

**TYENDINAGA MOHAWK COUNCIL MINUTES
OCTOBER 11, 2016**

A meeting of the Tyendinaga Mohawk Council held on Tuesday, October 11, 2016 in the Council Chambers continued in regular to address administrative issues.

Present: Chief R. Donald Maracle
Councillors: Stacia L. Loft, Carl E. (Ted) Maracle, Douglas E. Maracle and Debra A. Vincent

MOTION #1: Moved by Carl E. (Ted) Maracle, seconded by Stacia L. Loft that **WHEREAS** many organizations, including the Federal and Provincial government, are involved and are responsible for ensuring First Nation communities in Ontario have access to potable water;

WHEREAS there are anywhere from 50 boiled water advisories or do not consume advisories in communities in Ontario at any given time, some of which have been in place for up to 20 years;

WHEREAS many of the communities do not have adequate resources or the capacity to provide potable water for their people;

WHEREAS many drinking water treatment plants in the communities are in dire need of repairs and new equipment; are not adequate for the size of the community or type of source water; or are in need of being replaced;

WHEREAS many communities do not have enough or properly trained water plant operators; do not have enough resources to train or hire more operators; and do not have enough resources to pay them a competitive wage;

WHEREAS many communities do not have the resources or capacity to test water properly or frequently enough to ensure that the community's drinking water is safe;

WHEREAS unless there is adequate technical, advisory, and financial resources in place to assist the communities to build the proper capacity required to provide potable water to their people then boiled water advisories will continue indefinitely;

WHEREAS the lack of access to potable drinking water continues to put the youth, women, men, and elders at risk of serious illness or worse from consuming the water;

WHEREAS the current system that is in place to ensure that there is adequate technical, advisory, and financial resources available for all First Nation communities in Ontario has and continues to fail;

WHEREAS access to potable water is a basic human right and an Aboriginal and Treaty Right;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte First Nation demands that a new approach to ensuring that safe, clean and potable water is available to all First Nation communities in Ontario is developed immediately;

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte First Nation supports the concept of a new, First Nation Led

Approach to ensuring that the all First Nation communities have access to safe, clean and potable drinking water;

FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte First Nation directs that the Federal and Provincial government provide adequate support to the First Nation Led Approach such that it has all of the financial and technical capacity to ensure that all First Nation communities, Tribal Councils and Political Treaty Organizations in Ontario have access to safe, clean and potable drinking water. M.C.R. #2016/17-053.

Carried.

MOTION #2: Moved by Debra A. Vincent, seconded by Stacia L. Loft to defer the request from the Ministry of Finance for comments on discussion paper for first nation gas card program modernization until October 20, 2016 for more information.

Carried.

MOTION #3: Moved by Douglas E. Maracle, seconded by Carl E. (Ted) Maracle to approve the water installation to QMS with expenses to be reimbursed by INAC.

Carried.

MOTION #4: Moved by Debra A. Vincent, seconded by Douglas E. Maracle to request an estimate from Derek Wong for the cost of reviewing the FIT3 and FIT4 projects.

Carried.

MOTION #5: Moved by Douglas E. Maracle, seconded by Stacia L. Loft that this meeting be adjourned. (9:15 p.m.)

Carried.

Recorded by:
Shelley Bowden

Chief R. Donald Maracle