GOING BEYOND CONSULTATION: NAVIGATING WORLDVIEWS IN THE SEARCH FOR MEANINGFUL ENGAGEMENT

Hamilton Indigenous Heritage Roundtable

Wednesday, October 19, 2016 (8:00 am – 5:00 pm)
Art Gallery of Hamilton (Hamilton, Ontario) – Tannenbaum Pavilion

In October 2015, the Moh-Kins-Tsis | Calgary Indigenous Heritage Roundtable brought together professionals and community members to understand how Indigenous and non-Indigenous protocols for protecting heritage places could be aligned. Hamilton Indigenous Heritage Roundtable 2016, Going Beyond Consultation, builds on this momentum by drawing on Ontario case studies to understand how true relationships are nourished over time.

Key themes for the Roundtable:
- Advocating for and building strong relationships that are rooted in a shared understanding of world views.
- Understanding the meaning of place and the meaning of culture as it is shared between peoples.
- Articulating a new and productive vision for engagement. How do we make it work effectively so that it builds true understanding and meaningful dialogue?

Going Beyond Consultation will provide a valuable and important opportunity for exchange between traditional Indigenous conservation practitioners and those involved in conventional heritage practice, with the goal of strengthening existing relationships and forging new ones.
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Agenda

8:00 am – 8:45 am  Breakfast
8:45 am – 9:10 am  Opening Prayers
  • Taylor Gibson
  • Garry Sault
9:10 am – 9:30 am  Welcome
  MC Beth Hanna
  • Lorna Crowshoe (National Trust Board Member & Chair, Moh-Kins-Tsis | Calgary Indigenous Heritage Roundtable 2015)
  • Chief G. Ava Hill (Six Nations of the Grand River)
  • Chief R. Stacey LaForme (Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation)
  • Jason Thorne (General Manager, Planning and Economic Development, City of Hamilton)

9:30 am – 10:00 am  Keynote – Combining Indigenous Knowledge and Western Science
  • Rick Hill (Deyohahá:ge Indigenous Knowledge Centre, Six Nations Polytechnic)

10:00 am – 10:45 am  Speakers on Three Key Issues
  • Sense of Place - Brian Charles
  • Disconnection from the Land - Phil Monture
  • Reconnection: To the Land and To Each Other - Carolyn King

10:45 am – 11:00 am  Discussion Period

11:00 am – 11:45 am  Introduction to Case Studies
  • Red Hill Valley Parkway (Hamilton) - Sheri Longboat
  • Harvesting Rice on Pigeon Lake (Kawartha Lakes) – Dave Mowat
  • Olmstead Site (Hamilton) - Joe Muller
  • Wildlife Management in the Dundas Valley/ Iroquois Heights - Chris Firth-Eagland

11:45 am – 12:45 pm  Lunch

12:45 pm – 1:30 pm  Group Exercise – What Would You Do?
  • Red Hill Valley Parkway - Facilitators/Resource People – Sheri Longboat, Rick Hill, Gary Warrick, Paul Williams, Ron Williamson
• Harvesting Rice on Pigeon Lake, Kawartha Lakes Region – Facilitators/Resource People - Dave Mowat, Larry McDermott
• Olmstead Site (Hamilton) - Facilitators/Resource People - Joe Muller, Joanne Thomas, Cynthia Graham
• Wildlife Management in the Dundas Valley/ Iroquois Heights - Chris Firth-Eagland, Brian Skye

1:30pm – 2:15pm  Four Case Studies – What Actually Happened  
Case Study representatives present how they dealt with building trust and an equitable engagement dynamic.

2:15pm – 3:15pm  Panel Discussion on Four Regional Projects 
Panelists: Sheri Longboat, Dave Mowat, Joe Muller, and Chris Firth-Eagland.

3:15pm – 3:45pm  Health Break

3:45pm – 4:15pm  Keynote Address – Issues Raised & Actions to Take 
- Larry McDermott (Executive Director, Plenty Canada)

4:15pm – 4:30pm  Concluding Remarks 
- Natalie Bull (National Trust)

Closing
- Garry Sault
- Taylor Gibson

4:30pm – 5:30pm  Reception

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**Speaker Biographies**

**Brian Charles – Community Helper (Hawkestone, Ontario)**

Brian Charles is an off-reserve Band member of the Chippewas of Georgian Island and has lived in the Barrie region for over forty years. He has worked as an Aboriginal Liaison at both the provincial and federal levels for over twenty years. He currently resides along the western shoreline of Lake Simcoe on the outskirts of the village of Hawkestone.

