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Some cash for aboriginals in federal budget but no big initiatives

By Lynda Powless
Editor

OTTAWA- The pre-election budget brought down by Prime Minister Paul Martin's liberal government yesterday was heavy on financial controls and scrutiny in wake of the government's sponsorship scandal but had nothing but crumbs to offer Canada's poorest of the poor, aboriginal people.

Prime Minister Paul Martin while trumpeting his commitment to improving the lot of aboriginals, didn't blow his horn Tuesday. Instead he had little new cash for

on reserve issues like housing. The biggest new promise is more funding for the Urban Aboriginal Strategy. The program, meant to

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Senecas stand up for their Nation!

Over 200 Seneca Nation citizens and supporters brace against the bitter cold wind Sunday as they stood in a mile long line along Route 20 showing their solidarity for the Seneca Nation's sovereignty including Martin Seneca (inset) who said he was there to support his nation. More page 6. (Photos by Edna Gooder)

Secret government document

On-reserve education systems blamed for failing aboriginal children

OTTAWA-CP-The federal government admits the \$1.7 billion it spends each year educating aboriginal children has created a "non-system not designed to produce results," according to secret documents prepared for Andy Mitchell, the new Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada.

First Nations education must be investment worthwhile, while closing the education gap between abo-

original students and the rest of Canada will require "focused attention for at least a decade," says documents obtained by the National Post.

"Are we getting results commensurate with a \$1.7 billion investment in First Nations education, let alone results which will close the HID (Human development Index) gap?" the heavily censored briefing notes ask.

The most alarming concern for the federal government is the growing

INAC knows legal policy creating "tidal wave" of costs

OTTAWA-CP- "A looming tidal wave" of costs has forced the federal department of Indian Affairs to rethink the way it funds Canada's native population, according to internal government reports that also urge Ottawa to move "beyond managing dependency."

At the heart of the proposed strategy is a push to settle hundreds of lingering court battles between aboriginal people and the ministry. The number of cases has rocketed from 250 in 1993 to more than 1,200 now,

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Six Nations District 5 byelection two strong candidates

By Lynda Powless
Editor

Two well known local men have opted to run for the vacant seat in District Five after nominations closed Saturday at the band council chambers.

Former lands research director Phil Monture and a former band councillor George A. Montour are both seeking the seat.

Phil Monture told Turtle Island News he is seeking the seat "because nothing has happened in the last two and a half years with our land claim."

Phil Monture, with 27 years of experience in the land claims office said

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Liberal scandal may hit aboriginal funding Martin says tight dollars

(Continued from front) birth rate among Canada's aboriginal population. Over the next 15 years, four times more aboriginal youth will be looking for jobs than there will be older aboriginal workers leaving the labour force...

students but spends half as much. Another \$302 million is earmarked for the post-secondary sector, money that goes to student tuition and living expenses as well as programs that help aboriginal students make the transition from high school to college or university.

"Within our borders there are pockets, in the form of reserves, where the standards are different and certainly the results are different," Dr. Oberg said. "Yet these students are expected to go off reserve for jobs."

is similar to attendance rates if the general population. B.C. is also experiencing some success by setting up agreements between aboriginal leaders and public school boards, where community leaders pledge to get more involved in education and schools agree to provide culturally relevant educational materials and involve aboriginals in school board operations...

turnover and a lack of educators with expertise in math and science, or even basic high school courses. "You have pre-conditions that are not well-suited to success. Those issues are not going to go away" said Ken Coates, dean of arts and science at the University of Saskatchewan and an expert in aboriginal education.

INAC, memos show status quo not working, Fontaine says work with us

(Continued from front) presenting the government with "significant financial and policy risks," documents warn. Burden to the overwhelming fiscal burden are hundreds of land claim negotiations that will eventually cost taxpayers billions of dollars.

The increasing amount of litigation cited in the documents—it is expected to jump at least 11% by next year—does not even include the thousands of claims filed against the government by victims of residential school abuse.

the best course of action," said Roy the director of Litigation portfolio Operations. "I think where the possibility exists for settlement, and where both parties have the shared determination to settle, INAC, makes its best efforts to resolve litigation out of court."

push the government to work on with us in partnership." If INAC is so dedicated to settling lawsuits, Chief Fontaine said, it should not have appealed the recent Blackwater decision in which the B.C. Court of Appeal ruled unani-

victims," he said. "Government should listen to us and heed its own advice and work with First Nations now to build a stronger country and a better future."



Fontaine



Mitchell

Mitchell last December, after he was sworn in as the new Indian Affairs Minister, warn that hundreds of comprehensive and specific land claims, coupled with the growing litigation, pose a "high risk" liability for the government. "Many claims have been out standing for a number of years," reads one document, prepared in advance of Tuesday's (yesterday) federal budget. "This is very costly for the government to manage. Costs associated with managing negotiations and litigation continue to grow."

Although initially costly, observers say such strategy will ultimately save millions of dollars that would have been spent while cases dragged out in court for years at a time. "In terms of cost-effectiveness, the status quo does not seem to be working," said Michael Coyle, a University of Western Ontario law professor who specializes in aboriginal litigation and land claims. "And it hasn't worked in a long time."

mously that Ottawa is "100 per cent vicariously liable" for abuse that occurred at the Alberni Residential School. "The appeal means more delay and legal argumentation instead of justice and resolution of claims for the

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Two men nominated in District Five byelection for empty council seat

(Continued from front) "the biggest concern I have is our litigation with the land claim. nothing has occurred since the election of the new council. This is our only way out. it's our future."



Phil Monture

He said he wants to see "the focus back on Six Nations not on Ottawa. We need to re-focus the council back to the reserve and what's happening here and what's important here."

Phil Monture was nominated by Ronald Monture and seconded by Pam M. Peters

George A. Montour was nominated by Arthur Porter and seconded by Robert Lickers.

George Montour was not available for a photo or interview.

The District Five seat became vacant after former councillor Linda Staats, director of Six

Nations Polytechnic, was charged by Brant OPP with uttering forged documents and possession of property over \$5,000 that had been obtained by a crime.

The charges came after an abandoned van was found along the side of a road with an altered VIN number. The van had been reported stolen. The vehicle was registered to Linda Staats. Her trial is expected to begin July 8.

Saturday's by-election The byelection was expected to be held Easter weekend, April 10th at the council chambers but the date may change because of the holiday.

The call for a byelection comes in the wake of a second councillor facing charges.

District Four councillor Ladd Staats has been charged with impaired driving, uttering threats, obstructing police and failing to provide a breath sample after an early morning incident March 7th in which Cayuga OPP stopped a vehicle going through a red light on Fourth Line and Chiefswood Road.

Staats has not commented on the charges or if he will resign. Six Nations Band Council Chief Roberta Jamieson has not commented on the charges or if Ladd Staats has indicated to council if he will resign.

He has 90 days to clear the charges. If he fails to clear the charges, according to the current



Nominations for District 5 were held Saturday at the band council chambers. Elections officer Bob Johnson oversaw the nominations. There were only two candidates nominated. (Photo by Lynda Powless)

election code, band council has to remove him from office. That means the community could have to wait until June before Ladd Staats resigns leaving only five months in the life of the current council.

Linda Staats had been charged in February of 2003 but the community only learned of the charges some nine months later when the Six Nations Police Commission says it sent a letter to Band Council Chief Roberta Jamieson and council's attention about the matter through councillor Susan Porter.

Some council members claim they have never seen the letter. At the same time Linda Staats resigned citing health reasons. Porter has never answered for the

missing letter. The Councillor Dave Hill said he was not aware of any charges involving councillor Ladd Staats. "No one said a word to me about it. This is the first I've heard of it."

Councillor Carl Hill said Saturday (March 20th) he hadn't been told about the charges either. "I read about it in the newspaper." Ladd Staats has been plagued with personal problems since taking office including health concerns.

Shortly after taking office his wife, Wendy Staats came under fire when money was reported missing from Six Nations Minor Lacrosse. She was treasurer. Staats admitted in a public meeting to taking the money. Six Nations Police Chief Glen Lickers said the issue is still

under investigation. He said the Six Nations Police Commission sent a letter to band council Chief Roberta Jamieson's and council's attention March 11th after being instructed by the police commission at its March 10th meeting to alert chief and council to the charges.

Only, this time, he said they had delivered and had someone sign it for it. "We hand delivered it and had it signed for because there seems to be some question about what happened to the last one."

According to the current election code Ladd Staats has 90 days to clear the charges or be removed from council. The proposed code changes drops the section.

Ken Montour, a monster on the lacrosse floor award winner at University

By E. J. GOODER Staff Writer

A Monster - he isn't. Instead Ken Montour has a gentle, warm spirit and it's the first thing you notice when you meet him.

Which is surprising for the athlete who's lacrosse nickname is "Monster".

Ken 24, a Mohawk of the Turtle Clan has been a role model for youths on the Six Nations since he played lacrosse on the Nations teams.

And last Friday he added a new

achievement to his list. Ken received the fifth, annual, Aboriginal Achievement Award from Brock University.

While about 50 relatives watched his mom Sandy Montour said her son passes on the lessons he learned from his lacrosse community, such as fair play, walk away from a confrontation and take pride in winning, or losing.

Montour said he supported his teammates, when they did well and when they were in need of some direction. He adds he didn't crit-

cize, but encouraged his teammates. No - he is not a monster even



Ken Montour

though his friends still call him by his nickname. Tearfully, his mom says, "My

heart is full of love and pride, for he is the best of us all."

Ken is a well known volunteer at Six Nations and at Brock University community.

He has coached lacrosse, helped special, needs children, and was a motivational speaker to visiting native students. While at Brock he has been active in the University's Aboriginal Student Services, (ASS) in such programs as the Aboriginal Youth.

The award an eagle sculpture by native artist Cadaha" weneda of the Onondaga Wolf Clan was presented to Montour by Sabrina Redwing Saunders.

Saunders the Aboriginal Student advisor at Brock said she was very happy Montour decided to enter and fill out the required forms to be considered for the prestigious award.

She said the award recognizes his high level of academic achievement, leadership and volunteering in the community on campus and off. The honour, she adds, will be placed on his permanent transcripts as a University Accolade.

Saunders said Montour will be complete his teaching placement at the I.L. Thomas Elementary School from April to May. He will then graduate in June with an Ontario Teachers Certificate in Physical Education. Montour emphasizes he would like to "coach our youth at home."

