

# IROQUOIS CAUCUS

## **RECORD OF DECISIONS – FINAL**

Kanesatake, July 3 & 4, 2014

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### **PARTICIPANTS**

**Kahnawake:** Chief Martin Leborgne, Chief Robert Patton Jr., Chief Gina Deer, Dennis Diabo (technical advisor)

**Akwesasne:** Chief Billy Sunday, Chief Louise Thompson, Chief Joe Lazore, Vaughn Sunday (intergovernmental liaison)

**Tyendinaga:** Chief R. Donald Maracle, Councillor Barry Brant, Tanya King-Maracle (policy analyst)

**Six Nations:** Chief Ava Hill, Councillor Carl C. Hill, Councillor Helen Miller

**Oneida:** Chief Sheri Doxtator, Councillor Harry Doxtator, Councillor Olive Elm, Martin Powless (Policy Analyst)

**Kahnesatake:** Grand Chief Serge Otsi Simon, Chief Victor Bonspille, Chief Lourena Montour, Chief Patricia Meilleur

**Wahta:** No Participants

**Guests:** John (Kanesatake Elder), Kris Green

**Chair:** Grand Chief Simon                      **Recorder:** Trevor Bomberry

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

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John (Kanesatake elder) opened the meeting.

### **REVIEW APRIL 3 & 4, 2014 DRAFT RECORD OF DECISIONS**

It was stated that the titles of the elected officials be inserted before their names.

The April 3 & 4, 2014 draft record of decisions was accepted as final.

## **ENBRIDGE**

Kahnawake has 115 concerns and recommendations with Enbridge, the last meeting they had with Enbridge (in April 2014), Enbridge only addressed one concern. Kahnawake will not meet with Enbridge again until more concerns are addressed.

Kanesatake was approached by Enbridge two years ago, they sent Enbridge a letter stating that Kanesatake is opposed to their project.

Six Nations has met with Enbridge once and has informed them that they need to have a community meeting with the people of Six Nations, this has not happened to date.

It has been noted that although Enbridge has not received approval of Line 9 from any IC community, they are proceeding with their project.

The Chippewa's of the Thames have launched an appeal against the approval of this project; Kahnawake will consider joining the appeal if their concerns are not addressed.

## **ICC UPDATE**

The ICC presented an update of the IC finances. The ICC requested the approval to increase the IC budget (2014-2015) to the amount of \$2.50 per month or \$30 for the year for the ICC's mobile phone, the requested was approved.

## **AFN: CONFEDERACY OF NATIONS**

The AFN's Confederacy of Nations was created in 1982; there is one representative for every 10,000 people and one for each region. The Confederacy of Nations was to meet quarterly to ensure the directions are carried out. There will be a Confederacy of Nations meeting on July 14, 2014

The IC proposed a resolution that was accepted by the AFN to sit as Nations, not as regions/provinces. There was a task force struck to deal with this resolution, they have not met recently though.

## **WORLD CONFERENCE ON INDIGENOUS PEOPLES**

There was a preparatory meeting last year in Alta, Norway. The outcome of this meeting was the Alta document, which was distributed to the IC last year.

The WCIP will be held on September 22 & 23, 2014 at the UN in New York. It was stated that there will not be a lot of people allowed in, security will be heavy as Obama is expected to attend.

## **TAXATION**

The IC has been trying to meet with the Federal Finance Minister since last year regarding taxation issues that IC community members have been having with the CRA. The direction was to meet with the Minister since it is his department that writes policy – CRA is enforcement only. The Federal Finance Minister at the time responded stating that the IC should meet with the CRA. It was suggested that perhaps the IC should meet with the CRA.

The IC will attempt to get a meeting with the new Federal Finance Minister Oliver.

The AFN was to have a national forum on taxation, with the AFN's current situation, it is unknown if this will happen. It was suggested that the IC should have their own taxation forum and that it would be a good idea to invite Gowlings law firm. It was decided to invite Gowlings to the next IC.

It was suggested to have a meet and greet in Ottawa in September when the standing committee will be reconvening, a taxation meeting could occur at this time in Ottawa as well.

**Undertaking:** ICC will send a request to meet with the new Federal Finance Minister Oliver.

**Undertaking:** Each IC community will need to take the idea of having an IC taxation forum back to their respective council.

**Undertaking:** ICC will invite Gowlings to the next IC.

## **IC CONSULTATION POLICY**

Each IC community is still analyzing the IC consultation policy.

**Undertaking:** Each community will continue to work on the IC consultation policy.

## **IC PROCESSES AND STRUCTURE**

The draft IC terms of reference, processes and structure was approved.

## **IC FREE TRADE MOU**

The ICC will organize a conference call with each council's contact people to discuss possible free trade items.

**Undertaking:** ICC will organize a conference call regarding free trade items.

## **EMAIL LIST REQUEST**

There was a request from a Wahta community member who asked to be added to the IC email list. The decision was to respond to the individual and let them know that they can get information from their Chief/Council.

**Undertaking:** ICC will email the Wahta community member to inform them of the IC's decision.

## **BORDER CROSSING SUMMIT**

Akwesasne gave an update on the Second International Indigenous Border Security Summit that will be held on September 3-5, 2014. Akwesasne and the AFN are co-hosting this event that will be held at the Akwesasne Mohawk Casino and Resort. Akwesasne representatives distributed a package with information and details on the summit.

It was suggested that the IC should meet with the Minister of Public Safety to address issues that IC communities are encountering on a regular basis.

**Undertaking:** ICC will circulate a draft letter to be sent to the Minister of Public Safety to request a meeting.

## **BILL C-10**

It was stated that the IC working together is the best choice in dealing with Bill C-10. The IC met with First Nations Senators in May, there will be another meeting with them and the RCMP in September.

It was said that more IC community members need to participate when it comes to opposing Bill C-10. The IC was successful in delaying the passing of this Bill until the fall, each community should work on the Senators over the summer and get them to vote against Bill C-10.

Each IC community should apply to get on the witness list for the standing committee when they reconvene in September. The ICC has already informed the clerk that the IC would like to give testimony at the hearings.

Kahnawake is in the final stages of creating their own tobacco law; they shared their draft law in February 2014 with the other IC communities.

It was suggested that a position paper be created on Bill C-10.

**Undertaking:** Each IC community apply to appear as a witness to give testimony at the hearings on Bill C-10.

**Undertaking:** ICC will organize a draft position paper on Bill C-10.

## **EDUCATION SUMMIT**

Oneida agreed to host the IC education summit. It was suggested to have each IC community's technician on this issue meet the day before the next IC in September. It was stated that once the summit is organized, then the appropriate people should be brought in.

It was indicated that a lawyer should draft a position on behalf of the IC to be sent to the government.

It was agreed that each community needs to complete a needs assessment in regards to education.

**Undertaking:** Each community will complete a needs assessment for their education.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

A letter of congratulations was approved to be sent to the Tsilhqot'in National Government on their recent victory on June 26, 2014 with the Supreme Court of Canada's decision in "*Tsilhqot'in Nation v. British Columbia.*"

### **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be in Oneida on September 18 & 19, 2014.

John (Kanesatake elder) closed the meeting.