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Bosanquet Council**Lynda Hillman-Rapley**

"It has been three months so we are no longer a priority," explained Bosanquet administrator Ken Williams in regards to the government and the ongoing Ipperwash issues. Councilor David Pugh reported recent incidents in the Ipperwash area and said that if property damage was continuing in minus 13 temperatures, "what was going to happen in the spring?"

The report came after an impromptu meeting with Grand Bend Sgt. Charlie Bouwman. Tires have been slashed, homes broken into and two snowmobiles had been confiscated. Sgt. Bouwman said that the damage incidents had been investigated and no suspects have been identified at this time.

A couple from Dorchester were snowmobiling in the park and broke down. They were immediately surrounded by natives and told they were trespassing. The machines and helmets were confiscated by the natives until they were out of the park. At this time there were no signs posted.

"The couple did not press charges," reported Bouwman adding that they just wanted their snow vehicles returned and be on their way. He said that they were ready to lay charges if the couple had requested that.

Pinery Park superintendent, Les Kobayashi quickly had Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) signs restricting unauthorized entry to prevent this from happening to other. When questioned as to why the signs were not already in place Kobayashi said that they do not traditionally put up signs but after the confiscation of snowmobiles, they used the Rondeau Park signs that they had. The wording of new signs are presently being reviewed. For expediency, the OPP erected the MNR signs for Kobayashi.

"We have a problem, there is only 14 weeks until spring," said Pugh, "There is nothing to indicate any agreement, settlement or intention from the government to open the park." The council voiced their frustration from the municipality stand point and said that there have to be solutions and they do not wish to wait for the government to make their move.

Williams said that it is necessary to tell the Solicitor General that they do not intend on living through another summer like last.

"If we wait for someone in power to talk to the natives, nothing will happen." said Williams. He said that the MNR has not even begun to discuss the issues, "If the Federal government would give them back their land, then maybe we can negotiate," he said. He continued that the natives have been excluded from the problem and that the municipality must deal directly with them. Pugh agreed saying that there is a desperate need for communication in the community.

"The countdown is on," said Pugh, "They are wasting our time and the communities have to act now. Everyone has left out the key players, so let's start doing it ourselves. The government left us out of it, so we'll leave them out."

Council made a motion to have Williams meet with the effected parties including Kettle Point, Stoney Point and Les Kobayashi to begin the peace and healing process, "before its too late."