## ONKWE'TA:KE

THE MOHAWK COUNCIL OF AKWESASNE NEWSLETTER

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## 2018-2021 MOHAWK COUNCIL TAKES OATH OF OFFICE



The 2018-2021 MCA Grand Chief and Council

(left to right): Kana:takon District Chief Julie Phillips-Jacobs; Kana:takon District Chief Tim "Dooley" Thompson; Kana:takon District Chief Darryl Lazore; Kana:takon District Chief Theresa Jacobs; Kawehno:ke District Chief Vince Thompson; Tsi Snaihne District Chief Tobi Mitchell; Grand Chief Abram Benedict; Kawehno:ke District Chief Carolyn Francis; Kawehno:ke District Chief Dennis Chaussi; Tsi Snaihne District Chief Connie Lazore; Tsi Snaihne District Chief Joe Lazore; Tsi Snaihne District Chief April Adams-Phillips; Kawehno:ke District Chief Edward Roundpoint.

#### **UPCOMING MCA MEETINGS & SPECIAL DATES:**

#### **REMINDER**

No General or District Meetings for the month of July

#### **August 2, 2018**

• Breastfeeding Awareness Walk - Kana:takon Recreation, 4:30 p.m.

#### **August 3, 2018**

• Great Akwesasne River Cleanup 2018 - Kana:takon Recreation, 8:00 a.m.

#### MOHAWK COUNCIL OF AKWESASNE 2018-2021

#### **Grand Chief**

Abram Benedict

#### **Kana:takon District**

Chief Theresa Jacobs Chief Darryl Lazore Chief Julie Phillips-Jacobs Chief Tim Thompson

#### **Kawehno:ke District**

Chief Dennis Chaussi Chief Carolyn Francis Chief Edward Roundpoint Chief Vince Thompson

#### **Tsi Snaihne District**

Chief April Adams-Phillips Chief Connie Lazore Chief Joe Lazore Chief Tobi Mitchell

#### 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, Ahkwesahsne Mohawk Board of Education

Shawn Dulude Chief of Police, Akwesasne Mohawk Police Service

> James Ransom Director, Tehotiiennawakon

#### WAT'KWANONHWERA:TON/GREETINGS

She:kon/Wat'kwanonhwera:ton,

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. The thirteen chiefs who will serve the Akwesasne community took their official oath of office on Saturday, June 30. Read more about the 2018-2021 Grand Chief and Council on Page 2.
- 2. MCA employees that have dedicated years of hard work to the organization were honored on June 28 during the Long-Term Service Awards. To find out more, read Page 5.
- 3. The Tsi Snaihne (Snye) Recreation recently began the groundbreaking for a new sports box. To learn how this became possible, read Page 8.
- 4. The MCA Wholistic Health and Wellness—Traditional Medicine Program is hosting medicine walks to learn how to identify plants and learn their uses. If you think this may be for you, find out how to sign up on Page 19.
- 5. Recently, the first female Deputy Chief of Police in the history of the Akwesasne Mohawk Police Service was hired. See Page 30 for details!

# STAY UPDATED ON ALL THINGS A K W E S A S N E MOHAWK COUNCIL OF AKWESASNE @MCAKWESASNE @MCAKWESASNE @MCAKWESASNE



#### 2018-2021 MOHAWK COUNCIL TAKES OATH OF OFFICE

On Friday, July 13, 2018, the thir- Grand Chief Abram Benedict is a teen chiefs who will serve the Akwesasne community for the next three years as the 2018-2021 Mohawk Council were officially sworn into office during a ceremony at the A'nowara'ko:wa Arena on Kawehno:ke (Cornwall Island). Following the MCA General Election on Saturday, June 30, 2018, there are five new faces taking on Council positions, along with several reelected chiefs. The new Council was welcomed into office in an uplifting ceremony attended by family members, friends, community members and chiefs.

Jordan Wapass, the Executive Director of the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne, welcomed the crowd and Council, and he noted how the role of an elected leader carries with it "great responsibility." Wapass also shared words of encouragement, along with wise words from the late Gordon Tootoosis. He noted. "Leadership is about submission to duty, not elevation to power." Wapass believes that the community elected an "impressive cohort of leaders who will quite simply, get the job done."

The newly elected 2018-2021 Council is comprised of one Grand Chief and twelve District Chiefs.

resident of Kawehno:ke and has served on Council as a Kawehno:ke District Chief for three terms and as Grand Chief for one term, for a total of twelve years prior to this election.

The twelve District Chiefs, four for each of the three Akwesasne districts, include:

#### Kawehno:ke District Chiefs

Dennis Chaussi Carolyn Francis **Edward Roundpoint** Vince Thompson

#### Kana:takon District Chiefs

Theresa Jacobs Darryl "Kermit" Lazore Julie Phillips-Jacobs Tim "Dooley" Thompson

#### Tsi Snaihne District Chiefs

April Adams-Phillips Connie Lazore Joe Lazore Tobi Mitchell

**Justice** Stephanie Cross from Kahnawa:ke conducted the Oath of Office to each Council member before having them sign pledges, which affirmed the roles and responsibilities of a chief.

knowledged past and current Coun- of Akwesasne Chiefs.

cil members during his speech and provided insight as to the direction he hopes to see the MCA, Council and community move towards.

"In 2006, when I took the oath of office for Kawehno:ke District Chief, I never would have thought—I still don't believe—that I would become Grand Chief and then take a second term as your Grand Chief. I want to thank each and every one of you for the support you have shown me and all of our Councils that I have been honored to be a part of. I will continue to provide strategic leadership to our council, embrace their strengths and challenge their weaknesses. I will continue to lead by example, because that is what is expected of your Grand Chief. I want to thank the amazing workforce of the MCA that serves the vibrant community of Akwesasne. Niawenko:wa to all the tireless workers that work every day to serve our community. Since 2006, I have had the privilege to work alongside, and then lead, many dedicated individuals that work hard to serve Akwesasronon. Your committment to grow our community, has helped me to grow as a person, and I want to thank you for that."

Congratulations, good luck and best Grand Chief Abram Benedict, ac- wishes to the new Mohawk Council



#### TSIKARISTISERE/DUNDEE CLAIM SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT-IN-PRINCIPLE

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne passed a resolution on June 27th approving the final draft of the proposed Tsikaristisere/Dundee Claim Settlement Agreement-in-principle. The Agreement will now be sent to the community for review and approval through a referendum.

The Mohawks of Akwesasne presented the Tsikaristisere/Dundee land claim to the Government of Canada in 1981 under the Specific Claims Policy. The claim was first accepted for negotiation in 1988. A revised claim was presented in 1998 and accepted for negotiation in 2002. In April 2015, the Government of Canada made a global settlement offer of \$239,808,436 for a full and final settlement of the claim. The offer was based on a careful consideration of the facts, evidence, and arguments of the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne and the Government of Canada.

Following the settlement offer, the parties have continued negotiations on the terms and conditions of a Final Settlement Agreement. In addition to the compensation that will be paid by the Government of Canada, the Mohawks of Akwesasne will have the opportunity to expand their reserve lands by adding up to 18,282 acres of land under Canada's Additions to Reserve (ATR) policy.

The lands will be acquired by the Mohawks of Akwesasne from willing sellers in Quebec and Ontario.

