

Tobacco law heads to Confederacy in June

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not approaching this in either of those ways. Traditional principles under the Great Law expected our people to give back to the community, through either services in kind or a financial contribution. It's not

taxation or assessment as defined by external governments." There will be penalties for those who contravene the law, said Thomas. Licenses could be withheld, fines could be imposed and there could be a

seizure of property if people are not in compliance with the regulations. It will be enforced by HCCC-appointed "Peacekeepers" but, said Thomas, the industry will also be expected to enforce the law themselves.

"It's the people themselves that will enforce the law. They're saying the people themselves will follow the law and if they don't follow the law they won't get the protection of the HCCC under this law. If you choose to be licensed, you

have to follow those rules of conduct to get protection." The delegation said they welcome any further comments and questions before next month's meeting and can be contacted through the HCCC Web

site at www.haudenosauneeconfederacy.com. You can also submit comments to the Haudenosaunee Trade Collective at www.htradecollective.com/comments.