

Men's Fire in court to defend McClung lands

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CAYUGA - The Six Nations Men's Fire were in Cayuga Court Tuesday to challenge Haldimand County and McClung Properties injunction against Six Nations entities who have been defending Six Nations rights regarding the proposed McClung housing development in Caledonia.

In Tuesday's proceedings, Sue Draper, legal council to the Men's Fire, took the court through the foundational treaties and proclamations their case will be built upon. But lawyers for McClung and Haldimand objected that what Draper presented as facts was not backed up by any documents shared with the prosecution.

It was clear that there would be not be much ground covered

with so much history to be presented as a back ground to the case. The Men's Fire are challenging Band Council's involvement with the planned development, Haldimand and McClung's lack of consultation with what they believe to be the appropriate Six Nations government, which is the Haudenosaunee Confederacy Council and not the Elected Council.

"We are wanting an even playing field here," explains Bill Monture of the Men's Fire. "We want the court to stop anyone from going on that land until title is established and the complaints of the Fire are addressed first."

Draper and the Men's Fire will return to court to continue their arguments later this month.