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AMPS CELEBRATES POLICE WEEK WITH COMMUNITY TORCH RUN



The Akwesasne Mohawk Police Service (AMPS) celebrated Police Week between May 13-19, 2018. On Wednesday, May 16th, AMPS, students and others participated in a Torch Run throughout the village of Kana:takon to raise money for the Special Olympics.

UPCOMING MCA MEETINGS & SPECIAL DATES:

May 24, 2018

MCA General Meeting - Kawehno:ke Recreation, 6 p.m.

June 11, 2018

Kawehno:ke District Meeting - Kawehno:ke Recreation, 6 p.m.

Tsi Snaihne District Meeting - Tsi Snaihne Recreation, 6 p.m.

June 18, 2018

Kana:takon District Meeting - Kana:takon Recreation, 6 p.m.

June 28, 2018

MCA General Meeting - Kana:takon Recreation, 6 p.m.

June 30, 2018

- MCA General Elections for the positions of Grand Chief and District Chiefs

Grand Chief
Abram Benedict

Kana:takon District
Chief Tim Thompson
Chief Steve Thomas
Chief Ryan Jacobs
Chief Darryl Lazore

Kawehno:ke District
Chief Troy Thompson
Chief Dennis Chaussi
Chief Vince Thompson
Chief Louise Thompson

Tsi Snaihne District
Chief April Adams-Phillips
Chief Joe Lazore
Chief Karen Loran
Chief Connie Lazore

Administration
Jordan Wapass
Executive Director

Jay Benedict
Director,
Technical Services

Joyce King
Director,
Justice Department

Charmaine Caldwell
Director,
Housing Department

Robyn Mitchell
Director,
Community & Social Services

Keith LeClaire
Director,
Department of Health

Donna Lahache
Director,
Ahkwesasne Mohawk Board of Education

Shawn Dulude
Chief of Police,
Akwasasne Mohawk Police Service

James Ransom
Director,
Tehotiennawakon

WAT'KWANONWERATON/GREETINGS

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The MCA Communications Team is proud to bring you a new issue of our print newsletter, Onkwe'ta:ke. The name Onkwe'ta:ke means "For the people" and the newsletter is our way of reporting MCA news and information to those we are serving...you, the people. MCA prides itself on transparency and accountability, and the news and reports in the pages to follow are MCA's attempt to ensure you receive informative and helpful news.

There is always a lot to learn about Council and the MCA departments, so we hope you find the newsletter both interesting and useful. We look forward to sharing our most valuable news with you in this format, and welcome you to provide feedback or suggestions by emailing our team at communications@akwesasne.ca.

Below are 5 THINGS we want you to know about MCA this month:

1. MCA has updated their website. Learn more about it on Page 5.
2. Nominations for the MCA General Election are taking place on May 19, 2018 with the election taking place on June 30, 2018. Read more on Page 32.
3. The arena has re-opened after being closed for several months due to a fire, and also so that scheduled improvements could be made. Read about the improvments on Page 3&4.
4. MCA is proposing a new 10-year grant application for funding from the government and has been having discussions with officials on the details. Read more about it in Grand Chief Abram Bendict's report on Page 10-11.
5. The Dept. of Housing is hosting free sewer/septic information sessions to answer all your related questions about care and maintenance. See Page 27 for details.



NEWS

A'NOWARA'KO:WA ARENA CELEBRATES RE-OPENING AND IMPROVEMENTS



Staff, Council and representatives from Canada 150 celebrated the completion of recent upgrades and projects, including the official unveiling of the Akwesasne Historical Markers.

The A'nowara'ko:wa Arena celebrated its grand re-opening and official start to the spring/summer season on Wednesday, May 9th, while unveiling \$970,000 in improvements to the facility provided through funding from Canada 150, Quebec Secrétariat aux affaires autochtones Aboriginal Initiatives Fund II and the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne.

While a fire unfortunately caused a lengthy closure beginning this past January, the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne's Dept. of Tehotiennawakon (Ec. Dev) and the Dept. of Technical Services had plans in the works already to complete several funded upgrades, and the cleaning and repairs were successfully completed simultaneously with the completion of the upgrades.

An overall team of more than 100 people were on the arena property throughout the past 3-4 months to make the improvements, clean the arena from floor to ceil-

ing from the fire and soot, and to provide the community with a good-as-new and modernized arena for the Akwesasne community and surrounding areas to enjoy.

"These upgrades and new features have helped to modernize our 20+ year old arena that serves as the main hub for all Akwesasne sports and events," said Department of Technical Services Senior Manager Joe Francis. "We are especially proud of the new energy-efficient equipment that will serve the community well in

the years to come. I also want to acknowledge the DTS maintenance staff for stepping up to get this project done," he added.

Improvements and upgrades to the arena include:

- A brand new 2nd floor concession that is double the size of the existing 1st floor concession. It is conveniently located at the southern end of the arena while the 1st floor concession is located at the northern end.
- Two 1st floor rooms have been renovated to serve as a permanent fitness room for MCA's Community Health Program where classes and health programs can be hosted. The room will feature permanent exercise equipment as well as office space for the fitness coordinator.
- A new state-of-the-art scoreboard
- New LED lighting provides a brightly lit arena floor and in the parking lot that are a fraction of the ex-

- pense of the previous lighting
- A prominent new sign for the arena at the main road entrance so guests know where to turn.
 - A new \$420,000 chiller system that operates with new energy-efficient technology and features touch-screen control panels.
 - Soundproofing of the Turtle Room to minimize noise from the arena when meetings are taking place.
 - Commission and installation of three Akwesasne Historical Markers, which are signs that highlight parts of Akwesasne history that may not be commonly known. The first three have been installed along what will become the walking trail, with 9 more planned once additional funding is allocated. The first three signs feature Colonel Louis Cook, Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, and Captain William J. Cook. They were drawn by artist Jade Thompson using the pyrography (woodburning) method, with historical narratives written by Darren Bonaparte.



Wood-burned Akwesasne Historical Markers created by Jade Thompson and written by Darren Bonaparte are placed around the arena grounds.

The A’nowara’kowa Arena provides a community venue for events of all sizes, from sports practices and birthday parties to the Akwesasne International Powwow, career fairs and music festivals.

Grand Chief Abram Benedict thanked MCA staff and crews for their hard work.



MCA Community Health Program’s Lorrie Caldwell will oversee new fitness rooms at the arena that will improve access to health programs.

“The community will benefit from the improvements and enhancements staff have worked hard to develop and we are grateful to have our arena up and running again. We are very fortunate to have this arena as well as the dedicated staff to operate it. We look forward to seeing the community benefit through various activities and events that are planned all summer long.”

“Nia:wenkowa to all staff who assisted in the arena’s recent upgrades. The project was completed in forty days thanks to the tremendous effort put forth by the DTS maintenance staff, Arena administrative staff and contractors,” added Jim Ransom, Director of the Department of Tehotiiennawakon. “They should be proud of what they have accomplished” he concluded.



Kana:takon District Chief Tim Thompson celebrates the new concession stand.

MCA LAUNCHES NEW & IMPROVED WEBSITE

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne’s Information Services Program and the Communications Unit are proud to bring the community a newly updated MCA website. The new site has been in the works for months, and was launched this month. The address is the same: www.akwesasne.ca

The move to a new site is a work in progress with some features and improvements still to be made. However, community members can now expect to find an easy to navigate website that is updated daily with current news and events.

A new events calendar features all upcoming meetings and events, with flyers that are easy to access from the calendar page itself, (be sure to use the expand/collapse feature to view flyers) making it easy for you to stay informed and never miss something you’d like to attend.

The homepage also features news from MCA so you’re always aware of our most important updates. The MCA General Meeting Video is also accessible from our homepage, where you can hear updates directly from chiefs and staff via video.

A search bar has been added to the top of the page to make browsing our site simpler. New drop-down

menus and modified templates for program and department pages will also make a visit to Akwesasne.ca smoother.

We apologize for any delays or technical issues you may experience while we complete more behind-the-scenes work on the site. We plan to bring you additional features and upgrades, including a chat module that will give you access to MCA information from an actual staff person live online. Other improvements are being designed to make the website more modern, interactive and useful, so that we can be of service to you in addition to providing you with information.

If there is something specific you’d like to see on the website, please don’t hesitate to contact MCA’S Information Services or Communications Unit at 613-575-2250, or email helpdesk@akwesasne.ca or communications@akwesasne.ca.

Photo: A list of upcoming events is now featured on the main page of the MCA website. Click the “View Calendar” button to also see flyers for the events.



