

GENERAL MEETING

MARCH 27, 1992

ANGUS MITCHELL MEMORIAL CENTRE

Chief Lincoln White
Chief Norman Tarbell
Chief David Jacobs
St. Regis Mohawk Tribal
Council
Route 37
Hogansburg, N.Y 13655

Dear Chiefs:

We send greetings to you and your families and hope this finds you all in good health. Unfortunately, we must turn our mind to a serious matter; that is your efforts to create a police force for Akwesasne.

Several years ago, as you may recall, our people suffered tremendously at the hands of New York State Police, Tribal police and those of our own people. Since then many of our people have come to an understanding about issues at that time, however we are very concerned because there does not seem to be any understanding on your part as Tribal trustees of what went terribly wrong and how to avoid another similar crisis. We strongly urge you to consider the points we raise here in order to not waste any more time or money on a process that will ultimately be rejected by the community.

We have concluded from observing your recent activity that your group is preparing to hire a Chief of Police. We are concerned that you are putting the cart before the horse. What laws will this person enforce? Usually a system of law is developed and adopted prior to the hiring of police. We find no evidence that a mechanism exists to guarantee community participation and fear you will rely on this police chief to create a police force of his own design.

We are saddened to hear that you do not take the advice of your Task Force members who are supposed to be your link to the community. It also makes us wonder how much control you will be willing to relinquish if this police force is actually formed. Lack of accountability to the community by the Tribal trustees, coupled with the Trustees total control of the police was a major fault in 1979.

We have long been aware that our community desires a system of law and order. We would like to remind you that in the recent years we authorized the drafting of a Mohawk Nation Justice Code which would deliver to the community a set of self-defined statutes and create a judicial system indigenous to our community. The Tribal Council participated in this process at one time. We would urge that you consider once again taking part in this process.

To facilitate your reacquaintance with this project in a timely fashion we are prepared to dispatch a representative appointed by our Council to meet with you and discuss how we may integrate our efforts for the common good of our community.

With the welfare of our community in mind, we await your response.

Barbara Barnes
Mohawk Nation Secretary

NO PAPER ON MAY 1

Due to community holiday on May 1 the office of Indian Time will be closed.

THERE WILL BE NO PAPER THAT WEEK.

Regular business hours:
8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Bookstore will be open.

We're Painting the Fence to Save the Earth

At a recent meeting of the School Climate Committee, it was decided to paint the fence at the St. Regis Village School that is around the construction site with an environmental theme. The event will take place next week on Wednesday, April 29 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. The whole school will be outside showing our artistic talents. But we can't do it without your help.

We need latex outside & inside paint (all colors) and paint brushes. If you can contribute, please drop them off at the St. Regis Village School any time from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (We'll put your name on the fence.)

If any questions, call 575-2323.



As part of an ongoing photo documentary, I am looking for individuals trained in the Native American traditions of healing - medicine men (or women). This project focuses on the oral tradition used to pass healing remedies from generation to generation. If you are interested in participating in this project, have questions, or have information to contribute, please contact:

Lindfors Photography
120 North Green St.

Chicago, IL 60607

(312) 829-3330 (collect if necessary)

Thank You



Photo: Submitted

The NASA-funded Clarkson Space Grant Program recently donated a personal computer to the Potsdam/Akwesasne Talent Search.

Left to right are Goodarz Ahmadi, chairman of the Mechanical and Aeronautical Engineering Department at Clarkson; Douglas Thompson, director of PATS; Edward T. Miaszsek, dean of Undergraduate Studies at Clarkson; Jose Lazo, Clarkson graduate and instructor of physics at Waddams College; Daniel T. Valentine, director of the Clarkson Space Grant Program; and William Wilcox, dean of the School of Engineering at Clarkson and director of the NASA Crystal Growth Laboratory at Clarkson.

Potsdam/Akwesasne Talent Search Takes Off With Help From NASA and Clarkson University

Long before our NASA astronauts took off into space, they were young elementary school students. Today, students are getting the chance to perhaps become one of the next generation of space explorers and NASA scientists, through an interesting program developed by the Potsdam/Akwesasne Talent Search program (PATS) and the Clarkson Space Grant Program.

Recently, PATS administrators decided that a personal computer would help them better promote higher education to students. Jose Lazo, a Clarkson graduate and PATS instructor, contacted Professor Daniel Valentine, director of the Clarkson Space Grant Program. Since a mission

of the Space Grant Program is to encourage math and science education from grade school to graduate school, Valentine felt that the PATS proposal fit the NASA criteria.

When Clarkson came through with the PC, it was placed in the Salmon River Central Junior High School, where there are over 80 active participants in the program.

Before they had the personal computer, the PATS program counselor and tutor worked with the students to encourage higher education. Now, with the aid of the personal computer, they will be able to devote more time to one-on-one support, while the computer will supplement their contact. Its software packages

will help the program participants develop interest in math and science, improve study skills, and prepare for standardized tests.

PATS is a grant program funded through the U.S. Department of Education to encourage students in St. Lawrence County, the Salmon River Central School District and at Akwesasne to prepare for a college education.

The Clarkson Space Grant Program is funded by NASA and is a part of the Cornell Space Grant Consortium. Through its involvement in this program, Clarkson initiates NASA research, offers advanced studies in aerospace, and promotes other undergraduate and graduate research.



