

LOCAL NEWS - Cont'd.....

DIRECTOR REINSTATED

Mohawk Institute - Keith Lickers who was suspended for 60 days as Director of the Woodland Indian Cultural Educational Centre at the Mohawk Institute, on September 25, 1973, has been reinstated as Director and will resume his duties on November 19th.



KEITH LICKERS

At the time it was decided Mr. Lickers would be relieved of his duties, the Board of Governors deliberated for one full day and the result was a unanimous decision. After a lapse of time of one month, half of the Board of Governors were in favour of reinstating the Director.

No valid reason was given for the suspension nor was any valid reason given for the reinstatement.

The reinstatement of Mr. Lickers was discussed at length at a General Meeting of the Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians (AIAI) at New Credit Reserve on Saturday, October 20th and Sunday, October 21st. After a motion was made, Mr. Carl Brant, President, insisted it be brought to a vote. However, there was no seconder for the motion. As a result the members decided to leave the decision to the Board of Governors of the Cultural Centre.

The Board of Governors of the Cultural Centre on Saturday, October 27th held two votes before the suspension was lifted. On the second vote, a member of the Board who did not vote the first time supported Keith Lickers.

Keith was appointed to the position of Director in the fall of 1972 after he had elaborated on a feasibility study done by Mr. Tom Hill who is an employee of the Department of Indian Affairs in Ottawa. The Six Nations Council had requested Mr. Hill to do the study in hopes that the former Indian Residential School could again be made use of by the Indian people.

REQUEST SURVEYORS TO RETURN

Ohsweken - The Six Nations Elected Council decided Tuesday night, to request the Land Surveyors of the Federal Government to return to the reserve to continue a legal survey started in sections 1 and 2, lots 24 to 36, from Sour Springs to Indian Line.

The surveyors had been driven off the reserve in 1972 by reserve residents.

Councillor Syd Henhawk told Council that the previous survey was not monumented or Government inspected nor had steel bars been put in where indicated on the map. He said the boundaries could be out 10 ft.

Mr. D. Borton told Council that since Mr. Henhawk has been on a couple of courses, he will be the first person to be contacted when the legal surveyors arrive. Council requested that they be notified when the project starts so that they in turn can notify the residents.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF ARENA LEGAL STATUS

Ohsweken - Legal status of the Board of Directors of the Six Nations Arena, was questioned Tuesday night at Council after Mr. D. Borton, District Superintendent had received a letter of inquiry from a Bank manager from which the Board had already secured a loan of \$2,000 to purchase an ice scraper. He requested information as to whether the Board of Directors were legally authorized to borrow money.

The Board had previously borrowed \$10,000 from the same bank and 4 of the Board members had signed notes. The loan was repaid and they negotiated another of \$2,000 to be paid out of Arena revenue. This time the note was signed by Syd Henhawk. Councillor Henhawk said he would like to see the Council back the Board of Directors because one or two individuals are continually being put on the spot for the whole reserve. Chief Isaac said he would like to see the Board manage on their own and get a good credit rating.

As a result the Council decided that the Board of Directors would have the same legal status as any other properly constituted organization whose credit rating is up to par.