CHIEF JOE LAZORE MEETS PRIME MINISTER TRUDEAU

Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau posted a photo on social media of his meeting with Chief Joe Lazore at the Assembly of First Nations Special Chiefs Assembly in Gatineau, Quebec. Chief Lazore, as well as Chief Louise Thompson, spoke during the assembly in Mohawk, helping to demonstrate that First Nations languages are unique and in need of support to thrive. Language was one of the agenda items for the Special Chiefs Assembly



AFNQL GIVES CHIEF KAREN LORAN A STANDING OVATION FAREWELL



Tsi Snaihne District Chief Karen Loran with Regional Chief Ghislain Picard



Tsi Snaihne District Chief Karen Loran presented the AFNQL table with a sweetgrass braid to help guide them on their positive path ahead.

For the past nine years, Mohawk Council of Akwesasne Tsi Snaihne District Chief Karen Loran has served on Council and represented Akwesasne at multiple Quebec tables. In particular, she was the main representative of MCA at the Assembly of First Nations –Quebec & Labrador (AFNQL) during their many meetings and events held regularly. One file in particular that had her commitment and attention was the AFNQL’s Missing & Murdered Indigenous Women file. She also represented Quebec at the AFN Women’s Council.

Chief Loran is not seeking a fourth term in the upcoming June election.

On Wednesday, May 16, 2018, Chief Loran bid her farewell to the AFNQL table and presented the Regional Chief Ghislain Picard with a Sweetgrass braid and white eagle feather to help guide them on their positive path.

Chief Loran received a standing ovation and will be greatly missed.

“I am very proud to have sat at this table since 2009 til the present,” Chief Loran said. “I would like to thank the AFNQL table of Grand Chiefs and Chiefs and the Regional Chief Ghislain Picard for the opportunity to represent Akwesasne on behalf of Grand Chief Abram Benedict. I was honoured to hold the Women’s file for the AFNQL table along with my CoChair Chief Adrienne Jerome(form Lac Simon). I want to thank the table and leave a reminder as the table continues to collectively come together on the challenges and issues of their communities.”

MCA ATTENDS AFN SPECIAL CHIEFS ASSEMBLY

Earlier this month, Council spent a few days in Ottawa for the Assembly of First Nations Special Chiefs Assembly discussing with other leadership the implications of impending legislation on our communities. The Prime Minister of Canada reaffirmed his commitment to improving the relationship with Indigenous communities followed by echoed commitments from his ministers. Our Chiefs expressed the importance of language preservation to the government and Chief Joe Lazore presented the Prime Minister with an eagle feather and thanked him for the work he’s doing.

- Topics of the AFN Special Chiefs Assembly included:
- The Legislative Process
 - Indigenous Languages Act
 - Bill C-262 – An Act to ensure that the laws of Canada are in harmony with the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples
 - Bill S-3 – Amendment to the Indian Act’s registration provisions Cannabis Act
 - Safe Drinking Water Act



Elder & Former Grand Chief Mike Mitchell, Grand Chief Abram Benedict, Peter Garrow, Elder Bill Sunday, Tsi Snaihne District Chief Karen Loran and Tsi Snaihne District Chief Joe Lazore at the Assebly of First Nations Special Chiefs Assembly.

- Environmental and Regulatory Reviews
- And more.

Later in the week the group spent two days with Indigenous Services Canada for an Ontario Joint Gathering to have dialogue on regional priorities. The Minister of Indigenous Services provided us with updates on her commitment areas and accepted questions from the leadership. Grand Chief Abram Benedict was invited to participate on a panel to outline Akwesasne’s community priorities, to share insight, advice, and guidance on how we advance our community.

In the midst of these important gatherings, we were also able to join a meeting attended by Ontario’s 5 largest First Nations and Minister Jane Philpott to explain the funding inequities between large and small communities and how we are disadvantaged for being large. The Minister committed to working with our communities to finding innovative solutions to close the gaps.



Chief Joe Lazore and Chief Louise Thompson addressed the Assembly in Mohawk and provided English translations, making a statement that language is a priority.

HYDRO QUEBEC NOT CHARGING RECONNECTION OF POWER FEES

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne would like to inform the community that Hydro Quebec will no longer be charging a \$50 fee for the reconnection of power due to arrears (late/missed payments).

Hydro Quebec installed the New Generation (Communicating) meters in 2016; this eliminates the need for a Hydro Quebec agent to physically reconnect power during the disconnection season.

The new meters are on a router system whereby it is done remotely; therefore, Hydro does not require the services of an agent on site.

If the customer has an older digital or mechanical meter (392JD or 392J), there will be an option to have a G9 (communicating) meter at no charge.

If the customer requests the X9 (Non-communicating) meter the installation charge of \$85 will apply and the customer will be charged a nominal fee of \$2.50/month for meter reading of the X9 meter.

For more information please contact Hydro Quebec at 1-866-268-9484 .



MCA HOSTS FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO PRESENT ON CANNABIS

On Tuesday, May 8, 2018, the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne welcomed Bill Blair, Member of Parliament for Scarborough; Marc Miller, Member of Parliament for Ville-Marie-Le Sud-Ouest- Île-des-Sœurs; and Don Rusnak Member of Parliament Thunder Bay—Rainy River.

These individuals met with Akwesasne on behalf of the Federal Government to present on Cannabis and to hear our concerns on the impending Cannabis legislation. This is a beginning of many more important meetings on a complex matter, in a very unique location.



MOHAWK COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS

MCR #001 The Hiring of a Physician Department of Health
Moved by: Chief Dennis Chaussi
Seconded by: Chief April Adams Phillips
For: 6 Against: 0
CARRIED

MCR #002 Permit Lot 54 Thompson Island
Moved by: Chief Steve Thomas
Seconded by: Chief Connie Lazore
For: 11 Against: 0
CARRIED

MCR #003 Permit Lot 55 Thompson Island
Moved by: Chief Steve Thomas
Seconded by: Chief Vince Thompson
For: 11 Against: 0
CARRIED

MCR #004 Rescind MCR 2015 /2016 #228 dated December 01, 2015
Moved by: Chief Tim Thompson
Seconded by: Chief Steve Thomas
For: 11 Against: 0
CARRIED

MCR #005 Band Transfer
Moved by: Chief Steve Thomas
Seconded by: Chief April Adams Phillips
For: 11 Against: 0
CARRIED

MCR #006 Housing Up-Grades Application
Moved by: Chief Darryl Lazore

Seconded by: Chief Joe Lazore
For: 11 Against: 0
CARRIED

MCR #007 Accept and Approve Emergency Council Meeting Minutes Dated Ennisko:wa/ March 6th, 2018
Moved by: Chief Steve Thomas
Seconded by: Chief Tim Thompson
For: 11 Against: 0
CARRIED

MCR #008 Accept and Approve Council Meeting Minutes Dated Ennisko:wa/March 12th, 2018
Moved by: Chief Steve Thomas
Seconded by: Chief Tim Thompson
For: 9 Against: 2
CARRIED

MCR #009 Accept and Approve Council Meeting Minutes Dated Ennisko:wa/March 19th, 2018
Moved by: Chief Tim Thompson
Seconded by: Chief Steve Thomas
For: 9 Against: 2
CARRIED

MCR #010 Accept and Approve Council Meeting Minutes Ennisko:wa/March 26th, 2018
Moved by: Chief Steve Thomas
Seconded by: Chief Tim Thompson
For: 8 Against: 3
CARRIED

MCR #011 Accept and Approve Emergency Council Meeting Minutes

dated Ennisko:wa/March 22, 2018
Moved by: Chief Steve Thomas
Seconded by: Chief Joe Lazore
For: 7 Against: 4
CARRIED

MCR #012 Amendment to the MOHLTC Health Access Centre Accountability Agreement
Moved by: Chief Steve Thomas
Seconded by: Chief Connie Lazore
For: 8 Against: 0
CARRIED

MCR #013 Champlain LHIN and Akwesasne Nursing Home Long Term Care Home Service Accountability Agreement for 2018-2019
Moved by: Chief Steve Thomas
Seconded by: Chief Darryl Lazore
For: 8 Against: 0
CARRIED

MCR #014 Kanonkwatsheri:io Health Facility Renovations Project
Moved by: Chief Steve Thomas
Seconded by: Chief Darryl Lazore
For: 8 Against: 0
CARRIED

MCR #015 Kanonkwatsheri:io Health Facility Renovations Project #200960 Submission for Stage 4.2 bid Submission Approval
Moved by: Chief Steve Thomas
Seconded by: Chief Joe Lazore
For: 8 Against: 0
CARRIED

MCR #016 ADP processes the

MCA payroll and require a Letter of Credit on file in order to guarantee payroll. The current letter of credit on file is of \$1.5 Million. Because payroll is steadily increasing the letter of credit will need to be increased to \$2 Million to ensure that payroll is processed and paid on time.
Moved by: Chief Steve Thomas
Seconded by: Chief Darryl Lazore
For: 8 Against: 0
CARRIED

