



Six Nations Achieves Designation to Provide Its Own Child Welfare

On Thursday, January 25, 2018 the Ministry of Children and Youth Services (MCYS) notified Ogwadeni:deo (Six Nations Child Welfare) of their successful completion of the Child Welfare Designation Process.

“Six Nations welcomes the news that we have achieved designation status,” said Chief Ava Hill. “Nia:weh to the community for their patience, contributions and continued involvement. Although there is still work to do, we are excited to have a community-based agency that works with our children, families and existing services”.

As of January 29, 2018 the Six Nations Agency became active for the delivery of child protection services in accordance with the Child and Family Services Act (CFSA). Services will be provided to Onkwehonwe on the Territory, in the City of Brantford and in the County of Brant. A phased transfer process for existing Six Nations clients has been initiated between Brant Family and

Children’s Services (Brant FACS) and Ogwadeni:deo. The process will be inclusive of both families and services providers to ensure service and/or information gaps are prevented. A protocol also exists between the two agencies to further ensure continuity of service during the transition period.

“This is a significant accomplishment made possible with much work and support of our community members, working group and commission members, community programs and staff,” said Arliss Skye, Director of Six Nations Social Services. “We are looking forward to a community celebration in the near future.”

The agency, with its head office located in Ohsweken at 2469 Fourth Line, will operate Monday through Friday between the hours of 8am-9pm. An after-hours service will also be in place to ensure 24-hour coverage and response to child protection concerns. During the transition period, those wishing to report new concerns of child

abuse and/or neglect are asked to continue contacting Brant Family and Children’s Services at (519) 753-8681 until April 1, 2018. All other reports or inquiries can be made through Ogwadeni:deo at (519) 445-1864.

“I would also like to acknowledge the work of all of those involved in making this a reality for our community,” added Skye. “It has been a long process and much work has been accomplished.”

For more information about Ogwadeni:deo visit:

www.sixnations.ca/CWD



TELEPHONE SCAM

Recently received a call from someone claiming to be from the CRA? Be wary.

Remember, you do NOT have to provide any information.

- State to them that they are calling a First Nation not subject to taxation
- State you will be reporting them
- Hang up and call the Elected Council (519-445-2201) and Six Nations Police (519-445-2811)

Please share with family and friends!



Welcome Councillor Bomberry!

On February 24, 2018 a by-election was held for Six Nations District Five. Nia:weh to all of the nominees and congratulations to Kerry Bomberry on his successful election.

Photo: Councillor Bomberry taking his Oath of Office at General Council on February 28, 2018 at Central Administration (1695 Chiefswood Rd).

To see full by-election results visit us online at www.sixnations.ca

Elected Council Calls for Justice in Death of Colton Boushie

Following announcement of the jury’s decision that found Gerald Stanley not guilty in the fatal shooting of Colten Boushie, a young Indigenous man in Saskatchewan; Six Nations Elected Council supports the call for an inquiry into the investigation and trial of Stanley.



(Photo: Colton Boushie)

The jury, lacking any Indigenous representation, deliberated for thirteen hours prior to determining

Stanley, 56, not guilty of second-degree murder in the death of the 22 year old from Red Pheasant Nation.

“A promise had been made by the federal government to enhance and protect Indigenous rights,” said Chief Ava Hill. “It’s disheartening to see that major changes are still needed to ensure that an area as critical as the justice system works for everyone, regardless

of nationality.”

In addition to the inquiry into Boushie’s death and the crucial need for an overhaul of the justice system, Six Nations Elected Council also supports the call to develop a national strategy that addresses racism in Canada.

“After 150 years of colonization and the loss of our peoples’ identity, culture, language and self-worth, it’s time for change,” added Hill. “It’s time for justice.”



Ohsweken – On Wednesday, February 21 at 2:18pm the Six Nations Emergency Control Group declared a state of emergency for the community of Six Nations, following a flood warning issued by the Grand River Conservation Authority. On Monday, February 26 at 11:23am, the Six Nations Emergency Control Group terminated the emergency declaration.

The Grand River Conservation Authority had advised that water flow through Six Nations was anticipated to remain high for the remainder of the week, following the declaration termination.

