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AN APPEAL TO CONSCIENCE, BRANTFORD TAX PROJECT 2018

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Tue, Jul 31, 2018 at 11:05 PM

She:kon Kathryn Kissinger,

I've had the opportunity to meet with many of the past municipal representatives, some at my home, and some I have met on social media and through some meaningful conversations, it has come to my attention that the common Canadian is generally confused about the nationality and citizenship of the Mohawk Peoples.

This letter is an appeal to your conscience so that you may look not just to the public opinion to understand who the Mohawk are. If you listen to the Canadian public opinion, you may hear that Brantford is a 100% Canadian environment (<https://tworowtimes.com/news/local/haudenosaunee-land-sold-without-consultation>).

Canadians that I have spoken with believe that Mohawk citizens are somehow entitled to participate within the municipal elections, yet, evidently, as a non-Canadian citizen, the Mohawk people do not qualify to vote or become elected in municipal elections. (Municipal Elections Act 1996 12(3), 17(2)(b))

Under the veil of the secret vote the common Canadian and even the municipal councils presume that 100% of the people both Canadian and Mohawk have participated, assuming undelegated authority and jurisdiction over the Mohawk People. The illusion and paradox created from the secret vote cannot mask the truth of my citizenship to the Mohawk nation, and it must not be confused as a granting or waiver of my Mohawk Civil liberties to the municipal corporations.

I started the Brantford Tax Project (<https://www.brantfordtax.com>) to assert my rights to freedom from tyranny, to date the Corporation of the City/Town of Brantford has arbitrarily made claims that Mohawk are the same as all other Canadians, and that I will be levied and taxed the same as any other nationality.

In a reply to an Open Letter sent to the council; Council-person Greg Martin represented the following claims, and in addition my response to Greg Martin (<https://tworowtimes.com/opinion/open-letter-corporation-city-brantford-council>):

July 30 2017, City of Brantford (Councilor Greg Martin):

"Mr. Doolittle, the City of Brantford levies property taxes on property owners regardless of nationality, if you purchase property in Brantford you will be taxed as a property owner the same as any Canadian, American, German, Mohawk, or any other nationality. I hope this helps you better understand our tax system."

July 30 2017, Benjamin Doolittle:

"Thank you for your reply which in total is empty and meaningless (vox et praeterea nihil), however the onus is on you to prove your claim. Mr. Martin and others, please provide evidence as proof that the taxation or levies are lawfully applied (and How) to the Mohawk as you claim "regardless of nationality" which is a very arbitrary statement and lends to my points. Your hopes that I understand the tax system further is confusing because you either ignored or forgot to include any evidence how the property tax is lawfully applied to "Canadian, American, German, Mohawk, or any other nationality."

The Brantford Tax Project Mission reads in part, "...the Corporation of the City of Brantford (herein "Brantford") to provide evidence how the Property Tax and Levies are Lawfully Applied to the Mohawk Nation or Mohawk Individuals (For example Letters Patent, Royal Sign Manual, Warrants, Treaty etc:). Upon a failure of Brantford to produce evidence of their claimed authority that Brantford abandon all claims against the Mohawk People, and that all unilaterally foisted obligations are void from the beginning, the mission includes the restoration of all Mohawk Estates, and the complete reversion (Status Quo Ante Bellum) of any and all non representational taxation including any and all unjust enrichments...."

It is my understanding that The Corporation of the City/Town of Brantford has claimed that Mohawk Peoples have a (municipal) civil obligation to pay property taxes to the Corporation regardless of my own Mohawk Civil Liberties, I have no

records or evidence that The Corporation of the City/Town of Brantford lawfully applies its corporate policies and bylaws onto the Mohawk Peoples, and I believe no such records or evidence exists.

Kindly acknowledge and confirm receipt of this email.

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BRANTFORD TAX PROJECT 2018

"Tax revenues are the lifeblood of the municipality, which must NOT come from the veins of the Mohawk!" says Benjamin Doolittle.

The Brantford Tax Project documented by Benjamin Doolittle, a fraternal member of the Sha'tekari:wate; one of nine sub-clans of the Kanien'kehá:ka (Mohawk) Confederacy.

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Thu, Aug 2, 2018 at 12:57 PM

She:kon Benjamin!

Thank you for reaching out to me. I apologize if it seems that I took a while to respond, I wanted to take the time to carefully read your concerns and respond to them. I appreciate that you took the time to ensure that I am aware of some very important topics.

First and foremost, I am very supportive of all First Nations people, and I am concerned that it seems to be taking far too long to right the wrongs of the past. I am deeply respectful of First Nations traditions and legacy, and want to ensure a peaceful and prosperous solution. I just completed a 12-week teaching assignment thru Fanshawe college at the GREAT building in Ohsweken, the students were awesome and taught me a lot more about their various cultures.

I agree that most non-indigenous Canadians are not aware of the history, nationality and citizenship concerns of all First Nations, not just the Mohawks.

The issue of Taxation: I understand your position on taxes, but I would like to respectfully counter your ideas. I do not see taxes as "tyranny", although I can understand why you do. It is my opinion that if someone pays taxes to a municipality, they should receive the benefit of those taxes. As an example, municipal taxes are levied to provide emergency services such as police, fire and ambulance, clean running water to drink and garbage picked up. Streets should be well maintained and other infrastructure in place to support community life.

