

LOCAL NEWS - Cont'd.....

New Credit Elections-Cont'd.....

dent advised Council that according to the Indian Act there must be ten clear days between nominations and elections. Subsequently, they set their date for elections as Saturday, December 8th.

At a previous Council meeting they had selected Mrs. Carol Tobicoe to act as their electoral officer.

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SEMINAR ON ASSESSMENT OF NON INDIAN INTERESTS ON RESERVES

Mohawk Institute: - Reserve annual acreage rental rates were discussed at a seminar at Mohawk Institute, October 18th and 19th sponsored by the Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians (AIAI).

It was disclosed that of the reserves who lease out land to non-Indians for agricultural purposes, Six Nations receives \$5 per acre, Moravian reserve receives \$44 per acre and Walpole Is. receives \$23 per acre.

Rental of agricultural land was only one of the topics discussed at the seminar. Other discussions concerned lands leased to cottagers, hydro-electric, Bell Canada and Railways.

The AIAI along with other Indian Organizations had previously advocated the Provincial Government amend its Municipal Assessment Act so that municipalities surrounding Indian reserves could NOT assess and tax non-Indians renting or leasing on reserves, which they had been doing for a number of years. The Provincial Government complied, last June, with the requests of the Associations.

The Federal Government is now urging the Indian reserve Councils to find ways to assess the Non-Indian Lessees and to levy a service charge to cover costs of services such as road maintenance, garbage collection, etc.

Attending the seminar were representatives of the Union of Ontario Indians, Lyle and Del Riley, Carl Brant, President of AIAI, Ted Morton, Regional Lands Division, Toronto, Councillors, Chief Councillors, Researchers and Bob Ivor, a retired tax assessor and who

is now on part-time contract with the Department of Indian Affairs to assist Associations and Bands if they wish to use his services.

Andy Ricard of Treaty #9 and Peter Kelly of Treaty #3 were expected but were unable to attend because of meetings in their own area.

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SIX NATIONS APPOINTS CO-ORDINATOR

James Powless of R.R. #2, Caledonia, former Liaison Officer with the Department of Indian Affairs in Ottawa, has been appointed the L.I.P. (Local Initiatives Program) Co-ordinator for Six Nations reserve.

His primary responsibility will be to oversee all projects of the winter works program and to make sure that welfare recipients are hired instead of unemployment recipients, etc.

The L.I.P. program will run from January to June, 1974.

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ONONDAGA SEEKS FIRE PACT CHANGE

B. Expos. - Higher rates in a new fire agreement, proposed by Onondaga Township Council to protect between 35 and 40 Residents of the Six Nations reserve has aroused concern among the reserve's elected Councillors.

Council decided, Tuesday, October 16th to send representatives to the next Onondaga Township Council meeting to discuss the terms of the protection agreement.

The decision was made after Councillors questioned James Smith, Onondaga Township fire chief, about the number of fires his department had attended on the reserve lands north of the Grand River.

Chief Smith said that his force had put out three fires for reserve residents since 1961.

The existing agreement provides for the reserve to pay \$100 for the first hour Onondaga firemen are at a reserve fire and \$50 each additional hour. But Mr. Smith said the last fire his men attended cost \$160 the first hour.

Chief Councillor Isaac and Councillors Ross Powless and Syd Henhawk were appointed to represent the reserve at the Onondaga Township meeting.