and this month the first tender for the

construction is going out to Six Nations companies, which will probably employ Six Nations people, Martin said.

Asked how many people involved in the project as a whole will be from Six Nations, Martin said, "We're shooting for 50 percent."

He pointed out a list of required trades that included steelwork, plumber, piper, mechanical, electricians, HVAC, bricklayers and carpenters.

The first tender is to build the pipes that will bring the water from the river to the plant, and the next, which will begin in the summer, will be to build the plant itself, he said.

"We're working now with the project team and with G.R.E.A.T. to include provisions within the [second] tender to create employment opportunities," he said.

The plan is for G.R.E.A.T. to go to

assist with apprenticeship opportunities, possibly for electricians, mechanical or pipe layers, he said.

The whole plant is scheduled to be up and running by spring 2011, he said. Justin Gee is an engineer who worked on the filtration process.

"This process schematic looks complicated, but it's really not," he said, gesturing at a diagram of the processes the water will go through.

"We have the intake, and it goes by gravity into this raw water storage settlement system," he said. "So, basically what happens is the water, as it's flowing through the river, you can see how turbid it is, and brown. And once the velocity slows down and the dirt settles out, it clarifies."

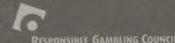
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REZ GOLF

Well it's official; my ticket is booked and I'm headed to Las Vegas. I have been asked to assist with golf lessons for the The National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development 2010 (NCAIED). I will personally work with all the Tribal Chairman and their golf teams to further develop their golf swings. I'm very fortunate to share my passion of golf to people all over the country, more importantly I get to meet fascinating and talented people. I was recently speaking to a friend and he thanked me for being a role model for Indian youth, I was happy with his comments but I think golf is more about friendships and the memories that are created. Since I'm headed to Las Vegas, I'll share a quick story about the celebrity look alike golfers I've had the pleasure of golfing with in my career: Mr. Bean, Derek Jeter, KJ Choi, Tiger Woods and last but not least Robert Gamez. If you're wondering why I bring all these look alike names into the mix, it's because most of them are from First Nations here in Canada however the Mr. Bean look alike hails from the United States. When you go to your next Indian tournament try and spot your next celebrity look alike and send me a picture! Golf has always been fun for me and I hope you find it as equally enjoyable. When you're on the range practicing, try and develop a fun way of learning to hit the golf ball. One thing, I would suggest is to call your shots, they may not always go where you want them too but it at least it's not routine. Another great game is to try and hit yardage signs that are posted, not only are they fun to hit but they make a really loud noise when you do hit them. Golf and fun should always go hand in hand when you're learning the game, so if you have a great golf story to share please email it to me at steve@golfbiz.com. Also this year I have teamed up with Turtle Island News to offer a free round of golf with one on one lessons for the day. More details to follow, until then Keep Focused on The Fairway.

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Hagersville Hawks continue to struggle



Hagersville hawks forward Jessie Sommers crashes the St George goal in the dying seconds of the Hawks 3-2 loss last Saturday night at the Hawks Nest. (Photo by Jamie Lewis)

By Jamie Lewis
 Writer

Hawks of the SOJHL continue to struggle both on the powerplay and in the win column. Last Saturday night the Hawks hosted the St. George dukes at the Hawks Nest. (Continued on page 9)

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Quest for Gold recipients will be competing in 13 events at the upcoming Winter Olympic Games in Vancouver, including Patrick Chan in men's figure skating, Jennifer Botterill in women's

hockey, and Kristina Groves in women's long-track speed skating. The province has committed \$10 million to the Quest for Gold program in 2009-2010.



Golden Eagles McQuade passes Gilchrist

By Jamie Lewis
 Writer

Brantford Golden Eagles (40) Josh McQuade watches as his record breaking 55th goal goes into the Guelph Dominators goal last Thursday night at the Brantford and District Civic Centre. (Photo by Jamie Lewis)

BRANTFORD-At 10:24 of the first period last Thursday night, history was made at the Brantford and District Civic when Golden Eagles Josh McQuade scored his 55th goal of the season, passing Nathan Gilchrist as the all time goal scoring leader. McQuade followed that up, scoring four more goals and an assist to lead Brantford to an 11-3 win over the Guelph Dominators. "It was an all week practise, working hard followed by a big win last Saturday and my stick was hot and it carried over to this game, I had a great game and I am happy I broke the record, now we can focus on getting the wins and get ready for the playoffs," said Josh McQuade. McQuade needs 7 points in the last 2 games of the season, to break

