

Re \$433,500 Hydro Offer

Note - opportunely, the council is approached with a plausible excuse for more land, but Indians have wisened up to the fact that our lands are our most valuable asset. Land prices have been spiralling for the last 150 years and will continue so. Council is wise to conserve our remaining acreage. Editors.

Dunnville Phone Co. Approved for Reserve

By 1970, residents of the Six Nations Reserve will deal with only one telephone company locally - the Dunnville Consolidated Telephone Company.

Six Nations Council Thursday voted in favor of continuing with and allowing the Dunnville company to expand its service on the reserve, which at the present time is also served by the Bell system. Council approached the Dunnville company several months ago, asking it to provide better service or move off the reserve.

The Dunnville firm, after negotiating with Bell engineers, said it would be able to offer improved service with no service charges from Ohsweken to Hagersville, Caledonia and Cayuga in 1970. The company engineers will meet with the road committee next week to discuss burying cables.

R. M. Brown, vice-president of operations for the Dunnville firm, told council that Bell was not interested in buying the Dunnville equipment on the reserve. He also said there would be no increase in charges when the change-over from Bell to Dunnville operations is made. "I say this with tongue in cheek, however," he said. "Bell presently has a rate action being discussed now. If their rates increase, ours will too."

Chiefswood Indian Village Park

Council adopted the preliminary development plan drawings of Canadian Mitchell Associations Limited of Bramalea for a proposed Indian village at Chiefswood, home of Pauline Johnson.

The plans will be submitted to the conservation authorities for approval of 50 per cent grants on the proposed \$17,000 plans.

Included in the planned village are a field lacrosse and baseball diamond complex, a beach, camping areas and location for the annual Six Nations pageant.

Housing Applications and Grants

Council has approved 18 applications for housing assistance grants of \$84,300 from the federal government. The government provides a housing assistance program of \$125,000 per year for five years.

Applications will also be made to the federal government for grants on the following operations, with the federal grant shown in brackets: Welfare, \$44,000 (\$8,800); burials, \$1,500 (\$750); fire protection, \$6,500 (\$6,500); garbage area, \$1,000 (\$1,000); road maintenance, \$25,000 (\$12,500); ferry boat deficit, \$1,000 (\$1,000).

Other projects and grants include: Sanitation, \$500; street lights, \$750; administration, \$8,025 (\$8,025); recreation, \$5,000 (\$5,000); library, \$5,000 (\$5,000).

A Brantford firm will be employed for \$1,000 to study the bookkeeping system and duties of council staff and make recommendations for their improvement.

Repairs to the curator's residence at Chiefswood were authorized by council. Estimated cost is \$1,700.

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