



## Six Nations Support Resignation of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls Commissioners

Six Nations Elected Council supports the decision made by Six Nations missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls (MMIWG) families calling for the resignation of the current MMIWG Commissioners, and the reestablishment of the inquiry process.

“The current inquiry is based on colonial values and processes.

It must be built on the strengths and resiliencies of Indigenous culture, values, ceremonies and medicines,” said Chief Ava Hill.

The community of Six Nations wants answers; and as strong and resilient individuals who have faced traumas as the result of losing their loved ones, Six Nations MMIWG families have solutions. On May 15, 2017 an open letter was directed

to Chief Inquiry Commissioner Buller outlining concerns with the current inquiry. On July 11, 2017 a meeting was held with Six Nations MMIWG families, the Inquiry Commissioners and Minister Carolyn Bennett for discussion of Six Nations concerns.

To further support MMIWG families, Six Nations is also calling for an International Day of Ceremony on July 31, 2017. Indigenous and non-Indigenous individuals and organizations are asked to hold spiritual ceremonies and/or take a moment of silence to show their support. Continuing to honour the families of MMIWG, and the spirits of their loved ones.

## We Need Your Input on the Future of Our Community, Including the Use of the Burtch Lands

As of the end of March 2017, the Province of Ontario has transferred the title of approximately 381 acres known as the “Burtch Land” to a federal corporation directed by Six Nations Elected Council, with no affiliation to Six Nations Development Corporation.

At this point in time, all costs associated with the transfer of the land have been incurred by the Province of Ontario. The Province has agreed to incur all taxes on the property until it has been deemed “reserve land,” at which time the land will become tax-exempt. The Province has also provided additional funding to tile the lands for proper drainage.

With the best interests of the community at heart, all acreage will remain in-trust with the corporation until it can be officially added to Six Nations of the Grand River Territory in accordance with the Federal Government’s Additions to Reserve Policy.

Now we need your input on the future use of the

Burtch lands. We would also like to take this opportunity to get your input/feedback on some of our other community needs. Enclosed you will find a survey.

You can fill the survey out and return it to us in one of the following ways:

- Mail it to Central Administration using the enclosed return envelope Drop it off at Central Administration (1695 Chiefswood Road) Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:30 am - 4:00 pm
- Provide your completed survey to your District Councillor
- Take the survey online at [www.sixnations.ca/SNCommunityOutreachSurvey](http://www.sixnations.ca/SNCommunityOutreachSurvey)

Nia:weh for taking the time to complete this survey and share your ideas. We appreciate your input/feedback.

# ELECTED COUNCIL'S POSITION ON MEDICAL CANNABIS

Today, the possession and sale of cannabis (marijuana) for non-medicinal purposes is still illegal everywhere across the country. Storefront operations known as “dispensaries” are not licensed by Health Canada and are considered illegal.

Until federal legislative amendments have been enacted to legalize and regulate the use and sale of cannabis, Six Nations Elected Council remains of the position that cannabis is a controlled substance. As such, and in the absence of applicable Six Nations laws and regulations, the Elected Council considers cannabis subject to the Controlled Drug and Substances Act (CDSA). Six Nations Elected Council

is also in the process of developing a policy focusing on community well-being, in preparation for potential legislative amendments surrounding the use and sale of cannabis.

Those producing and selling cannabis for medicinal purposes, licensed under the Access to Cannabis for Medical Purposes Regulation (ACMPR), may only sell to individuals possessing proper medical documentation. Anyone caught dispensing cannabis and/or any of its derivatives within the Territory outside of the current legislative framework does so at the risk of being subjected to enforcement by Six Nations Police.

## Six Nations Health Services, Social Services and Community Organizations Working Together to Support the Community of Six Nations

Following recent losses on Six Nations of the Grand River Territory, Six Nations Health and Social Services came together to discuss how the community's departments, programs, services and organizations can collaborate to provide the support needed to the community of Six Nations at this time.

