

Some Tribal Members Petition for Referendum on Fort de Buade Donation

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for the St. Ignace area was able to convince the tribal board to allow the city to save the Benson collection. The tribe will use the rest of the Little Bear East grant for a project on Shunk Road in Sault Ste. Marie.

The St. Ignace casino generates approximately \$800,000 in two-percent money, with approximately \$300,000 being used in this area, while the rest of the funds are disbursed to other units, reported Mr. Massaway at the January 2 tribal board meeting, at which the board voted to give \$700,000 to the city.

Mr. Grondin said that he would prefer the money be used to help him and other tribal members living in St. Ignace Township pay for their increase in sewer bills when an unplanned bypass was added to eliminate sewer odors in Evergreen Shores last year. The bypass cost the township more than \$200,000 and added approximately \$2.42 to bills per home per month, as reported in *The St. Ignace News* in August 2006.

Should there be a referendum, and if tribal members don't ratify the board's resolution, however, Mr. Massaway noted, the money



A 24-eagle-feather headdress from this area.

slated for Fort de Buade could be moved to Marquette or other places.

Tribal casinos are required under a compact with the state to distribute two percent of slot machine revenue to local units of

government. The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians distributes its two-percent funds through both long-term and short-term agreements, said Cory Wilson, communications director for the

He said Mr. Grondin is mistaken about the board not following an application process.

"Historically, long-term agreements were, and continue to be, arranged at the board of directors level," Mr. Wilson told *The St. Ignace News*. "Past long-term agreements were set without going through an application process. Long-term agreements are often arranged for important community projects that require long-term funding over several years. Agreements are based upon the project's importance to the community, whether the appropriate amount of funding is available, and whether or not the majority of tribe's board of directors agrees to enter into such an agreement."

Based on the high number of requests for short-term agreements for two percent money, an application process was developed, Mr. Wilson said. Short-term applications are considered twice yearly.

Steve Brisson, chief curator for the Mackinac State Historic Parks, told *The St. Ignace News* Friday, February 2, the collection includes some original pieces from this area, some from this region, and some pieces that do not pertain to this area.

"There were pieces we would love to have in our collection," he said.

He, along with Dr. Lynn Evans, curator of archaeology for the agency, previously visited the museum at the request of the historical society. He called the collection a "big eclectic mix" and a "very impressive collection."

At the time of his visit, he offered to assist the historical society and recommended it have a full inventory of the items to get a good analysis of the pieces by professionals.

He said he remembers seeing quill work that was done on birch bark and a 19th century traders cabin, which he said "contains several interesting pieces."

The referendum requires at least 100 signatures on a petition,

validated by the tribal board secretary and tribal registrar, and approval of the tribal board. According to the constitution, the referendum would address the original resolution made by the board. The board's resolution, number 2007-01, does not specifically mention Fort de Buade, rather it offers funding to the city, and states, "Now, therefore, be it resolved, that Unit III will retain, at least \$118,398 per year through the term of the existing compact for the City of St. Ignace, of the two percent monies."

Craig MacFarlane To Speak at Sault

Craig MacFarlane will be the featured speaker at the annual meeting of the Sault Ste. Marie Area Chamber of Commerce Thursday, February 8, at Lake Superior State University Cislser Center. Mr. MacFarlane, a blind athlete with 103 gold medals in various sports including skiing and water ski jumping, is an interna-

tionally renowned inspirational speaker who has spoken to many corporations, clubs, and professional sports teams including the Notre Dame Fighting Irish and the Miami Hurricanes.

To register to attend the meeting and for more information, call the Sault Area Chamber of Commerce at (906) 632-3301.

Artists Sought for Porcupine Mt. Program

Applications are now being accepted for a newly established Artist in Residence program at Porcupine Mountains Wilderness State Park on the shore of Lake Superior in the Upper Peninsula. Summer and fall residencies will be offered to artists and artisans whose work can be influenced by the northern wilderness setting.

A rustic cabin on the Little Union River. They will be asked to share their experiences with the public through demonstrations or talks and will be required to contribute to the park an art piece representative of their stay.

Applications may be obtained on the Web site www.porkies.org and must be returned postmarked by March 30.

Planners Choose Professional Consultant at Clark Twp.

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Gourdie-Fraser's estimate also did not include printing, but Township Supervisor Linda Hudson said the company's under-budget estimate might allow more money for printing. At Tuesday's meeting, she gave commissioners a list of project collaborators who will be offering assistance or input, a list of the grants received for the project, and a rough budget of \$35,250. She noted that Clark Township also does not yet know what restrictions will be placed on a \$25,000 grant received from the Department of Environmental Quality's Coastal Zone Management program. The grant is the primary contribution to the project. Clark Township is supposed to receive more financial assistance from the Les Cheneaux Watershed Council through a grant it received from the Department of Environmental Quality.

Commissioners who liked Landplan's proposal said they were most impressed with Mr. Eidelson's interest in the job and his background in small, rural communities. Commissioners who favored Gourdie-Fraser liked what the firm had to offer, with more staff, experience with a wider variety of communities, projects, and different planning approaches.

Mr. Eidelson works alone and said he would not be able to gener-

ate maps. Gourdie-Fraser has committed two certified planners to Clark Township's project: Mr. Kaye, a community planner with a degree in urban and regional planning and environmental studies from University of Waterloo in Ontario, and Leslie Sickterman, a community planner with an economics degree from the University of Michigan and master's degree work in urban and regional planning. Mr. Kaye's experience is in creating master and comprehensive plans, zoning ordinances, sign regulations, and in addressing land use and zoning issues. Ms. Sickterman's planning and zoning experience is similar, however she adds her background in economics to projects like school enrollment projections, housing market and economic impact analyses, recreation and pathway plans, and downtown development authorities.

Mrs. Hudson told trustees she also likes Mr. Kaye's particular focus on involving the public, and he brought to the interview examples of different tools he uses to gather public opinion. Planning Commission Chairman Steve Honnila said he thinks Clark Township needs a person who will be a leader in the project, and that he feels Gourdie-Fraser offered leadership and "the things we need" in a planning firm, particularly generation of maps, which Gourdie-Fraser

can complete in-house. Commissioner Dana Leach agreed that the proposal should be "all in one package."

"I think Gourdie-Fraser is probably giving us the best answer for what we're looking for," Mr. Honnila said, before Commissioner Dave Dunning moved to recommend Gourdie-Fraser to the Clark Township board.

The firm has worked on 100,000 development and land use projects, most in the Grand Traverse region. The firm also offers other municipal consulting services such as recreation plans, development designs, grant-writing assistance, and site plan reviews. Mr. Kaye told commissioners the firm can review site plans for projects such as the two condominium proposals commissioners recently approved as special land uses.

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