**Lorna Crowshoe – Alberta Governor, National Trust for Canada & Issues Strategist, Aboriginal Portfolio, City of Calgary (Calgary, Alberta)**

Lorna Crowshoe is a Piikani First Nations member from Southern Alberta who maintains strong ties to her Blackfoot community. Lorna works for the City of Calgary as an Aboriginal Issues Strategist. She has spent most of her professional career with non-profit organizations and government, where she has been involved in a range of culturally motivated projects: Making of Treaty 7, University of Calgary’s Spopi Solar Home Project, Calgary Poverty Reduction Initiatives Aboriginal Constellation, and Calgary’s Aboriginal Awareness week in June 2013. In 2015, Lorna co-chaired the National Trust’s Indigenous Heritage Forum, MOH-KINS-TIS, that looked at a more diverse and inclusive perspective on heritage. Lorna is very proud of her family genealogy project that goes back eight generations when her ancestors were fiercely protecting the south entrance to Blackfoot Territory just before the signing of Treaty 7. In her personal life, Lorna was involved in bringing urban Blackfoot women together in the fall of 2012, and became one of the founding members of the Blackfoot Women’s Society.

**Chris Firth-Eagland – CAO, Hamilton Conservation Authority (Hamilton, Ontario)**

Dundas resident Chris Firth-Eagland was named the HCA’s chief administrative officer in 2012. He was the former chairman of the HCA, retiring from that position in 2011. He was appointed to HCA’s Board of Directors by Hamilton City Council in 2001, but has been associated with the Authority for many more years in volunteer and advisory capacities. Previously Chris held managerial positions in Hamilton’s Parks and Public Works departments. He and his partner run Valley Farm, a well-known horse boarding operation on Governor’s Road area of Dundas Valley.

**Paul General (Co-Chair, Going Beyond Consultation) – Wildlife Manager, Six Nations Lands & Resources (Ohsweken, Ontario)**

Paul is a member of Seneca Nation – Snipe Clan. He is the Wildlife Officer and Manager of the Six Nations Eco-centre, a position which he has held for over twenty years. This multi-faceted position entails many daily activities such as, monitoring the Grand River Notification Agreement and the Environmental Bill of Rights Registry. He is active in over 30 committees and working groups monitoring and contributing towards the protection and enhancement of our environment. He has been a Hunter Safety Instructor / examiner for 35 years and a Canadian Firearms Safety instructor/examiner since the program began, nearly 20 yrs. Paul has a diploma in Fine Art and Photography and continues to work as a painter/photographer. He has authored and co-authored articles in a variety of publications, periodicals and books. He is an ecologist/environmentalist by virtue of his work experience and upbringing as a First Nations person. He has experience in many other fields such as botany, biology, archaeology, construction, engineering, forestry, and agriculture.
Taylor Leal Gibson Wahadaidi Ne gyahsoh (He's on a new road is my name) Ganyadeh niwagehsyaodeh, (Turtle Clan) Gayogohono’niwagohwejo:deh (Cayuga Nation)

I am from Six Nations Canada (Hodihnosyonih Territory). I’ve lived on the reserve most of my life, spent time learning from my Grandparents. I have attended Cayuga Immersion program from Kindergarten to Grande 9 and 12. I am a supporter of Indigenous Culture and History. I have a Bachelor of Arts Degree in History. I am Assistant Researcher at Deyohahage Indigenous Knowledge Centre at Six Nations Polytechnic. My passion is in Hodihnosyonih Culture and History and the Cayuga Language.

Cynthia Graham – Manager, Landscape Architectural Services, City of Hamilton (Hamilton, Ontario)

Cynthia Graham is the Manager of Landscape Architectural Services Section, in Public Works, for the City of Hamilton. She oversees the staff that implement new park development and large park redevelopment across the city, as well as trail and open space development. Cynthia is the captain of the Archaeological Consulting Services roster, and has had extensive experience with archaeology, as it relates to Hamilton’s parkland development, including as the project manager for the development and protection of the Olmstead Site.