Shyly bowing his head and speaking in a hushed voice, he said, he tries to "treat people with respect" and truly enjoyed helping where he could. He adds, "I guess I have a warm spirit."

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It's a trap, for sure in your mailbox, excuse to head to Ottawa

A cute little green bulletin is making its way around the community that claims to be from the "unknown" Six Nations "Governance Committee" and is aimed at scaring local residents into believing legislation now before parliament on a variety of financial matters will end up causing you to pay property taxes.

It's baloney! It's a weak scare tactic.

And it doesn't address the real issue being ignored by the current band council and that is, these so call taxation powers they are crying about already exist in the Indian Act, and they are the ones who will be imposing them.

This little bulletin claims the Bill C-23 is going to provide for real property taxation powers of First Nations and they call it a "trap".

They claim we will become like municipalities with property tax systems, give rights to non-member taxpayers on the reserve, increased federal control over financial affairs by imposing more rules and regulations and it goes on.

The only thing it doesn't tell you is who is going to be the big bad wolf at the door imposing these conditions. They don't tell you because its the band council system.

Band councils were given the right to tax their communities in 1988 when the Indian Act was amended. Since then aboriginal communities, mostly outwest have been taxing non-native entities in their communities, corporations, railroads. There isn't a single aboriginal community in Canada that is forcing its people to pay property tax on reserve land...yet (But here at Six Nations we are already paying a form of taxation. Look at your water bill or your local gas bill. It's called a service charge. And this council is the one that okayed that service charge on your water bill).

And what about giving rights to non-member taxpayers on the reserve. We'd have to ask the Governance Committee what are non-members doing on the reserve in the first place? The only way they are going to get here is if the current band council changes the residency bylaw to allow non-members to live here. And if they do, who is going to pay the additional costs to provide services to them. Or are we going to tax them for those services. And if we are, who's going to implement that tax system...the band council.

Increased federal control over our financial affairs. Please, they control the band budget now by deciding how much money the band council gets to administer its programs.

The legislation says its optional but the little Green Pamphlet knows, it only means there will be no other options! In the community we agree. The biggest problem that we have had in the past over two years is the lack of options given to community members on some very serious community concerns and realities like the residency bylaw, education, and now even the election code that is raising the ire of community members.

For the past two years we have heard nothing but let's get on the buses and go to Ottawa. Yet we've never had a financial accounting for those costs and where the money came from to pay for them.

We've heard band council has to be in Ottawa to watch Parliament pass legislation. Yet we can't get an answer at the band office for how much it costs us to send them there complete with their entourage or on its FNCA costs.

So its gets a little hard to take these scare tactics seriously when all they really mean is Elected Chief Roberta and gang are off to Ottawa again...on our dollar!



Letters: Election code was band council committee not community committee, reader says

To the Editor and community members:

On Monday, March 15th, before the community meeting was called I phoned band council to inquire about who were the community members that were attending at the council meetings on the Election Code. The receptionist said she did not know but Lori Martin Harris (council secretary) knew and she was out at that particular time, 3:30 p.m., but would be back in a few minutes and would return my call. So I informed the receptionist that I was calling in regards to "who were the community members that worked on the Joint Council/Community Committee" so that she could look this up since in happened in 2002- Three days later I have not received my answer to my phone call. But it was stated at the community meeting that myself, Marlene Martin and Barb Smith worked on this. I called these ladies on March 15th regarding this matter and they said they also had not attended nor been informed of these meetings.

The last meetings we attended was in August of 2001 when we presented a Draft provided by Barb Harris to council, which was rejected by council, who informed the community at that meeting that chief Wellington Staats did not have enough time to approve the Draft. End of draft for 2001.

I inquired about the election code committee with David General about two months ago and he said Council was working on it. I asked why council was working on it when it was the community's issue. He said they were only putting the periods in and crossing the T's at which I commented it would still have to be ratified by the community with 3 more meetings. No comment.

Why has the council hired a white lawyer to edit our injections to the

code, when Band Council themselves omitted all suggestions except (2) two from the Code by means of 17 different manuscripts so we could not see what was being deleted, omitted and word changes (by not identifying the words when they changed them) just submitting in the new manuscript, omit, delete change wording, reword is seen through out the 17 manuscripts, with no evidence of the words being changed. So we end up with the same old Election Code with 2 additions to band council's benefit.

It took them 2 years to do this, now they want us to read, submit new ideas or complaints in 3 weeks and read and then schedule meetings on the new, "NEW" revised code and ratify in the following month by a vote. We also need time and consideration to put in good rules and regulations that all can abide by. Which also should be ratified by 50 % plus one of the number who voted in the last election to make it legal. This is the number they want to make an appeal official, or an impeachment process to be legitimate. Let's make it across the board for any changes which must be approved by the community "after 3 community meetings are held on the final draft.", 50 % plus one sounds good to me, that would be 1001 people pass the Election Code. That would make this code stand up and talk back in the way it is suppose to.

To clear things up-no community members to our knowledge has attended the joint council/community meetings as promoted by the band council in their letter to the community dated March 11th, 2004. This manuscript provides us with information on Joint Council/Community Committee is fiction. It states we conducted extensive community consultations and revised the election code. On Jan., 10th, 2004 the recommenda-

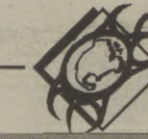
tions were considered by Council. Then the Code was edited by legal council (who has no business changing anything the community wants). It took council 2 years more to amend this code, yet council gives the community 2 weeks, then it changed it's mind and now allows us an extra week until April 9th, 2004 to give us all this time to digest, edit, and make the requests we want, in this very important CUSTOM CODE. Yahoo.

CUSTOM CODE- information taken from a letter from Andy Mitchell quote "they strongly encourage us to consult our First Nation election/leadership rules so that we may bring our issues to the attention of and have them dealt with accordingly, by the appropriate people. End quote. The appropriate people being the 2000 community voters who voted in the last election in the "Custom Code" it's up to us to what we allow in the code and what we ratify by voting. Quote from Mitchell's letter "neither the election provisions of the "Indian Act", the Band Council Procedure regulations, nor the Indian Band Election regulations would apply to those First Nation leadership selection processes." End quote. So-you reap what you sow--it's time you step forward before this abomination presented to us causes more external unrest in the community.

We cannot allow council to make it's own rules to abide by, that is considered a conflict of interest (where is the white lawyer's head, he must be sitting on it or was it approved by one of our own, which makes it twice as bad). Again, if we don't do what we are suppose to do regarding this issue, then council will have to do it and I guess correctly, they are also trying. The three community members (I

(More letters page 5)

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More letters: Casino Rama explains its role, education, elections

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(I noticed council got \$10,000 to change the code) who tried but failed miserably, not because we didn't try but because the reins were in the hands of band council who was allowed to omit all past requests from the community except 2 submissions from the community was allowed from the whole list of entries which benefits the councillors only. The community in general does not benefit. It took 17 different editions of the code provided to us with omit, edit, reword but no identification of what was omitted except a section number for this to be carried out.

Now in 2004, Council approves their own election code decisions and is in a hurry to vote on our own celebration day of 24th of May. Many of the elders who are unable to walk from the parking lot do not go to Bread and Cheese Day and expect the family members to bring the bread and cheese home for their elders. Well, last year my daughter was not allowed to do this. One piece only per member. So she was informed Council would not allow her to get my cheese. That's important as we have to feed many non members in honour of the Queen, forget the old members who find walking for cheese not worth it.

An issue I have with the code is why are they changing Status members to band members, is this to allow non members to vote. Also changing Six Nations Status Band members to registered members. You can't be a band member without a status card, but you could be registered without a status card, so

that would allow non status card holders who are registered to be elected into our band office. Also to be chief.

What happened to the law that said a chief must be a council member before running for Chief?

Not fit any more? There was a reason for eliminating this I am sure. Common sense tells you, you should be involved with council by being a councillor before running as chief. Now look what education bought us. A whole stack of lawyers, after the Rama funds, cause now we have a "war chest". Soon they will all be running our affairs, they do a pretty good job of it now. All they need is to allow a registered person to go through and voila, what you got. Next we will be known as "you know those Indians with a white chief with a choice of head gear."

I remain the dummy in volunteer community service

Alva Martin

Rama's FNL President responds to earlier letter

This letter is intended to clarify any misconceptions in relation to the administration of Casino Rama funds that may have resulted from a Letter to the Editor published in the March 10th (2004) edition of your newspaper (Chief Councillor needs to open up to all of community" by Name withheld to protect the writer's job")

Among other things, the letter questioned how the Casino Rama dollars distributed to Six Nations are monitored and accounted for. I trust the following information will

clear up any possible confusion.

Casino Rama net revenues are distributed to the 133 First Nations communities in Ontario (apart from the Casino's host community, Rama) in accordance with a number of legal agreements involving the province of Ontario, Ontario First Nations Limited Partnership (PFNLP) and Rama. The Casino Rama Revenue Agreement (CRRA) in particular, provides that the funds must be distributed on a formula basis. The distribution formula was not established by the Board of Directors of OFNLP. As well, the funds can only be used for five approved purposes, these being community development, health, education, economic development and cultural development. Directors do not have authority to police community spending, this is managed at several other levels.

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within each area select their representative and determine the eligibility of each candidate running for the position, which includes an evaluation of any possible conflict of interest. Ms Kimberly (Kim) Thomas was selected by the twelve (12) Independent First Nations through a democratic process, in which each Chief had a vote.

The Directors are responsible for bringing OFNLP/Casino Rama information to the Chiefs and bringing back the positions, decisions questions or concerns of their Chiefs to the Board. I invite anyone who has further questions about how Casino Rama net revenues are distributed and monitored to call the OFNLP office

Yours truly

Leroy Dolson, President.

New blood quantum letters

Dear Editor:

About eight or nine years ago I researched my family tree and have concluded that I have about 80 to 85 per cent true red Indian blood flowing through my veins and arteries. Very recently I visited the Band membership office and received a letter saying I am considered to have at least 50 per cent Indian blood. Amazing and scary news indeed!

How in the world could I lose almost half of my good rich Indian blood in less than 10 years and not be aware of it? Had someone fitted me with a spigot that could slowly drain me of my good rich Indian blood? Maybe it was prescription blood thinners even though medical literature indicates a NO. Then

I remembered a peculiar looking box sitting on the membership room counter and pointing right at me. My blood was probably being diluted while I waited for my letter. At any rate I now have it in writing from our Band Council and Band Administration that I am only half an Indian. I hope things don't get any worse. I could soon be in the same situation as Michael Jackson if this continues.

