

# KAHNAWAKE

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Good Morning Ghislain,

Yesterday, Grand Chief Norton and Myself representing the MCK, along with Chief Don Maracle - Tyendinaga, Chief Troy Thompson of MCA, were the guest of Grand Chief Patrick Madahbee in Toronto, to discuss a joint stance against the very controversial plans to ship "RADIOACTIVE waste" from Chalk River, Ont to a Nuclear facility in South Carolina, USA.

A working group has been struck to carry the position from the IROQUOIS CAUCUS AND THE ANISHINABEK NATION. Our next meeting will take place in Toronto on April 5, 2017. We need to move quickly. Future meetings will travel between Ottawa and Montreal & Toronto, for all of our budget restraints.

We believe that seeking support from our Brothers and Sisters across the country will not happen as quickly as needed, which is why I am reaching out to you, As GC Madahbee will be reaching out to Regional Chief Isadore Day. Our hope is that the regions of Quebec/Labrador, and Ontario will also carry our concerns of transporting "Nuclear waste - which we are now using the term **RADIOACTIVE WASTE**, as suggested by Dr. Gordon Edwards, an export leader in Environmental issues in Canada, who was also present in Toronto yesterday.

In short, Regional Chief, GC Madahbee will meet with Regional Chief Day next week, and the Chiefs of Ontario will assemble in May, where our position will be discussed. AFNQL will not meet until June I believe, in Three Rivers.

We will be seeking support in declaring all First Nations territories in Quebec and Ontario (for a start!) Radioactive waste/Nuclear waste free zones. This alone will send a very strong message to the Government, and to private enterprise, along with the regulatory bodies in charge of allowing this type of activity (CNSC).

As you can image Ghislain the 5 hour meeting went very fast, but for our first initial meeting, also went very well.

As stated earlier, we have a follow up meeting in Toronto April 5<sup>th</sup>, and if you are in Toronto, please join us, and GC Madahbee can extend same to Chief Day.

We need to do something, if you hear Dr Edwards, I am sure you will be very alarmed, as we all were.

So, if you can comfortably get this message out and support from AFNQL, would be good. The Anishinabek elder who was with us and guided us also suggested we get support from the Cree Nation.

I just forward you Ghislain a copy of a joint statement that will be read out today in Ottawa at the AFN supported Energy Forum. So word will be out by today that the Anishinabek and the Iroquois Caucus Communities fully support our interventions.

Hoping to hear from you soon Ghislain.

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