

Confederacy protects Hawk's home but not his business

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An eviction notice delivered to two smoke huts along Highway #6 three weeks ago called for both Jeff Hawk (Henhawk) and Don Tripp, former owner of Broken Promises Smoke Shop, to vacate the properties they are located on by 8 a.m., August 24th, or face physical removal.

In response, Don Tripp sold his interest in Broken Promises to Deb Springle, who is not named in the eviction notice, therefore complying with the notice to Tripp to vacate the property,

which he has done.

Jeff Hawk went to the Confederacy for help and was given a letter stating he would be on the agenda at this past Saturday's Confederacy Council meeting at the Onondaga Longhouse. That letter gave him a temporary reprieve while the Chiefs considered his arguments against the Elected Council sponsored eviction.

Some members of the Men's Fire were on hand to support Hawk's case as well as to hear what the Chiefs had decided regarding Hydro One's plans to

cut trees and brush out from under the hydro towers to prevent possible injury or death through leaking electricity from the high power lines to the trees below.

That issue was dealt with first as the Confederacy agreed to draft a letter allowing Hydro One to do its work unimpeded.

Jeff Henhawk's situation was put on the floor by the Mohawk bench which began by thanking the Men's Fire for "watching over the community," and encouraging them to continue in that role. That sentiment was echoed by *continued on page 3*