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## S.N.E.C. under fire education plan lacks culture and language community says

By Donna Duric  
Staff Reporter

Six Nations community members said an education commission plan to take over education here lacks Haudenosaunne culture and language and shouldn't be implemented without it.

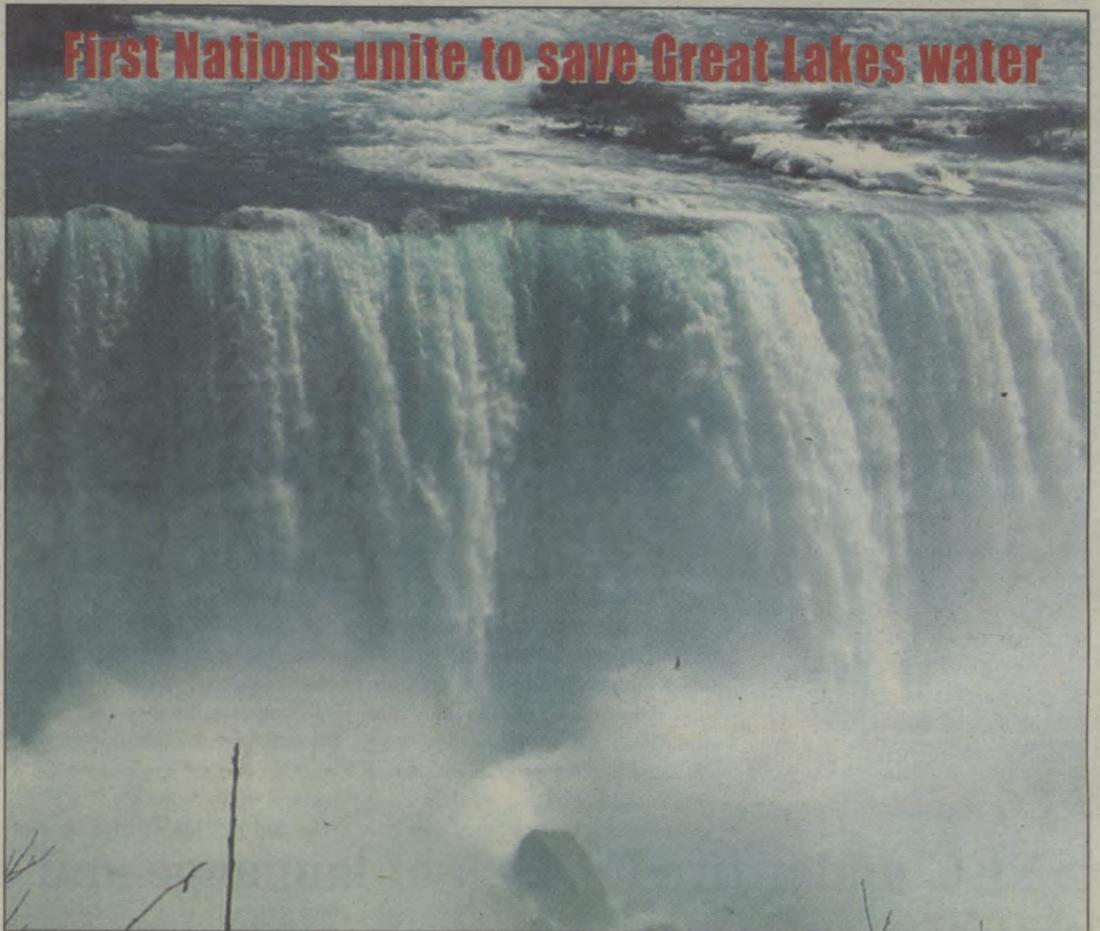
Community members put the Six Nations Education Commission (S.N.E.C.) on the spot last Wednesday questioning their plan to take over education here in a meeting that was at times tense and fraught with questioning.

Meetings have been subdued and attendance has been sparse as the

commission winds down its mandate to explore the take over of education. Last Wednesday was the last public session being held.

Community members told S.N.E.C. say taking on education at Six Nations should not be considered until a more detailed plan for

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Water may appear to be everywhere at Niagara Falls but its the quality that worries a United Indigenous Nations who have a Great Lakes water committee and met here last week (Photo by Edna Gooder)

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## Great Lakes water as endangered as the White Pines forests, chief says

By Edna J. Gooder  
Staff reporter

NIAGARA FALLS- The waters of the Great Lakes, could become as endangered as the White Pine Forests that use to dot the Great Lakes Region a Michigan Tribal

Chairman told a historic meeting of Indian nations from both sides of the border that met here last week. "One hundred and fifty years ago we had a resource in the Great Lakes region that was considered inexhaustible. It lasted barely two generations. This was the White

Pine Forest. The White Pine of this century is Water," he told 140 representatives of indigenous nations from Canada and the U.S.

With Niagara Falls thundering in the background Frank Ettawageshik told the indigenous

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## Walpole school hit by Columbine-styled shooting threat

By Lynda Powless  
Editor

WALPOLE ISLAND-Life is slowly returning to normal at the Walpole Island Elementary School today after a threatening note was found in the school's washroom.

The note was found in a school washroom April 1st and has triggered a series of events including a

heavy police presence at the school.

Walpole Island Police Chief John Trudeau said the the six person police force has had a presence at the school since the discovery of the note.

The note suggested a possible

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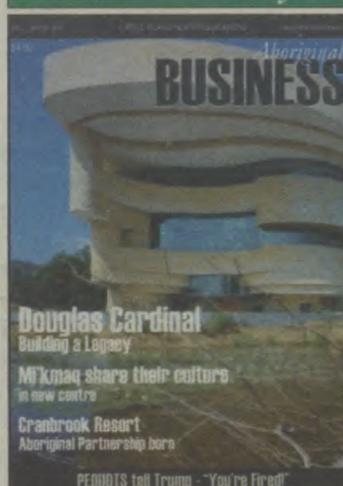


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## Former AFN chief seeking NDP seat

CHURCHILL MANIT-Former Assembly of First Nations leader Ovide Mercredi is making a bid for a seat in the next federal election.

Mercredi moved into Churchill, Manitoba a recently and announced he will be giving Bev Desjarlais, the lone NDP member of Parliament to declare she will vote against a same-sex marriage bill, a run for her nominations for the next federal election. Mercredi, a lawyer, former professor and long-time activist for aboriginal self-government was seen as a hardliner during his tenure at the AFN.



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## Note threatens Columbine-style shooting, April 1st joke, or threat?

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Columbine style shooting planned for April 15th at the school.

The school is operated by Bkejwanongj First Nation.

Walpole Island Police Service headed the investigation along with help from the OPP.

Police Chief Trudeau said the investigation continues.

The school was not shut down that Friday. But there is more of a presence of police. "We've had officers at the school since the incident happened April 1st," he said.

OPP Lampton County OPP media relations officer Luke George said

Walpole Island Chief Dean Jacobs described the incident as "a low risk threat to our elementary school."

But, he said the First Nations is treating it as if it is a live threat.

"We're treating it seriously though and taking all necessary precautions to make it a safe place for learning and to work."

Chief Jacobs said the band has a number of agencies supporting them.

"During this exercise we have a

number of different agencies involved. We're monitoring the situation daily."

Chief Jacobs himself along with his council members have been personally greeting children as they arrive to school each morning since the incident.



Walpole School

"I have been at the school to greet the children as they get off the bus. Council members have been there, police, parents. We are trying to keep things as normal as possible and assure the children they are safe."

He said they kept the threat under wraps as long as they could.

"We wanted to try to keep this low

keyed and didn't publicize it because we were concerned about copycats in other areas of the region. But we have communicated with all school authorities around us and let them know what we were going through and had community meetings as well. Our community,

1st of the incident but it may have actually been found March 31st.

"Officials were notified Friday morning (April 1st), but we believe the incident could have happened the day before but we weren't told until Friday morning."

He said the community did get "tremendous co-operation from all police agencies and various enforcement teams."

He said the council has been working with the Walpole Island School Board and jointly made the decision not to shut down the school.

"I can't really discuss it, but in co-operation with the board and the advice of our own police we decided it was a low risk and would try to continue business as usual."

He said "right now the school is one of the safest places in our community with so much security there."

He said, he is at the school. "I've been there, as often as I can. I greet them in the morning as they come off the school bus just to let them know everything is okay. I'm there the school board is there as well, a lot of presence of the board and parents and council

parents and students know what's going on."

He said while he could not comment on the investigation, or if it was considered an April 1st joke,

"It is an ongoing investigation that I don't want to compromise, but I want to let everyone know we have taken it quite seriously."

He said he was notified on April

He said the community is satisfied with the security. "The comments I'm getting back from the community is this is quite a presence of law enforcement but I haven't heard a negative comment. They're saying it's better to be safe than sorry. We didn't even consider not



Walpole Island Chief Dean Jacobs

taking precautions."

He said police and monitors are in place.

"We have done everything we feel is necessary and appropriate under the circumstances."

He said there have been community meetings and "we brought in all of the teams that would be present to show the community who they were and what they would be looking at."

## SNEC under fire for lack of language and culture in plan

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improvement is in place, and more focus is put on native language and culture instruction.



Claudine VanEvery-Albert S.N.E.C. director

Last Wednesday (April 13th) at Six Nations Polytechnic, S.N.E.C. gave a final public presentation of their draft strategic plan concern-

ing the takeover of education at Six Nations.

About half a dozen community members attended and openly voiced their opinions and concerns regarding the plan, saying it doesn't focus enough on Onkwehonwene culture.

"From what I see here, it doesn't look any different than any other school district down the river," said Six Nations resident Brian Maracle.

Maracle, a Mohawk language instructor, says he is concerned that the strategic plan lacks detail on how the new school system would teach the children Onkwehonwene culture, instead of European culture.

His sister, Marilyn, echoed his opinions.

"It seems to me we're putting the

cart before the horse. What we want our kids to learn is no where in here. Who do we want our kids to be? It's totally irrelevant who



Deneen Montour interim SNEC chair

runs it until we address that question."

Claudine VanEvery-Albert, coordinator for the SNEC, told the crowd the strategic plan is a "framework" and that the curriculum would develop from there.

"I think you can rest assured that we feel strongly about the Native language programs," she said. "We are very different and we should operate differently."

Another Six Nations resident, Wes Elliott, had similar concerns.