The Six Nations Band Administration and Band Council by the stroke of a few pens, have dropped the Blood Quantum from all Six Nations people from 100 per cent down to 50 per cent. How can we be sure they will not drop it down to 25 per cent or even lower before their term is up? Just think of the ramifications-no more less expensive gas, no more tax exempt cars, hassles with border crossing, dissolving our land claims with no gain, paying for health care, paying for education, a form of taxes and the endless list goes on.

Why would the Band Administration and Band Council want to help the Canadian government get rid of Indians by passing a resolution downgrading them from 100 percent to 50 per cent? Could it be the fact that many in higher positions around the Administration Building would find it difficult to prove 50 per cent blood quantum?

Yes, we should all be striving to become more of an Indian, certainly not less.

Yours in peace and a stronger Six Nations
Alton C. VanEvery

SNAG sends open letter to Six Nations Band Council over proposed election code

SIX NATIONS ADVOCACY GROUP

An open letter to the Six Nations Council: Dear Council:

The Six Nations Advocacy Group has the following concerns regarding the 2004 Draft Election Code and the process that the Six Nations Council is undertaking to have this Draft Code ratified:

1. The 1995 Election Code is the only Election Code that has been approved by both the community and the Minister of Indian Affairs. The Chief and Council, therefore, are legally bound to follow this Code.

A Joint Council/Community Committee did develop a Revised Election Code in 2001, but that Revised Code was never approved by the community or the Minister of Indian Affairs.

2. Chief Councillor Roberta Jamieson and Councillor Dave General did knowingly breach the 1995 Election Code and implement the 2004 Draft Election Code by: 1. Chief Councillor Roberta Jamieson unilaterally appointed

Councillor Dave General as the Acting Chief during her absence (the 1995 Election Code has no provision to appoint an Acting Chief).

2. The By-Election for a Councillor in District 5 has been stalled for four months, even though the 1995 Election Code clearly indicates that "when a vacancy occurs greater than four months prior to the next election, the sitting Council may call a By-Election to fill that vacancy or may call a General Election. The sitting Council will inform the community of their decision to have a By-Election or General Election within five (5) business days of the vacancy".

3. The 1995 Election Code states that the "appointment of the Chief Electoral/Polling Officer shall be for a maximum period of three years or shall coincide with the term of office and shall be paid according to the duties performed". This Council, however, went to the expense of advertising for the position of the Chief Electoral/Polling Officer and changed the name to Supervising Electoral Officer. (Since the beginning of this sitting Council's term, Roberta Jamieson's practice has been to implement and seek approval after the fact).

4. The 1995 Election Code states that "the Chief Electoral/Polling

Officer must be a permanent resident of Six Nations of the Grand River and/or have resided on the reserve for a minimum of one (1) year prior to election", yet this Administration encouraged an individual residing on the New Credit Indian Reserve to apply for the position.

5. The community is now being asked to legitimize Jamieson and General's wrongdoing by voting "yes" to the new 2004 Draft Election Code.

6. We have learned that some of the Councillors do not even fully understand the current Election Code nor the revision and ratification processes.

7. The Bread & Cheese celebration has traditionally been a family and community day. With 394 days of the year left for Chief and Council to conduct our business, there is no justifiable reason to mar this annual celebration with politics.

8. The distribution of two separate documents (the 2004 Draft Election Code and a couple of days later the 1995 Election Code) in our mailboxes has confused the voting members, thereby crippling their ability to effectively understand the document and to respond in writing.

9. The 1995 Election Code should have been submitted to the community at the same time as the

2004 Draft Election Code. It should have been submitted to the community in one package and the amendments should have been clearly outlined. How are voting members expected to evaluate the revised document without having a copy of the current document to compare it to?

10. The written responses requested by April 9th, 2004, will likely meet the same fate as the written responses that were submitted with respect to the Residency Bylaw.

11. The "Introduction Section" of the 2004 Draft Election Code claims that the new Code is the result of the work of the Joint Council/Community Committee. A community committee member, however, has said that she was not asked to attend any meetings since 2001. She, therefore, had no input into the extensive changes to the 2004 Draft Election Code and, in fact, did not see any of the changes until she received a copy in her mailbox along with all the other community members.

The Six Nations Advocacy Group believes the majority of voting members has lost trust and faith in Chief Councillor Roberta Jamieson's leadership and administration.

We, therefore, question what assurance we would have that our input will be valued, respected and incorporated into the new Code.

Furthermore, we are disturbed by news reports that Councillor General told community members at the March 15th, 2004 Election Code meeting that the purpose was to review the text of the document. It was indicated that the meeting was not called for the purpose of making any changes and no one was able to ask any questions. This tells us that the Election Code meetings are not undertaken with sincerity and respect.

We believe the extensive revisions to the Code require rethinking, on the part of the Six Nations Council, with respect to the ratification process. With this in mind, we are requesting that the deadline for written submissions and the voting process be extended so that all voting members will have ample time and opportunity to analyze, read and compare the Draft 2004 Election Code to the existing 1995 Election Code.

In the Spirit of Community, Six Nations Advocacy Group.

The letter is signed by Alva Martin and Roberta Hill on behalf of the group. The letter has also been forwarded to Honourable Andy Mitchell - Minister of Indian Affairs Rt. Hon. Paul Martin - Prime Minister and friendship centres.



Chain for Sovereignty rally is rally for sovereignty not tax exemption

By E. J. GOODER
Staff Writer

CATTARAUGUS N.Y. - The freezing, windy weather didn't keep them away.

Instead over 200 men, women, children, and elders of the Seneca Nation stood side by side in line that stretched a mile along Route 20 Sunday.

Shoulder to shoulder they joined hands in a show of solidarity dubbed the Chain for Sovereignty Rally Seneca leaders said to preserve the sovereignty of the Seneca Nation and to support the Honour Indian Treaties (HIT) movement.

The rally was held, Donna

formed a human chain along Route 20 near Irving N. Y.

The biting cold didn't lessen the determination of the group to be heard as passing cars honked in support.

The chain portion of the rally lasted about an hour and a half then the group moved to space donated by Native Pride, a gas station on Route 20, to get shelter and warmed up from the freezing weather.

Seneca member Gloria Redeye Way of Angola N.Y. said she felt she had to come out today because "it is important for the coming generations to maintain our sovereignty." Redeye Way of the Bear Clan said she is "here to fight for our future."

The freezing cold didn't keep Audrey Ground of the Turtle Clan away from the rally. Audrey Ground of Hamburg, N. Y., said she was "here today as a member of the Seneca Nation and to support the future of our Tribal sovereignty."

Art John of the Hawk Clan said he owns the smoke shop Big Butt Cigarette and he is out today to "support the people that support us."

John said he saw himself as a Seneca and not a Native American and he voted in the Seneca Nation elections; therefore didn't think he would vote in the U.S.' November presidential elections.

Adults were not the only ones out supporting the cause so were young people, such as Amanda Garrido, 13 of Buffalo N.Y., and her mother Diane who were out to support the Seneca Nation and the fight to have the Nations treaties honoured.

Garrido a Chippewa said she thinks "what is going on is wrong" because the government doesn't have the right to break Treaties.

After everyone was warm and had a hot drink, or corn soup they began to migrate toward two tents



Senecas rallied along Route 20 Sunday against taxation that threatens their sovereignty. (Photo by Edna Gooder)

erected in the parking lot to listen to members of the Tribal council.

Seneca Nation president Ricky L. Armstrong Sr. told the gathering "this rally isn't about taxes, but about the sovereignty of our Nation."

He said the latest "tax scheme is just a delay and must be resolved because this will continue to hang over our heads."

Armstrong encouraged those gathered to register to vote in the November elections. He said change can only come about if people vote for it.

Art "Sugar" Montour Tribal Councillor said the Seneca Nation "will not agree to any form of tax exemption because we are not taxable."

He said the 1842 Buffalo Creek Treaty clearly states the Seneca Nation will not be taxed. Montour added if "we are taxed" then many people will be back on the welfare line.

Barry E. Snyder Sr., SNI Council said to the warmly dressed crowd, "we have a right to be heard and in control of our own future." Snyder said if the Nations people all voted then they would have the power to influence the "United States Government."

Smiling at the crowd, he emphasizes, get "out and vote." Raising a white envelope for all to see,

Campaign kicks off next week to document lives of missing aboriginal women

VANCOUVER (CP) - A campaign aiming to put a face to every name on a list of 500 missing or murdered aboriginal women in Canada will be launched Monday.

Part of the goal of the year-long "Sisters in Spirit" campaign, organized by the Native Women's Association of Canada, is to document each aboriginal woman who disappeared or died a violent death in the past two decades.

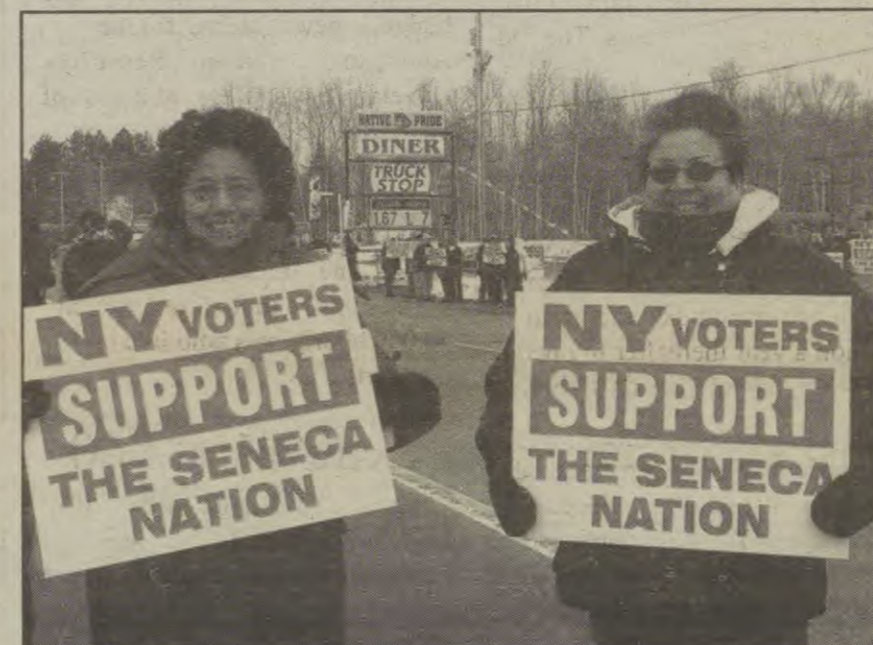
Amnesty International has paid Bev Jacobs, a Mohawk from Ontario, to travel to reserves and cities across Canada to meet relatives of aboriginal women, and to seek answers from police, hospitals and court records.