Inspection of the floodplain will be conducted over the next few weeks. Six Nations Public Works will also be coordinating inspections and follow up work on Chiefswood Bridge and the roads along Fourth Line between Seneca Road and Bateman Line as part of Six Nations recovery efforts.

All homes within the 744 Fourth Line West to Bateman Line area are accessible.

All motor vehicles are asked to continue obeying all road signs. The public is also reminded to continue exercising caution, staying back from riverbanks. Banks adjacent to rivers and creeks are very slippery and pose a serious hazard. Water levels will continue to be monitored.

Six Nations Fire and Emergency Services have resumed primary emergency response for the community of Six Nations. Thank you (nia:weh) to the City of Brantford and the County of Brant Fire Departments for their assistance and support during the time of Six Nations emergency.

For more information on river safety, visit Grand River Conservation Authority’s River Safety Rules available online at www.grandriver.ca

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SMILES 4 CANADA

SMILE. Are you a low income family with children 14 and under in need of orthodontic care? Applications are now open for funding!

www.smiles4canada.ca

Government of Canada Supporting Improved Access to Drinking Water in Six Nations of the Grand River First Nation

Everyone in Canada deserves access to safe, clean, and reliable drinking water.

On February 5, 2018, the Minister of Indigenous Services, the Honourable Jane Philpott, and Chief Ava Hill of the Six Nations of the Grand River First Nation, announced

a water main extension project which will expand the distribution of treated drinking water to two federally-operated schools on reserve.

The tendering process is already underway. Construction is expected to begin in March and be completed by the end of 2018. This project will allow for direct connection from the water treatment plant to I.L. Thomas School, which treats well water on site, and O.M. Smith School, which receives trucked water. The project will also provide an opportunity for future connections to the water distribution system to more than 400 homes currently on wells.

Quotes

“Everyone in this country deserves access to clean, reliable drinking water

- something many Canadians take for granted. Our government is proud to

work with Six Nations of the Grand River First Nation and to support their efforts to expand their water distribution system. I commend Chief Hill and council for their efforts in improving water distribution

and the future vision for their community.”

*The Honourable Jane Philpott
Minister of Indigenous Services*

“The vision of the Six Nations Elected Council is to one day expand the water distribution system throughout the entire community. This is something we have strategically and tirelessly been working towards for well over a decade. There are many of our community members still relying on wells, and our water plant operators struggle and sacrifice daily to meet the community’s water demands. Thankfully we were able to construct the new Water Treatment Plant and upgrade a critical piece of infrastructure

over the past four years, to put us in the position where we can begin to extend the water main. This water main extension represents Phase One of our ultimate goal.”

Chief Ava Hill

Six Nations of the Grand River

(Source: Government of Canada Press Release, Indigenous Services Canada)



(Photo: water main funding announcement | Photo Credit: Indigenous Services Canada)



HYDRO ISSUES?

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

SIX NATIONS ELECTED COUNCIL CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION
1695 Chiefswood Road, Ohswegen
Phone: 519-445-2201 x3230
Email: arleenmaracle@sixnations.ca
Hours: Monday - Friday 8:30am-4:30pm

129 First Nations Acquire Shares of Hydro One

As of December 28, 2017 the Ontario First Nations Sovereign Wealth LP welcomed 129 First Nations, including Six Nations, to the acquisition of shares of Hydro One.

“In November 2017 the Six Nations Elected Council passed a resolution to participate in the Sovereign Wealth LP,” said Chief Ava Hill. “Through acquiring shares of Hydro One, we will have

the opportunity for collective wealth creation for our future generations.”

The transaction was negotiated by the Chiefs Committee on Energy on behalf of the Chiefs of Assembly, with a minimum of 80 percent participation required to finalize the agreement. Totalling over 90 per cent participation, the Sovereign Wealth LP has become one of the largest commercial limited

partnerships among First Nations in the province.

To date, the Sovereign Wealth LP has completed the purchase of 14,391,012 common shares in Hydro One Limited and received a seed capital contribution of \$29,023,890 for long-term wealth creation for its First Nations partners.

Canada Congratulates Six Nations Polytechnic on Innovative STEAM Academy

The Government of Canada believes every First Nation child should get the best start in life, and is working in partnership with First Nations to support their goals for a quality education system.