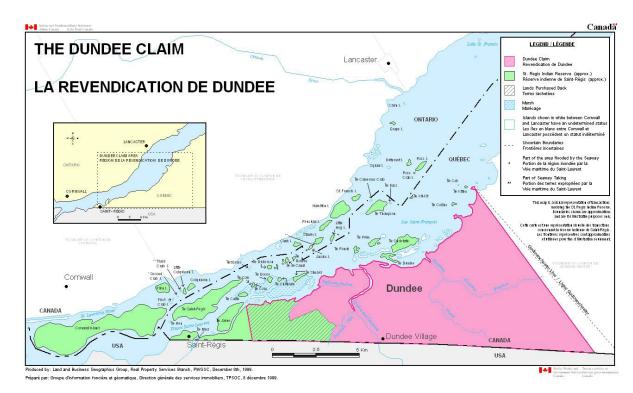
Grand Chief Abram Benedict noted, "I would like to commend the efforts of past and current MCA negotiation team members. For nearly 40 years, this hard work and dedication has led to the successful conclusion of negotiations between the MCA and Canada. As we go forth, we are looking forward to the community's involvement in determining the approval of the settlement."

The proposed Final Settlement Agreement will be initialed by the parties and submitted to the community for approval in a referendum.

The Agreement will only be signed with the approval of the community. Council is planning in-depth information sessions to educate community members about the history of the Tsikaristisere/Dundee claim, the specific terms and conditions of the Agreement, including details on the compensation and acquisition of lands, and the ratification process itself. Community members are encouraged to attend the upcoming focus sessions.

Schedules for upcoming sessions will be posted online and announced to the Community.

Questions can be forwarded to the Aboriginal Rights and Research Office at 613-575-2348.



#### MCA CELEBRATES EMPLOYEES THROUGH LONG-TERM SERVICE AWARDS

On June 28, 2018 the MCA hosted Dawn Bonaparte it's Long Term Service Awards at Sharla Burns the Tsi Snaihne Recreation Center to honor the employees that have Edward Cook dedicated years of hard work to the Farrah Delormier organization. The award ceremony Peter Garrow recognized employees who have Rachel George reached milestones at 10 years, 15 years, 20 years, 25 years, 30 years, 35 years and those retiring.

The employees recognized for their Sherri Porter years of service, and the retirees are as follows:

#### 10 Years

**Tina Benedict** 

Jamie Cole Lucille Jacobs Mary Ann Lazore Robert Mitchell **Daniel Oakes** Stacey Rourke Cheyenne Sunday Sonja Sylvester **Sheryl Thompson** George Wheesk

#### 15 Years

**Quinn Benedict** William Benedict **Brandon David** Allyson Gagne **Sharon Garrow** Melanie Gibson Allison Horne Cheryl Jacobs Pam Jacobs Tessa Jocko Joyce King Terry King Andrea Lazore Karakwenta Lazore Leonee Mitchell Wade Mitchell



MCA employees that were honored at Long-Term Service Awards.

#### MCA CELEBRATES EMPLOYEES THROUGH LONG-TERM SERVICE AWARDS



Tsi Snaihne District Chief Joe Lazore provided the opening and closing address for the Long Term Service Awards.

Danielle Oakes Michelle Pyke Karla Ransom Lani Sunday Gilbert Terrance Anna Thompson Tara Thompson

#### 20 Years

Della Adams
Owen Benedict
Iris Caldwell
Dennis Chaussi
Harold Cole
Noreen Cook
Jennifer D. David
Heather David
Catherine Francis-Roundpoint
Russell Hall
Elizabeth Jacobs
Regina Jacobs
Diane King
Kevin Lazore

Lucy Lazore
Catherine Lelievre
Richard Oakes
Scott Peters
Sharon Peters
Heather Phillips
Cheryl Rourke
Brooke Terrance

#### 25 Years

Connie Hall
Eldred Jacobs
Allyson Lamesse
Tina Mitchell
Barbara Seymour
Janic Sharrow
Janet Tatro
Mark Terrance
Maureen Thompson
Mona Thompson

#### **30 Years** Velma Cook

Cindy Francis-Mitchell
Connie Lazore

#### 35 Years

Michael Francis Jr.

#### **Retirees**

Arvella Thomas
John Francis
Sharron Roundpoint-Mitchell
Jerry Thompson
Wayne Lazore
Robert While
Gerald McDonald

Congratulations and thank you to all of the employees and retirees recognized at the Luncheon for being an important part of the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne. Special thanks to Aaron Terrance, MCA Employee Advocate, for organizing event.



Jordan Wapass, Executive Director of the MCA, addressing the employees during awards.



#### AKWESASNE STUDENTS ARE CELEBRATED FOR ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne would like to congratulate the 2018 Akwesasne Student Bursary recipients. Every year, the Bank of Montreal and Enbridge sponsor student bursaries for Akwesasne youth who are pursuing their post-secondary education. These students have excelled at their studies and were recognized for their achievements on Friday, June 29 at the Kana:takon Recreation Center.

This initiative was conceived by then Kawehno:ke District Chief Abram Benedict and former Kana:takon District Chief Larry King as a way to celebrate the academic success of our youth. The bursaries were granted to students that submitted

applications, who were then select- mitment; we also recognize our ed by the sponsors.

Tsi Snaihne District Chiefs Joe Lazore and April Adams-Phillips kicked off the ceremony with an opening address in kanien'keha and offered words of wisdom to encourage the students as they continue to pursue their education.

Grand Chief Abram Benedict, wanted to share his congratulations:

"Our annual Student Bursary presentation gives our sponsors and our Council an opportunity to recognize our graduates for their success and wish them well for the future. Our Council is extremely proud of all of our graduates for their comsponsors for their continued commitment to our community."

The students were then presented with their scholarship awards by representatives of the sponsors, which was followed by a delicious meal, courtesy of TnT Deli, for all who attended to enjoy.

These accomplished students have made all of Akwesasne proud for taking the leap toward furthering their education. Congratulations to the 2018 Student Bursary Luncheon recipients and niawenko:wa to our award sponsors.



Akwesasronon students that were awarded a bursary, along with Grand Chief and Council members.

#### SNYE RECREATION HOSTS GROUNDBREAKING FOR NEW SPORTS BOX



from lakhihsotha enjoying groundbreaking ceremony on a beautiful day.

The Tsi Snaihne Recreation held the groundbreaking for a new sports box on Friday, June 22. All community members were invited to the groundbreaking and were also joined by elders from lakhihsotha. Speeches were made by those who were involved in the project, including Snye Recreation Committee Member Maureen Benedict. Tsi Snaihne District Chief Connie Lazore, CAA Management's Carey Terrance and Grand Chief Abram Benedict.

Chief Connie Lazore was very involved in the project, working alongside the Tsi Snaihne Recreation Committee Members and MCA's Economic Development program. Chief Lazore was responsible for contacting Indigenous Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) to receive funding for this infrastructure project. "The project is going to go well and [we're] looking forward to the final outcome," Lazore stated at the groundbreaking.

Mae Lazore-Green, who is also a member of the Snye Recreation Committee, has been involved with the sports box project since its start. "We met a few times a week and did proposals for the different foundations. We were the successful ones, so it's been almost two years to raise the rest of the funds and secure everything," said Lazore-Green regarding the project's internal process. It all started with the Strong Roots Charitable Foundation to enjoy at the lacrosse box!

announcing a call out for a lacrosse box, which was later purchased in Syracuse. Maureen Benedict then applied for the project's funding and it was on its way to completion.

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne would like to say niawenko:wa to the local businesses and vendors outside of the community for their generous donations and funding for this endeavor, as well as Strong Roots Charitable Foundation, Indiqenous Northern Affairs Canada, and Carey Terrance of CAA Management. The Tsi Snaihne Recreation looks forward to all of the activities and events the community will get



Akwesasne youth join Snye Recreation Committee members Maureen Benedict and Mae Lazore-Green, along with District Chief Connie Lazore, Carey Terrance of CAA Management and Grand Chief Abram Benedict to break ground on the new sports box.

