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Federal government "paying lipservice" in Six Nations land rights negotiations

By Lynda Powless and Donna Duric
Turtle Island News

Canada has no surrender document from Six Nations giving up the contested housing development under Reclamation by Six Nations people outside Caledonia. And Department of Justice lawyers admit they have no document surrendering the Plank Road or remaining Highway Six lands.

But federal lawyers say even without the legal documents, Canadian courts will still maintain Six Nations gave up its lands.

Canada launched its first frontal attack against Six Nations land rights last week, but Mohawk Chief Allen MacNaughton deflect-

ed federal negotiator Barbara McDougall comments accusing the federal government of "paying little more than lip service" to ongoing land rights negotiations at Six Nations.

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Mohawk Chief Allen MacNaughton is interviewed during an impromptu press conference Saturday. Both the Confederacy council of chiefs and band council were meeting to discuss Six Nations internal governance issues. An MOU will be developed. (Photo by Lynda Powless)

Confederacy and band council move community forward

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There are still two very different world views.

There are still two very different governance structures.

But Six Nations Haudenosaunee Confederacy Council and band council moved a step closer to bringing the community

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Governor general urges Canadians to fix developing world in their backyard

CALGARY (CP)-Canada has a developing world in its own backyard, with a number of aboriginal communities in a desperate state, Gov. Gen. Michaëlle Jean said Thursday.

In a speech praising the international development work of Engineers Without Borders, Jean said Canadians "can no longer ignore" impoverished conditions within their own country.

"Let us admit, once and for all, that the developing world is closer than we think."

Jean said during her trip across Africa late last year, she saw many situations and needs identical to those faced by some Canadian aboriginal communities.

These include a lack of simple access to clean drinking water, the growing marginalization of the

younger generation and the need to find a balance between ancient knowledge and the modern world. Other large social issues, such as ongoing violence against women, the desperate need for adequate housing and the promotion of edu-

cation as a means of growth and development, exist not only on the other side of the world but here in Canadian communities, she said.

"There is urgent work that needs to be done in our own backyard, and

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New passport requirement for U.S. air travel 'irritates' Mohawks



Members of the Mohawk nation are angry about U.S. travel rules that require Canadians to carry passports for flights south of the border, and say they should be exempt from the rule that took effect Tuesday.

Mohawks have been guaranteed unfettered travel over the U.S. border since 1794, when the Jay Treaty, or Treaty of London, was signed between the United States and Great Britain.

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Local Councillor complains emails public

Band councillor Melba Thomas says she's received five calls from community members angry that council e-mails appeared in the Turtle Island News' Jan. 3 edition, calling it a "violation" to both the council and the community. The e-mails detailed the

exchanges between councillors over the return of the old council house to the Confederacy on Jan. 1. Thomas says one of the complainants, a woman, is willing to come to council to voice her complaints.



Haudenosaunee passport accepted world wide

between the United States and Great Britain.

Today, the Mohawk nation spans Quebec, Ontario and New York, and members are used to moving back and forth with only their status cards or driver's licences, whether travelling by boat, car or plane," said Kenneth Deer, editor of the Eastern Door, a Kahnawake newspaper and Mohawk representative to the United Nations Indigenous Peoples Committee.

"Traditionally we've been able to have free access to our homeland. The Canadian-U.S. border is a recent development in our history." Being forced to carry a Canadian passport is a major "irritant" for Mohawks, Deer said.

"We are a nation of people who have been here from time immemorial. The Canadian passport says you declare yourself a Canadian citizen. There is nothing wrong with that, but Mohawks prefer to be Mohawks," he said, adding that he only holds a pass-

port issued by the Six Nations Confederacy.

For the moment, passports are only required for air travel to the U.S., but the Department of Homeland Security plans to extend the requirement to land and sea travel by 2008-09.

Mohawks hope to develop their own identity card in conjunction with Homeland Security officials before that time, Deer said.

The NEXUS Air frequent traveller program, which allows frequent border crossers to pay for pre-screening and security clearance, is not an appropriate solution for Mohawks, he added.

For the moment, Mohawks travelling by air will be dealt with on a case-by-case basis at the border, said Mike Milne, a spokesman for U.S. Customs and Border Protection.

"If he went in, and was able to identify himself, and was not on any kind of watch list, he would be admitted with the caveat that the



Kenneth Deer, a member of the United Nations Indigenous People's Committee has travelled to 18 countries world wide on his Haudenosaunee passport. Some of the stamps can be seen here.

next time you come back, you have a passport," Milne told CBC.

He added that his department is reviewing concerns presented by "different" groups of people who may not have Canadian passports.

According to the Department of Homeland Security, 87 million

people cross the U.S. border by air every year, and 309 million make the trip by land.

Deer, who travels internationally with a Haudenosaunee passport said the passport has been accepted by a number of countries.

"I have gone to 18 different coun-

tries with the passport. I have stamps from Canada, Switzerland, France, The Netherlands, Estonia, Taiwan, South Africa, Tunisia where I went to the World Summit on the Information Society in 2005 in Tunis. I just came back from Bolivia in October."

Governor General says Canadians can't ignore aboriginal poverty

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this work could be an example for the entire world. It should be part of making Canada a model global citizen."

Jean's first public appearance during her three-day trip to the Calgary area was the keynote address at the national conference of Engineers Without Borders - a group that helps bring technology to developing nations.

Several members of the associa-

tion were part of Jean's official delegation when she travelled to Algeria, Mali, Ghana, Morocco and South Africa in November and December.

Jean said seeing the work that a handful of Canadian engineers were doing throughout Africa was an important lesson.

"We were born... and we live in an affluent country just by sheer luck," she told the more than two hundred young engineers from

across Canada. "And I strongly believe that with this luck comes a responsibility, an absolute responsibility, to create opportunities for those with the greatest need."

During the trip to Africa, which received little coverage back home, thousands of people turned out to welcome her wherever she went.

After she urged Mali's national parliament to enact a long-stalled bill that would let women own

property, gain an inheritance and seek a divorce, a leading newspaper columnist in the country compared her to legendary athletes Muhammad Ali and soccer star Pele as symbols of black pride.

During her second official visit to Alberta as governor general, Jean will spend a considerable amount of her time with native groups.

On Friday, she visited a family shelter located on the Stoney Nakoda Nation, just west of Calgary.

Saturday she met a group of teachers from the Siksika Nation, one hour east of Calgary. The teachers graduated from a University of Calgary's Master of Teaching program that combines Aboriginal language, culture and teaching traditions with mainstream educational practices.

Canadians have a collective responsibility to combat the problems of "poverty and exclusion" and not simply rely on government help, the Governor General said Saturday.

Wrapping up a three-day tour of southern Alberta with a graduating class of Aboriginal teachers, Michaele Jean said all Canadians must help the less fortunate in society.

"The more we are indifferent, the more we will fail some of our fellow citizens and we can't set an example to the world, and the world is looking at us as a coun-

try," Jean said Saturday in Calgary. "I think that sometimes we actually could do more, but if we are indifferent, this will not happen."

Promoting and praising action on native and social issues was a key theme during the Governor General's second official visit to Alberta.

She spent nearly three hours Saturday afternoon listening to the stories of 11 teachers from the Siksika Nation, one hour east of Calgary, who had graduated from a University of Calgary program last year.

Unique to Canada, the Master of Teaching program combines aboriginal language, culture and teaching with mainstream educational practices. "It's always wonderful to celebrate a good success story," Jean said afterwards.

"It's one thing to be aware of difficulties, of situations that are very troubling, but it is also so important to acknowledge the solutions brought to the problems by the people themselves."

Jean's message reverberates in Alberta where years of soaring oil and gas prices have brought both unprecedented wealth and soaring social problems including homelessness and spousal abuse.

But Jean said social problems that come from poverty and exclusion were not unique to Alberta, and Canadians had a shared responsibility to fix them.

Local man turns self in on road damage warrant

A Six Nations man wanted in connection with an incident last summer in which a front end loader tore up a section of Argyle Street at Caledonia has turned himself into the Ontario Provincial Police. Jarrod Greene, 33, surrendered Friday after OPP issued an arrest warrant for

him on Jan., 16. He is accused of damaging Argyle Street south. Damage is estimated at more than \$6,000. Green has been released on a promise to appear March 7 on a mischief charge.

Confederacy and band council working on M.O.U. to bring unity here

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towards a plan on how to govern Six Nations in unity Saturday

The two councils met last Saturday to work on improving their relationship and ended up with an agreement to work on developing a memorandum of understanding regarding the roles and responsibilities of each council.

Confederacy council tabled a draft MOU with the band council almost a year ago.

Band council had not responded but agreed Saturday to respond to it in two weeks when the two councils are expected to meet again.

The Confederacy's MOU seeks to clarify the relationship between both councils when it comes to dealing with land issues along the Grand River. Those issues include: the Plank Rd. land claim; the Confederacy taking the lead role in negotiating land settlements; band council providing the Confederacy access to its lands research records; and both councils agreeing to keep the community updated on the progress of the ongoing land negotiations with the federal and provincial governments.

