July 12, 2013

Re: G.T.C. Agenda Item Request - Review \$100 G.T.C. Meeting Stipend Decision

Dear Oneida Business Committee,

This letter is being submitted to you as a request to place the topic of the \$100.00 General Tribal Council (GTC) Meeting Stipend on an upcoming GTC Meeting agenda for review, including amendment or repeal.

For some time now, many community members have been debating the pros, cons and merits of the \$100.00 stipend payment for attending GTC meetings. During a recent conversation in a tribal member face book forum, several individuals provided recommendations to change how the tribe administers the \$100.00 stipend payment.

Suggestions made by tribal members ranged from modifying the amount of payment, changing the form of payment to an Oneida gift card, or eliminating it all together. Further, it was understood by those engaged in the conversation, that this topic must be placed on a GTC agenda in order any change to occur.

I volunteered to bring this topic forward to the Business Committee (BC) as a request to place it on an upcoming GTC meeting agenda. During the July 8, 2013 GTC meeting, the Tribal Secretary announced two GTC meeting dates in October, the 12th and the 27th. I am respectfully requesting the BC to add the \$100.00 GTC meeting stipend payment to one of these October agendas in a way which allows GTC, under Article IV of the Constitution, to review the \$100.00 stipend action taken by the GTC on August 11, 2007. The topic should be construed in a manner which will allow GTC the latitude to lower the amount the payment, form of the payment (e.g. Oneida gift card or other form of payment), or to repeal the payment, as well as the cost of implementing the directive to date.

Once the BC has made the determination to include or not include this topic to one of the October agendas, I will notify tribal members of the BC's decision through the same face book forum which supported this request being brought forward.

Respectfully,

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