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(Left to right) Community Health Program Manager, Karole Mitchell, Information Services Program Manager Rhonda Adams, Grand Chief Abram Benedict and Executive Director Jordan Wapass are proud that the MCA was selected as a national finalist in the Smart Cities Challenge.

UPCOMING MCA MEETINGS & SPECIAL DATES:

REMINDER

- No General or District Meetings for the month of June

June 28, 2018

- Final Voters List for Election Day will be printed.
(You have until 9 a.m. to submit your application to the Voters List)

June 30, 2018

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

MOHAWK COUNCIL OF AKWESASNE 2015-2018

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,

Akwesasne Mohawk Board
of Education

Shawn Dulude

Chief of Police,

Akwesasne Mohawk Police
Service

James Ransom

Director,

Tehotienawakon

WAT'KWANONWERA:TON/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 became one of five national finalists in Infrastructure Canada's Smart Cities Challenge. The organization has been awarded \$250,000 to further the development of its proposal. The winner of the \$5 million award will be named in spring 2019. Read more on page 3.
2. The A'nowara'ko:wa Arena is offering a cash reward for information leading to an arrest in the January 2018 fire. Read more on page 28.
3. MCA and Canada have completed the final draft settlement agreement for the Seaway Claim. MCA will now move forward with education, community engagement, and a referendum to be held later this year. Read more on Page 5.
4. MCA's General Election is this month! Anyone who has recently turned 18 must request to be added to the Voters' List. See page 34 and Page 36 for more information on who to contact, voting locations, dates and times. The General Election will take place on June 30th.
5. MCA's Recreation Cannabis Survey Results have been released. Read about the survey and what the community has indicated on Page 6.

STAY UPDATED ON ALL THINGS AKWESASNE



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MCA NAMED NATIONAL FINALIST IN CANADA'S SMART CITIES CHALLENGE

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne is excited to announce that it has been named one of five national finalists in Infrastructure Canada's Smart Cities Challenge.

Infrastructure Canada asked communities from across Canada to enter their ideas and proposals for improvement projects that would address their community's issues using a "smart cities approach."

"A smart cities approach means achieving meaningful outcomes for residents through the use of data and connected technology," Infrastructure Canada said in its challenge description.

Beginning in July 2017, MCA began researching ideas for the challenge.

"We are proud to be one of the communities selected as finalists in the Smart Cities Challenge," noted Mohawk Council of Akwesasne Grand Chief Abram Benedict. "We have and will continue to engage with our community, and as a result, are confident that our Challenge Statement represents an innovative solution to address community priorities."

"We first reached out to the Akwesasne community itself, by posting a Facebook contest in which com-

munity members were asked to share their ideas or visions on what smart improvements would be best for Akwesasne," said MCA Executive Director Jordan Wapass. "The contest generated many ideas and helped MCA staff have direction in what was lacking in the community in terms of technology and access. A previous community survey – through the Comprehensive Community Development Plan – also indicated that health was a key priority to Akwesasne community members."



The MCA reached out to the community on social media to share ideas or visions on what smart improvements would be best for Akwesasne.

MCA's staff, leadership and technicians discussed the Smart Cities challenge over the course of several months and recruited zu, a digital products and services firm, to lead the team in Design Thinking workshops and to help frame the final

Challenge Statement submitted for the \$5 million category of the Smart Cities Challenge.

It was important that the challenge statement (proposal) would be beneficial to the community at large, would use technology, improve access to services and information, have measurable data to track improvements, incorporate Akwesasne's culture and values, and, be adoptable by other communities or First Nations as a requirement of the Smart Cities Challenge.

MCA's Smart Cities Challenge Statement, which is now one of five finalists, is to:

Decrease the rate of new cases of diabetes per year in Akwesasne to the Canadian average (0.5%; 5.9/1,000) by improving community wellness using traditional approaches encompassing holistic Indigenous practices, improved access to community services and health diagnostics.

The statement requires new technologies and services to be implemented, including:

- an integrated web/mobile system that will improve access to health information and track progress
- use of electric vehicles
- smart greenhouses
- food delivery services
- health & diabetes education in

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modernized methods

- improved access to health services and physical fitness
- Holistic & culturally-based approaches

(MCA's full submission can be read here: www.akwesasne.ca/smartakwesasne)

Infrastructure Canada's Parliamentary Secretary Marc Miller, well-known for his strides to learn the Mohawk language, congratulated Akwesasne via teleconference this past Monday with Executive Director Wapass and part of the technical team at MCA. (See Infrastructure Canada's announcement here: <https://www.newswire.ca/news-releases/smart-cities-challenge-improving-the-lives-of-canadians-through-innovation-data-and-technology-684271121.html>)

zu is excited to continue working with MCA on the Smart Cities Challenge project. "As a digital services firm, we are thrilled to use digital first to help improve the health and well-being of the Akwesasne community and decrease the number of new diabetes cases. This is a great opportunity to bring a wholistic, culturally based approach to healthy living and use technology to make the educational aspect more accessible and available to the entire community," says Ryan Lejbak, CEO

and Co-Founder of zu.

"Akwesasne's proposal will allow Akwesasne to begin leading, empowering and supporting other Indigenous and Canadian communities to enhance diabetes prevention approaches," said MCA's Director of Health Keith Leclaire. "We have a unique strength in that we have been offering health services based on Akwesasne's cultural and wholistic strengths by targeting prevention approaches for over 40 years. We intend to strengthen and share this using smart technology for the benefit of all."

As a finalist, MCA receives \$250,000 to further the development of its pro-

posal over the next several months for final submission. Infrastructure Canada will announce the winner of the \$5 million award in the spring of 2019.

Grand Chief Benedict added, "The collaborative effort between our community and organization has resulted in this positive outcome. We are excited to further develop our ideas into a final proposal and look forward to earning the \$5 million prize."

MCA encourages feedback from the community as details of the final proposal are determined. Comments are welcome by emailing info@akwesasne.ca, with the subject: SmartAkwesasne.



(left to right): Information Services Program Manager Rhonda Adams, Director of Health Keith Leclaire, and Communications Program Manager Shannon Roundpoint, were congratulated via teleconference by Infrastructure Canada's Parliamentary Secretary Marc Miller. MCA was named one of five national finalists in Infrastructure Canada's Smart Cities Challenge.

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MCA AND CANADA COMPLETE NEGOTIATIONS ON THE SETTLEMENT OF THE ST. LAWRENCE SEAWAY

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne passed a resolution on June 11, 2018 approving the final draft of the proposed Seaway Claim Settlement Agreement that will be sent to the community for approval.

“Over the past two and half years, Council has devoted substantial resources to resolve this 42 year-old grievance. The MCA negotiating team should be commended for their efforts to reach a settlement with representatives of Canada,” said Grand Chief Abram Benedict. “The proposed settlement will be the subject of in-depth community education. Once that is complete, the MCA will hold a referendum to determine whether or not the community approves the agreement.”

In January, Canada presented a settlement offer of \$45 million as compensation for the impacts of the construction of the Seaway in the 1950s, in addition to the return of lands that were expropriated for the construction of the Seaway. Lands around the perimeter of Kawehno:ke, known as the “Block 1 Lands,” were already set to be returned to Akwesasne through the Additions-to-Reserve process. The MCA and Canada have now reached agreement on the return additional lands in the bridge corridor on Kawehno:ke.

The construction of the St. Lawrence Seaway and Power Project caused extensive and substantial harm to Akwesasne. Ontario Power Generation accepted responsibility for damage to the community’s lands and way of life when the hydro dam was constructed. A settlement of grievances against OPG was approved by the Mohawks of Akwesasne in a ref-

erendum held in 2008. The agreement was signed later that year. Compensation of \$46 million was used to create the Mohawks of Akwesasne Community Settlement Trust.

According to Grand Chief Abram Benedict: “With the completion of negotiations with Canada, Akwesasne is close to a resolution of an historical grievance that will help our community to heal and move forward.”

The next step for the MCA is in-depth community education and engagement, followed by a referendum vote later in 2018.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Mohawk Government Offices at 613-575-2348.



The Seaway Claim has been researched and worked on by the Aboriginal Rights and Research Office for over 40 years. Sallie Benedict was instrumental in this Claim first being filed from the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne.

MCA RECREATIONAL CANNABIS SURVEY RESULTS

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne (MCA) Recreational Cannabis Working Task Group is pleased to provide the community with the results from the MCA Recreational Cannabis Survey.

In July 2018, the Government of Canada is expected to pass legislation legalizing the sale of recreational cannabis. The MCA established a Recreational Cannabis Working Task Group in September 2017 to examine the issue and ensure the community's best interest is protected. A Recreational Cannabis Survey was created to determine how community members feel about the regulation, distribution and sale of recreational cannabis in Akwesasne.

