



Six Nations “Iroquois” Confederacy

GRAND RIVER COUNTRY

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Statement

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Re--Ontario meeting

OSWE:GE GRAND RIVER TERRITORY- The Haudenosaunee Confederacy Chiefs Council have always worked towards a peaceful and respectful resolution to all issues surrounding and touching on our treaty territory and have encouraged Ontario to do the same.

Ontario’s ministers are calling a meeting that was held on Wednesday night with representatives of the Six Nations Elected Band Council and Haldimand County productive, and indicate they will meet again later in the summer to discuss the issues. The Haudenosaunee Confederacy Chiefs Council would once again remind Ontario that Haudenosaunee lands and treaties are held solely and exclusively by the Haudenosaunee Confederacy Chiefs Council.

The land rights issue in relation to Kanonhstaton, the former Douglas Creek Estate housing subdivision near Caledonia, Ontario, according to the Haudenosaunee, was settled in 2006 when Ontario removed all third party interests to the land, which is now registered in the Haudenosaunee Land Registry.

While the land is now under the sole jurisdiction of the Haudenosaunee Confederacy Chiefs Council for the use and benefit of Haudenosaunee people, the Haudenosaunee Confederacy Chiefs have indicated that they are always open to discussions in relation to the use of our lands and would encourage the Province of Ontario to return to the Communications Protocol process that was established in good faith in June 2012 to advance those discussions.

Ontario is now aware of the recent Supreme Court of Canada decision in the Tsilhqot’in Nation land rights case which determined that Band Councils do not have the ability in Canadian law to represent the collective rights and interests of the original peoples of this land.

The Haudenosaunee Confederacy Chiefs Council agrees with the statement of British Columbia Supreme Courts’ Honourable Vickers who said:

“While band level organization may have meaning to a Canadian federal bureaucracy, it is without any meaning in resolution of Aboriginal title and rights for the Tsilhqot’in people.”

The Haudenosaunee Confederacy Chiefs Council urges Ontario to follow the path of peace and friendship back to the agreed upon resolution process that both parties agreed to that allowed for these discussions to take place in a respectful and peaceful manner.2

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