"In the spirit of cooperation, and for the sake of the future generations, we agree to seek one mind on these matters and uphold our collective rights to the land," states the Confederacy MOU.

"We're trying to improve our people's future," says Cayuga Sub-

Chief Leroy Hill. "They need land and they need unity - that's what we're working toward. Any division (between us) has been brought in by the federal government."

The Confederacy council is the original governing body of Six Nations, but were forcibly ousted by the RCMP in 1924 and replaced

Oneida Business Park, General admitted to reporters that the two councils have differences they need to iron out, but that he's glad to be working with the Confederacy.

"We're pleased to be working with Allen and Jock (Sub-Chief Leroy Hill)," said General. "The meeting today was an excellent meeting."

Confederacy chiefs and band council met Saturday to discuss how the two can work together on a variety of issues including Six Nations land rights.

with an elected band council system run under the protocols of the federal Indian Act.

Last year, band council made a historic decision when it passed a resolution turning over the lead to the Confederacy when it came to negotiating with the government over the fate of the former Douglas Creek lands, as well as other land grievances along the Grand River.

Only seven councillors agreed to the resolution and it was not endorsed by elected Chief Dave General.

After last Saturday's meeting at

him on Jan., 16. He is accused of damaging Argyle Street south. Damage is estimated at more than \$6,000. Green has been released on a promise to appear March 7 on a mischief charge.

Nations could benefit from some of the developers - namely wind farm developers because of the benefit it could have in powering Six Nations homes.

"What I'm saying is we've got to utilize that momentum," said Hill. "Use the development of wind projects as a starting point. You want

need to be talking to the government. That's where the consultation should be taking place."

Band Councillor Levi White said financial compensation may be the best way to deal with developers because by the time all of Six Nations' claims are settled, the land could be all gone.

"This is the reality that's going to be taking place. There'll be no land to get back and you'll be looking at financial compensation anyway."

Confederacy Chief General said he still didn't agree with any development on Six Nations lands.

"It's taking up too much farmland. We should be very observant to the fact they're destroying the ecosystem."

Band Councillor Ava Hill said developers are confused saying they don't know which group to consult with. She said Six Nations needs to find a way to deal with developers jointly, as well as make them their allies.

"We can get them to be our allies (to help Six Nations lobby the federal government to get claims settled) and still negotiate agreements with them."

Both councils suggested creating a development committee with members from each council, as well as from other factions on Six Nations that express concerns over development.

The two councils are expected to meet again on Feb. 10

something from us, we want something from you."

Elected Chief General said land claims don't necessarily have to be settled before allowing developers to go ahead with work on Six Nations lands. "We don't have to settle our claims to take advantage of development."

Miller said consultation should take place with the government, not developers, because the government gives developers approval for their projects.

"Once the government gives them permission, it's a done deal. We

Information booth hit by fire



A Mohawk information centre near Brantford was hit by vandals early Saturday morning. The trailer sustained minor damages in a fire that damaged a desk and porch. Brantford firefighters and police were called to the site about 5 a.m. Firefighters quickly extinguished the blaze. Police believe the fire was deliberately set and spotted a set of single footprints in the snow leaving the area. The burnt section (left) has been removed from the front of the trailer and a new door cut out. (Photo by Jim C Powless)

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Unity short lived

The community got a much needed shot in the arm this weekend, when the band council, all 13 of them turned out to a meeting with Confederacy Chiefs Saturday and agreed to work together on a plan to produce a governing system we can all live with. Yet again behind closed doors elected chief Dave General began an assault on the finances headed to the main table negotiations by telling his council any money going to negotiations had to flow through band council and he had a list of demands he wanted met before he was going to turn that money, if it arrives, over to the negotiating table, including work plans from the negotiating table on how the money will spent. In other words, he intends to stall. This is money headed directly to negotiations from the federal government through the province to allow the negotiations to bring in expertise, purchase needed equipment and deal with the operations of the negotiations. If a plan is ever put in place to deal with Six Nations land rights it will take years to get through. After all the Grand River is a pretty big river. And so far all work at the tables has been by volunteers. The sad outcome is that during Saturday's session with the Confederacy elected chief Dave General raised no issues at all. In fact, he barely spoke and he wasn't the only one. Councillor Roger Jonathan didn't say a word but behind closed doors Monday he couldn't wait to tell band councillors doesn't the Confederacy know if they use an incorporated body to flow money through they won't be Indian anymore. How outlandishly absurd. And frankly petty. It does make one wonder where the councillor's head is and its not like his constituents in District Three can ask him. He doesn't return phone calls or answer questions from them Now one might take issue with councillor Jonathan but what would be the point. Uniting the community has never been high on the councillor's priority list over the years. Sadly when one almost thought band council was actually getting on board with the rest of the community in trying to move this community towards unity, a plan to resolve outstanding land rights and governing body we can all live with behind closed doors, some council members along with Dave General are more concerned with how to bring the discussions to a halt. Saturday's session between the two councils was a step forward. Hopefully the majority of the councillors will agree and take it upon themselves as councillors to work to continue to move this community forward in spite of the detractors like General and Jonathan on band council. ID Cards...how many Okay who do we get a new identity card from. There are so many choices. There's the Confederacy's Haudenosaunee working group. There's the Iroquois Caucus working group, they're the band council group by the way. And then there's the Union of Ontario Indians apparently working on one for INAC. All of these groups need to get their act together and produce one card and that means they need to work together....all of them.



Iroquois Caucus developing ID card

Ed Note: District 2 Councillor Ave Hill submits this report -JANUARY 30TH, 2007 -The Six Nations Elected Council has been participating in an Iroquois Caucus for the past two years. The other members of the Caucus are the Elected Councils from Kahnawake, Kanasatake, Akwesasne, Tyendinaga, Wahta and Oneida. The Iroquois Caucus has also formed a Border Crossing Working Group with representatives from each community. -The Iroquois Caucus Border Crossing Working Group is working to develop an ID Card for our members which will be acceptable to the Department of Homeland Security. This Working Group plans to meet with the US Officials at the Department of Homeland Security to determine what standards they would require on an ID Card which would allow our members to cross the border without producing a Canadian or American Passport. -The Iroquois Caucus Working Group has already met with Canadian Government officials and have relayed our concerns to them. They have informed us that they have set up a Task Force, headed by the Minister of Public Security, Stockwell Day, which is hearing all concerns and forwarding them to the U.S. Government. The Working Group will be seeking a further meeting with the Task Force. -The Iroquois Caucus Working Group had hoped to work with the Haudenosaunee Working Group that has been established for the same purpose. To date, this has not happened and both Working Groups are doing their own work. This does not mean, however, that at some point in the future, we could not join forces to jointly work on one ID Card for the Haudenosaunee. -The Department of Indian Affairs is also working on a revised Certificate of Indian Status Card, which they hope will meet the border requirements. They are also seeking meetings with the Department of Homeland Security. -The U.S. Government plans to have their Draft Rule, with respect to Land and Sea, ready in the spring of 2007. Once the Rule is presented, there will be a sixty day period in which various groups can provide their input before the Final Rule is completed. -Regular up-dates will be provided to the community. -If you have any questions or require more information, contact can be made with Six Nations representatives on the Iroquois Caucus Border Crossing Working Group - Councillor Ava Hill - 519-445-4399 Jan Burning - Director of Lands and Membership - 519-445-4613 To Editor: I went to Caledonia on January 20th just to be one of the bunch. Not to see McHale and his herd of nincompoops. Any person that would want 50 people to get themselves arrested must have thinking power the size of a maggot. Just how preposterous can a fool become? John Barnes, Ohsweken Chris Hill - My Son, our protector the warrior That's my label for my son. On the internet someone labels him as a poor little Indian boy sitting in jail. Well let me tell you about my son. The second oldest child in a family of seven may be poor, but only in material things. But so very rich in love of his family, his siblings, his parents, his girlfriend, and his friends. Chris is proud to be a Six Nations Mohawk man from the Wolf clan. He dances to the water drum and sings the songs of his ancestors. Growing up is hard to do no matter where you live or where you're from. Chris once walked a crooked path, making all the wrong choices but he accepted his consequences with a reflection that he needed to grow up and show responsibility. He knew it would be a struggle. I've told him life is not easy and that it will only be as hard as you make it. I know I've tried my best to raise him in a good way. I grew up too right along with him and his older sister. I've given my children the best I could and I will continue to do so. And watching my son grow up I know I've done well. Because in February 2006 my son Chris went on to do just that. He arrived at the Douglas Creek Estates to do what I've taught him to do - Protect us, our land, our rights, our elders, our future generations. Chris stayed on that land, free from drugs, from alcohol, free from all wayward choices this world has to offer. And he grew up. He didn't become perfect. He will never be perfect. But he'll always be my son, your friend, our protector. Now he sits in jail labeled as a threat, labeled as a poor little Indian boy. How long he'll sit in jail, I don't know. But know this, Chris will sit as long as it takes to prove he is not a threat. He's not a poor little Indian boy. Chris has strength, inner strength. And with this inner strength comes an abundance of love. If you know him, you know this love. He's our protector. The warrior. He's my son. And I love Him. Now you know about my son, Chris Hill. Judge him if you must. You're entitled to do whatever you want. But if you do, remember, you or anyone else like you can never take away the fact that he is a Mohawk man from Six Nations, he will always protect the land of his people, and the people on it. He will always dance to the water drum and will sing the songs of his ancestors. I know he will because I know Chris and I love him. He is my son. Rhonda Martin Letters to the Editor In order to foster public discussion of matters affecting the residents of the Grand River Territory, Turtle Island News welcomes all opinion pieces and letters to the editor. Letters must be signed and must include an address and phone number so that authenticity of the letter can be verified. Turtle Island News reserves the right to edit any submission for length, grammar, spelling and clarity. Turtle Island News, P.O. 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Local man charged with stolen truck