If someone chooses to not pay taxes, they should not receive the benefits. BUT..... as you state, there is a problem with "forcing" persons to pay taxes if they do not end up receiving the benefits. I do not wish to offend you with this next question, I am asking because I truly do not know: Do the Mohawk people receive any benefits of the taxes that are levied (ie services I just mentioned)? Is there (or should there be) an agreement to have municipal taxes support the First Nations? I would be concerned about, and definitely want to fix it, if you are being forced to pay taxes and you are not benefitting from them.

Regarding the Election/vote Issue: I confess, I am one of those who "just assumed" that all First Nations have the right to vote. If that is not the case then I obviously have a bit more homework to do and again appreciate you bringing this to my attention. I personally think that until there is recognition of the First Nations as (at a minimum) equal partners in the political realm, then our government does not truly represent "the people of Canada". I don't know exactly how to do this, but I want to see our First Nations have seats in all levels of Government. Not as a political party but as a people/nation. This of course will be a bit complicated due to the fact our current system is based on regional representation, but I think there is a way we can accomplish this goal. Our entire election process needs an overhaul anyway.

To sum up, I consider myself a friend and champion of the rights of all First Nations' people, and that is one of the reasons I am running for council. I want to get the changes going. As I said, I am not entirely sure how this would look but we certainly need to get moving on these issues. I hope that you and I can have a respectful and beneficial relationship.

Best regards,
Kathryn
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Thu, Aug 2, 2018 at 4:01 PM

She:kon Kathryn!

Thank you also for your time and meaningful reply,

Congratulations on completing your 12 week assignment, I'm pleased that you were able to enjoy the reciprocity of the students.

Tyranny in common terms is a rigorous condition imposed by some outside agency or force, or cruel, unreasonable, or arbitrary use of power or control. This term is used in regard to Councilmen Greg Martins use of the language ""Mr. Doolittle, the City of Brantford levies property taxes on property owners regardless of nationality, if you purchase property in Brantford you will be taxed as a property owner the same as any Canadian, American, German, Mohawk, or any other nationality. I hope this helps you better understand our tax system."

I don't want to go to much into the effects of foreign taxation or the benefits as you have called them, It is my understanding that prisons, residential schools, child removal, forced relocations were all seen as benefits.

If 100 other Mohawks wanted to start our own local services we would be able to service our own needs fairly easy, most of the land that Brantford uses is undertitled by the Mohawk, this leads to the issue of spatial equality, and brantford inability to address the \$250 billion dollar debt to the Mohawk People, established in 1994 by commission. Another solution is to charge the levies against the \$250 Billion owed. If brantford paid just 10%, we would be able to buyout almost every house in Brantford and or finance the city budget.

Each year the debt grows and todate the current total might be over one trillion, at .06% interest that's around 60 billion a year that Brantford residents are neglecting to pay, that is a massive benefit, in my opinion that is the unjust enrichments I speak to in the mission statement. Especially the Mohawk are forced to subsidise the economy, and every penny that the People of Brantford benefit from is economic welfare expunged from the Mohawk estates.

I confess as well that I do not understand how "all First Nations" conduct their constitutional and civil liberties, But I know as a Member of the Kaniienkehaka Confederacy, the canadian constitution is incompatible with my own constitution.

Since 2008 I have sent letters to the council asking for the answers to these two questions, they are designed to be exact and in a socratic fashion they should with all reason show that the municipality can not represent the Mohawk or the Mohawk Individuals, regardless of their proxy to other canadian communities.

Does the Office of Mayor and /or Council of the Corporation of the City of Brantford represent Kanienkehaka (Mohawk)? We Answered: " No, Kanienkehaka have a pre-colonial representational framework that is integral to the maintenance of their culture."

Do Kanienkehaka (Mohawk) qualify to vote or become elected in the municipal elections? We Answered: "No, according to the Municipal elections act, you must be a Canadian citizen, Kanienkehaka are NOT Canadian citizens.

The appeal to conscience is not an appeal for the Mohawk to be somehow better represented by the Canadian, it is an appeal for self admittance that the Mohawk through powerful alliances have become at par with the Sovereign of Canada, I would expect that as her Majesty's lowerarchy that the honor between the Mohawk and the British/Canadian Sovereign is not harmed in your enjoyment of your duties.

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She:kon Benjamin,

It is a very complex situation to be sure, there is no easy answer and feelings will be hurt on both sides no matter what we do.. which is so unfortunate. If my ancestors had been intelligent enough to recognize your people's successful ways of life, rather than doing what they did, the entire planet would be a better place. But we can go forward. I also see the Mohawk and other First Nations people as independent/sovereign nation(s) or entity(s) - I need a history lesson here on how this was done traditionally by your people.

I fear that there is a growing frustration on "your" side regarding the lack of action on "my" side...I want to get this resolved as soon as possible too. I don't want another Douglas Creek or Oka situation, it breaks my heart that your people have to go to those lengths to be heard in the first place. I was pleased to see that the Truth and Reconciliation movement resulted in a growing understanding and awareness - most Canadians had no idea the depth or breadth of what was going on. I think a lot more education and awareness is needed so that people understand "why" there is so much anger and frustration regarding the "ownership" of the land.

I can't promise I will get an answer for your two questions very quickly, but I will definitely work on getting those answers for you. I would like to meet you in person, and hope that you will agree to being a resource for me, as I am bound to come across things that will need some background/history or explanation.

Best regards,
Kathryn

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