

TYENDINAGA FLYER

April 13, 1982

NOTICE

The National Indian Brotherhood and the First Nations Chiefs Council have designated Friday, April 16, 1982 as a National Day of Mourning for Native People in Canada.

Great Britain did not respect the obligations and Treaty agreements it made with Indian Nations. As a result Indian rights were not properly protected by the governments of Canada or Great Britain.

The Band Council of this Reserve is in support of the attached Resolutions and Directives of the National Indian Brotherhood and First Nations Chiefs Council and request that the membership of this Band observe the day of mourning by the wearing of a black armband, by the flying of flags at half mast and by the offering of prayers for the plight of Canada's Native People. Reserve Churches will be open for your convenience. Christ Church will be open 12 noon until 1:00 p.m. and Mohawk Pentecostal from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The Band Office will be closed. The school buses will not run on Friday and parents are asked to co-operate by keeping their children out of the Quinte Mohawk School. Band employees will be given special leave to participate in the day of mourning. A gathering will be held at 12 noon at the Community Centre. Guest speakers will be in attendance and a light lunch will be served. You are invited to attend.

While Ottawa and the Queen celebrate "Canada's Constitution" the Indian population is being asked to mourn. Our Native Rights are in jeopardy.

NOTICE

Earl Hill, Chief

Due to the closing of the Band Office on the 16th of April, all those who would normally receive assistance on that date should report in on the 15th (Thursday) or the 19th (Monday.)

Clifford John
Health & Welfare Administrator

FISHING PERMITS

1982 fishing permits are now available from the Chief or any of the Band Councillors. Game wardens have been hired and will be on duty as soon as the pickerel run begins.

SUMMER STUDENT EMPLOYMENT/1982

The 1982 budget has been approved for the Reserves Summer Student Programmes with a cut of over \$5,000.00 as compared to last years figures. (1981-\$35,838.53 1982, \$30,775.00). There were plans of having some students work May 3 but with these cutbacks it is now impossible.

There is enough money to hire 21 students beginning in June (21st) and working till August (27th) at a rate of \$140.00 per week. This covers a ten week period. The deadline for applications is April 30, 1982 so please check with Mike Brant at Moira or Jackie Maracle at the Band Office when applying for summer work.

It may be advisable for all post-secondary and secondary students to do their own job search and to be sure and register with the Student Manpower office at the local C.E.I.C. offices. Interviewing will begin May 17th at Moira Secondary. For those students not attending Moira you will be contacted as to when an interview can take place.

HIDES

Moose hides and deer hides are available at the Band Office. A new shipment has recently arrived. The price will be \$1.50 per square foot for both moose and deer.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS the First Nations of Canada do not approve or accept the Constitution of Canada in its present form; and

WHEREAS the national position adopted on November 18, 1981 by the First Nations has not been recognized or guaranteed in the Canadian Constitution; and

WHEREAS the First Nations of Canada cannot participate in the Proclamation Day Celebrations.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the Joint Council declares April 17, 1982 as a day of mourning for all citizens of the First Nations of Canada to be signified by the wearing of black armbands; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Canadian flags in the possession of the First Nations be flown at half mast; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the First Nations observe a solemn day of prayers for their survival in this their native land; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED THAT the Joint Council calls upon all Indian students in Canada to boycott their schools on April 16, 1982 as a mark of Indian solidarity in their disapproval of the Canadian Constitution.

Resolved this 31st day of March 1982 in Ottawa, Ontario.

JOINT COUNCIL RESOLUTION ON INDIAN PARTICIPATION
IN THE PROCLAMATION CELEBRATION ON THE CONSTITUTION

BE IT RESOLVED THAT no Indian person, organization or association of the First Nations participate in the proclamation celebration on the patriation of the Constitution or any event associated with such a celebration to be held in Ottawa or any where else in Canada on the days of April 15th to 17th, 1982, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT any person, organization or association of the First Nations which are involved in the proclamation celebration shall be deemed to have committed a treasonous act against the Indian Nations and their citizens and is in violation of the November 18, 1981 national position.

