

SIX NATIONS PUBLIC LIBRARY OHSEWEN, ONTARIO

SIX NATIONS NEWS

LIBRARY BOARD MEETING

Ohsewen: The Library Board met in the newly re-modelled children's Reading Room of the Six Nations Library for their April meeting.

Councillor Rena Hill conducted the meeting.

Members of the Board inspected the spacious Reading Room created by removing the partition between two large upstairs bedrooms of the former doctor's residence. The room is now ready for furnishing. It was announced that a generous donation of \$1,000 had been made for suitable furniture and rugs.

A weekly story hour for pre-school children will begin the first week in June on Saturday mornings at the Six Nations Library.

Trophies received by the Council in reply to an appeal to Indian Residents will be displayed in the Library.

At the conclusion of the meeting coffee was served and a social hour was enjoyed by the members of the Library Board.

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GENERAL NEWS

CHANGE ASKED

The first national Indian cultural conference recommended March 25th that all federal administration of cultural affairs be centered in the Secretary of State's Department. At present, a division in the Indian Affairs Department looks after cultural affairs among status Indians, while Secretary of State Gerard Pelletier's department does the same for non-status Indians.

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INDIAN AFFAIRS SWITCH

Toronto:

Responsibility for Indian affairs in Ontario has been transferred from the department of social and family services to the department of citizenship and immigration. The transfer confirms a promise made in the throne speech that the citizenship department would be expanded to assume responsibility for all the people in the province. Citizenship Minister Robert Welch takes over the responsibility for Indian community development with an unchanged \$1,000,000 budget. An additional \$14,000 is provided in this year's budget for the minister's Indian advisory committee.

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CHIPPEWA BAND PLANS ROAD SURRENDER VOTE

Sarnia:

The Sarnia Chippewa band has set April 3 as a tentative date for a referendum on the surrender of about 82 acres of its reserve for a proposed highway, Chief Aylmer Plain said Tuesday.

He said the referendum may take the form of an open meeting with a secret ballot.

Chief Plain, councillors Lawrence Williams and Gerald Maness and the Band's lawyer R. E. Rowcliffe met Monday in Ottawa with representatives of the department of Indian affairs. They also discussed compensation for five more acres for a service road which will remain the property of the band.

The band will vote on whether to accept \$650,000, as offered by the Ontario department of highways.

In addition, the department has offered to pay for all construction costs on the service road. The money is to be paid within 30 days after the agreement is signed, the chief said. Of the total, \$296,000 will be paid to the people who have surrendered their land and about \$175 to each of the band's 635 members.

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