



September 27, 2024

Honourable Geoffrey Morawetz
Chief Justice of Ontario

Sent via email: SCJ.clerkship@ontario.ca

Dear Honourable Geoffrey Morawetz:

Please be advised that Brantford City Council at its meeting held September 24, 2024 adopted the following:

12.1.5 Request to the Chief Justice of the Superior Court

WHEREAS the trial of the 1995 lawsuit between Six Nations of the Grand River Band of Indians and the Attorney General of Canada, His Majesty the King in Right of Ontario, Court File No. CV-18-594281-0000 offers an opportunity to resolve centuries old grievances and injustices; and

WHEREAS the resolution of these claims is critical to resolving the tensions that exist throughout the watershed between Six Nations of the Grand River First Nation and area municipalities; and

WHEREAS the lawsuit has taken three decades to get to trial as a result of innumerable and unconscionable delaying tactics of the Crown as represented by the Federal Government; and

WHEREAS resolution of the lawsuit would support and strengthen the provincial land title system in the Grand River watershed.

NOW THEREFORE The Council for the Corporation of the City of Brantford hereby resolves;

- A. THAT with respect council requests that the Honourable Geoffrey Morawetz, Chief Justice of the Superior Court of Justice, Ontario, assign a judge as soon as possible to hear the trial of Toronto Court File No. CV-18-594281-0000 and that the Court proceed as expeditiously as possible to conclude the trial of that matter; and
- B. THAT the Clerk BE DIRECTED to forward a copy of this resolution to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Doug Downey, Attorney General of Ontario, the Honourable Geoffrey Morawetz, Chief Justice of Ontario, the Honourable Greg Rickford, Minister of Indigenous Affairs of Ontario, The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister, the Honourable Arif Virani, Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada, the Honourable Gary Anandasangaree, the Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations Canada and to the

Clerks of all municipalities in the Grand River Watershed, asking that their Councils pass this resolution posthaste.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours truly,



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cc Honourable Doug Downey, Attorney General of Ontario
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