



SIX NATIONS OF THE GRAND RIVER 58th ELECTED COUNCIL

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A MESSAGE FROM THE 58th ELECTED CHIEF

For some time, the Six Nations of the Grand River Elected Council has wanted our newsletter to return to engage the community. We are very pleased that it has returned, with the hope that it will be published and distributed to the community once a month.

This newsletter is a great way for SNRGEC to engage with the community about what is going on in our community on a quarterly basis. We will highlight community events, accomplishments, and more.

As we pivot with the winds of change in the air, we thought this would be the perfect time for it.

On behalf of the Elected Council I would like to say Nia:wen for your support. Together we can accomplish great things for our community.

Elected Chief Mark B. Hill



Above: Entrance to the 2023 Six Nations Fall Fair

Left: Social at the Community Hall during Fall Fair

Below: Six Nations hosts Storm and Bulldogs for exhibition game





ELECTED COUNCIL NOMINATION DAY

On Saturday, September 23, at Community Hall, Six Nations of the Grand River held its nominations for the upcoming elections.

Earning nominations for Chief were Coun. Sherry-Lyn Hill, and former Chief Steve Williams.

There are 13 people running for 12 councillor positions. They are Cynthia Jamieson, Hazel Johnson, Audrey Powless-Bomberry, Alaina Marie VanEvery, Melba Thomas, Amos George Key, Kerry Bomberry, Helen Miller, Greg Frazer, Carole Lesley Greene, Jennifer Lynn Murdock, Dean Earl Clark Hill, and Dayle Bomberry.

The 59th SNGR election is on November 4 at Community Hall, with advanced polls on October 21 and 28. There will also be an online option.

COMMUNITY CELEBRATION WITH BRANDON MONTOUR

Above: Chief Mark Hill and Councillors Michelle Bomberry, Greg Frazer, Helen Miller, and Melba Thomas join Brandon Montour in presenting a cheque to Six Nations Minor Sports.

The Six Nations of the Grand River and its community recently celebrated Brandon Montour's incredible achievements with a festive gathering at The Gathering Place on Thursday, August 3.

Making it to the NHL is an aspiration for many hockey players, but Brandon's accomplishments in helping lead a team to the Stanley Cup final is truly remarkable. His accomplishments on and off the ice have inspired many in the community and across Turtle Island.

The Brandon Montour Celebration also featured food, refreshments, and cheque presentations. SNGR raised money during the Stanley Cup finals with a lawn sign sale. All proceeds went to the six minor sports associations in Six Nations - Six Nations Minor Softball, Six Nations Minor Hockey, Six Nations Figure Skating Club, Six Nations Lacrosse Association, Six Nations Girls Field Lacrosse, and Six Nations Boys Field Lacrosse.

Chief Mark B. Hill expressed his pride and gratitude.

"Thank you for being such an amazing role model," Chief Hill said. "Seeing the community rally around you was special to see. It is not only inspiring to our youth, but it was also a great opportunity for the community to come together."



THE PASSING OF ROBBIE ROBERTSON

"He should be remembered not only for his music, but for the tremendous individual he was, and for the love and contributions he had for his Indigenous roots."

The Six Nations of the Grand River (SNGR) community, along with the entertainment world, mourned the loss of a true music icon and a passionate advocate for Indigenous culture, Robbie Robertson. The renowned musician and songwriter passed away, leaving behind an indelible legacy in the world of music and a profound commitment to preserving the rich history and culture of Indigenous Peoples.

Robbie Robertson, of Mohawk and Cayuga descent, had always maintained a deep connection to the Six Nations community, where he spent cherished moments visiting family during his childhood. This profound bond with his Indigenous roots fueled his unwavering dedication to the SNGR community.

One of the notable ways Robertson demonstrated his support was by serving as the honorary chair of the campaign to build a new cultural center. His tireless efforts and

passion for this project spoke to his commitment to preserving and promoting Indigenous history and culture.

"Six Nations of the Grand River sends its deepest condolences to Mr. Robertson's family," Chief Mark Hill said. "He should be remembered not only for his music, but for the tremendous individual he was, and for the love and contributions he had for his Indigenous roots. We are grateful for all the requests and donations that have already been made in Robbie's memory. We know that he would be proud to see his legacy live on through this important cause."

In memory of Robbie Robertson, the family requested that donations be made to the Woodland Cultural Centre (WCC), an organization that Robbie was deeply passionate about. The Woodland Cultural Centre is dedicated to preserving and promoting the rich history and culture of Indigenous Peoples.

