



(Photo: (left to right) Former Chief Bill Monture, Peter Choma, Chief Ava Hill, Ohsweken Bank Manager Tracy Hill, Director of Six Nations Parks and Recreation Cheryl Henhawk, Regional RBC Vice President Katerina Goros, and Councillor Bob Johnson)

RBC Foundation Donates \$25,000 to Dajoh Youth & Elders Centre

On Friday, January 13, 2017 Six Nations Elected Council joined the Royal Bank's Ohsweken Branch for their 25th Anniversary.

To celebrate their milestone of providing 25 years of banking services, and in recognition of their continued commitment to the community of Six Nations, the RBC Foundation made a \$25,000 donation to the new Dajoh Youth and Elders Centre.

"We are thrilled that the Royal Bank has provided a donation of \$25,000 towards programs and activities at Dajoh. We opened Dajoh in October 2016 and this

contribution will certainly enhance this beautiful new Centre and the benefits it will provide to the community.

On behalf of Six Nations Elected Council, I commend the Royal Bank for making this contribution for the benefit of our current and future generations," said Chief Ava Hill.

Beginning in 1999 the Elected Council, and Parks and Recreation had a vision to establish new recreation facilities for the community of Six Nations.

"On behalf of Six Nations Parks and Recreation, we are truly appreciative of the donation. The \$25,000 will

go towards supporting existing programming and developing new program initiatives at the Centre," said Six Nations Parks and Recreation Director Cheryl Henhawk. "Parks and Recreation staff will be meeting with RBC representatives in the near future to discuss and finalize plans for the donation. The expectation will be to deliver the programming before the end of 2017."

Initial funding for the \$4.8 million project was provided by Six Nations Elected Council with contributions from the Government of Ontario (\$500,000) and Imperial Oil (\$21,000).

Nia:weh RBC for your generous contribution to the community of Six Nations!



(Photo: Chief Ava Hill presents a certificate to Ohsweken Bank Manager Tracy Hill)

Update: Boundary Discussions with Brantford

In early 2016 it was reported that the City of Brantford and the County of Brant had reached an agreement on their boundary discussions. However Six Nations Elected Council was never invited to be a party to the discussions held, despite numerous attempts.

“We were never invited to be a participant,” said Chief Ava Hill. “We were told that we could be observers, but were not informed of the meetings.”

At Committee of the Whole on February 29, 2016 City Mayor Chris Friel and County Mayor Ron Eddy made a presentation to the Elected Council informing them of what their agreement entailed. During the meeting Six Nations Elected Council expressed their concerns with not being involved.

Acknowledging that Six Nations must be duly consulted and accommodated staff members from the City, County and Six Nations met following the presentation. However, an agreement was never reached.

In October of 2016 Chief Ava Hill and Six Nations Director of Lands and Resources Lonny Bomberry met with the provincial Minister of Municipal Affairs Bill Mauro. At the meeting Minister Mauro was informed that Six Nations was not properly consulted, and were not in approval of the agreement. Despite the appeal, the boundary agreement was approved in December of 2016.

To date, Six Nations Elected Council has not received any correspondence from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs

regarding the approval provided by Minister Mauro.

“We had the opportunity to meet with Premier Kathleen Wynne in December to express our disappointment that this agreement was signed without proper consultation and accommodation,” said Hill. Following their meeting, Premier Wynne agreed to pull together a consultation table.

At this point in time, Six Nations Elected Council has provided names of potential facilitators, and will be meeting with the Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation David Zimmer to begin work on the consultation table.

Further updates will be provided as they become available.

HYDRO ONE CUSTOMER SERVICE CARE

What is Customer Service Care?

Hydro One is offering a new service model to several First Nation communities across Ontario that focuses on in-community, face-to-face interactions, and ensuring customers understand and can access all of their available programs.

Collaborating with Six Nations Elected Council administrative staff, Hydro One has begun providing in-person services to the community of Six Nations. Through the initiative, a number of Six Nations community members who are existing Hydro One customers and are residing on the Territory have been able to access tools and information to help lower their monthly bills.

How Can Customer Service Care Help You?

Representatives from Hydro One's Customer Service Care Team have been visiting First Nation communities around the province to meet with Indigenous governing bodies, conduct community information sessions, and provide one-on-one sessions with individual customers regarding:

- Disconnections
- Unexplained usage
- Incorrect smart meter readings
- High delivery charges
- Arrears
- Individual payment plans
- Tax exemption
- Budgeting
- Corrections to billing information
- Poor interaction with telephone representatives

Who Do I Contact?