On February 5, 2018, the Honourable Jane Philpott, Minister of Indigenous Services, was pleased to be in Six Nations of the Grand River to congratulate Six Nations Polytechnic on their innovative STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics) Academy. The STEAM Academy is the first school in Canada to offer students a high school diploma and a college diploma concurrently; encouraging a new, modern generation of learners. This program gives students access to tools ranging from advanced virtual reality, to thousands of years of Indigenous knowledge, to the shared care and experience of a dedicated team of both Indigenous and non-Indigenous educators. Students begin taking college courses as early as grade 10 and finish the program in 5-6 years with both an Ontario Secondary School Diploma and a 2 year Ontario College Technician Diploma.



(Photo: STEAM funding announcement)

Indigenous Services Canada is pleased to support Six Nations Polytechnic with funding for post-secondary education, parental and community engagement, language, and student tuition.

Quotes

“Six Nations Polytechnic continues to show their outstanding leadership and commitment to quality education through the STEAM Academy. This innovative program not only prepares students for successful futures in science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics, but also grounds their learning in Indigenous culture and language.”

*The Honourable Jane Philpott
Minister of Indigenous Services*

“All children have gifts and are eager to learn if challenged and supported in positive ways. Six Nations Polytechnic made the decision to launch the STEAM Academy to offer students an opportunity to learn in a culturally supportive environment that encourages creativity, critical thinking, innovation, excellence and mutual respect. Students are enjoying the STEAM Academy experience and that speaks volumes.”

*Rebecca Jamieson
President/CEO of Six Nations Polytechnic*

“Our students deserve every opportunity to succeed. Six Nations Polytechnic has been pro-active in taking the steps to initiate the STEAM Academy and to build a strong and dedicated team to make this a reality for its students. With this funding, we are looking forward to the future with a renewed sense of hope and resilience.”

*Chief Ava Hill
Six Nations of the Grand River*

Quick Facts

- Six Nations Polytechnic has successfully delivered post-secondary education and training programs to Indigenous and non-Indigenous students for the past twenty-five years in a wide variety of program offerings
- Six Nations Polytechnic’s STEAM Academy launched in Brantford, Ontario in September 2017
- Tuition is provided at no cost to students

(Source: Government of Canada Press Release, Indigenous Services Canada)

Safety Mobile App Survey

Six Nations community organizations are partnering to bring a FREE mobile safety app for all community members living on and off reserve!

Please take a few minutes to answer 10 questions and help us build this application. Prizes drawn monthly. Survey is open from March - May 2018.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FPFQM8G>

Summer Camp Survey

We would like to continue designing and planning Summer Camps that reflect the wants and needs of our community...

What would you like to see for Six Nations Summer Camps? Let us know, take the survey today!

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SNSummerCamps>

Six Nations to Pursue Niagara Reinforcement Line Investment

Six Nations Development Corporation has announced that Six Nations will be pursuing the Niagara Reinforcement Line (NRL) Bundled Solution which will see the line energized by A6N Utilities by Spring 2019.

On February 20, 2018 the Six Nations Elected Council approved the Six Nations Grand River Development Corporation (SNGRDC) Board of Directors' and Advisory Committee's recommendation to pursue the business opportunity along with the Six Nations Development Corporation's approach on how to address the community concerns identified through Community Engagement. A total of 14 formal written submissions were received - 66% contained no definitive opinion, 22% were positive and 12% were negative. Through Community Engagement, seven key considerations were identified and an approach to address the concerns was laid out in the NRL Path Forward. This will include a commitment to engage a third party to conduct a Peer Review of the NRL Environmental Assessment.

The Six Nations Development Corporation will acquire a 25% equity interest in the line on behalf of the Six Nations Community. This investment will be financed by the Elected Council

through the allocation of \$12.5 million received from a transfer payment agreement (TPA) related to gaming modernization in Ontario.

The funds were directed to Six Nations, "to advance economic development initiatives for Six Nations Community Members." The NRL Bundled Solution fulfills the purpose of the fund by creating a long-term stream of revenue for Six Nations. It will also position Six Nations Development Corporation to pursue future renewable development opportunities through a 300MW set-aside by the Ministry of Energy. The Six Nations Development Corporation sought the allocation to address community concerns, identified through community engagement, related to incurring long-term debt. By entering into the investment debt-free, it will result in approximately \$8.4 million in interest savings.