"This doesn't knock my socks off. We do not want our children growing up to be Canadian citizens. It doesn't stress Onkwehonwene children. Most parents are looking for something that will knock their socks off."

VanEvery-Albert told him, "We don't have a formal board yet.

Once we get a yes (from INAC), curriculum development will follow, after we have a permanent board."

Frank Miller, SNEC consultant for the Native Language Program, says, "native languages are eroding around the world" and that teaching them inside the classroom is part of the plan.

"It wasn't overlooked."

However, parent Yvonne Sabourin said although she understands it is important to teach native languages and culture in class, there should be awareness of other cultures, as well.

"We have to look at their beliefs, as well (Judeo-Christian). We have to be aware and sensitive."

VanEvery-Albert said, "We still have to offer it because we are Haudenosaunee people."

the negotiating process between Six Nations and INAC.

"We're not yet at the negotiating stage, but there will be a reporting protocol in place when there is (negotiating taking place)," said VanEvery-Albert.

(Marylyn) Maracle says immersing the children in native languages and culture would provide them with greater advantages in their futures off the reserve, instead of vice-versa.

"I think they would be able to function even better in terms of priding themselves on who they are and who we are. That kind of pride and knowledge gives them a firm foundation in dealing with other cultures. It improves self-esteem and self-confidence."

Maracle also says she was concerned about the lack of attention on remedial student development



Rick Sanderson SNEC Consultant Special Education

Savarin also wanted to know how the community will be informed of



Frank Miller language consultant

and the reduction of class sizes in the strategic plan.

"There is a direct correlation between reduced class sizes and student success."

Maracle wanted to know what the "ultimate goal" of education at Six Nations was.

"It's for kids who can achieve their own ends anywhere," said VanEvery-Albert.

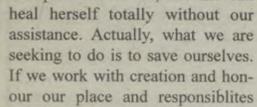
Brian Maracle said, "I hope things will get better if it (the takeover) comes to pass."



View of the Horseshoe Falls from the Niagara Fallsview Casino and Resort on Clifton Hill, where last week an historical meeting of First Nations and U.S. Tribes gathered to discuss the inherent rights and sacred duty to protect and preserve the waters of the Great Lakes basin.

leaders, he fears for the Great Lake waters and basin.

"Mother Earth can live without us. When we assume that we are protecting her, we are mistaken. She provides for us, but she can heal herself totally without our assistance. Actually, what we are seeking to do is to save ourselves. If we work with creation and honour our place and responsibilities



Frank Ettawageshik chairman Little Traverse Band

the diversion and exporting of water and did not include indigenous people in the decisions.

Co-chair of last week's meeting Frank Ettawageshik, tribal chairman of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians told the gathering, "today, tribes on both sides of the border are united in developing our own parallel process and ensuring our participation in decision-making involving the management of the Great Lakes."

Nelson Touselouse, Deputy Grand Chief of the Anishinabek Nation and co-chair, said, "the consensus we have reached here will guide our efforts in responding to these issues. More importantly, we remain committed to making this our process, done in our way."

The meet was held at the Niagara Fallsview Casino and Resort last Monday and Tuesday and was hosted by the Union of Ontario Indians, (UOI) the Council of

within it, then we will survive. But we must learn these lessons before it is too late for us, before we become even more of a liability to our own existence."

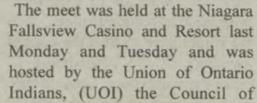
The First Nations from around the Great Lakes met here last week to discuss the protection and preservation of the Great Lakes waters.

It was the first time in 240 years that leaders of First Nations and American Indian leaders have gathered for a common cause.

The United Indian Nations of the Great Lakes met to form a task force to explore their role in the protection of the Great Lakes.

In November 2004 the Indigenous Nations of the Great Lakes united to unanimously reject the Great Lakes Charter Annex, that included

Great Lakes Governors (CGLG) and the Ministry of Natural Resources. The meeting was held to open a discussion on who was responsible for the management



Del Riley Chief Chippewas of the Thames

ple to protect the waters for future generations

Mississauga of New Credit Chief Brian Laforme said "we have to find a way to co-operate and work together," with the U.S. and Canadian Governments. Looking about the room, Laforme said this "is just the very beginning and it could take a long time" to come an agreement and understanding.

Councilor Carl Hill agreed with Laforme said this is indeed just the "beginning of a long process." Hill said he was surprised there weren't more chiefs attending.

During a question and answer period land claims concerning the water beds was brought up by several people, including Chief Kelly Riley of the Chippewas of the Thames, but Representative Kevin Wilson of the MNR said he didn't "think it would come to that." Kelly said they would meet again in 13 months with their representatives to the UINGL.

The Tribal and First Nations Great Lakes Water Accord was signed in November 2004 by 38 tribes and First Nations. The accord demands indigenous rights and sovereignty be respected and that any effort to preserve and protect the waters of the Great Lakes basin include their full involvement in the process.

## PROTECTION OF WATER FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS FOCUS OF HISTORIC MEETING



Chief Brian Laforme of the New Credit attended the conference and Carl Hill Six Nations Council cultural portfolio holder filled in for environment chairman councillor Chris Martin at the two-day conference last week in Niagara Falls.

Looking out at the mostly male participants, Mandamin said, the men had "an awesome responsibility

and responsibilities of the waters of the Great Lakes basin.

Bob Goulais UOI public relations officer said the fledgling organiza-

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Frank Ettawageshik chairman of Indigenous Nations of the Great Lakes

tions first meeting was the first steps in developing a "parallel process" through the formation of a task force of First Nations and U.S. tribes.

Frank Ettawageshik Tribal Chairperson, Little Traverse Band of Odawa Indians and a co-chair of the conference said the protection and restoration of the waters and tributaries of the Great Lakes basin is the inherent right and responsibilities of native people and "we are committed" to achieving this goal

The conference was filled with pageantry and spiritual discussions, Elder Josephine Mandamin of Thunder Bay, Ontario said her concerns for "mother's life blood" inspired her to take action. She decided to show her commitment by walking around all five Great Lakes. While walking, Mandamin said, she and her companions carry a "large copper kettle of water" signifying women were taking care of the waters for future generations.

filled the air, Elder Fred Kelly an

ity" in protecting the waters and in the centre of the large room a circle of gifts included a bowl of clear water sitting under an eagle staff. As the fragrance of burning sage filled the air, Elder Fred Kelly an

Ontario spoke about the women's role in the protection and preservation of the waters during the United Indian Nations of the Great Lakes inaugural meeting (Photos by Edna J. Gooder)



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### SNEC job is done, now it's up to councils and community

The Six Nations Education Commission's job is done. They've made their report. They've estimated the cost to run education here. They've told us we can do a better job. Ho hum.

There wasn't anything new for us in the almost three years since the current group of "interim" commission/committee members and their consultants have been looking at an education take over.

They dusted off the material already researched by the Six Nations Education Board and surveys before that. They held a couple of community meetings.

We shouldn't be surprised it's the same information we have heard before. Community members that attended were unimpressed with the findings. We've heard this before.

They said it sounded like the Grand Erie Board. Why would that be a surprise when the director is a trustee of that board and members of the commission work for that board. The only surprising thing about that is why no one questioned their conflict of interest in the jobs they hold at the commission and at the Grand Erie Board. Consultants working for the commission had to take leaves of absence from INAC. But VanEvery-Albert is still a board trustee and the director of education here, and members of the commission still hold their full time jobs at GE school board and sit on the commission.

So we shouldn't be surprised the findings sound like any other board in Ontario when its organizers and workers come from those boards.

But their time is up. Now it's time for the Six Nations Band Council and the Confederacy Council to decide what are we going to do.

Recent grade three test results showed us we can't not do anything again. We've not been doing anything for a decade and our kids are the ones suffering. And we can't just say let INAC do it. Resident Cynthia Jamieson was right when she questioned why are we looking at taking over when INAC won't come up with the bucks to put a proper system here and what we'd get is a broken system and we know it's broken. So what is Plan B.

Is Six Nations we as Jamieson said, preparing to hold the funder accountable for the lousy job they have been doing.

Or are we going to simply say, no money, no take-over and leave our children at the hands of INAC bureaucrats again, who clearly have no idea how to run an education system.



### National chief responds to hate mongering and allegations

Re Jewish Media Ignore Violence Against Native Chiefs alleges April 13th edition

The Assembly of First Nations (AFN) and First Nations across the country reject the comments made by Chief Terrance Nelson of Roseau River First Nations regarding Jewish people and the Jewish community. We completely disagree with the comments made about the potential for increased violence due to media coverage and categorically reject any suggestion that problems should be resolved through violent means. I have spoken to Chief Nelson to convey our concerns and I am encouraging him to do everything he can to foster constructive and positive relationships. The controversy about Mr. Nelson's statements is particu-

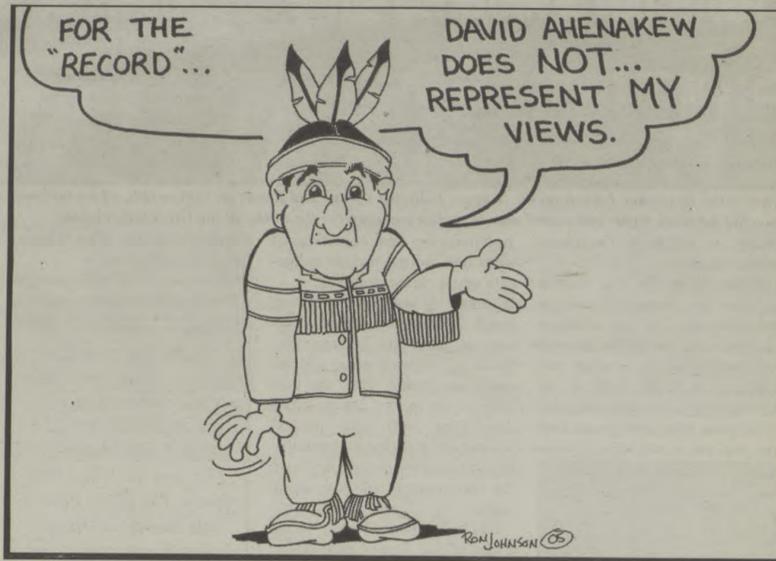
larly disturbing because no group in Canadian society is more familiar with racism, racial hatred and violence than the First Nations. Not only do our people put up with individual acts of discrimination on a daily basis, we continuously struggle with the effects of systemic discrimination designed to wipe out our languages and culture. And according to the Native Women's Association of Canada, more than 500 aboriginal women have gone missing over the past decade, yet there is no national outcry. What could be more violent and discriminating than that?