To set up your meeting with Hydro One's Customer Service Care, contact:

Arleen Maracle, Community Liaison

Six Nations Elected Council Central Administration

Address: 1695 Chiefswood Road, Ohsweken

Phone: (519) 445-2201 x3230

Email: arleenmaracle@sixnations.ca

Hours: Monday through Friday from 8:30am-4:30pm

In collaboration with:



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(Photo: Chief Ava Hill attending the Toronto 2017 North American Indigenous Games major partnership announcement with CBC News on January 21, 2017. Photo courtesy of naig2017.to)

Six Nations to Host Lacrosse for NAIG 2017

A multi-sport event, the North American Indigenous Games involves Indigenous athletes from across Canada and the United States.

In June of 2015 the Aboriginal Sports and Wellness Council of Ontario (ASWCO) led the bid to host the 2017 North American Indigenous Games. The bid received unanimous support from the NAIG Council.

As one of the host First Nations for the upcoming games, Six Nations of the Grand River will have the honour of hosting lacrosse during the week of July 16-23, 2017 including:

- Boys Box Lacrosse Tournament: Under 19, 16 and 14
- Girls Box Lacrosse Tournament: Under 19

Through the upcoming games and events, Six Nations has an invaluable opportunity to share Haudenosaunee sport and

culture with the world.

Would you like to join Six Nations as a sponsor for the games that will highlight the skills and dedication of many talented Indigenous athletes? There are a number of sponsorship opportunities available!

For sponsorship inquiries contact Dallas Squire, Coordinator Six Nations NAIG Working Group at (519) 774-6721 or email dalsquire@gmail.com.

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

First Nations Conservation Program

First Nations Engineering Services Ltd. (FNESL) has secured a contract from Hydro One to conduct a First Nations Conservation Program (FNCP) in eight different First Nations across Ontario.

On January 12, 2017 the Program launched in the community of Six Nations. Over the next little while, two Community Canvassers will be seeking community members who are interested in participating with the hope to conduct energy audits on 1,500 homes on the Territory.

Through this Program you may be eligible to access FREE energy-efficient upgrades for your home, including light bulbs, appliances and more. There's no cost to you. You can make your home more comfortable and save energy.

For more info contact Linda Porter at (519) 445-1202.

On-Reserve Hydro Rate

In June of 2016, the Ministry of Energy directed the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) to develop options for an On-Reserve Hydro Rate.

The OEB has submitted their recommendations to the Ministry of Energy with the preferred approach of 100% Delivery Rate Credit.

The Chiefs Committee will be meeting with the Minister of Energy to advocate acceptance of this recommendation.

Congratulations Geronimo

On January 25, 2017 the Lifetime Achievement Award Committee announced the 2017 recipients of the Lifetime Achievement Award for Outstanding Volunteerism.

Congratulations to Six Nations own Geronimo Henry. Nia:weh for everything that you do!

Child Care Centres

The goal for all of Six Nations Child Care Centres is to maintain a healthy environment for all children and care providers. If your child is not feeling well, please keep them home. Germs can spread easily and in a number of ways, some signs of illness to look for include:

- Unusual behaviour
- Runny nose and/or congestion
- Cough and/or croup
- Wheezing and/or difficulty breathing
- Vomiting
- Diarrhea

- Dehydration
- Changes in skin colour and/or rash
- Fever

If your child arrives to the program showing signs or symptoms of illness they can be sent home, and asked to return when they're feeling better.



Daycare Waiting Lists

Six Nations Child Care Services has recommended that parents place children on the daycare list when they're born. By placing your child's name on the list ahead of time, you will further ensure a spot will be available when you need it.

Walking with Our Sisters

Walking with Our Sisters is a commemorative art installation comprised of over 1,760 pairs of women's, and over 100 pairs of children's mocassin vamps (tops). Each adult vamp represents one missing or murdered Indigenous woman. The unfinished mocassins represent the unfinished lives of the women whose lives were cut short. The children's vamps are dedicated to the children who never returned home from residential schools.

Six Nations will be hosting the exhibit starting November 13, 2017. The location is yet to be determined. Leading up to the exhibit the Planning Committee will be holding a community conversation to raise awareness about preventing violence and missing and murdered Indigenous women.

Community Support Services

Six Nations Community Support Services offers many different services to seniors (65+) and disabled persons who are residents and registered band members of Six Nations of the Grand River. The objective of the program is to assist elderly persons who have physically disabling conditions but are still living in their homes.

The following is a list of services offered (some services may have a minimal monetary fee): Meals on Wheels, Transportation, Home Maintenance & Repairs, Home Help, Friendly Visiting, Security (Telephone Reassurance), and Diners Club (Silver Fox).

