

FY-2024 1st (Oct - Dec) Quarter Report

Oneida Land Commission

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PURPOSE

The Commission was established for the purpose of managing the Nation's land resources.

AUTHORITY

The Commission has the authority to carry out all the powers and duties as delegated under the following laws of the Nation:

- (a) The Real Property law;
- (b) The Leasing law;
- (c) The Building Code;
- (d) The Condominium Ordinance;
- (e) The Zoning and Shoreland Protection law;
- (f) The Eviction and Termination law;
- (g) The Landlord-Tenant law;
- (h) The Mortgage and Foreclosure law;
- (i) The Cemetery Law; and
- (j) All any other delegating law, policy, rule and/or resolution of the Nation.

BCC MEMBERS

John Danforth
Chair
07/31/2025

Sid White
Vice Chair
07/31/2026

Sherrole Benton
Secretary
07/31/2024

Jennifer Hill
Commissioner
07/31/2025

Patricia Cornelius
Commissioner
07/31/2026

Don McLester
Commissioner
07/31/2024

Fred Muscavitch
Commissioner
07/31/2024

MEETINGS

Held every 2nd and 4th Monday of each month.

5:00 p.m.

Little Bear Conference Room and Microsoft Teams

Emergency Meetings: No emergency meetings were held this quarter

CONTACT INFORMATION

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ACCOMPLISHMENTS

ACCOMPLISHMENT #1

Summary:

Reporting to general membership primarily through online and/or the Kalihwisaks newspaper, and other potential updates via Nation website and/or the online version of the Kalihwisaks and/or social media.

Impact:

The Land Commission presents information during annual and semi-annual General Tribal Council (GTC) meetings to the membership about pertinent land acquisition matters to ensure transparency.

ACCOMPLISHMENT #2

Summary:

We acquired 228.47 acres this quarter. We now have a total of 28,703,467 acres we own which is 43.89% of the reservation. Recent land acquisitions include forested and agricultural lands.

Impact:

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 and following the guidance in the 2033 Land Acquisition Plan as approved by GTC.

ACCOMPLISHMENT #3

Summary:

The Land Commission (LC) approved a request to improve the Homeownership by Independent Purchase (HIP) program so that tribal members could compete better when bidding on homes. The Comprehensive Housing is working on updating the HIP Rule to coincide with the current housing market.

Impact:

The Land Commission will continue to seek out lands that benefit the Nation for housing and economic development, agriculture and forestry, defense of the reservation borders, and natural environment conservation or rehabilitation.

GOALS

LONG-TERM GOAL #1

Provide Open Communication

The Land Commission strives to be open and transparent regarding actions and decisions. Our goal is for regular communication with membership via General Tribal Council meetings and other communication outlets. We want the membership to be informed and engaged with land acquisition, zoning, and land use as it pertains to our Nation.

Update on Goal:

The Land Commission updated our presentation for the Annual GTC Meeting.

LONG-TERM GOAL #2

Exercise Sovereignty

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

Update on Goal:

We continue to purchase land following the guidance in the 2033 Land Acquisition Plan. In addition we are working with EHSL&A to develop tools to help us make better data driven decisions.

QUARTERLY GOAL #1

Promoting Positive Community Relations

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

Update on Goal:

Land Management will update their HIP SOP to match the updated Rule and present to the Land Commission in the 2nd quarter.

STIPENDS

Per the Boards, Committees, and Commissions law, stipends are set via OBC resolution. BC resolution 04-13-22-B sets the stipend amounts.

	Total dollar amount paid	Number of stipend type		
		Regular Mtg	Emergency Mtg	Hearings/Other
October 2023	\$1,750	2	0	1
November 2023	\$2,000	2	0	1
December 2023	\$1200	2	0	0

BUDGET

FY-2024 BUDGET: \$16,000

FY-2024 EXPENDITURES AS OF END OF REPORTING PERIOD: \$4,950

Our budget is used for meeting and hearing stipends.

REQUESTS

None

OTHER

We acquired 165.89 acres this quarter. We now have a total of 28,475.15 acres we own which is 43.54% of the reservation.