

Appendix B. Letter from Chief William Montour, Six Nations of the Grand River, in support of claimant, the Haudenosaunee Standing Committee on Burial Rules and Regulations



Administration
519-445-2201
(f) 519-445-4208

March 29, 2011

Economic Development
(519) 753-1950
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Smithsonian Institution
Museum Scholarship Group
Repatriation Department
P.O. Box 370112
Washington, DC 20013-7012

Health Services
445-2418
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Re: Repatriation Claim for 008386.000

Dear Ms. Carrie Chapman:

Housing
445-2235
(f) 445-2778

First of all let me extend greetings to you from the Six Nations of the Grand River. I hope this letter finds you in good health and spirit.

Human Resources
445-2223
(f) 445-2266

I write this letter to follow up on a conversation between yourself and Ms. Barbara Harris around November 19, 2010. This conversation was regarding the repatriation of a wampum belt belonging to the Six Nations of the Grand River and identified as NMAI 008386.000.

Lands/Membership
445-4613
(f) 445-2778

The Six Nations Elected Council is the recognized legal representation government of the Six Nations of the Grand River community by the Canadian government. Within the community, the Haudenosaunee Confederacy Council is respected as the national government of the Six Nation of the Grand River.

Lands & Resources
519-753-0665
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The Six Nations Elected Council has not changed their views articulated to the Museum of the American Indian in 1988. Furthermore, the Council recognizes that both sacred objects and objects of cultural patrimony have been removed from our community, often by dubious means, and placed in museums and other institutions. We encourage the return of these objects to the rightful owners.

Parks & Recreation
445-4311
(f) 445-4401

The Council does recognized that the Haudenosaunee Confederacy Council is the proper custodians of these objects. We ask that, in negotiating the return of sacred objects and objects of cultural patrimony, your institution deal with the representatives of the Haudenosaunee Confederacy Council and return the objects to them on behalf of our community.

Public Works
445-4242
(f) 445-4763

Your consideration of the request is most appreciated.

Social Services
445-0232
(f) 445-1783

Sincerely,

Chief William K. Montour
Six Nations of the Grand River

Welfare
445-2084
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