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## Message from Chief Todd Cornelius

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To: Oneida Community Members

Subject: Update on Gaming Decision at Oneida

Shekoli,

This message is to provide you with an update on the proposal of introducing a casino and destination resort at Oneida.

After much due diligence, it was determined that this was not the right fit for Oneida. Considerations were given to the safety of the community, liability to the Nation, and the financial feasibility.

As background, in 2019 Elected Chief and Council were approached by an independent enterprise with a proposal to develop a casino at Oneida. Chief and Council engaged in a deep dive with the Economic Development Commission (EDC) and MNP Consulting in exploring the potential of the plan.

We know that this may be disappointing to those who saw this opportunity as a means of providing employment opportunities. After considerable effort in determining this was not a fit for our community, we may see other opportunities in the future that could better serve our people. Please feel free to contact the Oneida Economic Commission with any prospects or ideas.

Thank you for patience in awaiting this news and your continued support for a strong community.

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Chief Todd Cornelius  
Cc: Oneida Council

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