the league points record of 147 held by Brian Wiseman of the Chatham MicMacs (1989/1990). In the first period Guelph took the game to Brantford closing of passing lanes and playing good man to man hockey. They were rewarded with a goal at 3:14 of the period after Mike McFarlane tipped Wade Phieffer's wrist shot past Jamie Phillips. After the McFarlane goal, the Golden Eagles went to work and scored five straight goals. After the first period Brantford came out flying, unlike the slow first period. Brantford coach Rex Scott said during the intermission he talked to the team to get them focused. "We were a little slack in the back more then we needed to be," he said. "You see this all the time teams play down and not up, it is not Guelph's responsibility to make us play at the level we need to play and all it took was one hit to slant the ice the way we want to play of the last fourth minutes and you saw the results," said Scott. McQuade started the scoring for the home team, getting his record-setting 55th goal by taking a pass from Thomas Middup from behind the net and wristed the puck past Guelph goalie Drew Pegrum. McQuade then scored again in the first period, to make the score 2-1 after 20 minutes. Mike Ryan, Kyle Steckley and McQuade all scored in the second period to give the golden Eagles a comfortable 5-1 lead. The Dominators Tyson Theaker scored on a low shot that slid past Phillips, cutting the Brantford lead to 5-2. Mike Mazurek gave the golden Eagles a 6-2 lead after he took a pass from Kevin Kuehl and buried a low wrist-shot into the Guelph goal, the Hurricanes' changed goalies, bringing in Chris McDougall. McDougall was never in the game and likely wished he was somewhere else as the dominators defence left him to fend for himself and the Golden Eagles onslaught continued. Brantford scored 2 mores goals in the second period off the sticks of Joe Vanni and McQuade, giving the Golden Eagles a huge 8-2 lead after 40 minutes. McQuade scored his fifth goal of the game at the 52 second mark of the third period. Followed by Dave Lazarus and Mazurek who rounded out the scoring in the third for Brantford and Guelph's Theaker got his second goal of the game late in the third for the Hurricanes. Brantford easily rolled over the Dominators 11-3. Middup also had a spectacular game, notching five assists. Kevin Kuehl, Ryan Moore and Ryan got two helpers each with singles to Dustin Faith, Luke Van Moerkerke, Matt Hill, Jeff Lynch, Brandon Greenside and McQuade. Last Saturday night the Golden Eagles completed their home and home series against the Dominators winning the game easily with a 6-1 win. McQuade scored 2 goals and had 2 assists in the win. Brantford has also tied the GOJHL shorthanded record with 29 and has 3 games remaining to break that record. Other golden eagles goal scorers were; Thomas Middup who had a pair and singles from Jeff Lynch and Joe Vanni

Hawks continue to struggle...(continued from page 8)

Hawks Nest and lost the game 3-2. It was Hagersville sixth loss in the last eight games. The team was a dismal 1 for 9 on the powerplay. Both teams were evenly matched in the first period, but a Hagersville give-a-way cost the team a goal at 18:10 after Pat Bates intercepted a pass and drove a rocket the eluded Hagersville goalie Rob Porter. The Hawks opened the scoring just over 4 minutes into the second period when Jay Pepper slid a pass to Derek Medeiros, his shot was stopped by St George goalie Corey Taylor, Hagersville forward Aleck Boyd pounded in the rebound to tie the game 1-1. Shawn Little scored nine seconds later for the Dukes after he took a pass from Chris Vasile and lobbed a 30 foot shot that Hawks goalie Rob Porter missed. St. George led 2-1 after two periods. Hagersville tied the game 2-2 early in the third period with Kyle Abbott's powerplay goal. Jesse Ross fed Abbott just inside the Dukes blue line and Abbott's high wristshot picked the top corner of the St George goal. At 17:39 David Money gave the Dukes a slim one goal lead after he gobbled up a long pass from Gary Money, David Money's low shot was stopped by Porter and David Money slipped in the rebound. With 2 minutes left in regulation time St George moved into the Hagersville end where Jay Pepper was called for interference, giving the Dukes a late powerplay. Off the faceoff the Hawks moved into the Dukes zone, with Porter pulled for the extra attacker, Hagersville mounted pressure and swarmed the St George goal, where goalie Taylor came up with big saves to preserve a 3-2 win for the Dukes.

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Left: Caleb Martin, Wyatt Williams, Jace Hill, Ross Hill, Zach Martin, Thunder Hill, G.W. King, Brendon Anderson, Calvin Jonathan, Peter Hill, Alissa General, Steve LaForme, Bleir Green, Nichelas Miller, coach Blaine LaForme, trainer Miran Hill and manager Evan Sault. (Photo by Jamie Lewis)

The All Stars went up 2-0 after Steve LaForme banged in Blair Green's rebound. Zack Martin set up the goal with a pass to Green. Six Nations went ahead 3-0 after LaForme scored his 2nd goal of the game at the 13 minute mark of the second period. Green and Zack Marin gathered the assists. Tillsonburg scored midway through the second period to cut

Former NHLer Stan Jonathan looks at the medal he presented to all the players at last weekends Six Nations Tyke Tournament. (Photo by Jamie Lewis)

3rd to give Six Nations a 3 goal lead after he tipped in a Brandon Anderson pass. Williams had the other assist. With the score 4-1 Tillsonburg scored late in the game to cut the lead to 4-2. In the dying seconds



Six Nations Tyke players celebrate a goal last weekend at the GPA. (Photo by Jamie Lewis)

By Jamie Lewis
Sports Writer
OHSWEKEN-Six Nations Tyke Sr "B" won the Sr "B" Division at last weekends 3rd Annual Tyke tournament held at the GPA. The Tyke defeated a strong Tillsonburg team 4-2 before a large

crowd. Six Nations scored 2 goals in the first period to go up 2-0. G.W King sent a pass to Jade Hill, Hill's shot was stopped by Tillsonburg goalie Ethan Scaman. Peter Hill poked the rebound into the open Tillsonburg goal.