Beth Hanna – Chief Executive Officer, Ontario Heritage Trust (Toronto, Ontario)

Beth Hanna is Chief Executive Officer of the Ontario Heritage Trust. Beth has served the public in the field of conservation for more than 30 years, working in the municipal sector before joining the province in 2000. She has a breadth of experience in the design and delivery of inclusive, engaging public programs and the conservation and stewardship of significant places. She works with government ministries and agencies, First Nations and Métis communities, conservation organizations and community groups, educators, funders and donors. Beth is passionate about conserving the province’s heritage and understanding the diversity of experiences, traditions, and perspectives of its peoples and communities.


Ava Hill, Mohawk Wolf Clan, was elected Chief of the 56th Elected Council of the Six Nations of the Grand River in November 2013, after serving three terms as a Councillor. During her tenure as a Councillor, Ava participated on a variety of Council Committees. She was also Six Nations representative on the Aboriginal Leadership Partnership for the 2015 Pan Am Games which were held in Toronto in July 2015. Ava has been active on international files attending the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues for the past few years. Ava has extensive experience working with First Nations and Aboriginal organizations (regionally, nationally and locally). She served as the Executive Director of the Chiefs of Ontario Office, the Executive Assistant to a former National Chief of the Assembly of First Nations and the Executive Assistant to the Co-Chair of the Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples. She also spent some time in Saskatchewan working for the Wahpeton Dakota Nation and the Prince Albert Grand Council. For the past few years, Ava, in addition to her Councillor duties, has worked as a private consultant who specialized in event planning/conference coordination, facilitation, report writing and organization of advocacy meetings at Queen’s Park and Parliament Hill.

Richard W. Hill – Senior Project Coordinator, Deyohahá:ge Indigenous Knowledge Centre at Six Nations Polytechnic (Ohsweken, Ontario)

Rick is a citizen of the Beaver Clan of the Tuscarora Nation of the Haudenosaunee at Grand River. He holds a Master’s Degree in American Studies, State University of New York at Buffalo. He is the former Assistant Director for Public Programs, National Museum of the American Indian, Smithsonian Institution; Museum Director,
Carolyn King (Co-Chair, **Going Beyond Consultation**) – Owner, JDI Business Services & Former Elected Chief of the Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation (New Credit, Ontario)

Carolyn is the former elected Chief of the Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation and completed one two-year term in political office from December 1997 to December 1999. She was the first woman ever elected as Chief of my First Nation. She is currently the sole proprietor of JDI Business Services. Her goal is to be a facilitator/resource person for Aboriginal/First Nation Peoples in Canada. She is engaged by government, colleges and universities, businesses and community organizations to do cross-cultural training sessions/presentations to help people develop a better understanding of Aboriginal/First Nations Peoples in Canada. She has over 25 years of work experience in the field of First Nations community development. Her extensive experiences include community development, public relations, economic development, the development of environmental planning policies and procedures, and establishing community radio. She is a Board member on numerous local community-based organizations and have served as a board volunteer in municipal, regional, and national levels. As a First Nation employee for nearly 20 years with the Consultation and Outreach Office of the Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation, she has gained hands-on experience and an in-depth knowledge of my First Nation community. Her life and work experience bring together a life-long commitment to the development of my First Nation history and the advancement of Aboriginal Peoples.

**Dr. Sheri Longboat – Assistant Professor, Rural Planning and Development, School of Environmental Design and Rural Development, University of Guelph (Guelph, Ontario)**

Dr. Sheri Longboat is a Haudenosaunee Mohawk and band member of the Six Nations of the Grand River with twenty years of experience working with Indigenous communities in Canada. Much of her early work has focused on First Nations capacity-building through community-based GIS implementation and training for land and resource management. Her 2012 dissertation provided an alternative perspective on the persistent water crisis faced by many First Nations in Canada by investigating the interrelationships between First Nations and Western approaches to water, and the opportunities and barriers to collaborative governance. Sheri continues to work locally with Indigenous communities in Ontario. She has been an independent researcher and consultant, adjunct professor in Indigenous Studies at Wilfrid Laurier University, and coordinator for the Joint Stewardship Board—a collaboration between the City of Hamilton and the Haudenosaunee Confederacy Chiefs Council for the joint stewardship of the Red Hill Valley, Hamilton. She remains active in Aboriginal education as a member on the Mohawk College Board of Governors.