Former SNGREC Chief Ava Hill, who served with Robertson as the cultural center campaign committee co-chair, spoke on behalf of WCC. She said, "Robbie was a dear friend and colleague, a giant in the music industry and an inspiration to many young Indigenous musicians and youth across the country. The community of Six Nations is saddened today, but we know that his music and his dedication to all Indigenous Peoples will live on as we continue to work towards creating a new Cultural Centre, a place where we can showcase future musicians who have been inspired by Robbie."

Robbie Robertson's passing is not only a loss to the world of music but also to the ongoing efforts to celebrate and preserve the cultural heritage of Indigenous Peoples. His memory will live on through the meaningful work he championed, and his profound impact on the community he held dear will never be forgotten.



AERIAL INSECTIVORES PROJECT

Many Aerial Insectivores, or birds and bats, are facing population declines and are classified as Special Concern, Threatened, or Endangered.

While Six Nations may provide a vital refuge for wildlife, we lack information about these species on the reserve.

With your support, we can make a difference in conserving Species at Risk on Six Nations!

If interested in participating in our Aerial Insectivore research, contact us:
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Seen in Photograph: Eastern Wood-Pewee.



WILDLIFE & STEWARDSHIP OFFICE: AERIAL INSECTIVORES PROJECT

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ORANGE SHIRT DAY EVENT

The National Day of Truth and Reconciliation was another great way for the community to come together in a different way during the Six Nations of the Grand River (SNGR) Orange Shirt Day Event.

With September 30 being the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation, SNGR and SNGR Elected Council staff handed out gift packages to those who came to the drive thru Family Night Game pack giveaway. The event was held at Oneida Business Park (50 Generations Dr.)

With an emphasis on spending time with your families, the contents of the gift bags included: Food/Snacks, Colouring Book, Custom Playing Cards, Card Game Guide Booklet, #EveryChildMatters Tote Bag, and a Sweetgrass Braid.

"The event was a tremendous success," Chief Mark B. Hill said. "It was nice to see many familiar faces. I really like the idea of card games and snacks as a way for families to spend time together on a day that is important for our community."



SNGR Elected Council and staff handed out gift packages.



SNGR INTRODUCES NATHAN WRIGHT AS NEW INTERIM CEO

Six Nations of the Grand River (SNGR) announces the appointment of Nathan Wright as its new Acting Chief Executive Officer.

After completing a selection process, Wright was chosen for his proven leadership skills and dedication to the community. Wright was serving as a councillor and resigned from his post on Six Nations of the Grand River Elected Council earlier this week.

Not only has Wright's leadership skills shone during his tenure as a councillor, but as Chief Operating Officer of the Chiefs of Ontario, and Executive Director with the National Indigenous Fire Safety Council.

"I am tremendously excited about this new role and serving the community in this capacity," Wright said. "I'm looking forward to working with the executive team and staff to continue building a bright future for our community."

Wright takes over the role from Darrin Jamieson, who is taking a one-year leave of absence which began on

September 1, 2023. Jamieson's decision was difficult to make.

For the last three years in this position, Jamieson was instrumental in navigating SNGR staff and the community down a challenging path through the COVID-19 pandemic, while providing services, and developing long-term plans to serve the growing needs of the community. Wright plans to continue that, with a number of immediate tasks on his plate.

"We are happy to have Nathan step in and accept this position," Chief Mark B. Hill said. "Nathan has shown great vision, leadership and communication qualities that will help him in this role. I would also like to wish Darrin all the best health and happiness in the world. Darrin is such a major piece of our successes at SNGR. He is a big part of our community. We can't wait for his return. But first and foremost, we are happy that he is thinking about his own health and wellness."

SIX NATIONS OF THE GRAND RIVER (SNGR) APPOINTS DOROTHY PATTERSON AS NEW CEPO

Six Nations of the Grand River (SNGR) is thrilled to announce the appointment of Dorothy Patterson as the new Chief Electoral Polling Officer (CEPO). In her new role, Patterson will play a pivotal role in ensuring the fair and transparent conduct of the upcoming election for the 59th SNGR Elected Council. Her extensive experience and dedication to upholding the principles of democracy are expected to bring a new level of excellence to the election process.

