

**TYENDINAGA MOHAWK COUNCIL MINUTES
JUNE 28, 2011**

A special meeting of the Tyendinaga Mohawk Council was held on Tuesday, June 28, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers to hear a presentation of the Tsi Tyonnheht Onkwawenna Language Program funding.

Present: Chief R. Donald Maracle
Councillors: Roy C. Maracle, Douglas E. Maracle, Keith A. Sero
and Velma Hill-Dracup arrived at 2:35 p.m.
Staff: Angela Maracle, A/CAO

Callie Hill read AFN resolution of 55/2010 dated December 14, 15, 16, 2010, a resolution from AMO Commission. The language Circle and students of the Sweet Grass Language meeting in Akwesasne.

David Leach is a lawyer looking at a class action lawsuit and is looking for funding to take the case forward. The indigenous languages should enjoy the same respect and importance as the French language does in Canada.

Council has been supportive of the Language Circle program since 2003 and provided 1.4 million dollars over the past 8 years. Callie reported that since the program's inception, one third has been given to student support and the program has graduated 78 students, approximately 20 have Brock University certificates or are entitled to get the certificates. The TTO employees 7 full time persons and various part time employment contracts.

MBQ funds 92% of the total revenue for the program. Due to a lack of long term commitments or operating funding makes program planning very difficult.

Kagita Mikam has always been supportive through targeted wage subsidies.

Kagita Mikam could support some of the allowance portion of the budget if it were credited program. There is not enough time for TTO to make arrangements for an accredited program for the 2011/2012 year.

Chief Maracle questioned if the New Relationship Fund could be accessed to develop Mohawk Language curriculum and to pay for program costs.

The Tyendinaga Mohawk Council funding agreement ends on June 30, 2011.

The TTO is looking at SHIRK grant from Queens University and can submit a letter of intent in November 2011 and are looking into renewing the partnership with FNTI and Brock University.

Trent University did not offer the Mohawk Language Diploma program. Brock University offered a one year, four credit program. Trent University previously offered a two year, eight credit program.

TTO is asking for \$434,453.00 for 18 students. The TTO is asking for an increase of \$75,000.00 for the budget.

MOTION #1: Moved by Douglas E. Maracle, seconded by Roy C. Maracle that the Tyendinaga Mohawk Council approve to utilize the 2008 OLG Revenue Sharing Agreement, formerly known as Casino Rama, funds under the Culture Development Component in the amount of \$437,453.00 for 2011-2012. This is specific to the Shatiwennakaratats Community Language Program and the Totahne Language Nest. M.C.R. #2011/12-026

Carried.

Council discussed the Post Secondary Program budget. INAC is contributing \$2,891,519.60 for 2011-2012.

MOTION #2: Moved by Douglas E. Maracle, seconded by Velma Hill-Dracup that the Tyendinaga Mohawk Council approve to utilize the 2008 OLG Revenue Sharing Agreement, formerly known as Casino Rama, funds under the Education Component in the amount of \$411,635.50 to cover the Post Secondary 2011-2012 proposed deficit. M.C.R. #2011/12-027

Carried.

MOTION #3: Moved by Keith A. Sero, seconded by Velma Hill-Dracup that this meeting adjourn. (4:05 p.m.)

Carried.

Recorded by:

Chief R. Donald Maracle