Second place Junior "B" Six Nations All Stars

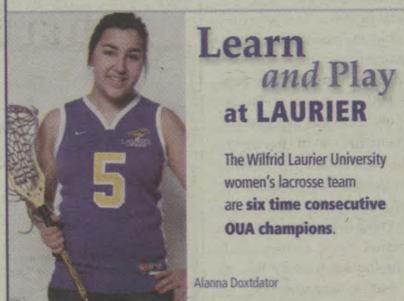


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the Six Nations lead to 3-1. Jack Moore snuck a low shot past All Stars goalie Wyatt Williams. Hill scored his 2nd of the game with just over 8 minutes left in the

Tillsonburg mounted on last attack and Williams made a huge save to give the Six Nations Sr "B" the championship. In the second championship game

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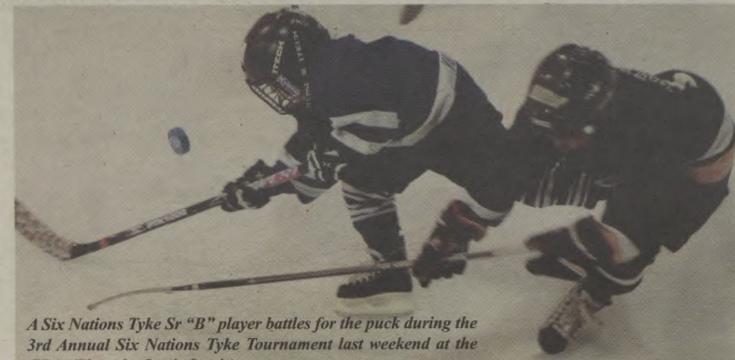
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A Six Nations Tyke player dives between two defencemen last weekend at the GPA. (Photo by Jamie Lewis)



A Six Nations Tyke Sr "B" player battles for the puck during the 3rd Annual Six Nations Tyke Tournament last weekend at the GPA. (Photo by Jamie Lewis)



Tyke players celebrate a goal. (Photo by Jamie Lewis)

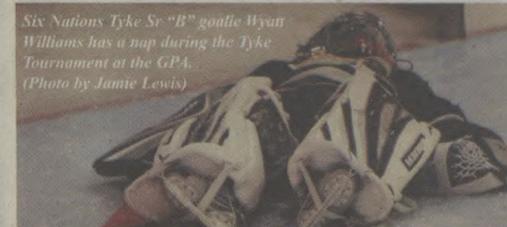
Six Nations Tyke Jr "B" lost a close game to Simcoe 7-6. Both team scored a total of nine goals in the first period, with Simcoe leading 5-4.

Simcoe opened the scoring with Darcy Lemman's goal. Six Nations responded when Cameron Hill fed a pass to Stacy Hill, her low shot was stopped by Maison Hanti and Davin Bomberry chipped in the rebound, scoring his 1st of 4 of goals in the game. Simcoe responded scoring 2 quick goals to go up 3-1 midway through the first period. Six Nations counter with 2 goals in 56 seconds to tie the game 3-3. Cole Powless fed a long pass to Bomberry who scampered into the Simcoe zone and slid a low shot into the goal. Bomberry tied the game after he gathered up Raymond Kobe Hill's rebound and slipped it into the open Simcoe goal. Stacy Hill added an assist. Simcoe went up 5-3 with two goals from Ryan Vinnai and Zachary Linwood. With 1:58 left in the first period Six Nations cut the Simcoe lead to 5-4 after Bomberry scored his fourth

straight goal. Sonny Jacobs and Raymond Kobe Hill had assists. In the final period Simcoe regained their two goal lead after Vinnai scored to give his team a 6-4 lead. Ryan Scott cut the Simcoe lead after he took a Dawson Hill's rebound and drove it into the Simcoe goal. With just over three minutes left Six Nations tied the game 6-6 when Dawson Hill fed a pass to streaking Cold Powless. Powless slid a pass to Raymond Kobe Hill and he buried it into the Simcoe goal. With the score tied at 6-6, Simcoe's



A Six Nations Tyke player splits the defence during last weekends Tyke Tournament held at the GPA. (Photo by Jamie Lewis)



Six Nations Tyke Sr "B" goalie Wyatt Williams has a nap during the Tyke Tournament at the GPA. (Photo by Jamie Lewis)



Six Nations Tyke goalie makes a huge save. (Photo by Jamie Lewis)

Vinnai gathered up a loose puck in the Six Nations zone and fired it at the goal, Garrett Sommers missed the puck and it rolled into the goal, to give Simcoe the Sr "B" Championship. Six Nations teams finish second and third in their divisions during round robin play.

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Pain, endurance rewarded with handshakes over medals at Arctic Winter Games

VANCOUVER-Long ago in ancient Greece, men paid tribute to the gods with Olympic sports like sprinting, long jump, javelin and discus throw. Thousands of kilometres and a lifestyle away, in the far North,

indigenous people used very different sports for a very different purpose. Games like the kneel jump, the knuckle hop and the high kick were an integral part of teaching the young how to one day survive one of the

harshest climates on earth. Strength, endurance, agility, resistance to pain, balance and control are all tested in traditional northern sports that evolved as a means to develop the abilities necessary for the physical

demands of a hunting and gathering lifestyle. Fit people were more likely to survive, and sportsmanship that pushed everyone to excel was highly valued.

Six Nations teams continue to do well

By Jamie Lewis
Writer

OHSWEKEN-Two Six Nations teams continue to do well in O.M.H.A. playoffs.

Last Wednesday the Six Nations Midget "C" All Stars moved into the next round of the playoffs facing Wainfleet at the GPA and skating off the ice with a 2-0 win.

And the Six Nations Novice "C" All Stars suffered a tough loss against Burford 5-3 in their best of 3 series. In the midget game Six Nations first goal came at the 1:04 mark of the first period after Kyle Sault jammed in a Stuart Martin shot rebound past Wainfleet goalie Jason Michaud to give the All stars a 1-0 lead.

