

Leaked documents reveal HDI waived Haudenosaunee "sovereign immunity"

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SIX NATIONS - A declaration was presented during Haudenosaunee Confederacy Chiefs Council this weekend calling for the immediate dismantlement of HDI and immediate dismissal of lawyer Aaron Detlor, HDI Director Hazel Hill and HDI board member Brian Doolittle.

This declaration, read aloud in council by Cayuga Wolf chief Sam General, calls for the dis-

mantlement of the HDI for not negotiating in good faith on behalf of the Confederacy, the immediate dismissal and removal of Detlor, Hill and Doolittle for misrepresenting the Confederacy, immediate halting of all HDI business and the launch of a full investigation into HDI by the Confederacy.

These demands come in the wake of two Engagement Agreements HDI signed with Samsung in 2013

and 2014, locally known as 'the Samsung deals', were leaked to clan families.

Those leaked documents reveal that HDI agreed to, on behalf of the HCCC and all Haudenosaunee member nations, waive Haudenosaunee "sovereign immunity" and any other claim of traditional or treaty rights surrounding Haudenosaunee right to lands that the projects are utilizing in exchange for financial compensa-

tion.

Speaker for the Onondaga Beaver clan family Steve Hill is acting in proxy for Arnie General on behalf of the Onondaga Beavers while General deals with health issues. Hill brought forward the concerns of his clan family at council.

Hill told the council he has been trying to get copies of the Samsung agreements from HDI offices for the last eight months and didn't receive anything - until

leaked documents were delivered to him by a community member.

Hill told the council, "I showed that Samsung deal to several chiefs and they said they've never seen it."

Hill also told the council he travelled to other Haudenosaunee communities and spoke with several Haudenosaunee Confederacy chiefs. All stated they knew nothing of the Samsung Engagement Agreements signed on

their behalf by the HDI.

Hill addressed Detlor saying he had specific concerns about HDI signing the agreement and waiving Haudenosaunee sovereignty on behalf of Haudenosaunee member nations.

Detlor responded, saying that although sovereign immunity doesn't apply under Canadian law, HDI decided that agreeing to waive sovereign immunity in the

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