

**TYENDINAGA MOHAWK COUNCIL MINUTES
JANUARY 6, 2010**

A special meeting of the Tyendinaga Mohawk Council (TMC) was held on Wednesday, January 6, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers to discuss TMC's expectation in the Council-Administration relationship in the conduct of the affairs for the Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte.

Present: Chief R. Donald Maracle
Councillors: Roy C. Maracle, Douglas E. Maracle, Velma Hill-Dracup and Keith Sero
Staff: Brian Hamilton, CAO

The TMC discussed the findings of the Institute on Governance that there are principles for good governance – legitimacy and voice, accountability, fairness, performance measurement and direction. Relevancy to the people is also important. The Institute on Governance also noted the doctrine on separation between politics and administration dichotomy is far too simplistic and should be discarded. Politics and administration interconnect, codependent and intertwine for good reasons. The growing consensus both in academic, local government and the non-profit world calls for a partnership between local leaders and their staff based on complementarity. The relationship is characterized by interaction, interdependency, reciprocal influence and mutual respect between politicians and administrators and managers. There are differences in the two sets of officials but there exists a complementary relationship in which each needs the other to make unique contributions to the other in conducting shared and separate tasks.

The TMC seeks a partnership relationship with administration. The TMC portfolio holders will act as a Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte Standing Committee Chair and will hold monthly meetings to discuss issues in their assigned portfolios with the CAO, Directors and Managers to make recommendation(s) to the full plenary of TMC. The portfolio will act as advisors to TMC and will not be directing staff in the day to day operations.

The reform should enable TMC members to make better informed decisions with regular streamlined reporting to TMC.

TMC expects to receive written monthly reports from portfolio holders on activities in their respective portfolios. TMC will be publishing an annual report on programs and services and issues for the membership perusal.

MOTION #1: Moved by Velma Hill-Dracup, seconded by Keith Sero that this Council approve to meet with John Graham of the Institute on Governance on January 15, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at a cost of \$3,500.00; sole sourced due to expertise in Aboriginal area. The CAO, Directors and Senior Managers are required to attend the workshop. Carried.

Roy C. Maracle informed Council that the next Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians Health/Social Advisory Board meeting will be held at the Delaware Community on January 19, 2010. The December 2009 meeting was postponed.

MOTION #2: Moved by Velma Hill-Dracup, seconded by Keith Sero that this Council approve the contract with XCG Environmental Consultants in the amount of \$7,200.00 and with R.J. Burnside Engineers in the amount of \$6,900.00 to conduct a peer review of the Richmond Landfill ground water modeling report prepared by Dr. B. Kueper dated October 2009. The peer review findings will be presented to the Minister of the Environment, John Garretsen. The peer review will be paid from a contribution agreement in the amount of \$10,500.00 from Health Canada and \$5,000 from Indian and Northern Affairs Canada. Carried.

MOTION #3: Moved by Douglas E. Maracle, seconded by Velma Hill-Dracup that this Council approve the following portfolios for 2010/11:
Chief Maracle – Lobby for all Portfolios and Administration and Finance
Douglas E. Maracle – Education, Culture & Language
Keith Sero – Community Infrastructure
Roy C. Maracle – Community Wellbeing
Velma Hill-Dracup – Sustainable Development
TMC - Nation Building

Carried.

Douglas E. Maracle informed Council regarding a number of inquiries he received regarding Quinte Mohawk School.

MOTION #4: Moved by Velma Hill-Dracup, seconded by Roy C. Maracle that this Council be provided with a status report on all Tyendinaga Mohawk Council Committees and Working Groups identifying Committee/Working Group members and whether the Committees/Working Groups are meeting and what issues are being addressed at the Committee/Working Group meetings.

Carried.

MOTION #5: Moved by Douglas E. Maracle, seconded by Velma Hill-Dracup that this meeting adjourn. (12:30 p.m.)

Carried.

Recorded by:

Chief R. Donald Maracle