Akwesasne Mohawk Police Occurrences April 15 - April 22, 1992

Occurrences	Location
Mischief - property damage	St. Regis
Mischief - b.b. guns	St. Regis
Mischief - motor vehicle	St. Regis
Mischief - b.b. gun - property damage	St. Regis
Mischief - juveniles	St. Regis
Mischief - b.b. gun - property damage	St. Regis
Person to locate	St. Regis
Theft - stolen bike	St. Regis
Harassment	St. Regis
Vandalism to motor vehicle	Snye
Juveniles - fighting	Snye
Mischief - motor vehicle	Snye
Unregistered motor vehicle	Snye
Mischief - juveniles on 4-wheelers driving on private property	Snye
Grass fire	Snye
Erratic driver	Snye
Alarm intrusion	Snye
Unregistered motor vehicle - seized by AMP	Snye
Execute warrant	Snye
Impaired driver	Cornwall Island
Careless driver	Cornwall Island
Switched motor vehicle plate	Cornwall Island
Stolen motor vehicle plate	Cornwall Island
ATV/4-wheeler - trespass private property	Cornwall Island
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Domestic	Cornwall Island
Theft - motor vehicle	Cornwall Island
Car fire	Cornwall Island
Assist other agency - Cornwall City Police Service	Cornwall
Assist other agency - RCMP contraband	Cornwall Island

Snye Recreation News

Benefit Dance

Friday, May 22, 1992 - Hogans Inn
Featuring the "Little River Mohawks"
Time: 9:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.

Come on Out & Enjoy Yourself!!

All proceeds to benefit Snye Recreation Programs and the Little River Mohawk Band

Admission: \$3.00/single -- \$5.00/couple

IN ATTENDANCE:

Grand Chief Mike Mitchell
Chief Lynn Roundpoint
Chief Brian David
Chief Rose Marie Sunday
Chief Wallace Oakes
Chief Debbie Thomas
Chief Johanne Jackson
Chief Marshall Oakes
Chief Wallace Mitchell
Chief Lloyd Benedict
Chief Angie Barnes
Chief Hilda King
Chief Lawrence Francis

The meeting opened at 9:10 a.m. with Grand Chief Mike Mitchell chairing.

HYDRO QUEBEC UPDATE: Chief Debbie Thomas reported that the donation from Hydro Quebec of \$50,000.00 hasn't been sent to the community yet. There are rumours that some people received the money but the money hasn't been received yet. Phil Schneider, Lawyer representing Mohawk Council had threatened Hydro Quebec on the issuance of the cheques. If they do not issue them immediately then the proper legal action will be taken.

The donation from Hydro Quebec is to compensate for the fact that they are not taxed for the sale of electricity on the Akwesasne reserve.

Chief Thomas further reported that there is discussion on arranging a dinner for the groups receiving the money. This would allow for the cheques to be presented at this time. The intended recipients will be the Akwesasne Elders Organization and the Snye Homemakers Club.

AKWESASNE ELDERS ORGANIZATION CHARTER: The Charter of the Akwesasne Elders Organization was previously tabled for discussion where it was recommended that this be re-tabled at the General Meeting. There was also questions with regard to Cornwall Island Elders being included.

Mary David, resident of St. Regis, was present on behalf of the Elders Organization. She reported this has been worked on for almost a year. There have been several meetings on Cornwall Island at which time only a few residents showed up. There seems to be a misunderstanding from different people. The Homemakers Club on Cornwall Island thought this was the same thing. The intent of the Organization is basically not to be in conflict with any other club.

It was further reported since the Charter came to Council table there has since been a meeting with Cornwall Island Elders. At this meeting there was only a few residents in attendance and an explanation of what the Organization is all about was offered. The next proposed meeting is April 22.

For the Charter, Cornwall Island was included and if it ended up that they didn't wish to do so then it could be amended.

Chief Marshall Oakes then questioned if Cornwall Island wants to participate. Mary stated there has been a misunderstanding. At the meeting on Cornwall Island there was only six people in attendance. They appeared to be quite interested.

MCR 802: Moved by Johanne Jackson, seconded by Angie Barnes

WHEREAS, the Akwesasne Elders Organization is a recognized organization by the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne; and

WHEREAS, the objectives of the Akwesasne Elders Organization are to:

- Unite for the betterment of all Elders in the Akwesasne Community;
- Provide a mechanism for the exchange of ideas and social/cultural activities;
- Strive for the welfare and best interests of the Elders in Akwesasne by referring specific problems to the proper channel;
- Given our Elders, through their own collective effort and leadership:

-The opportunity to better conditions in the community for themselves and others.

-To be active participants in the community, thereby, strengthening the whole community.

WHEREAS, the attached Charter has been approved by resolution by the Akwesasne Elders Organization.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne approve and ratify the Charter of the Akwesasne Elders Organization.

CARRIED

THE CHARTER OF THE AKWESASNE ELDERS ORGANIZATION

COMPOSITION

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

A. The Board of Directors of the Akwesasne Elders Organization shall be composed of twelve members which shall consist of four executives from each of the three districts.

B. The business of the organization shall be managed by the Board of Directors.

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