The All Stars scored their second goal of the game midway through the second period when Briar Jonathan tipped Stuart Martins, wrist-shot into the Wainfleet goal. Six Nations Spencer Hill padded the shutout stopping 27 Wainfleet shots for the win.

The All Stars traveled to Wainfleet last Sunday afternoon and no score was available at press time. Both team go head to head Wednesday night at the GPA at 8:00 pm.

In the novice game Six Nations All Stars came up shot losing to a strong Burford team 5-3.

Six Nations and Burford were tied through one period of play.

In the second period the All Stars jumped to a 3-0 on goals from Theo Hill and a pair from Sandy Porter.

Hill's goal came at 13:56 of the second after Rycol Davis sent a long pass to Izaiah Whitlow, who saw Porter breaking to the Burford goal and fed a perfect pass to Porter, he slid it under Burford goalie Devon Popp to give the All Stars a 1-0 lead.

Porter notched his first of two goals after he gobbled up Arielle MacDonald's pass and drove it hard into the Burford goal.

Blain Martin had the second assist after he fed a long pass to MacDonald.

The All Stars padded their lead to 3-0 when Porter scored his second goal of the game when he tipped in Theo Hill's shot from the point.

With just under four minutes left in the second period Burford cut the Six Nations lead to 3-1 when Justin Joensen beat All Stars goalie Doug Powless.

In the third period Burford scored four unanswered goals to



Six Nations Juvenile All Stars goalie Tim Porter poke checks the puck from an Ayr forward last Monday night at the GPA. (photo by Jamie Lewis)

steal a win from Six Nations, winning the game 5-3.

In the Novice "LL" game Six Nations tied Norwich 1-1.

Riley Marin scored the lone Six Nations goal with Brody Hill taking

an assist.

Last Monday night the Six Nations All Stars Juveniles faced off against Ayr in League playoff action. O 2 2 A 8. Six Nations was leading 6-1 after

two periods of play, but no final score was available a press time.

Rochester slips by Boston

ROCHESTER-The Rochester Knighthawks of the NLL squeezed out a 11-9 win last Saturday afternoon against the Boston Blazers at the Blue Cross Arena.

The win gives Rochester third place in the East Division and the loss moves the Blazers to fourth.

The Knighthawks opened the scoring on the powerplay when Craig Point popped in the goal. John Grant scored the second goal of the game to give the

Knighthawks a 2-0 lead after one quarter.

Sean Morris scored at 8:24 of the second to bring Boston to within one goal. Corey Bomberry responded to give the Knighthawks a 3-1.

The Blazers scored three unanswered goals in the quarter to run off the floor with a slim 4-3 lead.

Early in the third quarter the Blazers went up 5-3 with a goal from Morris, his third of the game.

Rochester took the lead with three unanswered goals, the first came from Point, with assists from by Bomberry and Shawn Williams.

The Knighthawks tied the game at 5-5 when Williams trickled a shot past Boston goaltender Anthony Cosmo.

Grant gave Rochester the lead when he scored on the powerplay at 12:03. With the goal, Grant moved to third place in Knighthawks scoring history, passing current head coach Paul

Gait.

In the fourth, Gait increased the Rochester lead to 7-5 with a behind-the-back goal after taking a pass from Grant.

Boston scored two quick goals from Brett Queener and Jamie Rooney.

Point scored his third of the game to give Rochester a 8-7 lead. At 9:10 Point added his fourth goal to give the Knighthawks a two-goal lead with five minutes remaining. And Grant rounded out

the scoring Grant to give Rochester and 11-9 win.

After missing six straight games with a calf injury, John Tavares lead the Buffalo Bandits to their second victory of the season, defeating the Philadelphia Wings 13-11.

Buffalo who was trailing 5-0 came to life with goals from Kevin Dostie, Tom Montour, and two from Mark Steenhuis to give the Bandits 5-4 at the end of the first quarter.

The Wings tied the game 5-5 when Jason Crosbie scored at 2:51 of the second. The Bandits Frank Resetarits gave Buffalo its one goal lead, two minute later.

The Bandits went on to score three more goals in the second, to go into the half with tied 7-7.

In the third quarter the Bandits scored three goals while Philadelphia responded with one. Buffalo lead after 3 quarters 10-8.

The Scorers for the bandits in the quarter were; Kevin Dostie, Brett Bucktooth with two, while the Wings lone goal scorer was John Christmas.

The Bandits and Wings exchanged three goals each in the fourth quarter.

Buffalo hung on to win their second game of the year 13-11.

Scoring for the Bandits in the fourth quarter was Tavares with two goals and Jon Harasym. For Philadelphia; Christmas, Geoff Snider and Max Seibald.

Six Nations woman gets chance of a lifetime

By Jamie Lewis
Writer

OHSWEKEN-Fern Burning is experiencing a chance of a life time.

Last week Burning left for Vancouver's Olympic Games. She was selected out of the millions of applications to be a volunteer.

For the next two weeks she will be part of a contingent that will be helping athletes get around the Olympic grounds. She will be working in the residence services section.

In other Olympic News:

The games got off to a tragic start last week after Nodar Kumaritashvili, a luge competitor for the country of Georgia, died during a practice run where he was clocked at an estimated speed of 90mgh. Olympic medical staff were unable to revive Kumaritashvili after he was rushed to a hospital after crashing off the track.

To date Canada has picked up four medals, 1 Gold, 2 Silver and a Bronze.

Canada's all aboriginal snowboarding were on the tract Monday and the women's team competed Tuesday and at press time the results were not in. It is expected that 32 year Algonquin Caroline Calvé will win a medal.