Snyder said, he has "taken the step — maybe it's time to get our turn."

Kevin W. Seneca National Congress of American Indians

The closing ceremony was performed by the Seneca Singers

Darryln Spruce, 23, Hawk Clan, Travis Jimmerson, 24, Heron Clan



Gloria Redeye-Way and Audrey Ground proudly display their signs. They said they are out in force for their grandchildren.

Eastern area vice-president said to those gathered in the freezing cold "we must focus on the next election." Seneca adds "our numbers can be effective in the outcome of voting" someone into office who supports the Treaties of the Seneca Nation, or vote someone out who doesn't.

Armstrong thanked everyone for braving the cold and their support at today's rally.

and Kyle Beaver, 20, Turtle Clan. The group sang social songs through the rally and has been singing together since they were children.

After the rally and speeches people hung around chatting quietly and mothers began rushing their warmly, dressed little ones into cars away from the 26 degree temperature.

women go missing," she said. "After residential schools and foster homes, we are losing another generation of our people, this time to violence."

Brown said the campaign is also backed and partly funded by the United and Anglican churches. Brown's sister died in 2001 in Prince George, B.C., after a violent assault. No one was charged.

"The number of 500 missing or murdered First Nations women seems staggering but we know that that number is conservative, that a lot of deaths and disappearances haven't been added to official lists," she said.

be a huge outcry if aboriginal

G. R. E. lands multi-million dollar supply contract with German Army

By E. J. GOODER
Staff Writer

Grand River Enterprises, Six Nations largest private employer is now a European enterprise.

The multi-million dollar corporation has signed a contract to supply the German army with tobacco products and sent its first shipment out Monday.

Steve Williams, G.R.E. spokesman said the German Military will receive the first shipment of 1,000 cases of Mohawk brand cigarettes, a new cigarette brand created for them at the Ohsweken plant.

The contract, Williams said, is the first of its kind between a First Nation enterprise and a foreign military. The shipment will be shipped from a New Jersey port arriving in Hamburg Germany April 31.

The shipment is being sent by boat

because of the transit strike and flying the cargo will be too expensive. The shipment of cigarettes, Snider said will cost the company about \$2,169 in U.S. currency.

Darrell McKay security manager said as the 40 ft. container was loaded a customs officer would witness the process then the container would be sealed not to open again until it reached its destination.

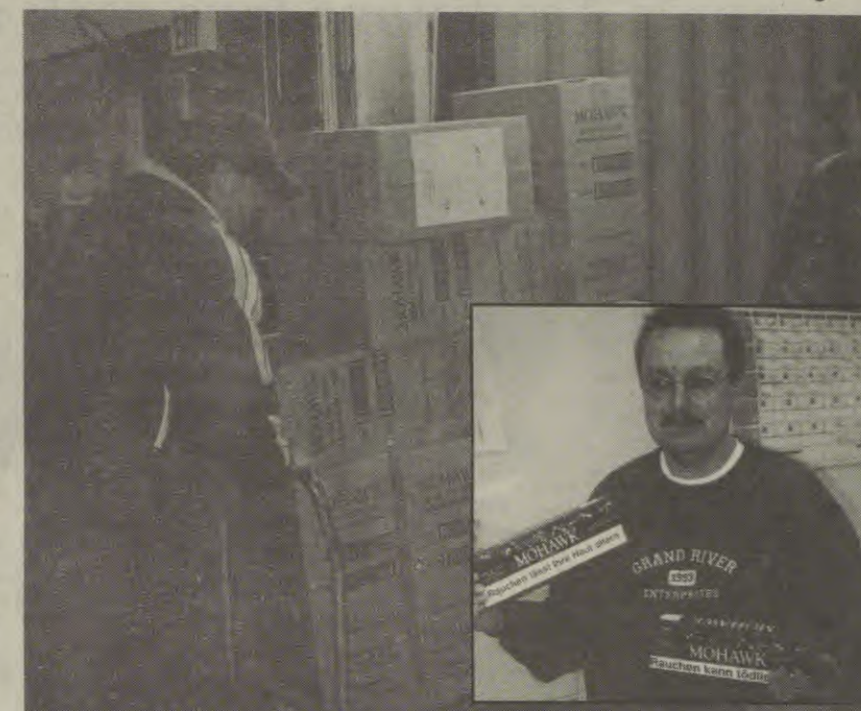
Williams said the soldiers liked anything aboriginal. "They know more about us than some of us do." He said, the company will be putting collectable cards, with the information and history about various aboriginal Nations in the cartons.

Williams said the Mohawk cigarettes are mild because they use tobacco, with out additives giving the cigarette a smoother taste. He

adds the company also produces varying brands, such as Senecas and Capitals. Williams adds the tobacco they use is bought from the Simcoe Leaf Tobacco Board.

Williams said there are 60 cartons in a case so there're about 10,000 cigarettes in the container being shipped. He said cigarettes are not the only business the GRI is evolved with. Williams said the company also in Graphite mining in Saskatchewan and the Wahta natural spring bottled water. GRE employs about 150 people, in Ohsweken and another 50 people worldwide.

Williams said, 95 per cent of the work force is women. The G.R.E. plant, he said, has expanded adding about 80,000 square feet of space for production, labs and office space.



G.R.E. employees load the first shipment headed to Germany this week. The plant also ships to Jamaica, England, Iran and other countries (Photos by Jim C Powless)

Fed budget little to aboriginals

(Continued from front)

meant to help natives cope with the challenges of living off-reserve, is being doubled to \$50 million over the next two fiscal years. The federal government also intends to establish an Independent Centre for First Nations Government to advance native self-government. Ottawa has earmarked \$5.5 million over the next two years to establish the centre, its home community has yet to be determined, and up to \$5 million a year thereafter to operate it. With half of Canada's aborigi-

nal population under the age of 25, the government is trying to ensure the current generation has access to the tools needed for success. The budget renews funding for the Aboriginal Human Resources Development strategy, at a cost of \$25 million a year for five years.

As well, it provides \$90 million over five years to support a northern strategy for economic development. The initiative covers all northerners, including roughly 50,000 aboriginals who live in the North.

Post secondary gets extra \$100,000

Grand River Post Secondary Education Office has announced an additional \$100,000, of one time only funding, for student support will be received for the 2003-2004 fiscal year.

The majority of funds will go to reimburse successful self-funded students. A smaller portion of \$10,000 will be applied to research strategies to graduate physicians.

A September symposium will be co-chaired by elected Chief

Roberta Jamieson and Roy Romanow to address gaps in strategies to graduating Aboriginal physicians.

The 2020 Vision Strategy, developed by Six Nations band council, health services, Polytechnic and GREAT is aimed at graduating Aboriginal physicians.

Mohawk College announced Monday a partnership with Six Nations Polytechnic to graduate nurses.

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Iroquois Traditions love rock and roll at Bert Winfield skating competition



The Iroquois Traditions show some leg at the 2004 Bert Winfield Synchronized Skating Invitational held at the Brantford Centre over the weekend. The Iroquois Traditions placed sixth in the Master's Gold Final. (Photo By Samantha Martin)



The first place Smoothies skated to some classic Elvis tunes as they lunged in their "blue suede" skates and outfits at the Gold Masters finals at the Civic Centre (Photo by Samantha Martin)

By Samantha Martin
Sports Writer

BRANTFORD-It was a weekend full of costumes, make-up, smiles, and most importantly, skating at the Brantford Civic Centre.

The Six Nations Skating Club synchronized skating teams the Iroquois Traditions and the Dreamcatchers

They placed fifth ahead of the sixth place Mini Motion, and right behind the first place Ilderton Mini Jets, second place Glencoe Sweethearts, third place Rainbow Connection, and the fourth place Blue Water Blades.

Sunday it was the Iroquois Traditions who would be strutting



Say Cheese! The ladies skated to some classics such as "I Love Rock and Roll" and dressed the part with their studded hats and knee high boots. (Photo by Samantha Martin)

participated in the Bert Winfield Synchronized Skating Invitational over the weekend.

The Dreamcatchers were the first to skate on Saturday as they took the ice in the Juvenile division.

their stuff on the ice as they placed third in the master's first skate right behind the Silver Blades and Exeter Classics taking them into the Master's gold finals.

They were the fourth team to skate and placed sixth behind the first place Smoothies, second place Exeter Classics, third place Ice Precise, fourth place Silver Blades, and the fifth place On The Rocks.

If you missed the Iroquois Traditions and Dreamcatchers in action you can see them at the Six Nations Skating Club Carnival on April 3 at the Gaylord Powless Memorial Arena.

N.A.I.G cancels Buffalo, 2005 Games, then awards again, now on hold

By Lynda Powless
Editor

The North American Indigenous Games (N.A.I.G.) council was still voting at press time whether to officially cancel the 2005 Buffalo games. In the meantime the 2005 NAIG may go down in history as the on again, off again games, after a power struggle and legal threats forced both the NAIG council and the hosting organization, the Buffalo Sports Society (B.S.S.) into legal corners, they may not be able to get out of.

N.A.I.G. chairman Harold Joseph said a conference call between NAIG's 26 members was expected to go into the evening hours last night as they debate what to do about the 2005 NAIGs.

Joseph said he was sorry to "see that this even has to happen. These are sporting games for the kids. But the Buffalo Sports Society (B.S.S.) has threatened legal action so lawyers had to be brought in."

He said its the first time a legal dispute over the games has ever erupted in its 14 year history.

B.S.S. spokesman Ross John, chairman, said legal action was threatened after NAIG tried to pull the hosting rights. "They consulted their legal counsel and had to retract that."

Ross John, owner of Iroquois Smoke Shop, a cigarette outlet at the Seneca Nation territory of Catteragus, New York, said the society also threaten to sue the games for upwards of a half a million dollars.

"We expect compensation for our time and expenses," he told Turtle Island News. He said that compensation could amount to more than a half million dollars. "We're collecting documentation. There's also our reputations as businessmen and in our communities to consider," he said.

The Buffalo Sports Society was awarded the games after the highly visible and successful Winnipeg 2002 games that cost more than \$9 million to operate.

