



# HAUDENOSAUNEE

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## A Message from the Haudenosaunee Documentation Committee

### News Release

**Tonawanda Seneca Territory - February 27, 2007**

The Haudenosaunee Documentation Committee met on February 17, 2007 at the Tonawanda Seneca Territory to further strategize on work concerning its Grand Council mandate to develop and implement a new identification card and passport system that would enable Haudenosaunee citizens to travel both within and outside its homeland.

The Haudenosaunee Documentation Committee is now actively pursuing a specific proposal to the governments of the United States and Canada for an identification card to be used by Haudenosaunee citizens for crossing the international border. The proposal is expected to be made directly to both Canada and the United States within the next month.

The Haudenosaunee are proposing an identification card system that would meet and exceed international standards for travel documents. Likewise, the proposed card would be issued in a secure manner and would be protected against counterfeiting and duplication. Moreover, the proposed card would be compatible with existing Haudenosaunee identification systems.



*Possible new design of Haudenosaunee Identification Card. Please note that the card's design is in its conceptual stage and is subject to change.*

As the United States' requirements for passports "or equivalent documents" for land travel will come into effect in mid-2008, we believe this proposed card would facilitate border crossing for Haudenosaunee people and should be in place well before that deadline.

The Haudenosaunee Documentation Committee is also actively developing a revised and updated Haudenosaunee passport for international travel.

For more information, please contact the Onondaga Nation Communications Office at 315-492-1922 or your local Nation Office.