For more info regarding these services call (519) 445-0077.



Nia:weh to Our Amazing Volunteers!

Six Nations Child and Family Services would like to take this opportunity to thank the following active volunteers for their continued help in working towards community wellness.

• Barbara Henry	• Mary Longboat	• Marg Elliott	• Alice Sault
• Shelley Jonathan			

Combined, these amazing individuals have provided over 70 years of service. **We value and appreciate your time and effort. Nia:weh for everything that you do!**

And welcome to our newest recruit Cecile Akiwenzie.

Victim Services

Six Nations Elected Council recently received a presentation from a representative of the Victim Services of Brant. The community based agency assists emergency services in providing accessible, confidential, client centered support to victims of crime, tragic circumstances and/or disasters.

Who is a victim?

A victim is any person whose life has been affected by a criminal act, tragic circumstance or disaster, regardless of severity. Trauma has an impact on everyone, especially the victim. However, victims of crime and their significant others may also require support.

Victim Services of Brant has a number of programs in place that can help, including:

- Victim Assistance Ontario Program
- Victim Quick Response Program
- Bail Court Assistance Program

To access Victim Services please contact Six Nations Police at (519) 445-2811 or Ganohkwasra Family Assault Support Services at (519) 445-4324.

Diabetes Education Program - Let Us Work with You!

Working with the Diabetes Education Program, Six Nations Health Services 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)

Through the Program you will also have access to the following providers:

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

For more info on the Diabetes Education Program located on the 2nd floor of the White Pines Wellness Centre (1745 Chiefswood Road) call (519) 445-2226 to book an appointment.



We're hiring!

Are you looking for a career in child care services? We need Casual Supply Staff for Six Nations Child Care Centres.

In order to apply you must be at least 18 years of age, enjoy working with children, have a Grade 12 education, an up-to-date immunization record and valid police check in the vulnerable sector.

Questions? Call Human Resources at (519) 445-2223.

For more employment opportunities with Six Nations Elected Council please be sure to visit us at www.sixnations.ca/JobPostings

Thrift Store

It has been proposed that Six Nations consider establishing a Thrift Store in the community that would:

- collect, sort/repair/clean used clothing and household goods and offer these items at the lowest possible prices on a not-for-profit but self-sustaining basis; and
- serve as a training centre for community members wanting to develop marketable skills associated with retail sales and service to retail goods

Following a recent feasibility study and community survey, Six Nations Grand River Ontario Works and the Elected Council will be discussing funding options and potential locations. Further updates will be provided as they become available.

Road Safety

Following two recent accidents on Sixth Line, Six Nations Elected Council would like to remind community members of the importance of road safety.

Please remember to reduce your speeds, be mindful of pedestrians, obey all road signs and always come to a complete stop at all posted stop signs. Nia:weh.

Elected Council Updates

Bridge No. 7 Repairs

This summer we will begin rehabilitating Bridge No. 7 located 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.

Overall, we have identified 11 bridges in need of rehabilitation in the upcoming years.

Construction Debris

Effective October 1, 2016 Public Works is now charging a \$20 fee for each Construction Debris Approval issued for the disposal of roofing materials, shingles, and other construction debris material(s) at the Six Nations Landfill Site.

If you have questions or would like to request a copy of the new Pre-Approval Procedure contact Six Nations Public Works at (519) 445-4242.

Emergency Housing

Over the next Council term we will be working on addressing the need for emergency housing. At this time, we're doing research on "Tiny Homes" that have been appearing in a number of other First Nation communities. We will also be meeting with the provincial and federal governments to inquire about funding available. Further updates will be provided as they become available.

Hazardous Waste Event

Our next Household Hazardous Waste Event is scheduled for June of 2017. For tips on storing waste until this date or for alternative locations for proper waste disposal visit Public Works - Landfill Site at www.sixnations.ca.

Housing Development

Six Nations Housing Department was granted \$97,500 from Six Nations Economic Development Trust to undertake work to plan a housing development across from the Village Cafe. The plan is now complete with a proposed 65-units, and will be shared with the community shortly.

Hydro One

For assistance arranging a meeting with Hydro One, contact Arleen Maracle, Liaison Officer at (519) 445-2201 or arleenmaracle@sixnations.ca.

Hydro One's Customer Service Care includes assistance with disconnections, arrears, unexplained usage, incorrect smart meter readings, high delivery charges, individual payment plans, poor interaction with telephone reps, corrections to billing info, tax exemption and budgeting.

Landfill Site

The Six Nations Landfill Site is currently operating on winter hours (8am-4:30pm Tuesday through Friday and 8am-4:15pm Saturday).