MOVED BY: Chief Billy Two Rivers
SECONDED BY: Chief Alphonse Metallic

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Chronological Up-Date:

- December 8, 1981 Canada Bill left Canada to the United Kingdom
- December 9, 1981 Canada Bill jointly delivered to the Palace by Mr. Esmond Butler - Governor General's Secretary and Mrs. Jean Wadd's - Canadian High Commissioner in London
- December 22, 1981 First Reading
House of Commons
- January 11, 1982 Stanley Quinton Davis
Labor Party M.P. arrives in Canada - Del Riley, Sykes Powderface, Wallace Labillois and Joe Sanders - discussed Constitution
- January 25, 1982 Canadian House of Commons resumes
- January 28, 1982 Indian Association of Alberta Court Case
- January 29, 1982 Alberta Court of Appeal
- Denied to appeal judgement
- can still apply directly to House of Lords within 30 days
- February 2, 1982 Canadian Senate
Re-convenes
- February 3, 1982 First Minister's Conference
- February 4, 1982 First Minister's Conference
- February 17, 1982 Resolution passed at Joint Council Meeting - National Joint Council of Chiefs support the said proposed amendments of the Federation of Saskatchewan Indians and the Indian Association of Alberta
- The National Joint Council of Chief's pursue a political solution of the Constitutional problem regarding the entrenchment and protection of Aboriginal Title and Aboriginal and Treaty Rights.
- February 18, 1982 Political Policy Committee Meeting decided to establish a National Political Lobby on the constitution
- Co-ordinator Clive Linklater
- February 19, 1982 Letter to Pierre Elliot Trudeau requesting meeting along with his senior constitutional ministers to agree upon a solution to the constitutional impasse between Indians and the Canadian Government
- National Indian Brotherhood Press Release "Indians offer Constitutional Solution"
- February 20, 1982 Letter to Michael J. Kirby - Federal Provincial relations office to reach a political solution in Canada now
- February 22, 1982 Letter sent to Leader of the Opposition the Honourable Joe Clark, requesting meeting

Letter to John Munro, Minister of Indian Affairs pressing for immediate meetings with Prime Minister, Minister of Justice and Constitutional Minister's to reach solution prior to Patriation

Letter to Lord Moran High Commissioner requesting Lord Moran to pass on to Prime Minister Thatcher in Britain our request that the British Government act as mediator between the Indian people and the Canadian Government over the impasse regarding patriation. Requested with Honourable Ed Broadbent - Leader of the New Democratic Party

Telex sent to the Speaker House of Commons London, England by Sol Sanderson

February 23, 1982

Second reading House of Commons - London, England

National position on the Constitution

Political Policy meeting

Indian Amendment Bill was adopted as a National Position

Fact Sheet definitions on Constitutional Proposals

February 24, 1982

Protocol between the Indian Nations and the Government of Canada drafted

National Indian Brotherhood Press Release "British Court will hear Indian Case on Constitution" no later than June 8, 1982

February 25, 1982

Committee Stage - House of Commons - London, England

On-Going constitution lobby

February 26, 1982

On-Going constitutional lobby

March 3, 1982

Committee stage - House of Commons - London, England, second day
On-going constitutional lobby

March 4, 1982

Finalized Memorandum

March 9, 1982

Third Reading - House of Commons
London, England

National Indian Brotherhood hosted reception for members of the Standing Committee on Indian Affairs

March 10, 1982

First Reading - House of Lords,
London, England

On-going constitutional lobby

March 11, 1982

Joint Council members met with Honourable Ed Broadbent - Leader of the New Democratic Party. Broadbent agreed to write serious letter urging the Prime Minister to meet with the National Indian Brotherhood

On-going constitutional lobby

March 12, 1982	On-going constitutional lobby
March 15, 1982	On-going constitutional lobby
March 17, 1982	On-going constitutional lobby
March 18, 1982	Second Reading - House of Lords, London, England
	On-going constitutional lobby
March 22, 1982	On-going constitutional lobby
March 23, 1982	Committee stage - House of Lords, London, England
March 23, 1982	Meeting with Honourable Joe Clark and the P.C. Caucus and the National Indian Brotherhood Political Policy Committee members
	On-going constitutional lobby
March 24, 1982	On-going constitutional lobby
March 25, 1982	On-going constitutional lobby
	Third Reading - House of Lords, London, England
March 29, 1982	Royal Assent