We constantly fight negative stereotyping in the mass media along with unbalanced and ill-informed reporting. Our people suffer in Third World conditions while our governments receive ever-diminishing resources, yet politicians and editors call for "more accountability."

There is certainly a need for greater public education about issues such as the Holocaust. As well, we need public education about the history of First Peoples in Canada and the cultural genocide perpetrated by the Indian Residential Schools. Our goal in learning about one another, however, is to build bridges, not to burn them or block them. There is no place for over-the-top rhetoric or unacceptable statements.

First Nations, Jews, gays and lesbians, Muslims, people of colour and others are targeted by hate mongers because of our differences. We must support each other and in so doing we will send a strong message to those who would discriminate against us.

Phil Fontaine, National Chief, Assembly of First Nations.



### Letters: Reader questions education take over

I attended the meeting held by the SN Education Commission last Wednesday evening. It seems from the presentation and Ms VanEvery's comments, that this commission is intending to proceed with the take-over of education "as long as the dollars are there" (from INAC). And their presentation was well put-together, but lacking "zing". As Brian Maracle observed, the presentation doesn't "get you." It doesn't appear much different than anything you might find in Brantford or Haldimand-Norfolk education meetings. And if you want your kids educated "just like them" I guess you'd find that a good thing. But if your concern is, like mine, the education of your child as Onkwehonwe, you might find the absence of our culture and history in their presentation a matter of serious concern.

It seems that they have, once again, put the cart before the horse. It seems to me that, before worrying about organization, accountability, and power bases, we should consider first such basic questions as "What do we want our children to learn?" (matters of curriculum and content), "how do we want them taught?" (referred to as matters of pedagogy and scheduling the school calendar), and "by whom do we want them taught?" (issues of personnel and qualifications). These are matters that,

according to Ms. VanEvery, will be addressed "later". After they assume control. In other words, they are asking us to trust them with these important matters. And we would have to trust the current members of the commission to make these decisions, because they have no word on how the subsequent Board of Education would be structured, who would sit on it, or how they would be selected. By election, perhaps-the favoured method for this council to stack find this "community" boards. The fact that a large percentage of the population can not participate in elections is of no concern to them. Even if we were to trust them in this, however, there is still the matter of improving our schools. There was no mention of a plan for improving the performance of our schools and students. Before this commission came into being, there was ISNEA, the interim committee. And one of the final decisions of that committee, before turning things over to the commission, was that we should NOT assume control until after school performance and standards were improved. One of the things this would mean would be a concentrated 5-year-plan, with an immediate reduction in class size, remedial and tutorial support where needed, support for professional development-all these things would require expenditures

exceeding what is needed to maintain a well-developed program. But at the end of such a period, expenses could be reduced to a "maintenance" level to maintain the schools at their improved status.

When questioned about such a proposal or plan, Ms VanEvery evaded the question and suggested that it would be "too expensive" and furthermore, that "there is no research indicating that reduced class size is directly related to improved performance." But the research is there, even though she may be unfamiliar with it. Indeed, I am sure that many of our teaching staff and many of our parents would find class size and student performance to be related-and without needing expensive research to tell them, either! Anyway, Ms VanEvery did not seem willing to pursue such issues.

Indeed, she seemed to feel that, like so many things in our community, we can do a better job with no substantive changes in personnel, funding, or anything else. "Just trust us," she seems to say, "and we can do it for you."

I don't know about the rest of you, but I still have many serious questions I want answers to before I'm willing to agree to their "Strategic Plan" for assuming control of education.

Marilyn Maracle.

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## From the Six Nations Band Council table: Reports on AFN Assembly

REPORT ON:  
SPECIAL CHIEFS ASSEMBLY; ASSEMBLY OF FIRST NATIONS MARCH 29, 30, 31, 2005 VANCOUVER, B.C.

Submitted to the community by District 2 Councillor Ava Hill and District 4 Councillor Helen Miller IROQUOIS CAUCUS MEETING WITH NATIONAL CHIEF PHIL FONTAINE

Representatives from the following First Nations attended a luncheon meeting with the National Chief (Phil Fontaine): Oneida, Six Nations, Kahnawake, Tyendingaga and Akwesasne. Chief Randy Phillips, Oneida First Nation, acted as the Chair for this meeting. At a briefing session prior to the luncheon meeting, it was agreed that we wanted to speak with the National Chief on the following issues:

- \*How can the AFN support us.
- \*How can we have our views heard/represented at the National level.
- \*Support of traditional governance structures/systems.
- \*Restoration of our own political process.
- \*What role do (can we) have in this "Recognition Framework".

It was also stated that we wanted to take the opportunity to inform and educate the National Chief about the Iroquois Caucus by talking about:

- 1) Dialogue on issues.
- 2) Support initiatives.
- 3) Common positions.
- 4) Nation Building.

In addition to talking about the above, the following topics were brought up with the National Chief:

- Exchange of information and access to information at the AFN level.
- Border crossing and ID Cards that are being proposed by Kahnawake.
- Taxation - meetings with Canada Revenue.

Chief Phillips also invited the National Chief to attend the next Iroquois Caucus which will be held at Six Nations on May 11th and 12th, 2005.

The National Chief informed the Iroquois Caucus representatives of two important issues.

The first was a commitment that the AFN will be open the Iroquois Caucus and their issues and will be as supportive as they can be. He said that he liked the tone of the meeting and is encouraged because it is easier if we operate from strength. The National Chief committed to give the Iroquois Caucus whatever support they can provide. He also said that they have had ongoing discussions with some of our traditional governments and have, from time to time, provided them with support to attend gatherings such as this Special Assembly. In saying this, however, he stressed that the AFN's relationship with the Elected Chiefs and they would not do anything to undermine that relationship.

The National Chief also informed the Iroquois Caucus about a Youth Summit that will be held this fall just before the First Ministers

Conference. It will be a three day major celebration and expected participation is from 1,500 to 3,000 youth from across the country. CBC is also to televise this forum. Youth will be asked the question: "what do Youth want us to do?"

There will be also a form of Indigenous Scholars and Professionals at the same time. It was agreed that Chief Randy Phillips would be the contact for the National Chief's Office with respect to how representatives of the Iroquois Caucus can be involved in the Round Table Sectoral discussions, the Cabinet Retreat and the First Ministers Meeting.

The National Chief also talked about the Renewal Commission indicating that it is the Chiefs who will decide how they want the AFN to be structured. He also stated that no decisions have been made on housing and he encouraged the representatives present to bring forward their ideas on how we are going to deal with the housing shortfall.

REPORT ON SPECIAL CHIEFS ASSEMBLY AFN MARCH 29, 30, 31, VANCOUVER, B.C.

We attended all three days of this Assembly, as well as the Ontario Caucus Meetings that were held. Chief Dave General and Councillor Melba Thomas attended the first two days of the Assembly. They were not in attendance on the last day due to their attendance at the National Aboriginal Achievement Awards which were held in Saskatoon on March 31st, 2005.

#### Opening Remarks

The meeting began with welcoming remarks from the B.C. Vice-Chief, Shawn Atleo. In addition to welcoming everyone to B.C., he informed the delegates about the historic signing of a Leadership Accord in British Columbia. This Accord included Leaders from all the First Nations in B.C. Vice-Chief Atleo indicated that they signed this Accord as a means of finding ways to work together and to support one another. Opening remarks were also made by Doug Kelly on behalf of the First Nations Summit of B.C. and Stewart Phillips from the Union of B.C. Indian Chiefs.

Their remarks were followed by the Opening Remarks of Phil Fontaine, National Chief. Some of the comments to note that were made by the National Chief are listed in point order:

- \* He talked about the purpose of this Assembly which was to talk about the Recognition and Implementation of First Nations Governments; Our Nations, Our Governments and Choosing our own Paths.
- \* When people feel that they have control over their lives and when communities are taking control of their future, there is hope. When

people feel involved in the ongoing development of the community, improving their lives and their



District 2 Councillor Ava Hill

community, we see success.

- \* When our communities benefit, the surrounding communities benefit and all of Canada is the better for it. We contribute to the economy, we build a better future and a stronger country for everyone.
- \* Self government is fundamental to everything we do. It is central to moving forward in every area where we want to make progress - education and the economy, health and housing, law-making and land management, environmental stewardship and access to traditional Territories.
- \* He also talked about housing and how we can best address the housing crisis. He mentioned a First Nations Housing Authority which could replace CMHC and Indian Affairs. He said that we have to make a decision on whether it is good enough to have the Federal Government directly involved in housing. In saying that, the National Chief added that if we are to rely on the past, we should not expect better results. We can only expect to do better by taking control ourselves and being responsible for housing and all other areas of jurisdiction. The National Chief said that the First Nations Housing Authority is just one idea and it has not gone beyond talking about delivering housing to our people. He made it clear that no decisions have been taken and said that the Chiefs will provide direction on the most appropriate approach to take.
- \* He then said that AFN has been driving the discussions in the Round Table sectoral discussions. A full report on the Round Table discussions is available from the Chiefs Office. The National Chief encouraged delegates to read the report and make comments to the AFN.
- \* There will be a National Policy Forum on Education, Environmental Stewardship and Housing from April 19th to 21st, 2005, in Montreal.
- \* The Cabinet Retreat with Aboriginal Leaders is scheduled for May 31st, 2005.
- \* The First Ministers Meeting on Aboriginal Issues is scheduled to be held this fall.
- \* The AFN Renewal Commission will be reporting to the Chiefs in the fall of 2005.
- \* We want to get rid of the Indian Act and the Department of Indian Affairs. These proposals are not new or revolutionary. RCAP put

the proposal on the table almost a decade ago and told them how to do it - create a Minister of State for



District 4 Councillor Helen Miller

the relationship with First Nations, Metis and Inuit peoples; and a secondary program role for Indian Affairs.