Between February 16, 2018 through April 6, 2018, the Recreational Cannabis Survey was completed by community members. There were two ways to participate in the survey: an electronic copy of the survey was available through Survey Monkey. In addition, paper copies of the survey were available and completed paper surveys were given to a technician that would transfer the information to the Survey Monkey website.

After the survey closed, the First Nations of Quebec and Labrador Health and Social Services Commission (FNQLHSSC) compiled the

data, and on May 24, 2018, presented the results to the MCA Recreational Cannabis Working Task Group, Grand Chief and Council and the community through CKON's Tetewatharon and the May MCA General Meeting in Kana:takon.

In total, 590 respondents took the survey including 146 participants for the paper version and 444 participants for the electronic version. Fourteen electronic submissions were deleted because they were repetitive submissions from the same IP address. Some of the paper surveys had only the first five questions answered as the remaining six questions were on the second page and survey takers may have not been aware of questions on the other side of the page. A total of 576 surveys were then analyzed for the first five questions and 548 for the remaining six questions.

Based on the analysis, it is clear that the community is aware of the pending federal legislation to legalize recreational cannabis. Almost seventy-four percent (74%) of respondents believe that the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne should allow the recreational use of cannabis in Akwesasne. Almost sixty-six percent (66%) of respondents support the sale of recreational cannabis in Akwesasne. Over sixty percent

(60%) of respondents support sales by either a privately owned, but MCA licensed business or, a combination of privately owned and MCA owned businesses. Finally, over seventy percent (70%) of respondents believe that Akwesasne should adopt its own laws and regulations governing the production, distribution, sale, and possession of recreational cannabis in Akwesasne.

After reviewing the survey results, it was identified that there was a lack of response from youth (18 and under) and elders (65 and up). The Recreational Cannabis Working Task Group would like to target these age groups to obtain a more thorough response. The MCA Youth Council is working on identifying the youth voice, by hosting educational round tables on cannabis in the community. After this data is collected, a recommendation will be provided to Council to determine the next steps.

Niawenko:wa to all who participated in the survey. A special thanks goes out to the research team from the First Nations of Quebec and Labrador Health and Social Services Commission for their assistance in conducting the survey. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Mohawk Government at 613-575-2348.

AKWESASNE STUDENTS BEGIN EMPLOYMENT THROUGH SEED

School is out for the summer and the students of Akwesasne are back to work! The Summer Employment Experience Development (SEED) Program has officially begun. The SEED Program provides opportunity for both students and community employers to gain knowledge and experience through summer employment for students.

This program caters to post-secondary students looking for meaningful and enriching experience that will enhance both their resume and employability. The students began placement on Monday, June 4th, and will remain in their respective

positions until the program comes to a close on August 24th.

This year, the SEED program has offered employment to a number of students from Akwesasne, all of whom have varying career interests, including, but not limited to: maintenance, communications, elder care, construction and more.

The SEED program addresses the need for post-secondary employment and equips the students with meaningful experience that will assist in future employment endeavours. Each student has the opportunity to learn practical skills and be

certified with up to date WHMIS/GHS awareness training and health and safety procedures.

MCA is committed to providing positive and meaningful employment opportunities for both Secondary and Post-Secondary Akwesasnon students who seek summer employment. The ultimate goal is to assist students in becoming positive, confident and independent young adults through positive work experiences with the MCA.



The Summer Employment Experience Development (SEED) Program provides both Secondary and Post-Secondary Akwesasnon students the opportunity to experience positive and meaningful summer employment. Congratulations to all of the students who will begin their placement throughout the MCA.

CHILDREN RACE FOR "SAFETY" IN THE 2ND ANNUAL LITTLE HEROES SAFETY & TRAINING CAMP

On Friday, June 1, the MCA Community Health Program held their second annual Little Heroes Safety Training Camp & Obstacle Race!

At this event, Community Health staff set up informational booths so families could learn how to be safe and have fun during the summer. The booths covered everything from water, sun and bike safety to tick prevention and how to be safe at playgrounds/parks through a fun learning experience. Children at the event received a "passport", which they filled by going to every informational booth and learning safety tips. Once completed, the kids received their Hero Certification; they

were able to take a picture and enjoy the obstacle course to celebrate!

The goal for the Community Health Program was to bring attention to predictable and preventable injuries concerning children. "Our objective is to encourage parents and caregivers to help their children become leaders in safety by teaching them to be active and safe," said Health Promoter Lorrie Caldwell. "This helps parents understand how to prevent, recognize and manage injuries."

Niawenko:wa to all who attended the event -- we hope you have a "super" safe summer!

Community Health also thanks Akwesasne Tire and Traditional Lacrosse for their donations for the camp and the following volunteers:

- Heather Cook - Superhero Certification Table
- Nolie Thompson - Face Painting
- Norman King Jr - AMPS Mascot
- Tracie Cook - Emcee/Announcer

This event was a partnership by: lakwa'shatste Youth Fitness, MCA Community Health Program, Akwesasne Child & Family Services, SRMT Alcohol/Chemical Dependency Program, Akwesasne Mohawk Police Service, Wholistic Health & Wellness Program, and the 7 Dancers Coalition.



The Little Heroes Safety Training Camp & Obstacle Race was fun, but also informative!

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MOHAWK COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS

MCR #020 Amendment to the MOHL TC Champlain Community Care Access Centre Amending Agreement 2018

Moved by: Chief Joe Lazore
Seconded by: Chief Connie Lazore
For: 4 Against: 0

CARRIED

MCR #021 Ministry of Health and Long Term Care Champlain LHIN CSS Community Accountability Planning Submission 2018-2019

Moved by: Chief Karen Loran
Seconded by: Chief Joe Lazore
For: 4 Against: 0

CARRIED

MCR #022 Second and Third Focus Group Meetings on Tobacco Find Agreement

Moved by: Chief Joe Lazore
Seconded by: Chief Karen Loran
For: 5 Against: 0

CARRIED

MCR #023 2018 Appraised-13 Islands

Moved by: Chief Tim Thompson
Seconded by: Chief Connie Lazore
For: 6 Against: 0

CARRIED

MCR #024 2018 Appraised-Navigation and Communication Appraisal

Moved by: Chief Troy Thompson
Seconded by: Chief Connie Lazore
For: 6 Against: 0

CARRIED

MCR #025 2018 Appraised-Hamilton Island

Moved by: Chief Connie Lazore
Seconded by: Chief Tim Thompson
For: 5 Against: 1

CARRIED

MCR #026 2018 Leases-Appendix A

Moved by: Chief Connie Lazore
Seconded by: Chief Troy Thompson
For: 6 Against: 0

CARRIED

MCR #027 Addendums to Lease for 2018, as indicated on the attached Appendix A

Moved by: Chief Connie Lazore
Seconded by: Chief Troy Thompson
For: 6 Against: 0

CARRIED

MCR #028 Accept and Approve the General Meeting Minutes dated Ennisko:wa/March 29, 2018

Moved by: Chief Joe Lazore
Seconded by: Chief Steve Thomas
For: 6 Against: 1

CARRIED

MCR #029 Employee Payroll Deductions and Incentives Plan

Moved by: Chief Troy Thompson
Seconded by: Chief Tim Thompson
For: 9 Against: 0

CARRIED

MCR #030 Allotment – Lot B/7 Chenail Range CLSR 50008

Moved by: Chief Tim Thompson
Seconded by: Chief Vince Thompson
For: 8 Against: 0

CARRIED

MCR #031 Allotment – Lot 29-6 Chenail Range CLSR 101331

Moved by: Chief April Adams Phillips
Seconded by: Chief Vince Thompson
For: 9 Against: 0

CARRIED

MCR #032 2018 Addendums to Lease for Clark Island-Appendix A

Moved by: Chief Steve Thomas
Seconded by: Chief Dennis Chaussi
For: 9 Against: 0

CARRIED

MCR #033 Ministry of Transport Quebec MCR

Moved by: Chief Joe Lazore
Seconded by: Chief Vince Thompson
For: 9 Against: 0

CARRIED

MCR #034 Ontario Probation Community Corrections Worker Amendment

Moved by: Chief Steve Thomas
Seconded by: Chief April Adams Phillips
For: 9 Against: 0

CARRIED

MCR #035 Akwesasne Election Law 2017 AIP and Vote

Moved by: Chief Steve Thomas
Seconded by: Chief Tim Thompson
For: 9 Against: 0

CARRIED

MCR #036 Contract between MCA and AEDA for Mohawk Language Courses

Moved by: Chief Steve Thomas
Seconded by: Chief Louise Thompson
For: 9 Against: 0