McKenzie Creek

We have hired Greenland Group, who have completed a Master Drainage and Flood Remediation Plan for McKenzie Creek in response to chronic drainage issues within the community. Greenland has also put together plans to address major flooding areas, with costs estimated to be around \$500,000 to complete.

We will be preparing to complete work this year to improve drainage on the west side of the Territory.

Ohsweken Infrastructure

We're happy to announce that the new traffic lights at the intersection of Chiefswood Road and Fourth Line are now operational. This spring Six Nations Public Works will be painting the new left-hand turning lanes, and implementing the advanced green on the north and south ends of Chiefswood Road. Advanced notice will be provided before this transition is made. Please remember to obey all hand signals, they are there to help ensure you know when it's safe to cross the road.

The new traffic lights will also be equipped with a pre-emption feature that will be controlled by Six Nations Fire and Emergency Services. In the case of an emergency all lights at the intersection will flash red. When you see this, please pull your vehicle safely to the side of the road to allow

emergency vehicles to pass.

Funding for this project has been provided by Six Nations Elected Council, and the governments of Canada and Ontario through the Small Communities Fund. Questions? Contact Public Works at (519) 445-4242.

Public Works

Six Nations Public Works is working on a number of projects for the benefit of the community, including: the replacement of the existing fibre lines that support all Council services, the expansion and renovation of Social Services to support their service growth, and the extension of hydro servicing to Pauline Johnson Road railway crossing in an effort to install warning lights with a bell for safety.

Recycling

Larger recycling bins are now available, 4 per household, free of charge at Public Works (1953 Fourth Line). Please recycle, and help to protect Mother Earth. Rethink, Refuse, Reduce, Re-Use, Repair and Recycle. Questions? Call Public Works at (519) 445-4242.

Solicitation

If you get a suspicious telephone call, be wary of telephone scams, ask for their name, phone number and any additional information. You are not required to give them any

info, and can advise them you will be reporting them to the Six Nations Police, and the Elected Council.

Door to door solicitors can be asked to display a letter from the Elected Council. If they can not produce one, you may call the Six Nations Police and have them escorted off of the Territory.

Waste Management

The recommendation made as a result of the 20 Year

Waste Management Study conducted by Neegan Burnside Ltd. was to begin exporting waste to a private company via transfer station or direct drive.

At this time, we have been able to secure funding from Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) to close the existing Landfill Site and build a transfer station in the 2017/18 fiscal year. We are currently in the process of hiring a consultant

to design the transfer station plans. Further details will be provided as we move forward.

Watermain Extension

We're pleased to report that Phase 1 (design) of the watermain extension to I.L. Thomas and Oliver M. Smith Elementary Schools, and the Oneida Business Park is complete.

Council is actively advocating for the funds needed to complete the

construction and installation of these watermain. Please note, this watermain extension will NOT include servicing to any homes. Any home connections to the watermain will be the responsibility of the resident.

Funding for this project has been provided by the Six Nations Economic Development Trust.



(Photo: congratulations to all of Six Nations STAY In School Award recipients)



(Photo: Chief Hill congratulates Lacrosse Hall of Fame Inductee Cam Bomberry)



(Photo: Councillors visiting elders at the Iroquois Lodge Christmas morning to deliver gifts and treats)

Chief and Elected Council Community Engagements

January

- Council Orientation Sessions the 6-7
- Orientation Sessions in Toronto the 10-11
- RBC 25th Anniversary on the 13
- Roundtables Future of Chiefswood Park on the 14
- Six Nations Farmers Retreat in Niagara Falls on the 14

- Orientation on the 17 and the 26-27
- Host Society NAIG the 19-22
- Meeting with Minister of Finance Charles Sousa on the 23
- Minister's Special Representative on Child Welfare visits Six Nations on the 25
- Grand Opening of SNAP Building on the 30
- Canadian Council on Aboriginal Business in Toronto on the 31

February

- Women's Treaty Forum in Toronto on the 7
- Iroquois Caucus in Ottawa the 8-9
- Ontario ParaSport Opening Ceremonies in Brantford on the 10

- Public Works Notice -

Pre-paid System Implemented at Truckfill Station

Effective January 2, 2017 the Six Nations Truckfill Station has begun operating on a pre-paid system, with all accounts subject to a one-time \$25 administration fee. Pre-payments can only be made at the Public Works Office (1953 Fourth Line) Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:30am-4:30pm.

Customers are asked to contact the Public Works Office to ensure there is an existing balance on the account.

For further info on the new pre-paid system, to inquire about your account or if you have any questions contact Six Nations Public Works at (519) 445-4242.