Committed to the health, well-being and safety of each and every individual on the Territory, all community members in need are encouraged to access the around-the-clock services being provided. These services include, but are not limited to counselling, outreach, shelter, mental health services, and crisis support:

- **Six Nations 24/7 Crisis Line**  
15 Sunrise Court 519-445-2204 or 1-866-445-2204
- **Six Nations Social Services Walk-In Support**  
Monday to Friday from 8:30 am - 4:30 pm  
15 Sunrise Court 519-445-0408
- **Six Nations Mental Health Walk-In Support**  
Monday to Friday from 8:30 am - 4:30 pm  
1745 Chiefswood Road 519-445-2143
- **New Directions Group Grief Recovery Counselling**  
1769 Chiefswood Road 519-445-2947
- **Ganohkwasra Family and Assault Support Services**  
24/7 services available with additional staff on hand at this time. 1781 Chiefswood Road 519-445-4324

- **Qualia Counselling Services**  
40 Cao Lane, Call or text 226-792-8433

Nia:weh to Six Nations' Police, Paramedics, and Fire and Emergency Services for the invaluable services they have and continue to provide.

## Hydro One Rates

Ontario's Fair Hydro Plan is expected to be implemented this August. The new plan includes:

- First Nations On-Reserve Delivery Credit (note: your bill MUST be tax exempt)
- An average of 25% reduction of the overall bill
- Enhanced relief through the Rural or Remote Electricity Rate Protection
- Access to the New Affordability Fund
- Enhancement of the Ontario Electricity Support Program (OESP)

To read more visit <http://www.sixnations.ca/OntariosFairHydroPlanCommunique.pdf>.

*(Source: Chiefs of Ontario Communique to First Nations Leadership.)*

# HYDRO ONE SHARES TRANSFER TO FIRST NATIONS IN ONTARIO

The Government of Ontario has broadened the ownership of Hydro One, a utility owning the majority of electricity distribution and transmission infrastructure in the Province. They are open to the acquisition of meaningful equity in Hydro One by First Nations in Ontario.

Terms of transfer of Hydro One shares to be shared by participating First Nations in Ontario:

Key Terms – Assumes 100% Participation by First Nations	
Number of Shares	14.875 million representing approx. 2.5% of Hydro One Limited
Purchase Price/Share	\$18.00/share (approx. 20% to 25% discount to market price)
Total Purchase Price	\$268 million
Loan Amount	\$268 million (fully financed by Province – no cash investment req'd)
Loan Term	25 years
Loan Interest Rate	Province's borrowing rate + 0.15%
Market Value of Shares	\$357 million (based on share price of \$24.00)
Market Value to Loan Covenant	150% fixed; currently approx. 133%
Seed Capital for Investment LP	\$45 million to be invested for long term wealth creation
Outside Closing Date	No later than December 29, 2017 – targeting earlier date
Participation	80% of the 133 Ontario First Nations need to sign as Partners in order for the deal to be accepted (106)

## Key elements to know:

- No cash investment is required by First Nations to participate
- There is no First Nations liability for repayment of the loan
- The transaction will not derogate from rights to pursue past grievances against former Ontario Hydro, Hydro One, OPG, OEF Corp, and Province
- A First Nations Wealth Creation Fund is being established to provide long term wealth creation for future generations of First Nations in Ontario

## Information sessions:

- Individual First Nations conduct internal engagement processes, with support from Chiefs Committee on Energy/Hydro One where needed. Engagement materials to be sent out June.
- First Nation decides if they want to sign on and become a Partner in OFN Sovereign Wealth L.P. First Nations attends webinars for review of Transaction Documents and to ask question on Transaction. Webinars to commence in June.
- First Nation provides executed Council Resolution and Equity Participation Commitment and Torys Waiver to Amy Lickers, Chiefs of Ontario. Packages for signature to be sent out June/July. Window opens for receipt of signed Packages.
- All remaining Participating First Nations to deliver signed packages to OFN Sovereign Wealth Forum planned for Sept. Targeting earlier closing in October. Any First Nations not signed up by formal closing date will forfeit right to participate.



Do you need assistance with disconnections, arrears, corrections to billing information, unexplained usage, individual payment plans, incorrect smart meter readings, tax exemption, high delivery charges, budgeting or poor interaction with telephone representatives? Have you signed a contract with a retail energy company like Summit Energy or Just Energy?

