# 2023 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Report

For Boards, Committees, and Commissions (BCCs)

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# ONEIDA LAND COMMISSION

# Purpose:

The Land Commission was established for the purpose of managing the Nation's land resources, with authority to carry out all the powers and duties as delegated under the following laws of the Nation:

- 1.The Real Property Law;
- 2.The Leasing Law;
- 3.The Building Code;
- 4.The Condominium Ordinance:
- 5.The Zoning and Shoreland Protection Law;
- 6.The Eviction and Termination Law:
- 7.The Landlord-Tenant Law;
- 8.The Mortgage and Foreclosure Law;
- 9.The Cemetery Law; and
- 10.All other delegating law, policy, rule and/or resolution of the Nation.

#### **BCC Members**

Rebeca Webster Fred Muscavitch
Chair Commissioner
07/31/2025 07/31/2024

Sidney White Julie Barton
Vice-Chair Commissioner
07/31/2023 07/31/2023

Sherrole Benton Donald McLester Secretary Commissioner 07/31/2024 07/31/2024

Jennifer Hill Commissioner 07/31/2025

# **Substantiated Complaints (if applicable)**

Per § 105.12-4.(a) of the <u>Boards, Committees and Commissions law</u>, annual and semi-annual reports shall contain information on the number of substantiated complaints against all members of the entity.

Per § 105.3-1.(q) a "Substantiated complaint" means a complaint or allegation in a complaint that was found to be valid by clear and convincing evidence.

NUMBER OF SUBSTANTIATED COMPLAINTS: 0

# **Meetings**

Held every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month.

Emergency Meetings: none

**Contact Info** 

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commissions/elected/#Oneida-Land-Commission

#### Status report of Three-Year Outcomes/Goals

# Outcome/Goal # 1

Promoting Positive Community Relations

IS THIS A LONG-TERM OR QUARTERLY GOAL? Long-term

## GOOD GOVERNANCE PRINCIPLE:

Transparency - Open communication about actions taken and decisions made ensuring access to information is clear

#### HOW OUTCOME/GOAL SUPPORTS THE GOOD GOVERNANCE PRINCIPLE:

The Land Commission strives to be open and transparent regarding actions and decisions. Goal for regular communication with membership via General Tribal Council meetings and postings on "Members-Only" page. Goal for the membership being informed and engaged with land acquisition, zoning and land use as it pertains to our Nation.

#### ACCOMPLISHMENTS REGARDING THE OUTCOME/GOAL:

Reporting to general membership primarily through online and/or the Kalihwisaks. No general update to the membership since the last General Tribal Council (GTC) meeting. Potential updates via Nation website and/or the online version of the Kalihwisaks.

#### EXPECTATIONS/FUTURE PLANS REGARDING THE OUTCOME/GOAL:

Information will be presented during annual and semi-annual meetings to the membership. Communicate to membership any land acquisition matters to ensure transparency.

# Outcome/Goal # 2

**Exercising Sovereignty** 

## IS THIS A LONG-TERM OR QUARTERLY GOAL? Long-term

#### GOOD GOVERNANCE PRINCIPLE:

Rule of Law - Ensuring the rules are known and applied equally to all with clear appeal (if needed) and are enforced by an impartial regulatory body, for the full protection of Oneida Nation stakeholders

## HOW OUTCOME/GOAL SUPPORTS THE GOOD GOVERNANCE PRINCIPLE:

Re-establish roles & responsibilities to fully implement the 2033 Plan approved by GTC. The 2033 Plan provides an allocation of funds to reacquire land within the Oneida Reservation.

## ACCOMPLISHMENTS REGARDING THE OUTCOME/GOAL:

We acquired 130.162 acres this quarter. The Oneida Nation now owns 28,239.01 acres of land within the reservation boundaries, up from 27,890.46 acres last quarter. We own 43.17% of the land on our reservation.

#### EXPECTATIONS/FUTURE PLANS REGARDING THE OUTCOME/GOAL:

The Land Commission goal is to acquire land, use land appropriately, and exercise the Oneida Nation's sovereignty. The Land Commission is actively pursuing land acquisitions.

#### Outcome/Goal # 3

Promoting Positive Community Relations

IS THIS A LONG-TERM OR QUARTERLY GOAL? Long-term

#### GOOD GOVERNANCE PRINCIPLE:

Participation - Fostering a system in which the public feels that they are part of decision-

making processes, including freedom of expression and assiduous concern for the best interests of the Tribe and community in general

#### HOW OUTCOME/GOAL SUPPORTS THE GOOD GOVERNANCE PRINCIPLE:

Develop Land Use policy to better serve the needs of the membership. Focus on programs to serve individual farmers, entrepreneurs, and community organizations.

# ACCOMPLISHMENTS REGARDING THE OUTCOME/GOAL:

Delays continue to be expected on new rules being enacted and implemented due to the COVID-19 pandemic and response effort. There was no substantial progress made on new rules this past quarter.

#### EXPECTATIONS/FUTURE PLANS REGARDING THE OUTCOME/GOAL:

The Land Management office is working with the Oneida Sustainable Resources Advisory Council (OSRAC). This will result in maintaining logs and locating pins markers for the membership. The office staff also developed an SOP and process for recording documents after Land Commission approval. These documents will now be recorded at the Oneida Register of Deeds and the GIS department. Therefore, the overlap on Land Use will be documented and easier for staff to access for information.

#### **Stipends**

Per the Boards, Committees, and Commissions law, stipends are set via OBC resolution. BC resolution # 05-08-19-B sets the stipend amounts.

# **Budget Information**

<u>FY-2023 BUDGET:</u> \$16,800.00 budgeted

FY-2023 EXPENDITURES AS OF END OF REPORTING

<u>PERIOD:</u> \$8,300.00 stipends

#### Requests

Enter request(s), if needed.

#### Other

We acquired 130.162 acres this quarter. The acreage and land use follows:

Closing	Property Address	Acreage	Use
1/4/2023	W300 Blk Rueden Rd	81.27	Ag & Ag forest
2/22/2023	703 Hillcrest Dr	1.394	Residential
3/16/2023	N5561 County Rd E	47.498	Ag & Ag forest