Bounce Back and Thrive Part 1: Wednesdays February 1 - March 8 from 1pm-3pm at Family Gatherings (519) 445-0408.

Embracing Our Daughters: Thursdays February 1 - March 9 from 5pm-7:30pm at Stoneridge Circle (519) 445-2565.

Relapse Prevention: February 3 - March 24 from 6:30pm-8:30pm at New Directions Group (519) 445-2947.

Ways to Say I Love You: February 7 from 1:30pm-2:30pm at Stoneridge Circle (519) 445-2565.

Quilting: Starting February 8 from 1:30pm-3pm at Stoneridge Circle (519) 445-2565.

Bounce Back & Thrive Part 2: Wednesdays March 22 - April 12 from 1pm-3pm at Family Gatherings (519) 445-0408.

Wellbriety Group: Thursdays April 6 - June 8 from 6:30pm-8:30pm at New Directions Group (519) 445-2947.

SIX NATIONS HEALTH SERVICES FEBRUARY 2017 PROGRAMS:

Women's Singing Group: February 6 from 6pm-7pm at White Pines Wellness Centre (519) 445-2143.

Men's Singing Group: February 13 and 27 from 6pm-7pm at White Pines Wellness Centre (519) 445-2143.

Batch Cooking Class - Make Large Meals and Freeze (Adult Class): February 8 from 1pm-4pm at White Pines Wellness Centre (519) 445-2143.

Cayuga Language Classes: Thursdays February 2-23 from 4pm-5pm at White Pines Wellness Centre (519) 445-2143.

Guitar Basics: February 1 and 15 from 1pm-3pm at White Pines Wellness Centre (519) 445-2143.

ASIST Training: February 15-16 from 8:15am-4pm at White Pines Wellness Centre (519) 445-2143 or mhe@sixnations.ca

Falls Prevention Education & Exercise Program (Seniors): Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays February 1-27 from 2pm-3pm at White Pines Wellness Centre (519) 445-4779.

Boot Camp (Prenatal & Post Natal): Mondays and Thursdays February 2-27 from 10:30am-11:30am at Stoneridge Circle (519) 445-4779. Drop-ins welcome.

Baby Food Making (Post Natal): Tuesdays February 7-14 from 10am-12pm at Stoneridge Circle (519) 445-4779.

Healthy Spirits Youth Group (Ages 11-17): Mondays and Tuesdays February 6-28 from 4pm-6pm at Dajoh (519) 445-2809 x2278 or erinhill@sixnations.ca.

Chair Yoga: Mondays February 6-27 from 4:30pm-6:30pm at White Pines Wellness Centre - Adult Day Centre (519) 445-4779 x2297.

Kids Cooking Class (Ages 7-9): February 1 from 4:30pm-6:30pm at White Pines Wellness Centre (519) 445-4779.

Wee Ones Cooking Class (Ages 4-6): February 22 from 4:30pm-6:30pm at White Pines Wellness Centre (519) 445-4779.

Moccasin Walkers (Seniors): Tuesdays and Thursdays February 2-28 from 11am-12pm at Dajoh (519) 445-4779.

Family Swim: Tuesdays February 7-28 from 7pm-8:30pm at Wayne Gretzky Sports Centre in Brantford (519) 445-2809 x2278.

Youth Skating Program (Ages 11-17): Fridays February 3-24 from 3:30pm-4:50pm at Gaylord Powless Arena (519) 445-2809 x2278.

DEP Cooking Class: February 7 from 10am-12:30pm at White Pines Wellness Centre (519) 445-4779.

Breastfeeding Support Group (Monthly): Starting February 23 from 12pm-1:30pm at Stoneridge Circle (519) 445-2809 x2336.

Relapse Prevention (8 Week Co-Ed Program): Fridays February 3-24 from 6:30pm-8:30pm at New Directions Group (519) 445-2947.

Lil Miss Empowerment Group (Ages 9-12): Mondays February 6-27 from 4:30pm-7pm at New Directions Group (519) 445-2947.

Ohahase - Day Treatment Program: Mondays and Wednesdays February 6-27 from 9am-12pm at New Directions Group (519) 445-2947.

Teen Empowerment for Girls (Ages 13-15): Tuesdays February 7-28 from 4:30pm-7pm at New Directions Group (519) 445-2947.

Boys 2B Boys Empowerment Group (Ages 9-12): Thursdays February 2-23 from 4:30pm-7pm at New Directions Group (519) 445-2947.

Grief Recovery (\$15 Fee): Wednesdays February 1-22 from 6:30pm-8:30pm at New Directions Group (519) 445-2947.

For more events pick up your Leisure Activities Guide Winter 2017, available at White Pines Wellness Centre!