#### COUNCIL AND MOHAWK GOVERNMENT

#### MOHAWK COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS

MCR #051 Lease – Lot 1-8-Pilon Island

Moved by: Chief Tim Thompson Seconded by: Chief Karen Loran

For: 8 Against: 1

**CARRIED** 

MCR #052 Request for Bridge Financing Lacrosse Box Floor Tsi Snaihne Recreation

Moved by: Chief Connie Lazore Seconded by: Chief Karen Loran

For: 10 Against: 1

**CARRIED** 

MCR #053 Access to Territory Request

Moved by: Chief Tim Thompson Seconded by: Chief Steve Thomas

For: 7 Against: 3

CARRIED

MCR #054 Akwesasne Court Regulations

Moved by: Chief Connie Lazore Seconded by: Chief Louise

For: 10 Against: 1

Thompson

CARRIED

MCR #055 Akwesasne Court
Prosecutor Contract

Moved by: Chief Connie Lazore Seconded by: Chief April Adams-

Phillips

For: 7 Against: 4

**CARRIED** 

MCR #056 Ministry of Education 2018-2019 Childcare Service

**Agreement** 

Moved by: Chief Tim Thompson Seconded by: Chief Steve Thomas

For: 11 Against: 0

**CARRIED** 

MCR #057 Rescind MCR-Bank of Montreal ORHLP, MCR #2016/2017-#130

Moved by: Chief Darryl Lazore Seconded by: Chief Connie Lazore

For: 11 Against: 0

**CARRIED** 

MCR #058 Bank of Montreal – Guarantee

Moved by: Chief Darryl Lazore Seconded by: Chief Vince Thompson

For: 11 Against: 0

CARRIED

MCR #059 Exchange of Land for Birch Road

Moved by: Chief April Adams-Phil-

Seconded by: Chief Connie Lazore

For: 9 Against: 1

**CARRIED** 

MCR #060 Accept and Approve Emergency Council Meeting Minutes Dated Onerahtokha/ April 4th, 2018

Moved by: Chief Steve Thomas Seconded by: Chief Tim Thompson

For: 10 Against: 1

**CARRIED** 

MCR #061 Accept and Approve Council Meeting Minutes dated

Onerahtokha/April9th, 2018

Moved by: Chief Steve Thomas Seconded by: Chief Darryl Lazore

For: 10 Against: 1

CARRIED

MCR #062 Accept and Approve Council Meeting Minutes dated Onerahtokha dated April 16th, 2018

Moved by: Chief Steve Thomas Seconded by: Chief Tim Thompson

For: 9 Against: 2

CARRIED

MCR #063 Accept and Approve Emergency Council Meeting Minutes dated Onerahtokha/ April 19th, 2018

Moved by: Chief Steve Thomas Seconded by: Chief Darryl Lazore

For: 9 Against: 2

**CARRIED** 

MCR #064 Accept and Approve Emergency Council Meeting Minutes dated Onerahtokha/ April 26th, 2018

Moved by: Chief Steve Thomas Seconded by: Chief Ryan Jacobs

For: 9 Against: 2

CARRIED

MCR #065 Accept and Approve Council Meeting Minutes dated Onerahtokha/April 30, 2018

Moved by: Chief Steve Thomas Seconded by: Chief Tim Thompson

For: 11 Against: 0

CARRIED

MCR #066 Accept and Approve General Meeting Minutes dated Onerahtokha/April 26, 2018

Moved by: Chief Steve Thomas Seconded by: Chief Tim Thomp-

son

For: 8 Against: 0

CARRIED

MCR #067 Demolition Agreement-55 Johnson Road

Kana:takon

Moved by: Chief Darryl Lazore
Seconded by: Chief Vince Thomp-

son

For: 5 Against: 3

**CARRIED** 

MCR #068 Housing Up-Grade Application

Moved by: Chief Connie Lazore Seconded by: Chief Vince Thomp-

son

For: 8 Against: 0

CARRIED

**Application** 

Moved by: Chief Karen Loran Seconded by: Chief April Adams-

Phillips

For: 8 Against: 0

CARRIED

MCR #070 Housing -Up-Grade Application

Moved by: Chief Vince Thompson Seconded by: Chief Dennis Chaus-

si

For: 8 Against: 0

**CARRIED** 

#### **COUNCIL AND MOHAWK GOVERNMENT**





#### June 11, 2018

Representatives from Indigenous • Services Canada, Public Safety Canada and the Assembly of First Nations presented a project whereby the parties would collaborate on the development of inventory of Emergency Management capacities in Indige-

- nous communities. They requested that Akwesasne participate in this. A further follow up will be
- A briefing and overview was provided on a draft Terms of Reference for the IETHISOTHOKON:A COUNCIL, further development will be done and brought back to Council.
- An update was provided on a recent OVS committee meeting on leasing.
- A request for the use of removed road gravel from construction to be used for other community infrastructure was discussed and will be further researched and

- considered.
- Council discussed potential amendments to the Emergency Elders Fund to close the gaps, further research will be done.
- MCR's passed: Approval of mortgage guarantee with Bank of Montreal for Community Member; Approval of lease on Stanley Island; Approval of funding agreement with Indigenous Services for Child Welfare Prevention; Approval of amendment to Health Transfer Agreement; Approval of amendments to Ontario transfer payment agreement; Approval of Draft Final Settlement Agreement for Seaway Claim.

#### FORMER DISTRICT CHIEF OF KANA: TAKON RYAN JACOBS FAREWELL REMARKS



I would like to congratulate all of the successful candidates from this year's MCA General Election. I look forward to supporting our new leaders because I have trust in their capabilities to bring about positive development to Akwesasne.

I was honored to serve as a district in Public School Board Association chief of Kana:takon and would like to thank all of those who supported me as I worked to improve our community and MCA as an organization. Throughout my term, each day was a new experience and posed challenges that I faced head on for the benefit of Akwesasne.

I am excited to advance my work in education in my role as a First Nations trustee for the Upper Canada District School Board. I'm grateful to have been nominated by the Indigenous Trustees' Council for the Ontarto help develop curriculum for First Nations students in Canada, where I will continue to promote quality education for all Onkwehonwe.

During my time on council, I gained vast knowledge and experience that will be extremely beneficial to this new endeavor in Indigenous education. I also look forward to continuing volunteer work in Akwesasne as both a community member and as a board member for the Akwesasne Minor Lacrosse Association (AMLA).

#### COUNCIL AND MOHAWK GOVERNMENT

#### FORMER DISTRICT CHIEF OF TSI SNAIHNE KAREN LORAN FAREWELL REMARKS



First of all, I would like to send out a heartfelt thank you to the District of Tsi Snaihne for allowing me to represent our district for the last 3 terms. These years have certainly been a life changing experience. I have learned so much and gained a new vibrant • perspective of Akwesasne as a whole.

To the Health Department, I would like to send my utmost gratitude; I enjoyed representing this Portfolio and advocating through the Ministries to address the many challenges with • Health

our funding agreements within the 3 terms I served as Portfolio holder.

I would also like to extend a huge thank you to our Mohawk Government Staff and Communications Unit for all that you have done in assisting me with my Portfolios and initiatives. • Government Secretariat Co-Chair To the ARRO staff that helped guide me and provided technical support External within the Portfolio of Government Secretariat.

