

IROQUOIS CAUCUS

RECORD OF DECISIONS – FINAL

Six Nations, April 3 & 4, 2014

PARTICIPANTS

Kahnawake: Chief Martin Leborgne, Chief Bob Patterson, Chief Gina Deer, Dennis Diabo (technical advisor)

Akwesasne: Chief Billy Sunday, Chief Louise Thompson

Tyendinaga: Chief Don Maracle, Councillor Barry Brant, Tanya King-Maracle (policy analyst)

Six Nations: Chief Ava Hill, Councillor Carl C. Hill, Councillor Helen Miller, Councillor Lewis Staats, Councillor Sherry-Lyn Hill Pierce, Councillor Melba Thomas, Eliza J. Montour (political advisor), Richard Powless (advisor)

Oneida: Chief Joel Abram, Councillor Olive Elm, Councillor Harry Doxtator, Martin Powless (policy analyst)

Wahta: Chief Philip Franks, Councillor Karen Commandant, Councillor Stuart Lane

Kahnesatake: No Participants

Guests: Chief Louise Hillien (Caldwell), Geoff Stonefish (AIAI), Denise Stonefish (AIAI), Grand Chief Gord Peters (AIAI), Chris McCormick (Batchewan), Chief Greg Peters (Deleware), Joshua Shoemaker (AIAI), Darryl Chrisjohn, Jesse Ireland, Alec Elijah, Anthony Nicholas, Jim Windle (Two Row Times), Donna Duric (Turtle Island News)

Chair: Carl C. Hill

Recorder: Tanya King-Maracle

Not all participants were able to be present for the duration of the meetings.

Floyd Harris opened the meeting.

There was discussion on whether the media would be allowed into the meeting; the decision was to allow them in.

ASSOCIATION OF IROQUOIS AND ALLIED INDIANS

The Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians (AIAI) would like to share information and work. The government's cutbacks have affected everyone, there are less and less resources available. AIAI is not looking to attend every IC, but they would like to participate with particular issues as they arise.

It was stated that the IC and AIAI should work together on issues that they have in common (sharing information and technical resources).

BILL C-10

Third reading of Bill C-10 may occur on April 7th, we should ask the Senate to have hearings, and then we need to be a witness at those hearings. There is an opportunity for the opposition to make statements and raise issues, the NDP are willing to raise them. Representatives from the IC will be meeting with Senators next week.

The following was suggested to address Bill C-10:

1. Political Strategy
2. Communications Strategy
3. Legal Strategy
4. International Strategy

It was suggested to utilize the AFN as they have more resources.

The Confederacy at Six Nations has the position that the community needs to address Bill C-10, not the Chiefs. However, the Confederacy is working on a position paper regarding this matter.

Undertaking: The ICC will contact the clerk to request that the IC appear to give testimony before the Senate Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs.

Undertaking: The ICC will draft a letter to be sent to Premier Wynne requesting that an urgent letter be sent to PM Harper and to PM Harper stating the IC's opposition to Bill C-10.

KEITH CONN – NIHB

It was explained that generic drugs are a copy of a brand name, most provinces use generic drugs and some hospitals exclusively use generic drugs. Health Canada's position is that generic drugs are to be employed, however, there are exceptions. If a doctor writes a prescription and includes "no substitutions" then the system has to accept that.

There is a centralization, nationalization and predetermination when it comes to dental work. Braces are covered for anyone under the age of eighteen, but they need to be medically required.

It was asked of Mr. Conn how Bill C-3 affects NIHB. He responded by stating that the McIvor and east coast Kalipuut population receive special funding which is not coming from NIHB. Keith can be contacted to address anyone's concerns.

Keith Conn's contact information was sent to everyone via email

REVIEW FEBRUARY 5 & 6 DRAFT RECORD OF DECISIONS

The February 5 & 6, 2014 draft record of decisions was accepted as final.

HIK LETTER OF SUPPORT

Not all IC member communities are prepared to sign the letter of support requested by the Hiawatha Institute for Indigenous Knowledge.

It was acknowledged that individual councils may wish to send a letter of support on behalf of their respective community.

IROQUOIS CAUCUS REVENUE

There was discussion about the IC generating money instead of each community having to contribute yearly. The following are suggestions that were put forth:

1. Ask the tobacco manufacturers for funding
2. IC incorporate as non-profit
3. Casino
4. Advisory Services: Consultation Unit

It was stated that the IC does not need approval from any outside government to commence with any initiatives.

Undertaking: Each community will need to take the issue of revenue generating back to their respective council.

IC TECHNICIANS UPDATE

The reformatted draft IC terms of reference, processes and structure document was distributed.

Undertaking: Each community will take the draft terms of reference, processes and structure back to their respective council.

ENBRIDGE

Kahnawake has intervener status in this matter; they gave an update on their meetings with Enbridge.

There is concern that IC member communities should be ensuring that any agreement is in correlation with what municipalities are getting.

ICC UPDATES

IC Website: The website and domain name has been purchased. It was stated that the updated terms of reference, processes and structure will be on the website once they are agreed upon.

Fiscal Report: A fiscal report of the IC's activities throughout the year was distributed.

IC Finances: A summary and draft budget for the fiscal year of 2013-2014 was distributed. The ICC will follow-up on the status of the invoices for the year 2014-2015.

Undertaking: ICC will follow-up with 2014-2015 invoices and with the penalty assessed by the Best Western.

BORDER CROSSING

Akwesasne stated that the international border summit has been scheduled for June 10-12, 2014.

It was stated that these dates conflict with the OFNLP annual assembly that is scheduled for June 12th, June 10th & 11th is planning for AOCC. Akwesasne will report back if the date changes due to the conflict.

Undertaking: Akwesasne will forward information to the ICC on the new cards that are currently being worked on.

TAXATION

The IC will continue to work with the AFN on securing a meeting with the new Minister of Finance.

Undertaking: ICC will follow-up with the AFN on a letter to be sent to the new Minister of Finance (Oliver).

EDUCATION SUMMIT

Akwesasne is working on this matter, there is no definite date set at this point.

There was discussion regarding the government's announcement of the FNCFNEA. There is concern as to what role the AFN has in this legislation. It was suggested that the IC should meet with National Chief Atleo. It was stated that after the IC meets with Atleo, they should meet with INAC also.

Undertaking: Summit on Education in Ottawa, ICC is to organize.

Undertaking: ICC to set up a meeting with National Chief Atleo regarding the FNCFNEA ASAP.

Undertaking: Respond in writing to Minister Valcourt regarding the FNCFNEA, ICC to create a draft for circulation.

Undertaking: Each community is to develop a list of questions before the Education Summit and send them to the ICC, who will send them to Dennis Diabo, who will send them to Lloyd Philips to get a response.

Undertaking: Send a letter to AIAI and AFNQI stating that the IC would be willing to meet with them depending on common issues.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held in Wahta, there is a tentative date of May 28 & 29, 2014.

Floyd Harris closed the meeting.