CARRIED

MCR #037 Market Based Housing Program – Policy and Procedures

Moved by: Chief Darryl Lazore
Seconded by: Chief Vince Thompson
For: 9 Against: 0

CARRIED

MCR #038 Professional Services Contract

Moved by: Chief Steve Thomas
Seconded by: Chief Dennis Chaussi
For: 9 Against: 0

CARRIED

MCR #039 The hiring of a Physician, Department of Health

Moved by: Chief April Adams Phillips
Seconded by: Chief Tim Thompson
For: 9 Against: 0

CARRIED

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MCR #040 Renew of Service Contract April 2018-March 31, 2019

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

For: 10 Against: 0

CARRIED

MCR #041 Rescind MCR 2014-2015#189

Moved by: Chief Tim Thompson
Seconded by: Chief Connie Lazore

For: 9 Against: 0

CARRIED

MCR #042 Accept Block 1 – Environmental Reports

Moved by: Chief Troy Thompson
Seconded by: Chief Tim Thompson

For: 7 Against: 3

CARRIED

MCR #043 Allotment – Lot 97-3-6 Cornwall Island CLSR 83989

Moved by: Chief Darryl Lazore
Seconded by: Chief Dennis Chaussi

For: 9 Against: 0

CARRIED

MCR #044 Mohawk Council of Akwesasne approves the report submitted by the Chief Electoral Officer under the Akwesasne Election Law MCR #2005/06-192

Moved by: Chief Connie Lazore
Seconded by: Chief Ryan Jacobs

For: 10 Against: 0

CARRIED

MCR #045 2018 – Clark Island Leases

Moved by: Chief Connie Lazore
Seconded by: Chief Joe Lazore

For: 9 Against: 0

CARRIED

MCR #046 Band Transfer

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

For: 8 Against: 1

CARRIED

MCR #047 Domestic Solid Waste Curbside Collection Contract

Moved by: Chief Joe Lazore
Seconded by: Chief Dennis Chaussi

For: 9 Against: 0

CARRIED

MCR # 048 MOHLTC Amending Agreement with Akwesasne

Moved by: Chief Steve Thomas
Seconded by: Chief Karen Loran

For: 8 Against: 0

CARRIED

MCR #049 Rescind MCR 2017-18-229 dated November 20, 2017

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

For: 8 Against: 0

CARRIED

MCR #050 Assignment of Lease Lot 3-1 Pilon Island

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

For: 7 Against: 1

CARRIED

GRAND CHIEF ABRAM BENEDICT'S COUNCIL MEETING UPDATES

May 22, 2018

- The Executive Director for the Mohawk Council provided Council with a presentation on an upcoming resolution regarding the implementation of the Workplace Revitalization Workgroup recommendations.
- A local Akwesasronon business presented to Council a conception proposal for the Council's consideration. Further follow up will be done.

- The Director of Tehotien-nawakon provided an update on the next steps for the proposed Ontario – Akwesasne Tobacco agreement, (which will go to referendum) based on Ontario's next government's willingness to proceed. The Director also provided Council with an overview of an upcoming resolution on EDP Renewables and explained the purpose.
- An update was provided on

the ongoing research for the MCA to consider a beautification project.

- Council discussed the upcoming election for the Ontario Regional Chief for the Chiefs of Ontario.
- MCR's passed: Approval to rescind previous MCR on cottage lease; Approval to rescind previous MCR on mortgage guarantee; Approval of mortgage guarantee for community member; Approval of assignment of lease on Pilon Island;

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Approval of new lease Pilon Island; Approval of bridge finance for approved AEDF project for Tsi Snai-hne Recreation; Approval of access to territory for business financing purpose; Approval of Akwesasne Court Regulations; Approval of con-

tract with prosecutor for Mohawk Court; Approval of service contract with Ministry of Education; Approval of exchange of lands for right of way purpose; Approval of (5) Council Meeting Minutes.

May 28, 2018

- The MCA Emergency Measures Officer provided Council with an overview of the Akwesasne Joint Emergency Operations Plan and outlined roles and responsibilities.
- Council discussed the development of a Terms of Reference for an elders committee, further development will occur for Council consideration.
- A briefing was provided on a recent Assembly of First Nations

Quebec and Labrador (AFNQL) Chiefs assembly.

- Council discussed a recent presentation and agreed that more research will be completed on Council's options for the proposal.
- A briefing was provided to Council on a recent construction bid that resulted in funding shortfalls. A mitigation plan was reviewed but further research will be done.
- Council discussed an upcoming renaming ceremony to honor a

former employee of the Ahwesash-sne Mohawk Board of Education (AMBE).

- A briefing was provided from a recent District Meeting.
- MCR's passed: Approval of demolition agreement for removal of structure; Approval of (5) upgrade loan (s) to community member (s); Approval of MCA Service Commitments.

June 4, 2018

- The Manager and Leasing Officer for the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne, Office of Vital Statics provided Council with an update on a Survey Fabric Project whereby property lines are verified. The Leasing Officer also updated Council on recent correspondence with Indigenous Services on lease pay-

ment processing; further follow up will be done.

- Council agreed that no District Meetings will be held for the month of June.
- A briefing was provided for the ongoing efforts to resolve an access to waterline situation.
- Council reviewed a draft request for proposal for business de-

velopment; further research will be done.

- MCR's passed: Approval of appointment of youth to Akwesasne Youth Council; Approval of Reorganizational Plan to support Workplace Revitalization Workgroup (WRW) recommendations.

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GRAND CHIEF ABRAM BENEDICT REPORT



I'm pleased to provide you with a brief snapshot of the last year here as your Grand Chief and Council. It's always a pleasure to report on our activities and share with you the great work we are doing at the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne. The work in which we are doing

wouldn't be possible without the dedication and commitment of all the staff here at the MCA—they indeed are the ones who keep the programs going, and the community served. I also want to recognize the District Chiefs who are 12 active community-minded individuals who all bring an array of knowledge and dedication to the Council table to make our community a better place.



The 2015-2018 Grand Chief and Council

Our Council, with your support, has been committed to our four strategic pillars of Self Determination, Well Being, Sustainability, and Modernization. All while keeping in line with our Vision and Mission statement of consistent quality services, but also ensuring a healthy

and robust community while protecting our rights.

I'm pleased to report that the Minister of Crown Relations and Northern Affairs has been to our community several times. During one of those times, she shared in the celebration of the completion of a new apartment complex in Tsi Snaihne. Later on, we completed more complexes with the Minister of Indigenous Services Canada sharing in that celebration. Our Housing Department has also been working on the program with the support of the Akwesasne Community Settlement Trust to meet the needs of our community.

This past year, the Akwesasne Justice Department delivered Canada's first ever Indigenous Compliance Officer training course right here in Akwesasne, this program was made possible by financial support from Indigenous Services Canada. The training program provided the participants with basics of community law enforcement, which will only compliment our newly enacted Akwesasne Court Law. As we continue to exercise our self-determining rights and increase our sustainability, the Akwesasne Justice Department plays a fundamental role in our long-term plans.

As our Council and organization increase our partnership with other governments and organizations, we continue to see the direct benefits of establishing relationships. This year will mark the 3rd year that Akwesasne will participate in the "Dreams Take Flight." Thank you to the Department of Community and Social Services for leading this great initiative for our Akwesasne children and families. Our partnerships in Akwesasne have lead to several other beautiful programs and outreach for our community.

The Department of Technical Services (DTS) has been very busy with several our community capital proj-

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ects constructed throughout the entire community. We have seen Buckshot Road on Kawehno:ke reconstructed, and we are preparing for River Road in Tsi Snaihne, for resurfacing. The department has also assisted in over a million dollars in improvements at the A'nowarako:wa Arena for the entire community to enjoy. Improved lighting at the Peace Tree Mall for energy efficiencies and Information Services will receive some much-needed updates to equipment. Moving into 2018 we will begin the reconstruction of the Tsi Snaihne Wastewater Treatment Plant which will allow for more housing development at the School Road sub-division. Part of being a sustainable community requires infrastructure and our crew at DTS and our leadership have been working hard to meet our needs.

