

April 25th, 2024

Haldimand County 53 Thorburn Street South Cayuga, Ontario Canada, NOA 1E0

Request for Letter of Support

Dear Mayor Bentley and Council,

As you may already know, Six Nations of the Grand River, the most populous First Nation in Canada, continues to be challenged to uphold the rights of their community specifically when it comes to engagement on the part of municipalities and development proponents regarding the duty to consult.

The consultation directives being issued by the Province of Ontario, by the Ministry of Environment Conservation and Parks, contradict the Consultation and Accommodation Policy of Six Nations of the Grand River and undermine the sovereignty of the Six Nations of the Grand River Elected Council.

Given the challenges we are currently facing and our shared commitment to addressing them, I am reaching out to formally request your support for Six Nations of the Grand River's Consultation and Accommodation Policy. This request is to urge the Ontario government to refrain from issuing consultation directives that contradict the policies endorsed by the Six Nations of the Grand River Elected Council.

It would greatly benefit our efforts if a letter expressing this stance could be sent to Minister Rickford from the Haldimand Mayor and Council. Your support in this matter is invaluable, and I believe together we can make a significant impact. Thank you for considering this request.

In friendship and Unity,

Chief Sherri-Lyn Hill

Six Nations of the Grand River