MCR #017 The Trustees of the Mohawks of Akwesasne Community Settlement Trust Documents. Acknowledgement and Understanding re: Distribution from Trust.
Project Funding Agreement
Moved by: Chief Connie Lazore
Seconded by: Chief Dennis Chaussi
For: 6 Against: 2
CARRIED

MCR #018 Focus Group on Tobacco Final Agreement
Moved by: Chief Steve Thomas
Seconded by: Chief Dennis Chaussi
For: 8 Against: 0
CARRIED

MCR #019 2018-2019 Operating Plan MCR for to Council April 16th, 2018
Moved by: Chief Steve Thomas
Seconded by: Chief Connie Lazore
For: 8 Against: 0
CARRIED

COUNCIL AND MOHAWK GOVERNMENT

GRAND CHIEF ABRAM BENEDICT REPORT



In 2016 the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne (MCA) accepted the recommendations of the 'Workplace Revitalization Workgroup' (WRW) to change the structure of the MCA and to accept implementation of a 'Workplace Health and Citizen-Focused Culture Action Plan' as a frame

work to improve the workplace of the MCA. As a community government, MCA recognizes our workforce is predominantly Akwesasronon and that by improving the workplace it will have a twofold positive effect -- a stronger workplace, and a healthier home environment. Mohawk Council (Council) is committed to making the MCA a better place to work and to be a more citizen-focused organization by improving the way we provide services to our community.



The 5 largest First Nations in Ontario -Six Nations, Akwesasne, Wikwemikong, Oneida and Tyendinaga - met with Minister Jane Philpott to discuss solutions to the funding inequities for large First Nations in Ontario.

In December 2017 the Minister of Indigenous Services, Jane Philpott, at the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) Special Chiefs Assembly announced that the Government of Canada is committed to a New Fiscal Relationship with First Nation communities. The New Fiscal Relationship will include funding that provides sufficient, predictable and flexible funding to communities. The Minister outlined that by April 2019 the government would aim to move one hundred communities to a 10-year grants optional program. The Minister outlined that important elements of the 10-year grant would include the communities shift to outcomes-based reporting from the traditional reporting of program data. The Minister further remarked that the approach for 10-year grants will be based on a co-developed accountability framework supported by First Nations-led institutions and supported by entities such as the Fiscal Management Board.

Our Council has committed to transforming our service delivery models to meet the needs of our community; we are also committed to delivering a service that is professional and appropriate for our community. The Government of Canada in December of 2017 indicated they are shifting reporting to "outcomes-based", and this falls in line with the outcomes framework we are developing. The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne has developed a draft 'Fiscal Management Law'. The Fiscal Management Law was developed to strengthen the MCA's fiscal controls and its accountability measures to both Council and our Members.

Since the announcement by Minister Philpott in December of 2017, the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne has been actively pursuing and lobbying the Government of Canada for Akwesasne to become one of the first communities to receive a 10-year grant.

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A 10-year grant would be based on the framework that the Government of Canada is developing and our counter-proposal to the Government of Canada's framework would mean the following for Akwesasne:

- Less reporting; currently the Mohawk Council provides 70 supplementary Audits and over 40 data reports, this could be reduced significantly resulting in savings and preparation time.
- Flexibility; to finance community priorities instead of Indigenous Services Canada priorities based on our Comprehensive Community Plan and Strategic Plan.
- Long term sustainable funding; to support long term planning and growth and service delivery.
- Support for outcomes based service delivery models that are aligned with community needs.
- Support service standards for the MCA organization.
- Adequate levels of funding based on actual costs and not formula driven.
- Accountability to Akwesasronon based on community identified methodology.
- 10-year agreement potentially worth \$300 – 400 million; with the funds being leverageable for community infrastructure.



Representatives of the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne met with Chief Financial Officer Paul Thoppil and staff of Indigenous Services to further the conversation on a 10 year fiscal grant. Minister Jane Philpott has committed to 100 communities being recipients and Akwesasne is working hard to lead the way!

A 10-year grant will create many opportunities for the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne to continue growth and to modernize as an indigenous community organization that is enriched by our committed workforce to make our community and organization a better place.

Based on the number of meetings and lobby sessions that have occurred with Indigenous Services Canada we have made our commitment and aspirations known. We will continue to lobby and work with Indigenous Services Canada to become one of the first communities to be offered the 10-year grant.



The MCA met with Deputy Minister Tremblay, Associate Deputy Minister Perron and Chief Financial Officer Thoppil of Indigenous Services as well Associate Deputy Minister Lafleur for Crown Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs to further discuss Akwesasne's approach to the development of a 10-year grant.

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GRAND CHIEF ABRAM BENEDICT'S COUNCIL MEETING UPDATES

April 30, 2018

- The new Human Resources manager was introduced to Council and welcomed to MCA.
- A representative from the First Nations Market Housing Fund presented to Council on the progress of the work between the fund and MCA, and outlined proposed policy and procedures for the Council's consideration.
- The Officer in Charge for the Cornwall RCMP introduced herself to Council and explained her vision for the detachment and received questions from Council.
- Council agreed to reschedule the May 21, 2018 Council Meeting to May 22, 2018 due to holiday.
- A briefing was provided on a proposed honouring at the OPG visitation centre.
- Council reviewed a donation request from the Iroquois Nationals and referred it to Administration for consid-

- eration under the MCA Donation Policy.
- An overview of a contractor's debt owed to the MCA was discussed, in which the contractor's business went into bankruptcy. It was determined that the debt is defined as "bad standing" under MCA's Good Standing Policy.
 - Council discussed a notification of a proposed quarry expansion. A follow up meeting will be set up with operators to further discuss.
 - A briefing was provided on an ongoing right of way issue resulting in blocked access to the waterline. Administration will continue to follow up for resolution.
 - Council discussed a recent case whereby a community member's joint bank account was frozen due to estate administration. Further follow up will be done with the bank.
 - A briefing was provided on a proposed Iroquois Caucus Taxation Summit. Further planning will take place.

- Council requested a briefing on the recent focus meetings on the proposed Tobacco Agreement with Ontario. A briefing will be arranged.
- MCR's passed: Approval of MCA employee deduction and incentive plan; Approval of (2) allotments of land (loans paid off); Approval of 2018 addendum to leases for Clark Island; Approval of terms of deal with Quebec for roads funding; Approval of amendments to agreement with Ontario for Native Corrections Worker; Approval to change preamble in proposed Akwesasne Election Law (error in date); Approval of contract between AEDA and MCA for Mohawk language courses for employees and community; Approval of Policy and Procedure for the First Nation Market Fund; Approval of service contract with Dr. Letourneau; Approval of contract with provider Jaquement for services.

May 7, 2018

- A representative from Indigenous Community Engagement provided Council with an overview of the Elections Ontario's strategy to ensure Indigenous communities have access to services.
- Council was provided with an update on a recent concern brought forward on a complaints process and discussed the importance of

- responsiveness and timeliness. Administration to follow up.
- An update was provided on the process of evaluation for the Executive Director.
 - Council was briefed and discussed a follow up item from the last General Meeting regarding a housing concern. Follow up is ongoing.
 - Council confirmed attendees for an upcoming meeting with Can-

- ada regarding the impending Cannabis legislation.
- MCR's passed: Renewal of professional service contract with health provider; Approval to rescind MCR for land exchange agreement; Approval of Environmental Report for Block 1 lands; Approval of land transfer to community member (loan paid off).

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DISTRICT CHIEF CONNIE LAZORE MONTHLY NOTABLES



1. Compliance Officer Training Pilot Project – Completed – 10 Graduates.
 2. AIF III Funding Applications Approved by Quebec: Wrote and submitted proposal for the Tsi Snaihne Recreation Splash Pad & Lacrosse Box both will be installed this summer.
 3. Developed in collaboration with Director of Justice, Legal Counsel and Exe. Assistant to Grand Chief the Restorative Financial Management Concept for First Nations.
 4. New Fire Engine Truck for HAVFD Station #3 Tsi Snaihne - Wrote and submitted Proposal for a new Fire Engine Truck. Truck will arrive in the next month.
- Works in Progress:
1. Multi-Jurisdictional Table on Administration of Justice: Seeking Jurisdiction & Recognition of the

- Akwesasne Court by Canada, Ontario & Quebec.
2. Funding for a larger Compliance Program to Enforce Community Laws.
 3. Entewatatha:wi Self Government Negotiations for a final agreement are ongoing.
 4. Working with Grand Chief & Executive Director on the Ten-year Grant Funding that was co-developed from the Assembly of First Nation Chiefs Committee on Fiscal Relations and Indigenous Affairs. I participated on this committee as a representative for the Regional Chief of the Assembly of First Nations Quebec & Labrador.
 5. Structural Readiness – AMBE: I was asked to be part of this Project Team which is moving into final stages of review.
 6. Wrote & submitted proposal for Funding for Facility Maintenance Repairs for the HAVFD Station #3 in Tsi Snaihne. Conducting follow-up on the potential funding.