- \* Our leaders want to lead. Our Governments want to be responsible. We do not need another government to tell us what to do.
- \* Exercising our jurisdictions is the only way to go.
- \* He went on to say that First Nations will not make progress if we do not work towards real First Nations Government.
- \* It is important to understand that there is a direct link between the work being done at the Special Chiefs Assembly and all the other policy work being done as part of the Getting Results Agenda. "The work is not separate. It is, in fact, the foundation".

**Harold Cardinal/Marie Smallface-Marule**

Harold Cardinal, who was the author of Citizens Plus (The Red Paper) and a former leader of the Indian Association of Alberta, made a presentation on Nation Building from the perspective of the Treaty 8 First Nations. He began by sharing some of the things the Elders have identified as being central to the continuing existence of our peoples and our future well being. The beginning point must be centered in acknowledging and understanding the relationship of our peoples to the Creator. The things we need for our survival are our languages, ceremonies and traditions. Any contemporary institutions we create, as part of our Nation Building exercise, must contain and reflect the core essence of those gifts which the Creator gave us as peoples who were placed on these lands. Knowledge of our identity is also crucial to any Nation Building exercise undertaken by our people. He said that we must understand who we are.

**Marie Smallface-Marule**, who worked for the National Indian Brotherhood in the early 1970s, provided a historical perspective on a Joint NIB/Cabinet Committee that was established at that time. She stated that the government's agenda has always been a revision of the Indian Act. She also said that if we can have our aboriginal and treaty rights recognized, the Indian Act becomes irrelevant. Ms. Smallface-Marule then provided a comprehensive historical overview of activities that have

taken place from the inception of the National Indian Brotherhood to the present. She mentioned the development of the Indian Control of Indian Education Paper that was done in 1972 and the National Review of the Housing Policy that was done in the 1970s. She also said that we need a national framework and strategy to work together to achieve some kind of legislative or constitutional reform.

**Presentation of Joint Committee on the Proposed Framework to Advance the Recognition and Implementation of First Nation Governments**

In 2004, the AFN set up a Joint Committee of Chiefs and Advisors on the Recognition and Implementation of First Nations Governments (RIFNG) to develop a broad "framework" outlining a strategy and process to deal with Canada at the Ministerial level on issues relating to the Recognition and Implementation of First Nations Governments. David Nahwegahbow, Co-Chair of the Joint Committee, made a power point presentation on the proposed framework. Ontario's representative on the Joint Committee is Chief Patrick Madahbee. Copies of the Final Report, entitled First Nation Governments - Our Nations, Our Governments: Choosing Our Own Paths, are left with the Council Secretary for printing and distribution to all Councillors.

The power point presentation outlined the following:

Presentation Objectives

Context

Overview of "First Nation Action Plan for Development"

Overview of a Proposed Approach for dealing with Canada - Three levels of engagement:

- \* Level 1 - Political Level - a new Political Accord
- \* Level 2 - Developing a new Joint Framework to advance the Recognition and

Implementation of First Nations Government, Implementation of

Treaties and Claims issues

- \* Level 3 - Immediate Joint Initiatives to support First Nations Government and Nation Building Conclusions and Next Steps

We will highlight the Conclusions and Next Steps included in that power point presentation:

- \* The shared commitment to reconciliation and transformative change presents a historic opportunity.
- \* There is a new willingness on the part of the Government of Canada to understand the historical and current concerns of First Nations and changes the way that outstanding issues are approached.
- \* The first step involves reaching a broad new Political Level Accord between First Nation Leadership and the Government of Canada to provide the political foundations upon which to base renewed hope and achieve new results.
- \* The upcoming Cabinet Committee Retreat provides the opportunity to confirm this first

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## From the Band Council table: AFN meeting moves on governance

(Continued from page 5 step at a political level.

\* With such a new political foundation in place, the next challenge will be the negotiation of a Joint Framework that will provide the basis for the Recognition and Implementation of First Nation Governments, including a national strategy for treaty implementation and the addressing of issues regarding outstanding claims.

\* New national First Nation Governments recognition legislation will be a central part of moving forward under this Framework.

\* Changes in federal policies, laws, machinery of government and approaches and responsibilities will also be essential.

\* This new Framework and approach must:

- \* Provide First Nations with the assurance of different results.
- \* Leave First Nations with the ability to make their own choices on when and how quickly they will move
- \* Assure First Nations that the tools, the capacities and the support necessary to access these new opportunities will be available.

Mr. Nahwegahbow then said that what they needed from the Chiefs at this Assembly was:

\* Confirmation that these proposals and directions reflect the views of First Nations and their priorities.

\* A strong endorsement as a matter of principle of the general approach that they are proposing.

\* A mandate for the National Chief and the National Executive to explore these ideas with Federal Ministers and the Federal Cabinet to assess whether Canada is, in fact, prepared to travel down this road with us.

He indicated that they were not asking, today, for any specific or final approvals on any matters. They will report the results of the discussions with Canada back to the Chiefs before any final decisions on approach and strategy are made.

The recommendations included in the Final Report are:

(a) Policy Reforms to Advance the Recognition and Implementation of First Nation

Governments: Protocols, Legal Instruments and Arrangements:

Major policy reform is required in five main areas:

- a) Aboriginal Rights and Title (Comprehensive Claims)
- b) Treaty Implementation
- c) Inherent Right of Self Government
- d) Specific Claims
- e) Code of Conduct for Honour of the Crown

(e) Structures and Machinery of Government to Advance Recognition and Implementation of First Nation Governments:

- a) Ministry of First Nation - Crown Relations to include: (i) Office of the Treaty Commissioner (ii) Office of the Section 35 Attorney General (iii) First Nation Recognition and Implementation Secretariat (iv) Specific Claims Secretariat (v) Office of Fiscal Relations (vi) Office of the First Nation Auditor (vii) Office of the First Nation Ombudsman
- b) Aboriginal and Treaty Rights Tribunal
- c) Community Input and Communication.

On the second day of the Assembly, Sakej Henderson, who was a member of the Joint Committee, provided an explanation of what was to be included in the proposed Political Accord. The intent and purpose of the Accord is to affirm principles and to establish meaningful processes for reconciling and implementing First Nation Governments in Canada. The Accord can be found as Appendix 1 in the Final Report.

There were questions put forth about how this would apply to the treaty areas. Mr. Henderson stated that there is no existing federal policy to implement treaties. He added that they are trying to push a new constitutional framework for treaty implementation.

A resolution to acknowledge the report and to express support for the strategy and process was then tabled with the Chiefs. It would also enable the National Chief and the National Chief to present it for discussion with the Prime Minister and the Government of Canada. The resolution also approved the establishment of a Strategy Committee to continue with the work and to report back to the next Assembly.

The Alberta Chiefs asked that the Report be tabled to allow for the communities to have a substantial review. The Final Report could then be discussed and debated at the Annual Assembly in July. The different regions held caucuses each day to discuss the report, as well as other important issues. Representatives from all regions also spoke to the Final Report and the proposed resolution. It was stated that the Ontario Caucus indicated strong and unanimous support to move ahead and for the National Chief to move it forward. The Chiefs in attendance had the opportunity to ask questions, offer

their input or raise their concerns. There was much debate on the resolution during the afternoon of the second day. Amendments were proposed in an effort to satisfy the concerns of the Alberta delegates. In the end, there was no opposition to the resolution and it was approved by consensus.

On the last day of the Assembly, Chief Patrick Madahbee spoke about the Strategy Section of the Final Report. A draft Communications Plan and Lobby Strategy have been prepared and will be forwarded to the First Nations in due course.

Throughout the four days, strong emphasis was placed by a large majority of Chiefs on communicating with Band members and holding community consultations. "The power to move forward lies within the heart and minds of our communities," Chief Pat Madahbee said.

The following resolutions were also put forth:

**Resolution No. 1** - Recognition and Implementation of First Nation Governments - Referred to above - Carried

**Resolution No. 2** - Support for the Haida Nation's Opposition to the Transfer of Weyerhaeuser's Tree Farm License - Carried

**Resolution No. 3** - Support for Swan Lake First Nation's Resolutions and Treaty Position - Carried

**Resolution No. 4** - First Nations Government Recognition Bill S-16 - Tabled

**Resolution No. 5** - Inclusion of the Assembly of First Nations National Youth Council in Canada Aboriginal Policy Development and Implementation - Carried

**Resolution No. 6** - Federal Government's 2004 Announcement of \$700 M in New Aboriginal Health Funding - Carried

**Resolution No. 7** - Equal First Nation Partnership Status in the Collaborative National and Regional "Aboriginal" Blueprint Development Initiatives - Carried

**Resolution No. 8** - Support for First Nations Strategic Initiatives to Addressing the First Nations Housing Deficit

**Resolution No. 9** - Recognition and Implementation of First Nation Governments (RIFNG) Strategy Resolution No. 10 - The Need for Increased Support for First Nations Economic Development

A variety of presentations were also made throughout the Assembly:

Three students (one in Secondary School, one in Post Secondary School and one studying Law) were presented with \$500.00 each as winners of an Essay Contest sponsored by the Assembly of First Nations. The students were required to express their views on the Recognition and Implementation of First Nations Government up to a maximum of 1000 words.

The Federation of Aboriginal Foster Parents Association also made a presentation of a doll, a life book and a log book to Regional Chief Shawn Atleo in recognition of his commitment to our children.

Chief Maureen Chapman also made a presentation on behalf of the Women's Council. They recognized and commended the leadership of the National Chief and Executive Committee in establishing and supporting the Women's Council. Chief Chapman said that the Women's Council is well positioned to play an integral role in the development of the AFN with regard to the recognition and implementation of First Nations Governments.

A group of youth who are participating in a Suicide Prevention Walk across Canada were acknowledged by the delegates. The youth left Duncan, B.C. on March 28th and hope to arrive in Ottawa on June 21st.

Late afternoon on the last day of the Assembly, after the Assembly had ended, we attended a presentation on the Non-Traditional Use of Tobacco that had been carried out by the AFN Health Staff.

## Miss Teen Canada hopeful from Six Nations, hopes to promote area

By Donna Duric  
Staff Writer

She's a young girl with dreams, and when you sit down and talk with the beautiful, self-assured 17-year-old, there's no doubt she's got what it takes to achieve them. Dakota Brant, a Mohawk of the Turtle Clan, born and raised on Six Nations, has just been named the delegate representing Brant County in this summer's Miss Teen Canada International scholarship program in Mississauga.