The men ran last Monday with Mike Robertson taking home a silver. Robert Fagan finished 5th while Drew Neilson finish 11th and Francois Boivin finished 12th. The men's hockey team will play Norway on Thursday night and the team Canada women's team crushed Slovakia 18-0.

Jayna Hefford and Meghan Agosta scored three goals each for Canada who set a record for the most lopsided win women's Olympic hockey tournament history.

Canada also held the previous record for the biggest blowout, a 16-0 demolition of host Italy at the Torino 2006 Olympic Games.

Algonquin Snowboarder gears up to race.



Algonquin snowboarder Caroline Calvé practices for her run at an Olympic Medal in Vancouver (Getty Images)



Olympic athletes village near Whistler B.C (Submitted Photo).



Six Nations Fern Buring (Left) and her friend Barbara Hewton are volunteering at the Vancouver Olympics, by helping athletes get around the village. (Submitted Photo)

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GAYLORD POWLESS ARENA	12pm Public Skate 4 pm New Credit 5:6:20 pm Atom LL 6:30 pm Bantam REP vs Delhi 8 pm - 9:15 Midget REP vs Wainfleet	12:12:50 pm KL Martin 3 pm Il Thomas 5 - 7:50 pm SNSC 8 pm Smoothtown vs Spirits 9 pm Silverhawks vs Spoilers	12 pm Public Skate 1pm Immersion Elementary 4 pm Private Rental 5 pm - 8:50 pm SNSC 9-10:20 pm Jason Hill (H)	11:30 pm Bantam LL 1 pm Novice LL vs Norwich 2 pm Atom LL vs Ingersoll 3 pm Atom Rep vs Port Dover 4 pm Peevewe Rep vs Cayuga 5:15 pm Novice Rep vs Burford (OMHA) or Midget vs Burford 7 pm Public Skate 8 pm Rick Martin (H)	8 am Collin Elkin 9 am Cam MacDonald 10-12:50 PM SNSC 1pm Atom LL vs Port Dover 2 pm Atom Rep vs Paris 3 pm Bantam Rep vs Paris 4:30 pm Novice Rep 5:30 pm Peevewe Rep 6:30 pm Novice LL 7:30 pm Peevewe LL 8:30 pm Midget Rep 9:30-10:20 pm Juvenile	12pm - 12:50pm Public Skate Jacki Martin 5 - 8:20 pm SNSC 8:30 - 9:50 pm Juvenile Rep vs Alymer	8 am - 4:50 pm Ice Maintenance 4 pm Dave Smith SNMHA 5 - 10:50 pm
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B.C. First Nations delegation in Ottawa to save lake threatened by mining
OTTAWA—Six chiefs from an Interior B.C. First Nation spend the next several days in Ottawa as they battle a proposal they fear will turn a sacred lake into a waste dump. The chiefs from the Tsilhqot'in Nation of south-central B.C. plan meetings with MPs and top bureaucrats in hopes of halting a Taseko Mines' proposal to drain Fish Lake. Tsilhqot'in call the area Teztan Biny and say the two kilometre-wide open pit proposed mine, tailings pond and other developments will destroy the entire ecosystem in the region around Williams Lake, 600 kilometres north of Vancouver.

National Briefs

Province, feds talk trying to save university

TORONTO—Two weeks after its closing appeared imminent, government leaders are talking about how to save Saskatchewan's one-of-a-kind aboriginal university, Saskatchewan Advanced Education Minister Rob Norris met with federal Indian Affairs Minister Chuck Strahl in Vancouver yesterday and the future of the beleaguered First Nations University was discussed.

The ministers appeared to sound the school's death-knell two weeks ago. They pulled \$12-million in annual funding after encountering resistance to reform and allegations of fraudulent mis-spending.

Norris tells the Globe and Mail they are looking for a new model for the school that puts a "far greater emphasis on accountability."

Under such a plan, the University of Regina or a similar post-secondary institution would take over certain administration and management roles at the school. The federal and provincial government would then reroute their grants through the University of Regina rather than writing First Nations University a cheque. Norris will meet today with Chief Guy Lonechild of the Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations to discuss options for the university. "We see good reason for optimism," Lonechild said. "It certainly sends a positive signal that Minister Norris flew out to speak with Strahl. I wouldn't think he'll come back empty-handed."

16-year-old killed in fire
SPLIT LAKE, Man.—A 16-year-old girl has been identified by a family member as the person killed in a house fire on a remote northern Manitoba First Nation. Jenny Keeper said Monday her younger sister, Ashley Grieves, was asleep when flames tore through the home on the Tatakweyak Cree Nation, formerly known as Split Lake, about 800 kilometres north of Winnipeg. "They couldn't get her out. It started underneath the house...electrical or something," Keeper said. There were five people in the home at the time, she said. The young teen's mother and two brothers, who also live in the home, were in Winnipeg for the weekend.

B.C. study says residential school survivors' kids at risk of infectious disease

THE CANADIAN PRESS VANCOUVER, B.C. — Drug-using aboriginal women are at particular risk of contracting hepatitis C if at least one of their parents was forced to attend a residential school, suggests a new study.

Researchers at the University of British Columbia say the study of at-risk First Nations youth is the first to find a link between historical trauma, injection drug use and hepatitis C infection.

The study published in the medical journal *Open Medicine* surveyed a group of 512 young, aboriginal people from Vancouver's Downtown Eastside and the northern B.C. city of Prince George.

A total of 268 participants admitted to injection drug use, with 59 per cent of them testing

positive for the hepatitis C virus.