- Collaborative Opportunities:
- Outside committees or meetings such as AIAI, IC, AFN, COO, etc. Using meeting agenda's as reference.
1. AFN Chief Committee Fiscal Relation Member (CCFR)
 2. Multi-Jurisdictional Table on the Administration of Justice.
 3. AFNQL – Rep. for CCFR
 4. Ministry of Attorney General (MAG)
 5. MIRR
 6. Indigenous Services Canada & Indigenous & Crown Relations Canada (both formerly Indigenous Affairs)
- Financial Status/Lobbying Progress
- To update on any lobbying initiatives, positive outcomes or Financial gains.
1. Splash Pad & Lacrosse Box Floor: \$155,000
 2. HAVFD Station #3 New Engine: \$450,000
 3. Compliance Training Pilot Project - \$219,000



Ten individuals graduated from the Compliance Officer Training Pilot Project. "I am proud of all the graduates." - Chief Connie Lazore.

COUNCIL AND MOHAWK GOVERNMENT

DISTRICT CHIEF STEVE THOMAS MONTHLY UPDATE



Portfolios & Committees

Economic Development:

- Arena –Lobbying: New Zamboni, Grounds Development Funding, replacement of chiller, new scoreboard, replacement rink glass, new message board at arena road entrance, new LED lighting, 40’ lacrosse stick display, new fire alarm system.
- Environment –Lobbying: accessed funding for Resilient Homes Retrofit Project
- MCA facilities greenhouse gases reduction retrofit (Ecosystem)
- Economic Development Projects-Lobbying: Fiber optic project – for all districts
- Healthy Homes Initiative- Lobbying retrofit 200 homes in the community in fiscal year – awaiting approvals from ministry
- Enbridge Natural gas– retrofit

project – to ON homes, as per the petition presented to council (reduction of high costs)

- (a) Tobacco Technical Table Pilot Project: council rep/ negotiator
- (b) Tobacco Agreement in Principle- signed in November 22nd by MCA GC/ONT Minister
- (c) Revenue Sharing Negotiations – Final Agreement: out to community for Consultation: i.e. collect fees on all tobacco sales off reserve, \$\$ stays in community
- (d) Hamilton Island Pilot Project: funded by ON

Public Safety:

- AHVFD, AMPS, AMA, Compli-

ance, Conservation, Emergency Measures, SRMTP,

- Police Commission, APA contract negotiations, lobby for additional funding -> Save Unit + additional officers

Committees:

- Finance Committee – fiscal budgets, department/program operating plans, provide recommendations to Council
- Governance Committee – working task group – orientation training/procedures for incoming Council.



The A'nowara'ko:wa Arena officially unveiled the new Olympia Ice Resurfacer on November 30, 2017. The local and surrounding communities as well as the business community and sponsors supported the A'nowara'ko:wa Arena in raising the \$96,000 needed to purchase the new Olympia Ice Resurfacer.

ABORIGINAL RIGHTS AND RESEARCH OFFICE

ONEFEATHER ASSISTING WITH COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT FOR TSIKARISTISERE/DUNDEE LAND CLAIM

The Aboriginal Rights and Research Office (ARRO) is pleased to introduce OneFeather consulting firm in assisting to inform the Membership of the Tsikaristisere/Dundee land claim, informational and referendum education processes.

OneFeather is a First Nation consulting firm that has the directive to educate and inform Members on the Tsikaristisere/Dundee land claim. Their goal is to ensure Members are informed on the land claim and ensure Members know how to voice their opinion. Ultimately it is the Membership that will decide if the community accepts or rejects the proposed settlement agreement with Canada, specifically on the Tsikaristisere/Dundee land claim.

OneFeather will be working with the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne: Aboriginal Rights and Research Office to educate and listen to Members on their thoughts and opinions on resolving the 130 year old land claim. To assist on this OneFeather is also employing community members to help inform the community and will be hosting several different community sessions in the coming months OneFeather is leading the development of technologies specifically designed to meet the needs of First Nations in Canada.

Lawrence Lewis

Lawrence is a member of the We Wai Kai Nation from central Vancouver Island. In his current role, as founder of OneFeather, Lawrence works with Nations on elections & referendums, excellence in governance, project management, human resource management, economic development, and organizational leadership and success. Lawrence founded OneFeather in 2014 to give First Nations a much-needed communications platform to discuss important topics, increase community engagement, and build strong, empowered and unified Nations.



Lawrence Lewis

Marc Storms

Marc has spent the last 27 years working with Indigenous Business,

people and First Nation communities in the capacity of training, capacity building, as well as developing and implementing economic plans for prosperity.

In his capacity of creating and training boards of First Nation economic development corporations, to serving as a CEO for said boards - Marc has built a solid reputation as a irreplaceable asset to business development; especially in the area of training.

As the CEO of a First Nations consulting firm over the past 15 years, and long time associate of OneFeather, Mr. Storms has been involved in developing models for prosperity that address positive health and social outcomes through capacity building, education and training. His experience working on community health, social and economic development projects in Africa and Central America, has provided Marc with a keen understanding of the challenges to improved health, capacity, economic growth and sustainability for Indigenous people worldwide.

Marc brings to the Akwesasne Dundee Land Claims Settlement Project the experience, success and relationships that come with over a quarter of a century of commitment

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to Indigenous education and training, economic development, health issues and prosperity; as well as his executive level experience creating and running various companies.



Marc Storms

Community Engagement Specialists

Chessie (Katsitsiaroroks) Thomas

My name is Chessie Thomas (Wolf Clan), My parents are Krystal Thomas and Jeff Conners and my grandparents are Lois Thomas and Mike and Charlene Thomas; all from Akwesasne. I have lived up and down the East Coast, but have always called Akwesasne 'home'. I returned to Akwesasne in 2008 and, since that time, have been involved with community development, both professionally and personally. As a result, I'm excited to be working with the Mohawk Council

of Akwesasne's Aboriginal Rights & Research Office as a Community Engagement Specialist and efforts to resolve the Dundee Land Claim. Over the coming months, I look forward to interacting, learning and sharing information on the proposed settlement agreement. The opportunity to reclaim our ancestral lands for the benefit of our community members makes me proud to be Onkwehonwe and, in particular, an Akwesasronon.

Kayla Sunday

My name is Kayla Kahnehratiostha Sunday. Parents are Pete Jr and Nancy Sunday; grandparents are Peter Sunday Sr (Darlene) and Norah Mitchell-Jacobs. I hold a Bachelor degree from the University of Ottawa in Communications with a Minor in Psychology. My passion and past has typically brought me to jobs which facilitate community betterment (health, activity, education) with my most recent position being with the SRMT as a Career Pathways Program Mentor in 2017. I hold the hope and the vision that I can use my gained skills and knowledge base to share and contribute to the community in any way possible with the strong belief that education is the key to any success. I aim to bring the latest, most relevant and accessible

forms of knowledge to the community in regards to the Tsikaristisere Dundee Land Claim. I believe that it is more than just a referendum, or a settlement – but a testament to our resilience as a community and a chance to foster historical positive change. Additionally I see this as an opportunity to educate the community and our future generations to our continued story as a people.

Theresa Benedict

My name is Theresa Kaheratonkwas Benedict. My parents are Daniel and Maureen Benedict; my grandparents are Ernest and Florence Benedict and Charles and Agnes Lazore. I am a recent graduate of Trent University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Indigenous Studies and a Minor in Political Studies. I have always been optimistic of our community's future while working on both the 2016 Canadian Census and working with the Mohawk Council as a summer student. I am optimistic in regards to this referendum outcome; as my predecessors had a role in negotiating and fighting for this settlement. Everyone has a connection to this settlement claim and it is my goal that we acknowledge and express these connections in order to best represent the voice of the community.

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ENTEWATATHÁ:WI - "WE WILL GOVERN"

AKWESASNE SELF-GOVERNMENT TIMELINE

Two Row Wampum Belt

Is a treaty made in 1613 between the Dutch and the Haudenosaunee. The purple wampum signify the course of two vessels traveling down the river of life together and co-existing peacefully.

Silver Covenant Chain

The Silver Covenant Chain was often referred to simply as the Covenant Chain or Chain of Friendship. It was noted in 1763 to enable all negotiators to be of "One Mind", linked together in the chain of friendship.

The Royal Proclamation of 1763

The Royal Proclamation of 1763 set out the core elements of the relationship between the First Nations and the Crown, establishing recognition of First Nation rights in Canada and laid the foundation of the treaty-making process.

Jay Treaty

Our People have been trading and traveling between U.S. and Canada, which was then a territory of Great Britain, prior to the creation of United States border. This right is recognized in Article III of the Jay Treaty, also known as the Treaty of Amity, Commerce and Navigation of 1794.