Already a seasoned competitor in national modeling and public speaking competitions, two of which she has won, the grade 12 student at Assumption College High School in Brantford is more than just a pretty face.

Graduating in June, she has already been accepted to Brock University in St. Catharines, where she will be studying for a Master's Degree in the four-year modern languages program. It will enable her to become fluent in French, Italian and German.

Before this March, competing in the Miss Teen Canada competition was not foremost in her mind. But when she learned the regional director of the competition, Sylvia Stark, was interviewing girls in the area to represent Brant County, her mother encouraged her to go.

Brant attended an interview with Stark and the current Miss Teen Canada title-holder Amanda Klyn. Brant was asked about her community, her schooling and her extracurricular activities. A week later, she received a phone call from Stark saying Brant was the ideal candidate to represent Brant County. Brant says the one thing Stark said she noticed about her was her lack of shyness.

Brant says nonchalantly, "I thought it was great." Her reaction is befitting of her quiet, humble, yet confident demeanor. The Miss Teen Canada International event provides a \$35,000 scholarship to the winner. Brant is one of 30 delegates from across Canada who will be competing for the scholarship.



**Dakota Brant is the Miss Brant County Teen Canada contestant**  
She has already started preparing for the competition by practicing her talent-the hoop dance. "I want to bring a Native flavour to the competition this year," she says.

However, the traveling to and from events leading up to the big night will not be cheap and Brant needs sponsors. She is actively seeking sponsorship from businesses in the community. Turtle Island News has already become one of her sponsors.

This Saturday, she will be attending an event in Toronto where all the delegates will be climbing the CN Tower starting at 8 a.m. to benefit the World Wildlife Fund. After that, they will all attend a workshop teaching them how to best present themselves at the 10-day Miss Teen Canada competition from August 18 to 28.

Brant says she has a number of reasons for wanting to win the title. "I want to travel Canada. I've seen B.C. and Manitoba and lived in Quebec, but I figured there's a lot more to Canada than that."

She says she wants to travel to other reserves and promote powwows across Canada. She also says that if she wins, she hopes she can bring Six Nations into a positive

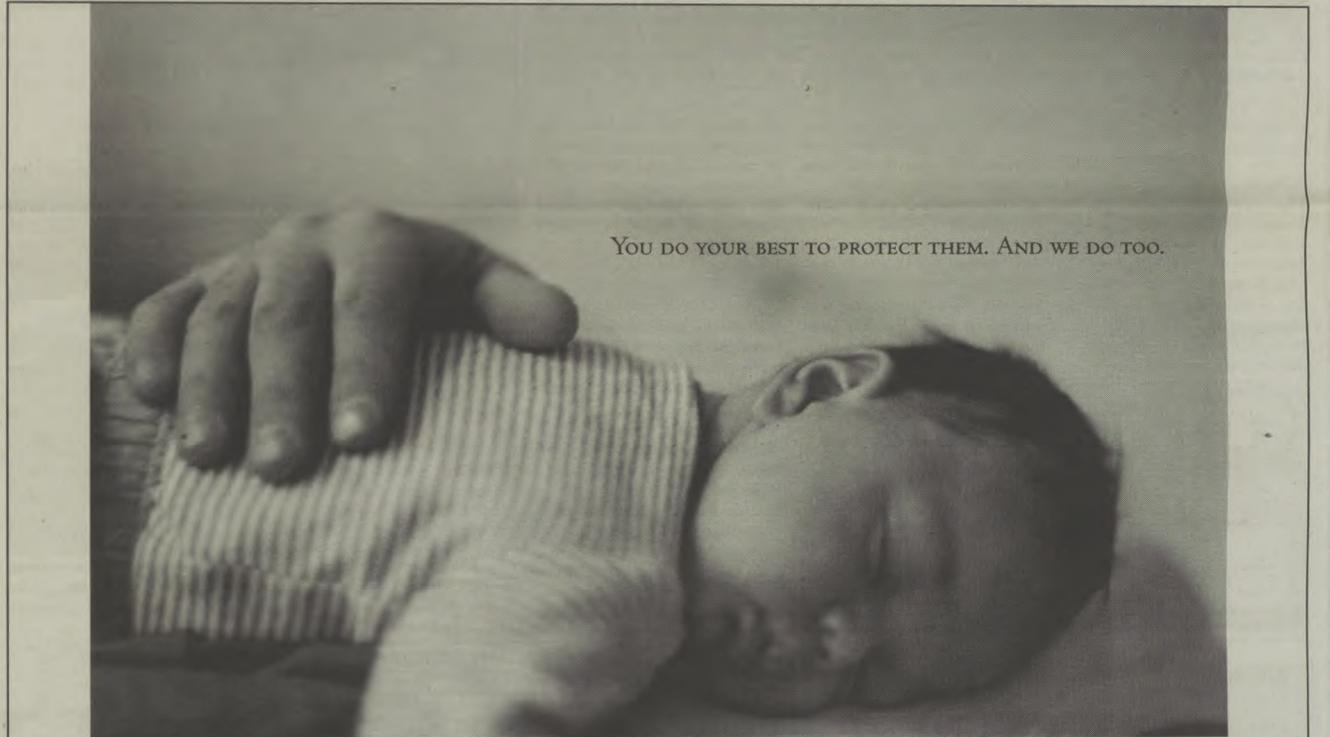
spotlight and bring more tourism to the community.

However, her aspirations reach far beyond Canadian borders. "I want to promote Canadian tourism on a global level."

The Miss Teen Canada competition has been held since 1998. If Brant wins, she will be the first aboriginal female to be crowned Miss Teen Canada.

"It would be a first-time thing, so I'd have to bring a whole new twist to it. I'm representing two different people (aboriginals and non-aboriginals).

The contestants will be judged on numerous personal qualities, as well as their performance on a written exam encompassing English, Canadian history, and Math. In addition, they must write an essay on why Canada is a great place to live. Even if she doesn't win, Brant graciously says the experience of just being in the competition would be enough for her. "Just the chance to be out there will be a lot of fun



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Cancer develops when cells in a part of the body begin to grow out of control. Although there are many kinds of cancer, they all start because of out-of-control growth of abnormal cells. Cancer cells develop because of damage to DNA. This substance is in every cell and directs all activities. Most of the time when DNA becomes damaged the body is able to repair it. In cancer cells, the damaged DNA is not repaired. People can inherit damaged DNA, which accounts for inherited cancers. More often, though, a person's DNA becomes damaged by exposure to something in the environment, like smoking. Some of the different types of cancer from smoking are:

- > Lung Cancer
- > Mouth Cancer
- > Skin Cancer
- > Throat Cancer
- > Stomach Cancer
- > Pancreatic Cancer

Cancer affects the body. People with cancer are often tired or perhaps in pain. They may feel ill either from the cancer itself or from treatments. But it's important to remember that cancer can influence someone's emotions or feelings as well. Feelings may come and go, or change suddenly. Many people will want time alone to sort out their thoughts and emotions. Teamwork is needed to treat cancer. Before treatment begins, you will meet with your healthcare team to discuss the choices that are available to you.

Finding out you have cancer brings many changes. At one time or another, people who have cancer may feel afraid, uncertain, and helpless. Sometimes they may feel they are losing control of their life. Sharing information about yourself can help your healthcare team plan your care.

- > Let them know if things seem unclear or confusing to you.
- > Find out whom to call if something happens between visits.
- > By asking what to expect in advance, you may feel better prepared to cope with any issues.
- > Support groups are a good place to get information and learn from others. You may also feel less alone.
- > You may prefer individual counselling, or one-on-one peer support. Ask your healthcare team about support groups and counselling services that may be available at your treatment centre.

If you are not having any side effects from treatment or they are easy for you to manage, you may feel less stress than someone who is having many side effects. But for others, just thinking about cancer and its treatment may cause stress. There is no single cause of cancer but some factors appear to increase the risk of developing it. These are known as risk factors. There are some risk factors you cannot change. For example: age and the family history of cancer. You can choose to avoid tobacco smoke and eat a healthy diet. Everyone feels and handles stress differently. Its time to stop smoking you're not only harming yourself, but the people around you and the environment.

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## Rezervoir Dogs win Iroquois Lacrosse Mens League championship game



**Rezervoir Dogs**  
**Iroquois Lacrosse Men's League Champions**

The Rezervoir Dogs are in no particular order Clay Hill, Tom Montour, Russ Davis, Jeff VanEvery, Jim Henhawk, Matt Atkins, Chad Hill, Dave Maracle, Cam Johnson, Joe Squire, Dennis VanEvery, Jim VanEvery, Dan Maracle, Cal Smith, Ely Hill, Greg Garlow, Chris Seth, Jake Henhawk, and Joey Johnson. (Photo by Samantha Martin)

By Samantha Martin  
Sports Reporter

SIX NATIONS — The Rezervoir Dogs won the first ever Iroquois Lacrosse Men's League championship after defeating the Iroquois Warriors late in the third period.

The Rezervoir Dogs took the lead late in the third period to take the championship 8-7 over the Iroquois Warriors Sunday night at the Iroquois Lacrosse Arena.

The Warriors took the early lead with a goal at 6:57 from Mikey Montour with an assist from Jason Henhawk and Vince Longboat.

The Dogs tied the game up with a goal from Matt Atkins with 5:53 left on the clock with assists from Tom Montour and Clay Hill.

The Dogs didn't wait long to take the lead. Russ Davis scored with 2:53 left on the clock with an assist from Chad Hill.

Montour scored the equalizer for

the Warriors with 1:20 left on the clock with an assist from Henhawk to make it 2-2 going into the second period.

The Dogs widened their lead to 4-2 early in the second period with goals from Cal Smith and Jeff VaneEvery. Chad Hill, Davis and Jim Henhawk earned assists.

It took over 10 minutes for the Warriors to score in the second period but they were able to tie it up with goals at 15:20 and 17:46 with goals from Joss Powless and Longboat.

Henhawk, Montour and Ryan "Gumby" McNaughton earned the assists.

With the score tied at 4-4 going into the third the game got faster and rougher with more passes, shots and hits.

The Warriors took the lead for only the second time in the game with three back-to-back goals from

The first game between the Windwalkers and Replacements never took place because neither team had enough players so the players that did arrive went one-on-one with goalie Rolland Hill in a shootout.

