

KA-NYEN-GEH-HA-KAH OF GRAND RIVER (AS THE MOHAWK WORKERS) STATEMENT REGARDING THE TOBACCO SITUATION WITHIN THE GRAND RIVER TERRITORY AND POSITION IN RESPECT OF ENBRIDGE BLOCKADE / PROTEST MEASURES

KANATA – GRAND RIVER TERRITORY - FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Ohrerekó:wa is the Principle Chief for Ka-nyen-geh-ha-ka Wolf Clan (Mohawks) of Grand River, and carries Chief's antlers and a title for our people as set out within the foundation of what is known as the 5 Nation Confederacy or League of Great Peace. As spokesperson for the Mohawk Workers, I wish to clarify the position of the Mohawk Workers in respect to two significant issues which I feel can either serve to unite – or further divide Onkwehon:we living in the Grand River Territory. Accordingly, earlier today, I wrote to M.P.P. Dave Levac, on an urgent basis, in order to propose the establishment of a peaceful resolution protocol, and in order to clarify the position of the Mohawk Workers in respect of the tobacco situation within the Grand River territory as well in respect of various imminent and anticipated protest actions on the part of other parties.

On February 15, 2013 Ohrerekó:wa's office requested Anne Losier of the National Energy Board (NEB) to provide information pertaining to Pipeline 9B. Specifications for the pipeline were requested as well as copies of the right-of-ways obtained. Later that day, Michael Benson, the NEB's project process advisor responded in writing and confirmed that the original pipeline was approved by the NEB in May 1975, and the original pipeline was 520 miles of 30-inch outside diameter pipe that was designed to transport 250 thousand barrels per day of oil from Sarnia to Montreal. Copies of any right-of-ways obtained for the Grand River territorial portion of the pipeline were NOT provided.

On March 14th, 2013, Information Requests were submitted by the NEB to Enbridge Pipelines Inc. requesting additional information on the proposed Line 9B Reversal and Line 9 Capacity Expansion Project. [Filing A50832]. The request stated: "In examining the Application, the Board has found that additional information is required, as set out in the attached IR No. 1. Please respond on or before 28 March 2013."

In the request, the NEB noted that not all affected "Aboriginal groups" had been consulted, and cited dozens of other areas where further information would be required in order to further proceed with the application.

It is the Mohawk Workers' position that the pipeline 9B is "not fit for purpose", does not conform to industry standards, and is operated unlawfully in lieu of Ka-nyen-geh-ha-kah consultation and consent. To be clear, not only is the pipeline operated without Ka-nyen-geh-ha-kah permission, there is no type of safety protocol, material or method that will limit the risk posed by the operation of this pipeline to our satisfaction. The Mohawk Workers share many of the concerns set out by Ontario Pipeline Landowners Association (OPLA) in submissions made by Mr. Goudy contained in Hearing Order OH-005-2011. These concerns, as articulated by Ohrerekó:wa to Queen Elizabeth II have been forwarded to the Governor General and are in the process of being addressed accordingly.

The Mohawk Workers do not, in any way, endorse or sanction blockades or confrontation in respect of this project at this time and trust that peaceful engagement remains the appropriate approach.

TOBACCO SITUATION – RESOLUTION PROTOCOL PROPOSAL AND CLARIFICATION OF POSITION OF THE KA-NYEN-GEH-HA-KAH OF GRAND RIVER (AS THE MOHAWK WORKERS) PERTAINING TO PROTEST MEASURES

Dear Mr. Levac,

I write to you on an urgent basis in order to propose the establishment of a peaceful resolution protocol, and in order to clarify the position of the Mohawk Workers in respect of the tobacco situation within the Grand River territory as well in respect of various imminent and anticipated protest actions on the part of other parties. I have attached a brief statement of position for your records, which will be released publicly later today (Tuesday).

As you are also aware, in addition to having engaged the United Nations' Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples on May 20th 2013 in New York, our delegation met yesterday with various parties in Ottawa in order to engage officials, and discuss peaceful and meaningful steps which are being taken in order to address various issues of monumental concern to our people. Such steps include discussions which are being set up to take place between our ally, your Queen Elizabeth II who has recently agreed to act in her capacity as a constitutional monarch through the Governor General on the advice of her Canadian ministers. As these important processes move forward, it is important to us that our position is clearly understood by all relevant parties.

We wish to propose the establishment of a tobacco industry resolution protocol whereby affected parties, stakeholders and government can come together for the purpose of facilitation. In order to discuss this in greater and meaningful detail, we propose an initial meeting be set to take place, at a time of your convenience, but on an urgent basis, between Grand River Onkwehon:we business leaders, the Mohawk Workers, and interested provincial, federal, and even municipal officials / representatives. If this is agreeable to you, I will take steps in order to arrange a time and place which is agreeable to the parties and revert back as soon as practicable.

In Peace,
RATSIÁHAWE (Bill Squire) Spokesperson for the Mohawk Workers of Grand River
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