Over the last year, the Ahwesashsne Mohawk Board of Education (AMBE) has been working on a review of the Educational Governance System that supports AMBE as an elected school board. Since 1987, we have had local control of our education system but have not been financially supported by the Government of Canada to support the AMBE administration. Since 1987, we have invested our resources into the administration, the review will help us prepare a future



For the past two years, Akwesasne was able to participate in "Dreams Take Flight." Nia:wen to the Department of Community and Social Services, along with several members of Council for leading this great initiative for our Akwesasne children and families.

proposal to Canada for consideration. This work conducted will only enhance our educational service delivery to the community. AMBE has also created new Mohawk language curriculum in science and literacy based on the Neuro-linguistic Approach to be used in the classrooms to strengthen the Kanienkeha immersion and core program. Local artists were engaged to create Kanienkeha books for classroom use. AMBE embraces lethihahon:nien in promoting self-determination and sustainability. AMBE with the support of funding from MCA, completed a successful Kanienkeha teacher training pilot. The five teachers involved in the language immersion training will be joining



In September 2017, Buckshot Road on Kawehno:ke was reconstructed. Council is now preparing for resurfacing of River Road in Tsi Snaihne.

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the Kana:takon teaching staff in the new school year. The Department of Health has accepted change and embraced modernization and sustainability by sending 14 staff members off to become Certified First Nations Health Managers by the First Nations Health Managers Association (FNHMA). Each staff member will receive 15 university credits since this program is in partnership with Athabasca University. The efforts of the MCA Health Department will only enhance our service delivery to the community and continue to create capacity for the future expansion. We are incredibly proud of the Department of Health and all the staff for embracing our strategic pillars.

Tehotiiennawakon has been working on the implementation of the Canada 150 grant, which seen improvements to the A'nowara'ko:wa Arena as well as Thompson Island. The department has been providing workshops for local business and extending information to them by available grants. Environment took the lead on community consultation on the bridge corridor improvements in partnership with the Federal Bridge Corporation. The department has been developing a renewable energy strategy for the community in support of sustainability and eventually the consideration



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 Akwesasne Mohawk Police Service (AMPS) has worked hard to become more visible and active in the community.

of renewable energy for the community.

Our Council continues to support the efforts of the Akwesasne Mohawk Police Service (AMPS) and has met several times internally to assist the AMPS in their governance growth and to ensure support to the officers on the front line staff. While the work we do may not be seen directly by the public, our portfolio and Council have made it clear to the commission and the new Chief of Police we are here to support one another and meet the community expectations. Over the last year, we have seen the officers become more visible and active in the community. We applaud them for that.

Mohawk Government, in collaboration with Executive Services, has been working on various projects and initiatives to support our strategic priorities of the MCA. In December 2015, the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne received an offer from Canada to settle a 40-year-old lawsuit known as the Seaway Claim. Canada has offered 45 million dollars and the return of lands in exchange for settlement of the suit. The staff at the Aboriginal Rights and Research Office (ARRO) have been tremendously supportive of Council on this claim as well on the other claims we have, including the Dundee Claim. Executive Services has taken a joint roll with Council in the development of investment options for the set-

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tlement proceeds. In collaboration with our 3rd party advisors, we have begun the development of a fiscal framework for profits for the community to consider. Over the last eight months, Mohawk Government with the support of Executive Services has been pursuing Indigenous Services for a 10-year grant-like contribution. When successful in obtaining this 10-year grant the Mohawk Council will have less redundant reporting to the government but will begin reporting to our leadership on outcomes as established by the community and Council. This 10-year grant will also allow the MCA to develop long-term financial plans to support community priorities.

In our efforts to ensure we are accountable and transparent to the community this year, we hosted our 2nd MCA open houses. Our open houses gave the community an opportunity to meet the staff, ask questions and learn more about what the MCA is doing for you and we also welcomed feedback from you. Your essential feedback didn't go unheard, and we have now begun making our policies available online, we have reinstituted our written monthly newsletter Onkwe'ta:ke and have committed to creating more changes to serve you better.



The Akwesasne Justice Department delivered Canada's first ever Indigenous Compliance Officer training course right here in Akwesasne. MCA is proud of all the individuals that graduated.

Your Council and I are incredibly proud of all the accomplishments the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne has achieved over the last year. We have worked very hard to create new partnerships and raise the positive profile of the vibrant community we live in and serve. The numerous presentations the MCA has provided to all levels of government has given many government bureaucrats a different view of Akwesasne. There is a greater appreciation of the challenges we face signified in two countries, two provinces and one state and all the complexities that come with that. Regardless, we are all committed to making our community a healthier, vibrant place for us to work and live.



The Mohawk Council was proud to be able to host Community Dinners that gathered the community and had Council serving Akwesasronon. All of Council participated and these events were held in all three Districts. Here is an image from the Community Dinner in Kana:takon.

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TSI SNAIHNE DISTRICT CHIEF APRIL ADAMS-PHILLIPS UPDATE



She:kon, Akwesasne. I wanted to provide a quick overview on a few notable projects I've been working on.

Dreams Take Flight

Dreams Take Flight is a charity and volunteer organization that brings children with life challenges on a trip to Disney World. I am happy to

announce MCA will select four children to participate for a third year. We have been very fortunate to meet Ken Bourque, a longtime volunteer and organizer for Dreams Take Flight. Ken is taking a leave of absence due to health issues and I like to wish him a speedy recovery. Nia:wen to all that made this possible!

Recreational Cannabis Working Task Group

This group was established in September 2017 to ex-

amine recreational cannabis and ensure the community's best interests are protected. The priority of this group is to research, examine and report back to Council options for consideration regarding the regulation, distribution and sale of recreational cannabis. A cannabis survey was created in February 2018 and results are in this issue of Onkwe'ta:ke.

Iroquois Caucus Working Group on Radioactive Waste

First Nations leaders have not been properly consulted about the prospect of a nuclear waste disposal site being established northwest of Ottawa near a prominent nuclear research centre. On April 23, 2018 we went to the UN to speak on radioactive waste. This was a concern to me due to the danger of the transport. I want community members to voice their concerns on this important topic.

TSI SNAIHNE DISTRICT CHIEF JOE LAZORE UPDATE



Language Act

I have been involved in negotiations with Canada to recover and revitalize Indigenous languages across Canada. If approved by Parliament for three readings, this will lead up to an announcement of an Indigenous Language Act.

Cultural Agreement with Quebec

I'm working with the Quebec Ministry to renew relationships, to work on our partnerships identifying our cultures and to have good working relations between our community.

Department of Technical Services

I have been involved with negotiations with Minister

of Transportation of Quebec to find funding for new roads, operation and maintenance. With the new agreement now in place as of 2018, funding received is up to \$800,000. Now Ontario is on board with funding for the upgrade Wastewater Treatment Plant. I am still working on priority projects in all 3 Districts. This will lead to the creation of a multi-jurisdiction table, which includes Ontario, Quebec, the Federal Government and the MCA to work together on improving the funding sources for Akwesasne.

Iroquois Caucus

The Iroquois Caucus consists of the seven Councils of Akwesasne, Kahnawa:ke, Kanehsata':ke, Tyendinaga, Wahta, Oneida (Thames) and Six Nations of the Grand River. We meet regularly to discuss hunting, fishing, gathering medicines and our border rights.

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ENTEWATATHÁ:WI WORKING TABLES AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Entewatatha:wi has four working tables that involve Mohawk Council Portfolio Chiefs, community members and managers/directors from various departments of Mohawk Council of Akwesasne. Each table has different tasks and participants of the tables provide experience, assist and advise to what each specific table needs. In the following are descriptions of each table and a short biography of each committee member.

Entewatatha:wi Working Tables

Akwesasne Governance Code Committee

The Akwesasne Governance Code Committee (AGCC) consists of representatives from Entewatatha:wi, Aboriginal Rights and Research Office, Justice, Mohawk Government, District Chiefs and members from Akwesasne within the 3 districts. The group is tasked with developing the Akwesasne Governance Code that will govern the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne Chiefs. The document is a community driven document based on the principles of transparency, accountability and community expectations. The committee's job is to ensure the community expectations are reflected within the document. This document will bridge a gap between Council and the community to ensure sound governance. Currently, the AGCC is reviewing the first draft that provided core elements from each Akwesasne Law that pertained to Council. Prior to this, the Code consisted of all the Akwesasne laws and its entirety.

Working Technical Table

The Working Technical table is comprised of individuals from Entewatatha:wi, Aboriginal Rights and Research Office, Mohawk Government, Executive Services and Legal Counsel. The mandate of the Working Technical Table is to draft the Akwesasne Governance Code as a collective group to ensure it captures the community expectations from the AGCC. The working group reports and presents to the Governance Code Committee to ensure all elements are captured within the Code that reflects the

core principles to which the code is built on. Currently, the working group is preparing to review line by line with the AGCC to ensure consistency and accuracy from prior drafts. The next challenge is to incorporate the Akwesasne Financial Management Law into the Code.