NAIG spokesman Harold Joseph said NAIG had asked for certain information to be supplied by the host society including letters of intent for venues and most importantly where the young athletes would be boarded and security measures.

He said NAIG contacted the group on several occasions but the group consistently missed deadlines for informationset by NAIG.

With memories of cancelled games in Fargo not to far in the distance, Joseph said, "we needed the documentation that they could handle the games."

Instead he said, "B.S.S. sent us lawyers." He said NAIG hired a New York lawyer and Monday the two were talking.

"Our attorney took all the documents we had since we awarded the games in 2002 to the B.S.S. her opinion was to write a retraction letter giving them back the hosting rights, then both lawyers would meet together and see what they could come up with. They're meeting today (Monday) and we have a NAIG council meeting set for Tuesday to decide what will happen. Right now we need to know

what the B.S.S. has for venues, money in the bank, security, lodging." He said the B.S.S. has claimed it has provided the information in reports to NAIG, "but we have never seen anything in a document, or letters of intent from venues plus, especially where, the athletes are going to be housed, letters of intent saying its available for the 10 days of the games. We've never seen that and its all part of the bid process. Your suppose to have all that stuff, but the deadline to provide it to us, came and went and nothing."

He said its the first time NAIG has run into a host society demanding a legal contract be signed.

"When the games have been put on in the past, when you got awarded the games, it was kinda like a handshake with the host society. That's the way it was in Manitoba, Minnesota, British Columbia. There were no contracts with the NAIG council and host society."

Instead he said NAIG has run into a roadblock in Buffalo. "The B.S.S. is going the legal route basically they're saying NAIG can't tell us what to do, we got the bid, you can't tell us how to run them legally under New York state law. We would rather they'd just provide the documents they were asked to provide."

Joseph said the legal battle is a sad commentary on a games who's aim is to promote sportsmanship among aboriginal youth.

"It shouldn't have come to this, if they had all the stuff they say they have it shouldn't be a problem . They should have come to the table and showed it to us."

He said the loss of the games is definitely on the table. The games are scheduled to begin in July 2005 . "Timelines may not be so important in the U.S., most of the U.S. teams are all funded by their tribal casinos. But in Canada it's mostly government funding and they have guidelines they have to adhere to and go through they have to answer to sponsors."

"In Canada the teams have to have all that information, on the venues, security transportation, governments in Canada need to see that kinda stuff."

Joseph said when the last deadline

wasn't met, "a vote was taken, it was simple when we go to vote, the only question is do they have this, they didn't. B.S.S. lost, now it's a legal matter".

Joseph explained the NAIG council's first vote to pull the hosting, was done according to the NAIG constitution.

"Under our constitution a quorum is 50 percent plus one. We have 13 reps from Canada and 13 from the U.S. so we need 14 plus one to have a quorum, we had that."

He said once Tuesday night's vote is taken, "believe me if the B.S.S. has all the documents, if they have all eight action items we will proceed with having the games in Buffalo next year, at the end of July. If they don't have it, council will make the decision where to go from there. But yes, they could be cancelled."

He said oddly enough, funding doesn't appear to be the issue for the multi-million dollar sporting event "Funding isn't an issue here. The Seneca Nation of Indians has sent us a letter saying they are ready to financially back the games in Buffalo, so it's not a financial thing."

Joseph said the problem appears to be with a lack of leadership in the B.S.S. and the way they are trying to proceed with the games.

"It's definitely a problem with the leadership of the B.S.S. and what they're trying to do. We've never had any problems in the past. People bid for last games when the time came for letters of intent from communities and venues and \$1 million in bank, they had it all."

But B.S.S. president John Ross charges the problem is with NAIG. He says the B.S.S. has had difficulty communicating with the sporting organization and he says the games may have outgrown its board.

He says a handshake arrangement may have worked in the past with a \$2 million games, "but, not at this level. We're not talking about a \$2 million games. If we were the Seneca Nation could do it. Your talking about a \$9 million plus games that's a whole different ball game. At this level it's very difficult to do without maturing. These

have grown into 7,000-10,000 athletes coming into an area-that's different."

Ross John said to pull the games off in New York, a not-for profit organization had to be developed to allow for corporations to seek tax deductions .

He said the success of the games in the past has been "the fact that 80-90 per cent of dollars came from government sources." He said that's not what he is dealing with in New York. Instead he said they needed a not-for-profit organization to raise dollars from corporations and sponsors.

"NAIG has never had to deal with a not-for-profit entity before I think they're having growing pains. We had to put a not-for-profit legal entity to raise those kinds of dollars that's a whole different animal."

He accused NAIG of having their own internal power struggles. "There's a power struggle going on there. A couple of people with their own agendas. There is dis-sension."

But, he says he's optimistic. "I still see the games coming here through the Buffalo Sports Society."

If not, "its okay if they pull, then we'll work out compensation. We're gathering the evidence and documentation."

Ross John says he is one of the local sponsors having invested \$50,000 of his dollars into the games. "What I would expect is any sponsors dollars would come back, including the Seneca Nation's dollars. The compensation has to come from NAIG."

But he admits his organization may shoulder some of the blame for failing to communicate. He says they haven't provided information to media or communities.

But he says NAIG has yet to sign a contract officially designating the B.S.S. as the host society. That contract, he says, would allow them to seek sponsorships and then they would be able to hire the staff they need.

Last week vice president George J. Lepine, a NAIG Canadian repre-

sentative confirmed the games had been pulled from Buffalo.

An emergency meeting of the Seneca Nation Council who are the major sponsors of the event and had already invested more than \$400,000 in cash and in-kind donations to the organizers and promised up to \$1 million was held to try and sort out what happened. They have since set a deadline for later this week for the B.S.S. to come up with an explanation on how it spend the almost \$400,000 the Seneca Nation has given the organization.

Seneca Nation councillor Bergel Mitchell sits on the B.S.S. board and also works for Ross John.

He has come under fire for not providing information to the Seneca Nation council and being in a potential conflict of interest.

But Mitchell says, if his presence on the B.S.S. is seen as a conflict, he will step down. B.S.S. president Ross John said he would not ask for Mitchell's resignation because, "its not a legal conflict."

The Seneca Nation Council called for a full investigation after receiving notification from NAIG that hosting rights to the Buffalo Sports Society had been removed.

Seneca Nation president Rickey Armstrong was not available for comment.

The Buffalo Sports Society is an independent group formed to bid on the games.

NAIG had asked the B.S.S. for its board of directors that would establish controls over the B.S.S. terms of reference, confirmation it had the necessary funding in place and venues, terms of reference among other items.

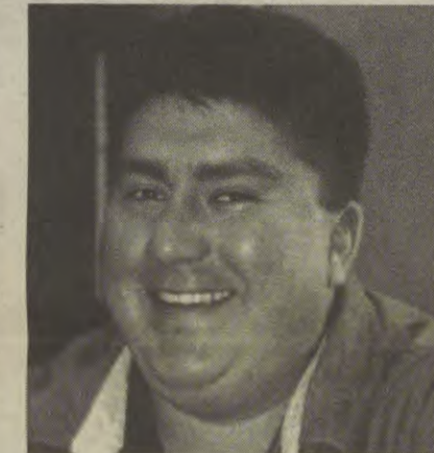
NAIG launched their first games in 1990 in Saskatoon. They've held games in both countries in Minnesota, Manitoba, B.C., but suffered a set back when Fargo was cancelled .

Joseph said they have had offers of help from other organizations.

The Ontario Sports Circle member Delby Powless said he would hate to see the games pulled from Buffalo. "We were counting on them being there. A lot of our kids at Six Nations were going to go."

He said the sports circle would do anything it could to help keep the games in Buffalo.

NAIG lawyer Jennifer Hurley said the two groups are "working together in a concerted effort to do everything we can do to deliver the games in 2005. We're excited about having the games here and such an important and historical event in the western New York area and working to make it a reality."



Bergel Mitchell

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We Goofed! For the past month Turtle Island News has been undergoing electronic changes and development that have led to several errors appearing in the newspaper including the duplication of pages or printing of unedited versions. We all apologize for the errors and will be working in the future to ensure staff are more diligent while undergoing training. We appreciate your patience .

Congratulations to all Participants



At Lil' NHL Mike Hill, AFN national chief Phil Fontaine, former NHLer Ted Nolan and the Ontario Sports Circle's Darryl Hill



The Akwesasne Senior Girls team took the championship at the LII NHL



Jamie Skye, Akwesasne team member is presented with the championship trophy

at the 2004 Lil' NHL Hockey Tournament



MIDGET "B" CHAMPS 2004
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Akwesasne girls team member Gillian Pashe-Smoke, Jessie Brant hold up the banner

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Six Nations Election Code sets education requirement for councillors

By Lynda Powless
Editor

A new Six Nations "custom" election code demands among other items that band council candidates have a high school diploma, drops a controversial section that removes councillors charged with a crime and allows the band chief to appoint an "acting" chief. Six Nations Band Council hopes to

Resident Les Porter objected: "That means I can't run for council if I want to. Why does council experience count," he said.

Band council lawyer Andrew Hayes of Gowling, Lafleur, Henderson, an Ottawa firm, told him, the results came from community consultations held by the band council and its community committee.



About 10 community members turned out to last Monday's election code meeting at the new community hall. (Photo by Lynda Powless)



Election code chairman Barb Harris listens while Andrew Hayes of Gowling, Lafleur and Henderson, band lawyers explains highlights of changes to the election code

have a new "custom" election code in place for this year's November band elections.

The revised code was presented during a community meeting Monday at the start of March break. Only 10 community members attended the meeting.

Council hopes to have it voted on by band members at the annual Bread and Cheese celebrations in May.

But the code itself says it only comes into effect if a majority of "the eligible voters present vote in favour of the proposed amendment."

That means, resident Barry Hill told the council committee that "even at this meeting with only nine or 10 of us here we could vote for this and the rest of the community wouldn't have a say."

Councillor Carl Hill said he wanted the section changed. "Only five people could decide on this for everybody. It should say 50 per cent plus one of the community. Not just the majority of the people at the meeting," he said.

The revised code does not include a definition of the "Elected chief" and instead only describes the council as "the Council of the Six Nations of the Grand River consisting of the chief and 12 councillors. The definition removes the word "elected council"

Under the definition of councillor the new code says it is a person elected as councillor, but does not include the chief.

In the previous election code the chief was described as, "commonly referred to as "Elected Chief."

Candidates now have to have at least a grade 12 education or a General Education Diploma (GED) equivalent or previous experience on Council.