Patterson's appointment as CEPO is a significant development for the SNGR community. In this crucial role, Patterson will oversee the entire election process, ensuring that it runs smoothly and that all eligible community members can cast their

votes. Her responsibilities encompass the supervision of voting procedures, the management of polling stations, and the safeguarding of the election's integrity.

SNGR leadership is confident that Patterson's wealth of knowledge and experience will greatly contribute to the success of the election. Her expertise in electoral matters, coupled with her commitment to fairness and transparency, makes her an ideal choice for this essential role. The Six Nations of the Grand River community can look forward to an election process that is not only efficient but also marked by a high degree of accountability and trust.

"We are very happy to have Dorothy in this role," Interim SNGR Chief Executive

Officer Nathan Wright said. "This was a top priority as soon as I took this portfolio, and a position we needed to fill as soon as possible. Her appointment underscores SNGR's unwavering commitment to conducting free and fair elections, essential for preserving the integrity of their democratic processes."

The upcoming election for the 59th SNGR Elected Council, based on the 2023 SNGR Election Code, is scheduled for November 4, with advanced polls available on October 21 and 28. All voting will take place at the Community Hall located at 1739 4th Line. In case of any inquiries or concerns related to the election process, Dorothy Patterson is readily available to assist at (519) 445-4204.

CHIEF HILL SPEAKS ABOUT PROSPERITY AND GREEN ENERGY AT ENERGY STORAGE CANADA CONFERENCE

At the recent Energy Storage Canada Conference in Toronto, Six Nations of the Grand River Elected Chief Mark B. Hill was the keynote speaker.

It was an engagement that allowed Chief Hill to show the rest of the country, and parts of the world, that Six Nations of the Grand River (SNGR) is at the forefront of green energy with the Oneida Energy Storage Project.

The Oneida Energy Project, which uses Tesla technology, is currently the largest battery storage project in the world.

"This means not only increased prosperity for our

people, but a chance to demonstrate green energy leadership, as well as a forward path for First Nations economic opportunities," Chief Hill said. "It means jobs, jobs, and jobs, as the project is not only partly owned by Six Nations as an equity partner, but will be built by Six Nations members, through our joint construction venture with Aecon, known as A6N, which has a 97% Indigenous work force."

Chief Hill said that this project is not only groundbreaking and important for not only Six Nations but for many other First Nations.

"The Oneida Energy Storage Project is only the latest and most high-profile illustration of this new way forward," Chief Hill said. "This project will also help empower the community's sovereign self determination in addition to prosperity."





WALK THE TRACT FRIENDSHIP WALK A SUCCESS

From September 22 to September 24, the Walk the Tract Friendship Walk took place and was hailed as a resounding success.

This event, organized to raise awareness and promote understanding of the Haldimand Tract and its significance, witnessed a remarkable turnout of participants from the local community and neighboring municipalities. It included two stops each day, featuring community members and leaders from Six Nations of the Grand River (SNGR), who joined hands with residents from the 38 municipalities connected to the Haldimand Tract, making it a comprehensive representation of the region's population. It was



also an opportunity to raise awareness of the major court case that Six Nations has against Canada and Ontario for restitution of misappropriated funds related to Haldimand Tract lands.

On Friday, the event kicked off in Fergus and St. Jacobs, followed by stops in Waterloo and Brantford on Saturday. The grand finale took place in Cayuga and Port Maitland. The seamless coordination of these stops allowed participants to engage with the Haldimand Tract's historical significance while enjoying picturesque surroundings.

One of the notable aspects of the Walk the Tract Friendship Walk was the significant presence of political and educational dignitaries. This included local councillors, indigenous leaders, and educators who lent their support to the cause of educating people about the Haldimand Tract.

Coun. Michelle Bomberry, an enthusiastic supporter of the event, emphasized the importance of the Walk the Tract Friendship Walk in the community.

"It was so well attended," Coun. Bomberry said.

"This was a great example of being able to educate people." Coun. Greg Frazer said.



"There is a lot of ignorance about what the Tract is, and how the land goes and what it means to us. This was a great opportunity to meet with leaders from other municipalities. There were some great conversations that took place."

Throughout the weekend, participants engaged in meaningful dialogues, learning about the history and significance of the Haldimand Tract. The event not only served as an educational platform but also strengthened ties between various communities connected to the Tract.

The success of the Walk the Tract Friendship Walk is a

testament to the community's commitment to fostering understanding and unity. It was an occasion where people from diverse backgrounds came together to celebrate the rich heritage of the Haldimand Tract and further promote its historical importance.

