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our own MRP law and that's what we're using.

"You're saying this is a tool of the federal legislation that we have to fill out or you're not going to process our land transfers," she continued. "Since when did this bureaucratic form become part of the legislation? I don't remember reading that in the last bill that was passed." Cole said the forms came

after the law was passed.

"We have some work to do in improving the administrative process," he told council. "That's valuable feedback and we'll take that back (to AANDC)."

Coun. Carl Hill said Six Nations created its own law to avoid government oversight on land transfers. "When it comes to our people, let us worry about that," he told Cole and Hargitt. "You don't

need to worry about it. As a matter of fact, if you give back the (Haldimand) tract that your government stole, we wouldn't be sitting here arguing and talking about this today. You can take that back and tell them."

Both parties have to sign the transfer.

At the heart of the issue is that AANDC won't process the land transfer if it is not signed by both parties and

what would result is a less than accurate land registry, said Hargitt.

Any land transfers after Dec. 16 on Six Nations have stopped being processed because they lack the necessary forms, Hargitt admitted to council.

Hargitt said without the signature of both partners, one could get denied matrimonial rights to the home.

"An individual could be

transferring all land holdings during a matrimonial relationship and then denying that individual the rights to the home," said Hargitt. "The form lends transparency so the other spouse knows the transactions that are being put through on lands or properties they may have an interest in. It's providing disclosure to the other spouse so they're not denied their matrimonial right."

If the person doesn't have a spouse, they are directed to the end of the form to declare as such and move on.

"I don't know who thinks these things up," elected Chief Hill told council. "We're getting nowhere with these guys."

"I encourage you to sit with our staff and come to a resolution on this as soon as you can," she told Hargitt and Cole.