#### 1st term

- Health
- Public Safety (minor)
- Housing (minor)
- Justice (minor)
- **Executive Services**
- Education (minor)

#### 2nd term

- Education (minor)
- **Finance Committee**
- **Executive Committee**
- Justice (minor)

#### 3rd term

- Health Co-Chair

- Assembly of First Nations Quebec and Labrador
- First Nations Elected Women's File
- Independent First Nation
  - -Health Representative
- -Ending Violence Against Indigenous Women Executive Committee

#### Chiefs of Ontario

- Ontario Chiefs Committee on Health
- First Nations Women's Caucus
- AFN Women's Council

#### DISTRICT CHIEF OF TSI SNAIHNE JOE LAZORE UPDATE



She:kon and congratulations to all of the successful candidates for the 2018-2021 term; I look forward to working together and forming a strong team.

I would like to say niawenko:wa for the support and nice words that were said during this election.

I am happy and ready to continue the work that I had started. The first phases of the road repairs and sewer installation have begun and there is more to come.

Making change in politics takes time. It involves a lot of lobbying and dedication and I look forward to working with and teaching the new chiefs how to make things happen for our community.

I want to let you know that I am always open to discussing and answering any questions that you may have. Niawenko:wa.

#### ENTEWATATHÁ:WI - "WE WILL GOVERN"

#### **ENTEWATATHÁ:WI PROJECTS AND GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE**

#### Introduction

Entewatatha:wi consists of а number of people; the staff and Entewatatha:wi Working members, which consists of community members, elders and youth from all sectors of the community. Entewatatha:wi is working towards redefining our relationship with the Government of Canada. This is more than just looking at the Indian Act; it is building a new system of governance for the future.

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne (MCA) and Canada is engaged in self-government negotiations toward a modern agreement that defines the relationship between Akwesasne and Canada. Akwesasne and Canada are in the latter stages of negotiating a Entewatatha:wi or Self-Government Agreement. This agreement is comprised of two agreements, which the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne (MCA) aims to see completed by negotiators within the next couple years and subsequently ratified by Akwesasne Members before coming into force.

#### The two Agreements are:

• The Governance and Relationship Agreement (G&R Agreement) which will establish fundamental principles of the governmentto-government relationship between Akwesasne and Canada.

The Sectoral Final Agreement will be used as part of the negotiathe jurisdictions where Akwesasne jurisdiction or administrative authority is recognized.

These agreements are to be ratified by the community in a referendum (vote) and approved as Legislation by the Parliament of Canada.

The Self-Government Agreements are identified in Charts (A) and (B) Self-Government Entewatatha:wi Agreement will also involve a new • Relationship Agreement (FRA) with Canada. This will require MCA to negotiate enhanced funding from Canada in order for Akwesasne to exercise new jurisdiction • and authority, to fully taking into account Akwesasne's unique jurisdiction and geographic challenges, and the resources that will be required • now and for future generations. In order to be fully prepared for FRA • negotiations, MCA needs to know the "real cost" of governance. This process needs the contracting of a 'consultant' to assess the real cost • of Mohawk Government and to conduct a comprehensive review of the full impact of the geography • and presence of the International Boundary on the cost of programs and service delivery in Akwesasne and it is adequately accounted for. The data and information collected

(Sectoral Agreement) sets out tion process with Canada when negotiating the FRA.

#### **Projects**

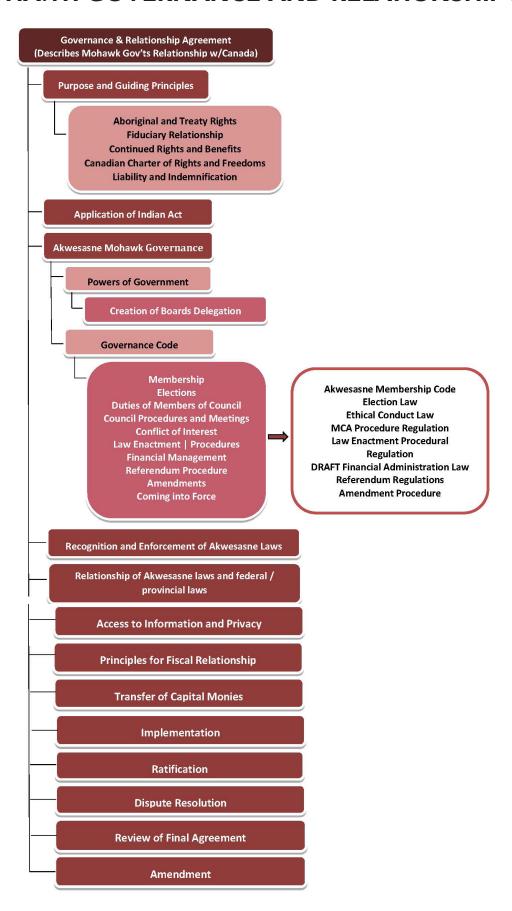
Outside of the Entewatatha:wi Self-Government Agreements, Entewatatha:wi has also sponsored different projects within our community.

#### The following is a list of projects:

- Akwesasne History Summit, completed March 2017
- Building Block of our Indigenous Foundations, completed June 2017
- Mohawk Language Strategy, on-going
- Akwesasne Mohawk Board of Education, Department of Justice, Education Law, completed in 2017
- Office of Vital Statistics, Membership Review- on-going
- MCA Executive Services, Access To Information and Protection Privacy Regulation (ATIPP), on-going
- Governance Capacity Training, Governance Orientation Program, on-going
- Mohawk Government, 'Meet Candidates', completed June 2018

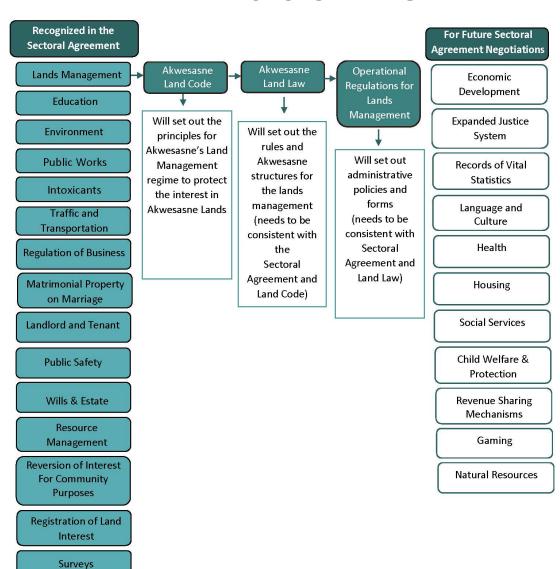
#### ENTEWATATHÁ:WI - "WE WILL GOVERN"

#### ENTEWATATHÁ: WI GOVERNANCE AND RELATIONSHIP AGREEMENT



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#### **ENTEWATATHÁ:WI SECTORAL AGREEMENT**



#### **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

#### SPOT THE DIFFERENCES

Look over the two photos below from a day at the fair and see if you can spot the five differences!



rawer: 1.On top left of page under tent in back yellow to green strip. 2.Second ghost has different mouth. 3.Galloping text missing on carousel. 4.Women missing in center of picture. 5. Man near bumper cars goes from red to yellow stripe.

## FUN FACTS YOU PROBABLY DIDN'T KNOW

#### It is impossible for most people to lick their own elbow. (Try it!)

- A crocodile cannot stick its tongue out.
- A shrimp's heart is in its head.
- Wearing headphones for just an hour could increase the bacteria in your ear by 700 times.
- Like fingerprints, everyone's tongue print is differ- the car? ent.
- Rubber bands last longer when refrigerated.
- A shark is the only known fish that can blink with both eyes.
- "Dreamt" is the only English word that ends in the letters "mt".
- Almonds are a member of the peach family.
- Tigers have striped skin, not just striped fur.
- The characters Bert and Ernie on Sesame Street were named after Bert the cop and Ernie the taxi driver in Frank Capra's "It's a Wonderful Life."
- The giant squid has the largest eyes in the world.
- Most people fall asleep in seven minutes.

