

**Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte
Community Services — Research Department
July, 2016**

**Historic Council Minutes
December 1871—January 1872**

**Chiefs: Samson Green, Archibald Culbertson, W.J.W. Hill,
Cornelius Maricle, John Claus, Seth W. Hill**

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Historical Council Minutes

The following are transcriptions of the earliest recorded elected council meetings of the Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte. These minutes are from the meetings of the Chiefs in Council, and from the general council meetings that involved the whole community. The meetings were irregular, and in some cases they were adjourned until the Chiefs were notified to return.

NOTE: The council minutes reprinted here have been modified (in format only ie; spelling corrected, punctuation adjusted, lines adjusted, put in chronological order) for the ease of reading.

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Mohawk Reserve
Tyendinaga Decr 4th 1871
The Council met according to adjournment
Chiefs Present
Samson Green
Archibald Culbertson
W.J.W. Hill
Cornelius Maricle
John Claus
& Seth W. Hill

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Moved by W.J.W. Hill and seconded by Samson Green that Archibald Culbertson be Chairman.

Carried

Moved by W.J.W. Hill and seconded by Samson Green that John H. Markle, in addition to the lying timber on the south west twenty five acres of lot 24 in Concession 2, is to have included in a license the right to cut 2 acres of standing timber next to Mrs. McFarlans fields - Reserving all the rail timber for the use of the said lot 24.

Carried

John Baptiste was permitted to state his case to the Council - J. Baptiste presented his quit claim or sale of twenty five acres of land part of lot 24 in Concession 2 from Thomas Leween to John Baptiste.

Moved by Samson Green and seconded by Cornelius Maricle that the consideration of J. Baptiste's case be laid over to the next meeting of this council.

Moved in amendment by W.J.W. Hill and seconded by John Claus that the sale of land by Thomas Leween to John Baptiste be approved by this

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Council of 4th Decr 1871
Continued

Council - Original motion.

Carried

W.J.W. Hill handed in an application to be appointed Forrest Bailiff.

Moved by John Claus and seconded by Cornelius Maricle that W.J.W. Hill be and he is hereby recommended by the Chiefs in Council to the Secretary of State as a fit and proper person to be appointed Forrest Bailiff for the Indian Lands in Tyendinaga.

Carried Unanimously

The application of Seth Loft was laid over until another meeting of Council.

Moved by Cornelius Maricle and seconded by W.J.W. Hill that John Martin be allowed a license to cut the timber on two acres of the West ½ of lot 22 in Concession 2, adjoining Nelson Martins lot, which lot is owned by Wm. Leween, on condition that the said Wm. Leween gives his consent in writing for him to have a license.

Carried

Moved by Cornelius Maricle and seconded by John Claus that this Council adjourn until the 16th inst (instant, meaning the same month).

Carried

W. Frizzell
Secretary

Signed by Archibald Culbertson
Chairman

Mohawk Reserve
Tyendinaga December 21st, 1871
Chiefs Present

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Thomas Green
Samson Green
John Loft
Cornelius Maricle
Archibald Culbertson

Moved by Samson Green and seconded by Cornelius Maricle that John Loft be Chairman.

Carried

Moved by Cornelius Maricle and seconded by A. (Archibald) Culbertson that Samson Green go to Toronto to explain matters with regard of the individuals receiving their own rent.

Carried

Moved by Cornelius Maricle and seconded by Thomas Green that Archibald Culbertson loan ten dollars out of road money to pay Samson Green's expenses to Toronto and each individual will pay it back to Archibald Culbertson an equal share in the spring.

Signed John Loft
Chairman

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Mohawk Reserve
Tyendinaga January 8th 1872

Moved by Cornelius Maricle and seconded by Samson Green that John Loft be appointed Chairman for this meeting of Council.

Carried

Moved by Archibald Culbertson and seconded by Cornelius Maricle that this Council appoint two of the chairs to go to Belleville and ascertain from M. Bowell Esq. M.P. what further action if any is necessary to be taken to [?] on the Dominion Government to effect a settlement of the claims of the Mohawk Indians of the Bay of Quinte to the proceeds of the sales of lands sold as clergy land in this Township which was their property.

Carried

Moved by Cornelius Maricle and seconded by Seth W. Hill that Samson Green and Archibald Culbertson, Chiefs, be appointed to confer with M. Bowell M.P. according to the above resolution.

Carried

Ordered by the Council that Archibald Culbertson be and he is hereby instructed to take three dollars out of Road funds in his hands to pay expenses of Delegates to see M. Bowell M.P. and that the same amount

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will be repaid by Requisition in time to be expended on the Roads.

On the application of Mrs. Debby Brant to sell three acres of fallen timber to James Kennedy. Moved by Samson Green and seconded by Seth W. Hill that the application of Mrs. Debby Brant be granted on condition that Alex Barry the lessee of W ½ lot 26 in Concession 2 has no objection.

Carried

Moved by Cornelius Maricle and seconded by Archibald Culbertson that John Baptiste be granted a license to cut the timber on two acres, more or less, being a piece of woods between the swamp and the south field on the SE ¼ of lot 23 in Concession 2 Mohawk Reserve Tyendinaga. Reserving the [?] timber to be used on the Reserve.

Carried

Moved by Cornelius Maricle and seconded by Archibald Culbertson that three dollars be paid J.H. Maricle, two each to Seth Loft & Jacob Brant, and one to David C. Maricle for attending to dividing the Shannonville Flour.

Carried

Moved by Samson Green and seconded by Cornelius Maricle that hereafter five dollars only be paid for dividing the Shannonville rent which is payable in flour.

Carried

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Continued

Moved by Seth W. Hill and seconded by Archibald Culbertson that Samson Green is hereby authorized and required to settle with the persons who divided the Shannonville Flour and that the amount, Eight Dollars, be included in the first requisition sent to the Secretary of State by this Council.

Carried

Moved by Archibald Culbertson and seconded by Seth W. Hill that this Council adjourns to meet again on the 17th instant at 1 oclock P.M.

Carried

Signed John Loft