**FOR ASSISTANCE WITH THESE ISSUES CONTACT:**

**Arleen Maracle**  
Community Liaison Officer

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Email: arleenmaracle@sixnations.ca  
Hours: Monday - Friday 8:30am-4:30pm

# New Five Unit 3-Bedroom Townhouse Available Early 2018

The Six Nations of the Grand River Economic Development Trust (EDT) is proud to announce that 2017 Community Investment Funds have now been allocated. The EDT announced it had slated \$1.5 million for Community Investment in 2017.

On June 28, 2017 with the full support of the Advisory Committee, the EDT approved the Community Investment request by Six Nations Public Works in the amount of \$1.4million. This investment will enable Six Nations Housing to secure \$1.42 million in funding offered by the Canadian Housing and Mortgage Corporation (CMHC) to build a five unit, 3-bedroom townhouse, estimated to be completed by early 2018.

“We were in a situation where Housing had secured funds to build a 5-unit Townhouse as the first phase of a future housing development but we didn’t have the funds to get the road and utilities to it, this was a major issue and could have stopped any construction altogether,” said Michael Montour, Director of Public Works.

The Community Investment by the EDT will be used to service not only the 5-unit development with roads, water, sewage and hydro but will also provide infrastructure for all 95 units planned in the development, which includes a 20 unit seniors building, as well as the future site of Six Nations Public Library and Archival Repository.

“There are over 1,000 families on our waiting list for housing, the completion of this project is a step towards addressing the housing challenges facing our community,” said Karen Bomberry, Director of Six Nations Housing.

“The AC supports the EDT in the opportunity to assist in addressing the critical issue of housing, and by necessity, infrastructure at Six Nations, both of which are priority issues within the Six Nations Community Plan,” said Hilary Visheau, Chair of the Advisory Committee.

*(Source: Six Nations of the Grand River Development Corporation Media Release – New Five Unit 3-Bedroom Townhouse Available Early 2018)*

## North American Indigenous Games

On Sunday, July 16 the 2017 North American Indigenous Games kicked off with Opening Ceremonies in Toronto. With the honour of hosting lacrosse during the week of July 16-23 Six Nations held its own Opening Ceremonies on Monday, July 17 at the Community Hall.

The Six Nations Steering Committee, established by Six Nations Elected Council, also organized an amazing Cultural Program which included the opening ceremonies, a lacrosse festival, a social, a fashion show and a music festival and grand river pow wow kick off.

Nia:weh to the Six Nations Steering Committee, Thru the Red Door and to everyone who came out to take part in the games and events.

To learn more about the North American Indigenous Games visit [www.naig2017.to](http://www.naig2017.to). You can also follow NAIG on Facebook at [naig2017.to](https://www.facebook.com/naig2017.to) NAIG2017, [sixnations](https://www.facebook.com/sixnations) or on Twitter [@naig2017to](https://twitter.com/naig2017to)



**Councillor Wray Maracle and NAIG CEO Marcia Trudeau**



# ELECTED COUNCIL UPDATES

## Blue Bins

Six Nations Public Works has run out of blue bins, with an expected shipment at the end of July 2017. The bins are now larger for better recycling capacity. Bins are available FREE of charge up to 2 bins per household.

A.W. First Nations Recycling has reported recycling rates within our community are on the rise, with a 40% increase over the 2015 to 2016 year. Please keep helping to protect Mother Earth, and recycle!

## Bridge Rehabilitation

This summer we will begin rehabilitating Bridge No. 7 located on Chiefswood Road between Third and Fourth Line. These repairs will impact the flow of traffic through this area, but are needed to ensure the continued safety of our community. The bridge is scheduled for closure October to November 2017.

A funding request for the rehabilitation of Bridge No. 15 located on Onondaga Road between Second and Third Line has been submitted.

This past year we have successfully completed 2 urgent bridge replacements. Overall we have identified 11 bridges in need of rehabilitation in the upcoming years. We will also be completing inspections on all of Six Nations bridges and culverts to ensure the continued safety of motorists.

## Building Demolition

Within the next month we will be demolishing the old Salvation Army building.

## Construction Debris

If you need to dispose of waste containing construction debris, you must visit Six Nations Public Works to complete a Construction Debris Approval form and pay the associated \$20 fee. Approvals are only valid for 72 hours.

