



Chippewas of Kettle & Stony Point First Nation

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Dear Chippewas of Kettle & Stony Point Members,

As you may know, a group of community members set up a trailer at the Stony Point gate Sunday evening, and have been controlling access to and from the property. It is our understanding that these individuals claim ownership to the land.

While this demonstration has been peaceful, it has impacted important work to make Stony Point safe for future generations. An annual program to clear unexploded ordnances and contaminants – which is critical to the return of the Stony Point Community – was set to resume April 1. This week, Department of National Defence (DND) employees and contractors were scheduled to begin preparation work for that clearance and remediation work. However, citing safety concerns related to the demonstration, these employees and contractors did not enter Stony Point as scheduled Monday.

It should be noted that the objective of the clearance and remediation by DND is to get the land back to the state it was in 1942.

What has also been impacted is the ability to carry out the requirements of the Property Management Agreement that the First Nation has entered with DND. Its goals are to maintain the property while clearance and remediation proceeds and to ensure community members safe access to Stony Point. These goals are being impeded by this group of members.

We want to assure Kettle & Stony Point First Nation members and staff that we are monitoring the situation and will keep you informed of any new developments.

Our priority is safety and well-being of our community members. Our goal is to come to a peaceful resolution in this matter.

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Chippewas of Kettle & Stony Point Chief and Council