

NEW CREDIT COUNCIL MEETING - DECEMBER 18, 1972

Minutes of the previous meeting were adopted as read.

Chief Councillor Frank Laforme was unable to attend the meeting so it was conducted by Councillor Graham King.

Council decided to authorize Chief Laforme to install adequate heating in the factory building which is presently leased to Mohawk college to conduct classes in conjunction with Manpower for the benefit of the reserve residents.

Councillor King read a letter which informed Council that their application for a grant for the recreation committee had not been approved as submitted. They were informed that in order for their Recreation Committee to qualify for a grant, Council would first have to make a by-law and submit it within 48 hours after it was prepared, to Mr. Bill Houston of the Ministry of Community and Social Services in Kitchener. The by-law must include the number of members which would be five at the least and not more than twelve. Two must be members of the Council. Chief Councillor Frank Laforme and Councillor Marvin Laforme had already been appointed to sit on the Committee. Council decided to hold a special meeting with the Recreation Committee to draft and pass the required by-law.

Mr. Borton, Indian Superintendent informed Council that anyone working on the LIP program will be covered by workmen's compensation. New Credit Council has coverage for their employees.

Mr. D.J. Borton also told Council that the Brantford Branch Office of the Department of Indian Affairs had been asked as of October 1, 1972, to transfer anyone over 18 years old to their own Band number. Councillor Ward Laforme asked if the 18 year old Indian would be able to vote. Mr. Borton informed him that at the present time they cannot vote unless the Indian Act is changed.

Councillor King read a letter from the Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians concerning the lack of representation of New Credit Council and the lack of interest at Committee meetings. Councillor King requested a list of their representatives to the AIAI.

Councillor Ward Laforme told Council that they should concentrate more on by-laws; that they should do something about the Indian Act. He said that they are always told that Indians are not paying taxes but the taxes derived from Indian reserves right now, amounting to \$300,000 to \$500,000, goes to the nearest municipality. So when the Government says that there is so much money available for grants, part of the grant comes from taxation. He feels that the money should come back to the reserves. Councillor Laforme told Council that he feels it is quite necessary to set up their by-laws now as they will supercede section 88 of the Indian Act which concerns legal rights of Indians and Taxation in the province. He said that the provincial government is always trying to undermine the federal government and the federal government isn't saying anything.