But resident Barb Smith, who sat as a community member on the election code committee disagreed. Smith told the meeting, "we didn't agree to council experience only the education. We said you had to have a grade 12. But we haven't been part of this. Who approved this?"

Councillor Dave General told the meeting a council committee drafted the final version that is now under review. He said there had been "considerable community consultation."

The changes extend the period of conviction of an indictable offence in Canada or a felony in the U.S., to five years preceding the nomination meeting, and extends the period of residency. In the current code candidates must reside on reserve for a minimum of one year prior to election. In the proposed changes candidates must have lived on the reserve for a minimum of two years immediately prior to the nomination meeting.

In the current code employees of the administration of Six Nations who are elected into office must resign their position on the first business day after the election. In the proposed changes employees are granted a leave of absence from employment for a period of one term in office and shall be reinstated in their position or the equivalent, after completion of such term."

The term of office remains at three years.

The proposed changes would see the newly elected council taking office on the first Tuesday immediately following the general election. In the event of an appeal of the election the sitting council remains in office until the appeal process is complete.

Under the proposed changes the newly elected member of council will be sworn in and will continue in the office until the appeal process is completed.

The proposed changes drop the posting of nomination for office "in at least six conspicuous places."

Under the proposed changes the call of a general election and the days for nominations must be declared by the council no later than four months before the end of the current council's present term and the election must be held not less than one week prior to the end of the term of council.

The current election code gives the elected council until two weeks prior to the expiration of the term to call an election.

Under vacancy of office the new code proposes that a vacancy occurs if; "a member of council becomes aware of circumstances that will lead to disqualification, the member shall immediately advise the Chief and the Supervising Electoral Office of the circumstances."

The section also allows for a new position of Acting Chief to be declared.

The changes propose if the chief is away from the reserve for not more than four weeks, the Chief may designate a member of council to serve as Acting Chief for that period.

If the Chief is required to be absent from the reserve for a period of more than four weeks, a member of council shall be appointed by council to serve as acting chief for that period.

The section removes the current impeachment or removal from office of an elected district councillor chief and instead calls for a petition.

The cost to appeal an election has gone up from the current \$200 to a proposed \$250.

Launching a petition to remove members of council will now cost \$500 according to the proposed changes.

The removal by petition now calls

for at least 50 per cent plus one of the total eligible voters, who actually voted in the last election, to sign the petition before it can be considered valid. Removal of councillors will demand that a petition is signed by at least 50 per cent plus one of the total eligible voters who actually voted in the last election in that councillor's district.

The applicant has 60 days from the receipt of the application to deliver the completed petition to the Supervising Electoral Officer for verification. The electoral officer has 30 days to verify the signatures.

The Supervising Electoral Officer will now be employed under a written contract with council for a period of four years. Council has removed the section demanding the officer be a Six Nations band member.

Resident Alton VanEvery told council it was time to change the council make up from 12 members to eight and he said it was time to elect them at large rather than in districts.

Former councillor Nona Johnson told the meeting she disagreed with the educational requirement. "Having an education hasn't gotten us anywhere with this council."

She said it was unfair to members of the community who may want to run for office but don't have the educational requirements. Councillor Barb Harris said the meeting was one of three being held but councillor Dave General said only one more meeting may be held just prior to the vote and only to explain the "text of the code" not to accept more changes.

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For the past month Turtle Island News has been undergoing electronic changes and development that have led to several errors appearing in the newspaper including the duplication of pages or printing of unedited versions. We all apologize for the errors and will be working in the future to ensure staff are more diligent while undergoing training. We appreciate your patience.



Health Canada cut backs hitting the sick, can't get to hospitals

By Christina George
London Bureau

CHIPPEWAS OF THE THAMES, MUNCEY, ONEIDA-Health Canada's cut backs to Health programs and services for First Nation communities are hitting community members here directly, health officials say.

First Nations members are having prescriptions denied and in emergency cases can't get transportation to the hospital.

Health Canada's First Nations and Inuit health Branch (FNIHB) has cut some Non-Insured Health Benefit Program (NIHB) services including drugs, medical transportation, dental, medical supplies and equipment, vision and Crisis Intervention Counselling.

It means for some elders at the Chippewas of the Thames Seniors Club spoke to Turtle Island News about the direct impacts that the cuts from NIHB have affected the community at a personal level.

Deleie Grosbeck is an Elder who says that the Seniors Club is looking at forming a support group for each other.

She says that they will be meet to discuss each other's needs, the needs for the community and the needs for the children. Grosbeck says that they will then take their concerns to the Chippewa Health Director.

"If the Government is going to cut off our services in the community then what are they going to replace them with?" says Grosbeck.

Freda Henry says that there was no warning or preparation for the community. "I didn't even know

this was happening until I was standing in line getting my prescription. I was told that I couldn't get my medication, that it wasn't covered anymore. I was standing there without my prescription being filled," says Henry.

Carol Morison says that she had called her doctor informing him of her symptoms. She says that her doctor ordered her to go right to the emergency room but she needed help getting to the hospital. She says that an ambulance would have taken too long so she called her usual medical driver. When they arrived at hospital emergency they found out that the medical driver's services would not be covered says Morrison.

"A lot of people in the community depend on those medical drivers. I want to get to my appointments, I can't miss them," Morrison says.

June Hendrick adds, "There are limitations to being on the reserve, some people just can't afford the car insurance, we need these medical drivers. Even though there are top health facilities available in London, they are limiting us. They are making it harder for us to get there."

The Elders in Chippewa have concerns for the children in the community. "We have to think about everyone's needs in the community. What is going to happen in an emergency situation? We need our own medical treatment centre or first response unit here," adds Grosbeck.

Acting Chief for the Chippewas of the Thames is Warren Huff. He says that the Chippewa Band

Council has made the commitment to continue to provide services for the community despite the cut backs that have taken place.

"We agreed to provide services through other means inside the Chippewas of the Thames administration and other programs. We will continue to discuss this highly important health issue," says Huff.

But he says while the Prime Minister makes positive statements to the media when it gets down to the local level, it's not that great at all. "Ottawa is a long way from here. I don't think they know the direct affects that these cuts from health care are having on First Nation communities. When there is no proper communication, that puts council in a tough position. Council had to take a stronger approach with Health Canada to provide a better funding service to First Nation communities across Canada. We are already sitting on the low end of the poverty line," he says.

Heather Nicholas is the Chippewas of the Thames Health Director. She charges that FNIHB Ontario Region have been using Chippewa program dollars to reduce their deficit.

She says that Health Canada has not given First Nation communities the opportunity to consult and respond to their proposed Consolidated Contribution Agreement that involves a huge cut to the Brighter Futures Program.

"It's a program that the Community needs. How are we suppose to provide services throughout various departments. They are making First Nation communities pay for their debt. I am confident that Chief and Council will come together to show support and take action for the community. We work together, they are open to listening to the needs of the people," says Nicholas.

Nicholas points out that health conditions in First Nation communities are three times lower than the Canadian norm. But, she says First Nation communities are the first ones to get cut. "The government takes our dollars and they continue to cut back more health dollars. We are the first one's the government asks to live on nothing. The government doesn't give the support or resources to First Nation communities when

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this happens. They nickel and dime us, expecting us to do the same job that they are doing with no dollars."

She says that the FNIHB have not consulted with the health department at Chippewas of the Thames. She says that it is hard to make health a priority when people in the community have other worries to think about. "The cost of living went up. There are cut backs to social services. There is a 60% unemployment rate for Chippewa. Health is the last on the list for families when they are thinking about how they are going to feed their families and provide proper shelter for them. I don't think these problems are being addressed. How are the children going to be looked after?"

Nicholas says that even though community newsletters were sent out, members didn't really realize the impact until now.

The Oneida Health Administrator is Laurel Day. She says that it is a constant battle to keep First Nation's health concerns a priority. "With the cuts to the limited funding that we do have, it becomes a rippling effect. Our youth programs will be affected. What are we going to use to replace these programs? There is already shortage for staff. They expect us to do more with less," says Day.

Day also says that the Prime Minister is not communicating with the Regional Directors about these cutbacks. "Based on the Prime Minister's statements, it is unbelievable from one day to the next when it comes to the cuts on these services. I am very concerned about it. It came as a surprise when communities were not being informed as to what was going to happen to their services. First Nations are at the bottom of the list. The information doesn't get here immediately, that problem has always been there."

Day adds that it is up to our political leaders to give the direction that will lead them. "We are the administrators, our leaders need to stand up and not take this anymore. Enough already," She says.

At Munsee-Deleware First Nation the problems are the same. Band councillor, Barb Peters says that this matter will be brought to the table at the next Council meeting. "These service cuts go directly to the children. They are the ones who are going to suffer the most. It is going to affect our whole community. Our Elders and youth activities will be affected. It is directly affecting our community members who have no transportation to get the medical offices. It is time for all Nations to come together to the Prime Minister's attention on this health issue. He should come to the community and visit each Nation so he can see the real picture," says Peters.

Carmen Dolson is the Health Development Officer for the Munsee-Deleware First Nation. She says that their administration has been busy working with Health Canada to save their health dollars. "We've had a learning experience

finding ways to hang on to our health money. This year we are under a more stable management. We already know that our surplus dollars are going right back into the health programs."

Dolson says that the Munsee-Deleware First Nation covers the vaccines for children that were not covered by NIHB. "It's frustrating. They keep cutting back and we try to do the best we can for the community with the programs that are under limited or no resources. We are told by Health Canada that health is a top priority. What is their priority? What are families going to do when they can't afford to go to the dentist? MDFN is already behind the times. We don't even have a full time nurse available. I think that they should get rid of the middle people. When the money goes to every other office before it hits ours, the dollars have already been half spent," she says.

Dolson also says that educating the community is important. She says that male educators would bring balance to the workshops. The Union of Ontario Indians is holding a Health Commission meeting in April, in Sudbury where this issue will be discussed says Dolson.

Tracy Antone is the Health Coordinator for the Chiefs of Ontario. She said that Health Canada sent out notices to all Health Directors and Chiefs and Councils advising them of the proposed cutbacks to the Brighter Futures program with their Consolidated Contribution Agreement for the upcoming fiscal year.

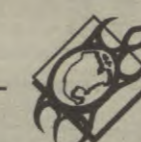
She says that the Chiefs of Ontario have not met officially to discuss this matter but that they are scheduled for a meeting for March 23.

