

Logging on Oneida - September 2007
Lands and Estates Department

Shekoli from the Lands and Estates Department . I hope everyone is enjoying a safe and fun summer .

Our Department has been extremely busy this summer and we would like to thank our Summer Students Kukwite Doxtator and Robert Antone for their assistance these last two months . Yaw^ko and best of luck in your future careers guys !

Logging on the Community has become a concern in recent months . Should someone approach you to do some logging on your property , please contact this office (Lands and Estates 519-652-3244) .

This summer we have had problems with the loggers cutting logs on property that did not even belong to the person with whom the logger had made the deal . In order to avoid these types of situations in the future ,we have come up with the following Council Interim Policy on Logging .

Any Logging on Oneida must be authorized as follows :

- The Member/Landowner shall approach the Lands and Estates Survey Department to obtain a sketch of the property concerned and to verify that the Member in fact owns the area planning to be logged
- The Member shall arrange for the Lands and Estates Survey Department to come to the property and to clearly mark the boundaries of the property to be logged
- Fees will be charged for the Survey Department to produce drawings/photographs and to mark out the boundaries
- Member shall obtain verification on Oneida Nation of the Thames Letterhead that the person is the owner of the lands considered for logging , accompanied by a sketch delineating the concerned boundaries .

The Survey Department will be able to provide the landowners with a sketch of your property and an aerial photograph that shows the overall layout of your land . This should help to ensure that any logging authorized will be contained to identified areas .

This Policy will be updated in the future to include provisions for reforestation , replanting and to establish limits . In the meantime , Council suggests that in making any deals with potential loggers to keep the following in mind while negotiating :

- Price . Make sure you are getting at least fair market value for the types of logs you are selling

- **Consider a reasonable limit of logs to take in order that there is not a “clearcut”**
- **Consider making “reforestation” a part of the deal with the same type of trees being replanted**
- **Make sure the logger cleans up the area to your satisfaction before they leave**