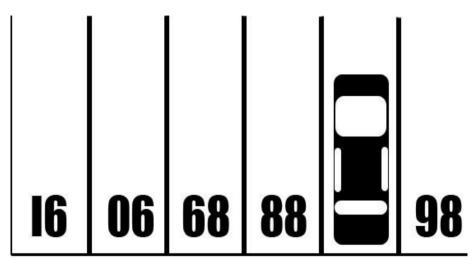
#### YOU GOT TO BE KIDDING ME!

Why did the kid cross the playground?

To get to the other slide!

#### **BRAIN TEASE!**

What is the number of the parking spot covered up by the car?



Answer: 87! How did we get it? Look at the image upside-down!

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#### **SOCIAL MEDIA CONNECTION**





#### Facebook Posts with the Most Likes in May

- 1. Congratulations Akwesasne Code Talker Levi Oakes! (Photo)
- 2. Eddie Gray will be Hosting Medicine Walks (Post)
- 3. Akwesasne has its eye on a 5 million dollar prize-APTN News
- 4. Student Bursary Awards Luncheon (Photos)
- 5. Iakhihsohtha Pot Decorating Contest (Photos)

#### Facebook Posts with the Highest Reach in May

- 1. Akwesasne has its eye on a 5 million dollar prize-APTN News- 5,150 Reached
- 2. 2018 MCA General Election Unofficial Statement-3,532 Reached
- 3. Eddie Gray will be hosting Medicine Walks-3,063 Reached
- 4. MCA Named National Finalist in Canada's Smart Cities Challenge-2,980 Reached
- 5. Tsi Snaihne School Early Pick up Request (Post)-2,851 Reached

#### TWITTER STATS

Top Tweet in May





MCA would like to present the 2015-2018 Strategic Plan Report to the community: bit.ly/strategicplanr...

Inside you'll find information from all of MCA's departments/programs that support our 4 strategic pillars: self-determination, well-being, sustainability & modernization.

2:03 PM - 28 Jun 2018



#### **YOUTUBE STATS**

<u>Highest Viewed Videos on the MCA Youtube Channel for April</u>

- MCA Named Finalist in Smart Cities Challenge-130 Views
- 2. Tsi Snaihne Recreation Host Groundbreaking for New Sports Box-95 Views
- 3. Minute with MCA-63 Views

#### **EXECUTIVE SERVICES**

#### **COMPLIMENTS & APPRECIATIONS**

- A huge niawenko:wa and job well done to the team at Mohawk Government for their hard work and excellent coordination of the Council Swearing In Ceremony. This event could not have happened if it weren't for this team and staff: Nia:wen Karla, Kuyra, Adrianne, Alley, Natalie, Noreen and Rosemary! Great work everyone, and a big thank you to the Communications Unit, Justice Department and Executive Services for your help and amazing support in ensuring this event was a success.
- On June 8, 2018 a Mohawk Auction was held at the American Legion for Tsiionkwanonhso:te Long Term Care). As always, the community members of Akwesasne showed their support in a grand way. The goal of this fundraiser was to raise enough funds to purchase indoor and outdoor furniture for residents use in the long term care facility.

The response from local businesses, community members and families (of residents past and present) was exceptional. Your generosity will not be forgotten. Volunteers are the 'heavy lifters' of an event like this

• There are many great things about our community, but not everyone gets acknowledged for their acts of kindness.

I would like to take a moment to thank AMPS for going out of their way to not only finding my kayak, but carrying it to the police station from where they found it (a good solid distance).

I am beyond greatful for all of those who went out of their way to sharing my FB post and helping find my lost kayak; it couldn't have been done without you! and without their cooperation and support the event would not be the huge success it was! Niawen:kowa!



Thanks to members of the Akwesasne community, Mohawk Council of Akwesasne employees, Department of Health/Wholistic Health and Wellness program, St. Regis Mohawk Tribe, Jakhihsohtha and Jocal busi-

nesses and restaurants; the organizing committee reported that a grand total of \$3,600 was raised!

From the 48 residents (who call Tsiionkwanonhso:te home), the 70 employees (Registered Nurses, Personal Support Workers, Dietary, Housekeeping, Laundry) and the organizing committee, a heartfelt thank you, niawen:kowa, to everyone who donated or came to bid on the many donated items that were up for auction and stayed to enjoy the entertainment.

(Special thanks to the HAVFD for their prompt response at the end of the evening!)



Jade Benedict-Bough with her returned kayak.

#### **EXECUTIVE SERVICES**

#### **NEW AND CHANGING FACES AT MCA**

#### **June 2018**

Torry Bigtree	
lan Cook	
Katelyn Cook	
	Caretaker
	Communications Officer
Alexis Edgley	Youth Prevention Worker
Lawrence Francis	Computer Technician Trainee
	Counselor Aide
Brittany George-Mitchell	Teacher Aide
Joel Jocko·····	Youth Prevention Worker
Olivia Lafrance	Maintenance Worker
Carrie Lazore	Activity Aide
Tekaronhiakwas McDonald	······Youth Prevention Worker
Melisa McGovern	Registered Nurse
Kamryn Ransom	Conservation Officer
Tesha Rourke·····	Administrative Assistant - Ontario
	Dietary Aide
	Business Services Intern
	Archivist
·	Youth Prevention Worker
Brodie Thompson	
•	Receptionist
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	Labourer
	Supply Teacher
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#### **DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**

#### RENOVATIONS BEGINNING AT KANONHKWATSHERI: 10 HEALTH FACILITY

Please be advised that the Kanonhkwatsheri:io Health Facility is beginning the Stage 4 Renovations to the building on June 18, 2018. This project will be in 4 phases. The first begins on June 18, 2018; the second phase is scheduled for September 7, 2018; the third phase begins November 26, 2018 and fourth phase February 12, 2019 with a final completion date of April 26, 2019. This Renovation will allow more space to accommodate the growth of staff within Department of Health and Department of Community and Social Services with the ending goal to better serve the community.

We apologize for any inconvenience while we are under construction, however we will be maintaining services to the best that we can, under these circumstances. We appreciate that all people refrain from entering into the construction area for safety reasons. Our Reception Services will be happy to assist and direct you to your appointments or programming during this time.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call Keith Leclaire 613-575-2341, Ext 3304 or Robyn Mitchell-Sunday at Ext 3307.

#### MEDICINE WALK WITH EDDIE GRAY

The Medicine Walk with Eddie Gray is brought to the community by the MCA's Wholistic Health and Wellness Department's Traditional Medicine Program every Friday from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. (no on walk August 3). Eddie invites Akwesasronon to his home and gives a very knowledgeable guided tour around the estate. The tour group meets under the pavilion and is encouraged to take a "weeds for your needs" pamphlet to record notes on how to pick and utilize the medicines covered in the guided tour. What you can expect from the tour, is a right-at-home feel with Mr. Gray and an

abundance of knowledge on how to utilize the various medicines offered by Mother Earth. Mr. Gray harvests the medicines like black walnut, onanoron (sweet flag), and an assortment of others. It is suggested that you show up early, the program starts right at 10 a.m. The medicine walks will continue until Friday, August 24, and are hosted at Eddie Gray's home at 575 Cook Road.

For more information, contact the WH&W Traditional Medicine Program at (613)575-2341 ext. 3117. All Akwesasronon are welcomed to attend.



All Akwesasronon are invited to participate in the medicine walks.



Eddie Gray provides knowledge on a variety of medicines during walk.

#### DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

#### **JORDAN'S PRINCIPLE**

Jordan's Principle ensures that First Nations children can access all public services when they need them. Services need to be culturally based and take into full account the historical disadvantage that many First Nations children live with.



For more information, search "Jordan's Principle" to access different resources.

#### **BREASTFEEDING AWARENESS WALK**









## August 2, 2018

#### St. Regis Recreation Walking Trail

Registration 4:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

Walk/Run starts at 5:00 p.m.

Light dinner and movie to follow

Pre-registration required

Come join the MCA Community Health Program in celebrating **World Breastfeeding Week 2018.** 

Breastfeeding (past/present), to-be moms & dads, brothers, sisters, friends and anybody that supports breastfeeding are welcome!

#### Please register by July 30, 2018 at 4:00 p.m.

For more information and to register, please contact the MCA Community Health Office at (613) 575-2341 ext. 3220.

#### DEPARTMENT OF TEHOTIIENNAWAKON

#### AKWESASNE YOUTH ENTREPRENEURSHIP PROGRAM

The Akwesasne Youth Entrepreneurship Program a small open house, to introduce the entrepreneurs to (AYEP) is a program targeted to youth 11 - 17 years old and is coordinated by Mohawk Council's Economic Development Program. There are partners who assist and contribute their time in making this program a success including Akwesasne Area Management Board, Akwesasne Child and Family Services, Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe's Department of Economic Development and the Akwesasne Chamber of Commerce.

This program combines workshop sessions, along with the practical experiences of being an entrepreneur. Participants are recruited in February/March each year with the program running until January. In the past, workshops were held biweekly, providing the youth will some skills based trainings including customer service, leadership, communication and finance. This year, two full day sessions were held in April and May to provide the youth with the skills prior to them setting up. Monthly meetings are held to keep them motivated and up to date on upcoming events. Special events are organized and coordinated for them to display their products/services or they participate in community events as a vendor. The first event this year was

the business community.

#### One parent quoted:

"The AYEP has made a positive impact on Joslynn by teaching her the skills needed not only to operate but to run a successful business. This program also provides her with the necessary life skills when it comes to managing money. Her confidence has also increased along with her verbal skills, allowing her to articulate her business to the public. As Joslynn 's parents, we hope to see the AYEP to continue offering opportunities for the youth of Akwesasne."

This year, 15 youth signed up for the youth entrepreneurship program offering a wide variety of products and services for sale including custom made items, baked goods, jewelry and much more.

Come and support the future leaders and business owners of Akwesasne. We have a Facebook page to like and follow the group and also learn about the upcoming events - Akwesasne Youth Entrepreneurship Program. Look for the purple tents and orange shirts!



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#### **DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY & SOCIAL SERVICES**

#### **IETHINISTEN:HA EXPANSIONS COMING**

The lethinisten:ha Program, as part of the Department Winchester Hospital with services included gynecolof Community and Social Services, is gearing up for a major transition in the coming months. They are featuring an expansion coming soon, along with program offerings to children aged 7-12 years old, and new services for clients in the lethinisten:ha Program. The program offerings is as follows.

The lethinisten:ha Program is partnering with Diefenbunker to bring kids from Akwesasne Spy Camp in Carp Ontario, that will fully immerse children in educational and fun activities from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. This is an opportunity to bring children ages 7-12 a summer experience to remember. The lethinisten:ha Program will provide transportation and food. The deadline to register is August 3rd, 2018 and registration is accessible through the Department of Social Services. The program will also feature another exciting expansion.

The lethinisten:ha program is also thrilled to announce the MCR approving to expand the second stage housing. Five new units will be added to the estate, 2 onebedroom apartments, and three two-bedroom apartments, all including wheelchair accessible rooms. As of now, the program is in the planning stage of the expansion after receiving a \$780,000 grant.

The program is also expecting to expand to include a new outreach building in Whoville that will house counseling sessions, a full kitchen, a food bank and other services and groups. This expansion is expected to be completed by September of this year.

Lastly, a medical clinic for clients is coming to the lethinisten:ha Women's Shelter. The clinic will be offered starting July 31, every Tuesday. This is brought to the program by a partnership between Dr. Horn and

ogy, testing, examinations, medication monitoring and vaccines.

That concludes the update for the lethinisten:ha Program. To stay updated on current events or services offered by the Department of Social Services, be sure to check Okwe'ta:ke monthly newsletter and the official Mohawk Council of Akwesasne Facebook page.



#### AHKWESAHSNE MOHAWK BOARD OF EDUCATION

#### AHKWESAHSNE MOHAWK BOARD OF EDUCATION **NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS 2018**

The Ahkwesahsne Board of Education has been delegat- FOUR VACANCIES ed responsibility and authority by the Mohawk Council to provide leadership and direction for all educational matters. The powers of the Board lie in its action as an elected body. Individual Board members exercise their authority only as they vote to make decisions at duly convened meetings of the Board. The Board intends to carry out its responsibilities within the following areas: Policy, Evaluation, Finance, Personnel, Educational Planning and Evaluation, Student Transportation System, Community Relations, Facilities and Grounds.

The Board shall consist of six members comprised of two elected members from each of the three districts of Akwesasne, namely Kana:takon, Kawehno:ke and Tsi Snaihne. The term of office shall be three years.

Present Board Members include: Kana:takon - Cecelia King, Shealene Gibson, Kawehno:ke - Rosemary Square, Tsi Snaihne - Sheila Adams, Darlene Adams.

All Board members will receive honorarium for meetings that are attended on behalf of AMBE. Meetings tact Leona Benedict, Chief Electoral Officer at 613-551are scheduled twice monthly.

Meetings are held on the first and third Wednesday of the month and held at the district schools on a rotating basis. Meetings normally start at 6 p.m.

District of Kana:takon

1 Three Year Term

District of Kawehno:ke

1 Three Year Term and 1 Two Year Remainder of Three Year Term (2 vacancies)

District of Tsi Snaihne

1 Two Year Remainder of a Three Year Term

Nominations are scheduled for

Ohiarihko:wa/July 21, 2018 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Kawehno:ke Community Centre, Kana:takon Recreation Centre and Tsi Snaihne Homemakers.

Elections are scheduled for Seskeha/August 11, 2018.

For further information and/or questions on the role of a Board Member, contact one of your District Board Members as listed, or Donna Lahache, Director of Education at 613-933-0409.

Any questions or concerns on the election process, con-1622 or 613-575-2250, ext. 2406.



#### **CONTACT US!**

Ahkwesahsne Mohawk **Board of Education** (613) 933-0409 or (613) 575-2250 ext. 1400

**Ahkwesahsne Mohawk School** (613) 932-3366

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

#### KAWEHNO:KE ROADWAY RECONSTRUCTION DETOUR

to remind the community of reconstruction and traffication. The pedestrian route will include a new east-west detour happening on International Road (Kawehno:ke). crosswalk at the north limits of construction.

Here is the contruction notice provide by the Federal The detour will remain in operation until the Interna-**Bridge Corporation Limited:** 

As construction progresses on the above noted contract, a traffic detour will come into effect during the week of July 9, 2018. The detour is necessary to undertake the reconstruction of International Road from the intersection of Island Road, northerly to the SIBC Maintenance Offices.

