

OPINION

Mohawk letter reveals racial tensions

Letter to Ms. Mila Mulrone
From the Mohawk Women of Kanesatake and Kahnawake

August 25, 1990

Dear Ms. Mulrone

We the women of the Mohawk Nation send our greetings to you. As a woman who is respected and held as a model for Canadian mothers, we share the same duties and responsibilities as bearers of the children and stand together with our men who protect and maintain the boundaries of our territories.

Our children ask many questions about what they are seeing. We would like to know how you would answer these questions if your children were asking them of you.

How do you answer your children's question when they ask why there was no intervention by the S.Q. Police when non-Indian protesters on the Mercier Bridge caused the one hour delay of an ambulance carrying a young Mohawk woman from Kahnawake who was hemorrhaging from birthing complications on August 22, 1990?

How do you answer your children's question when they ask why two United Church ministers were being pelted by your Canadian people with food they were trying to deliver to Mohawk women and children in Kahnawake? And on this same day of August 24, 1990, our children are asking for fruit which we do not have.

How do you answer your children's question when they ask what the reason is for 4000 Canadian soldiers being sent to surround the Mohawk communities of Kanesatake and Kahnawake, with their guns, missiles, and weaponry pointed at the homes and families of the people living there?

How do you answer your children's question when they ask why the S.Q. Police attacked Mohawk women and children with gunfire, teargas, and concussion grenades on July 11, 1990 at Kanesatake?

How do you answer your children's question when they ask why 70 year old Ojibway war veterans, who fought for Canada, were pushed and shoved by the S.Q. Police on August 22, 1990?

How do you answer your children's question when they ask you why the funeral casket carrying one of our young Mohawk women to her grave was being transported by a family station wagon and her flowers followed in a pickup truck because the S.Q. Police allowed the white protesters to block the access of the hearse to Kahnawake on August 24, 1990.

In the worst scenario, how will you answer your children's question when they ask you why did their father want to kill all those Mohawk children, women and men in the summer of 1990?

These may be your children's questions and we want to know your answers to them.

The Mohawk Women of Kahnawake



City of North York
York University Secondary Plan Sub-Committee

Invites you to attend a

PUBLIC MEETING

Thursday, September 13, 1990
7:30 p.m.

C. W. Jefferys Secondary School, 340 Sentinel Road

PREPARATION OF A SECONDARY PLAN TO GUIDE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT ON THE YORK UNIVERSITY LANDS

Background

The York University Secondary Plan Sub-Committee is a sub-committee of the North York Planning Advisory Committee. It was established by North York Council to prepare a draft secondary plan for the York University lands and to organize community input during the preparation of the plan. The secondary plan will establish guidelines for future development on the York University lands.

Purpose of the Meeting

The purpose of the meeting is to tell you about the work of the Sub-Committee and to give you an opportunity to become involved in the planning process. The Sub-Committee would like to know what issues you think should be addressed in the secondary plan.

At the meeting, the Sub-Committee will present their suggested land-use guidelines for development on the York University lands. Development scenarios and planning issues will also be considered. Representatives from York University will give a short presentation on the University's Structure Plan.

If you are unable to attend the public meeting, you can make your views known either by phoning the North York Planning Department or by writing to the chairperson of the York University Secondary Plan Sub-Committee, Department of Planning, 5100 Yonge Street, North York, Ontario M2N 5V7.

Planning Process

The Sub-Committee has scheduled two more public meetings, a workshop on Thursday October 25 and a final meeting on Thursday December 6. These meetings will also be held at the C. W. Jefferys Secondary School, starting at 7:30 p.m.

After the meeting of December 6, the Sub-Committee, taking into consideration what it has heard from the public, will recommend a draft secondary plan to the Planning Advisory Committee.

Next, the draft secondary plan recommended by the Sub-Committee will be considered at a public hearing by the Planning Advisory Committee. The Planning Advisory Committee will make any changes to the plan it considers appropriate and recommend the plan to Council. This plan will then be considered by Council at a further public hearing. Once approved by the Minister of Municipal Affairs, the secondary plan adopted by Council will become part of North York's Official Plan.

Further Information

For further information, or to be put on a mailing list for future public meetings, call Tony Bird at 224-6126, North York Planning Department, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

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York University Secondary
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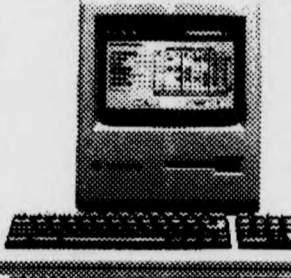
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