With the remarkable turnout and the genuine interest displayed by attendees and dignitaries, it is hoped that the event's impact will continue to ripple through the community, furthering the cause of preserving and honoring the history of the Haldimand Tract.



CHIEF & OFFICE CONTINUE ADVOCACY FOR EXCISE TAX REVENUES TO BE GIVEN BACK TO SIX NATIONS

Chief Hill recently met with the Minister of Indigenous Services, Patty Hajdu, welcoming her to Ohsweken for an in-depth discussion of the need to end the injustice of the federal excise tax's disproportionate impact on Six Nations.

Staff from the Chief's office also recently visited the Prime Minister's Office in Ottawa to conduct a meeting with the PM's top indigenous affairs advisor about the high priority need for this issue to be taken seriously and the revenues to be kept in our community.

Both the Minister and the PMO were given an updated briefing on the fact that over \$350 million every year is taken from just our largest business. The federal government takes this money and more out of our community, and the amount given back

to finance SNGR governmental operations is only a small fraction of that.

SNGR has been advocating that these revenues be allowed to remain in the community so that our needs are taken care of. We have an estimated \$1.6 billion dollar infrastructure gap facing our community by 2030. This includes the need for \$200 million in water delivery infrastructure, \$13.2 million in road repairs, \$116 million in housing construction, new care facilities, and school construction.

Chief Hill conveyed how much of a priority this is, and that we are open to creative ways of fixing it. Both Minister Hajdu and the PMO have indicated their awareness of our needs and the importance of the excise tax solution as a possible way to meet these needs, as well as

the creative options available for a way forward. They have committed to exploring the options available.

SNGR will continue to advocate for this matter to be taken seriously and for progress to be made for the sake of our community's needs.



VOICES RAISED AGAINST THE EXPANSIVE METIS LANDS LEGISLATION IN THE NATION'S CAPITAL



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Councillor Nathan Wright, who was a key figure in the delegation, shared his

thoughts on the impactful event.

"This was a well-attended event," Coun. Wright said. "Our voices were heard beyond where the rally was. We were able to meet with parliamentarians and talk to them about why we were there."

The Bill C-53 rally, although not the only one taking place in Ottawa that day, resonated strongly with the community members and the SNGREC representatives who attended. Their dedication and unwavering commitment to expressing their concerns were evident in their determined presence.

Coun. Wright further expressed his gratitude to all who took part in this significant event.

"I really appreciated everyone who showed up," Coun. Wright said. "The demonstration was a testament to the unity and strength within the community and their allies."

Bill C-53 has been a topic of great concern, not only to the Six Nations of the Grand River community but to First Nation communities across Canada. The bill has drawn criticism for its potential to infringe on first Nation rights and for not aligning with the principles of self-determination and reconciliation.



While the rally in Ottawa was just one chapter in a larger movement to protect First Nation rights and maintain the integrity of land and resources, the voices of the Six Nations of the Grand River and their allies were undeniably heard on this day. The commitment to dialogue and peaceful resistance displayed in the nation's capital has undoubtedly left a significant impact and demonstrated the strength of the community's resolve.



SIX NATIONS FALL FAIR A SUCCESS

The annual Six Nations Fall Fair is not just an event; it's a celebration of community, tradition, and togetherness. This year, once again, the fair brought people from all walks



of life together for a week-end of festivities, fun, and cherished memories. It's with immense pleasure and gratitude that we extend our congratulations to everyone who played a part in making this event a resounding success.

At the core of this event are the values of togetherness and preservation. The fair is a reflection of the community's commitment to preserving its heritage and sharing it with the world. It's a place where traditional arts and crafts, indigenous cuisine, and captivating

performances take center stage, providing a glimpse into the beautiful culture and history of Six Nations.

"Congratulations to all those who dedicated their time and energy to make the Six Nations Fall Fair possible," Chief Mark B. Hill said. "Your efforts have not only created an extraordinary event but have also strengthened the bonds that hold this community together. Here's to the continued success of the fair and to the rich traditions and culture of the Six Nations of the Grand River."

LANDS & RESOURCES COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT: A STEP TOWARDS INFORMED DECISION-MAKING

Six Nations of the Grand River Lands and Resources Department were very pleased with the discussion during a pair of community engagement events, marking a pivotal step towards informed decision-making and the inclusion of community voices.