She says that they also hope to schedule a meeting with the Health Minister. Antone says that they have had feedback from Health Directors concerning the cuts to the Brighter Futures program and the most recent changes from Health Canada that concern the medical transportation.

"We are trying to work on communicating to physicians and pharmacies to clarify which drugs or services that can be used or covered. I don't think it's fair. The government says one thing, then turns around and takes our resources to pay. Last year FNIHB had a deficit of 9.7 million. This year it's 11 million," says Antone.

She says that the Chiefs of Ontario's next step is to meet with the Health Minister. They want Health Canada to know the need for programs like Brighter Futures in First Nation communities. She says that the Chiefs are talking to push health as a Treaty Right. "The Federal Government has to recognize health as a Treaty Right," says Antone.

Health Director, Nicholas adds, "We deserve to have the best health care just like everyone else. The government should be accountable. What will be left for our children. What is going to happen to the next generation if they keep washing our rights away?"



NATIONAL BRIEFS

Mohawks seek court order to stop icebreaking on St. Lawrence

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) The St. Regis Mohawks sought a federal court order Monday to stop icebreaking on the St. Lawrence River, claiming the practice could cause spills, harm fish, disrupt the shoreline and release contaminants.

The tribe claims that the St. Lawrence Seaway Development Corp. violated federal environmental law and a treaty by not consulting tribal leaders, scientists and fisheries experts before it began icebreaking. Tribal officials say they must be included in decisions to clear commercial shipping lanes by using powerful boats to break through ice that is often several feet thick.

In a letter to the corporation, as well as Canadian and U.S. officials, the tribe contends that icebreaking could cause petroleum or chemical spills; harm fish that depend on ice cover for spawning; lead to shoreline flooding and erosion; and release PCB-contaminated sediments. The Mohawks want the river to melt naturally. But icebreakers clear the river each spring to open the important commercial shipping lane from the Atlantic Ocean to the Midwest and Canadian ports. The river passes along the reservation, which straddles the U.S.-Canada border. The Canadian Coast Guard, which works with Seaway to clear the channel, began icebreaking in mid-March, but has not yet reached the reservation, Canadian officials said Monday.

The St. Lawrence Seaway is scheduled to reopen Thursday. The tribe contends it tried to negotiate in recent years with Seaway on the icebreaking issue, but said talks failed and they were forced seek the court order. Seaway maintains they have been open to talks but the tribe hasn't responded.

"We've offered to discuss the issues with them and they have not responded," Seaway Administrator Albert Jacques said. Seaway's preliminary review of the concerns finds them without merit, he said.

The tribe has said it has always been open to "meaningful" discussion. "We are obliged to take this action to protect our community and the natural resources upon which we depend," Chief James Ransom said. No hearing has been scheduled.

Saskatoon deputy police chief removed

SASKATOON (CP) Saskatoon's deputy police chief has been removed from his duties while the force investigates allegations he lied to a reporter in the lead-up to the inquiry into the freezing death of aboriginal teen Neil Stonechild. Deputy police chief Dan Wiks has also been placed on administrative leave, police Chief Russell Sabo said Wednesday in a news release.

"I consider allegations of dishonesty involving police personnel as very serious matters," Sabo said in the release.

"Arrangements are being made to have the matter investigated by someone from outside the Saskatoon Police Service." Wiks's leave status will be reviewed before the end of the month, Sabo said.

He would not give specifics of the allegations and the circumstances in which they came to light.

The decision came after Wiks testified at the inquiry last week that he "misspoke" during an interview with the reporter.

Wiks told the inquiry he was asked by the reporter why no action was taken against two officers suspected in Stonechild's death.

Wiks said he told the reporter Saskatoon police had no information linking the officers to

the aboriginal teen. However, evidence later heard by the inquiry suggests Wiks had a summary of an independent RCMP investigation into the Stonechild case that suggested two Saskatoon officers had Stonechild in custody the night he died.

Stonechild's body was found on the outskirts of Saskatoon in November 1990. Some people believe the 17-year-old was abandoned there by police on a so-called "starlight tour" — the name given to what some allege was the force's way of easily handling suspected troublemakers.

The inquiry was called to examine what, if any, role officers played in Stonechild's death and how the subsequent investigation was carried out.

Inquiry Commissioner David Wright cannot assign blame but can make recommendations to be used in the future.

The inquiry has already heard how Saskatoon police originally investigated Stonechild's death for three days and then closed the file. At the time, they declared the teen froze to death while trying to walk to a correctional facility.

But Stonechild's friend, Jason Roy, has testified he last saw Stonechild handcuffed and bleeding in the

back of a police car and screaming for his life.

At the hearing, Silas Halyk, the lawyer for the Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations, said Saskatoon police were trying to intimidate the public by covertly videotaping spectators going in and out of the inquiry.


The videotaping has been done by plainclothes officers from an unmarked van parked outside the hotel where the Stonechild inquiry is being held. The taping became public when it was reported in the media.

Insp. Lorne Constantino, a police spokesman, said the taping is being done for security.


Constantino said he can understand how people may be intimidated, but the police department has a responsibility to ensure people's safety.

The Stonechild case, and similar ones, have brought accusations of racism from native leaders.

The two officers once considered suspects in the case when the RCMP investigated in 2000 were not charged. One of them, Const. Larry Hartwig, has testified that he and his partner were looking for Stonechild on the night he disappeared, but records seem to indicate they didn't catch up with him.



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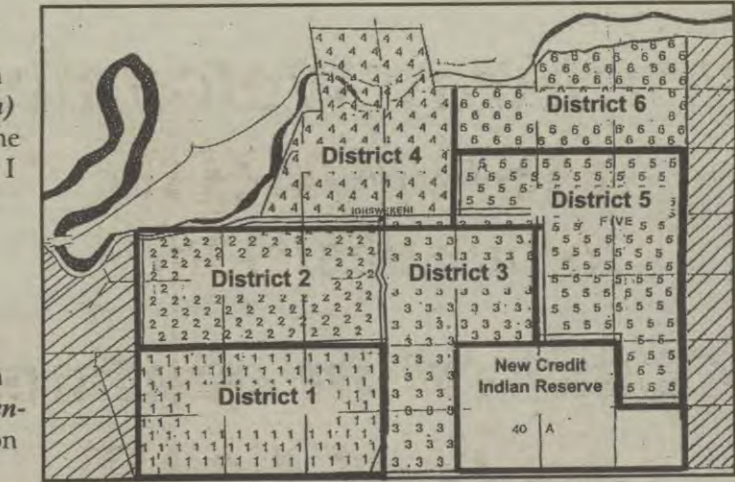
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Notice is hereby given to the electors of the Six Nations Indian Band, an advanced poll will be held for the election of 1 (one) Councillor for District #5 of the said band, and that such poll will be open on **Saturday, the 10th (tenth) of April 10, 2004 from the hour of 10:00 a.m. standard time until 4:00 p.m. standard time** in the afternoon of the same day, at the Administration Building located on Chiefswood Road (emergency #1695) in Ohsweken, Ontario. I will be at the Administration Building immediately after the close of the poll to secure these ballots; these ballots will be amalgamated with the election results on Saturday the 17th (seventeenth) day of April 2004.

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ELECTION POLL:- Saturday, April 17, 2004

Notice is hereby given to the electors of the Six Nations Indian Band, an advanced poll will be held for the election of 1 (one) Councillor for District #5 of the said band, and that such poll will be open on **Saturday, the 17th (seventeenth) of April 17, 2004 from the hour of 9:00 a.m. standard time until 6:00 p.m. standard time** in the afternoon of the same day at the Administration Building located on Chiefswood Road (emergency #1695) in Ohsweken, Ontario. I will be at the Administration Building on Saturday the 17th (seventeenth) day of April 2004 immediately after the close of the poll to count all votes cast at the Advanced and the Election polls and declare the results of the election.



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THE IPPERWASH INQUIRY

The Honourable Sidney B. Linden, Commissioner



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THE IPPERWASH INQUIRY

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR STANDING

The Honourable Sidney B. Linden has been appointed Commissioner of the Ipperwash Inquiry and is to inquire and report on events surrounding the death of Dudley George, including the protest by Aboriginal people at the Ipperwash Provincial Park in 1995, where Dudley George was shot. The Commission is also directed to make recommendations aimed at avoiding violence in similar circumstances.

The Commissioner intends to separate the Inquiry into two phases that will run concurrently. Part 1 will deal with the events surrounding the death of Dudley George and Part 2 with the policy issues and recommendations.

Applications for standing and funding for Parts 1 and 2, or both, are being invited from any person or group who has a substantial and direct interest in the subject matter of the Inquiry or whose participation may be helpful to fulfill the Commissioner's mandate. Standing before a Commission of Inquiry gives the individual or organization the right to take part in the proceedings and to make submissions on terms set by the Commissioner.

Written requests for standing, setting out the reasons that standing is requested, should reach the Commission no later than 5 p.m. on Thursday, April 8, 2004. Detailed criteria for standing are contained in the Inquiry's Rules of Procedure and Criteria for Funding that can be obtained from the Commission. They are also available on the Inquiry's web page: www.ipperwashinquiry.ca (These are presently in draft form.)

