

SIX NATIONS NEWS

COUNCIL TO DISCUSS POLICE PROTECTION

A Six Nations council delegation will meet with Attorney-General Arthur Wishart in Toronto Friday in an effort to get more police protection for the reserve.

Reserve residents complain that when they call police it takes too long before a cruiser is on the spot.

RCMP and OPP officers attended a council meeting in May to explain their methods and problems but council is not satisfied.

Council sent a letter to Mr. Wishart asking for improvements. In his reply, he invited councillors to meet with him, and Tuesday night they accepted.

A delegation of five councillors, their lawyer, and William McKim, regional director of Indian Affairs, will meet with Mr. Wishart Friday morning.

Councillors are particularly concerned with incidents of vandalism on school property, break-ins, driving offences and enforcement of their by-laws.

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PUBLIC MEETING

A public meeting will be held in Ohsweken Community hall Nov. 1 to "re-activate our arena project," Coun. William White told the band council Tuesday night.

The arena was planned as a centennial project for 1967 but the project died from lack of support.

Mr. White said the lack of recreation facilities and programs makes it easy for reserve youths to turn to drugs, alcohol and other anti-social behavior.

"There's nothing for the young people to do on the reserve," he said.

He said there have been several neighborhood meetings in private homes recently to discuss community problems. Lack of recreation facilities emerged as a prime concern.

Coun. Clifford Lickers objected. "It'll cost \$160,000 to build a rink, he said. "But I'll go along with you just to prove a point. Nobody will support it."

He said many people say they want something but when it comes to doing the work or showing an active interest, not enough people volunteer.

"It was our supporters who suggested that we meet at night so they can attend meetings and find out what we're doing," he said. "How many of our supporters are here tonight?"

Four reserve residents sat in the visitors' benches!

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DEBRIS PLACED ON ROAD BY VANDALS RESULTS IN INJURIES TO AREA COUPLE

Vandals have been blamed for an accident on the Sour Springs Road early Saturday, Oct. 17, which put two persons in the intensive care unit of the Brantford General Hospital.

Lester Martin, 30, and his wife, Ida, both of R6 Hagersville, were reported in fair condition. Hospital officials declined to reveal their injuries.

Police said that pranksters put a two-foot square cement block supporting a mail box and post in the middle of the road just over the top of a hill. When the car struck the object, the pole went through the windshield and the vehicle rolled over in the ditch.

An ambulance en route to the accident scene also was damaged by cement blocks and brush placed on the road. A fire department official said a cable was broken on the ambulance's secondary braking system and the exhaust system was damaged.