

NEW CREDIT COUNCIL MEETING--MONDAY, MAY 13, 1974

Minutes of previous council meetings were adopted as read.

New Credit Council received a complaint from a reserve resident that he had applied for housing last year and to date has not been informed that his application was accepted. Council informed the resident that housing applications are dealt with according to priority: number of children in the family and present situation of the applicant. Also applicants must have a joint ownership of the deed to the property.

Council received a request from a resident to rent the 50 acres of land which Council purchased in the spring. Councillor Graham King told Council that the property was purchased for economic development and if they should rent it out now they would be defeating their purpose. Council decided to wait until after May 28th when they will be meeting with the Regional Planner from Toronto. They will also be meeting with the Chairman of Haldimand-Norfolk Regional Council to ascertain in what respect the reserve will be affected by the change to Regional government in the surrounding area.

Roads Foreman, Robert Brant questioned Council about the garbage along the roads on the reserve. Chief Councillor Fred King informed Council that their contract with Mr. Tom Howe, for dumping on his property, had expired the end of March and that Mr. Howe had requested an increase from \$500 to \$1200 per year. However Council has negotiated and Mr. Howe has accepted \$600 but does not want to sign a yearly contract. He will be paid on a monthly basis. Council also decided to send out notices to reserve residents requesting tenders for garbage pick-up.

Mr. Brant also informed Council about a missing culvert on the boundary road between Six Nations and New Credit reserves. He said that both New Credit and Six Nations had paid for the culvert. Council decided to have Mr. Brant contact the Six Nations Roads Committee Chairman, Leonard Staats to determine the whereabouts of the culvert.

Council was shown a small scale model of an eagle done by George Wale of Glenhyrst Arts College. Council is considering a monument to place in front of the public buildings. Mr. Wale told Council that he could provide them with an eagle with a wing span of 6 to 10 feet, made of fiberglass and mounted on a stone or tree. He also showed slides of some of the work he had done to give them an idea of what the monument would look like. Mr. Wale told Council that the cost varies according to size and materials used and the finished product of the monument discussed would cost from \$1500 to \$2000. Mr. Wales said that he has the knowledge but not the facilities to finish the eagle in bronze. Council decided that the eagle would be 5 feet high with a wing span of 6 feet and they appointed Bryan LaForme and Glen Crain to investigate sources of funds to cover costs.

Mr. Lefebvre of Brant County Legal Aid attended Council to inform them of the availability of legal aid assistance. Mr. Lefebvre told Council that an office had been set up at the library in Ohsweken but the program was not a success; that for some reason the reserve residents preferred to go to the Brantford office. He told Council that legal aid deals mostly in major criminal cases, civil cases and divorce cases. An applicant must present a financial statement showing that he is not in a position to obtain a lawyer otherwise. If the person qualifies for legal aid, he is given a certificate to take to the lawyer of his choice. When the case is closed, the lawyer is paid upon presentation of the certificate. He told the Council that 15% of all the certificates in Brant County had been received by Six Nations residents. He also told Council that legal aid is a government project and in most cases is not free, the legal aid recipient must make arrangements to repay according to his financial situation. Council was informed that Doug Sanders, an authority on native law, is in the process of setting up an institute in native law in Ottawa.