The findings were released by the Cedar Project, a long-term Canadian Institutes of Health Research-funded study that monitors HIV and hepatitis rates among young aboriginal drug users in B.C.

The prevalence of hepatitis C infection in young aboriginal injection drug users in Prince George mirrored that of their counterparts in Vancouver's Downtown Eastside, said Patricia Spittal, principal investigator with the Cedar Project.

"Given that Vancouver has consistently been described as an epicentre of the HIV and (hepatitis C) epidemics in British Columbia and Canada since the early 1980s, these findings indicate that the faces of these epidemics are changing," she said.

"The similar rate of hepatitis C infections in Vancouver and Prince George is very concerning and may be a warning of a larger epidemic in the north in the future," said Spittal, who is also an associate professor at UBC's School of Population and Public Health.

"Harm-reduction programming (and) trauma-driven addiction care must be resourced for the north because we often just presume that everything happens just in the Downtown Eastside but it's just not the case because there are little Downtown Eastsides all over the province."

Participants with at least one parent who attended a residential school were 1.9 per cent more likely to test positive for the liver-destroying hepatitis C virus, the study said.

Study investigator Chief Wayne Christian, of the Splatins First Nation in the southern B.C. Interior, said understanding the link between historical trauma and current health risks can lead to better strategies to improve aboriginal health.

"We honour our elders who endured this trauma, and their struggle to cope and survive," he said.

"Our young people who use injection drugs are often coping with unresolved historical and lifetime trauma, including the impact of the residential school system," Christian said.

"More effective community-driven interventions are needed to help them."

Court approves foster care for kids in racially charged Manitoba custody case

WINNIPEG—A judge has ruled that Manitoba parents who taught their children racist beliefs and drew racial slogans on one child's skin cannot regain custody any time soon. "Writing and drawing racist expressions and symbols on one's child is not just bad parenting. Those interferences with a child's person are batteries," Justice Marianne Rivoalen wrote in a decision Thursday that grants permanent guardianship of the children to Manitoba Child and Family Services.

"Advocating genocide and the wilful promotion of hatred against an identifiable group are crimes in this country. These children have a right to be protected from these things."

Rivoalen's decision came two years after the children were seized by child welfare workers after the eldest showed up at her elementary school with racist slo-

gans and symbols drawn on her skin in permanent marker.

No one in the case can be identified under provincial law. Child and Family Services applied for guardianship of the girl and her younger brother, alleging that the parents' racist beliefs and actions caused the children to suffer emotionally. During the custody hearing, social workers testified the girl frequently used racial epithets to describe blacks, Asians, aboriginals and other minorities. One worker told the court the girl calmly described how black people could be killed with a ball and chain. Others said the girl talked freely about her parents' beliefs that non-whites should be forced to leave Canada. The workers testified to seeing Nazi paraphernalia in the family home. The father admitted to using Nazi salutes and telling the children that only white people

belong in Canada. But he told the court his beliefs do not amount to racism and he never preached violence. He argued he had a constitutional right to teach his beliefs to the children.

The judge rejected that argument.

"I find that this attempt to convey a meaning by using a child's body as a canvas falls outside the scope of expression that is protected under... the charter. A... child does not have the legal capacity to consent to racist markings being inscribed on her body. (The mother) sought celebrity, sacrificed her children's dignity on the altar of sensationalism and achieved some notoriety."

That was a pathetic cry for attention. As the case garnered growing media attention that focused on the allegations of racism, the government took pains to stress other concerns. The

father rarely worked and the home was filthy. Neither parent was emotionally equipped to provide a proper home, and the children were so neglected the girl frequently missed school because her parents wouldn't wake up in the morning. Rivoalen said those issues were a key factor in her decision. She said the racist markings alone wouldn't be enough to justify taking the children away permanently. The squalor of the home and neglect of the children evidenced by a lack of speech development in the younger child compounded the issue.

"The living conditions... could be fairly described as ranging from inappropriate for young children to deplorable. They lived in squalor and filth," the judge wrote.

Council Considers Motion

Elected Council considered a motion concerning the feasibility of building a seniors and youth centre this week.

The Community Focus Committee recommended that Elected Council discuss five points related to building a seniors

and youth centre. The discussion points include potentially asking MMMC Architects to include a study for the seniors and youth centre into a needs assessment and feasibility study that they are conducting into concerning a New Six Nations

Public Library and Archival Repository Building.

The points listed as discussion topics on the Council agenda are:

- The Seniors/Youth Center be included in this feasibility study and amend as such

- The remaining funds allocated for the feasibility study (\$112,346.20) be used for the additional costs (\$13,450.00)

- Accept this feasibility study without any amendments using any space available for senior/youth in the schematic as shown

Opening ceremonies features aboriginal performances

(Continued from front)

shields as he was knocked to the street and against a parked car, only to be shoved again once he found his way back onto his feet.

Officers and protesters were shouting at each other during the melee as people in the crowd scrambled up the street. Police said later one of the arrested protesters had a bike chain wrapped around his fist.

The confrontation was brief, and when it was over, the protesters and several TV cameras were surrounded by officers on a sidewalk lined up against the fence of a restaurant patio.

Eventually, a few protesters who had been speaking with police told the rest of the demonstrators they would have to disband or be arrested, and the crowd dissolved into a few side streets.

After it was over, protesters accused the police of inciting violence, while the police, in turn, blamed a small number of "criminals intent on committing violent acts" and defended their response.

"What we've seen today is the criminal element in the group has taken over and has dictated the actions," Police Chief Jim Chu told a news conference.