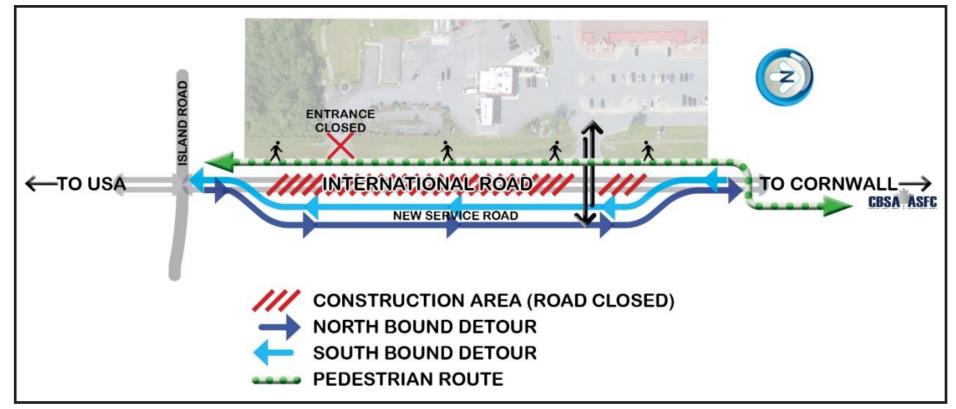
The detour route, as illustrated below, will transition both northbound and southbound traffic on International Road to the new service road that has been recently constructed.

MCA's Department of Technical Services (DTS) would like of International Road outside of the limits of construc-

tional Road reconstruction work is completed in the fall of 2018.



A pedestrian route will be provided on the west side



#### DEPARTMENT OF TECHNICAL SERVICES

#### RIVER ROAD RECONSTRUCTION UPDATE

- from Wade Lafrance Memorial Road to the Bittern Creek Bridge.

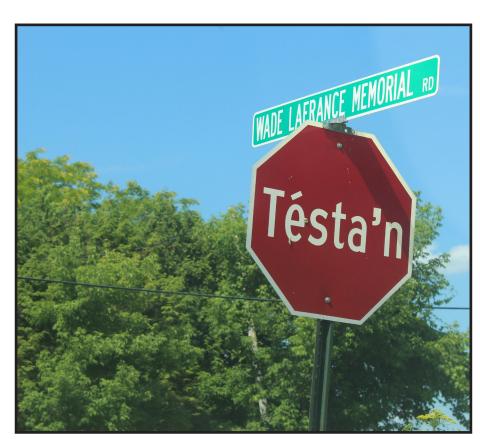
The project design was initiated in 2012 from the directive of the MCA. In 2017, The Department of Technical Services, with collaborated efforts, successfully obtained funding from Indigenous Services Canada ISC (INAC) to move forward with the construction of the proposed works.

The main objective of the Tsi Snaihne River Road Reconstruction Project is to improve the overall safety for pedestrians, vehicles, and cyclists travelling along this section of the road. This roadway is commonly used throughout the Akwesasne community and is an access point for many residents. In 2017, MCA passed a resolution that designated River Road as a critical route for emergency evacuation within the area.

The project was publicly tendered and awarded to Lazore's Construction, who has completed similar sized projects in the past. The construction work for this project is now underway with an anticipated completion date scheduled for Fall 2018.

The length of the new roadway section is approx. 1.6km on River Road, between Wade Lafrance Memorial Road to the Bittern Creek Bridge in Sugar Bush.

The Tsi Snaihne River Road Reconstruction Project The work includes full depth road reconstruction with two lifts of asphalt, line painting and new signs in accordance with the Ministry of Transportation Design Standards for the rural road type classification. This work includes removal of the existing asphalt, removal of existing road subgrade, steel beam guiderail replacement, ditch regrading in sections, entrance culvert replacements, and cross culvert replacement complete with frost tapers.



Reconstruction is set to take place from Wade Lafrance Memorial Road to the Bittern Creek Bridge (Sugar Bush Bridge).

#### **CONTACT US!**

**Department of Technical Services** (613) 575-2250 ext. 1003

> **Maintenance Program** (613)-575-2250 ext. 1022

**Roads Department** Central Dispatch (613) 575-2340 or (613) 938-5476

Water / Wastewater Infrastructure Emergency (613) 575-2000 After Hours Pager (518)404-3352 Office Hours Mon - Fri. 8AM-4PM (613) 933-4924 Solid Waste Management (Garbage and Recycling)

(613) 575-2250 ext. 1022

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#### **DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING**

#### SATELLITE OFFICE SCHEDULE

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne's Housing Department would like to inform the community of a schedule change to their satellite office locations for August 2018.

Due to the scheduled staff activity day, the date for Kawehno:ke has been moved to Friday, August 10 from 10:30 AM – 2:30 PM.

Please see updated satellite office schedule below:

A Housing Dept. representative will be available to accept payments (exact change only) -- applications will also be available. The yearly lease renewals for rental units and the rent-to-own program will be available on Kawehno:ke during the satellite office hours for tenants to come in and sign. A copy will be made for the tenants to keep for their records.

If you have any questions, please contact Teena Thompson at 613-575-2250 ext. 2304 or at teena.thompson@akwesasne.ca.



CONTACT US!

Department of Housing (613) 575-2250 ext. 2300

Quebec Hydro (613) 575-2250 ext. 2389

#### **AKWESASNE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT**

#### **MEDIATION SERVICES**

Mediations are an alternative to court that offers fair and reasonable solutions. Below are some frequently asked questions if you are considering mediation services.

#### Why mediation?

It's helped many people work out disputes as an alternative to Court.

#### What is mediation?

Mediation is a form of alternative dispute resolution used to settle issues that arise between individuals. Its goal is to aid individuals in finding a mutually acceptable arrangement or agreement in a non-adversarial setting that resolves the issue without trial or other costly tribunal procedures. Unless mandatory, both parties must consent to the mediation.

#### Is the Mediator like a judge?

No, the Mediator is not a judge or any other type of decision-maker. The mediator will also not take sides, give out legal advice or assess blame to either individual.

#### How do I get started?

Since the fee is non-refundable, the applicant must be sure the other party is willing to mediate! The applicant (the person initially requesting mediation services) will call or visit the Court Clerk and explain the situation that needs to be resolved. The clerk will take notes and prepare a letter to the respondent and/or other party, along with a list of available mediators. We will give the other party two weeks to respond, and if agreeable we will arrange a date and time for the hearing.

#### How long does it take to get an appointment?

Usually it takes one or two weeks to get an appointment, depending on the Mediator's availability.

#### What's the Mediator's role during the mediation?

The Mediator will explain the process and the common courtesy rules that apply such as no profanity and not talking over one another. Once this introductory portion is covered, the Mediator:

- Will first listen as each of you address your issues or concerns; then
- Asks questions to help all parties clarify and understand the issues; while
- Guiding both parties through the process to develop possible options and agreeable solutions; and finally
- Assisting all parties in drawing up the agreement based on the terms that reflect both party's solutions and ensuring the agreement is satisfactory to all involved.

## What happens if I don't feel comfortable in the same room with the other individual but we both want to mediate?

In instances where the parties cannot get along but are willing to resolve the issue, arrangements can be made through the Akwesasne Court to have separate sessions for each party to meet with the Mediator.

#### What if there is an existing court case involved with this matter? Can I still utilize the mediation services?

Yes, as long as both of you agree to mediate. If there is a hearing date scheduled with an outside Court, then the Court must be notified of the impending Mediation session.

#### How long does it take?

Each session is unique. It depends entirely on the parties involved although an average session lasts 1-2 hours.

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#### What happens after a solution is decided on?

Both parties bring all suggestions forward, for discussion. The Mediator will work with each party to determine how the suggestion can be worked out in detail and to the satisfaction of both parties. The Mediator will ensure that the parties understand the terms of the agreement and prepare a final document for all parties to sign.

#### What happens if one party breaks it?

The Akwesasne Court will arrange for another session with the Mediator to understand why it broke down and see whether or not it can be resolved. In instances where no agreement can be reached, then legal advice is recommended.

