

# Community presses council for GRM answers

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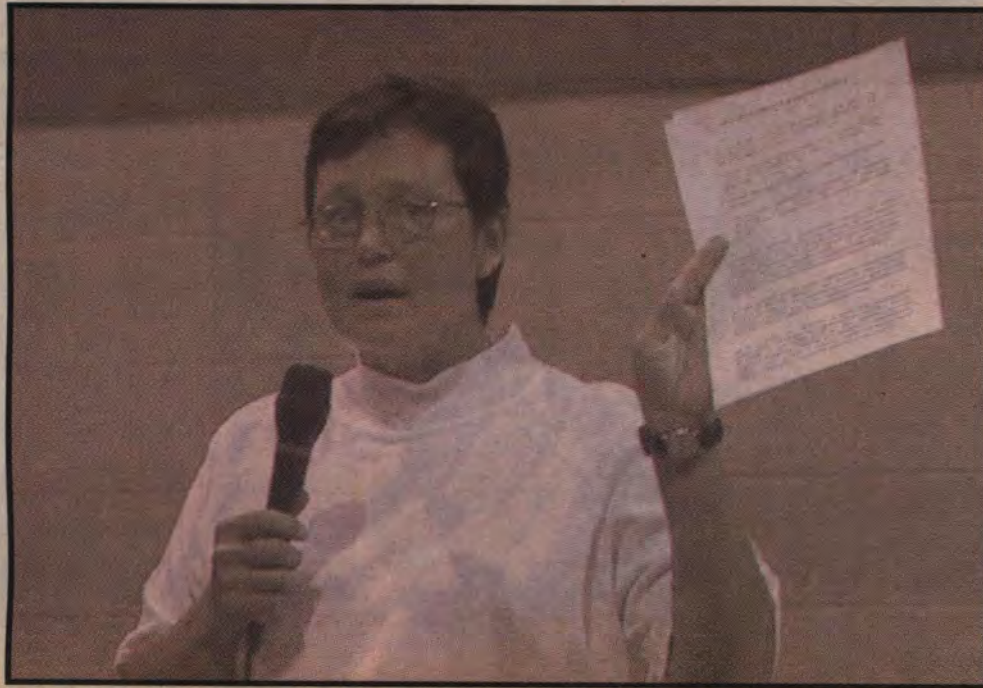
OHSWEKEN — Persistent questions surrounding the failed Grand River Mills project were taken off the back burner at a joint council/community meeting at J.C. Hill Elementary School Thursday night, although the evening appeared to produce little more than luke-warm results.

The meeting, called by the Six Nations Community Action Group, was convened to give band council an opportunity to respond to outstanding questions concerning the project. But as group spokesperson Audrey Hill concluded at the session's end, the answers provided by council weren't comprehensive enough to finally put the GRM issue to rest.

"We'll continue to discuss our concerns because we still haven't gotten a lot of our questions answered. If anything [council has] raised a lot more questions," she said.

There appeared to be a stark imbalance as to the priority council and community members had given to the meeting. While community support was strong with almost 100 participants, only five of the twelve band councillors — Don Whitlow, Roger Jonathan, Delby Powless, David General, and Nina Burnham — joined Chief Wellington Staats in facing questions from the meeting's participants.

That imbalance proved to affect the detail in which



*Six Nations Community Action Group spokesperson Audrey Hill holds up a list of questions relating to the failed Grand River Mills project. The community directed the questions at band council during Thursday night's meeting at J.C. Hill Elementary School.*