

# Six Nations landfill site

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Six Nations Men's Fire said the machine was "basically a giant outdoor fireplace" equivalent to an individual burning garbage in a backyard fire. Monture was one of about 50 community members who shut the machine down in protest last May.

Kearns first invented the machine in 1983. He has unsuccessfully tried to market it around the world. It was never in operation in any municipal capacity before it was brought here. Kate Jordan, spokesperson for the Ontario Ministry of Environment, says the department can't do anything about the situation unless band council asks for its help.

"The ministry does not have any authority on First Nations lands which fall under the jurisdiction of the federal government," she said. "While our regulations and rules don't

apply to First Nations territory, in the past we have provided advice, training and education to Aboriginal groups upon their request. In this case, we have not been contacted by Six Nations regarding any concerns for air pollution related to the disintegrator."

Councillor Helen Miller said a recent report in a Brantford newspaper that states council is buying a new machine is incorrect and she's asked the newspaper to issue a correction. "Council has not ordered or bought a new machine," she said in an e-mail. "Nor has council agreed to buy a machine."

Since last week, the Turtle Island News has repeatedly asked for a copy of the report but Miller said council doesn't even have a copy of the report.

"I do not have a copy of the report. The report has to be approved by RWDI

and then accepted and approved by council (first)." Council refused to respond numerous questions from the Turtle Island News and has not issued a statement on the results.

"Before releasing a statement we are waiting to receive the final report and slideshow presentation from RWDI so we know that the information we're giving to the community is accurate," said communications office Chelsey Johnson in an e-mail. "We don't expect to receive the report from RWDI until (this) week. Therefore our statement has not been sent out yet. In the meantime, we are working on finding a date when staff from RWDI can come to Six Nations and present the findings to the community themselves."

The federal Aboriginal Affairs ministry has not responded to requests for comment.