

IROQUOIS CAUCUS

RECORD OF DECISIONS – FINAL

Tyendinaga July 3 & 4, 2013

PARTICIPANTS

Kahnawake: Robert Patton Jr., Martin LeBorgne, William Diabo, Dennis Diabo (Intergovernmental Coordinator)

Akwesasne: Bill Sunday, Brian David, Rasennes Pembleton (Researcher)

Tyendinaga: Barry Brant, R. Donald Maracle, Ted Maracle, Doug Maracle, Roy Maracle, John E. Maracle (Community member), Lisa Maracle (Director – Community Services), Amy Cowie (Research Assistant)

Wahta: No Representatives

Six Nations: Ava Hill, Carl Hill, Lewis Staats, Richard C. Powless (Advisor), Phil Monture (Land Rights Advisor)

Oneida: Joel Abram, Olive Elm, Carol Antone, Martin Powless (Policy Analyst)

Kahnesatake: No Representatives

Chair: Barry Brant

Recorder: Trevor Bomberry (ICC)

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

Olive Elm opened the meeting.

The draft agenda was reviewed with two amendments: add ATIP on Consultation update & Confederacy's letter on elected councils.

REVIEW MAY 6 & 7, 2013 DRAFT R.O.D.

The draft record of decisions were accepted as final.

IROQUOIS CAUCUS COORDINATOR UPDATES

Website: Two companies have been contacted. One has responded to inform the ICC that they are too busy to take in a new client and have forwarded the request for a quote to another website development company. ICC has asked Six Nations if they would like to submit a quote to create the Iroquois Caucus website.

Finances: ICC will clarify with MBQ finance the exact years each council has contributed. ICC will check with SN finance for an update on which councils have paid and the balance for this fiscal. It was agreed upon that all councils are to be paid in full by August 30, 2013. The IC agreed that the ICC will send an invoice to Kanehsatake and ask them to pay whatever they can and to attend the IC.

ICC will create a briefing note in regards to what the position has become and if adding one more day a week may be warranted.

Undertaking: ICC to continue working on website quotes.

Undertaking: ICC to work on historical & current finances.

Undertaking: ICC to create a briefing note re: the position.

Undertaking: ICC to send Kanehsatake an invoice and invite them to attend IC meetings.

IROQUOIS CAUCUS NAME CHANGE

It was decided that the Iroquois Caucus will not change its name. This issue may be revisited in the future.

WCIP & UNPFII UPDATES

Six Nations attended the UNPFII in New York in May. They went to find out about best practices on land issues. The Confederacy letter signed by Sid Hill was on the agenda, the Onondaga representative read excerpts from this letter condemning elected councils.

Ava Hill attended the WCIP in Norway on behalf of the Iroquois Caucus. Ava reported that there were not a lot of leaders at this meeting and it was being handled by the technical people.

Ava Hill shared hard copies of her two reports regarding these events with the IC.

UN RAPORTEURS UPDATE

There is no official confirmation of when the UN special rapporteurs will be coming to Canada. James Anaya wants to come separately and get out in the communities. Each rapporteur will need to be sent individual invitations directed to their mandates.

Richard Powless committed to create a draft letter for the IC to James Anaya.

It was agreed upon to send the invitation as the IC and meet as such. Akwesasne is the first choice for the location of the meeting.

Undertaking: Richard Powless will create a draft letter to be sent to James Anaya.

FINANCE MEETING UPDATE

The AFN is having difficulty in arranging a meeting with the Minister of Finance, they are saying the IC should be meeting with the CRA. The AFN has asked for a letter from the IC to be sent to the Minister outlining the issues. Each community is to outline in point form what they would like in the letter and send it to the ICC.

Undertaking: Each community is to send an outline to the ICC of what they would like in the letter that is to be sent to the Minister of Finance.

AFN/YUKON UPDATE

The deadline to get the resolution submitted has passed. The resolution will have to be tabled on the floor as an emergency resolution. Six Nations said Chief Montour will move the motion and Chief Philips will second the IC resolution at the AFN/Yukon AGA.

Undertaking: Chief Montour & Chief Philips will move and second the IC resolution at the AFN/Yukon AGA.

CHIEF WHITEDUCK PRESENTED THE ALGONQUIN DRAFT AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE

Hard copies and electronic copies were distributed to the IC.

AMANDA LICKERS PRESENTATION ON ENBRIDGE LINE 9 PIPELINE

Hard copies were distributed of her presentation. Amanda is seeking an alliance with the IC to stop the reversal of Line 9. The IC will discuss Amanda's proposal and respond to her.