Buffalo Bandits tickets were also drawn for this Saturday's play off game against Rochester for a player on each team.

The Iroquois Lacrosse Men's League will be starting up again in late November and will run through to April of next year. The organizers of the league are hoping to get six teams for their next season to bring the fans even more winter lacrosse action.



Clay Hill of the Rezervoir Dogs earned the assist on the game winning goal in Sunday's final Iroquois Lacrosse Men's League game of the season, helping the Dogs take home the championship title. (Photo by Samantha Martin)



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## Local baseball player receives top athletic honours from Mohawk College



Lacey Hill in action at one of Mohawk College's baseball games held at the beginning of the semester. (Submitted photos)

## Badminton tournament comes to J.C. Hill

By Samantha Martin  
Sports Reporter

OHSWEKEN — J.C. Hill hosted the annual Six Nations Intermediate Badminton tournament on Thursday.

Students from J.C. Hill, Oliver M. Smith, Lloyd S. King, I.L. Thomas, Kawennio and Emily C. General came out to compete in Girls' Singles, Girls' Doubles, Boys' Singles, Boys' Doubles and Mixed Doubles.

Jessica Martin of I.L. Thomas came out ahead of Ming King-

By Samantha Martin  
Sports Reporter

HAMILTON — Mohawk College handed out awards for their athletes and a Six Nations female baseball player received top honours.

Lacey Hill, 21, of Six Nations received the award for Outstanding Female Athlete.

Hill, a pitcher, took over all the pitching duties after the Mohawk Mountaineers' other pitcher Krystal Eckersall was on the benches recovering from an off-season surgery of her right wrist.

Hill pitched two game victories in a double-header, winning five games in total.

She compiled a run average of 2.33 and batted .444 with 10 RBI's (Runs batted in) for the third place Mountaineers.

Hill is completing her first year in the child and youth worker program at Mohawk College in Hamilton.

Hill underwent knee surgery for a torn anterior cruciate ligament in December of 2003 and stepped in as full time pitcher for the Mountaineers in September of 2004.

"I had surgery in December and in September I thought, 'OK, I've got to know whether my knee can do it or not. It did. It came through for me."

Hill played with Eckersall for the Hamilton Hurricanes in the summer. Hill went all the way to

Saskatoon with the Hurricanes to play in a national tournament.

Hill also received the Most Valuable Player award for the Women's Fastball category.

"I couldn't have got to where I am without my families support. Especially my mom."



Lacey Hill

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## Six Nations Minor Hockey hands out awards at annual banquet Saturday

By Samantha Martin  
Sports Reporter

OHSWEKEN — The Six Nations Minor Hockey Association held their annual banquet Saturday at the Community Hall and handed out awards to 52 minor hockey players.

Players, friends, families and coaches loaded into the Community Hall Saturday afternoon for an afternoon of recognition and good food.

With the food running a little late

the Six Nations Minor Hockey executive started handing out the awards with Robert Martin having to yell over the crowd because they could not turn on the microphone.

They started off by honouring Sarah Smith who helped, along with her father, bring minor hockey to Six Nations. They gave her a trophy and she addressed the crowd.

Martin came back to the stage to hand out the awards for Most Sportsmanlike, Most Improved, Most Dedicated, and For the Love

of the Game.

Bradlee Bomberry, Tyson Bomberry, Shelby Longboat, Ashton Jacobs, Tristen Porter, Holden Isaacs, Clay Martin, Shantel VanEvery, Mitchell Potvin, Jerry Hill, Tyler Jamieson, Rob Porter, and Brandon Maracle received the award for Most Sportsmanlike.

Most Improved went to Dallas Porter, Garrett Little, Josh Henhawk, Jason Martin, Daniel

Dockstader, Dylan Hill, Jordan Martin, Hawenisjahster Green, Colton Hill, Zach Hill, Joe General and Brody Jonathan.

Most Dedicated went to Tanner Jonathan, Mitchell Henhawk, David Maracle, Adam Bomberry, Danial Henhawk, Tim Anderson, Brody Miller, Marvin VanEvery, Ronnie Porter, Raven Montour, Chase Hess, Wes Hill and Kyle Martin.

Travis Longboat, Vernon Hill,

Robin Maracle, Mitch Green, Howie Smith, Steve Harris, Jesse General, Tim Porter, Andrew Hill, Josh Jamieson, Mike Miller, Ryley Johnson, Josh Martin and Andrew Jamieson received the trophies for For the Love of the Game.

After the individual trophies were handed out it was time to eat. After everyone finished eating the team awards were handed out by the individual coaches.



Robert Martin gave Sarah Smith a personal thank you after he handed her the trophy Six Nations Minor Hockey presented her with. (Photos by Samantha Martin)



Some of the Atom All Stars on hand were given long sleeve t-shirts, hooded sweat shirts and a DVD of the Little NHL championship game they won over March Break in Sault Ste. Marie.



Most Improved Player trophies were handed out to Zach Hill, Joe General, Jason Martin, Dallas Porter, Garrett Little, Josh Henhawk, Daniel Dockstader, Dylan Hill, Dylan General, Jordan Martin, Colton Hill, Brody Jonathan and Hawenisjahster Green.



Jerry Hill, Holden Isaacs, Bradlee Bomberry, Tyson Bomberry, Shelby Longboat, Ashton Jacobs, Tristen Porter, Clay Martin, Shantel VanEvery, Mitchell Potvin, Tyler Jamieson, Rob Porter and Brandon Maracle received the award for Most Sportsmanlike.



SNMH President Darryl "Coop" Martin addressed the crowd once they microphone was turned on late in the banquet.



Robert Martin was also the coach of the Novice All Stars who received trophies with a personalized achievement on them when team awards were handed out.

## Iroquois Lacrosse Arena bidding to host 2006 Minto Cup

By Donna Duric  
Staff Writer

The Iroquois Lacrosse Arena is undergoing extensive renovations in order to prepare for a bid to host the 2006 Minto Cup next August.

It will be the first time Six Nations has hosted the Minto Cup, and the first time any First Nation has hosted the cup.

Delby Powless Sr. and Curt Styres, both co-owners of Iroquois Lacrosse Arena, have a number of renovations in mind. They want to increase the seating capacity to about 2000, from the current 1,200. They are also planning on installing large screen T.V.s, adding more parking spaces and setting up cable-friendly cameras in order to broadcast the event.

"We're putting a proposal together that will hopefully meet the criteria (of the Ontario Lacrosse Association)," says Powless.

To meet the criteria, besides meeting a seating capacity of close to 2,500, the hosting team would have to be in good standing.

"The team would have to be competitive," says Powless. "If the team is 0 and 20, they won't have a good chance of hosting it."

Five men from Six Nations gave a presentation on a promotional video that they will be sending to the OLA. They are: Levi White, a Six Nations Band Councillor who sits on the recreation committee, Cam Bomberry, Roger Smith and Raymond Wheels-Hill, all seasoned lacrosse players, and Steve Williams, former Six Nations elected chief and part owner of Grand River Enterprises.

"I think it'd be great for the community to host the event because Six Nations lives and dies with lacrosse," says White. "It's what we're about."

Powless says they need a lot of community support in their bid.

"Hopefully, we can get commercial support."

The event would cost between \$25,000 and \$50,000 to host.

"Certainly, financially, the busi-

nesses would be supportive of it," says Williams. "We have over 400 businesses here on Six Nations. GRE is willing to donate to that."

The event would also bring exposure to all the local businesses on the reserve.

"There's going to be money generated for them, as well," says Williams.

Powless says the renovations won't take that long to complete.

"It took us a year to build the arena. This stuff is going to be done in lots of time for the summer."

Powless says they have a good chance of hosting the event, one of the reasons being that the facility was built for lacrosse.

"Our lighting system is set up for lacrosse. We've made sure that we have the right lighting system."

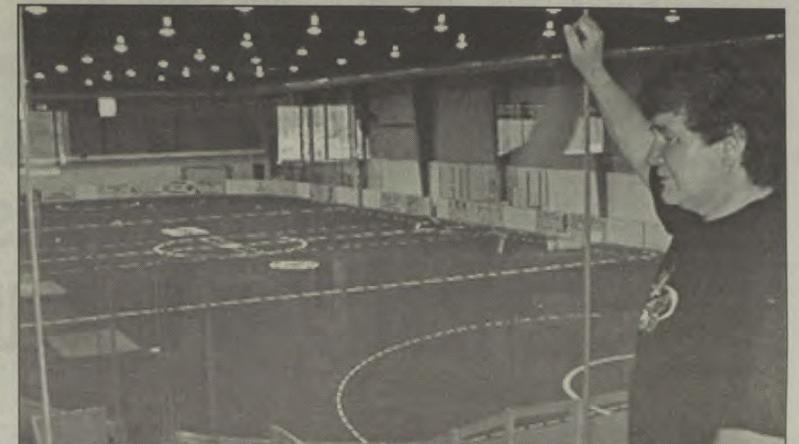
He also emphasizes the fact that the glass partitions are eight-foot high, which makes the game safer for the fans.

"We've made sure we have one of the best facilities in the country for lacrosse."

Bomberry, a seasoned lacrosse player who competed in the 1992 Minto Cup with the Six Nations Arrows, says he believes Six Nations and Iroquois Lacrosse Arena are ideal to host the cup.

"We want to bring the national scene here and show off. We've got the facility, the coaching and team. It's time to put that best foot forward."

The proposal for the bid has to be in by May 1.



Delby Powless Sr. overlooks the arena floor. They plan on adding close to 900 more seats, and installing large screen T.V.s for the fans to be able to watch the game if Six Nations hosts the 2006 Minto Cup. (Submitted photo)

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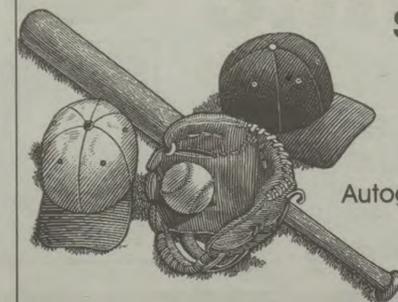
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Reusing is when you find a use for an existing item - like decorat-



ing a bag and using it as a gift bag instead of buying wrapping paper; putting leftovers into a clean container from some other food; turning a used box into storage; decorating a can to hold pencils; saving packing peanuts and boxes and using them the next time you need to ship something or give a gift.