Six Nations police have charged a local man with possession of stolen property, flight from police and dangerous driving after police attempted to stop a black 2005 Chevrolet Silverado pickup Tuesday (Jan 30) as it headed northbound on Chiefswood Road. The truck accelerated, heading westbound on Second Line Road. Police followed the truck to a Second Line Road home where the male driver exited the truck and went into the house. The truck had been reported stolen to Brantford city police. Police arrested the driver. Charged was Kevin Emile Phillips. He was released on a promise to appear with a court date of March 1.

Parents start saving Federal government funding cuts, cuts Six Nations students future

By Donna Duric Writer The Grand River Post-Secondary Education Office is urging students, parents and grandparents to start saving for their kids' education after last year saw a record number of Six Nations students denied funding for post-secondary education. GRPSEO says they don't have the money needed to provide funding to all the students coming to them seeking an education as the provincial government continues to cut funding to post-secondary institutions, putting a higher burden on families and students to pay for their schooling themselves. Increased demand plus limited resources equals more unfunded students. "The available resources are never enough," said GRPSEO Education Counsellor Lana Martin as she presented their annual report to band council last week. "Increasingly less students are getting funded. We are encouraging students, parents and grandparents to start saving for their (students') education." GRPSEO provides post-secondary funding to Six Nations registered band members. GRPSEO's annual report says it gave out over \$6 million in post-secondary funding in 2006, more than they've given out in previous years, yet the number of students funded in the last three years has declined, from 822 in 02/03 to 710 in 05/06. The report also shows 2006 saw the lowest number of GRPSEO graduates in 13 years - 71 students, compared to the previous year's 107. The number of graduates had been increasing steadily since GRPSEO's inception in 1992, but now, that number is starting to decline. Another problem GRPSEO students are facing is that the cost of living continues to increase, but GRPSEO's allotment for monthly living allowances was capped at \$800 in 1998, said Martin. "We know it's not enough. We haven't raised it simply because we can't afford an increase." Mohawk College is the most popular post-secondary institution attended by Six Nations students, with 227 graduates since 1999, followed by Brock University, McMaster University, Niagara College and Fanshawe College. Social sciences and education are the most popular program choices, both in college and university, producing the highest number of graduates from those programs. Last year also saw 12 students enrolled in Ph.D. programs, the highest number to date. GRPSEO is urging community members and parents to get involved in supporting post-secondary education on Six Nations by donating to GRPSEO, establishing a scholarship or bursary, sponsoring a student, writing to local MPs, and participating in the 2007 Norm's Golf for Grads tournament that takes place every spring. GRPSEO also started a piggy bank program for all grade one students encouraging them to start saving for their education.

Wind farm developers want to build along Six Nations, Lake Erie lands

By Donna Duric Writer Developers are looking to build two six-turbine wind farm projects on Six Nations claimed land and say they are willing to partner with Six Nations to build a wind farm on the territory. Wind farm developers Air In Motion (AIM) PowerGen Corp. came to band council last week to provide information on the projects slated for the small towns of Byng and Lowbanks along the Lake Erie shoreline set to begin construction by July of this year. The land is under claim and sits within the 950,000-acre Haldimand Tract, consisting of six miles on both sides of the Grand River granted to Six Nations in 1784 for its allegiance with the British during the American War of Independence. AIM President Mike Crawley suggested building a wind project on the territory after local resident Wes Elliott questioned the company on its plans to accommodate Six Nations for building on claimed land. "That's something we'd be willing and happy to do," said Crawley. "We're certainly open to finding a way to work with Six Nations on building a wind farm on Six Nations near Ohsweken Speedway last year by putting up two test towers that measured meteorological data to determine if wind conditions were favourable. The tests determined there was not enough wind to create a feasible wind farm, but Crawley said there is the possibility of having more favourable wind conditions if the turbines are taller. Standard turbines are 80 metres high, with blade lengths of 30 to 40 metres. AIM began its environmental assessment on the project in November and was set to begin archeological work last week but it had to hold off because there was snow on the ground. They said they would start the archeological dig as soon as the snow melted with a Six Nations monitor overseeing the work. Councillor Carl Hill told AIM he didn't want the presentation considered consultation. Crawley said he didn't consider the meeting consultation, but Hill said he wanted it on the record that it wasn't to be considered consultation. A local businessman, Curt Styres, had explored the possibility of building a wind farm on Six Nations as a way of accommodation. But AIM said wind farm owners cannot distribute the power they generate to specific locations. They simply generate the power and it gets mixed in with power from other sources when it enters a centralized grid. Crawley said wind farms are an environmentally-friendly source of power that don't produce the same pollution or environmental hazards as coal or nuclear power. "It's allowing us to clean up the environment," he said. A local businessman, Curt Styres, had explored the possibility of building a wind farm on Six Nations as a way of accommodation. But AIM said wind farm owners cannot distribute the power they generate to specific locations. 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Man gets probation on drug charge from "crack house" raid

A Six Nations man has been given nine months probation and sentenced to time served after he pleaded guilty to drug possession in connection with a raid on a Six Nations home three weeks ago. William Ernest Smith pleaded guilty to drug possession. He had served

13 days in jail. Court was told Smith was in a crack house on Chiefswood Road Jan 10 when Six Nations police launched a search of the house. Smith admitted he had crack pipes containing residue and a small amount of marijuana. Judge Lenz told Smith to get counselling.

Old gas wells cause ban on drilling

Community source water protection plan underway

By Donna Duric
Writer

Years of poor attention to source water protection on Six Nations has prompted the environment office to look at ways of protecting the reserve's drinking water for future generations, and it wants the community's help.

Clynt King, director of Six Nations Environment, told a community meeting last week abandoned natural gas wells, septic systems that are in disrepair or placed too close to wells, and improperly constructed bored wells have all contributed to the poor quality of groundwater and surface water on Six Nations.

He said the environment office is in the midst of developing a community-based source water protection plan to identify and rate these risks in order to educate the community on how it can better protect

its scarce supply of drinking water. A report handed out at a public meeting at the community hall last Thursday stated that 97 per cent of the world's water is either salty or undrinkable and two per cent is locked in glaciers or ice caps, leaving just one per cent of the world's water volume to supply all of humanity's needs, including agricultural, manufacturing, community and personal household needs. Source water refers to both surface water (lakes, rivers, streams, ponds) and groundwater (underground aquifers). A 2004 groundwater study on Six Nations by Neegan Burnside Engineers showed that 97 per cent of 104 tested wells on Six Nations are contaminated with vermin (carcasses of dead insects, mice, and other critters). Drilled wells had less evidence of contamination.

Eleven of the 104 tested wells were drilled wells that contained coliform (harmful bacteria that comes from fecal matter), and four contained e-coli. Sixty of those wells were either dug or bored wells that contained coliform, and 16 contained e-coli. The groundwater study identified numerous ways that source water can be contaminated. Runoff from the landfill site, surface storage of hazardous products such as gasoline and above-ground oil storage tanks, tires dumped haphazardly throughout the reserve, leaks and spills at gas stations, and even open-air burn barrels are a few of the ways source water can be contaminated. King says there are areas of particular concern to source water on Six Nations. About 100,000 tires are piled up on Fifth Line Rd. between Cayuga Rd. and Hwy. 6, and there



Band council environment committee members councillors Levi White, Chris Martin talk with director Clynt King during public meeting last week. (Photo by Donna Duric)

is a complete ban on drilling wells at Seneca Rd. and First Line Rd. because of an abandoned natural gas well that leaked into the bedrock, contaminating the water. King says the plan will take two years to complete. A newly created water task force and focus group

wants to evaluate all the risks to source water on Six Nations and rate them from low to medium to high risk. "It's not as easy as it sounds," he says. "It's a long process to get all the technical information we need."

Gaming commission can't enforce its regulations, council told

By Donna Duric
Writer

Band council approved the revised terms of reference for the Six Nations Gaming Commission last week, in spite of arguments from some councillors who didn't want to waive the second reading on the issue.

Council voted 5-3, moved by Roger Jonathan and seconded by Chris Martin, to approve the terms of reference at a general meeting last week, leaving the three detractors refusing to waive second reading in order to be able to bring the issue up again at another meeting. But their protests were shot down by elected Chief Dave General who told them only the mover and second needed to agree on waiving second reading.

