

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

ONEIDA LAND CLAIMS COMMISSION

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PURPOSE

The Oneida Land Claims Commission (OLCC) purpose is to supervise all activities involving the New York Land Claims, including post settlement; and to develop strategies, provide direction and recommendations, for litigation, negotiation and/or settlement to the Oneida Business Committee (OBC) and the Oneida General Tribal Council (GTC). The OLCC will inform and educate the membership on issues pertaining to the Oneida Nation land claims, and seek participation from the membership, and carrying out the following duties:

AUTHORITY

- a. Report membership concerns and suggestions to the OBC.
- b. Hold public meetings and conduct outreach to allow the membership to participate in recommendations for all Oneida Nation land claims and settlement efforts.
- c. Study other Indian land claim settlements and disseminate that information to the membership and the OBC.
- d. Manage the OLCC budget
- e. Assist the OBC with any land claims arising out of natural resource issues/disputes as requested by the OBC.
- f. Carry out all other duties delegated by the GTC

Created by the Business Committee as directed by the membership. The OLCC shall inform and educate the membership on the issues pertaining to Oneida Nation land claims, seek participation of the membership, and be further responsible for carrying out the following duties: (a) To bring forward concerns and suggestions of the membership regarding the Nation's land claims to the Oneida Business Committee. (b) As part of its advisory procedures, to hold public meetings and undergo outreach to provide an opportunity for the membership to voice their concerns and suggestions regarding the Nation's land claims settlement efforts and to share those concerns/suggestions with the Oneida Business Committee. (c) To study other Indian land claim settlements achieved between tribal, state, and federal governments and disseminate the information to the membership and the Oneida Business Committee. (d) To manage the budget

that the Oneida Business Committee provides to the OLCC in accordance with governing laws and policies of the Nation. (e) To assist the Oneida Business Committee with any land claims arising out of natural resource issues/disputes as requested by the Oneida Business Committee. (f) To carry out all other powers and/or duties delegated to the OLCC through any laws, policies, rules and/or resolutions of the Nation.

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BCC MEMBERS

Chris Cornelius
Chair
July 31, 2024

Michael S King
Commissioner
July 31, 2025

Donald McLester
Vice-Chair
July 31, 2024

Vacant
Commissioner
July 31, 2026

Kerry Kennedy
Secretary
July 31, 2026

MEETINGS

Held the first and third Thursday of each month.

3:00 P.M.

Norbert Hill Center, Room 338, N7210 Seminary Road, Oneida WI. In Person and via Microsoft Teams

Emergency Meetings: Zero (0)

CONTACT INFORMATION

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ACCOMPLISHMENTS

ACCOMPLISHMENT #1

Summary:

Commissioners conducted outreach with community members of the Veterans Service Office and at the Elderly Meal Site.

Impact:

To foster a system in which the public feels they are part of decision-making process, including freedom of expression and assiduous concern for the best interests of the Nation and community in general.

Accomplishment #2

Summary:

Educational books for the community and the Commission were procured.

Impact:

These materials will be utilized to inform and educate the community and the Commission about historic events and timelines.

GOALS

Long-term Goal #1

Conduct outreach to our membership. Seek participation from our members. Provide education on all Oneida land Claims, past and present.

This supports the Nation's vision by including the membership in the decision making process and it also supports the Nation's mission statement to, "strengthen and protect our people, reclaim our land and enhance the environment by exercising our sovereignty.

Update on Goal:

The Commission compiled and reviewed public surveys completed in FY 2023. Then spent the 1st Quarter updating and revising our surveys. The Commission purchased educational materials for future community outreach events.

Long-term Goal #2

Compile and forward membership recommendations, Land Claims research, and the Commissions' recommendations to the Oneida Business Committee on behalf of the membership, as directed by the membership

This supports the Nation's vision by including the membership in the decision making process and it also supports the Nation's mission statement to, "To strengthen and protect our people, reclaim our land and enhance the environment by exercising our sovereignty."

Update on Goal:

The Commission requested to meet with the newly elected Oneida Business Committee; and requested annual standing meeting to meet with them to discuss the Oneida land Claims and share the memberships' recommendations, along with the Commission's recommendations.

Quarterly Goal #1

Gather input from the Oneida membership regarding Oneida Land Claims.

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Update on Goal:

The Commission compiled community surveys and recommendations from the 4th quarter of fiscal year 2023. During the 1st quarter we revisited all surveys, past and present, in order to upgrade and revise our surveys to gather community input on our land claims.

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 | \$700.00 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| November 2023 | \$800.00 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| December 2023 | \$800.00 | 2 | 0 | 0 |

BUDGET

FY-2024 BUDGET: #93,350.00

FY-2024 EXPENDITURES AS OF END OF REPORTING PERIOD: \$9,217.00

Continue to expand outreach events, to include SEOTS and other Oneida communities; and seek input from other Tribal Nations.

REQUESTS

An administrative assistant is needed to help with all day to day activities and projects.

Land Claims requests permission to conduct outreach at the GTC meetings.

Quarterly meetings are requested with the Nation's negotiators to discuss all settlement efforts that have or are taking place to provide updates to the membership.

We request the Business Committee to review and include the memberships' recommendations in any negotiations or settlement efforts, as directed by the membership.

We request to be notified and included in all negotiations pertaining to all Land Claims matters, as directed by the membership on September 19, 1986.

Requesting the OBC to revisit the BCC law/resolutions to address the laws that prevents our Commission from accomplishing our goals and mission in a timely manner.

OTHER

Land Claims Recommendations: The Commission supports the direct purchasing of all land within its original treaty territories in New York and the state of Wisconsin. The Commission also recommends sending an annual letter to the governor of New York, and the president of the United States, the Senate on Indian Affairs, the BIA, and the DOI (Department of Interior) and all other lawmakers (i.e. Congressional representatives, both state and federal), regarding our unresolved land claims; in order to give notice that we still have unresolved land claims and to request meetings to discuss reparations and a just resolution to this matter.