The debt free acquisition of 25% interest in the NRL will generate not less than \$46 million over the projects useful life (calculated at 48 years) and is expected to retain a residual value well into the future. "Like all equity investments managed by Six Nations Development Corporation, surplus profits generated through the NRL

will ultimately flow to the Economic Development Trust for investment in community priorities," said Matt Jamieson, President/CEO of Six Nations Development Corporation.

The Economic Trust, which is funded through annual distributions from the Six Nations Development Corporation has invested over \$6.7 million into the Six Nations Community since 2016.

Elected Chief Ava Hill said, "This investment is a forward step for our community because surplus profits generated from Six Nations Development Corporation's investments in renewable energy and now the Niagara Reinforcement Line are used by the Economic Development Trust to invest in community priorities such as emergency services, waterline expansion and future housing developments."

The full community engagement report and the NRL Path Forward, along with all motions and resolutions are posted to www.snfuture.com as a matter of historical record.

For more information about Six Nations Development Corporation visit: www.sndevcorp.ca

(Source: Six Nations Development Corporation Press Release, Issued February 28, 2018)



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 SOCIAL WORKERS
It's what we do.
 SOCIAL WORKERS ON THE FRONT LINES OF REAL ISSUES

WATCH OASW.ORG/JANESSTORY
 #TURNISSUESINTOANSWERS

Social Work Week (March 5-11)

"Nia:weh to all of our wonderful Social Workers. Your efforts to break down barriers, open up channels of support, foster connection and empower others to unlock their own potential are the seeds of positive change."

- Nicole Oliver, Six Nations Family Health Team



CONGRATULATIONS DESTINY & DARIENNE

Congratulations to Destiny VanEvery (left) and Darienne Martin (right and runner up) for being nominated as student authors in the inaugural Laurier Stedman Writing Competition!

Indigenous Institutes

As part of the Ontario Fall Economic Statement, the Government of Ontario introduced legislation to recognize Indigenous Institutes as a unique and complimentary pillar of Ontario's post secondary education and training system.

This is part of the plan to create more pathways for Indigenous learners to earn a diploma, certificate or degree that reflects their knowledge, cultures and languages. The Ontario Government worked diligently with members of the Aboriginal Institutes Consortium through the policy co-creation process which led to this legislation. Six Nations Polytechnic and Ogwehoweh Skills and Trade Centre (OSTTC) are both members of the Aboriginal Institutes Consortium.

The Indigenous Institutes Act, passed at the end of 2017 does the following:

- Include a preamble that references Ontario's commitment to reconciliation and acknowledges the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples
- Create a framework for the Minister to recognize an Indigenous controlled and governed Council which would establish a quality assurance board and approve Indigenous Institutes credentials
- Provide that the Post Secondary Choice and Excellence Act, 2000, does not apply to Indigenous Institutes approved by the Council
- Enable the Council to provide recommendations to the Minister on new Indigenous Institutes for regular and on-going funding
- Contain a clause that states that the legislation would not abrogate or derogate from existing Aboriginal and Treaty rights

The Government is also committed to pursuing a regulatory change to exempt Indigenous Institutes from the Private Career Colleges Act, 2005.

CONGRATULATIONS LOGAN



Six Nations own Logan Staats is the first ever winner of CTV's The Launch #TheLuckyOnes
(Photo: Logan Staats & Chief Hill)

Intro to Six Nations Election Code

Would you like to learn more about the Six Nations Election Code? Join Six Nations Election Code Committee at one of their upcoming information and education sessions!

Session One

Date: April 9, 2018

Location: O.M. Smith | Time: 7pm-9pm

Session Two

Date: April 12, 2018

Location: Emily C. General | Time: 7pm-9pm

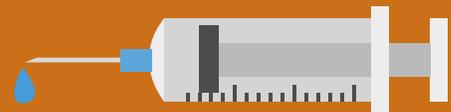
Session Three

Date: April 28, 2018

Location: Dajoh | Time: 2pm-4pm

Additional community engagements will be held in June, September and November. Stay tuned for details.

*Have you gotten your
flu shot yet?*



Visit Gane Yohs Health Centre
Monday through Friday up to April 2018
between 9am-4pm

For more info contact the
Ohsweken Public Health Office at
519-445-2672

It's not too late!

WHAT ARE WETLANDS?