It is important to 'reuse' items wisely -- reusing packing peanuts to pack an item is by far the best

way to use them. Recycling them, if it is available, would be the next best thing. Turning them into an art project would be the least effective, and eventually they will end up in the landfill. Now many of us love art projects, and would be using materials to make crafts anyway, and so using an item that would



otherwise be discarded may still be a sensible choice, it depends on the

project. Giving things in good condition that you no longer need to charity is another good way to reuse things like outgrown clothing or toys. Reusing is often the best way to save resources. This is something to consider year-round, not

just around the winter holidays. Shop Wisely to save resources. Can the container be easily recycled or reused? Will a larger container reduce the amount of packaging and perhaps cost less per serving? Is everything that can be recycled being recycled?

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Crumple up a piece of newspaper. Wrap another piece around it. Wrap with string and tie off to hold newspaper in a ball. Add straws, bottle tops, caps... anything to make it look like a litter bug.

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Put on your earth day visor, roll up your sleeves and get your local park cleaned up for Earth Day.

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Ingredients:

2 cups of sugar  
2 tablespoons of cocoa  
1/2 cup of milk  
1/2 cup of butter

1/2 cup of peanut butter  
2 cups of oatmeal  
1 teaspoon of vanilla flavoring

Equipment:  
measuring cup

medium mixing bowl  
medium pan to cook on stove (Grownups only!)  
measuring spoons  
waxed paper  
large spoon

Mix the sugar and the cocoa together in a bowl. Stir in the milk. Have a grownup put the mixture in a pot, add the butter, and put it on the stove to cook. It needs to come to a full boil and cook that way for two minutes. The grownup should keep stirring

the mixture the whole time it cooks so that it won't burn.

The grownup needs to take the mixture off of the stove and mix the rest of the ingredients with the cooked part of the recipe. Then the mixture needs to be dipped, by spoonfuls, on to the waxed paper and allowed to cool.

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## Grass fires straining volunteer fire fighters, one suffers minor injuries

By Donna Duric  
Staff Reporter

A crop of brush fires sprouted up around Six Nations last week, causing the Six Nations Fire Department to scramble around the reserve trying to keep them under control.

Six Nations Fire Chief Mike Seth has reported his department has been called to about 22 out-of-control fires since last Thursday.

People around the reserve have been setting their grass on fire as a way to remove the dead grass and debris collected on their yards after



Volunteer firefighters have been kept busy since the warm season hit putting out grass fires out of control. This fire on Fourth Line erupted Monday when Gail Powless and her daughter attempted to clean up the yard and the wind changed on them (Photo by Jim C. Powless-Moses)

the long, cold winter that seemed to drag on even with the onset of spring. However, with the sudden arrival of summer-like weather this past week, people have taken advantage of it to clean up their yards and prepare for the summer ahead.

However, Seth says the practice is putting a strain on the fire department. "My biggest concern with the grass fires is it's overwhelming our resources. We're going to have one of our firefighters injured." Indeed, one of them was slightly

injured last Saturday, although he would not say who the firefighter was. While most municipalities don't allow grass burning, there's no by-law against it here on Six Nations. Seth wants to give a message to Six Nations residents.



A grass fire along Highway 54 got out of control Monday and spread across the field and into the bush where firefighters had to trapse to combat it before the bush went up. (Photo by Donna Duric)

## Health "tax" may be hitting band members . councillor says time to take action now

By Lynda Powless  
Editor

Six Nations band members may find themselves battling a new enemy, an Ontario Health premium. The premium will hit people who make over \$20,000.

In some cases it will be deducted at source from the employer. In others, it will hit at income tax filing time.

"Anyone on the reserve with taxable income will be

hit by this," said District 2 councillor Ava Hill.

The issue surfaced at April's finance meeting when health director Ruby Jacobs expressed concern about the premium hitting Six Nations.

Jacobs had asked band council to send a letter protesting the premium.

But councillor Ava Hill said it needs more than a letter.

"This is going to hit our people working off reserve.

We need to be doing more than sending a letter."

Councillor Hill had asked band council chief David General who sits on the Chiefs of Ontario health committee what the Chiefs of Ontario were doing about the issue.

General said he didn't know.

The new health premium will generate revenue that the Ontario government proposes will be used to pay for improvements in

health services. The Ontario Health premium will hit anyone who makes over \$20,000 a year and will range from a payment of \$60 to \$900 a year, depending on your taxable income.

The legislation is to be reviewed within five years. An individual making \$37,000 a year will be hit with a premium of \$360 in 2005.

The premium started being deducted from employee

payrolls and pension cheques as part of the income tax July 1, 2004.

Councillor Ava Hill said band council should be contacting their MP and MPP. "We should be looking at what the Chiefs of Ontario are doing. People here are already complaining about it. "I think we should be doing more than just sending a letter," she said.



Kim Thomas

## Six Nations lawyer leaving "Rama" board

Kim Thomas, the Independent First Nations representative on the Ontario First Nations Limited Partnership board has announced she will not seek re-election when her term expires in June.

Thomas will be concluding her second year on the board. Thomas, a Six Nations lawyer says her decision came because of professional commitments.

"Due to additional professional commitments that I have taken on, I no longer have the time available to devote to the OFNLP which requires countless hours of service."

OFNLP was created by the Ontario Chiefs to distribute Casino Rama funds to Ontario First Nation communities. It is also involved in a court challenge against Mnjinkaning First Nation and is in the midst of re-negotiating the five year funding agreement with the province of Ontario. Prior to Thomas, former Six Nations Chief Steve Williams filled the post for several years.

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Elisapie Iasse and Alain Agiar won the Aboriginal Album of the Year for *Taima - Taima* at the 2005 Juno Awards held in Winnipeg.

By Edna J. Gooder  
Staff reporter

Well the Junos are over for another year and the winner of this year's Aboriginal Recording of the Year was Elisapie Iasse of Nunavik and her collaborating partner Alain Agiar of Quebec for her debut album *Taima*.

*Taima* Fullspin Fusion number three. *Taima*'s sound is a mix of haunting and striking melodies.

The lyrics were sung in Inuktitut, English and French.

The themes of the songs ranged from bitter sweet love to the love of a dying parent and a song about surviving in a harsh environment. Iasse's clear vocals blends well with the accompanying guitar backup.

This album is for the dreamy and must be shared with someone close.



Rocker Kari Mctig

Iasse's Inuit heritage and up bringing played a major part in her music and incorporates traditional and contemporary life seamlessly.

Inuit artists display works in Ottawa

OTTAWA (CP) — Ten indigenous artists from northern Russia will join 20 of their Canadian Inuit counterparts to display their works at a two-day arts festival, April 30-May 1.

The free public event, organized

by the Inuit Art Foundation, takes place on the grounds outside the group's headquarters at 2081 Merivale Rd. in Ottawa.

Siberian Inuit artists of the Uelen bone carving studio produce intricately detailed sculptures from

walrus tusk. Wood carvers, folk artists, traditional sewers and other craftspeople from the Russian north will also present their works. Canadian Inuit artists will display carvings, prints, jewelry, clothing, dolls, baskets and more.

There will also be Inuit throat singing and drum dancing performances. The event aims to broaden the network of Inuit artists, said Marybelle Mitchell, executive director of the foundation. "It is only in the last decade or so that Canadian Inuit have been able to connect with their colleagues across the country. Now they are reaching out to people around the top of the globe. We think circum-polar exchanges like this increase knowledge but also serve to renew inspiration and commitment."

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Pursuing truth about brother's death has consumed his life

FOREST, Ont. (CP) — Pursuit of the truth about his brother's death has consumed Sam George's life since a provincial police officer shot Dudley George on Sept. 6, 1995.

"All we asked for was for someone to tell us the truth," George said Monday during his testimony at the Ipperwash inquiry. "I didn't think it would be such a hard thing to get at."

"Why can't somebody just stand up and say, 'We did this,'" he said.

In the months following his brother's death during the occupation of Ipperwash Provincial Park to assert its status as First Nations territory, the George family had to make decisions.

They could let it go or pursue the truth and "get the record set straight," he said.

The provincial police said his brother was armed when he was

shot and they had been returning gunfire from the park occupiers.

The Ontario government has



Sam George

labelled the occupation as illegal. "We couldn't believe that (he was armed)," said George.

According to George, the provincial force is still on the record

as saying his brother was armed despite court findings that he was

**Ipperwash Inquiry**

unarmed.

Neither the provincial police nor the Ontario government has apologized for the shooting, leaving the family to deal with grief that "breaks your heart," said George.

Ian Roland, the lawyer representing the Ontario Provincial Police Association, presented evidence from the Sept. 19, 2001, disciplinary hearing of the officer, Ken Deane, who shot George.

Deane was quoted as saying he profoundly regretted the pain suf-



Dudley George

fered by the George family. George said that apology was something he had to read in the newspaper as it was never presented to him.

"I don't believe it was sincere and from the heart," said George.

Deane was convicted of criminal negligence.

Roland also presented Dudley George's criminal record including convictions for arson, assault and theft and his use of marijuana and alcohol.

George responded, saying "I have never maintained that he was an angel but he is now."

The quest for truth required launching a lawsuit and demanding a public inquiry, he said.

"It took a span out of my life that I could have spent with my grandson, wife and children," he said.

The lawsuit against former premier Mike Harris and the police has been settled and the inquiry was established in November 2003.

"It would have been a lot better if (we) had gone through the inquiry first," said George.

Sioux Lookout natives close to new funding deal with Ottawa, spokesman says

THUNDER BAY, Ont. (CP) — Sioux Lookout-area First Nations leaders are close to renewing a funding agreement with Ottawa following a meeting in Thunder Bay.

"(Federal officials) have agreed to negotiate an agreement with us," Bob Bruyere, Sioux Lookout Area Aboriginal Management Board administrator, said Wednesday.

The new agreement will be explained at a meeting on April 26 in Sioux Lookout, Bruyere said.

Once ratified, the deal would

reopen the board's office which was closed April 1 when area chiefs refused to renew a funding agreement supporting employment and training services in 25 aboriginal communities.

Officials will negotiate details of the agreement over the next week or so and present it to the chiefs for ratification April 26, Bruyere said.

"We hope to have all staff back working the following day." The office closure affects 12 employees — seven office workers and five field staff.

