

**TYENDINAGA MOHAWK COUNCIL MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 8, 2011**

A meeting of the Tyendinaga Mohawk Council was held on Thursday, September 8, 2011 at 9:15 a.m. in the Council Chambers to continue the agenda from Wednesday, September 7, 2011.

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

MOTION #1: Moved by Roy C. Maracle, seconded by Douglas E. Maracle
WHEREAS child abuse is a complex and ongoing problem in society, affecting many children; and

WHEREAS every child is entitled to be loved, cared for, nurtured and secure and to be free from neglect, as well as verbal, emotional, sexual and physical abuse; and

WHEREAS the Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte sees a need to support community-based programs to prevent child abuse and neglect; and

WHEREAS it is the responsibility of every adult who comes in contact with a child to protect that child's unconditional right to a safe, nurturing childhood; and

WHEREAS the Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte has dedicated individuals and organizations who work daily to counter the problem of child abuse and neglect and to help parents obtain the assistance they need; and

WHEREAS the main focus of our 2011 Child Abuse Prevention Campaign will be to educate and inform parents, babysitters, grandparents and anyone else who cares for a baby of the dangers of unsafe sleep practices for infants in conjunction with other community partners and Quinte Children's Foundation; and

WHEREAS Hastings Children's Aid Society invites the community at large to our Child Abuse Prevention Campaign, in support of Child Abuse Prevention Month, September 30th at Kindness Court in the Quinte Mall, 390 Front Street, Belleville; and

WHEREAS our community is stronger when all members become aware of child abuse and neglect prevention and become involved in supporting parents to raise their children in a safe, nurturing environment; and

WHEREAS Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte members celebrate children, our community's greatest resource and the community leaders of tomorrow;

THEREFORE, we, the Tyendinaga Mohawk Council, do hereby proclaim the month of October 2011 as

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

in the community of the Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte and commend this observance of the members of this Territory.
M.C.R. #2011/12-049

Carried.

MOTION #2: Moved by Roy C. Maracle, seconded by Douglas E. Maracle that WHEREAS the lives of many members of the Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte have been directly or indirectly impacted by the high numbers of children in care; and

WHEREAS foster parents are individuals or couples with a genuine interest in children and a sense of community responsibility; and

WHEREAS 184 foster parents in Hastings County provide a caring and safe environment for children in care; and

WHEREAS foster parents of the Hastings Children's Aid Society (HCAS) provided approximately 79,405 days of care to foster children last year; and

WHEREAS the number of children who received in care service from the HCAS for the year 2010/2011 was 593;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that members of the Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte are encouraged to support and embrace the community of foster parents during this special week; and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte declares the week of October 16–22, 2011 to be Canadian Foster Family Week;

THEREFORE, we, the Tyendinaga Mohawk Council, do hereby proclaim the week of October 16-22, 2011 to be
CANADIAN FOSTER FAMILY WEEK

in the community of the Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte and commend this observance of the members of this Territory.
M.C.R. #2011/12-050

Carried.

MOTION #3: Moved by Roy C. Maracle, seconded by Douglas E. Maracle that Every Child Deserves to be a Kid. They also deserve to be loved, nurtured and have a permanent family. Unfortunately, abused and neglected children enter the care of Hastings Children's Aid Society and are waiting for such a home. These children are not the newborns most people picture when they think of adoption. Generally they are older boys and girls and sibling groups as well as children with emotional and behavioural challenges.

Adoption gives them a brighter future and brings great joy to the adoptive parents. It offers permanency and security to children and gives them the opportunity to develop healthy, nurturing relationships in a family setting.

WHEREAS at June 30, 2011, 33 children in Hastings County were waiting for an adoptive family; and

WHEREAS many of these children have special needs, which may include medically fragile infants or children with emotional, physical, social, behavioural and/or educational challenges; and

WHEREAS many school age children and in some cases sibling groups become available for adoption; and

WHEREAS these children require extra patience and support to help them overcome previous hardships; and

WHEREAS in 2010/11 26 children from Hastings Children's Aid Society and 7 additional children from other Societies were placed into adoptive families in Hastings County; and

WHEREAS families are able and willing to adopt children who have emotional and behavioural challenges, are older children or belong to a sibling group; and

WHEREAS, it is important to stress that people regardless of income and marital status, or not owning a home do not disqualify individuals from adopting; and

WHEREAS, children waiting for adoptive parents and families who have adopted these children require and deserve community and Society support;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, we, the Tyendinaga Mohawk Council, do hereby proclaim

NOVEMBER 2011 as ADOPTION AWARENESS MONTH
in the community of Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte

In honour of this event, we encourage community agencies, religious organizations, businesses and others to celebrate adoption, honour families that grow through adoption, further an awareness of the challenges and issues in adoption, and focus attention on those children who live in the shadow of an uncertain future while they await permanent families.

M.C.R. #2011/12-051

Carried.

MOTION #4: Moved by Douglas E. Maracle, seconded by Roy C. Maracle that Council request a report on the existing sale of property agreement at the Industrial Park.

Carried.

MOTION #5: Moved by Douglas E. Maracle, seconded by Keith A. Sero that Council acknowledge receipt of the July 23, 2010 letter from O'Flynn & Weese regarding the Industrial Park Sales Agreement and to adopt the restrictive covenants.

Carried.

MOTION #6: Moved by Keith A. Sero, seconded by Douglas E. Maracle that Council approve to issue a request for quotes for 3 new vehicles SUV styles.

Carried.

MOTION #7: Moved by Douglas E. Maracle, seconded by Velma Hill-Dracup that Council approve to send a letter to Kagita Mikam requesting funding for the students who are in their last year of post secondary school.

Carried.

MOTION #8: Moved by Velma Hill-Dracup, seconded by Douglas E. Maracle that Council approve having the old derelict photocopier removed from the new Library.

Carried.

MOTION #9: Moved by Douglas E. Maracle, seconded by Velma Hill-Dracup that Council approve the contract with Darran Green in the amount of \$3,600.00 to clean the mould at the old Library and to have Health Canada complete air quality tests after it is cleaned.

Carried.

MOTION #10: Moved by Douglas E. Maracle, seconded by Velma Hill-Dracup to go in private. (11:10 a.m.)

Carried.

Summary of Private Minutes:

- Approval of Private Minutes: July 20; July 27, Local Business; August 3; August 5, Special; August 9, Special; August 12, Special;
- Addressed Four (4) Human Resource Issues
- Approved Six (6) Mortgage Discharges and Rewrites and One (1) Mortgage paid in full
- Approved Five (5) Home Renovation Loans in the amount of \$128,648.23

Recorded by:
Shelley Bowden

Angela Maracle
A/Chief Administrative Officer

Chief R. Donald Maracle