Councillors Levi White, Carl Hill, and Glenda Porter voted against the approval, and Councillors Chris Martin, Melba Thomas, Barb Harris, Roger Jonathan and George Montour voted in favour of the approval. Councillors Helen Miller, Ava Hill, Lewis Staats, and Dave Hill were absent.

"We've got policies in place," said White after the vote. "Are we just going to throw policies out the door? That's ridiculous."

The three councillors argued that all of council needs to be in favour of waiving second reading, not just the mover and second, but the argument fell on deaf ears.

The gaming commission regulates and provides licenses for certain types of gaming activities on Six Nations, excluding Internet gaming, store-bought lottery tickets, and any gaming that takes place on non band-owned property. The commission has been at the centre of some controversy in the last few years because of its stance against

the commission will regulate gaming activities on the 'Grand River territory' and Skye questioned what the commission considered Grand River territory. "What do we consider that to be? Are we just thinking of this little postage stamp of a reserve?" He pointed to the Brantford Charity Casino, which sits on land that some dispute is actually reserve land. "We've got a casino 10 km away from us that we should be regulating," he said. He also criticized the fact there was nothing in the document that spells out how the commission will enforce the terms of reference. "What's the enforcement policy? Where's the teeth? If I want to run

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Gamign Copmission chair Sid Henhawk address council while Phillip Skye watches from audience (Photo by Donna Duci)

a casino night on the reserve, there's nothing here to stop me. There are elements that will seek to manipulate this document to their own selfish needs." Commission Chair Syd Henhawk admitted there is no way to enforce the regulations.

"We're only the monitors of what terms of reference you approve of." Henhawk and council agreed that a meeting needed to be set up with the Six Nations Police Commission to find a way to enforce the regulations.

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Face charges in Reclamation

Jeff Hawk in court today

Audra Ann Taillefer in court today

Trevor Miller in court today

Frank Burning

Six Nations people facing charges from reclamation all in court today

By Lynda Powless
Editor

Rhonda Martin doesn't want her son forgotten. The young 20 year old is sitting in a Hamilton jail on charges of assaulting a police officer, assault with a weapon and breach of probation after OPP raided the former Douglas Creek Estates subdivision April 20th, 2006.

Chris Hill was one of the Six Nations people who had been on the site.

"He wasn't there from the beginning but he had been there for sometime helping," she said.

She said the reclamation site had become a focus of identity for her son.

"He was there to protect the land, the women, he had become a real protector of our rights at his young age," she said.

Chris was arrested by Six Nations police and turned over to OPP two weeks ago.



Chris Hill in court today

Rhonda said her son is "doing okay" in the Hamilton Detention Centre.

"They've got him on a range by himself," said another supporter John Garlow. "We're trying to keep his spirits up."

Rhonda, like Trevor Miller's mother Trudy, has launched a fund raising campaign to pay for Chris's legal defence.

She said the Reclamation site has helped her with some funds to travel back and forth to see him, "but we have to get a lawyer. I don't know how much this is going to cost." She said Chris is not eligible for legal aid. "They told us he had no income or permanent address but he does have an address. He lives at home."

She said she isn't sure if Chris will be released on bail today when he appears in a Cayuga court room along with a long line of Six Nations people all facing charges from the reclamation or an incident involving two Hamilton camera men.

Rhonda, herself known as "Big Momma" at the site, spent the summer helping at the site, cooking and making deliveries to the various outposts when the roads were barricaded. "We were there because it's our land."

She said Chris lent a hand whenever he was asked. "He helped build buildings there, he helped with the young men, he was becoming a role model for them."

She said he had changed. "It was like he had more pride in who he is. He's not just some poor little Indian boy who got in trouble. He is proud of who he is. He learned a lot from people who were at the site about our people, who we are. He changed over the summer and I just don't want him to be forgotten in jail. I want to keep his spirits up. If people could write to him that would help."

She said she will be holding various fund raisers from a barbecue to

a Valentines draw. "This is a long road ahead and we don't know when he'll get out."

Also facing charges are: Ronald Gibson, 35, of Akwesasne, was released on bail

Trevor Miller, 31, remains in the Hamilton Wentworth Detention Centre after being arrested Aug. 9 near Grassy Narrows in northern Ontario

Both men were charged in relation to an incident involving two CHTV cameramen in the Caledonia Canadian Tire parking lot June 9.

Miller is charged with aggravated assault and two counts of robbery after he and a group of protesters engaged in a scuffle with the camera crew.

Another male, who cannot be identified because he is a young offender, was also released from custody.

-Charged with Intimidation and Robbery is Audra Ann Taillefer, age 45 of Victoria, British Columbia. Taillefer was released on \$10,000 bail. She had spent five days in custody before her bail hearing

-Frank Burning was arrested in Brantford and released on bail June 28, but failed to appear at his court hearing. Reclamation site supporters put up \$1,500 in cash as part of his surety and his mother, Alberta Katherine Monture pledged \$10,000 in equity in her Brantford home

A bench warrant was issued for Burning's arrest and a special hearing was to be held to determine

how much of the \$10,000 his mother pledged will have to be handed over to the court since Burning didn't show up as ordered.

Burning's mother had also applied to be relieved of her duty as a surety, but the application wasn't filed until Wednesday (July 19) the same day her son was scheduled to appear in court.

Ken Hill, a prominent Six Nations businessman and supporter of First Nations rights is facing two counts of assault in connection with a pushing and shoving match that occurred June 4. There were no injuries. The incident was sparked after an OPP officer claimed she mistakenly drove onto the Six Nations.

Jarrod Greene, 33, surrendered Friday after OPP issued an arrest warrant for him on Jan. 16. He is charged with mischief in connection with digging up of Argyle Street south Green has been released on a promise to appear March 7 on a mischief charge.

Arrest warrants have also been issued for: -Timothy Jamieson, 22, of Ohsweken, He is charged with robbery, assault and obstructing police.

-Albert Douglas, 30 is charged with attempted murder, assaulting a police officer, dangerous driving, robbery and forcible confinement. Meanwhile over 30 people from Six Nations are facing almost 69 charges from a variety of incidents that began April 20, when OPP botched an early morning raid on the reclamation site.

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What a game! East Division wins all-star match up

By Emily Bolyea-Kyere
Sports Reporter
What a game! High scoring, fast skating, skilled playing and a shoot out. There was a little bit of everything at the Bush League All-Star game Friday night at the Gaylord Powless Arena.

"That was one excellent game," said David 'Peewee' Green president of the Six Nations Bush League. "It was a damn good game. I love those games."

The West side, formerly the Silverhawks, Smoothtown and the Sharks scored first on an unassisted shot from Kraiger General. They reinforced their lone goal with 7:10 left in the period from Mike Porter, but the East side, formerly the Tomahawks, Spoilers and Spirits, made their mark with a Sandy Porter goal with two minutes left in the period.

The West side led 2-1 entering the second period.

It was the West side to score again to open scoring in the second period when Bob Henry found the East side net. The two teams spent the period trading goals with the East side ahead 6-5 when the smoke cleared. East side goal scorers were



East Division All-Star champions (Tomahawks, Spirits, Spoilers): Dion Jonathan, Chandon Hill, Sandy Porter, Brent Sault, Gus Hill, Jesse Sault, Delby Powless Jr., Evan Sault, Cec Hill, Trent Hill, Stu Hill, Jake Hill, Moose Monaforte, Will Fehrman, Adam LaChance, Rob Porter, Chad Styres
(Photos by Emily Bolyea-Kyere)

Chandon Hill, Stu Hill, Jake Hill (2) and Sandy Porter. West side goal scorers were Clayton Porter and Dennis MacDonald.

Both teams traded goals in the third period. Moose Monaforte, Sandy Porter (2), and Trent Hill scored for the East while Dennis MacDonald, Kraiger General, Clayton Porter,

Bob Henry, Tracy Anthony all scored for the West. At 10-10 the game was forced into a shootout.

"I'm glad it didn't end in a tie," said Green. "It was the best way it could have ended."

Green said he was glad to see a shootout, which is synonymous with edge-of-your-seat excitement.



Both East and West sides supplied 8 skaters for the shootout. It was East side and Spoiler shooter Evan Sault who scored the winning goal.



Both teams played hard and clean with zero penalties distributed. Here Jake Hill attempts a pass on West side goalies Randy Maracle.

"It was a long shootout," said Ev Sault. After seven shooters, both teams

were still tied. It was Evan Sault who scored the winning goal for the East.

The irony of the one-on-one shoot out is Sault is goalie Randy Johnson's hockey coach. Aside from Bush League Johnson sees ice time between the posts with the Six Nations Minor Hockey Association's Midget 'A' team.

According to Sault, he frequently practices with Johnson, taking shots on the young goalie, to get him ready to face goal-hungry opponents.

"I know his weak spots," laughed Sault.

The two teams meshed well, according to Sault, with no problems occurring from different players from different teams getting together to form one team.

