

Oneida Business Committee Agenda Request

1. Meeting Date Requested: 01 / 13 / 16
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EXCERPT FROM DECEMBER 23 2015: Motion by Lisa Summers to adopt the agenda with the noted change [defer section XIV. Reports to the January 13, 2016, regular Business Committee meeting], seconded by Jennifer Webster. Motion carried unanimously.

2. General Information:

Session: ☒ Open ☐ Executive - See instructions for the applicable laws, then choose one:

Agenda Header: Reports

☒ Accept as Information only

☐ Action - please describe:

3. Supporting Materials

☒ Report ☐ Resolution ☐ Contract

☐ Other:

1. Land Claims Commission 4th Qtr Report

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☐ Business Committee signature required

4. Budget Information

☐ Budgeted - Tribal Contribution

☐ Budgeted - Grant Funded

☐ Unbudgeted

5. Submission

Authorized Sponsor / Liaison: Brandon Stevens, Council Member

Primary Requestor/Submitter: Amelia Cornelius, LCC Chair
Your Name, Title / Dept. or Tribal Member

Additional Requestor: Jennifer M. Stevens, LCC Executive Assistant
Name, Title / Dept.

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**ONEIDA LAND CLAIMS COMMISSION
QUARTERLY REPORT**

4th Quarter: July 1, 2015 to September 31, 2015

Submitted by Jennifer M. Stevens, LCC Executive Assistant I 490-3955

LAND CLAIMS COMMISSIONERS:

Chair-Amelia Cornelius, Vice-Chair-Loretta V. Metoxen, Secretary/Treasurer- (Interim) Dakota Webster. Commissioners: Donald McLester and Jay Rasmussen.

Brandon Stevens (1st) and Jenny Webster (2nd), BC: LCC Liaisons.

(Note: Need to do Internal Elections when we have a full board-waiting for 2 BC appointments to be completed.)

PURPOSE:

“Make recommendations to the Business Committee on ways to foster General Tribal Council participation in the decision making process regarding the settlement of the Oneida land claims in New York State. Article I-Authority 1-b ~LCC By-Laws

Special Note: The Land Claims Commission is an educational resource and liaison for the Oneida community regarding the New York Land Claims case and history. The Land Claims Commission strives to provide educational opportunities to learn more about the Upstate New York in order for the G.T.C. to make better informed and/or sound decisions. Although, there is sensitivity and confidentiality to our case, the Land Claims Commission continues to strive to assist G.T.C. members to be interested and better informed in the New York Land Claims case to the best of our knowledge and resourced provided for us.

Oneida Land Claims Commission By-Laws: Purpose

Article II: Officers 2-6 Duties

c: “The Oneida Land Claims Commission will review proposed settlement terms and advise the Oneida Business Committee regarding the best settlement terms that may be acceptable to the General Tribal Council.

d: “At least one member of the Oneida Land Claims Commission will participate, in an advisory capacity, at all meetings and events regarding Oneida Land Claims issues.”

e: “The Oneida Land Claims Commission shall advise and assist the Oneida Land Claims Business Committee in the development of communication and Public Relation services about the settlement efforts.”

General Tribal Council and BC Directives:

Resolution 3-21-77A, March 21, 1977: Oneida Litigation Committee was established. This is now known as the Oneida Land Claims Commission.

GTC Directive July 6, 1998: GTC directive; "Motion that the LCC become part of the Negotiating Committee and work to increase the communication and education of the NY Land Claims Area with a status report quarterly to the GTC and the By-Laws to be approved by the GTC and brought forward at the FY99 Budget Meeting." Motioned by Celene Elm and seconded by Noreen Smith-Motion carried.

Resolution 9-4-02B Amendment to 9-11-96A. September 4, 2002: Land Claims Negotiation Team reformattd. Identified the Chief Negotiators as the Business Committee Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, One Council Member, General Manager, and one Land Claims Commissioner.

OBJECTIVES:

The Oneida Land Claims Commission is an elected governing body and will still strive to meet the needs of the GTC. LCC continues to show interest in any BC meetings regarding the New York Land Claims Issues. LCC continues to aim to have their files put on On-base and Jennifer Stevens is striving to put articles in the Kalihwisaks-our last article was about the New York Land Claims Update. Jennifer Stevens was appointed by the LCC Chair, to assist in the New York Land Summit to be scheduled for spring of 2015.



PERSONAL COMMENTS: The Land Claims Commission met with the Business Committee August 31, 2015 and were not able to cover all their agenda items-A meeting was scheduled for October 21, 2015 and was cancelled; currently the meeting is being rescheduled. The LCC was not able to cover the history of the Land Claims Commission and would like to reschedule a meeting with Brandon Stevens and Jenny Webster. The LCC would like to update them on the history of the Land Claims Commission-since they are the Liaisons it would be valuable information for them to be better informed.

The LCC is currently looking at the office options; these details will be discussed in the near future with the Land Claims Commission and Business Committee.

The Oneida Land Claims Commission give thanks to Jennifer M. Stevens, LCC Executive Assistant for her 14 years and 5 months employment and due diligence for over the years.

ACTIVITIES:

July: The Land Claims Commission developed their agenda for their August 31, 2015 LCC and BC Joint Meeting.

August: The Land Claims Commission had a LCC and BC Joint Meeting with the Business Committee on August 31, 2015. The agenda items were not all discussed and another meeting was requested and scheduled for October 21, 2015 and was cancelled by the Business Committee due to no quorum. This meeting is currently being rescheduled for a future date. The LCC BC Quarterly Report was submitted for the August 26, 2015 BC Meeting.

September: The Land Claims Commission met on September 17, 2015 and currently working on review of the July 7, 2014 GTC Meeting Minutes regarding the last formal New

York Land Claims BC and Arlinda Locklear update, and Jennifer Stevens and Loretta V. Metoxen developed a Louise Cobell vs. Oneida Land Claims Case Comparisons. The land Claims Commission is currently revising our By-laws. September 28, 2015 the LCC participated in the New York Homeland Summit Meeting to discuss what the next step is to do with the 4 properties the tribe owns; to develop it or Sell it? There is continued discussion on what the tribe will decide with the New York properties.

MEETINGS:

Land Claims Commission has been meeting once a month on a regular basis as scheduled, the third Thursday of every month at 5PM. The LCC Meetings were held on July 20, August 20, 31, and September 17, 2015. Minutes and Stipends are up to date for October 30, 2015.

FOLLOW UP:

LCC & BC Joint Meeting: Need to Reschedule

Land Claims Commission and BC Joint Meeting Re: New York Land Claims

Agenda as follows:

- I. CALL TO ORDER**
- II. AGENDA**
- III. LAND CLAIMS COMMISSION**
 - a. Historical Overview**
 - b. By-Laws**
 - c. Cobell Case**
 - d. Education Plan**
 - e. LCC Office**
- IV. BUSINESS COMMITTEE**
 - a. New York Land Claims Strategy**
 - i. Present & Review: 4 Options**
 - b. Letter to Haudenosaunee Leaders:**
 - i. Present & Review: Letter**
- V. Adjournment**