Wetlands are natural filters of surface water that drain into the Grand River and eventually Lake Erie.

Wetlands also:

- Offer a buffer to climate change by enhancing carbon sequestration
- Cool the water running into streams, rivers and lakes
- Help in controlling flooding by holding back large amounts of storm water and allowing it to drain slowly rather than increasing the potential of flash flooding during heavy rain events
- Offer critical habitat to many species which are now listed as threatened or endangered within Ontario and Canada

The province's wetlands have historically been drained, filled and/or farmed for development to the point that there is now approximately 10% of the functioning wetlands remaining in Southern Ontario.

Six Nations has managed to survive similar impacts and is recognized as one of the last largest stands of Carolinian forest remaining within Canada. Six Nations is also one of the last large wetland complexes in the Grand River Watershed.

In an effort to protect our wetlands from suffering the same impacts which have occurred elsewhere it is more important than ever to educate our community on the importance of preserving, enhancing and creating wetlands on Six Nations of the Grand River Territory. A campaign is underway through Six Nations Wildlife Office to provide further information!

RIGHTS WHEN DEALING WITH THE CHILDREN'S AID SOCIETY

Parents have the right to:

- have a support person present in all meetings
- seek legal consult prior to signing any documents
- have input in their service plan
- file a complaint with the Child & Family Service Review Board

Children have the right to:

- be safe in their environment
- be placed with safe family and/or community members prior to foster care
- use their own voice in meetings and/or planning
- can request to obtain a Children's Lawyer in court

For more information or to speak to a Band Representative contact Six Nations Child & Family Services at (519) 445-0230

Understanding Climate Change

With record-breaking heat in the summer, mild winter temperatures, and extreme storm events—it is evident that, globally, we are experiencing a change in climate. Six Nations Elected Council Environment Department has collaborated with Ontario Centre for Climate Impacts and Adaptation Resources (OCCIAR) to develop a strategy for a Six Nations Climate Change Adaptation Plan. One of the main components of the plan is to gather **local-community knowledge** to document the changes community members have noticed locally in the environment. The purpose of Adaptation is to reduce the risks of climate change in the community and the natural environment.

	IMPACTS	RISK
<p>For more information and community knowledge please feel free to visit the Climate Change survey at:</p> <p>http://www.sixnations.ca/SNClimateChangeSurvey</p> <p>And for any questions with the project please email:</p> <p>Climate@sixnations.ca</p>	<p style="background-color: #4caf50; color: white; padding: 2px;">HEAVY RAIN FALL</p>	<p style="background-color: #4caf50; color: white; padding: 2px;">ALGAE</p>
	<p style="background-color: #4caf50; color: white; padding: 2px;">DROUGHT</p>	<p style="background-color: #4caf50; color: white; padding: 2px;">SPECIES DISPLACEMENT</p>

SOLICITATION ON SIX NATIONS

A word of caution and warning goes out to all community members, especially our Elders, about door-to-door sales. Be wary. Ask questions.

Recently a local business known as The Elephas Group has been approaching homes on Six Nations of the Grand River Territory to sell burial insurance plans and final expense insurance. Six Nations Elected Council does NOT endorse or support The Elephas Group's solicitation.

WHAT DO I DO IF THE ELEPHAS GROUP COMES TO MY HOME?

- Know that you are NOT required to give them any info or purchase any plans or insurance
- Ask them to display a letter granting permission to solicit from the Elected Council
- Report them to Six Nations Police (519-445-2811) and the Elected Council (519-445-2201)

PLEASE SHARE WITH FAMILY & FRIENDS!

1695 Chiefswood Road, Ohsweken NOA1M0 | 519.445.2201

www.sixnations.ca

ELECTED COUNCIL UPDATES

Bridges

The Elected Council has met with the Minister of Transportation in an effort to secure funding to rehabilitate Bridge No. 7 located on Chiefswood Bridge between Third and Fourth Line and Bridge No. 15 located on Onondaga Road between Second and Third Line.

At this time, Council has secured \$50,000 in funding from the Department of Indigenous Services Canada (DISC) to complete the design and environmental work needed for the rehabilitation of Bridge No. 15.

Funding

Six Nations Elected Council is actively seeking the funding to complete Phase One of the watermain expansion by the end of 2018. Please be advised that homeowners are responsible for costs to connect to the watermain after it has been installed.