**Larry McDermott – Executive Director, Plenty Canada (Lanark, Ontario)**

A member of Shabot Obaadjiwan First Nation, Larry McDermott served as an Ontario municipal politician for 28 years including as the first national rural chair of FCM. He is currently Executive Director of Plenty Canada, a non-profit organization devoted to environmental protection and healthy communities, and Co-chair of the Canadian Environmental Network Biodiversity Caucus. He also serves as a commissioner of the Ontario Human Rights Commission.
Phil Monture – Lands Researcher, Six Nations of the Grand River Territory (Ohsweken, Ontario)

Phil Monture is Mohawk from the Six Nations of the Grand River. From 1975 to July 2002, he was the Director of the Land Claims Research Office at the Six Nations of the Grand River. As the Director of the Land Claims Research Office, Phil developed a long term research program and supervised the research for the Six Nations of the Grand River as relates to lands, which are no longer used for its benefit and for which no Crown letters patent have been issued or legal surrender obtained under prevailing legislation. Commencing in August 2009, Phil has undertaken contract work with the Six Nations Elected Council assisting their Research Office in litigation matters involving Canada and Ontario seeking an accounting for all of Six Nations Lands and Revenues held in trust by the Crown(s) for Six Nations use and benefit since 1784 to the present date.

Dave Mowat – Community Consultation Specialist, Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation (Alderville, Ontario)

Dave Mowat has been working in the aboriginal community for over 26 years, both urban and on reserve. A resident member of Alderville First Nation and Consultation Specialist for Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation, Dave is primarily committed to helping to educate the broader public on the importance of treaties, the treaty process, and their ensuing challenges. As a tradition wild rice harvester, this helps to bring balance to his work in the area of the Duty to Consult. Dave spent 20 years at Alderville both as an employee and elected Band Councillor.

Joe Muller – Heritage Planner, Ontario Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport (Toronto, Ontario)

Joseph Muller (RPP, CAHP, RPA) joined Ontario as a heritage planner after serving in Hamilton from 2001-2012, where he authored the city’s archaeology management plan, heritage property standards by-law, built heritage emergency management protocol, led the publication of five heritage inventories and conducted terrestrial and marine archaeology investigations. At the province he developed the criteria for evaluating marine archaeological potential and is working on various program and policy initiatives in land use planning, geospatial data and the review of infrastructure projects and municipal official plans. Joseph retains his archaeology licence (PO11), and cut his teeth in consulting for a decade prior to completing his thesis (a regional/spatial analysis of early Native settlement and palaeoenvironmental data in the lower Great Lakes) at McMaster, followed by stints teaching and building GIS labs at the University of Maryland and Lakehead University. He lives on traditional Mississauga and Iroquois lands, immediately north of Teiaiagon, within the Toronto Purchase.

Garry Sault - Ojibway Elder, Mississauga New Credit Nation (New Credit, Ontario)

Garry Sault is an Ojibway elder from Mississauga’s New Credit Nation. His people signed over 20 pre-confederation treaties with the Crown which cover most of the Golden Horseshoe. He is a veteran and served in the United States Navy. He resides on the New Credit First Nation with his wife of 40 years and enjoys spending quality time with his grandchildren. Garry is a storyteller and has welcomed chiefs, premiers, environmentalists, and many more to the traditional territory of the Mississaugas of the New Credit.

Brian Skye – Chef, Hunter, Writer, Six Nations of the Grand River (Ohsweken, Ontario)

Brian is a Cayuga/Cree from Six Nations who believes that he was meant to be a writer. Brian has a career as a Chef and currently runs a catering business. He shares his passion for cooking with his passion for writing. Brian has had many interest in the past which include radio broadcasting, photography, iron-working, acting and many other
volunteer capacities. Brian has always been a writer but only lately has he heeded the calling to explore the medium as an outlet for expression and healing. Brian has since found that writing is something that he can use for entertainment and education.

**Chief R. Stacey LaForme – Elected Chief, Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation (New Credit, Ontario)**

R. Stacey LaForme is the newly elected Chief of the Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation (MNCFN). Born and raised on MNCFN, Chief LaForme worked as an iron worker before being elected to council in 1999. Chief LaForme has participated in a number of committees and boards throughout his 14 years as a Councillor including MNCFN’s Pan Am Secretariat (PAGS). As chair of the PAGS committee Chief LaForme was instrumental in raising the profile of all First Nations as MNCFN was recognized as the first ever, Host First Nation of the Pan/Parapan Am Games. Chief LaForme is committed to increasing involvement and communication between council regardless of residency. His dedication to the land, history, language and culture of the Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation are helping guide his First Nation toward a prosperous future. A noted author of books and poetry, one of Chief LaForme’s poems, Remember, is engraved in the Veterans Memorial, while others have been featured in the short film, Sacred Trust, and at Fort York in Toronto. He has five children and is happily married to his wife, Tara.