"We're all buddies," said Sault. "It's fun to come out here."

Green says another all-star game will be scheduled for next year, and if there's money for it, a skills competition will be added.



West Division (Silverhawks, Sharks, Smoothtown): Dallas Anderson, Tracey Anthony, Craig MacDonald, Ryan Martin, Mike Porter, Andrew Jamieson, Stew Monture, Wayne VanEvery, Kraiger General, Dennis MacDonald, Marty Hill, Wayne General, David Hill, Bob Henry, Clayton Porter, Randy Maracle, Randy Johnson.

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	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	
GAYLORD POWLESS ARENA	PUBLIC SKATE 12 pm - 12:50 pm	SNBC 5 pm - 7:50 pm	PUBLIC SKATE 12 pm - 12:50 pm	NOVICE AS 8 am ATOM AS 9 am BANTAM AS 10 am TYKE 11 am PEEWEE AS 12 pm	TYKE NOVICE 8 am SNBC 9 am - 12:20 pm NOVICE AS VS AYR 1 pm	PUBLIC SKATE 12 pm - 12:50 pm	ICE MAINTENANCE 8 am - 4:50 pm	
	NEW CREDIT 4 pm - 4:50 pm	TOMAHAWKS VS SHARKS 8 pm	PRIVATE RENTAL 4 pm - 4:50 pm	NOVICE LL VS LANGTON 1 pm PEEWEE AE VS 2 pm ATOM AE VS BURFORD 3 pm	ATOM AS VS 2 pm PEEWEE AS VS DELHI 3 pm BANTAM AS VS DELHI 4 pm	SNBC 5 pm - 8:20 pm	NEW CREDIT 4 pm - 5 pm	
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GRANT BREAKS NLL RECORD

ROCHESTER, N.Y. (CP) Forward John Grant scored 15 points (nine goals, six assists), setting a new single-game points record and leading the Rochester Knighthawks

over New York Titans 22-18 in National Lacrosse League action Saturday. Grant's nine goals and six assists surpassed the old record of 14. Grant set the record on a goal at 13:44 into the

fourth quarter of the game and was assisted by Scott Evans, who added five goals of his own, and Shawn Williams. The Knighthawks led 13-11 at the half, but scored four straight

in the third quarter to take command of the game. Casey Powell was the playmaker of the evening for the Titans, recording 10 assists.

IROQUOIS MEN'S LACROSSE LEAGUE ACTION

By Emily Bolyea-Kyere
Sports Reporter

The Iroquois Men's Lacrosse League finished Sunday night matches with Medina, the Rez Dogs and the Stallions coming out on top of the weekly contests.

In game one Medina edged the Warriors in a 10-6 match-up. Stu Hill managed to score six of Medina's 10 goals while Paul Henhawk Sr. and Trevor Henhawk scored two each. Cody LaForme scored a hattrick for the Warriors with single goals coming from Jon Burkholder and Joe Murray.

The Braves were crushed by the RezDogs in a 13-2 blowout for the Rez Dogs.

After a short battle to light up the scoreboard first, the Braves scored on a shot from Lyal Anderson, but the Dogs replied with two goals of their own to close out the first period.

In the second the Rez Dogs rallied for five goals and held the Braves to

one point scored by James Powless.

The Braves failed to make the scoreboard in the third period while the Rez Dogs grappled for six. Rez Dog point getters were Dus Nanticoke (4), Vern Hill (2), Jason Henhawk (2), John Sabbick, Kevin Johnson, Tom Montour, Eli Hill and Jimbob VanEvery.

Game three paired the Stallions and the Sting in a 14-10 Stallion win. The Sting trailed 2-3 going into the second period. The Stallions gal-

MEN'S LEAGUE STANDINGS

Team	GP	W	L	P	GF	GAPM
Stallions	10	8	2	16	82	43 32
Medina	10	7	3	14	90	61 31
Sting	10	5	5	10	93	77 23
Rez Dogs	10	5	5	10	70	65 52
Warriors	10	3	7	6	41	78 16
Braves	10	2	8	4	36	80 40

loped all over Sting team wracking up a 10-4 lead to enter the third.

In the third period the Sting came on strong holding the Stallions to four goals while scoring six of their own.



Warrior Cody LaForme scores one of three goals Sunday night in their match-up against Medina. Medina won the game 10-6. (Photos by Jim C. Powless.)

Goal scorers for the Sting were Powless Jr. (2), Jake Hill (2), Cody Zack Hill (4), Randy Staats (3), Paul Hill, Vince Longboat and Tim Bomberly.

Stallion point getters were Dean Hill (2), Mitch Nanticoke (2), Delby

Dogs vs. Stallions at 8 p.m. and Medina vs. Braves at 9 p.m. The regular Sunday schedule confines on Feb. 11 at 5 p.m.

Men's League is cancelled Feb. 3 and Feb.4 in lieu of the Superbowl. Games continue Fri. Feb. 9 with the Sting vs. Warriors at 7 p.m., Rez

Silverhawks, Sharks and Tomahawks sweep up their Bush League competition

By Emily Bolyea-Kyere
Sports Reporter

Thursday night Bush League games continued at the Gaylord Powless Arena with the Silverhawks, Sharks and Tomahawks winning their weekly match.

In game one the Spirits fell to the Silverhawks in a lopsided 9-1 contest.

In game two the Sharks edged Smoothtown 6-3.

The Spoilers and the Tomahawks battled hard in an 8-7 win for the Tommy's to end the evening's games.

The Tomahawks scored first in the game but the Spoilers responded with two goals to end the period.

In the second the Tomahawks opened scoring again and the Spoilers responded with two more goals to end the period. In the third period the Tomahawks rallied for six goals, holding the Spoilers scoring three.



Smoothtown's Wayne General Jr. takes a shot on Shark goalie Randy Maracle as Sharks defenseman Ev Jacobs checks a Bruin from in front of the net Thursday night during Bush League action at the Gaylord Powless Arena. (Photo by Emily Bolyea-Kyere)

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SN Karate Twins dominate brown belts with blue

By Emily Bolyea-Kyere
Sports Reporter

Six Nations twin brothers Landon and Josh Hill are flying through the Karate ranks at Simcoe South Karate Club, fighting above their

Landon was the only blue belt competitor at the annual tourney but he was able to fight three of the eight brown belts in attendance, winning two of his three matches. It wasn't as bad losing to the brown

They're just glad they're not fighting each other.

The boys boast their Sensai says they're fighting at a black belt level. "They're good," says mom Mary Hill. "That sums it up."

According to the young men their edge on the brown belt competitors is the brown belts over-confidence when they hear they're fighting a blue belt level fighter.

"They think they know it all," said Josh. "The power is going to their heads," adds Landon.

And even though their skills far exceed their belt colour, each karate student must go through the process of time to obtain each additional step, regardless of proven skill.

Last week the boys competed at the Fort Erie Optimists/YMCA Wado Kai Karate Tournament where they faced all brown belt competition and fought their way to a two gold medal finish for Josh and a bronze for Landon. Josh won all three matches and Landon won two and lost one.

In Josh's final fight he got 'revenge' for Landon as Josh beat the one fighter Landon lost to.

"There were a lot of kicks," said Josh. "He liked to use his feet, so of course, I used my own feet."

Josh said it's a strategy he likes to employ.

"I can adapt easier," he said. "They are used to fighting tall."

The boys are hoping for a graduation to brown belt in February. As their skills improve, the young men are eager to pick up new ones. Both Landon and Josh are now competing in Shindo competitions, where each opponent is armed with a stick.

Their next competition will take place in February at the annual Port Dover tournament.



Josh Hill (right) attempts a high kick during sparring competition at the Fort Erie Optimists/YMCA Wado Kai Karate Tournament. (Submitted Photo)

Sniper Ratcliff sets National Lacrosse League record

Calgary, AB - Lewis Ratcliff, the Calgary Roughnecks leading scorer for the past three years, set a new National Lacrosse League record, in last Saturday's 17-13 thrashing of the Colorado Mammoth.

He scored goals in every possible offensive category - shorthanded, even strength, power play, and on an extremely rare occurrence, a penalty shot.

"It's an incredible achievement," said Scott Neiss, the NLL's Director of Lacrosse Operations. "I've never heard of it -- and it is without a doubt a record in modern NLL history. In fact, I am confident it's an all-time record, but I can't say for sure because the keeping of statistics a few years back was not as intense as it is now."

"For a start, there aren't a lot of shorthanded goals in our league. But then to cap it off with a score

from a penalty shot, of which there were only four the whole of 2006, well that's just amazing."

Kurt Silcott, the Roughnecks General Manager, said, "In my entire life, I've never seen a player record the 'scoring cycle' - and that's at any level."

"Lewis" is playing phenomenal lacrosse right now, and not surprisingly, if you take the number of games played into the equation, he is the NLL's second leading scorer.

Ratcliff's 21 points in three games for a 7 point per outing average, is surpassed only by Buffalo's John Tavares' 31 points over four games.