The Elected Council has successfully secured \$333,000 in capital funding from the Department of Indigenous Services Canada (DISC). The funding will go towards the purchase of a new pumper truck for Six Nations Fire and Emergency Services.

Housing Development

Construction of the access road to the planned 95 housing development and the proposed Six Nations Archival Repository and Public Library building across from the Village Cafe will resume in the coming weeks, weather permitting.

Construction of the housing units will begin in April 2018, with November 2018 as the hopeful completion date. Please note, Lanca Construction has been awarded this project and will be reaching out to Grand River Employment and Training with local employment opportunities.

When the watermain tie-in at Fourth Line occurs everyone East of the Village Cafe will be without water for a short period of time. Notice will be sent out ahead of time.

Hydro Delivery Credit

Hydro One has advised there are approximately 173 households on Six Nations who are not receiving the Delivery Charge Credit. These homes are eligible. Please review your bills. If you are paying taxes on the bill, you will not receive the credit. Please contact Arleen Maracle, Community Liaison Officer at (519) 445-2201 x3230 for assistance.

Landfill

Six Nations Landfill Site is currently operating on winter hours, Tuesday to Saturday from 8am-4:30pm with gates closing at 4:15pm.

The Site will transition to summer hours on April 2, 2018, Tuesday to Saturday from 8am-5:30pm with gates closing at 5:15pm.

Memorial Park

At the request of the late Councillor Bob Johnson's family, the Elected Council has agreed to rename the playground at the old No. 6 School on Fourth Line the "Robert Johnson Memorial Park". A dedication ceremony will be held, details to be provided.

Railway Crossing

Transport Canada has approved Council's application to extend hydro service to the Pauline Johnson Road railway crossing. The project has been approved up to \$178,860 for the installation of warning lights with a bell for the safety of the community and visitors. The anticipated completion date is May 31, 2018.

Sexual Assault Centre

Ganohkwasra and the Elected Council have secured \$500,000 in funding towards the establishment of a Sexual Assault Centre in the community of Six Nations.

Save the Evidence

The Woodland Cultural Centre is working on completing long overdue renovations and repairs to the Former Mohawk Institute for their Save the Evidence Campaign.

Phase One involved roof replacement

and structural work, which is almost complete. Phase two has begun, involving mechanical and electrical work. Please note, Ultimate Construction has been asked to reach out to Grand River Employment and Training with local employment opportunities.

Schools

The Department of Indigenous Services Canada (DISC) has provided \$658,495 in funding to complete various projects throughout the five (5) federally-operated schools on Six Nations. The Elected Council will work with the schools and faculty to ensure that educational time is not disrupted.

The Elected Council has also secured \$230,000 from the Department of Indigenous Services Canada (DISC) for the School Maintenance Department deficit.

Turning Lanes

The Elected Council has started discussions with Brant County to install turning lanes on Chiefswood Road at the intersection of Highway 54.

Watermain

The Elected Council has secured \$10.35 million from the Department of Indigenous Services Canada (DISC) to extend the watermain to I.L. Thomas and O.M. Smith elementary schools. The project has been awarded to A6N. Work will begin shortly with an estimated completion date of November 2018. During this time, the community of Six Nations can expect to see rolling lane closures and temporary laneway interruptions throughout the project area. Extension routes have been posted online at www.sixnations.ca.

Six Nations Economic Development Trust Fund has also provided \$1.2 million to complete a partial watermain extension east on Fourth Line from Cayuga Road towards the Oneida Business Park.

CHIEF AND ELECTED COUNCIL COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENTS

JANUARY 2018

NAIG Bid Committee Meeting (1st)

Swearing In for Justice of the Peace Sara Keesmat & Robert Munro (3rd)

Tour of Landsdowne House (4th)

ASWCO Site Visit for NAIG 2020 Bid (5th)

Opening of Indigenous Peoples Bail Court in Brantford (8th)

Council and Senior Admin Team Planning Session (12th-13th)

Meeting with Great Canadian Company - Winners of the Gaming Bundle (15th)

MPs Pam Danoff & Marc Miller Visit (17th)

Basic Income Working Group (17th)

Meeting with Officials from Toronto City Hall re: Six Nations Involvement in Aboriginal Affairs in Toronto (17th)

