Current council too lax on policy enforcement: Hill

Recent decisions by band leadership show inconsistent application of hiring guidelines, contends District 1 Councillor David Hill

By Paul Baswick

SIX NATIONS — Band council is "picking and choosing" when and how it follows its own hiring policy, District 1 Councillor David Hill said Tuesday night.

Hill made the comment at the Dec. 18 general council meeting at I.L. Thomas school, after two similar contract extension requests were met with differing results.

The motions, presented back-to-back by Health portfolio holder Barb Harris, were put forward to request that the six-month contracts of Cynthia Barton, acting counselor at New Directions Addiction Services, and Marnee Moore, acting nutritionist at Health Promotion and Nutritional Services, be extended.

Council voted to extend Barton's, but not Moore's. Six Nations' hiring policy outlines that such extensions are not permissible, but that the positions must instead be posted and that new applicants be considered for the job.

The committee asked for the extensions, explained Harris, as there was a threat both positions would otherwise remain vacant for the next six months.