

Proposed oil pipeline

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acknowledgement of Six Nations' land claim, could change the way outside companies approach corporate partnerships with Six Nations.

"I think the Imperial/Six Nations opportunity here is the first step in defining agreements that might come in the future."

Council convened an in-camera following the Imperial Oil presentation to further discuss details of the proposed agreement.

Although council hasn't agreed to the proposal, General said the agreement has

advanced to a stage where "it's a matter of dotting the I's and crossing the T's."

He added, however, that council won't be pressured into signing an agreement in haste.

"Of course, Imperial Oil wants this to go ahead as soon as possible," he said.

The company is planning to install the pipeline extension this summer and hope to have it completed this fall.

"But we won't sign before we're sure this agreement is right for Six Nations."