Solidarity Day Meeting with APTN (18th)

By-Election Nominations District 5 (20th)

Rural Ontario Municipalities Association Conference in Toronto (21st-23rd)

Meeting with the Secretary to the Ontario Cabinet in Toronto (23rd)

Leadership Meeting on Child Welfare in Ottawa (25th-26th)

Students from the University of Guelph Visit Six Nations (29th)

Canadian Council on Aboriginal Business Annual Gala (30th)

FEBRUARY 2018

Wilfrid Laurier Stedman Awards (2nd)

Muslim Association of Brantford Appreciation Awards Ceremony (3rd)

Jane Philpott, Minister of Indigenous Services Visits Six Nations (5th)

Presentation to the Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs in Ottawa (6th)

Brantford Sports Award Banquet (7th)

Rez Hoops Basketball Tourn. (9th-11th)

AFN Health Transformation Conference in Toronto (13th-14th)

Aboriginal Affairs Committee (15th)

Minister Jane Philpott's Riding re: Reconciliation in Stouffville (16th)

Hydro One Conference in Rama (21st)

Iroquois Caucus in Oneida (21st-22nd)

Indigenous Women's Leadership Forum in Ottawa (22nd-23rd)

By-Election for District 5 (24th)

Good Roads Convention (25th-28th)

Chiefs of Ontario Health Conference (27th-March 1)

MARCH 2018

Hillfield Strathallan in Hamilton (1st)

Brant MP and MPP Breakfast (2nd)

Political Confedearcy Call with Minister Carolyn Bennett (2nd)

Youth Anti-Racism Symposium (3rd)

Woodland Cultural Centre Theatre Show - Nahkom (3rd)

University of Guelph First Nations Panel (14th)

Mohawk College Graduation (15th)

Tripartite Meeting on Child Welfare (19th)

Gas Operators Meeting with the Ministry of Finance (21st)

Charlie Angus, NDP MP Visits (22nd)

Speaking at Conestoga College (23rd)

Mohawk Chapel Ceremony (25th)

Meeting with Mayor of Burlington (26th)

Women's Leaders Summit (27th-29th)

Commonwealth Games in Gold Cost Australia (March 29th-April 6th)

FAMILY & CRIMINAL LAW INFO CLINIC

One-hour FREE consultation with an advice lawyer.

Clinic runs every Tuesday from 9am-1pm at the Iroquois Plaza. Assistance with filing for Legal Aid available.

No appointment necessary - first come, first serve.

For more info contact Maureen Hearn, Indigenous Law Worker at:

(519) 445-2205 x4465

CANNABIS

What are your thoughts on the legalization of cannabis?

Six Nations Elected Council has established a Cannabis Taskforce and is in the process of developing a policy focusing on community well-being in preparation for legislative amendments surrounding the use of cannabis (marijuana).

We would like your input on the legalization of cannabis and how you feel it will impact our community!

The Cannabis Taskforce, led by Councillor Sherri-Lyn Hill Pierce, will be hosting Educational Information Sessions in the community. Please plan to attend one of the upcoming information sessions, details will be provided. You can also contact your District Councillor one-on-one to provide your feedback:

District One: Dave Hill (519) 717-7886 | Audrey Powless Bomberry (519) 717-2721

District Two: Carl Hill (519) 717-2803 | Terry General (519) 717-0078

District Three: Sherri-Lyn Hill Pierce (519) 717-7855 | CW Martin (519) 717-5134

District Four: Helen Miller (519) 717-2565 | Wray Maracle (226) 208-1275

District Five: Hazel Johnson (519) 732-2169 | Kerry Bomberry (519) 732-1477

District Six: Mark Hill (519) 732-2905 | Melba Thomas (519) 732-2869



(Photo: Jane Philpott, Minister of Indigenous Services visits Six Nations)



(Photo: Councillor Wray Maracle meets Nohkom's star Michael Greyeyes at the Woodland Cultural Centre)



(Photo: Opening of the Indigenous Peoples Bail Court)



(Photo: Councillor Sherri-Lyn Hill Pierce, Intern Abbey Hill, Minister Carolyn Bennett and Chief Ava Hill at the Indigenous Women's Leadership Forum)

NIA:WEH SIX NATIONS HEALTH FOUNDATION

(Photo: Six Nations Health Foundation donates \$10,000 to Six Nations Health Services and the purchase of Staff Simulated Training Materials)



(Photo: Councillor Helen Miller and the International Congress of Martial Arts award-winning Green Family)



(Photo: Students from the University of Guelph visit Six Nations to talk about rural planning and development, capacity development and more. Nia:weh for coming to see us, we hope you enjoyed your visit!)