Land Code Task Force

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne (MCA) created the Land Code Task Force (LCTF) to draft the Akwesasronon Onkwenwhentsia'shon:a (Akwesasne Land Code). It is comprised of representative from MCA's departments, community members, legal advisor as required, and staff from the Entewatatha:wi program.

For several years the LCTF has been working on the Land Code on a basis of including all aspects of land management into a single document. Last summer, the Entewatatha:wi program was requested to separate land administration and management provisions between Land Code and a Land Law. This has been done and the new Akwesasronon Onkwenwhentsia'shon:a will be a more simplified approach, while the Land Law will be more detailed.

The Akwesasronon Onkwenwhentsia'shon:a framework is significantly shorter and sets out the principles for Akwesasne's land management to protect the interests in Akwesasne. The Land Code will need to be consistent with the Sectoral Agreement. Rachel Lazare, Policy Analyst, has taken this new approach that involves a technical working group and maintains the existing LCTF table. The technical team is comprised of MCA departments that have the expertise in areas that relate to land, this new approach should have a proposed draft document by the end of this calendar year.

Akwesasne Land Law

The land law will be developed to set out the rules and Akwesasne structures for lands management. As a re-

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sult of dividing the Land Code into two separate documents; a new Working Task Group has been developed to draft the Akwesasne Land Law. Several sections of the previous draft Land Code will be transferred into the new Land Law. The Land Law will set out the rules and Akwesasne structures for lands management as well as details on the administrative bodies that will be responsible for land management in Akwesasne. The Land Law will need to be consistent with the Sectoral Agreement and the Land Code.

In order for the Land Law to be fully operational, the Land Law Working Group will also be researching and developing the required administrative bodies, and a dispute resolution mechanism along with their Charters and Regulations. These operating procedures and regulations for lands management will set out administrative policies and forms. We are expecting that this project start and continue into the next fiscal year.

Akwesasne/Canada Negotiations

The Table is co-chaired by negotiators from Akwesasne and Canada, different representative from MCA’s departments, Entewatatha:wi staff, community members, legal advisors and other experts if needed.

The purpose of the table is for the Mohawks of Akwesasne and Canada to strive to reach agreements that implement practical arrangements for the exercise of jurisdiction and authority in identified areas, identify the structure and procedures through which the Mohawks of Akwesasne will exercise jurisdiction and authority and identify matters for future negotiations and jurisdiction and authority.

Entewatatha:wi Advisory Committee

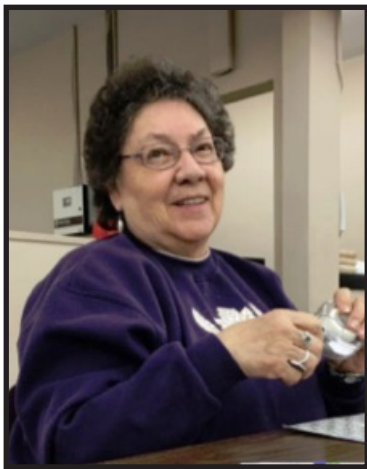
The Entewatatha:wi Advisory Committee (EAC) table consists of elders, youth and community members from Akwesasne. The table provides experience, advice and assistance to Entewatatha:wi’s communication strate-

gic plan, publications and other essential material to provide to Mohawk Council and to the community of Akwesasne that pertains to ‘Self-Government’.

Currently, the table is working with other institutions to aid Entewatatha:wi in reaching its goals by providing their expertise and resources. The institutions are Indian Time Newspaper, CKON radio and MCA Communications Department. The EAC is developing topics for CKON Tetewatharen talk show, which will be aired once a month, MCA’s Newsletter-Onkwe’ta:ke, Indian Time Newspaper, and is also working on short videos to add to the E-Newsletter, Entewatatha:wi’s website, Facebook and other social media.

In the near future, Entewatatha:wi will be adding two new Working Tables: Fiscal Relations Working Table and Pre-Implementation Working Table.

Entewatatha:wi Committee Members Bernice Kahsennanoron Lazore



Spouse: James Roger Lazore
Clan: Wolf
Parents: Esther David and Frank Mitchell
Maternal Grandparents: Martha White and William David
Paternal Grandparents: Louise Martin and Angus Kariwate Mitchell
Children: Andrew Travis Seymour, James Conrad Lazore

and Stuart Curtis Lazore
Born in: Cornwall, Ontario
Currently lives in: Kawehno:ke, Akwesasne
Experience: Retired since 2008. Employed by Federal, Provincial, Municipal and local governments. Worked as an Executive Secretary, Administrative Assistant, Historic Research Assistant, Conference Coordinator and Employee Assistant.
Why Entewatatha:wi is important to me: I have worked

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under Indian Affairs in the 60's as secretary to an Indian Agent, recorded minutes for Band Council for years. My interest has always been our government structure in Akwesasne. I have attended meetings with the Longhairs, Seven Nations, St. Regis Mohawk Tribe and Mohawk Nation and Mohawk Council of Akwesasne to keep learning and trying to understand the evolution of our government. I believe it's time we got out of the Indian Act and went under our own laws and governance system.
Working Table(s): Akwesasne Governance Code Committee and Land Code Task Force

Patricia Benedict



Spouse: Charles Benedict
Parents: Rita and Clarence White
Maternal Grandparents: Louise and Louie McDonald
Paternal Grandparents: Annie David and grandfather unknown
Children: Jay, Keith, William, Wilford and Quinn

Born in: Malone, New York
Currently lives in: Kawehno:ke, Akwesasne

Experience: Worked at a Bra factory then Janet MacDonnell Pavilion for 17 years and volunteered on the Legislative for 8 years. Currently is retired.
Why Entewatatha:wi is important to me: To make things better and easier for the people!
Working Table(s): Akwesasne Governance Code Committee and Entewatatha:wi Advisory Committee

Rebecca P. White



Clan: Turtle
Parents: Bertha and Phillip Hopps
Maternal Grandparents: Grandmother unknown and Mitchell White
Paternal Grandparents: Mary Point and Mitchell Hopps
Children: April, Veronica, Brian and Lance
Born in: Cornwall, Ontario

Currently lives in: Kawehno:ke, Akwesasne
Experience: Retired Mohawk Language Teacher
Why Entewatatha:wi is important to me: Entewatatha:wi is about our future!
Working Table: Land Code Task Force

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.

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Pam Brown



Clan: Bear
Parents: Virginia and Lloyd Brown
Maternal Grandparents: Lena and Daniel Nicholas
Paternal Grandparents: Louise and Samuel Brown
Born in: Cornwall, Ontario
Currently lives in: Akwesasne
Experience: Numerous years of a variety of work in the Akwesasne community.

Why Entewatatha:wi is important to me: To assure our lands, culture and traditions remain intact and will be passed on to the faces that are not here yet.
Working Table: Land Code Task Force

Lucy Papineau



Clan: Bear
Parents: Mary Thompson and Joseph Seymour
Maternal Grandparents: Elizabeth Bonspiel and Peter Thompson
Paternal Grandparents: Bella Roundpoint and Mitchell Seymour
Children: Leslie, Lane and Tawit
Born in: Cornwall Ontario

Currently lives in: Kawehno:ke, Akwesasne
Experience: Worked in Akwesasne for 35 years as a Community Health Nurse.
Why Entewatatha:wi is important to me: I believe in the work the Entewatatha:wi staff is working towards. It is time that the community is part of the decision making with the government of Canada as it pertains to Akwesasne.
Working Table(s): Akwesasne/Canada Negotiations and Entewatatha:wi Advisory Committee

Rose Oakes



Spouse: William (O'Hara) Oakes
Clan: Bear
Parents: Charlotte and Lawrence Tarbell
Maternal Grandparents: Katie (McDonald) and Mitchell David
Paternal Grandparents: Mary and Joe Tarbell
Children: Dion, David and Dion
Born in: State Road, Akwesasne

Currently live in: Tsi Snaihne, Akwesasne
Experience: Worked at the Adolescent Group Home for 17 years. Currently retired.
Why Entewatatha:wi is important to me: We need to get out of the Indian Act; this is really holding us back from handling our own government. We shouldn't have to pass our own laws to get recognition from outside governments.
Working Table: Entewatatha:wi Advisory Committee

Celia Jock

Clan: Bear
Parents: Grace and Mitchell Leaf
Maternal Grandparents: Cecelia and Stephen Ettienne
Paternal Grandparents: Unknown
Children: Natalie Jacobs, Kathy Thompson and Brittney Jock
Born in: Oka, Quebec
Currently lives in: Kana:takon, Akwesasne
Experience: Worked at Home for the Aging/Basket Maker
Why Entewatatha:wi is important to me: Entewatatha:wi will give the people a better voice. The people need to be heard, respected and taken seriously.
Working Table: Entewatatha:wi Advisory Committee

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Mia Francis



Parents: Tammy and Scott Francis
Maternal Grandparents: Patti and Ray Thompson
Paternal Grandparents: Marita and Dickie Francis
Born in: New Jersey
Currently lives in: Kanatakon, Akwesasne
Experience: Graduated from Neumann University, Interned from Washington Internship for

Native Students, was part of Teach for America's Native Alliance Initiative, taught Kindergarten for 2 years at the Rosebud Sioux Reservation and is currently working as a Post-Secondary Liaison and sits on Mohawk Council of Akwesasne Youth Council.