British North American Act 1867

Is now known as Constitution Act of 1867. It determines the structures of Canada's government, the allocation of powers between federal and provincial governments, and the interpretation of other statutes. It created the Dominion of Canada out of the United Provinces of Canada. (Quebec, Ontario, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia). Other provinces became part of Canada at later dates.

Indian Act

The Indian Act of 1876 made "Status Indians" wards of the Crown, and controlled every aspect of our life. Today, it places many restrictions on jurisdiction and management. The Indian Act was amended many times over the years. Today the Indian Act controls 71% of Akwesasne's affairs.

Jake "Saiowisakeron" Fire

Akwesasne took a dramatic shift in 1899 when Canada forced an imposition of the Canadian Elective/Government system and the killing of Jake "Ice" Fire by the North West Mounted Police. On the first day of May, Akwesasne observes "Saiowisakeron Day". This day we honor John 'Saiowisakeron' Fire and his legacy of pride for his community and people.

Deskaheh

In 1923, Cayuga Chief Deskaheh traveled to Geneva to address the League of Nations about the rights of his people to live freely on their own lands, practice their own religion and follow their own laws but was denied. Meanwhile, the Canadian Government denied him re-entry to his hometown of Grand River and was forced to live out his last days with friends across the border in New York State.

The Seaway Construction

The St. Lawrence project made both the U.S. and Canada border economic powerhouses but had quite the opposite effect on Akwesasne. The impacts of Akwesasne were enormous, both in expropriation and environmental impacts.

1969 White Paper

The White Paper was proposed by Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau and the Minister of the Department of Indian Affairs, Jean Chretien. Its aim was to quickly culturally

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eliminate native people into mainstream Canadian society.

Non-Governmental Organizations' Indigenous People Conference in Geneva

In 1977, the doors to the United Nations finally opened to over 100 Indigenous leaders who represented 20 million Indigenous Peoples who brought forth four issues of nationhood, lands rights, genocide and self-determination.

Among the leaders were the Haudenosaunee Confederacy.

Constitution Act of 1982 Aboriginal Rights

The Constitution Act of 1982 is the Supreme Law. It contains important provisions recognizing existing Aboriginal and Treaty rights.

S. 35 (1)
(1) The existing aboriginal and treaty rights of the aboriginal peoples of Canada are hereby recognized and affirmed.

Federal or provincial laws that unjustifiably restrict or limit aboriginal rights could be struck down by the courts.

Bill C-31

The Indian Act was amended by the passage of Bill C-31 to remove discrimination against women. Those who lost their status prior to April 17, 1985 are entitled to apply to the Department of Indian Affairs to get

their status back, if they were eligible.

Ahkwesahsne Mohawk Board of Education

The Ahkwesahsne Mohawk Board of Education (AMBE) was created by Mohawk Council in 1985, which allowed it to take full control of the education system in 1987 from the Department of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC).

Akwesasne Membership

The Mohawks of Akwesasne took control of its own Membership when the "Akwesasne Membership Code" was enacted on June 26, 1987, replacing the Indian Act rules for Akwesasne membership.

Akwesasne Election Law

Mohawk Council of Akwesasne took control of its election and election appeals from the Indian Act in 1988 and developed its own Election Law and Regulations. The Election Law was ratified by the community. The Election Law was amended in 2005 and further amendments are being considered to respond to modern needs.

Inherent Right Policy

The Government of Canada recognizes the Inherent Right of self-government as existing Aboriginal right under section 35 of the Canadian Constitution. The policy is based on the view that the Aboriginal people

of Canada have the right to govern themselves in relation to matters that are internal to their communities, essential to their unique cultures, identity, traditions, language, institutions and respect to their special relationship to their land and their resources.

Royal Commission on Aboriginal People

The RCAP issued a report on November 1996. The report focused on a vision of a new relationship, founded on the recognition of Aboriginal peoples as self-governing nations in Canada. The report called for 440 recommendations on changes to the relationship between Aboriginal people and the Government of Canada.

Political Protocol

The Political Protocol is intended to reflect a relationship based on the principles of a good mind, mutual respect, trust and openness. The Political Protocol had two objectives:

1. Expand Jurisdiction
2. Social & Economic Development.

Akwesasne/Canada Agreements-in-Principle

On November 4, 2013, the Mohawks of Akwesasne and Canada signed the Governance and Relationship Agreement-In-Principle and the Land Sectoral Agreement-In-Principle which began the negotiation process for

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the Final Agreements.

Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada

The Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) is a commission that was tasked with discovering and revealing past wrongdoings by a government in the hopes of resolving conflict left over from the past. The TRC released a report on June 2, 2015 regarding the history and legacy of Canada's residential school system, which included its findings and 94 Calls to Action aimed at redressing the legacy of residential schools and advancing the process of reconciliation in Canada.

Canada commits to fully implement the UNDRIP

On May 10, 2016 Canadian Indigenous and Northern Affairs Minister Carolyn Bennett pledged to fully

implement the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples in accordance with Canada's Constitution. Minister Bennett stated "This means to have full engagement on how to move forward with the adoption and implementation, done in full partnership with First Nations, Metis Nations and Inuit Peoples."

Akwesasne History Summit

Mohawk Council of Akwesasne held a History Summit in February 2017. The Summit was for all Akwesasnon to gather together and learn the historical background of Akwesasne. Two very important messages that resonated from the Summit was 'Language' and 'Unity'.

Canada's 10 Principles on the Relationship with Indigenous People

On July 2017, Canada announced a commitment to achieving recon-

ciliations with Indigenous people through a renewed, nation-to-nation, government-to-government relationship based on recognition of rights, respect, co-operation and partnership as the foundation for a transformative change.

INAC creates two Departments

On August 28, 2017, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau announced that the federal government of Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada will be dissolved and be replaced by two ministries. The two new ministries are the Ministry of Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs, led by Minister Carolyn Bennett, and former health Minister Jane Philpott is taking on the role as the Minister of the Department of Indigenous Services Canada.

FAMILY INFORMATION SESSIONS

Entewatathá:wi offers family information sessions to give you more insight about the Self-governing process.

Staff will join you, your family and friends to provide you information and have a good conversation on what the Entewatathá:wi Program is all about.

Please call the Entewatathá:wi office to reserve a family information session at 613-575-2341 ext 3193 or through email to cheavee.willie@akwesasne.ca.

CHILDREN’S PAGE

CHILDREN’S SURVEY

Children grow fast, but there are great ways to pre-serve the memory of your child when they are young. Set up a video camera and ask your kids these 15 ques-tions every year. You will love looking back at these videos for years to come!

- 1. How old are you?
- 2. What is something mom/dad always says to you?
- 3. What makes mom/dad happy?
- 4. How does your mom/dad make you laugh?
- 5. What was your mom/dad like as a child?
- 6. How old is your mom/dad?
- 7. How tall is your mom/dad?
- 8. What is her/his favorite thing to do?
- 9. What does your mom/dad do when you’re not around?
- 10. If your mom/dad becomes famous, what will it be for?
- 11. What is your mom/dad really good at?
- 12. What is your mom/dad not very good at?
- 13. What does your mom/dad do for a job?
- 14. What is your mom’s/dad’s favorite food?
- 15. What makes you proud of your mom/dad?
- 16. If your mom/dad was a cartoon character, who would she be?
- 17. What do you and your mom/dad do together?
- 18. How are you and your mom/dad the same?
- 19. How are you and your mom/dad different?
- 20. How do you know your mom/dad loves you?
- 21. What does your mom/dad like most about your dad/mom?
- 22. Where is your mom’s/dad’s favorite place to go?
- 23. How old was your mom/dad when you were born?
- 24. What is your mom’s/dad’s favorite video game
- 25. What is your wish for your mom/dad?



COLOUR ME



YOU GOT TO BE KIDDING ME!

What do you call a bear with no teeth?



A gummy bear!