NATIONAL CHIEF LETTER: POINTS 1, 2 & 5

Individual councils have discussed these points but have nothing prepared. Each council is to respond to the ICC before the next IC meeting so that a collective response can be created.

Undertaking: Each council is to respond to the ICC regarding points 1, 2 & 5 of the National Chief letter.

MRP UPDATE

The federal government's MRP law has been given royal assent and will come into effect in one year. Each IC community needs to get their own law in place within one year so it will supercede federal law.

Kahnawake & Akwesasne are close to having their own MRP law in place.

TOBACCO & FREE TRADE MOU

Chief Bill Montour will organize a meeting of the Grand Chiefs regarding the tobacco issue. Ava Hill will remind Chief Montour to organize the meeting.

It was pointed out that all presentations made to a Standing Committee is available on the internet.

Each community is to take the draft MOU back to their respective councils to have it ratified. Four months is the deadline to have it finalized.

Undertaking: Ava Hill will remind Chief Montour to organize a meeting of the Grand Chiefs regarding the tobacco issue.

Undertaking: Each community is to take the draft MOU back to their respective councils for ratification. Four months is the proposed deadline to have it finalized.

BRUNO STEINKE (AANDC) PRESENTATION – CONSULTATION AND ACCOMODATION UNIT

Hard copies were distributed as well as an electronic copy of his presentation.

Bruno committed to research the percentage that the government consults when they pass legislation in regards to First Nations.

Bruno also committed to follow-up on which First Nations were consulted in regards to the FN education act and if the government is going to consult with the Mohawks.

Undertaking: ICC will follow-up with Bruno Steinke on his commitments.

SIX NATIONS LAND RIGHTS

It was suggested that the IC needs to meet with Minster Zimmer to insist he take HDI off the list of organizations that need to be consulted with.

It was also suggested that each council have a signed resolution making this issue valid.

It was pointed out that NextEra used Tyendinaga's population to receive money since Tyendinaga gave Nextera permission to deal with Six Nations. Tyendinaga will research this issue as Nextera may have misunderstood Six Nations to be HDI.

Tyendinaga will coordinate responses with Six Nations. Each community is to send their own letter to the Ontario Premier, Minister Zimmer and Nextera.

Undertaking: Tyendinaga & Six Nations will coordinate responses regarding the HDI issue.

Undertaking: Each community may wish to send letters to the Ontario Premier, Minister Zimmer and Nextera to insist HDI be removed from the list of organizations to be consulted with.

CONFEDERACY LETTER RE: ELECTED COUNCILS

Kahnawake responded to the Confederacy letter.

It was pointed out that without Elected councils, the people would suffer. It was also stated that we (Elected & Confederacy councils) need each other.

CONSULTATION ACT

It was stated that it would be useful to do an ATIP, and to expand it beyond education. Ken Rubin is a consultant who specializes in exposing the government's actions. It may be worthwhile to see what it Ken Rubin could do and how much it would cost for his services. It was agreed to that the ICC will explore this issue further.

The IC agreed to submit an ATIP request. All councils are to send points to the ICC on what they would like included in the ATIP request by the end of July.

Undertaking: ICC to research more on Ken Rubin (cost etc.)

Undertaking: All communities to send points they would like to see in ATIP request to the ICC by the end of July.

EDUCATION & HEALTH

The ICC will send official letters on behalf of the IC to meet with the two Ministers. All communities and the AFN will be cc'd. Ava Hill will follow-up with the AFN.

Undertaking: ICC will send official letters to the Ministers of Education and Health.

Undertaking: Ava Hill will follow-up with the AFN.

LETTER TO HARPER

The letter that is being sent to PM Harper was agreed to and signed by representatives that were present from each IC community.

IC CONSULTATION POLICY UPDATE

The ICC received consultation materials three weeks prior. The IC consultation policy is still being worked on – nothing to report at this time.

It was decided to invite the government representatives to the next IC to address the Algonquin draft AIP. Each community is to have individual letters prepared to give to them regarding this issue. The IC will submit a letter as a whole also. It was suggested to get the IC councils researchers together to work on this and other consultation issues.

Undertaking: ICC to continue working on a consultation policy.

Undertaking: ICC will invite government representatives to the next IC.

Undertaking: Each community will prepare letters to give to the government representatives re: the Algonquin draft AIP. IC will submit a letter as a whole also.

Next Meeting: Akwesasne September 5 & 6, 2013

Bill Sunday closed the meeting.