

## UELAC Four Directions Youth Program Project 2009 – 2013

In 2009, the United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada launched a fundraising effort in support of a curriculum-based educational experience proposed by UELAC Honorary Vice-President Zig Misiak. (2008) It was to be called the [Four Directions Youth Project](#). Initially organized by Carl Stymiest, Finance Chair, and David Hill Morrison, the challenge of meeting the financial goal was met by the end of the year through the [benevolence](#) of seven UELAC branches as well as many individual supporters.

*FDYP Vision - The Four Directions Youth Project seeks to revive interest in a key historical period relevant to all people during the formation of Canada after the Revolutionary War. This project is inclusive to all people, nations, religions, etc., that focuses on bridging the gap through cultural awareness, interaction and understanding. Utilizing a key event, i.e., the War of 1812, the Four Directions will build capacity while learning about each other through engaging and interactive (hands-on) activities in a peaceful and non-threatening environment conducive to learning. This project will strengthen partnerships, and build upon commonalities that we as a people (from the four directions of the globe) in the Grand River share. This project will also build capacity through linkages to the Ontario Curriculum in the area of History, Geography, Environmental and Indigenous Studies. We will also engage in strengthening our partnership base with the United Empire Loyalists, and the Black Community, as well as engage the Immigration Office in Brantford.*



Zig Misiak



David Hill Morrison

At the Welcome Reception for the *Meet Us at the Head of Lake Ontario* Conference on Thursday 30 May 2013, UELAC Past President Frederick H. Hayward brought closure to this particular dominion project conducted during his term of office. He presented a cheque for \$5000.00 to Ms. Janis Monture, Executive Director of the [Woodland Cultural Centre](#), who had agreed to apply the funds toward the programmes that will meet the “FDYP Vision”. Located in Brantford, the Woodland Cultural Centre, a non-profit organization, seeks to preserve and promote the culture and heritage of the First Nations of the Eastern Woodland area.



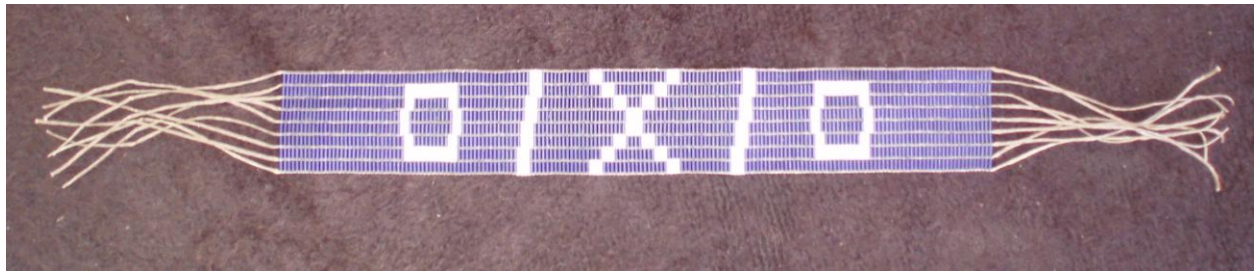
Frederick H Hayward & Janis Monture

Following the presentation, he repeated a quotation given earlier by David Hill Morrison, the Regional Councillor for UELAC Central West, taken from the 1884 speech by Chief A.G. Smith of the Six Nations of the Grand River.

*"...I am also very much gratified in being able to tell you that there is a very large representation of my people, the Six Nations Indians, of Grand River, who are today as anxious to be identified with the descendants of the U.E. Loyalists of Canada, as their forefathers were one hundred years ago. And I am gratified in being able to stand before you today, to speak to you on behalf of my people, and to remind you that the Six Nations Indians have always been, and are still ready and willing to come to your assistance in every undertaking which is calculated to be for the good or honour of our common country."*

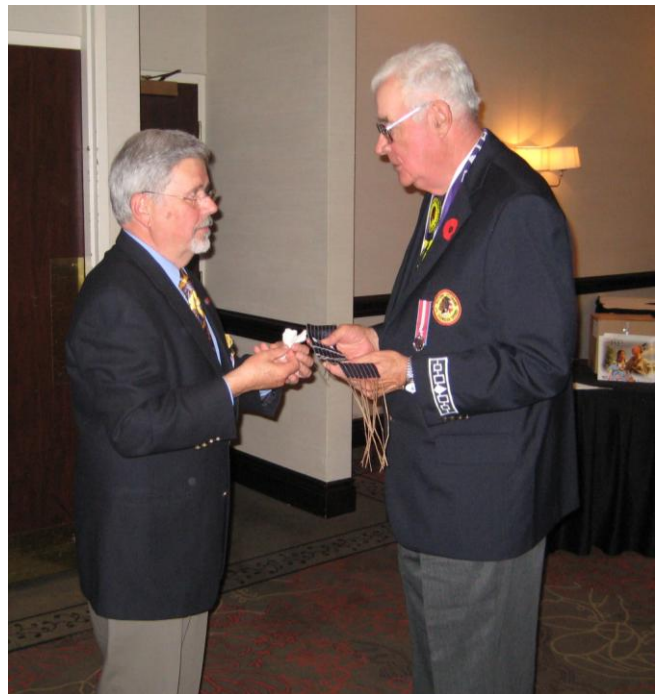
The quotation was so apt for the evening's theme, that keynote speaker Zig Misiak had planned on using it in his address as well.

In recognition of the shared history of the United Empire Loyalists and First Nations peoples, the former President of UELAC emphasized the continuing relationship with a gift of wampum.



Designed and created by Ken Maracle, the belt has two boxes representing the two organizations. The first box represents the presenter, UELAC; the second is the receiver, the Six Nations Legacy Consortium. The diagonal lines represent the agreement, or could represent an alliance. The middle is the four directions of the great roots of the great tree of the long leaves ( The diagonal line represents the three concepts of Peace. Power and Righteousness.)

Upon receiving the wampum, Don Monture, Elder of the Six Nations Legacy Consortium and a member of the Six Nations Veterans, presented Frederick H. Hayward with a small parcel of tobacco. Thus the tradition of giving a gift in response to receiving a gift was maintained.



Frederick H Hayward and Donald Monture