Silcott continued, "With Lewis' continuing emergence as one of the league's top snipers, other teams are now forced to choose on whom they will focus their attention - Lewis, Tracey (Kelusky) or Kaleb (Toth).

Six Nations stars Bomberry, Powless Jr. nominated for NLL all-star game

By Emily Bolyea-Kyere
Sports Reporter

Six Nations' Cory Bomberry and Delby Powless Jr. of the Buffalo Bandits have been named to the National Lacrosse League's All-Star

Game ballot.

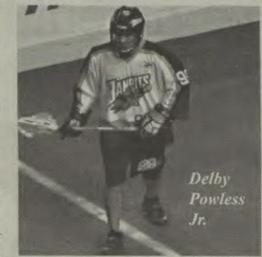
All ballots for the game, which will be played in Portland on Saturday, March 10, can be cast online via the league's official website, NLL.com. Voting will end Tuesday, February 20.

Scott Neiss director of lacrosse operations for the NLL told Turtle Island News, "We picked the eleven best or most interesting players from each team."

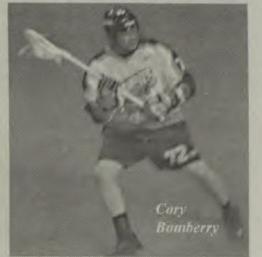
Turtle Island News informed Bomberry of the honour first. "Oh really," he said. "It's a privilege."

Bomberry said he wasn't expecting to be nominated to the all-star team. "It's pretty surprising," said Bomberry who played for the American side during the Canada vs. America all-star game in 1998.

"Bomberry has one of the most dangerous shots in the league," said Neiss. "His outside shot consistent-



Delby Powless Jr.



Cory Bomberry

ly scores goals. Neiss said Powless Jr. is one of the hottest young players in the league. "He's right out of Rutgers. He has an overall great game. He's one of

the top young players. Buffalo's Darris Kilgour will coach the East Division.

WINTER LAX WEEKLY RESULTS

Novice

Deer 9 Martens 3
Deer goals: Christopher Willman (4), Tehoka Nanticoke-Hill (2), Layne Smith (2), Ty Quinlan, Deer assists: Stephen Lickers, Layne Smith

Martens goals: Jerald King (2), Justin Martin, Martens assists: Justin Martin

Peewee

Beaver 17 Turtle 4
Beaver goals: Joel Tinney (8), Brad Hill (4), Jacob McDonald (3), Daulton VanEvery (2), Beaver assists: Daulton VanEvery (2), Jacob McDonald, Joel Tinney

Turtle goals: Winter Bomberry (2), Eddie Johnson, Brody Longboat, Turtle assists: Aidan Hodge, Brody Longboat

Bantam

Purple 10 Wolf 5
Purple goals: Jake Bomberry (5), Johnny Powless (2), Jamie

Garlow, Dillon Thomas, Mike McMullen, Purple assists: Dillon Thomas
Wolf goals: Tanner Whitlow (3), Brody Thomas (2), all Wolf goals were unassisted

Bantam

Wolf 9 Eels 4
Wolf goals: Dallas John (3), Dianni Bianchin (2), Nathan Martin (2), Tanner Whitlow (2), all Wolf goals were unassisted

Eels goals: Ryan Gibson, Ethan Martin, Eels assists: Kyle Isaacs

Midget

Fish 12 Loon 4
Fish goals: Ryley Johnson (7), Joey Jamieson (2), Shelton VanEvery (2), Skylar Gibson, Fish assists: Ryley Johnson, Skylar Gibson

Loon goals: Cassady Halliwell-Louks (3), Tyler Sandy, all Loon goals were unassisted

SNMHA Weekly Results

Ontario Minor Hockey Association Playoff results

Novice

Six Nations 0 Hagersville 10
Atom A.E
Six Nations 7 Norwich Blue 2
Six Nations goals: Brayden Hill (5), Tyler Henhawk, Cole Hill, Six

Nations assists: Cole Dezainde (4), Ryley Montour, Tommy Jacobs

Atom All-Stars

Six Nations 1 Hagersville 4
Six Nations goals: Tyson Bomberry Six Nations assists: Madison General

Southern Counties

Novice Rep.
Six Nations 3 Glanbrook 2
Six Nations goals: Devin Whitlow, Trey Farmer, Six Nations assists: Trey Farmer, Kaylee Whitlow, Austin Staats, Zach Green, Devin Whitlow



Landon and Josh Hill use their blue belt skills to dominate brown belt ranked opponents during karate competitions. (Photo by Jim C. Powless)

skill level and blowing tough competition out of the water.

The blue belt level karate kids are facing brown belt competition at tournaments across southwestern Ontario with no troubles, holding their own.

In December Landon entered the Delhi Karate Tournament in Delhi, Ont., where he placed second in Kumate, which pairs opponents for a fight of skills and speed. The year before he managed a bronze in the green belt match-ups.

belt bearer because he was a member of the boys' club in Simcoe, Landon explains.

The reason for the lack of blue belt competition is simply due to the time the boys signed up for karate. They inked their names at a time when few athletes did the same.

But their not discouraged by the browner competition. They like the challenge.

"It's just a belt," says Landon. "They're just people. It doesn't matter what rank they are."

Player of the Week

Marvin VanEvery has been chosen as Turtle Island News' player of the week for his comic personality and positive attitude.

A member of the Bantam A.E hockey team in Six Nations, thirteen year-old Marvin keeps his team mates in stitches in the dressing room, even after the team has suffered a loss.

"Just 'cause we lost, it's just a game. There's no sense getting mad over it," he said.

Coach Daryl 'Coop' Martin says Marvin keeps the atmosphere light in the dressingroom despite losses.

"He's good in the dressing room. He gets 'em laughing all the time."

Martin also says Marvin can play



all positions. "He plays wherever I tell him to go."

A fan of native comedian Don Burstick, Marvin remembers the one liners and jokes that are sure to keep his teammates laughing.

When he's not playing hockey or lacrosse, he likes to spend time hunting deer, rabbit and racoons.

He's already shot four deer this season.

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Federal government has no surrender document for "Plank Road" lands but says it doesn't need one



Six Nations Haudenosaunee chiefs Cayuga Chief Steve Maracle sub-chief Leroy Hill and Mohawk Chief Allen MacNaughton at a press conference at the Oneida Business Park on Fourth Line. (Photo by Lynda Powless)

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Federal negotiating team member Barbara McDougall told the media at the end of last week's monthly negotiation meeting, that despite a lack of documentation, the federal justice department believes Six Nations does not have a "legitimate claim" to the former housing development now under Reclamation outside the town of Caledonia or Highway Six lands.

The comment came despite a federal justice department report that Canada does not have a surrender document in any particular form that covers the "Plank Road" (Highway 6) lands including the former Douglas Creek Estates subdivisions.

Instead federal lawyers are now claiming a single surrender document is not necessary.

They said they are relying on their interpretation of other surrenders that were made at the time.

"And while we acknowledge that the written record does not contain a single document that can be described without qualification as the Governor's formal acceptance of this surrender for sale, we believe that the Crown's acceptance was clearly demonstrated through the acts of both the Crown and the Six Nations."

Federal justice department opinion presented to Six Nations negotiating team.

The federal documents state "the absence of a single surrender document does not, in our view of Canadian law, undermine the validity of the surrender process or of the resulting surrender itself."

The federal justice department says without an actual surrender document, it is interpreting a sequence of events, that it has chosen from a variety of documents, that took place through the fall of

1844. Canadian justice department lawyers said they are relying on "alleged written records of discussions as evidence that Six Nations intended to surrender the Plank Road

But that isn't good enough, said Chief MacNaughton. "They need to understand the process we have agreed to is not one of courts, but of negotiations. They are trying to use a legal opinion, and it is just an opinion, not fact, to set policy on how the federal government will deal with indigenous land rights."

Federal negotiator Barbara McDougall said "The position of the federal government is that there is no legitimate claim to that particular piece of property."

McDougall added, "However, that does not mean there aren't solutions to the problems we're trying to deal with at the table."

The justice department had been reviewing the Plank Rd. claim since December. It consists of half

Plank Rd. lands and other Six Nations land rights within the 900,000 acre Haldimand Tract. Mohawk Chief Allen MacNaughton said Six Nations negotiators still need to decide

how they're going to respond to the decision.

"There are several different ways to respond to it. It's a type of negotiating I wouldn't condone. I'm not very impressed."

Provincial negotiator Jane Stewart would not comment on the decision or the impact it has on the province that says it is letting Six Nations people stay on the DCE lands since it purchased it

from Henco Industries for \$15 million in June 2006.

"It was a good meeting," was all she would say.

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Mohawk chief Allen MacNaughton and Cayuga sub-chief Leroy Hill talk with elected chief Dave General during a break in Confederacy-band council meeting Saturday.

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Manitoba chiefs to end negotiations

WINNIPEG (CP) -The Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs has decided to end negotiations to dismantle the Manitoba division of Indian Affairs. Talks on the subject have been going on for 12 years, but a year-long review by the assembly concluded nothing of substance has been achieved.