"Their tactic is to hide within the legitimate ranks of the protesters," Chu labelled about half of the protesters "criminals" and said some were people they haven't seen before from Canada and the United States.

But the protesters saw it differently. Alisha Westergard-Thorpe of the Olympic Resistance Network accused the police of trying to intimidate Olympic critics and suggested the protesters hadn't been violent at all, even though many had been videotaped and photographed damaging property earlier in the day.

"Protesters have never been violent toward human beings," said Westergard-Thorpe.

"Property damage is not the same as violence, and it certainly is nothing compared to the tools that police have, manhandling them, pushing them, hitting them with bicycles."

The Hudson's Bay store is part of the "criminal" group that's staging the Games on unceded First Nations land, said Gord Hill, a spokesman for aboriginal protesters in the anti-Olympic coalition. "I don't think buildings have feelings," he said. "They are not comprised of organs, tissue, but instead are made of concrete and steel."

B.C. Public Safety Minister Kash Heed said charges against those arrested include possession of a dangerous weapon, assault and breach of the peace.

"The violent and destructive behaviour that was evidenced this morning has no place in Canada," he said in a statement.

"When police officers are provoked by some whose sole intent appears to be violence and destruc-

tion, they have an obligation to protect themselves and the public."

Westergard-Thorpe said more demonstrations were planned for the coming days.

Protester Tyler Sparks of Victoria said the confrontation at a street near the hotel where the International Olympic Committee is staying was instigated by a group called the Black Bloc, who were also behind the vandalism at HBC.

"The riot police, who had come at that point, surrounded us and we started making a stand, the Black Bloc and a large group of us," he said after the march had peetered out.

"The people who hadn't wanted to be there kind of dispersed." Sparks watched as police arrested a young woman, who told reporters she was a high school student being arrested for wearing a mask.

As the protest wrapped up, repair crews were already busy a few blocks away repairing broken windows.

Large cracks spread across the windows of the Bay like spider webs accompanied by giant blotches of red paint. Across the street, a green mailbox stuck out of what was left of a window at a TD Bank branch.

At the Bay, a woman stood in front of one of the smashed windows with a cardboard sign that said "vandalism" is not a political statement."

Isabella Mori, who lives just a few blocks from the Bay, said she heard about the broken windows on the news and wanted to come see for herself.

"When you break things like this, you alienate regular people who might have agreed with your point of view, and by doing that you serve nobody's purpose," said Mori, 46.

A day earlier, protesters forced the torch relay to reroute and have vowed mass gatherings to oppose the Games.

Later on Friday, more than 1,500 marchers demonstrated at the Vancouver Art Gallery and then marched to the stadium where the opening ceremonies were taking

place. They were met at the stadium by a three-deep line of officers holding them back.

Friday's protest was largely peaceful, with only one arrest after two officers were hurt during a confrontation.

Security is always a main concern for host Olympics cities, which must deal with everything from potential terrorist threats to street protests as dissenters try to use the global publicity of the Games to advocate their views.

In Vancouver, Olympics security officials have brought in 4,200 RCMP officers and 4,500 Canadian Forces troops, to bolster a force of about 1,800 local cops and 5,000 private security personnel to protect Olympics sites and some outlying areas.

A lavish opening to Vancouver's Olympic Winter Games got the thumbs-up from Canadian personalities who were willing to overlook several gaffes in an otherwise proud celebration of Canada's heritage and diverse landscape.

The miscues Friday night included a confusing scene in the VIP box off the top as IOC president Jacques Rogge and Gov. Gen. Michaëlle Jean were introduced before their fellow aboriginal dignitaries had arrived, a lengthy and seemingly disordered final torch journey by hockey legend Wayne Gretzky and the failure of a massive pillar to raise an Olympic cauldron aloft for a climactic lighting by a Canadian Who's Who of celebrities.

The opening ceremony that showcased the most recognizable hall-

marks of Canada ended with the country's most famous face of all.

Wayne Gretzky was the final torchbearer, raising the Olympic fire, sprinting out of B.C. Place and lighting the cauldron on Vancouver's waterfront to bring to a close a celebration that presented a familiar, some might even say stereotypical vision of Canada to the world.

If the choice of the Great One was unlikely to surprise viewers, neither was the vision of Canada filtered through the show's artistic portion.

Mounties in red tunics. First Nations dancers and drummers. The aurora borealis. Polar bears on ice floes. Spouting oceans. Towering totem poles. Amber fields of Prairie wheat. Canoes. And piles of maple leaves.

The only thing missing was Stompin' Tom Connors, havin' a smoke, suckin' back a brew from a stubby, and singin' "The Hockey Song." Yes, these opening ceremonies presented Canada in the same way most of the world already thinks of the country: a vast, unspoiled land filled with natural wonders and raw wilderness, not one dotted with major urban centres.

Years in the works, the show was an elaborately choreographed affair that sought to incorporate every region of the country and elements of Canadian culture that would range from ubiquitous to completely obscure for an international audience.

B.C. Place was converted into a cavernous, crystallized icebox. The

floor was used as a screen, while a cylindrical object suspended in the air above shifted up and down and changed shape throughout the show.

The lengthy centrepiece of the ceremony, a shifting mosaic of visual art, dance, music and theatre called "Landscape of a Dream," featured many conventional images of Canada: a majestic polar bear puppet covered in lights, whose head nudged up above the B.C. Place's lofty second deck; a canoe lowering down from the roof onto a stage littered with maple leaves and a community of people in the far north being separated by splintering ice floes.