MAPLEHURST BUS PICKUP

Bus Service to Maplehurst

Members of the public can now access free transportation to visit family and friends at the Maplehurst Correctional Complex.

The bus for Maplehurst loads at Ohsweken Iroquois Plaza and the Brantford Transit Bus terminal and returns to the community in the afternoon. Please see the schedule below for pick up and departure times. The trip from Six Nations pick up point to the Maplehurst Correctional Complex is usually less than one hour depending on traffic volumes.

Pickup occurs every Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday at the following locations and times:

Leaving from Brantford & Six Nations to Maplehurst		Departs from Maplehurst Returning to Brantford & Six Nations	
Departs Ohsweken Iroquois Plaza 1721 Chiefswood Road, Ohsweken	11:15am	Departs Maplehurst Correctional Complex 661 Martin Street, Milton	3:30pm
Departs Brantford Transit Bus Terminal 64 Darling Street, Brantford	11:45am		

Please Note

All visitors must register and make an appointment with Maplehurst Correctional Complex at least 24 hours before visiting. Friends and family members can call 905-878-8141 to register for an appointment.

Important: visits to the facility may be rescheduled in the event of a lockdown or security incident. Staff from Maplehurst will contact anyone with an appointment to re-schedule in the event that visitations are suspended.

Visitors will be required to pass through security including a metal detection scanner before accessing the visitors' area. Cameras and cell phone use are not permitted inside of a provincial correctional facility.

Congratulations!

ASCENSION HARJO "HOOP DANCER"

for winning Teen Division World Champion Hoop Dancer at the 28th Annual Heard Museum Hoop Dance Contest. Way to go!

SIX NATIONS POLYTECHNIC, TAP RESOURCES AND AV-CANADA TORONTO

were named winners of the Best Conference of 2017 for the World Indigenous Peoples Conference (WIPCE) by Canadian Special Events Magazine in their 1st Annual Canadian Regional Event Awards Competition.

Congrats and nia:weh to Rebecca Jamieson, Tuesday Johnson-MacDonald, AV-Canada and all of their wonderful staff for all of their hard work in making the 2017 WIPCE an award winning success.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

To see a list of upcoming community events be sure to follow Six Nations Elected Council on Facebook or Twitter @SixNationsEC. You can also visit www.sixnations.ca or Central Administration at 1695 Chiefswood Rd, Ohsweken Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:30am-4:30pm to view the Community Board.



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Saturday, April 7, 2018

10:00 am – 3:00 pm
Salvation Army
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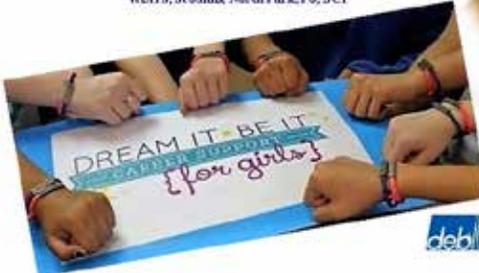
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Transportation provided by Sharp Bus Lines
 Pick up: GREAT at 9:15 am, PDHS, DDHS, SCS, WHHS, St. Johns, North Park, P.J, BCI










MAY 12-25, 2018

COMMUNITY AWARENESS EVENT SUBMISSION FORM

EVENT: _____

LOCATION: _____

DATE: _____

START TIME: _____

END TIME: _____

ORGANIZATION: _____

CONTACT NAME: _____

CONTACT PHONE: _____

DESCRIPTION: _____
(75 Words Max)

(please use additional page for description, if needed)

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS:

FRIDAY, MARCH 30, 2018

RETURN COMPLETED FORMS TO:

Central Administration (1695 Chiefswood Rd)

or email to adpr@sixnations.ca



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DETACH COMPLETED FORM HERE AND RETURN TO CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION (1695 CHIEFSWOOD RD) OR EMAIL TO ADPR@SIXNATIONS.CA