Why Entewatatha:wi is important to me: Working with the elderly and the youth within our community has opened my eyes and my heart. I've realized the importance of our past, present and future generations working together to heal that past and make a brighter future.

Working Table: Entewatatha:wi Advisory Committee

Bill Sunday

Spouse: Connie Mary Sunday



Clan: Wolf
Parents: Josephine (Cook) and Frank Sunday
Maternal Grandparents: Unknown
Paternal Grandparents: Anna and Louie Sunday
Born in: St. Regis Indian Reserve
Currently lives in: Tsi Snaihne
Experience: Steel worker and former District Chief of Tsi Snaihne.

Why Entewatatha:wi is important to me: Entewatatha:wi will change and improve the relationship with the Canadian government.

Working Table(s): Akwesasne Governance Code Committee and Akwesasne/Canada Negotiations

Geraldine Jacobs

Clan: Wolf

Parents: Sesi and Frank Jocco

Maternal Grandparents: unknown

Paternal Grandparents: Therese Jocco and grandfather unknown

Children: Anson and Allen Jacobs, Shannon and Brandon Sylvester and Jamie and Robyn Jocco

Born in: St. Regis Quebec

Currently lives in: Kawehno:ke, Akwesasne

Experience: Worked at Indian Times Newspaper for a few years, also worked at the Kateri Hall as a Holy Communion Instructor. Currently is retired.

Why Entewatatha:wi is important to me: I feel it's time to for us, after 500 years to stand on our own two feet, we don't need outside governments to get into our affairs. We have been taking care of ourselves way before the Europeans came here. We are unique and have a different way of dealing with life issues such as the environment, our lands and our people.

Working Table: Entewatatha:wi Advisory Committee

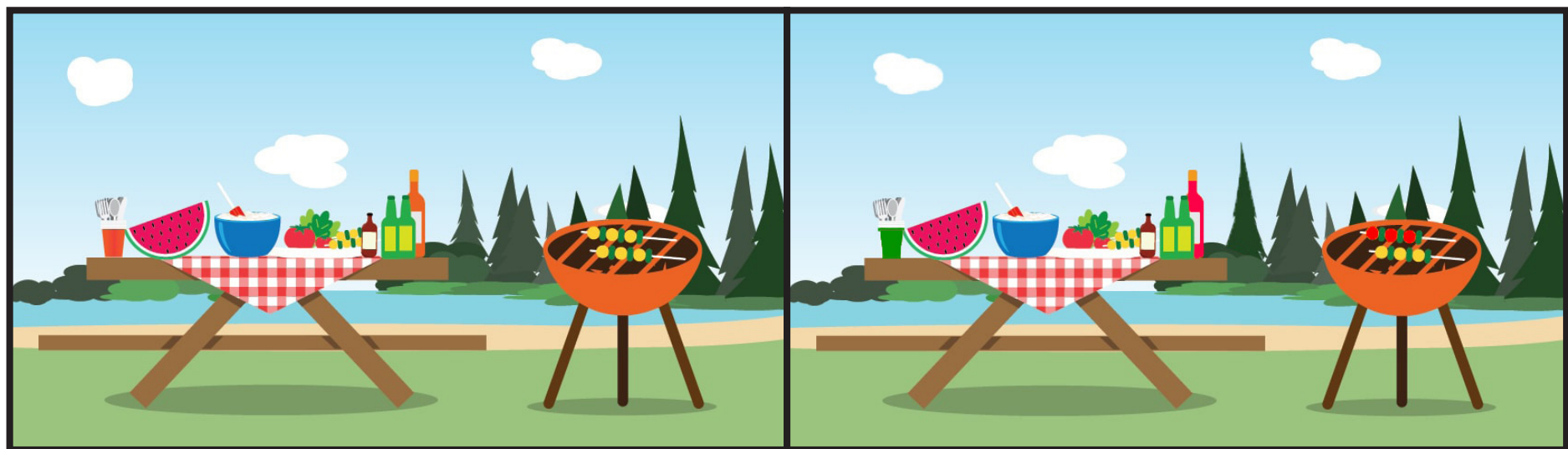
Other Committee members that participate are:

- Lewis Morris is a participant on Akwesasne Governance Code Committee and Akwesasne/Canada Negotiations.
- Laura Paulette is a participant on Akwesasne/Canada Negotiations and Land Code Task Force.
- Roxene Jones is a participant on the Entewatatha:wi Advisory Committee.
- Tehaienkwarentos Thompson is a participant on the Entewatatha:wi Advisory Committee.
- Lloyd Benedict is a participant on the Entewatatha:wi Advisory Committee .
- Ann Marie Cross-Laughing is a participant on the Entewatatha:wi Advisory Committee.

CHILDREN'S PAGE

SPOT THE DIFFERENCES

Look over the two photos below of a summer picnic and see if you can spot the five differences!



HOW DO ANTS COMMUNICATE?

Ants primarily communicate through pheromones, which are chemical scents. An ant “lays down” scents from glands in its body to communicate to the colony it belongs to, its role in the colony, the location of food sources, and more. Another ant can detect these scents, and scents in the air, with its antennae.

Ants don’t have good vision, so very little communication is through sight. They don’t have ears, but they are very sensitive to vibrations through receptors in their legs. And they can make “warning” chirps by rubbing together body parts as grasshoppers do.

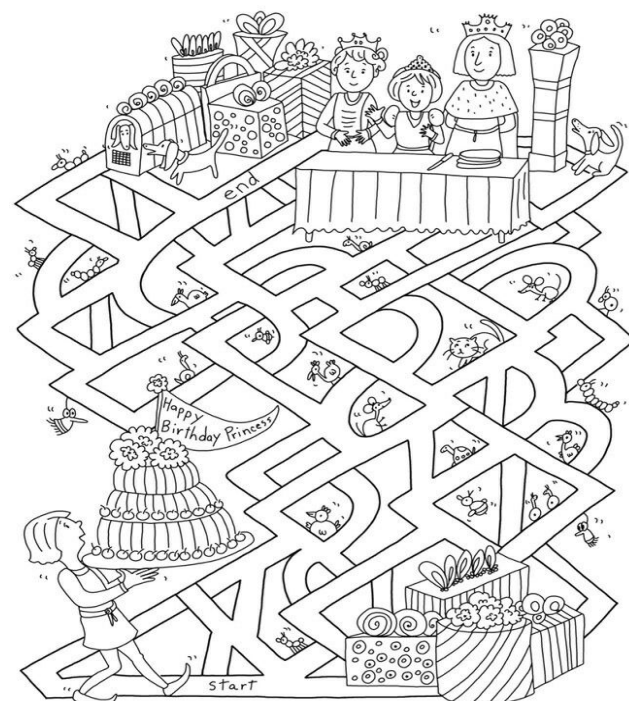


YOU GOT TO BE KIDDING ME!

What do you call it when sandwiches fall down a mountain?
An avalunch! 😂

A-MAZE-ING DELIVERY!

Can you help deliver the birthday cake to the princess?



SOCIAL MEDIA CONNECTION

FACEBOOK STATS



Facebook Posts with the Most Likes in May

- 1. AFNQL Gives Standing Ovation Farewell to Chief Karen Loran (Public Statement)
- 2. Ambe Students Participate in Ottawa Kids Marathon (Photos)
- 3. Arena Celebrates Re-opening and Improvements (Public Statement)
- 4. Tsi Snaihne School Students Prepared for Ottawa Kids Marathon (Photo)
- 5. AMPS Conducts Air Search for Kenny Leaf (Announcement)

Facebook Posts with the Highest Reach in May

- 1. MCA Nomination Results — 5,592 Reached
- 2. AFNQL Gives Standing Ovation Farewell to Chief Karen Loran — 4,434 Reached
- 3. AMS Tom Longboat Race 2018 Photo Album — 4,227 Reached
- 4. Arena Celebrates Re-opening and Improvements — 2,800 Reached
- 5. AMPS Conducts Air Search for Kenny Leaf — 3,365 Reached

TWITTER STATS

Top Tweet in May



Mohawk Council of Akwesasne @MCAkwesasne · May 25
Nashville country singer @James_Carothers will be performing a concert to benefit the @medicinemenlax team!