The aboriginal board's last funding agreement expired March 31.

Human Resources and Skills Development Canada had proposed a 2005-06 contribution agreement of \$5 million — \$700,000 less than the board received last year.

The chiefs were not willing to sign that contribution agreement "because it would take us back (to funding levels of) 10 years ago," Bruyere said.

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**AFN holds policy forum on education, environment and housing**

MONTREAL- One year after Prime Minister Paul Martin's Canada-Aboriginal Peoples Roundtable, Assembly of First Nations National Chief Phil Fontaine opened the AFN National Policy Forum on Education, Environmental Stewardship and Housing in Montréal, Quebec. "In the year since the Canada-Aboriginal Peoples Roundtable,

government are over and partnership is the cornerstone of our new relationship. We are honouring our side of the commitment by creating plans that address our goals and are supported by First Nations. This gives us the mandate and direction we need as we head into the proposed Cabinet Retreat with the Prime Minister and his government on May 31.

"The Roundtable process has wrapped up, and we are now at a point where we must tie bold actions to bold words," stated the National Chief. "Clearly, all of

cising degrees of self-determination.

"We have always known that the quality of life of First Nations people is directly connected to our



*Councillor Glenda Porter is attending the education policy sessions. Porter holds the Six Nations portfolio for education*



*District One Councillor Dave Hill is attending the housing policy sessions. Hill holds the housing portfolio at Six Nations*

We can say 'we have the plan'. The Roundtable process was presented as a historic opportunity for the federal government and First Nations to begin a new era of cooperation that would lead to dramatic change. The Assembly of First Nations has been leading the process by presenting detailed plans that present new directions for work in housing, health, economic opportunities, lifelong learning, negotiations and accountability.

As well, last month in Vancouver, Chiefs from across the country endorsed an AFN plan for the recognition and implementation of First Nations

government. This plan provides the framework and necessary steps to give life

to self-government. The work at this week's National Policy Forum is an

opportunity for First Nations leaders and experts to create detailed and

focused plans for the specific priority areas of housing, education and environmental stewardship.

these issues are linked, and progress in education, housing, and environmental stewardship will constitute important steps toward securing a better quality of life for our people. Similarly, we know that real progress requires recognition of our rights and interests as First Nation peoples."

A highlight of the first day was a presentation by Dr. Michael Chandler a Psychology Professor at the University of British Columbia, called "First Nation Self-determination as the Key to Healthy, Viable Communities". Dr. Chandler spoke of research findings that demonstrate measurable improvements in health and well-being in communities that are exer-

ability to control our lives," said Fontaine. "The work we have been doing over the past twelve months is about showing that there is a real path to progressive change, and that change can be brought about in a way that benefits all of us. It should be obvious by now that sustainable, transformative change will not happen by tinkering with outdated programs and policies. The solutions must be based on the recognition and implementation of self-government. First Nations are meeting the challenge and producing the plan."

The National Policy Forum is being held April 19-21, 2005 at Le Sheraton Centre de Montréal, Quebec.

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**Manitoba chief apologizes to Jews for letter**

WINNIPEG (CP) - The chief of a southern Manitoba reserve apologized to Jews Monday for warning that media coverage of the David Ahenakew hate trial will produce a dramatic rise in aboriginals' hatred of Jews.

"I realize now that my approach, tone and some of my comments were deeply hurtful and offensive to some members of the Jewish community," Roseau River Chief Terrance Nelson told a news conference.

"I wish to apologize to the Jewish people of Manitoba and Canada for any offence, anger or hurt I may have caused."

But the B'Nai Brith League for Human Rights called the apology inadequate and repeated its call for Nelson's resignation.

David Matas, the organization's lawyer, said someone in Nelson's position of power should have a better understanding of anti-Semitism instead of repeating his claims that the concentration of

"Jewish-owned" media in Canada is allowing hate to be published about aboriginals.

"It's an apology that shows he doesn't get it," said Matas.

"He says it's not about religion, but then he identifies the religion of the Jewish writers. It would be ridiculous to criticize all Christians because one Christian writer says something wrong."

Nelson landed in hot water last week after writing in a letter to the Winnipeg Free Press that punishing Ahenakew would only make him a martyr.

"Natives are killing whites now, soon they will be killing police officers on a regular basis," he wrote.

Nelson said then, and repeated Monday, that he did not agree with Ahenakew's views, but also claimed Jews own and control much of Canada's media and blamed that media for ignoring the suffering of native people.

Ahenakew, former head of the Assembly of First Nations and a member of the Order of Canada, is on trial in Saskatoon for the wilful promotion of hatred. Court has heard that in a published interview two years ago, he called Jews a disease and suggested the Holocaust was justified. A judge will render a verdict on June 10.

Nelson's comments drew a sharp rebuke from Assembly of First Nations Grand Chief Phil Fontaine

that was echoed in the Commons



*Terrance Nelson*

on Monday by federal Justice Minister Irwin Cotler.

Nelson attributed the press release's tone to the fact he wrote it at 1 a.m. and did not spend enough time reviewing it properly. But he said it has been misinterpreted by those who incorrectly believe he is inciting violence against Jews.

Nelson is no stranger to controversy. In 1998, he travelled to Iraq, where he attacked UN sanctions against Saddam Hussein, and compared the plight of Iraqis to aboriginal people in Canada.

He was found guilty in 1997 of five counts of illegally keeping gaming devices, 47 slot machines and other gambling equipment.

He recently threatened to sue Ottawa over its refusal to allow conversion of the old Canada Packers site in Winnipeg into an urban reserve.

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Two	11 to 13	July 11-14	Computers/Sports	Canada's Wonderland Byng Island
Three	9 to 10	July 18-21	Step Back in Time	Confederation Park Medieval Times
Four	6 to 8	July 25-28	Where the Wild Things Things Are!	2002 Earl Haig
Five	11 to 13	Aug 2-5	"The Sound Of Music"	Niagara Falls Visit to a Studio
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**Charges stayed against 3 people connected to Man. native addictions treatment centre**

WINNIPEG (CP) - Charges have been stayed against three people accused in a multimillion-dollar fraud and bribery scheme at the Virginia Fontaine Addictions Foundation on the Sagkeeng First Nation. In a brief statement to the court on Wednesday, prosecutor Jason Clouston said the Crown is continuing its prosecution against other individuals.

Clouston did not specify why the charges were dropped against Kalya Dawson, Vera Bruyere and Delores Fontaine and he would not comment outside court.

Fontaine is the wife of Perry Fontaine, the former president of the treatment centre, and Bruyere is their daughter. Both women had been charged with bribery. It was alleged they gave Paul Cochrane, a former assistant deputy minister for Health Canada, and his family two Jeep Grand Cherokees. Neither of the two women were in court Wednesday. Dawson, a travel agent, was accused of preparing false travel claims and charged with forgery. She was in court but declined to comment. Her lawyer, Tim Killeen, said outside court that staying the charges against his client was a "sensible decision." Charges have now been

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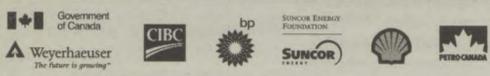
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DEATH

HILL: Cameron Suddenly at the St. Joseph's Hospital, Hamilton on Sunday April 17, 2005 at the age of 59 years. Beloved husband of Sharon (Johnson) Hill. Loving Dad of Shannon, C.G. and Brenda, and Brent. Dear Papa of Jessie, Wade, Brad, Randi, and Dallas. Son of the late Aubrey and Elma Hill. Brother of Wayne Allen and Carol, James and Gerri, Blanche and the late Mitch VanEvery, Hubert and Penny, Wanda, Dick and Hazel, Dave and Jackie, Brenda and Bill, Lonnie and June, Roger and Charlene, Brian (Mutt), Pam and Gary, and the late Gerald and Tony. Brother-in-Law of Jackie. Son-in-Law of Winona and the late Hiram Johnson. Brother-in-Law of Heather and Glen. Cam will also be sadly missed by many nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, and cousins. The family honoured his life with visitation at the Styres Funeral Home, Ohsweken after 2 p.m. Tuesday where Funeral Service will be held in the Chapel on Wednesday April 20, 2005 at 1p.m. Cremation to follow. Evening Service was 7 p.m. Tuesday. As an expression of sympathy donations may be made to the Brantford General Hospital of the Diabetic Association.

THANK YOU

We would like to thank everyone who came out to eat on Saturday, and everyone who donated. A special thank-you to Auntie Shirley, Sharon, Auntie Annie, Darryl & Val, Marty & Joan, Giles Butcher & Sheryl Mellor (for the meat), Christ Church, Lee's Variety, Erlind's Restaurant, Big Six Gas Bar & Cayuga Convenience. 50/50 Winner Cindy Carpenter won \$126.00

Greatly Appreciated Pete & Sam Powless & Family

THANK YOU

To the Dreamcatcher Fund for supporting me when I went to the Little NHL in Sault St. Marie. If it wasn't for you, we wouldn't be the winners of the Pee Wee "B" Division.

Ian L. Martin

NOTICE

BBQ & Bake Sale Date: April 21 2005 Time: 11:30-2:00 Where: Six Nations Veterans Park

NOTICE

Earth Day Celebration Friday April 22, 2005 6:00 Sunrise Ceremony St. Johns Corner 2067 Tuscarora Rd. & 5th Line All Day Spring Clean Up

Weleikes' Wholesale Navaho Tacos \$5.00 each Strawberry Drink Available Everyone Welcome to come out Spend the day with friends and lend a helping hand in appreciation for our Heritage.

NOTICE

Dinner -N- Social Fundraiser for Spirit of the Youth Working Group Continuing the work started at the 2004 International Indigenous Elders Summit. When: April 22nd at 5pm Where: Polytechnic \*Serving corn soup and scone\* Proceeds towards start-up costs

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HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!!

Donations for this event accepted at the K/G Language Preservation Project Phone: 445-2085 Fax: 445-0267

NOTICE

Six Nations Girl's Field Lacrosse is looking for girls between the ages of 5 and 12 who would like to play house league. The house league program will consist of 4 teams playing a schedule on Wednesday evenings from 6:30p.m. until 8:00 p.m. It will begin on Wednesday, May 4, 2005 and run until the end of July. The cost is \$75.00 for the season. For more information or to register, contact Kathy Smith at 519-445-9257.

NOTICE

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