



PIC #2 Follow-up Questions

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Hello,

I have some follow-up questions but I would like to begin by refreshing your memory. After the first PIC, I asked the following questions and you provided the following answer:

Question:

- 1) What Indigenous Communities will you be consulting with?
- 2) Who among those communities will you be consulting with?
- 3) What methods will you be using to consult with Indigenous Communities?
- 4) Will you be observing and respecting the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples including Free Prior and Informed Consent?

Answer:

With regards to your questions, the City of Brantford has engaged with the Six Nations of the Grand River and Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation communities on this project. Two (2) meetings have been held thus far with both representatives of the Six Nations of the Grand River and Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. The City has committed to regular meetings with representatives from both Six Nations of the Grand River and Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation throughout the course of the study to keep their respective communities updated on study progress and findings and has agreed to share all relevant technical reports with them for their review and their inputs.

PIC #2 Follow-up Questions:

- 1) Last night you (Marko) identified the OPRE as the preferred solution. Is this is the preferred solution of the Six Nations *people*? I can tell you that I'm a Mohawk and member of the Six Nations of the Grand River and it's not my preferred solution. I'm opposed to the OPRE!
- 2) Last night you acknowledged that the OPRE would be located within the Haldimand Tract and you spoke of development. Are you aware that the Haudenosaunee Confederacy Chiefs have asked for a moratorium on development within the Haldimand Tract. Can you confirm if this was discussed between Parsons, the City and the representatives of the Six Nations and the Mississaugas?
- 3) Can you provide details about what was discussed during the first 2 meetings between the City and the First Nations reps named above? I have not received any communication from the Band Council about this matter and that is unacceptable!
- 4) Last night City Staff mentioned that the City had not consulted with the Country prior to this study! This was shocking to me as one would think it would be important to do in order to properly consider the alternatives. To me, this pokes a major hole in your assessment! Because the City did not consult with the County, why am I to believe the the City is properly consulting with First Nations?
- 5) Do you have the collective Free Prior and Informed Consent from the Six Nations *people* to move onto phase 3 of this study? You do not have my consent (see #1).
- 6) Do you have an explanation for why non of the City staff (Mayor & Councillors) spoke about their discussions with the Six Nations? Where is the transparency?
- 7) Finally, I tuned in for the Live YouTube session and watched as my comments got deleted and I was put in a "time-out" on at least three occasions. I would like to know why. If you didn't want people to participate via the chat, why was it not disabled. This kind of censorship and silencing is unacceptable.

I look forward to your response,

Nia:wen/Thank you,

Veronica