Organizers also ensured that the program included a sweep through each region of Canada.

The North was honoured with Canadian Inuit throat singing, Aboriginal drums and voices, Persian santurs, Scottish bagpipes and Asian gamelan while audience members shined thousands of LED flashlights skyward to create the effect of the aurora borealis.

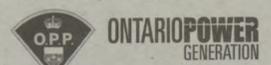
A tribute to fiddling, a national pastime that carries a Maritime bent was presented as a sort of pan-Canadian duel, with 180 fiddlers and tap-dancers representing Metis, Quebecois, Prairie,

Another segment was meant as a nod to the immense expanse of the Prairies. An aerial artist spiralled through the air from side to side while the screen below rendered images of golden fields and Fort Macleod, Alta., native Joni Mitchell's "Both Sides, Now" hummed through the speakers.

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Health & Fitness

Brain fit for life

(NC)—When it comes to New Year's resolutions, we're full of healthy promises for our body such as to stop smoking and to lose weight. But keeping our brain healthy should also be an important New Year's resolution. We know that our body changes as we get older, but did you know that our brain changes too? "Our memory ages as we do," explains Dr. Ruth Anne Baron, a naturopathic doctor. "Normal biological and chemical changes that take place in our brain are part of the aging process that can result in a condition known as Age Associated Memory Impairment or AAMI. It's an age-related memory complaint and not a neurological disease."

AAMI is a fairly common condition that affects close to one in three people aged 60 to 78. Forgetting the name of a recent acquaintance, misplacing objects or having difficulty recalling information quickly are some of the symptoms. But if you're having trouble remembering, don't worry, you're not alone. According to a survey conducted this year by Ipsos on behalf of the Alzheimer's Foundation for Caregiving in Canada, six in ten Canadians between the ages of 40 and 60 experienced short-term memory loss over the past year. "To minimize memory loss as we get older we should all take measures as early on as possible to keep our brain healthy," advises Dr. Baron. "We need to make good on

those New Year's resolutions for our body as well as our brain health, and considering a natural health brand such as Vivimind can play an important role in protecting memory function as we age." Resolutions for Brain Fitness

- Eat a brain-healthy diet that includes fish, lentils, lots of fruits and vegetables.
- Keep your mind active by doing

crossword puzzles or learning a new skill such as another language.

- Get regular exercise that not only improves blood circulation but also your coordination.
- Stay socially active; don't be a recluse; become a volunteer for a worthy cause in which you believe, go on regular outings to new places, meet new people.
- Sleep well because when you are

deprived of sleep your brain suffers.

- Reduce stress by doing yoga, engage in an enjoyable hobby, going for a massage or spa treatment.

You can find out more about memory loss by speaking with your healthcare professional, pharmacist, naturopathic doctor or going online at www.vivimind.com. - News Canada

Take control of your brain health

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If you've been forgetting simple everyday things like the name of



the new neighbour you just met or where you parked your car — don't worry you're not alone. According to a survey conducted this year by Ipsos on behalf of the Alzheimer's Foundation for Caregiving in

Canada, six in ten Canadians between the ages of 40 and 60 experienced short-term memory loss over the past year. "To minimize memory loss as we get older we should all take measures as early on as possible to keep our brain healthy," advises Dr. Baron. "Eating a healthy diet and getting regular exercise are important elements that help us to maintain good brain health. A natural health brand like Vivimind can also play an important role in protecting memory function as we get older." More Brain Health Tips

- Stay socially active — meet new friends by volunteering your time to a worthy cause;
- Reduce stress — take up yoga or meditation;
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HEALTH TIPS

Parkinson's Disease

Parkinson's disease is a condition which affects control over muscle movements. It affects about 100,000 Canadians, more often men than women, and targets about 1 in 100 over 65. The cause is damage to the brain, resulting in a reduced amount of a nerve messenger called dopamine to be released. In most cases the cause of the damage is unknown. However, in some cases the damage can be linked to chemical, medication, or head trauma. The symptoms include tremor, rigidity, and slow voluntary movements called bradykinesia. In its early stages there is often a gradual loss of smell. The tremor, which usually begins in a hand, is one-sided and occurs especially when at rest. People with Parkinson's disease often have instability when walking or standing. Their handwriting becomes smaller and difficult to read because of impairment of fine motor skills. Their voice softens. They also are predisposed to anxiety, depression, and dementia.

There is much research being done, which will hopefully find a cure for this debilitating disease. Michael J. Fox, famous actor and a patient with this disease, has a research foundation which has provided millions of dollars to find a cure. Two main surgical interventions

are used in treating Parkinson's disease. One is deep brain stimulation where an electric charge is sent through a wire to the base of the brain. Another is lesion therapy of specific areas of the brain to lessen symptoms of the disease. A key medication for the treatment has been levodopa. Dopamine, given by itself, can not cross the blood-brain barrier. The blood-brain barrier is a lining, which is intended to protect the brain from damaging substances. Levodopa is absorbed through the barrier, where it is subsequently broken down into dopamine. Unfortunately, over time levodopa becomes less effective. At times it helps and other times does not. Sometimes it can cause uncontrolled movements called dyskinesias. It is often given in a formula which also contains carbidopa to minimize side effects. Another key group of medication is those which enhance the activity of dopamine in the brain. These can be used at the early stages of the diseases or later along with levodopa to enable better motor control. Exercise, massage therapy, speech therapy also all have important roles to play in fighting back against this disease.



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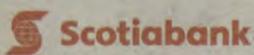
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