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Akwasasne Youth to Participate in Jr. National Camp

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Deanna Tarbell has been selected to participate in this summers "Under 18, Jr. National Camp" (Women's Hockey), held in Lake Placid on July 1st through 8th, 1995.

She was chosen over this past weekend in Troy, NY, Saturday, April 29th. 65 girls skated and by night time the evaluators let 28 go. Deanna survived the first cut, so she skated on Sunday morning. Through some very strenuous hours of hockey the evaluators once again had to let go 26 more girls.

Deanna's ability to score or pass the puck with someone hanging on her back must have impressed some of those evaluators who are college coaches (St. Lawrence U., Cornell Boston U.) because her name was on the final roster. It was such a long wait for the final results, a half hour seemed like an eternity.

While in Lake Placid, Deanna will learn how to improve her game, and be trained to be a better athlete, and play hockey for some of the finest coaches in the U.S.

The main objective of

this camp is to train these athletes to be potential candidates for U.S. Olympic teams and World teams.

In June, Deanna also will travel to Darien, Conn. and try out for TEAM NEW YORK. If successful, she will once again represent New York State in "Hockey Night in Boston" tournament in August, 1995.

Good Luck Deanna, in all your future endeavors. Your family is very proud of you!

Akwasasne Power Authority Holds Second Public Meeting

AKWESASNE - by: Wathi iostha, staff writer.

On Saturday, April 29th, the Akwasasne Power Authority held its second public meeting for the proposed community electric utility. Although there was not a large number who attended the meeting, support for the project remained high.

Randy Jock chaired the meeting and stated the community electric project is an important issue to each member of the community. He added that people do not attend these public meetings because they assume the community utility is a done deal. But it isn't according to Jock. The community members must realize there is an obstacle in the way of the community utility becoming a reality. That obstacle said Jock, is the Tribal Councils failure to support the project. The APA Commissioners said Investment Bankers and Bonding Companies

are supportive of this project but want united support for the project before they invest large amounts of funding. The same for the Bank of Montreal who is interested in financing the project without requesting any equity share. Ray Herne, one of the APA Commissioners, said community utilities are a safe and favorable investment so financing shouldn't be a problem.

Randy Jock went on to say there are currently 2400 meters in the community combining both American and Canadian districts. If you take one-half of those meters away the rates will increase. This is what will happen if the Tribal Council doesn't support the community owned and operated utility proposed by the Akwasasne Power Authority. If the Tribal Council signs with the Wing Group to pursue a government owned utility

they will be taking one-half of the meters away from the project. "We must speak with one voice on this project by way of a resolution or a letter of support," said Jock.

"Both sides want economic development," said Jock, "however, gaming won't solve the problem." He added the community owned utility will provide jobs that will last as long as the utility operates.

To date the Akwasasne power Authority has invested \$90,714 U.S. dollars in pursuing this project. The current status of the project, with the Tribe's support, could become a reality in approximately two years.

Jock said if the Tribal Chiefs were serious about pursuing this project for the better of the community they would be attending these meetings. They would also be defending

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Pictured: Deanna Tarbell, who will participate in National Camp (Women's Hockey) held in Lake Placid. Photo: Submitted.

Tribe's Sewer Construction Well Underway

AKWESASNE - Submitted: The Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe's sewer system development is well underway in the project area of St. Regis Road and Hogansburg. The project, which was funded in late 1993, began construction several weeks ago. The delay in the actual bid award and the schedule for construction was caused by the lack of sufficient land for the siting of a wastewater treatment plant. Once suitable land was found and negotiated the design process began, followed by the bid process and awarding of the contract. The contractor submitting the lowest acceptable bid was Northeastern Industrial Maintenance, Inc., from Waddington, New York. This company was selected through a competitive bid process which included approximately seven other bidders. During the

construction of the sewer main, the contractor has sub-contracted various portions of the project to local Mohawk contractors.

The current construction is slated for a completion date of mid-summer 1995 to allow the Department of Transportation to begin the reconstruction of the entire length of St. Regis Road.

The friendly flagmen are there for the safety of the public and the work-site.

It is recommended by the project manager that the community drive slowly and carefully on St. Regis Road. The traffic is one way for a distance of one hundred feet.

There may be a waiting period of 5 to 20 minutes, so give yourself extra time when travelling on St. Regis Road between 8 am and 4 pm.