SOCIAL MEDIA CONNECTION



FACEBOOK STATS

Facebook Posts with the Most Likes in April

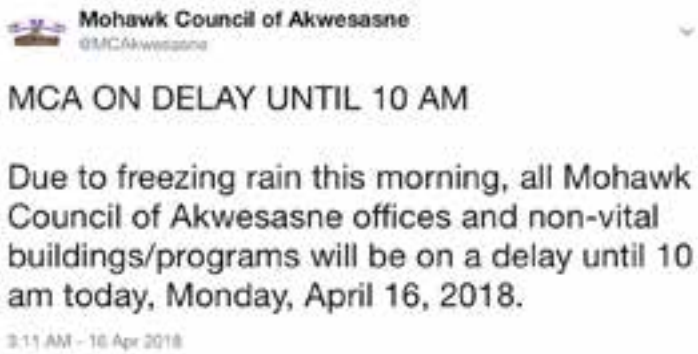
- 1. MCA Hires New HR Manager (Press Release)
- 2. MCA Announces New Housing Director (Press Release)
- 3. AMPS Honours Humboldt with Hockey Sticks Display (Photo)
- 4. Mikinak Tribe Not Affiliated with MCA (Press Release)
- 5. MCA Offers Condolences to Humboldt (Public Statement)

Facebook Posts with the Highest Reach in April

- 1. Press Release – Mikinak Tribe Not Affiliated with Akwesasne – 13,711 Reached
- 2. Press Release – MCA & Enbridge Propose Natural Gas for Kawehno:ke – 12,846
- 3. Iroquois Caucus Announces Membership/Citizenship Summit – 5,762 Reached
- 4. AMPS Conducting Air Search for Missing Person (April 13th) – 4,734
- 5. Akwesasne Family Wellness Hosting Motivational Speakers Event – 3,840 Reached

TWITTER STATS

Top Tweet in April



YOUTUBE STATS

Highest Viewed Videos on the MCA Youtube Channel for April

- 1. Jersey Day at MCA to Honour Humboldt – 125 Views
- 2. MCA Director of Health Video Blog – 108 Views
- 3. MCA General Meeting – April - 89 Views



EXECUTIVE SERVICES

COMPLIMENTS & APPRECIATIONS

- Human Resources would like to thank all Mohawk Council of Akwesasne employees who were able to take the time out of their busy schedules to give us important feedback into how we can improve the current Performance Evaluation process. Nia: wen!
- Nia:wenkowa to the the Information Services staff for making a quick transition to the MCA website when the old site crashed recently. Both staff and community appreciated the new site being up and running so quickly.

- In recognition of Nurses Week May 7 to 13, the Community Health Program would like acknowledge the nursing professionals in the community. Niawen:kowa for your dedicated commitment to Nursing.
- Nia:wen to the Tarbell Management Group for the wonderful lunch that they provided to the staff members at Tsi Snaihne School on May 9th for Teacher Appreciation Week. A special thank you to Brooke Hebert and Marissa Dufrane from Tim Hortons for delivering the lunch to our school.

Community Health Program Nurses

Lesley Bero
Amanda Garrow
Diane King
Natalie Levac
Don Lucas
Karole Mitchell
Laura Murray
Janet Tatro
April Terrance
Tasha Thompson



NEW AND CHANGING FACES AT MCA

APRIL 2018

Robert Adams.....Camp Coordinator
Kevin Buckshot.....Administrative Assistant
Mary Delormier.....Bus Monitor
Tianna Delormier.....Concession Worker - ON
Kateri Jacobs.....Caretaker
Anthony Tillman.....Human Resource Manager

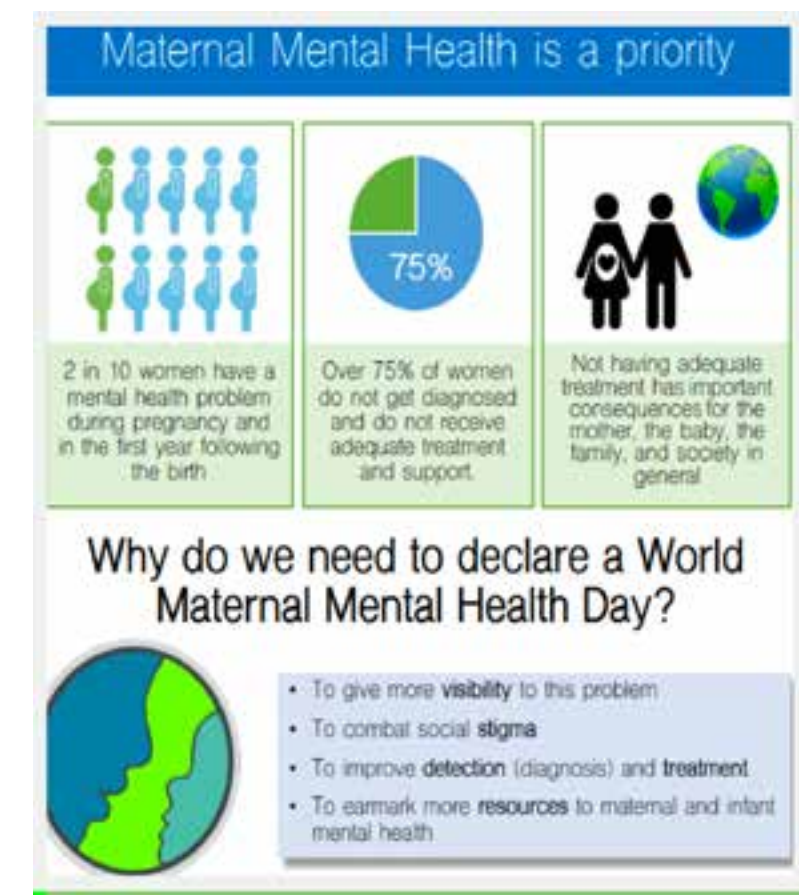
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

MATERNAL MENTAL HEALTH WELLNESS WALK

On Thursday, May 3, 2018, MCA's Community Health Program hosted a Wellness Walk in support of Maternal Mental Health Week. During the event, over 25 participants took a health break and walked to support women and bring attention to the fact that maternal mental health is a priority.

Maternal Mental Health Week draws attention to essential health concerns for mothers and families. Life changes around pregnancy make women more vulnerable to mental illness. The negative cycle of poverty and mental illness impact on a woman's ability to function and thrive. This may also directly affect her foetus or child, with long-lasting physical, cognitive and emotional outcomes.

Mental health care provides the necessary support to empower women to identify resources and personal capabilities. This can enhance their resilience to difficult life circumstances and support them to nurture their children optimally. Caring for mothers is a positive intervention for long-term social development.



During the Maternal Mental Health Wellness Walk, participants wanted to demonstrate that maternal mental health is a priority.

AHKWESAHSNE MOHAWK BOARD OF EDUCATION

TSI SNAIHNE SCHOOL STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN PUBLIC SPEAKING EVENT

On April 26th, the students at Tsi Snaihne School participated in Kaweni:io's iakwata:ti' or We Speak Good Words Public Speaking event. Attendees were treated to over 20 student speeches which included topics such as forest fires, recycling and climate change.

niehtanawentha Sharrow, Sophia Angus, Avy Phillips, Lexie Papineau, LillyAnn Sunday, Keenan David, Phinleigh Jacobs, Easten Oakes, Brynlee Roundpoint, lehatiio Thompson, Miia Oakes, Naomi Jacobs, Tomina Cook and Socoyah Lazore.

A special thanks goes out to the following students for doing such an amazing job during the event: Alexia Mitchell, Alantra Peters, Kakwitene Thompson, Orakhwinon Thompson, Jayla Kesis, Roman Cook, Frankie Laughing, Theresa Bush, London Lazore, le-

Nia:wen to Student Council members for MCing the event, Jennine Hall and Tami Kroon for helping to judge, and Chase LaMoy and Melody Boots for organizing the event.



AHKWESAHSNE MOHAWK BOARD OF EDUCATION

ATTENTION: ALL GRADUATES OF 2016-2017 ACADEMIC YEAR

If you were funded by AMBE (Ahkwesahsne Mohawk Board of Education) and graduated during the 2016-2017 academic year, the AMBE Post-Secondary Assistance Program needs a copy of your diploma!

AMBE is recognizing the hard work of all "AMBE funded students" who graduated in the 2016-2017 academic year with an AMBE Graduate Recognition Certificate and a monetary award!

Students may pick up their certificate and cheque at the AMBE office

after they hand in a copy of their degree/diploma.

For more information, please contact the AMBE Office at 613-933-0409.

You may also contact Post-Secondary Staff through email: Dwight Bero Jr, Post-Secondary Manager dwight.bero.jr@ambe.ca

Hannah Lafrance, Student Support Liaison hannah.lafrance@ambe.ca

Veronica Jacobs, Data Systems Administrator veronica.jacobs@ambe.ca

Congratulations to all graduates. MCA is proud of you!



WE WANT YOUR BOX TOPS!

If you want to help earn money for our local schools, please send your box tops to the AMBE Office. Collection boxes will be placed at various sites. Donate your box top today!

Every box top counts and every dime will make a difference.