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Hearings on the applications for standing will start on Tuesday, April 20, 2004, from 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Forest Memorial Community Centre (Kimball Hall) at 6276 Townsend Line, Forest, Ontario. The hearings will continue as required on April 21, 22 and 23, starting at 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. **NO EVIDENCE WILL BE HEARD AT THIS TIME.** The Commissioner will start hearing evidence on July 12, 2004. A tentative schedule for the hearings is available on the Inquiry's web page www.ipperwashinquiry.ca

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QUALIFICATIONS:

- Recent graduate of University or Community College: Commerce, Business,
- Social Work, Office Administration or related field
- Experience working with Windows and Microsoft Office-Word, Access
- Good organizational and communication skills
- Preference will be given to First Nations applicant

DUTIES:

- Overall day to day operations of the GREAT Student Office including planning and organizing of the office
- Encouraging students/employers to register for summer employment and programs
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- Participate in the evaluation and screening of potential program applicants
- Prepare employer contracts and other information required to applicants
- Work directly with student programs provincial and federal
- Other duties as requested by the Supervisor

DESIRED QUALIFICATIONS:

- Strong communication skills to effectively communicate with Community, Employers, Supervisors and Students
- Good organizational, interpersonal, financial and supervisory skills
- Good working knowledge of Summer Student programs and Computers - Windows, Microsoft Word and Access
- Previous work experience with Summer Employment Programs would be an asset
- Some supervisory experience would be an asset

WAGE: \$12.00/hr
START DATE: Monday, April 19, 2004
END DATE: Friday, September 3, 2004
CLOSING DATE: Friday, April 2, 2004

Interested and qualified applicants, please submit resume, cover letter and 3 references to the G.R.E.A.T. office marked:

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POSITION	EMPLOYER/LOCATION	SALARY	CLOSING DATE
Career Resource Centre Technician	Grand River Employment and Training, Ohweken	T.B.D.	March 24, 2004
Care Support Worker	Pine Tree Native Centre, Brantford	T.B.D.	March 24, 2004
Data Entry Clerk - Casual/ On-Call	De dwa da dehs nye>s Aboriginal Health Centre	T.B.D.	March 26, 2004
Receptionist	Gezhtoojig Employment & Training, Sudbury	\$10.00/hr	March 26, 2004
Health Advocacy Developer	Ontario Aboriginal Health Advocacy Initiative, Toronto	\$46,000 - \$51,000	March 26, 2004
Tutor	Whispering Winds, Hagersville	T.B.D.	March 31, 2004
Consultant	Ontario Aboriginal Sport Circle, Ohweken	T.B.D.	March 31, 2004
Great Student Office Co-ordinator Assistant	Grand River Employment & Training, Ohweken	\$12.00/ hr	April 2, 2004
Director, Native Education	HRSD Sault College of Applied Arts & Technology, Sault Ste. Marie, ON	D.O.Q.	April 12, 2004
Health Director	Keewaytinook Okimakanak - Northern Chiefs Council	D.O.Q.	April 16, 2004
Cook	Erlind's Restaurant, Ohweken	D.O.Q.	A.S.A.P.
Relief Crisis Intervention Worker's	Native Women's Centre, Hamilton	\$10.00/ hr	A.S.A.P.



POSITION	DEPARTMENT	TERM	SALARY	CLOSING DATE
Mental Health Nurse	Health Services	Full Time	\$41,000 - \$55,000 per annum	Wed. Mar. 24/04 @ 4pm
Concession Coordinator	Bingo Hall	Full Time	\$13.77/hr	Wed. Mar. 24/04 @ 4pm
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OBITUARY

DAVEY: Evelyn Mary
Peacefully surrounded by her family at Iroquois Lodge, Ohsweken, on Wednesday March 17, 2004 at the age of 78 years. Beloved wife of Theodore Davey. Loving mother of Wilfred and Joanne, Barbara St. Aubin, Michael and Missy, Randy and Sophia, Curtis and Angel, and the late Ted Jr. Dear grandmother of Shannon and Errol, Teresa, Sarah and Adam, Tricia and Jensen, Earl and Lindsay, Ellen-Rose and Lyle, Mallory, Michael, Nichole, Josh, Scotty, Natasha, and Kevin. Great grandmother of Chantel, Jeri-Ann, Nikki, Bradley, Emma, and Brier. Sister of Maryanne Joyce, Carol Ionczak, and Georgina Carter. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. The family will honour her life with visitations at the Hyde & Mott Chapel of R.H.B. Anderson Funeral Homes Ltd., Hagersville after 1 p.m. Thursday. Funeral service and burial will be held at the Christ Anglican Church, Six Nations on Friday March 19, 2004 at 1p.m. Prayers 2p.m. and 7p.m. Thursday.

OBITUARY

STARK: Jenna Rose
Of all the Garden Flowers the fairest is the Rose. Peacefully at the West Haldimand General Hospital on Wednesday March 17, 2004 after a valiant fight for 9 months. Jenna Stark age 18 years of R.R.#1 Jarvis. Cherished beautiful daughter of Keith and Mary Lou (Mudie) Stark. Loving sister and best friend of Becky, Brad, Falk, and Ashley. Dear aunt of Kayley (Goddughter), and Jayden. Special friend of Adam. Granddaughter of the late Tom and Ruth Stark, and John and Louisa Mudie. She will also be lovingly remembered by many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends. Jenna was a graduate of Hagersville Secondary School and was about to enter the Nursing Degree Program at McMaster University. She was an outstanding athlete involved in the Hamilton Provincial Ringette Team for the past 10 years, also in various Hagersville Minor Sports since the age of 4 years, and a dedicated devoted player in many High School Sports. Jenna's strong spirit, energy, and zest for life will be forever remembered by those whom she touched. The family will honour her life with visitation at the Hyde & Mott Chapel of R.H.B. Anderson Funeral Homes Ltd. Hagersville on Friday 7-9 p.m. and on Saturday 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Interment Chalmers Stone Church Cemetery. As an expression of sympathy donations may be made to the West Haldimand General Hospital, Ontario Brain Injury Association or the Charity of your Choice.

OBITUARY

KEY: James Robert "Burt"
At Brantford General Hospital on Wednesday March 17, 2004 at the age of 69 years. Beloved Husband of Mina (Johnson) Key. Loving father of Ricky and Vicky, Charlene and Tim Styres, Robin Staats, and the late Derek. Dear grandfather of Andrew, Chantel, Tiffany, Cody, Autumn, Dawn, and Matthew. Son of the late Sandy Key and Julia Buck. Nephew of Georgina and Grace Buck. The family will honour his life with visitation at his home 22 Moccasin Trail, Ohsweken after 4p.m. Thursday. Funeral Service and Burial will be held at Onondaga Longhouse on Saturday March 20, 2004 at 1p.m. Arrangements by Styres Funeral Home, Ohsweken

OBITUARY

MILLER: Emily Maude
Beloved wife of James Miller "Jim" of Iroquois Lodge left us late Thursday afternoon March 18, 2004 to be with her heavenly family. In heaven waiting at the pearly gates was her father and mother George and Frances Miller (Styres). Also waiting for their youngest sister to arrive was all her brothers and sisters George (Bines) Reva, Jessie, Hazel, Frances and Gordon (Mannie) Miller. Mother, grandma and great grandma, Lori and Gary, Linda and John. Great grandchildren Larry and Michelle, Tyler and Jenny, Jenna and Shelby, and great great granddaughter Chelsea. All of Brantford. Daughter Isabel and Don Hill, grandchildren Cindy and Jubal, Jody, great grandchildren Jade and Judy, all of Six Nations. Son of Jimmy and Patricia Miller, grandchildren Jessie and Jason, Karl and Lucas. Great grandchildren Emily Diane, of Hamilton, sister-in-law of Charlotte Miller, and the late Garnette Miller, Dollie and Willie Hill and Elva and Elmer Jamieson. Aunt Em will be sadly missed by all her nieces and nephews. The Family will honour her life with visitation at Styres Funeral Home, Ohsweken after 2 p.m. Monday where Funeral Service will be held in the chapel on Tuesday March 23, 2004 at 11 a.m. Interment Ohsweken Baptist Cemetery. Evening Prayers 7 p.m. Monday. In lieu of flowers donations to the Iroquois Lodge would be appreciated.

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MILLER: Doris W. (VanEvery)
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OBITUARY

POWLESS: Eleanor Hilda Dawn
Suddenly at the Henderson General Hospital, Hamilton on Saturday March 20, 2004 at the age of 29 years. Beloved daughter of Cathy and George Honyust. Loving sister of Harvey, Tabatha, and Aaron. Dear aunt of Raven, Brooke, and Brandon. Also survived and will be sadly missed by many aunts, uncles, cousins, and her friends at the Rygiel Home. Predeceased by grandparents Hilda and Harvey Powless and an aunt Virginia. The family will honour her life with visitation at her parents home 543 2nd line Rd. after 7 p.m. Sunday until 1 p.m. Tuesday then to Styres Funeral Home, Ohsweken for Funeral Service 2 p.m. Tuesday. Burial will follow at the Powless Homestead. Evening Prayers 7 p.m. Monday.

THANK YOU

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The Six Nations Atom Tigers would like to thank the volunteers, friends, family, parents and local businesses that donated their time and merchandise to make our fundraiser during the Snow snake Tournament February 28th and 29th a success.
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Six Nations Atom Tigers

THANK YOU

The family of the late Evelyn Davey would like to thank Dr. Trevor, Nursing Staff at BGH 5th Floor Surgical, Bill Lofthouse of Hyde & Mott Funeral Home, Ashley Floral, Ladies Auxillary of Christ Church, Rev. Norm Casey, Choir of St. Paul's, Ladies Auxillary of St. Paul's, Home Care at Six Nations, Staff & Friends of Iroquois Lodge, and the Native Conference Bowling League for the flowers, cards, monetary donations, food, and loving support. Your kindness will never be forgotten.
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N'Amerind Friendship Centre Powwow

By Christina George
London Bureau

LONDON-It was a day to celebrate Spring.

The N'Amerind Friendship Centre kicked off the new spring season with a pow wow at the London Convention Centre here Sunday.

Friendship centre resource coordinator, Dorothy French says that the day was full of celebration and that the turnout was huge.

The N'Amerind Friendship Centre's Board hopes the powwow will become an annual event for London and the surrounding First Nations communities.

The centre was packed with colour, and dance.

There were information booths about various aboriginal services,



Grand Entry included radio host Dan Smoke.

programs and businesses

"The Pow wow promoted a lot of good will. It was open to the public and showed a great deal of soli-

arity with all the First Nation organizations in the area. It's always nice to be a part of our ceremonies and the celebration of it



Powwow Dancers entered the auditorium

all," says French.

French says that the biggest reason for the success of the Pow wow was the amount of volunteers.

"Adrienna Antone had organized all of the volunteer work that made

the Pow wow a huge success. Once people heard about it, they just came forward to offer time," she says.

N'Amerind had held an Eagle Staff Ceremony and Teachings of

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Other Eagle Staff Carriers at N'Amerind Friendship Centre's Traditional Pow wow were;

Sam George of Kettle Point, Sam Hearn of London, Floyd Case from Munsee-Deleware, Arnold Albert from Chippewa of the Thames, Earl Scolfield from Windsor, Jeff Stonefish, and Dean Kicknosway.

An Opening Prayer was given by Elder, Fred Plain.

The MC for the day was Linsay Cote from North Bay. He made it down to London after leaving Sault. St. Marie. His daughter was participating in the Lil NHL the day before.

Lisa Hill was the Head Female Dancer and Fraser Phillips was head male dancer. The Hoop Dancer was Noodin Cottrelle. Flag carriers were Eric Jamison, Jerry Sault and Reggie Albert.