

Six Nations News

The Six Nations Council met in the Council Chamber Ohsweken on July 4th with Chief Richard Isaac presiding. Councillors present: Clarence Jamieson, Clifford Lickers, Ranson Jamieson, Frank W. Montour, Enos Williams, Norman E. Lickers, Leonard Staats, Mrs. Rena Hill, William R. Longboat, Miss Mina Burnham, George Bomberry. In attendance: Mr. D. R. Cassie Supt. Six Nations, Mr. J. Wm Hill Clerk Estates Section, Mr. J. L. McCaw Asst. Supt., Mr. Norton Martin Clerk Estates Section.

Recorder: Mary Van Every.

(1) Minutes

(2) Moved by N. E. Lickers and seconded by George Bomberry that this council authorize Indian Affairs Branch Brantford, Ontario to renew the permit of Massey Ferguson Industries Ltd. for rental of the slag dump at Massey-Ferguson foundry in Brantford Ontario for a period of one year from Dec. 22 1967 to Dec. 21, 1968, together with an option to renew for a further period of one year providing the rental is increased by twenty-five per cent (25%). Carried.

(3) Transfer a parcel of land on Concession 4 from Norman E. Lickers to the Six Nations band of Indians for the sum of \$1 on the following conditions that the land therein transferred shall be set aside for the use of the Governing Council of the Salvation Army Canada East, for as long as it is required for church purposes. When the land is no longer used for church purposes, the land will revert to the use of the Six Nations Band. In the event that the land ceases to be used by the Governing Council of the Salvation Army Canada East, for its church purposes, they shall be allowed six months to remove any or all of its buildings from the said land. Carried.

(5) A by-law was passed prohibiting the sale of fireworks within the limits of the Six Nations Reserve except on day immediately prior to Victoria Day. Persons holding a fireworks display must have a permit from the Six Nations Council application to be made in writing to the secretary at least 10 days in advance of such display. No permit will be issued to any person under the age of twenty-one years. Any fire works display to be conducted in a manner consistent with all proper safety procedures.

(6) Moved by Leonard Staats and seconded by Nina Burnham that this council cease negotiations with Ontario Hydro, 620 University Ave., Toronto Ont., in relation to the proposed Rights of way for Steel Tower Transmission Lines through the Six Nations Indian Reserve. The above motion was defeated by a vote of 6-5.

(7) Moved by Clifford Lickers and seconded by Wm. R. Longboat that this council request Ontario Hydro to forward a written cash offer to Council for compensation to property owners to the Band Council and any other terms for relocation in relation to the steel tower transmission lines through the Six Nations Reserve. Carried.

(8) Moved by Ranson Jamieson and seconded by Frank Montour, that this council approve the recommendation of the Public Lands Committee that the Northwest corner of the parking lot at the Mohawk Chapel, Brantford, Ontario be the site to place a plaque to mark the founding of the first Mohawk Village and that the wording on the plaque be as follows

"Mohawk Village"

In 1784 the Six Nations Indians who had allied themselves with the Crown during the American Revolution were granted a tract of land over half a million acres along the Grand River. Following the example of their leader Joseph Brant (1742-1807) some 450 Mohawks settled here on the Detroit Path a trail linking Lake Ontario and the Detroit River. The settlement, known as "Mohawk Village" ultimately comprised about 24 houses, a chapel, a school and a Council House.

In 1841 a surrender was made ceding to the Crown what remained of the original grant but providing for the establishment of what became the Six Nations Reserve, to which most of the Indian inhabitants moved soon afterwards.

Carried.

A number of land transfers were sought and approved.

(33) Moved by Norman Lickers and seconded by Mrs. Rena Hill, that this council submit the Revenue Band Budget, to the Indian Affairs branch for approval for the fiscal year from April 1, 1968, to March 31, 1969 in the amount of Ninety-four Thousand, Nine Hundred and fifty-four dollars (\$94,954.00). Carried.