**Joanne Thomas – Consultation Supervisor, Six Nations of the Grand River (Ohsweken, Ontario)**

Joanne Thomas received an Honours B.A. in Anthropology and in Contemporary Studies from Wilfrid Laurier. She worked under the direction of Dr. Gary Warrick during the Davisville and Grand River archaeological research. She then became the second Aboriginal monitor in Ontario. She accepted a position with the Six Nations Elected Council in 2006 as the Land Use Officer in the Lands and Resources Department. She is currently the Consultation Supervisor, who is working on consultation and accommodation issues. She also manages the Archaeology Program supplying monitors to developers/proponents in Southern Ontario.

**Jason Thorne - General Manager, Planning and Economic Development, City of Hamilton (Hamilton, Ontario)**

Jason Thorne joined the City of Hamilton as General Manager of Planning and Economic Development in May 2014. Born and raised in Hamilton, Jason has been working in planning and community development his entire career. As a Manager with the Ontario Growth Secretariat, Jason was one of the key architects of the Places to Grow initiative and the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe. As Director of Policy and Planning for Metrolinx, Jason was one of the lead authors of the Big Move, the regional transportation plan for the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area. For the past five years, Jason has worked as a planning consultant for communities across Canada and in Africa and Latin America as a Principal with the Toronto-based planning, architecture and design firm planningAlliance. Jason has also worked for a wide range of non-governmental organizations including the Bay Area Restoration Council, Bruce Trail Association and Coalition on the Niagara Escarpment. Jason is a passionate advocate of community-based planning, sustainable and inclusive development, and the creation of complete, vibrant cities. Most importantly, he is a proud Hamiltonian who is excited to be returning to work in his hometown.
Paul Williams Barrister & Solicitor

For more than forty years, as counsel to Indigenous nations, Paul Williams has negotiated, and more reluctantly, litigated, the restoration of land, hunting and fishing rights, human remains and sacred objects. His writing includes a textbook on the Kaianerenkó:wa, the Great Law of Peace of the Haudenosaunee, and a treatise on treaties. For the Haudenosaunee, he has been a member of the External Relations Committee, the Documentation Committee, the Standing Committee on Burials and Burial Regulation, and the Environmental Task Force. He has taught at the University of Toronto Faculty of Law, McMaster University, First Nations University, and Kawenni:io High School at the Six Nations Grand River Territory.

Dr. Ron Williamson - Senior Archaeologist & Founder, Manager of the Special Project Division, ASI (Toronto, Ontario)

Dr. Williamson is an archaeologist with 40 years of field and administrative experience. He holds an Honours BA from the University of Western Ontario and MA and PhD from McGill University, all in Anthropology. In 1980, he founded ASI and has since directed over a thousand archaeological assessment, excavation, and planning projects throughout the Northeast. He is the author of numerous other including Bones of the Ancestors: The Archaeology and Osteobiography of the Moatfield Ossuary in 2003, co-edited with Susan Pfeiffer of the University of Toronto. He most recently co-authored a volume entitled The Mantle Site: An Archaeological History of a Sixteenth Century Huron-Wendat Community (with Jennifer Birch). He has also recently completed chapters entitled “What Will Be Has Always Been: The Past and Present of the Northern Iroquoians” for the Oxford Handbook on North American Archaeology and “Northern North America” for The New Cambridge World Prehistory. Dr. Williamson is also an Associate Member of the Graduate Faculty in the Department of Anthropology at the University of Toronto. He is also a former President of the Canadian Association of Heritage Professionals, a national organization dedicated to furthering the cause of heritage resources conservation and excellence in heritage consultation. He has also been involved in several senior level policy development activities with the Province of Ontario, most recently with revisions to the Planning Act and Stage 1-4 guidelines for archaeologists and served as an advisor to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs on Aboriginal Consultation. He served on the National Aboriginal Heritage Committee of the Canadian Archaeological Association, for three years, and co-chaired the Ontario Provincial sub-committee with Sylvia Thompson of the Chiefs of Ontario. He currently sits on the Editorial Boards of the Canadian Journal of Archaeology and Ontario Archaeology.