## Funding

We are advocating Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) for the funding needed to replace two pumper tankers that are more than 25 years old, for the Fire and Emergency Services Department.

We are continuing to work tirelessly to secure funds to complete Phase One of the watermain extensions to the outlying federal schools and the Oneida Business Park, in addition to other infrastructure projects.

We have secured funds to complete a community wide, ongoing, West Nile Virus Abatement Program from Health Canada.

We are very proud to announce that the 57th Elected Council has secured 1.8 million in capital project funding since the election in November 2016.

## Landfill Site Hours

Six Nations Landfill is now operating on summer hours from 8am-5:30pm Tuesday through Saturday. Gates will close at 5:15pm.

## McKenzie Creek

We will now be preparing to complete work in 2018 to improve drainage on the west side of the Territory, as part of the McKenzie Creek Master Drainage and Flood Remediation Plan. This will entail some work on private property on Third Line near Oliver M. Smith Elementary and near the intersection of Fourth Line and Seneca Road. The respective property owners impacted will be approached in the coming months to discuss the required work.

We will also be working with Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation to complete a study on the east side of our Territory and the New Credit First Nation as part of the Boston and Rogers Creek Master Drainage and Floor Remediation Plan.

## Ohsweken Intersection

Six Nations Public Works has painted new left-hand turning lanes on the north and south ends of Chiefswood Road. The advanced green on the north and south ends of Chiefswood Road has also been made operational.

Please remember to obey all hand signals, they're there to help ensure you know when it's safe to cross the road.



*Launch of NAIG 2017 Week with Provincial Minister of Children and Youth Services and Anti-Racism, MPP Michael Coteau*



*Meeting in Ottawa with Akwesasne Grand Chief Abram Benedict, Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale and Batchewana Chief Dean Sayers to discuss border crossing issues*



*Councillor Bob Johnson attends the 2017 Invictus Games Ticket Launch*

# Chief and Elected Council Community Engagements

**JUNE 2017**

<b>9th</b>	Delegates from Canadian Leadership Conference visit Six Nations
<b>10th</b>	Six Nations Polytech Student Recognition
<b>10th</b>	Annual Awards Banquet
<b>11th</b>	Veteran's Decoration Day at St. Peter's Church
<b>11th</b>	National Aboriginal Day of Prayer at the Mohawk Chapel
<b>13-15th</b>	All Ontario Chiefs Conference in Lac Seul
<b>13th</b>	Cabinet Committee on Poverty Reduction in Toronto
<b>15th</b>	Inauguration of the Niagara Wind Project in Stoney Creek
<b>16th</b>	National YMCA Conference in Edmonton
<b>20th</b>	Political Confederacy Round Table on Climate Change in Toronto
<b>20th</b>	Political Confederacy Meeting in Toronto
<b>21st</b>	Sun Rise Ceremony and Flag Raising at City Hall
<b>21st</b>	Solidarity Day
<b>22nd</b>	Indigenous Women's Leadership Meeting in Six Nations
<b>23rd</b>	Flag Raising at Harbourfront
<b>23rd</b>	Meeting with the Minister of Public Safety, Ralph Goodale along with Grand Chief Abram Benedict, Akwesasne and Chief Dean Sayers in Ottawa
<b>25th</b>	International Villages Ambassador Contest in Brantford
<b>26th</b>	Motherisk Commission in Six Nations
<b>27th</b>	Visitors from Scotland
<b>28th</b>	Visitors from Walpole Island attend the Justice Committee
<b>28th</b>	BBC Interview on Canada 150
<b>29th</b>	Assumption College Presentation of Awards
<b>29th</b>	Quincy Mack Show at Dajoh

**JULY 2017**

<b>4th</b>	Haudenosaunee Women's Lacrosse Team Fundraising Event at the Woodland Cultural Centre
<b>5th</b>	Political Confederacy Conference Call
<b>6th</b>	Border Crossing Meeting in Niagara Falls
<b>7th</b>	Regional Direction General of Indigenous Affairs visits Six Nations
<b>8th</b>	Ahmadiyya Muslim Convention in Mississauga
<b>12th</b>	Welcome Team Newfoundland to Six Nations
<b>14th</b>	McMaster Nike 7 Day in Hamilton
<b>16-23rd</b>	North American Indigenous Games
<b>19th</b>	Chiefs of Ontario Political Confederacy Meeting
<b>21st</b>	Red Barn Closing Day
<b>22-23rd</b>	Grand River Champion of Champions Pow Wow
<b>24-26th</b>	World Indigenous Peoples Conference on Education
<b>25-27th</b>	Assembly of First Nations in Regina

