

MOHAWKS OF THE BAY OF QUINTE

TYENDINAGA ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

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IMPORTANT NOTICE

The Residential Rehabilitation Assistant Program (RRAP) meeting previously scheduled for February 19, 1987 has been cancelled due to the fact that the new criteria for the program through Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) has not been finalized

Once the new criteria has been finalized, you will be notified of the new meeting date.

TYENDINAGA MOHAWK COUNCIL MEETING

The Tyendinaga Mohawk Council meeting originally scheduled for February 18, 1987 has been re-scheduled for February 25, 1987 at 7:00 p.m.

This meeting has been re-scheduled due to the Quinte Mohawk School Education Conference.

COMMUNITY CENTRE RATES

Please note that rental rates for the Community Centre has been amended to \$75.00 for non-profit and \$100.00 for Private - both upstairs and downstairs.

All new bookings will be affected.

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ABORIGINAL & TREATY FISHING RALLY

On February 21, 1987, the Hiawatha First Nation is hosting a Fishing Rally to support the fishing rights of Aboriginal and Treaty Nations.

Your support to this Rally is imperative in order to demonstrate that we have a strong conviction to our inherent right. The attached letter from the Ministry of Natural Resources displays the position of the Ontario Government.

The Rally commences at 12:00 p.m. and ends at 3:00 p.m.

The Rally will occur adjacent to the Hiawatha First Nation - 10 miles south of Peterborough - follow old Keene Rd. south from Peterborough.

SEE YOU THERE!



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February 6, 1987

Mr. Harry Doxtator
President
Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians
920 Commissioners Road East
London, Ontario
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Dear Mr. Doxtator,

Re: Fishing Rights Rally Planned for February 21, 1987

It has come to my attention that your organization is planning a rally on Rice Lake for February 21, 1987 in support of aboriginal and treaty rights to fish. I also understand that it is your intention to have your membership and others in attendance ice fishing on the lake that day. As you are likely aware, pursuant to the Ontario Fishery Regulations, Rice Lake is closed for all fishing until April 25, 1987. Due to the considerable pressure on the fishery during summer months, the closure of the lake during the winter is a conservation measure designed to permit the fishery to regenerate itself.

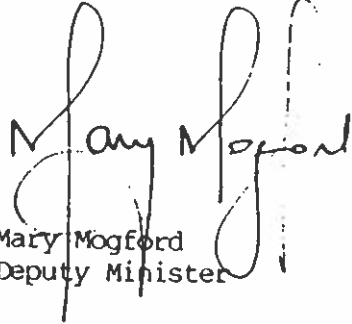
I appreciate your strong convictions as to your aboriginal rights to fish. I hope that you appreciate this Ministry's obligation to enforce the law. While I would like to persuade you to reconsider your decision to hold this event, I recognize that you will likely proceed with it. As you probably anticipate, Ministry personnel will be attending the event to determine whether it will be necessary to lay charges under the Ontario Fishery Regulations.

While we differ on the issues involved and the actions that each of us feels is appropriate in this situation, I believe that we share a mutual concern; the personal safety of every person in attendance on Rice lake, February 21, 1987.

I would like to arrange a meeting between members of our respective staffs at the earliest possible date. I am prepared to have my staff share with you in complete detail its plans for the day. I hope that together we can develop a plan to ensure that no one is injured at the rally.

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Mr. Dxtator

Please contact Mr. Al Stewart, Special Negotiator, Native Issues to arrange this meeting. I hope that this meeting will be the first step towards resolving our differences through rational discussion and negotiation.



Mary Mogford
Deputy Minister

c.c. Chief Garnet Boyer, Batchewann Nation
Chief Frank Cowie, Hiawatha Nation
Chief Fred King, New Credit Nation
Chief Earl Hill, Tyendinaga Nation
Chief Ken Commandant, Gibson Nation
Chief Richard Snake, Moravian Nation
Chief Al Day, Oneida Nation
Chief William Tooshkenig, Walpole Island Nation
Ms. Roberta Jamieson, Commissioner, Indian Commission of Ontario