The event, on September 18 took place at the Gathering Place. The primary focus of this gathering was to provide insight into a potential agreement with Brant Aggregates Ltd. and to facilitate discus-

sions with the Resources Department Consultation and Accommodation (CAP) Team. The idea is to promote informed decision making.

At the core of any thriving community lies the involvement and active participation of its members. Six Nations of the Grand River Elected Council (SNGREC) as well as the SNGR Lands and Resources Department is dedicated to ensuring a transparent and inclusive decision-making process, and the engagement

is pivotal in this endeavor.

The community engagement event was an opportunity for community members to delve into the details of a potential agreement with Brant Aggregates Ltd. and gain a comprehensive understanding of its implications and benefits. Presentations spoke about the key points of the potential agreement with Brant Aggregates Ltd., ensuring that attendees are well-informed about the subject matter.



Six Nations took centre stage when the Brantford Bulldogs hosted the Guelph Storm on September 22 for an Ontario Hockey League exhibition game.

BULLDOGS HOST STORM AT SIX NATIONS SPORTS AND CULTURAL MEMORIAL ARENA



While the on-ice action was thrilling, the event held a special significance as it aimed to honour former Six Nations OHL players and educate the teams about the rich history and culture of the Six Nations Grand River (SNGR). Even more heartwarming, all the proceeds from the game were generously donated to Six Nations.

The event was a testament to the deep-rooted connection between hockey and the Six Nations community. SNGR is home to a significant number of accomplished Indigenous hockey players who have made their mark in the world of junior and professional hockey, with several players having made their way to the OHL. The exhibition game served as a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the contributions of these players and acknowledge their role in inspiring future generations of Indigenous athletes.

"It's vital for us to remember and celebrate the accomplishments of our Indigenous athletes," Coun. Greg Frazer

said. "Events like this help bridge the gap between our Indigenous culture and the sport we all love. It's not just about hockey; it's about unity and understanding."

The game itself was an exciting battle, with both teams displaying exceptional skill and determination. The Bulldogs and the Storm traded goals, thrilling the crowd with fast-paced, high-intensity play. In the end, the Bulldogs emerged victorious with a 5-2 win over the Storm, but the real winners were the Six Nations Minor Hockey Association and the community it serves.

FEASIBILITY STUDY UNDERWAY FOR POTENTIAL HOUSING PROJECT IN BRANTFORD

The Six Nations of the Grand River Development Corporation (SNGRDC) along with Six Nations of the Grand River Elected Council (SNGREC) is actively exploring the feasibility of developing a high-density residential housing project on a vacant lot at 431 West Street in the City of Brantford. This initiative is expected to not only address housing needs but also contribute to the growth and prosperity of the Six Nations community.

The land in question, owned by SNGREC, currently sits empty. Preliminary plans suggest the potential construction of approximately 490 rental suites, a development that could significantly impact the housing landscape in the area.

As part of their preliminary due diligence, SNGRDC embarked on a comprehensive Feasibility Study, which encompassed archeological, geotechnical, and environmental assessments. These assessments were carried out between April and August 2023 and have unearthed valuable insights essential to the development process.

One significant revelation from the environmental assessment was that a portion of the property exceeded the acceptable standard for the presence of lead in the soil. To address this issue, a comprehensive soil remediation plan is in place. This plan involves the excavation and removal of up to 250 tonnes of soil, to be transported to an accredited, licensed disposal facility located outside



the Six Nations community. Importantly, this plan has been approved by SNGREC, as the property owners, reflecting their commitment to responsible land management.

It is estimated that less than 20 trees will need to be removed during the soil remediation process. In a demonstration of environmental responsibility and sustainability, SNGRDC has pledged to replace each tree at a 10:1 ratio, at a suitable location approved by SNGREC.

Following the successful soil remediation process, SNGRDC will proceed to the next steps in making a final recommendation to SNGREC. This includes seeking input from the Brantford City Council, identifying a reputable construction firm for the design and construction of the housing complex, and securing the necessary funding to bring the project to fruition.

SNGRDC remains firmly committed to their goal of

nurturing projects that enhance the quality of life for the Six Nations community and contribute to its growth and prosperity.

“This is a great step in the right direction to further assist our community members living in Brantford,” Chief Mark B. Hill said. “Our relationship with our neighbors in Brantford is an important one, and we look forward to the city’s full support in this initiative.”