*Keep Up the Great Work!*



**Wiseman Mathematics Winners**



**Madison Davey and Maci General**

## Community Action Group



Recently the new volunteer Community Action Group met to discuss forming a Six Nations Crime Stoppers and Neighbourhood/Elderly Watch. Lead, Councillor Sherri-Lyn Hill Pierce is also working on having a number of signs installed throughout the Territory related to community safety.

***Interested in volunteering for the Community Action Group? Contact us at 519-445-2201***



# Community Benches

Check out the beautiful new benches in front of Six Nations Elected Council Central Administration. Nia:weh to Grand River Employment and Training and everyone who helped craft them!

There will also be 2 benches outside of Ontario Works, and 11 at the Splash Pad.

Thank you to Councillor Sherri-Lyn Hill Pierce, Six Nations Ontario Works and Public Works for your support during this project.



# GARDEN REVITALIZATION PROJECT

Nia:weh to the City of Brantford for providing H.M. Royal Chapel of the Mohawks with a grant for the Garden Revitalization Project. The grant was administered through the Brant Community Foundation.

**Janis Monture, Director of Tourism and Cultural Initiatives receives grant from Brantford Mayor Chris Friel, photo courtesy of Six Nations Tourism**



# DIABETES EDUCATION PROGRAM

We can help you:

- Prevent diabetes
- Be more active and make healthy food choices
- Take your medicine and insulin the right way
- Get traditional medicines
- Know your numbers (blood sugar, cholesterol, blood pressure)

You will have access to the following providers:

- Registered Nurse
- Registered Dietitian
- Registered Social Worker
- Foot Care RPN's

The Diabetes Education Program Office is located on the second floor at White Pines Wellness Centre at 1745 Chiefswood Road.

For more info contact The Diabetes Education Program at 519-445-2226 to book an appointment.

# MONTHLY MEETINGS FOR DISTRICT FOUR

District Four Councillors Helen Miller and Wray Maracle have started holding district meetings on the last Wednesday of each month. To date two meetings have been held, and the Councillors encourage more people to attend.

"I'm hoping that when people find out about the regular meetings they will come to talk about their issues and concerns or find answers to their questions," said Councillor Miller.

"Helen and I are having these district meetings for not only the community members of District Four but all community members who want to be informed of what Six Nations Elected Council is currently dealing with now and in future," said Councillor Maracle.

Come out, eat pizza and talk! The first person who shows up with a family member or a friend will win a \$20 Tim Horton's gift card.

# MEETING FOR DISTRICTS FIVE AND SIX

District Five Councillors Bob Johnson and Hazel Johnson, along with District Six Councillors Hill and Thomas will be holding a district meeting on Wednesday, August 2 at Dajoh Youth and Elders Centre from 6pm-8pm regarding the Community Outreach Survey. Snacks will be provided.

It is necessary for each person to have their say in the development of the Burtch lands, which will benefit the entire Territory. The survey also includes other matters that are affecting our community members.

Surveys have been mailed; please bring your completed survey with you to the District Meeting. Surveys will also be available at the meeting or you can complete it online at: [www.sixnations.ca/SNCommunityOutreachSurvey](http://www.sixnations.ca/SNCommunityOutreachSurvey)

# COMMUNITY EVENTS

## **BELONGING – FASD SUPPORT GROUP (AGES 18+)**

First Tuesday of the month starting August 1 from 5:00 - 7:00 pm. Call 519-445-2947 for location and to register.

## **YOUTH 5K FOAM FEST TRAINING**

Tuesdays and Thursdays until August 17 starting at 4:30 pm at the Blue Track (Tuesdays) and Hiking Trail (Thursdays). Call 519-445-4779 to register.