The review found that there's been very little will at the political level to negotiate these issues," Grand Chief Ron Evans said. The assembly voted Wednesday to stop negotiations. The move was also endorsed by the grand chiefs. Evans said the talks

will not resume until the federal government takes the negotiations out of the hands of bureaucrats and initiates a government-to-government process with aboriginal chiefs. There has been no progress since an agreement was signed in December of 1994 with then-prime-minister Jean Chretien's government.

ONTARIO BRIEFS

Developer hires prominent lawyer to fight Quinte Mohawks DESERONTO, Ont. (CP)- A Kingston, Ont., developer at the centre of an aboriginal land dispute pledged Tuesday to forge ahead with his \$35-million development plans for this eastern Ontario waterfront community.

And to help him in his fight, Intergroup Financing AG president Tim Letch has hired prominent civil rights lawyer and environmental advocate Clayton Ruby to represent him in any ensuing court proceedings to keep and develop the land. "I'm going to go into a courtroom in a suit and tie and resolve this," Letch said Tuesday. "I'm tired, as are the people who actually live in Deseronto. ... I want to get this moving along and develop a project to benefit the community at large." Last October, Letch's firm announced plans to build on a \$35 million waterfront development on the east side of Deseronto.

Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte held a blockade-style demonstration, claiming the land is owned by Mohawks as part of what's known as the Culbertson Tract, a 375-hectare parcel starting at the Bay of Quinte and stretching north three concession roads. The land claim, which was filed in 1995 and never resolved, essentially bisects the town of Deseronto. Municipal officials quickly disavowed any involvement in the project, and earlier this month a federal negotiator was appointed to negotiate a settlement.

FIRST NATION COTTAGE LEASES NOT RENEWED, EXPIRED 10 YEARS AGO

TORONTO (CP) - Cottagers who knew they had built cottage on lands they leased from the Chippewas of Nawash First Nation have until Wednesday to pack up their belongings.

The 40-year leases overseen by the federal government on behalf of the First Nation actually expired 10 years ago.

Some 68 cottagers on Hope Bay were told in a December letter they had until Jan. 31 to clear out because the Chippewas aren't renewing the leases that made it possible to rent the land to non-reserve residents.

Some leases in prime recreational area, were for less than \$200 a month.

Cottagers were told in the letter they cannot "remove or dismantle" any buildings on the land since they are now considered property of the First Nation.

Karen McCulloch, whose father-in-law built their cottage in the 1960s, said the situation is heart-breaking. While she said cottagers knew they were leasing aboriginal land, they were always told they would be given at least one year's notice if the lease wasn't renewed, and wouldn't have to walk away from their housing investment.

"It's very stressful on all of the families," she said. "It's an emotional loss. It's a financial loss. It's

the sweat equity that's been put into it. People have put retirement savings into these." Many, including McCulloch's father-in-law, built the cottages as a legacy and gathering place for their children and grandchildren, she said.

"That's what they're walking away from," said McCulloch, a resident of Waterloo, Ont. "It's devastating."

The federal government has been administering the rentals for the Chippewas of Nawash First Nation, leasing out the property on behalf of the band since 1965. The 40-year lease ended in 1995 but

cottagers were allowed to stay for another 10 years while the band decided whether to redesignate the land for leasing again.

In December, cottagers received letters from the federal government informing them they had two months to remove their belongings and leave the cottages.

While the cottagers have hired a lawyer and many are still hoping they will regain access to their cottages, McCulloch said people are more frustrated by the lack of notice and explanation they were given.

Some cottagers are out of the country and haven't been able to remove their belongings, she said, while others have found removing

things like boating equipment extremely difficult in the winter.

"Cottagers always understood it is First Nation land," McCulloch said. "This is not a land dispute. But we also expected to be treated fairly."

Gail Nadjriwan, who is co-ordinating the removal of belongings for the Chippewas of Nawash First Nation, wouldn't say how many people have removed their things or what will happen to the cottages and any remaining possessions after Wednesday.

The future of the cottages will be decided through negotiations between Ottawa and the band council, she said. But ownership of the land hasn't changed, she added.

"(The Department of) Indian Affairs has acted as the landlord," Nadjriwan said.

"The land has always belonged to us. It has always been ours. I don't anticipate anything to change. It's our land."

Lea Litzgus, the Ontario director of lands and trusts services for Indian Affairs, said the band may vote in the spring to redesignate the land for leasing.

"It is a First Nation decision, how it wants to deal with its land," she said.

Unless the Chippewas decide to lease the land once again, she said little can be done.

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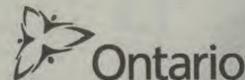
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Oneida youth get involved with cadets program



and who doesn't. The kids are all issued the same kit and are all treated the same. When there is special training, all the kids get to go because it doesn't matter who has money and who doesn't. Our program is not something the parents have to pay for.

Oneida Youth Cadets Carry the Oneida Veterans Flag and the Hiawatha Flags as they honour highly regarded Oneida Veterans during Remembrance Day commemorative ceremonies. (File photo)

Story and Photos By Denise Desormeaux

ONEIDA - "The objective is to get kids to feel pride in themselves; to develop the life skills they need to go out in the world and become strong leaders, with excellent team building skills," explained Commanding Officer, Anna White, regarding Oneida's Youth Cadet Program.

Every Tuesday, ten 12 to 18 year-old Oneida and Chippewa youth gather at the Oneida Fairgrounds Building, to take yet another step on their journey into adulthood.

White explained, "What we do promote is youth leadership. Our program enables youth to decide what they want, and to voice that. Here, their freedom of choice is recognized and they are given an opportunity to use their voice."

A strong sense of personal responsibility is fostered within the youth as they are taught to maintain their physical well-being (nutritional and physical fitness training). They are also required to care for their own cadet outfits. They are also reminded to tidy up their training areas upon completion of activities. "This teaches them to take care of themselves, their belongings, and their surrounding area," explained White.

The program's environmental development teaches forest survival and conservation (building shelters out of natural materials - fallen branches and bark) and respectful cleanliness practices (leaving the forest clean when departing).

The public speaking development encourages self-confidence in the youth as they become comfortable speaking in front of groups.

A harassment prevent program teaches the youth to identify the difference between conflict and harassment and encourages them to use their voice to speak up verbally, strengthening them to physically protecting themselves.

The peer mentoring / team building exercises enable youth to interact with and listen to other peoples' ideas, to determine mutually agreeable outcomes.

Commanding Officer, White stated, "Within the unit, there is no class separation with who has what

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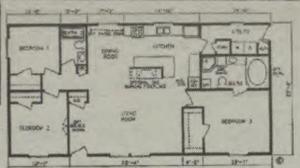
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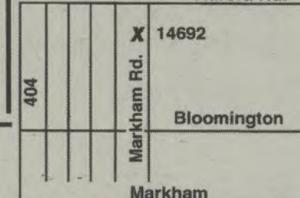
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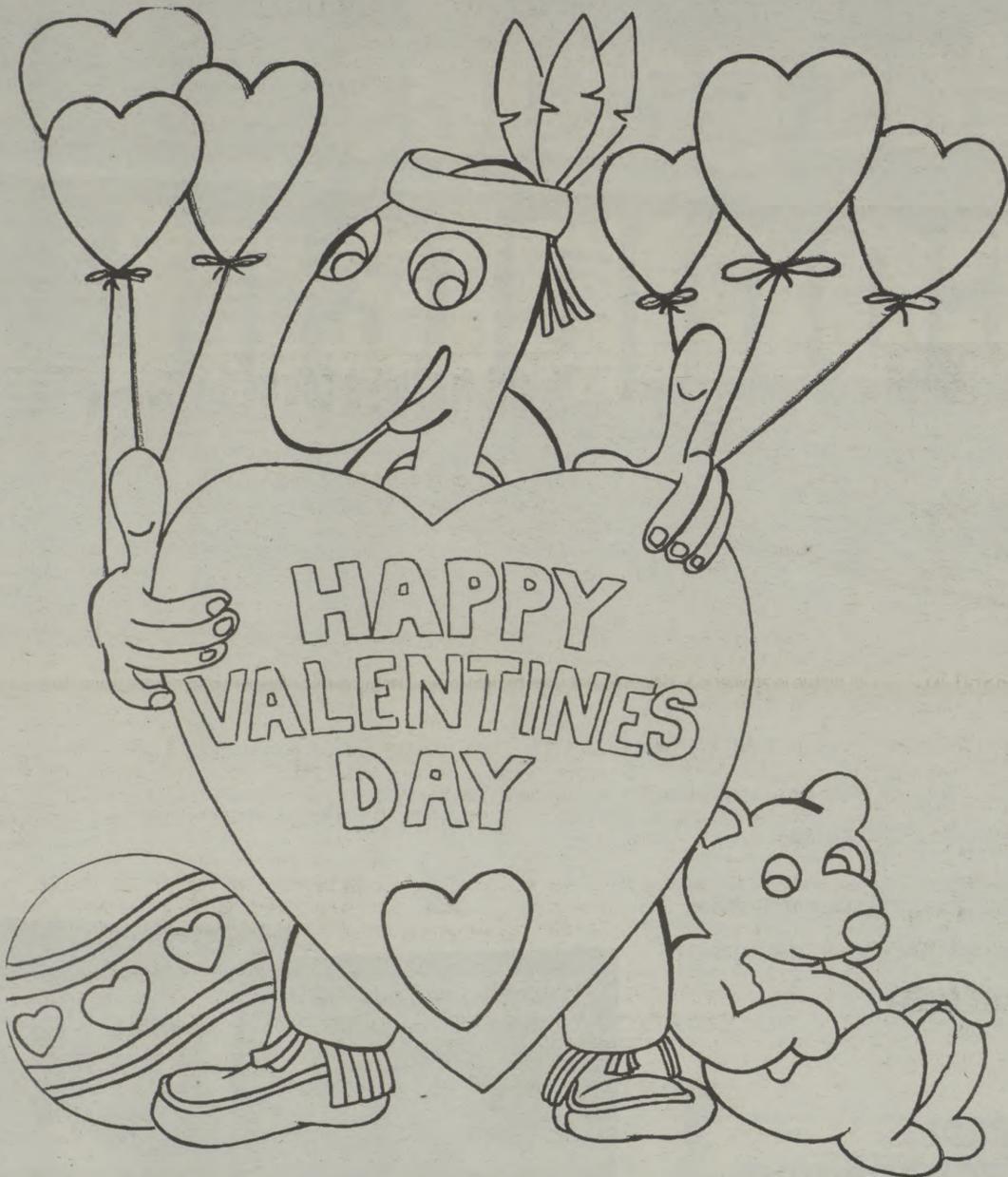
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600 year old dugout canoe found