The exploration of this high-density residential housing development is a promising step towards addressing housing needs in Brantford while fostering cooperation and community growth. SNGRDC’s dedication to responsible and sustainable development ensures that both the environment and the local community’s interests are carefully considered throughout the project’s development.

SNGR REQUESTS HEALTHCARE TRANSFORMATION CHANGES INCLUDE FIRST NATION OPT OUTS

SNGR and our health team staff have provided official feedback to Indigenous Services Canada as they continue their consultations and explorations of potential changes to the way the federal government delivers healthcare as impacting First Nations.

The government of Canada has been seeking input on the shape that could be taken by new legislation to be drafted in the coming six months. The legislation is to be drafted internally by the government based on what it hears in its consultations and would then be introduced in Parliament at the first reading stage sometime in the spring of 2024.

While there will be attempts in the parliamentary legislative process to amend any such legislation afterwards, the best course is to ensure that optionality is built in from the start. This would ensure that if the final legislation is not helpful to Six Nations or any other First Nation, then we could unilaterally opt out of its changes.

Council's feedback to Indigenous Services Canada was based on a very professional and helpful recommendation by SNGR staff to formally request opt-out and optional exclusion clauses. No federal legislative or policy changes can be allowed to jeopardize the stability and adequacy of healthcare at Six Nations, or of funding levels on the part of the Canadian government.

ISC has acknowledged our submission and we will be looking to further advocate for a sensible approach in the House of Commons once the legislation has been drafted.



SUBMIT AN AGENDA ITEM FOR GENERAL COUNCIL

If you would like to submit an agenda item for discussion before full Council, please reach out to executivecoordinator@sixnations.ca or stop by the front desk at our Central Administration building to obtain a form.

General Council meetings take place on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month at 6pm.

General Finance meetings are the first and third Monday of the month at 9am.

Political Liaison meetings take place on the second and fourth Monday of each month at 9am.

LITIGATION UPDATE

Six Nations of the Grand River Band of Indians v. The Attorney General of Canada and His Majesty the King In Right of Ontario and the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation

1. On May 9 and 10, 2023 at the Ontario Superior Court of Justice in Toronto the Motion by the Haudensaunee Development Institute (HDI) to intervene as a party in the litigation was argued before Justice J. T. Akbarali of the Superior Court. Six Nations of the Grand River (SNGR) opposed the HDI Motion.

On June 14, 2023 Justice Akbarali rendered her decision in the motion. The HDI Motion was dismissed. The HDI was ordered to pay SNGR the amount of \$299,000 in costs, Canada was ordered

to pay SNGR \$80,500 and Ontario was ordered to pay SNGR \$80,500, all of which has since been paid to SNGR.

2. On May 10, 2023 the Motion by the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (New Credit or NC) to intervene in the litigation was argued before Justice Akbarali in Toronto on June. SNGR opposed NC's Motion.

On June 14, 2023 Justice Akbarali rendered her decision in the NC motion. New Credit was allowed to intervene as a party and SNGR was ordered to pay court costs to NC in the amount of \$13,000.

3. On June 30, 2023 SNGR's Motion to amend its Statement of Claim to make it more clearly understood that the Haldimand Proclamation of October 25, 1784 is a Treaty and that the effect of the Proclamation was to create a Reserve for the Six Nations people of the Grand River. Canada and Ontario opposed the motion as well as New Credit. Canada also brought a cross motion asking that portions of Six Nations Statement of Claim where examples of the Crown's Breach of Fiduciary Duty are pleaded be struck out.

On August 1, 2023 Justice Akbarali rendered her decision in the SNGR motion. SNGR was allowed to amend its Statement of Claim. Canada's cross motion was dismissed. Canada and Ontario were ordered to pay SNGR \$90,000 as court costs.

4. New Credit has now filed its Statement of Defence. Canada and Ontario and filed their Amended Statement of Defences to Six Nations amended Statement of Claim.

5. Canada and Ontario must deliver their expert reports dealing SNGR amendments to its Statement of Claim by March 30, 2024.

6. Canada's expert report dealing with accounting and financial systems in Upper Canada in the 1800's shall be delivered by January 31, 2024.

7. New Credit is to deliver its expert evidence reports by May 1, 2024

8. SNGR, Canada and Ontario are to deliver their expert report responses to NC's expert reports by September 30, 2024.

9. Six Nations is still optimistic that the trial of the action can commence sometime in the last quarter of 2024.

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