The following Schools will benefit from the box tops dropped off at the AMBE offices:

- Ahkwesahsne Mohawk School
- Kana:takon School
- Tsi Snaihne School
- Akwesasne Freedom School



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Tsi Snaihne School
(613) 575-2291
Kana:takon School
(613) 575-2323

Iohahi:io
(613) 575-2754 or
(613) 575-2250 ext. 4100

DEPARTMENT OF TECHNICAL SERVICES

ROADWORK PLANNED IN KAWEHNO:KE CORRIDOR

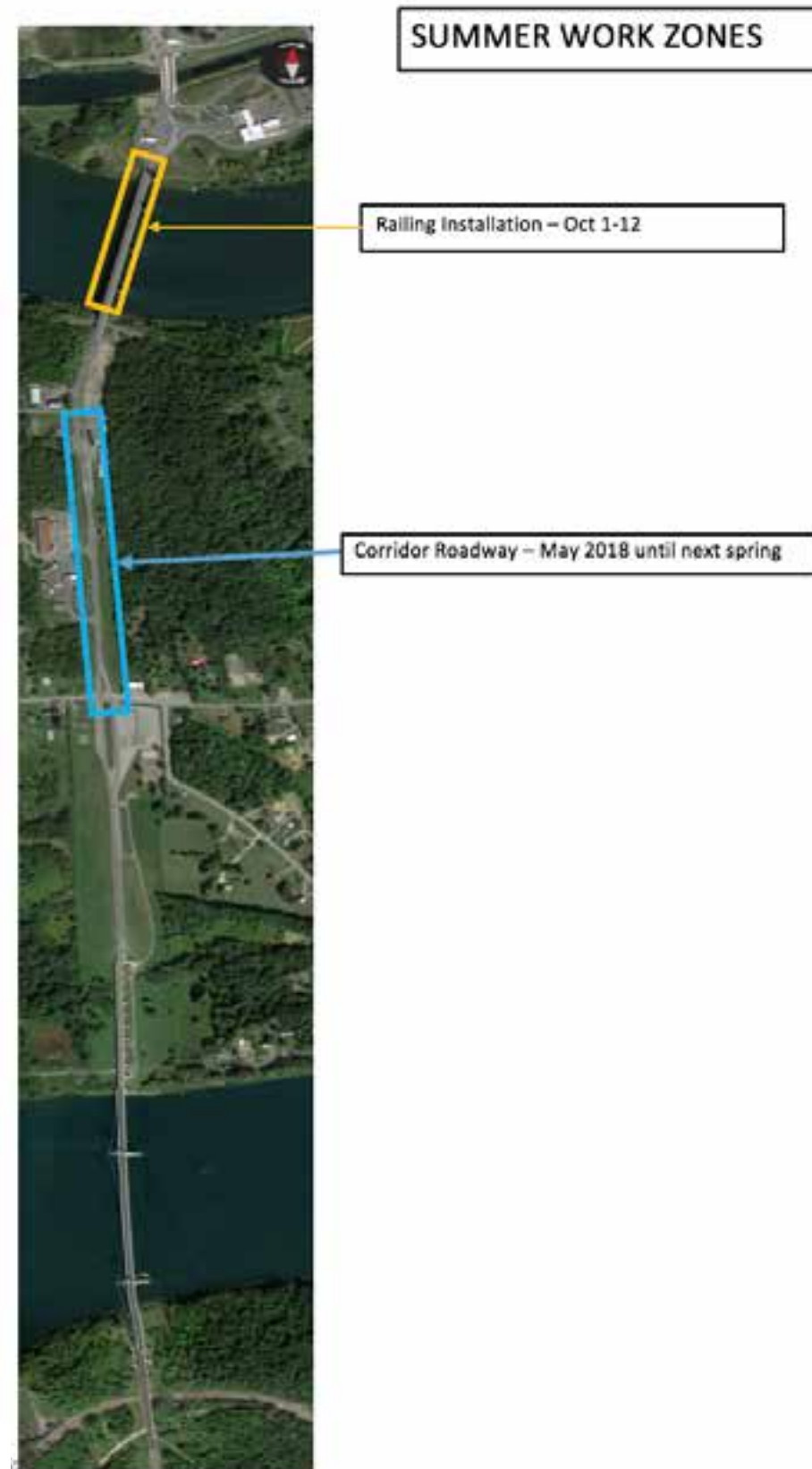
The Seaway International Bridge Corporation has awarded Contract 5 - Kawehno:ke Bridge Corridor Construction to Cornwall Gravel. This contract includes improvements and construction along the International Road corridor itself from the current "crossroads" intersection, up to the low-level bridge.

This phase of reconstruction is expected to take nine months with completion next spring. There are no expected road closures; however, travelers and residents should be prepared for some delays when the roadway is decreased to single lanes. A traffic plan will be in place to reduce delays as much as possible and shall include access for emergency vehicles, with coordination between the SIBC, De-lormier Construction, and Cornwall Gravel.

This fall, work will extend to the north channel bridge itself with plans to replace the current west-side rail with a higher rail.

SIBC will continue to work closely and collaborate with MCA's Department of Technical Services and Emergency Measures during this construction project to ensure public safety.

Thank you for your patience and please drive with care.



DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING

SEPTIC/SEWER PROGRAM COMMUNITY INFORMATION SESSIONS

Is the health/safety of our community important to you? Do you have a leach field problem? Ex. Back-ups, blow-ups. Is your sump pump connected directly to your sanitary sewer system? If you answered "YES" to any of these questions, these informational sessions may apply to you!



Septic/Sewer Program

Kanatakon District Date:

May 29, 2018 Time:

6 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Location: Kanatakon Recreation Center

Tsi Snaihne District Date:

May 31, 2018 Time:

6 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Location: Tsi Snaihne Recreation Center

Kawehno:ke District Date:

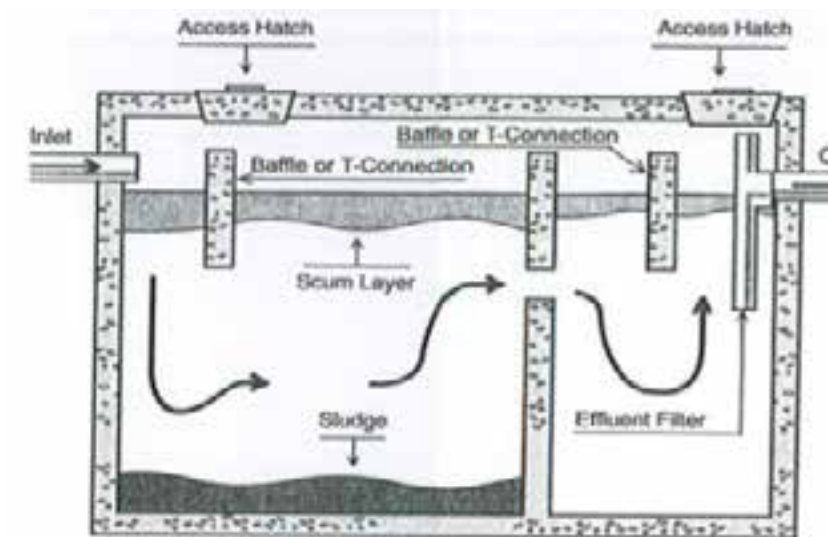
June 2, 2018 Time:

10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Location: Kawenoke Recreation Center



Coffee and snacks will be provided. You MUST attend the information session to receive an application.



FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

Corey Tarbell (Inspector) @ 613-575-2250 Ext. 2305 or
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DEPARTMENT OF TEHOTIENNAWAKON

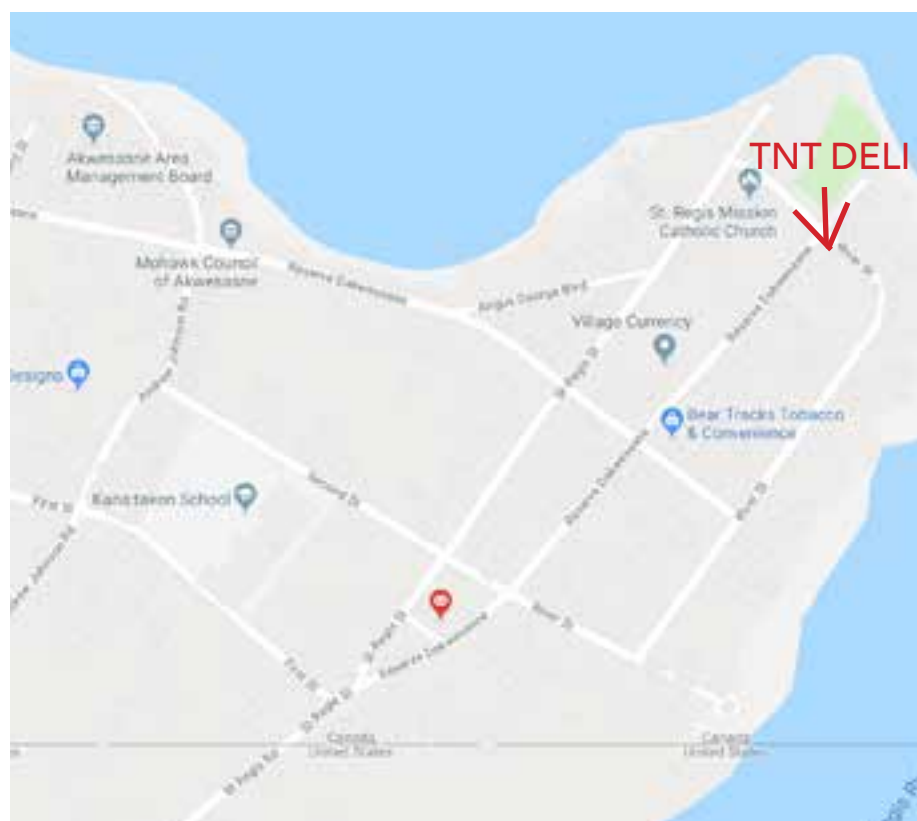
BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT- TNT DELI

Each month, Economic Development will be highlighting a local entrepreneur to spotlight. This month, we had the opportunity to speak with Shannon Thompson Rice, owner of TNT Deli.

