



February 5, 2021

**Haudenosaunee Confederacy Chiefs Council (HCCC)**

c/o: Jock Leroy Hill, HCCC Secretary

RE: Proposed Oneida Energy Storage Project

I am writing today with a good mind seeking important feedback on a project which we believe will provide value to our community and enable Six Nations to play an active role in avoiding further disruption to our Mother Earth.

As shared in our January 12, 2021 letter, Six Nations of the Grand River Development Corporation (SNGRDC) launched a community commentary period on January 25<sup>th</sup> to share the merits of the proposed Oneida Energy Storage project. These community focused sessions will continue until February 25<sup>th</sup>.

I am writing to Haudenosaunee Confederacy Chiefs Council to **invite the HCCC and its members to a virtual presentation on the Oneida Energy Storage (OES) project.** We would be pleased to organize a special virtual presentation at your convenience.

I am also writing to seek clarification, as our project partner NRStor Inc. received a letter (attached) from **Wilfred Davey** asserting the project is to cease and desist until such time as we consult with "*Haudenosaunee Iroquois Confederacy Indians of Turtle Island.*" We are seeking confirmation that Mr. Davey is writing on behalf of HCCC and to confirm that he is authorized to act in the capacity referenced - as Secretary for the Hodiskeagehda. In parallel to this letter, we have responded to Mr. Davey asking him to confirm under which authority he is acting.

It would be greatly appreciated if you could provide clarification on the above noted matters. Once again, should HCCC wish to receive a special presentation we would be pleased to provide this. We look forward to your response, as we believe the proposed Oneida Energy Storage project aligns with our collective values.

If you wish to schedule a presentation or speak to me directly I can be reached at [mjamieson@sndevcorp.ca](mailto:mjamieson@sndevcorp.ca) or on cell at (226) 388 0487.

With peace, respect, and wishes for good health,



Matt Jamieson  
President/CEO  
Six Nations of the Grand River Development Corporation

Attachments:

January 29, 2021 letter from Wilfred Davey  
Oneida Battery Storage Project Summary

CC: Six Nations Community  
SNGRDC Group

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# Hodiskeagehda



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Attention: NRStor: Annette Verschuren

O.C. Chair & CEO.

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Toronto, ON M5G 1L7,

The Six Nations community of the Grand River Territory wish to advise you of the following issues:

- Partner Agreements
- Hydro Projects on our territory
- Six Nations Development Corporation

These three issues are very damaging to our very existence.

The Hodiskeagehda (Men's Fire of the Grand River Territory) are presenting to you the responsibility of the of roles, to act in accordance to the Gayanashagowa (The Great Law) (Cayuga), Kaianerenko:wa (Mohawk) (The GreatLaw). The main wampums in the Gayanashagowa is the Two Row Wampum, and the Silver Convent Chain, this reminds us of your responsibilities to honor these treaties.

The Iroquois of North America have never relinquished our sovereignty to allow such a change as you are imposing upon our people. Allow me to remind you of your legislation.

*Bomberry v. Ontario (Minister of Revenue) (Ont. Div. Ct.), 1989 CanLII 4300 (ON SC)*

It is clear that neither the province nor the federal government can extend its administrative power beyond its constitutional reach, particularly in a way that trenches upon the exclusive legislative authority of the other order of government, or the constitutionally protected rights of individuals.

Although a statue might on its face be unimpeachable, its overreaching administration may be struck down on the grounds of constitutional overreach.

The development corporation has no authority according to case law to make laws on this territory.

Louie vs Louie Therefore, the referendum / letter of understanding would be null and void. Please **cease** and **desist** all activities relating to the **Energy Storage Project**. Until SNDC has **consulted** with the Haudenosaunee Iroquois Confederacy Indians of Turtle Island.

As such a formal meeting must be arranged with the Confederacy at your earliest convenience.

Please do not hesitate to contact the writer if you have any questions, concerns or complaints.

Respectfully submitted Hodiskeagehda (Men's Fire of the Grand River Territory)

Signed Secretary for the Hodiskeagehda Wilfred Davey



## Oneida Energy Storage (OES) Project Summary

- Capacity:** 250 MW / 1000 MWh
- Location:** Jarvis, Haldimand County, adjacent to the Jarvis Transformer Station
- Project Partners:** Six Nations of the Grand River Development Corporation 50% and NRStor Inc. 50%

Six Nations of the Grand River Development Corporation (SNGRDC) and principle partner NRStor Inc., have been pursuing the development of a 250 MW / 1000 MWh energy storage concept since late 2017.

SNGRDC and NRStor approached the Independent Electricity Systems Operator (IESO) and the Government of Ontario in early 2019 to assess a pathway to induce investment into the OES and has been performing due diligence to advance the project.

Having now secured both provincial and federal interest in the project, we have reached a point in development where OES is positioned to update the Six Nations Community on its proposed project terms.

### Summary of Six Nations Review of OES Investment

- Project information will be posted to [www.sfuture.com](http://www.sfuture.com) on January 12, 2021 and project information will be sent to the SNFuture Newsletter subscription list.
- Weekly FAQs will be posted to the SN Future site and shared on SNGRDC social media platforms.
- Community members are invited to submit question and comments from January 25-February 25 via [www.sfuture.com](http://www.sfuture.com) or via email at [info@sfuture.ca](mailto:info@sfuture.ca)
- Five weekly public webinars will be held which will be designed to provide an overview of the project and create an opportunity for two-way commentary.
- A final summary report of comments and questions received will be posted in early March, 2021.
- A copy of this community commentary report will be cc'd to the SNGRDC Governance Group, Six Nations of the Grand River Elected Council, and Haudenosaunee Confederacy Chiefs Council and all Six Nations Future Newsletter subscribers.

**Visit:** <https://www.sfuture.com/projects/oneida-energy-storage/> for more information or to subscribe to the SNFuture Newsletter.