## **ADULTS AQUAFIT**

Tuesdays August 1-22 from 10:30 - 11:30 am at the Wayne Gretzky Sports Centre. Call 519-445-4779 to register.

## **KARAOKE**

August 1, 8, 22, 29 from 7:00 - 9:00 pm at the Iroquois Lodge. Call 519-445-2224 for more information.

## **KNIT/CROCHET/SEWING CIRCLE**

Tuesdays August 1-29 from 9:30 - 11:30 am at Dajoh Youth and Elders Centre. Call 519-445-2224 to register.

## **MOCC WALK**

Tuesdays and Thursdays August 1-31 from 11:00 am - 12:00 pm at Dajoh Youth and Elders Centre. Call 519-445-4779 for more information.

## **COUCH TO 5K RUNNING GROUP**

Mondays and Wednesdays August 2-30 from 4:30 - 5:30 pm on Mondays and 6:00 - 7:00 pm on Wednesdays at the Blue Track. Call 519-445-4779 to register.

## **YOUTH GOLF PROGRAM (AGES 11-17)**

Wednesdays August 2, 9 from 1:00 - 4:00 pm at MontHill Golf & Country Club. Call 519-445-4779 to register.

## **BOWLING “INDOOR FLOOR”**

Thursdays August 3-31 at 3:00 pm at the Iroquois Lodge. Call 519-445-2224 for more information.

## **STROLLERFIT (PRE/POST-NATAL MOMS)**

Mondays and Thursdays August 3-31 from 10:30 - 11:30 am at the Blue Track. 519-445-4779.

## **HIKING GATHERING (ALL AGES, ADULT ACCOMPANIMENT REQUIRED)**

August 4, 8 from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm at various locations, transportation provided. Call 519-445-2143 to register.

## **MOVE TO MUSIC – STEAD EXCERISE**

Saturdays August 5-26 from 10:00 - 11:00 am at the Iroquois Lodge. Call 519-445-2224 for more information.

## **BREATHE EASY & SUPPORTERS**

First Monday of each month starting August 7 from 10:00 - 11:30 am. Call 226-387-0084 or 519-445-4779 x2297 for location and more information.

## **LIFE SKILLS (AGES 18+)**

August 8 from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm or 4:30 - 6:30 pm in the Mental Health Boardroom. Call 519-445-2143 to register.

## **SCHOOL READINESS PROGRAM (AGES 4-5)**

August 8-18 from 8:30 am - 12:00 pm at Emily C. General School in the Kindergarten Room. Call 519-445-0339 to register.

## **BATCH COOKING (AGES 16+)**

August 9 from 1:00 - 4:00 pm at White Pines Wellness Centre. Call 519-445-2143 to register.

## **ADULT COOKING CLASS**

August 9 or 29 from 4:30 - 7:00 pm on August 9 or 10:00 am - 12:30 pm on August 29 at White Pines Wellness Centre. Call 519-445-4779 to register.

## **SUMMER DAY CAMP HIKE (AGES 9-15)**

Fridays August 11-25 from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm at the Bruce Trail, Dundas Valley, Elora Gorge, Balls Falls. Call 519-445-4779 to register.

## **“CRUISIN’ DOWN THE GRAND” CAR SHOW**

August 12 (Raindate August 13) starting at 9:00 am at the Iroquois Lodge. Call 519-445-2224 (car entrants must register).

## **DRUMMING WITH CLIFF**

August 14 from 10:30 - 11:30 am at the Iroquois Lodge. Call 519-445-2224 for more information.

## **BREASTFEEDING SOCIAL GROUP**

August 31 from 12:00 - 1:30 pm at Family Gatherings. Call 519-445-4779 for more information.

## **TRADITIONAL TEACHINGS & BBQ (ALL AGES, ADULT ACCOMPANIMENT REQUIRED)**

August 31 from 1:00 - 3:00 pm with location TBC. Call 519-445-2143.

# *Congratulations!*

**Ken “Monster” Montour** for being inducted into the Ontario Lacrosse Hall of Fame.

**To all of the Six Nations youth and artists who have been featured on “The Art Show” airing on CBC Kids.** Be sure to tune in on Saturday morning at 11:20am or check out an episode on YouTube!