#### Is there a fee for mediation?

There is a small non-refundable \$35 fee for Mediation Services.

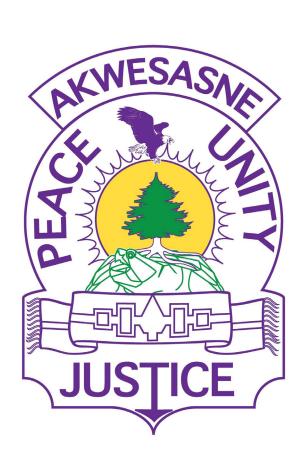
## We've been talking about this from the beginning and nothing has worked yet. What makes you think mediation will work?

Mediators are highly trained professionals who specialize in helping people work through their problems. Mediation keeps both of you focused on solutions, and the Mediator will work with you until you get an agreement that both of you can live with.

A list of trained Akwesasne Court mediators is available upon request.

#### For more information, please contact:

Akwesasne Court Cornwall Island Admin #3 101 Tewesateni Road Akwesasne, ON K6H0G8 613-575-2250 ext. 1025 or 1026



#### **CONTACT US!**

Akwesasne Justice Department (613) 575-2250 ext. 2400

Akwesasne Mohawk Court (613) 575-2250 ext. 1026

Conservation / Animal Control and Compliance

(613) 575-2250 ext. 2415

#### **AKWESASNE MOHAWK POLICE SERVICE**

#### AMPS ANNOUNCES STAFF SERGEANT

Chief of Police Shawn Dulude is pleased to announce that Sergeant Ranatiiostha Swamp has taken up his permanent position as Staff Sergeant.

Swamp is originally from Akwesasne and has dedicated 16 years of service with the Akwesasne Mohawk Police Service (AMPS). In that time, he has filled the roles of a criminal investigator as part of the Joint Investigative Unit, an in-service trainer for firearms and use of force, team leader of the Emergency Response Team and he was promoted as sergeant in 2012. Swamp has held executive leadership roles within the service such as acting Deputy Chief and acting Inspector.

The police service has been around since 1970, and employs 33 officers, 6 public safety dispatchers and 3 civilian staff members. The Akwesasne Mohawk Police Service is one of 9 self-administered First Nation police services in Ontario. In 2017, the AMPS underwent an Organizational Review. The past year the police service has experienced some major changes to its leadership and organization as a whole.

Chief Dulude states "This is a big step accomplished as leadership was part of our organizational review. I strongly believe that AMPS leadership is headed in the right direction. I believe in our upper management team which is composed of Deputy Chief Beaudry, Staff Sergeant Swamp, Sergeant Detective Mitchell and myself. Between the 4 of us, combined we total over 150 years of policing experience. My goal is to use this experience in mentoring, guiding and leading the AMPS into the future as a strong leader and role model for other First Nation's police services. We deliver a service to the community and to be able to do so in a professional manner, you need to have strong leadership and good human resources. As of today, I believe that we are in that situation. Now we have to continue to work

as a team to pull it all together."

As Staff Sergeant, Ranatiiostha Swamp will be responsible for operations and overseeing patrol sergeants, the S.A.V.E. team and other supportive units.

"Policing is changing rapidly and is becoming more modern and complex, but we continue to focus on the fact that truly effective policing happens when communities and the police work together as a team. I am confident that the members of the AMPS understand this and possess the knowledge and skills to meet any challenge. We are dedicated to ensuring our members receive the most updated training and continue to improve our way of operating. I look forward to taking on this role and working with our police service and our community." - Staff Sergeant Swamp



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#### **AMPS ANNOUNCES DEPUTY CHIEF**

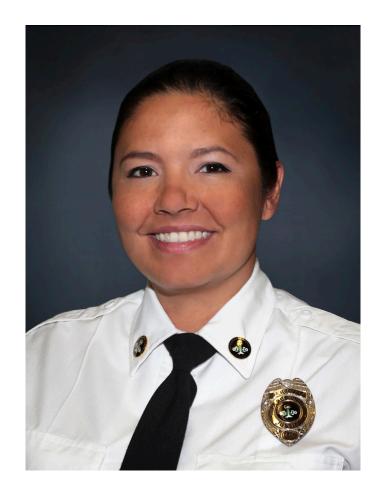
Chief of Police Shawn Dulude is pleased to announce orities is to ensure she can be available as a mentor for that Sergeant Lee-Ann Beaudry has taken up her permanent position as Deputy Chief of Police of the Akwesasne Mohawk Police Service (AMPS). This will mark the first female in AMPS history to hold this role. Lee-Ann Beaudry became the police service's first female sergeant in 2015, has become the highest-ranking female officer in AMPS history and one of the very few high ranking indigenous female officers in Canada.

Beaudry has dedicated 13 years of service with the Akwesasne Mohawk Police Service; and in that time, she has been a criminal investigator responsible for sexual assault and child abuse investigations, an in-service trainer for domestic violence investigations, and in 2015, she was promoted to sergeant with the Akwesasne Mohawk Police Service. Since 2016, she has held many executive leadership roles within the service such as acting Deputy Chief and in 2017 Beaudry was appointed as acting Chief of Police.

The police service, itself, has been around since 1970, and employs 33 officers, 6 public safety dispatchers and 3 civilian staff members. The Akwesasne Mohawk Police Service is one of 9 self-administered First Nation police services in Ontario. In 2017, the AMPS underwent an Organizational Review. This past year, the police service has experienced some major changes to its leadership and organization as a whole. The announcement of the first female leader of the nearly 50-year old organization marks a significant shift. As of July, the Akwesasne Mohawk Police Service currently has 3 female officers including Beaudry, which is far below the national average. Chief Dulude states that he believes this promotion will help attract other females to apply for the service by showing them that they will be recognized for their accomplishments and hard work. Deputy Chief Beaudry states that one of her main priother women in the community and the police service.

"I am excited to see the new change and the direction in which our police service is heading. I'm looking forward to being a part of that change. As an indigenous woman, I am proud to hold this leadership role and hope that it will encourage more women to pursue a career in policing. It's a huge responsibility to be a role model for the women not only within our service, as well as any women in our community who aspire to become police officers and it is one that I will perform to the best of my capabilities."

- Deputy Chief Lee-Ann Beaudry



#### AKWESASNE MOHAWK POLICE SERVICE

#### AMPS OFFICERS WILL BE TRAINED AND EQUIPPED WITH NALOXONE KITS

phase in a plan to equip officers with a life-saving drug drugs like fentanyl, morphine, methadone and heroin. that reverses the effects of opioid overdose.

30 AMPS officers will be trained and equipped with their kits by mid-August. Naloxone kits. All uniformed patrol officers will be provided with Naloxone kits to carry while on patrol.

More than half of the patrol officers have already been trained to use the drug. They will be able to help those who find themselves in an overdose situation, by administering naloxone, then helping them get the follow-up medical attention they will require.

Akwesasne Mohawk Police Service have started to Naloxone temporarily reverses the effects of opioid

Chief Dulude expects all 30 officers to start receiving





#### **MISSING**

NAME: Kenneth Francis Leaf

AGE: 50

HAIR: Balding/Shaved head, dark brown facial hair

(qoatee)

**EYES: Brown** 

HEIGHT AND WEIGHT: 5'9" tall, heavy build, approxi-

mately 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.

## Great Akwesasne River Cleanup

2018

Friday, August 3

8:00/a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Cleanup Areas:

- Snye river Channel
  - St. Regis River
  - Raquette River

 Registration will be located at the St. Regis Rec Center
 will begin at 8:00 a.m.

...Free food provided after cleanup ...kid's bouncy house/waterslide ...educational displays

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