TNT Deli, which opened in October of 2014, is a locally owned deli and convenience store located in the village of Kana:takon (St. Regis). With its central location, TNT Deli offers up many delicious lunch and snack options including lunch meat sold by the pound, subs, paninis, wraps, soups and home-cooked meals as daily specials. They have recently expanded into the catering business offering breakfast, lunch, dinners and snacks anywhere from small groups to large events, including weddings and conferences. Regardless of its size, Shannon is willing to do what she can to ensure you are satisfied with your request. She puts heart into the business and in everything that she does.

Looking into the future, she hopes to expand and add on to her building to include a complete kitchen for her catering, which has grown in the past year. This expansion could potentially add up to four new staff to her existing staff of 5. When asked what tip she would provide to new entrepreneurs, she stated "It's very hard work and a lot of competition. Try to go above and beyond what is expected." In any industry, that is a great tip.

You can find TNT Deli on Facebook for her daily specials, and if you have any specific catering needs, she responds through messenger or through her email tnt-deliandconvenience@yahoo.ca.



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DEPARTMENT OF TEHOTIENNAWAKON

COTTAGE FOR SALE

Lot 5 Renshaw Island

Three bedroom, 1 bath, seasonal cottage. It includes a bathroom with a shower. Some new windows and doors installed in 2017, with a new utility shed built in 2016. It comes with kitchen appliances and furniture, as is. There is also a 20' x 40' hard piled dock included.

This is a leased lot with a current annual rent of \$3,080.00 for the period of May 1, 2018 to April 30, 2021. The lease is for a fifteen year term effective May 1, 2015 to April 30, 2030.

Rent reviews are conducted every three years during

the term of the lease, with the next one due to be conducted during 2021.

Buyers will be required to complete an Application to lease and obtain approval to lease prior to the purchase. Asking price is \$55,000.00

For further information, please contact John or Joanne Villeneuve at 613-525-3186.

**There is currently a rent reduction in effect for members of Akwesasne which sets the rent at \$250. 00 per year for the five year period from 2017 to 2021.

AKWESASNE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT

UNOFFICIAL RESULTS OF AKWESASNE ELECTION LAW AMENDMENTS VOTE

On Saturday, May 12, 2018, the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne held a Special General Meeting and secret ballot vote to accept or reject proposed changes to the Akwesasne Election Law.

A total of 29 voters participated, responding to the question:

Do you accept the Akwesasne Election Law 2017?

Results: There were 17 NO votes and 12 YES votes.

Therefore, the changes have been rejected. The Chief Electoral Officer will confirm when the results are deemed "official".

SUMMARY OF REJECTED CHANGES

Changes proposed in the Akwesasne Election Law

2017 included:

- * Corrected the Akwesasne Election Law document to reference positions that are currently filled at Mohawk Council of Akwesasne such as changing the reference from "Chief Administrative Officer" and replacing the reference to "Executive Director."

- * Corrected grammatical errors such as capitalizing words that are in the definition section.

- * Changed the amendment provisions to be in accordance with the Akwesasne Law Enactment Procedural Regulation (or its successor) to be consistent with Akwesasne's law enactment process.

- * Changed Schedule "O" to reflect the law: The Akwesasne Election Appeal Board (AEAB) will make a decision by "majority" vote. Prior to this, the law said the AEAB will decide by majority and Schedule O said the AEAB will decide by consensus.

- * Preamble changed to reflect that the Akwesasne Election Law 2005 has been revised

AKWESASNE MOHAWK POLICE SERVICE

AMPS CELEBRATES POLICE WEEK WITH COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Every year Police Services from across Canada and the United States celebrate National Police Week. The purpose of this event is to recognize the service and sacrifice of law enforcement officers. During National Police Week, police departments, including the Akwesasne Mohawk Police Service (AMPS) hold open houses, conduct tours of their facilities, and hold community activities to celebrate police officers, dispatchers, and their duties.

During the week of May 13-19, 2018, AMPS invited community members to celebrate Police Week with them. The theme for this years campaign was "Celebrating Policing and Community Partnerships."

This event recognizes the important role of the police and celebrates the positive relationships between local police officers and their communities. The following activities were held by AMPS during Police Week:

Mother's Day breakfast lakhihso-tha lodge.

The AMPS believe that it's important to spend time with our elders. Members of AMPS served breakfast.

Kickball at the Ahkwesahsne Mohawk School.

AMPS would like to build a positive interaction with our youth.

Arrive Alive Tour Salmon River Central School

The AMPS provided presentations to 11th and 12 th grade students. Community Partnerships are vital and help provide our young adults in making positive decisions.

The Law Enforcement Torch Run/Walk For Special Olympics - Kana:takon School

The Law Enforcement Torch Run/Walk is a community event that helped raise awareness for Special Olympics in Canada.

Lunch with the Elders - Tsiionkwanonhso:te

The AMPS encourages our community to stop by and visit our elders facilities. Building relationships with Elders and Staff members is a goal for the police service.

Tom Longboat Run - Tsi Snaihne School

The Tom Longboat Run is an event that has been in our community for years. The AMPS interacted with the students, teachers, and parents for the event.

Youth Empowerment Workshop - Iohahio:io Adult Education

The AMPS provided drug awareness presentations to our youth and young adults. Police believe that "Knowledge Is Power" when making decisions regarding illicit drug use.



AKWESASNE MOHAWK POLICE SERVICE



The Law Enforcement Torch Run For Special Olympics was a huge success. Niawenko:wa to the Kana:takon School staff for hosting the event.

Captions from page 30 (left to right): The Arrive Alive Tour was hosted at Salmon River Central School. The St.Regis Mohawk Tribal Police and the Akwesasne Mohawk Police provided presentations and entertainment for the event; The Akwesasne Mohawk Police hed the annual Kickball event with the 7th and 8th grade students at the Ahkwesahsne Mohawk School in Kawehno:ke.

MISSING



NAME: Kenneth Francis Leaf

AGE: 50

HAIR: Balding/Shaved head, dark brown facial hair (goatee)

EYES: Brown

HEIGHT AND WEIGHT: 5'9" tall, heavy build, approximately 230 lbs.

CLOTHING: Last seen wearing a camouflage jacket and green Star Wars hat.

If you have any information that can help locate Kenneth Leaf and bring peace to his family, please report it to the Akwesasne Mohawk Police Service at 613-575-2000 or Crime Stoppers at 613-575-2255.

Tips may be submitted anonymously.

GENERAL ELECTION FOR GRAND CHIEF AND DISTRICT CHIEFS



MCA ELECTION REMINDER – 18-YEAR-OLDS MUST REGISTER TO VOTE

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne's Chief Electoral Officer would like to inform and remind the community that members who have recently turned 18 years of age, or who will turn 18 years of age by the time of the June 30, 2018 MCA General Election, must register to vote if they wish to do so. Members are not automatically added to the Eligible Voters List when they turn 18; members must register themselves.

An Eligible Voter is defined as:

A person who at the time of voting [turning 18 on or before June 30, 2018] must:

- a) have attained eighteen years of age;
- b) be a resident in the district where they are voting;
- c) be a registered member of the Mohawks of Akwesasne;
- d) be an Onkwehonwe.

The deadline to register for voting is 48 hours before the MCA General Election. No changes in the Voters List will be made after 9 a.m. on

Thursday, June 28, 2018.

Members of all ages should review the posted Eligible Voters Lists to confirm their names are on it. The lists are posted at:

- Kana:takon: St. Regis Post Office, Butters Quick Stop, TnT Deli
- Kawehno:ke: Bank of Montreal, Jocks Store, Express Gas
- Tsi Snaihne: OK Den Store, Iohahi:io, Shyys Place

To register to vote, members must submit an application. Contact the Chief Electoral Officer Leona Benedict at 613 575 2250 x 2406 to set up an appointment time.

The MCA General Election will take place on June 30, 2018.

