

**N-GTA & GTA West / Orientation Meeting Summary  
Six Nations: Lands and Resources – January 22, 2007**

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MTO requested to meet with staff from Six Nations' Lands and Resources Department to present project overviews, respond to questions, and discuss approaches to outreach and consultation.

Given project similarities (i.e., type and timing), a single meeting to discuss both the Niagara to GTA and GTA West projects was acceptable to all parties.

**Attendees:**

MTO Staff	Six Nations Lands & Resources Staff
<p><i>N-GTA Project Representatives:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• John Slobodzian, Project Coordinator</li> <li>• Terry Hilditch, Asst. Coordinator</li> <li>• Darlene Proudfoot, Env. Planner</li> </ul> <p><i>GTA-West Project Representatives:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jin Wang, Project Coordinator</li> <li>• Carolyn Southey, Env. Planner</li> </ul> <p>Archaeological Advisor:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Charlton Carscallen</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Joanne Greene, Director</li> <li>• Kate Cave, Land Use Supervisor</li> <li>• Joanne Thomas, Land Use Officer</li> <li>• Paul General, Land Use Officer</li> </ul>

**General Discussion**

- Staff appreciative of MTO's desire to meet and provide project overview
  - Appreciative of being "included" early in the process, unlike the Red Hill Creek project, when approached by various interest groups seeking help to stop the project at construction stage.

**Key Topics**

*Addressed by MTO:*

- Need to expand transportation capacity within the two corridors; per short and long-range (2031) forecasts

- All reasonable options, or combination thereof, will be considered
- Opportunity, through projects, to provide better linkages to existing transportation network, as well as support other social, economic and environmental goals
- Importance/role of government policies in projects (e.g., Growth Plan)
- Environment includes natural science, socio-economic, land use, and cultural/heritage factors
- Data-rich assignments; primarily using secondary sources
- Important that all stakeholders have the opportunity to address perceived problems and opportunities
  - Ideally, MTO would like solicit ideas/options from Six Nations community regarding how transportation improvements can fit into their vision (i.e., a 2-way dialogue)
  - The establishment of a Six Nations Advisory Group was presented as a possibility
- MTO's challenge will be to avoid and/or minimize the impact to the traditional rights and interests of the Six Nations people

*Addressed by Six Nations:*

- Receipt of up-to-date information is important (e.g., reports)
- Information should be conveyed/communicated to parties, using principle of 4 c's: community, committee(s), council, and confederacy
- Six Nations' community is void of strong technical support; funding is needed to retain the expertise to fully assess, understand and communicate the impacts of the projects on their traditional rights and interests, especially cumulative impacts.
  - Also, a Traditional Knowledge Study documenting/mapping important features/locations (e.g., hunting, archaeology, fishing, medicinal plants, burial sites, trails, corridors etc.) would help close an important information gap
  - Without this data, assessments will be limited in nature (i.e., generalities only)
- Communication is key to help increase awareness; minimize "flash points"
- Recommend same information be presented to the confederacy (aka Traditional Council)
- Willing to consider the use of a Six Nations Advisory Group