SAINT JOHN, N.B. (CP)- Storms usually sink boats, not bring them back to life. But it took a tempest to release a link to Canada's pre-European past from its prison beneath a salt marsh on New Brunswick's Acadian Peninsula. Ella and Jean-Claude Robichaud of Val-Comeau, N.B., were walking on the beach in the summer of 2003 when they discovered a dugout canoe that experts have determined was carved by aboriginals 600 years ago. "When I saw it, I said, 'Oh, that's a big piece of wood,'" Ella Robichaud recalled Wednesday. "But my husband turned around and said, 'It's a canoe.'"

NATIONAL BRIEFS

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However, the appointee is only dealing with the Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte to resolve the ordeal, Letch maintained, which prompted the developer to contact Ruby's firm in Toronto. "I feel that we have been misrepresented as to who owns the land. I could go on and on and on, but the bottom line is, I own the land."

Tory committee head should quit over 'racist' e mail

OTTAWA (CP)- The Conservative head of the Commons native affairs committee says Liberal demands that he step down over a "denigrating" e-mail are the worst of petty politics.

"This is just a cheap, partisan smear levelled against me," Colin Mayes said. "She has taken an e-mail and completely misrepresented it," he said of Liberal MP and aboriginal affairs critic Anita Neville. "I find no humour (in anything) that insults the culture or the heritage of any group of people. Those types of jokes are completely inappropriate."

Police officer tells defence he lied to Pickton during interrogation

NEW WESTMINSTER, B.C. (CP) A police officer who helped interrogate accused serial killer Robert Pickton says he lied to Pickton several times during the 11-hour interview.

RCMP Insp. Don Adam was being cross-examined during the murder trial Monday.

He said he told Pickton that Pickton got hepatitis C from prostitutes, when police knew Pickton probably got the disease while in hospital following an accident.

Adam also said he told Pickton that

prostitutes had described how Pickton liked to have sex with them. But police got that information from one of Pickton's associates.

"So I was wrong," Adam testified. Adam was one of three officers who interrogated Pickton for 11 hours after Pickton was arrested in February 2002.

It was during Adam's questioning that Pickton admitted he got "sloppy" when cleaning up human blood and that he planned "one more" before he was going to "shut it down."

The jury spent most of last week watching the videotape, which is one of the centrepieces of the Crown's case.

On Monday, Adam testified police believed someone was hunting women from Vancouver's Downtown Eastside and "taking them out," even before they discovered body parts on Pickton's pig farm in Port Coquitlam, B.C.

But Adam said police had organized lab and forensic needs and a program that would keep track of thousands of pieces of evidence.



UP-DATE - BORDER CROSSING
JANUARY 30TH, 2007

As of **January 23rd, 2007**, a Canadian or American Passport is required if you are flying from Canada, Mexico, the Caribbean and Bermuda into the United States. The only other documentation that will be accepted is: US Permanent Resident Card, asylum or refugee document, Merchant Mariner's Document or NEXUS Air Card.

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As early as **January 1st, 2008**, all persons travelling into the U.S. from Canada, Mexico, Central and South America, the Caribbean and Bermuda by **LAND OR SEA**, may be required to present a Passport or other documents as determined by the Department of Homeland Security. January 1st, 2008 was the original date set for the requirement of a Passport for entry into the U.S. by Land or Sea. This date was later extended to June 2009, however, the U.S. is going to try and have this requirement implemented by the original date of January 1st, 2008.

The Six Nations Elected Council has been participating in an Iroquois Caucus for the past two years. The other members of the Caucus are the Elected Councils from Kahnawake, Kanewasake, Akwesasne, Tyendinaga, Wahta and Oneida. The Iroquois Caucus has also formed a Border Crossing Working Group with representatives from each community.

The Iroquois Caucus Border Crossing Working Group is working to develop an ID Card for our members which will be acceptable to the Department of Homeland Security. This Working Group plans to meet with the US Officials at the Department of Homeland Security to determine what standards they would require on an ID Card which would allow our members to cross the border without producing a Canadian or American Passport.

The Iroquois Caucus Working Group has already met with Canadian Government officials and has relayed our concerns to them. They have informed us that they have set up a Task Force, headed by the Minister of Public Security, Stockwell Day, which is hearing all concerns and forwarding them to the U.S. Government. The Working Group will be seeking a further meeting with the Task Force.

The Iroquois Caucus Working Group had hoped to work with the Haudenosaunee Working Group that has been established for the same purpose. To date, this has not happened and both Working Groups are doing their own work. This does not mean, however, that at some point in the future, we could not join forces to jointly work on one ID Card for the Haudenosaunee.

The Department of Indian Affairs is also working on a revised Certificate of Indian Status Card, which they hope will meet the border requirements. They are also seeking meetings with the Department of Homeland Security.

The U.S. Government plans to have their Draft Rule, with respect to Land and Sea, ready in the spring of 2007. Once the Rule is presented, there will be a sixty day period in which various groups can provide their input before the Final Rule is completed.

The Iroquois Caucus Border Crossing Working Group will continue to work on this important issue over the next months with the hope of having a satisfactory conclusion prior to January 1st, 2008.

Regular up-dates will be provided to the community.

If you have any questions or require more information, contact can be made with Six Nations representatives on the Iroquois Caucus Border Crossing Working Group - Councillor Ava Hill - 519-445-4399
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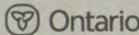
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The North East Local Health Integration Network (NE LHIN), located in North Bay, is one of 14 in Ontario, and the second largest in the province, covering an area of 400,000 square kilometres. It will be responsible for the funding of 239 Health Service Providers (HSPs) that include hospitals, community support services, community mental health and addictions services, long-term care homes, community care access centres, and community health centres.

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For further information on the NE LHIN, please visit our website at www.nelhin.on.ca. Interested applicants may e-mail or fax their resumes, by February 9, 2007, to Kathy Murphy, at Kathy.Murphy@lhins.on.ca or fax: 705-840-0142. We thank all applicants, however, only those candidates selected for an interview will be contacted.



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ONTARIO GOVERNMENT NOTICE COMMENCEMENT OF THE GTA WEST CORRIDOR ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT - TERMS OF REFERENCE

THE STUDY
The Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) has initiated an Environmental Assessment (EA) Study for the GTA West Corridor. The first step of this study process is the preparation of an EA Terms of Reference. The study will support the transportation objectives of the provincial Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe by providing for the efficient movement of people and goods within the corridor.

The purpose of this study is to examine long-term transportation problems and opportunities and consider alternative solutions to provide better linkages to urban growth centres within the GTA West Corridor. The Preliminary Study Area for the corridor is shown on the adjacent map.

PROCESS
The GTA West Corridor EA Study is being undertaken in accordance with the Ontario Environmental Assessment Act. Prior to preparing an EA, the Act requires that a proponent prepare a Terms of Reference (ToR) and submit the document to the Minister of the Environment for approval. Once approved by the Minister of the Environment, the ToR will set out a framework that will guide the entire EA process. As part of the legislated approval process, the Minister of the Environment will initiate a formal public review of the ToR to assist in making an approval decision.

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT
One round of Public Information Centres (PICs) will be held during the development of the ToR. This round of consultation will include individual events held in the Preliminary Study Area and will be supplemented by follow-up activities (such as workshops) where appropriate. Notices advising of the time and location for each PIC will be published in local and regional newspapers.

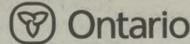
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