WHERE: Deke & Squeaks Bar | 58 Pitt Street, Cornwall, ON
WHEN: Sunday, May 27 | 7 PM
TICKETS: \$25

Tickets are available for purchase at UPS Akwesasne or Deke & Squeaks.



YOUTUBE STATS



Highest Viewed Videos on the MCA Youtube Channel for April

- 1. MCA General Meeting - May 24, 2018 (140 views)
- 2. MCA Named Finalist in Smart Cities Challenge (106 views)
- 3. Tsiakristisere/Dundee Land Claim (91 views)

EXECUTIVE SERVICES

COMPLIMENTS & APPRECIATIONS

- A big niawenko:wa goes out to Chief Troy Thompson, Angel Brant, and the Community Fund for supporting the students from the Ahkwesahsne Mohawk School who attended the Ottawa Marathon.
- Nia:wen to the community, Council and all individuals that donated or participated in the Mohawk Raffle Fundraiser for Tsiionkwanonhso:te! It is greatly appreciated!
- Thank you to all staff members at Iakhihsohtha that decorated flower pots for the residents. The Totas will be able to enjoy the flowers for the entire summer.

The Tsi Snaihne School would like to thank Michelle Kennedy from Queen’s University for her participation and dedication to teaching students about robotics and STEM subjects throughout the year! Principal Lynda Brown presented Ms. Kennedy with a picture that had each student’s fingerprint made into a bouquet of flowers.

TSS would also like to thank Myra Lafrance and Nikaita:a Skidders from the Akwesasne Boys and Girls Club for donating 36 food packs to the students at Tsi Snaihne School in need! They offered support to Tsi Snaihne School’s Friends Helping Friends Food Pantry initiative.



Myra Lafrance and Nikaita:a Skidders.

NEW AND CHANGING FACES AT MCA

MAY 2018

Jasmine David.....Supply Teacher
Dayna Green.....Supply Teacher



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

RENOVATIONS BEGINNING AT KANONHKWATSHERI:IO 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 26th, 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 Leclair 613-575-2341, Ext 3304 or Robyn Mitchell-Sunday at Ext 3307.

TSIIONKWANONHSO:TE ACCEPTING PATIENTS



Friendly Staff at Tsiionkwanonhso:te.

The Wholistic Health and Wellness Medical Clinic at would like to announce they are accepting patients at Tsiionkwanonhso:te, located on Kawehnoke. To clear up any confusion, the clinic staff would like to update Akwesasronon

The clinic is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday to Friday by appointment or same day appointments. The staff is offering a daily blood clinic starting at 8 a.m. until 2:15 p.m.

The friendly and knowledgeable staff consists of Alana Green (RPN) and Monica Papineau (RPN), and Lannie Mitchell (NP) and they look forward to assisting you.

For more information, please contact 613-575-2341 ext. 1618.

of the services they offer and give guidance about how to access the building.

The medical clinic is located on 70 Kawehnoke Apartments Road, just off McCumber Road, in the same building as Tsiionkwanonhso:te Home for the Elderly. Community members are asked to enter the building at the main entrance, the medical clinic is through the doors on the right hand side. A code is required to enter the building and there are signs posted on the doors with the passcode: 6147. Patients are to check in at the reception area before being seated.



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

TICK TALK-WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT TICKS AND LYME DISEASE

What is Lyme Disease?

- Lyme disease is an illness caused by the bacterium *Borrelia burgdorferi*
- Lyme disease can be spread through the bite of certain types of ticks.
- Lyme disease in humans can have serious symptoms but can be effectively treated.
- Ticks get infected when they feed on mice, squirrels, birds and other small animals that carry the “*Borrelia burgdorferi*” bacterium
- Pets can carry infected ticks into yards and homes
- People CAN'T spread Lyme disease to each other.
- Exposure is greatest in the woods and in the edge area between lawn and woods.

Symptoms and Treatment of Lyme Disease

- Fatigue
- Chills
- Fever
- Headache
- Muscle and joint pain
- Swollen lymph nodes
- A very small percentage with will develop a rash. There are three stages of Lyme Disease and the symptoms vary from each person. Lyme disease can be treated effectively with antibiotics.

Checking for Ticks

Conduct a body check upon return from potentially-infested tick areas.

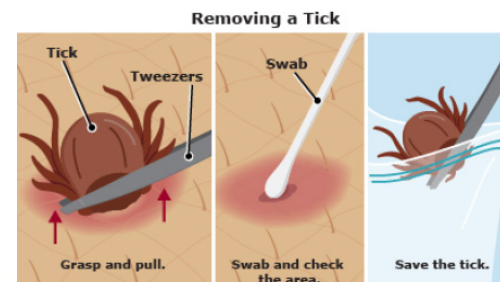
Be sure to check these parts of your body:

- In and around the hair and ears
- Under arms
- Inside belly button
- Around waist and back
- Groin area
- Legs and back of knees
- Feet and between toes



How to Remove a Tick

- 1. Use fine-tipped tweezers to remove a tick
- 2. Firmly grasp the tick as close to your skin as possible
- 3. With a steady motion pull the tick's body away from your skin
- 4. Put the tick or ticks in a small sealed plastic container with a moistened piece of paper towel and bring it to:
 - MCA Community Health office
 - Akwesasne Medical Clinic
 - Kawehnoke Medical Clinic
- 5. Once tick is removed wash bite site with soap and warm water
- 6. Seek medical attention



What to avoid

Never try any homemade remedies to release ticks.

Preventing Tick Bites

- Wear light colored clothing, which makes ticks easier to spot.
- Use an insect repellent containing DEET. Products should be sprayed on CLOTHING not skin.
- Stay on trails and paths.

For more information: MCA Community Health Program 613-575-2341 ext. 3220

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

HOW TO REPLACE A LOST, STOLEN, OR DETERIORATED QUEBEC HEALTH CARD

For those that need to have your health insurance card replaced, you will need to call the Regie to obtain a card replacement form. The toll-free number is 1-800-561-9749.

The current cost to replace a health insurance card is \$25.00 which is payable by check, money order or bank draft ONLY. Cash will not be accepted. Please note that persons age 65 or over are exempt from paying the replacement fee.

The Regie will then mail your card within 10 working days after receiving a complete application. Please contact them as soon as possible in order to get your replacement card.

For more information, please visit the Community Health Office, or call 613-575-2341 ext. 3220.

MAMMOGRAM DAY

On June 20, 2018 between 1 p.m.-3 p.m., the MCA Community Health Program & Cancer Care Ontario is sponsoring a Mammogram Day. This event will take place at the Cornwall Community Hospital and gifts and snacks are included!

- jewelry
- powder

Please call MCA Community Health at 613-575-2341 ext. 3220 to book your spot!

Mammograms can save your life. Finding breast cancer early reduces your risk of dying from the disease by 25-30% or more. Women should begin having mammograms yearly at age 40, or earlier if they're at high risk.

It is recommended that women 50-74 years of age should have a mammogram every 1-2 years. The best protection is early detection.

Mammograms can usually find lumps 2 or 3 years before a woman or her primary care provider can feel them.

In order to achieve the most accurate test results, on the day of your mammogram, do not wear:

- deodorant
- lotion
- perfume



DEPARTMENT OF TEHOTIENNAWAKON

CASH REWARD OFFERED FOR ARENA FIRE INFORMATION

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne urges anyone with information regarding the January 19, 2018 fire at the A’nowara’ko:wa Arena to come forward. A cash reward of \$5,000 is currently being offered by the arena for any information that leads to an arrest and conviction of the person(s) responsible.

On Friday, January 19, 2018 at approximately 3 p.m., the Akwesasne Mohawk Police and the Hogansburg Akwesasne Volunteer Fire Department (HAVFD) were dispatched to the A’nowara’ko:wa Arena regarding a fire alarm activation. When officers arrived on scene they were met by several persons who reported that there was a fire in one of the locker rooms. The HAVFD quickly contained and extinguished the fire, which severely damaged the locker room and caused smoke

damage throughout the arena facility.

Akwesasne Mohawk Police investigators and the HAFVD conducted a preliminary examination of the scene and deemed the fire suspicious. The scene was secured and the Office of the Fire Marshal was requested to attend the scene, and the fire was later determined to be intentional (arson). The Akwesasne Mohawk Police are leading the investigation, which remains open.

Anyone with information that will assist in the investigation is asked to contact the Akwesasne Mohawk Police at 613-575-2000 or the Akwesasne Crime Stoppers at 613-575-2255.



DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY & SOCIAL SERVICES

ACFS GEARS UP FOR ANNUAL SUMMER PROGRAM

The Akwesasne Child and Family Services (ACFS) is gearing up for the start of their annual summer program!

The program is six weeks long and will be held between July 9th-August 17th. ACFS is excited to welcome six post-secondary students and two high school students to help provide supervision to the attendees of the program, all of whom are interns of the Summer Employment Experience Development (SEED) Program.

The program is an opportunity for kids in the community, ages 6-12, to learn and have fun during the summer months. Children will learn team building, traditional teachings, and be educated on health and safety, including anti-bullying. An average day in the life of an ACFS summer student includes outdoor activities, crafts, and "Trip Days" every Friday, including a trip scheduled to take place at WOOHOO, the largest in-

door entertainment center in Canada located in Vaudreuil-Dorion, QC.

ACFS has arranged for several community programs to provide activities that will educate the children while keeping them interested and entertained. Partners will include the Akwesasne Mohawk Police Service, SRMT Police, Community Health at MCA, the Native North American Travelling College, Iakwashatste Youth Fitness, and the Seven Dancers Coalition.

The students will be immersed in activities starting at 7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. daily at the Tsi Snaihne Recreation Center on River Road in Tsi Snaihne. Breakfast, lunch and snacks will be provided by the Tsi Snaihne Recreation staff.



The staff at Akwesasne Child and Family Services are gearing up to begin the ACFS Annual Summer Program!

AHKWESAHSNE MOHAWK BOARD OF EDUCATION

TSI SNAIHNE SCHOOL STUDENTS RECEIVE MEDALS FOR SCIENCE PROJECTS

Seventeen Tsi Snaihne School students advanced to the United Counties Science Fair at St. Lawrence High School in Cornwall on Saturday, April 7th. Two of our students received medals for their “Science on the Wall” projects. Arrow Adams’ grade 5 project titled “Which Water is Healthier?” and Stormy Casey’s project titled “Let’s Rock” were our two winners. Congratulations to all students that participated!



Arrow Adams



Stormy Casey

AMBE STAFF CHANGES

The Ahkwesashsne Mohawk Board of Education has experienced a few staffing changes and would like to welcome the following:

- Alice King:** Superintendent of Language & Culture
- Courtney Smoke-Thomas:** Skahwatsi:ra Principal
- Andrea Carpenter:** Associate Principal
- Mia Francis (1 year term):** Student Support Liaison
- Veronica Jacobs:** Data Systems Administrator
- Rebecca Smoke:** Academic Manager

- Dwight Bero Jr:** Post-Secondary Manager
- Norma Sunday:** Associate Director Post-Secondary & Adult Learning
- Heather Jacobs (Term):** Executive Assistant

If you have any questions or would like more information, contact Donna Lahache at donna.lahache@ambe.ca or 613-933-0409 ext. 1403.

CONTACT US!

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

Ahkwasahsne 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

AHKWESAHSNE MOHAWK BOARD OF EDUCATION

AMBE STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN OTTAWA KIDS MARATHON

Students from the Ahkwesahsne Mohawk Board of Education (AMBE) ran in the Ottawa Kids Marathon on May 27, 2018. This was the first year that Tsi Snaihne students, AMS and Kana:takon school, participated in the Ottawa Kids Marathon.

Students prepared for the race, several months prior, by attending an after school running club.

The students ran the Ottawa Kids Marathon with more than 1,200 other children. Before the race, the students received a swag bag with their bib number and a kids marathon t-shirt.

After crossing the finish line, the children received refreshments and a medal for their participation.

Nia:wen to AMBE for providing transportation, and to all AMBE staff and parents who showed their support.



A special thank you goes out to Chief Troy Thompson for initiating the organization of this event and for completing the marathon!



Congratulations to all students from AMBE that participated in the Ottawa Kids Marathon. Great job and keep up your hard work and determination!

DEPARTMENT OF TECHNICAL SERVICES

ROADWORK BEGINS ON KAWEHNO:KE CORRIDOR

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne is reminding the community that the Cornwall Gravel Company Limited has begun construction for the Seaway International Bridge Corporation Contract 5-Kawehno:ke Bridge Corridor Construction.

This phase of reconstruction is providing improvements along the International Road corridor from the current “crossroads” intersection, up to the low-level bridge. This roadwork project is anticipated to take 9 months with completion slated for next spring. There are no expected road closures; however, travelers and residents should be prepared for delays when roadway is decreased to single lanes.

Council was informed photos were circulating on social media with inaccurate information on the drainage/culvert pipes being installed. Culvert pipes are used to allow water to flow under the road from one side to the other. These pipes are used to provide drainage to prevent flooding.

If you have any comments or questions, do not hesitate to contact the Mohawk Government Office at 613-575-2348.



Travelers and residents should be prepared for delays when the roadway is decreased to single lanes.



The culvert pipes that are being installed are used to provide drainage in order to prevent flooding.

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING

SUMMER HOME MAINTENANCE TIPS

Another summer is here, and now is a great time to take advantage of the warm weather to get your house in shape and running smoothly, as well as tackling a number of summer specific home maintenance chores.

Rain, wind, and other weather fun may have wreaked havoc with your roof, your walkway, or your yard, but the “obvious” fixes are only the beginning. Use this guide to help you address some common issues that can help you fix up your home this summer and help it run better all year long.

- Clean or replace air-conditioning filter, and clean and replace ventilation system filters if necessary.
- Check the basement floor drain to ensure the trap contains water; refill water if necessary.
- Vacuum bathroom fan grille.
- Check security of all guardrails and handrails
- Check for and replace damaged caulking and weather stripping around mechanical and electrical services, windows and doorways.
- Remove any plants that contact and roots that penetrate the siding or brick.
- Repair any damaged steps.
- Repair driveway and walkways as needed.
- From the ground, check the general condition of the roof and note any sagging that could indicate structural problems, note the condition of shingles for possible repair or replacement, and examine roof flashings, such as at chimney and roof joints, for any signs of cracking or leakage.
- To clean moderate dirt, wash the siding using clear water, a car brush and a hose.
- To clean heavy dirt, clean the surface stains gently with water and a non-detergent, non-abrasive soap. Use a long handled brush and hose gently.
- Save \$25 on your Hydro Quebec bill by changing your address online.
- Sign up for Hydro Quebec Online Billing between April 1 and December 31, 2018, and you could win an ipad and a credit of \$500 applicable to your electricity bill.



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

CONTACT US!

Quebec Hydro
(613) 575-2250 ext. 2389

AKWESASNE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT

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, Cheyy's 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.



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

WOMEN IN POLICING

Did you know that out of the estimated 69,000 police officers serving in Canada, approximately 14,000 are women (21%), of those 14,000 and only 10% hold a senior rank.

The Akwesasne Mohawk Police have 33 officers and only 3 are women. Acting Deputy Chief of Police Lee-Ann Beaudry would like to encourage women to apply to the Akwesasne Mohawk Police Service. "We need more women in policing. Don't be afraid - Don't let anyone tell you that you can't because of your gender- it's completely irrelevant. You can do anything you want. Don't let fear stop you" said DC Beaudry.



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



The MCA General Election will be held on **Saturday, June 30, 2018** from the hours of **9 a.m. to 5 p.m.** at the following locations:

Tsi Snaihne: Snye Recreation Center
Kana:takon: St. Regis Recreation Center
Kawehno:ke: Cornwall Island Recreation Center

Advanced Polls will be held on Saturday, June 16, 2018 and on Wednesday, June 27, 2018 by appointment only. The number to call for an appointment is: 613-575-2250 ext:2400 or 613-551-1622.

VOTERS LISTS for the General Election have been posted at the following locations:

Tsi Snaihne:
Iohahi:io Adult Education Center
OK Den Store
Cheyy's Place

Kana:takon:
Butters Store
TNT Deli and Convenience Store
St. Regis Post Office

Kawehno:ke:
Bank of Montreal
Jocks Quick Stop
Express Gas

PLEASE check the Voters List in your district to make sure that your name is on it. If your name is not on the voters list in your district please Leona Benedict, Chief Electoral Officer, at 613-575-2250 Ext. 2406 or 613-551-1622, or visit the Angus Mitchell Memorial Building upstairs (Justice Dept.), and pick up an application to the Voters List.

The FINAL VOTERS LIST for Election Day will be printed on Thursday, June 28, 2018, so you will have until 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, June 28, 2018 to submit your application to the Voters List.

According to SECTION 7 OF THE AKWESASNE ELECTION LAW - ELIGIBILITY OF VOTERS

A person at the time of voting 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;
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