



Six Nations "Iroquois" Confederacy
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Confederacy sends regrets to family, protest not Confederacy supported

GRAND RIVER TERRITORY OF THE SIX NATIONS- The Six Nations Haudenoniso (Confederacy Council) on behalf of the Haudenosaunee Six Nations, expresses its regrets for the actions taken yesterday (Thursday, Sept., 13, 2007) afternoon at the Stirling Street Housing Development bordering Six Nations, proper .

Cayuga subchief and Confederacy secretary, Leroy Hill, said while the Haudenosaunee support peaceful demonstrations by our people, engaged in exercising their rights, over the continued development of lands under our inherent jurisdiction, without our consent, "we cannot condone the violent actions of a few that resulted in Sam Gualtieri, a Caledonia contractor, being hospitalized. We wish to extend our regrets to Mr. Gualtieri's family and pray for a speedy and full recovery," he said.

Cayuga subchief Leroy Hill, stressed "we wish to reiterate that the frustration of our people is a direct result of Canada and Ontario's refusal to deal honourably on behalf of the crown

"As Haudenosaunee, we are obligated to uphold and protect the customs and traditions and principals that were handed to us through our peacemaker in the protection of our people and our lands. When our people choose to step outside of those laws and fail to comply with the principals of peace, they are no longer offered the protection of those laws," he explained.

He said "Haudenosaunee representatives were able to establish a peaceful resolution with the developer and arranged to leave the development area to continue discussions in a peaceful manner and on a nation to nation level. Our people are an honourable people and stand by our word.

"Those of our people who refuse to respect and honour this arrangement that was made in good faith, by duly appointed representatives of our Confederacy, and fully supported by the Clanmothers and Chiefs of our Council, are in violation of the Peace and are on their own."

He sends a message of assurance to surrounding neighbours. "We wish to express to the people in all communities that the Haudenoniso Confederacy Council will continue to work with the crown representatives toward a peaceful resolution in the protections of all of our land rights."

He said the newly established Haudenosaunee Development Institute (HDI) is a direct result of the commitment and dedication of the Haudenosaunee at trying to protect, not only the interests of Six Nations people and land, but also to protect the interests of the developers and Canadian citizens whom Canada and Ontario have left on their own.

He said the Haudenosaunee fully expect Municipalities of Ontario will work with the HDI, in accordance with the laws of Canada, in right of the crown, which requires the to fully consult with the Haudenosaunee of the Six Nations prior to the issuance of permits for any development on our unceded territory.

In the meantime the HDI will continue its meetings with area developers involved in projects along the Grand River, within the Haldimand Tract and arrange meetings with municipalities within the Tract.

The HDI is a process created by the Confederacy to work with developers who are caught in a void being created by Canada and Ontario's failure to resolve Six Nations land rights.

The Six Nations Haudenoniso (Confederacy Council) is continuing to work towards a peaceful, fair resolution of its more than 200 year old land rights issues throughout Southern Ontario.

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