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**Confederacy Haudenosaunee Development Institute under way**

**GRAND RIVER TERRITORY SIX NATIONS-** Six Nations Confederacy Council 's Haudenosaunee Development Institute has begun meetings with area developers involved in projects along the Grand River, within the Haldimand Tract, including positive discussions Monday with Brantford developer Mike Quattrociocchi.

Institute spokesman, Aaron Detlor said the meeting with the Mr. Quattrociocchi went well. " We are working with Mr. Quattrociocchi on his project. We recognize that compared to some of the other developers we are meeting with, he is a smaller scale developer who's livelihood may be at risk so we will work as quickly as possible to try to resolve his issues."

The Haudenosaunee Development Institute protocol was adopted at a recent Confederacy council meeting. The organization oversees development of Six Nations lands and resources within the Haldimand Tract, an area six miles on either side of the Grand River from its mouth to its source.

The institute has been working diligently to respond to area developers concerns, Ontario's Green Plan and Places to Grow Act.

As a result the Confederacy has developed its own "Green Plan" with a map of its lands along the Grand River that outline development potential and environmentally sensitive areas including lands within the cities of Brantford, Kitchener-Waterloo, Cambridge, Guelph and towns and centres along the tract.

Mr. Detlor said meetings are being arranged with cities and towns with the Haldimand Tract. "We have yet to meet with several cities, including Kitchener and Waterloo, and others to explain our viewpoint. And we have yet to meet with several very large developers from the Toronto area about their concerns for their very large housing projects and commercial and retail projects that are being constructed on Six Nations disputed lands with the Haldimand Tract and within cities, like Brantford or Kitchener or Waterloo."

Mr. Detlor said the protocol will be presented at community meetings at Six Nations in coming days. "We are excited about it and looking forward to getting the community's input on the protocol. We are already implementing some changes that we have had come from the community when they have read over the protocol. For example, we have named the organization the Haudenosaunee Development Institute, but some of our community members are not comfortable with the use of the word institute so we will be changing it in to something the community is comfortable with."

The HDI is a process created by the Confederacy to work with developers who are caught in a void being created by Canada and Ontario's failure to resolve Six Nations land rights.

The HDI comes on the heels of Six Nations Confederacy Council lead Negotiator, Mohawk Chief Allen MacNaughton saying he is optimistic with last Thursday's negotiations with federal and provincial representatives. "Canada realizes we have land rights here and it is now a case of developing a formula that will determine what restitution will be or is worth."

The Six Nations Haudenoniso (Confederacy Council) is continuing to work towards a peaceful, fair resolution of its more than 200 year old land rights issues throughout Southern Ontario.

Aaron Detlor  
HDI spokesperson

**Note: Copies of protocol, map and land rights statement are available.**

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