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REFERENDUM DATE ANNOUNCED FOR TSI:KARISTISERE/DUNDEE LAND CLAIM



Council is excited to announce the referendum date for the Tsi:karistisere/Dundee Land Claim. They encourage community members to attend the informational sessions in order for Akwesasronon to make an informed decision when voting in the referendum.

UPCOMING MCA MEETINGS & SPECIAL DATES:

August 30, 2018

- General Meeting - Kawehno:ke Recreation, 6:00 p.m.

September 4, 2018

- First Day of School - AMBE District Schools

October 1-December 7, 2018

- Online voting for Tsi:karistisere/Dundee Settlement Agreement Referendum

December 8, 2018

- Polling Stations in the 3 districts for Tsi:karistisere/Dundee Settlement Agreement Referendum

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WAT'KWANONHWERA: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. The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne wants community input as the development of the Smart Cities Challenge Final Proposal is being created. Read page 3 for more information!
2. The Indian Act is a Canadian federal law that allows the government to control and govern areas pertaining to Indian status, bands, wills, education and Indian reserves to name a few. Its primary purpose was (and is) to control and assimilate First Nations into mainstream society. Read more on how Entewatatha:wi is trying to take back control of portions of the Indian Act on page 12.
3. ARRO recently announced the referendum for the Tsi:karistisere/Dundee Land Claim. Read more on how to vote on page 14.
4. The Emerald Ash Borer is an invasive species that is going to essentially wipe out ash trees in our area. To learn on how you can help, see page 26.
5. AMBE schools are preparing for students to come back to school on September 4, 2018. Read more on page 25 on what you should do to prepare.



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SMART AKWESASNE - MONTHLY UPDATE

Since the announcement in June 2018 that Akwesasne was named a finalist in Canada's Smart Cities Challenge, our team has been hard at work in designing the next phase of this important project for our community. As 1 of the 5 finalists in the \$5 million dollar category, Akwesasne will have to put together a final proposal that will demonstrate how the Challenge Statement we crafted will be implemented. Akwesasne will receive \$250,000 to develop the proposal. This final proposal will be reviewed by an independent jury who will make the final verdict on who wins the \$5 million prize.

Background

Infrastructure Canada launched the Smart Cities Challenge in an effort to get Cities and Communities across the country to think smart using technology. The competition challenges cities to enhance the lives of residents by leveraging data and connected technology.

Challenge Statement

Our challenge statement was generated after reviewing the results of surveys where we asked what smart improvements Akwesasne members wanted to see and to get an idea of what the community priorities were. The feedback we received from the outreach was crucial to the development of our challenge statement.

We learned that for Akwesasne members, health is the most important priority area.

As a result of this, we determined that diabetes' rates in Akwesasne (and other Indigenous communities) are far higher than the Canadian average. These are some of our ideas; however, before we move forward we want to hear from the community!

Our aim through this challenge is to utilize a customized web portal and mobile app system that will allow Akwesasne members to:

- input, track and monitor important health data;
- access culturally relevant information through the portal on self-care, management and prevention;
- use the technology to order healthy food options online, which in most cases would be locally grown;
- develop smart greenhouses that support local sustainability and health;
- electric cars used for delivery and car sharing.

It is our goal to lower the new cases of diabetes in Akwesasne to be at or lower than the Canadian average while providing a technology platform to help our community members manage their health through a

more proactive and connected experience.

What does this mean for you?

We want to hear from you.

This means that we will be hosting workshops over the next two months that will help us actually design what the web portal and app will look like. Your direct input will play a key role in the design of Akwesasne's customized web portal and mobile app!

There will be prizes and healthy food options at the session!

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For more information, email Smart-Akwesasne@Akwesasne.ca or if you want to read the Challenge Statement in its entirety, check our website at: www.akwesasne.ca/SmartAkwesasne



PROPOSED NATURAL GAS EXPANSION PROJECT FOR CORNWALL ISLAND
COMMUNITY AWARENESS & CONSULTATION

Over the course of the next few months, the MCA will be engaging the community in a discussion around the possibility of expanding Natural Gas Distribution to Cornwall Island. In addition to printed material that will be developed and circulated, as well as information in local media, please look out of the following:

- Information sessions on Natural Gas and the project hosted by the MCA
- Information sessions on Enbridge and the project hosted by Enbridge
- A drop-in centre on Cornwall Island where more information can be obtained and questions can be answered

All of this will lead up to a door to door survey of all residents and businesses on Cornwall Island to determine level of support for the project and interest in converting. Below is a high-level project overview.

The project as proposed involves connecting to the existing Natural Gas line that crosses Cornwall Island and installing approximately 21 km of new Natural Gas line running east-west along Island Road with branches to existing side roads in

order to provide access to all residents and businesses on Cornwall Island. The total cost of the project is approximately \$8.4 million.

The underlying goal of the proposed project is to address the high energy costs on Cornwall Island, as Natural Gas could potentially save residents and businesses up to 50% on their annual heating and hot water costs.

For example, based on average prices:

A typical household that uses Fuel Oil for heating and hot water could save approximately 50% annually by switching to Natural Gas



A typical household that uses Electricity for heating and hot water could save approximately 36% annually by switching to Natural Gas



annually by switching to Natural Gas a typical household that uses Propane for heating and hot water could save approximately 30% annually by switching to Natural Gas.



If three quarters of the residents and businesses were to switch, the total savings would be on the order of \$350,000 per year for Cornwall Island.



In addition, when burned, Natural Gas produces 20% less greenhouse gas emissions than propane and 25% less than Fuel Oil.



AKWESASNE COMMUNITY FUND REVIEW TEAM REPORT 2018–2019

The Akwesasne Community Fund was established by Council and is intended to support community based not-for-profit applicants within the jurisdiction of the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne (MCA).

Funding for the Akwesasne Community Fund is derived from our community's overall share of Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corporation (OLGC) revenue. Council has set aside a portion of the revenue received to be distributed to the community to support various initiatives that might not otherwise receive government funding.

The Akwesasne Community Fund is designed to provide funding to applicants only once per callout/per year and is not to be considered as a commitment to repetitive, ongoing, or permanent funding to be relied upon by any applicant.

The concept of an Akwesasne Community Fund Review Team was established by Council to include volunteer representation from each of the three districts under the jurisdiction of MCA with the responsibility to: establish and regularly update the eligibility criteria, guidelines, and application form for funding consideration; conduct a community callout for applications; review applications; make decisions to ap-

prove or deny applications; and determine how much funding to allocate to approved applicants.

A call-out for applications to the Akwesasne Community Fund took place for a one month period; starting Thursday, May 17 and ending Thursday, June 14.

A total of \$164,223 was available for distribution to the community.

The following community members served as volunteer Review Team members:

- Kana:takon – Valerie Terrance
- Kana:takon – Amanda Jacobs
- Kawehno:ke – Ivan Thompson
- Kawehno:ke – Tommy Francis
- Tsi Snaihne – Hilda King

- Tsi Snaihne – Jason Lazore

The following applications were approved:

- AMBE Parent Committee – \$38,460
- Akwesasne Freedom School – \$24,210
- Akwesasne Minor Hockey Association – \$23,910
- AKwesasne Skating Club – \$6,000
- HAVFD Station #2 – \$38,333
- Iakwashatshe Youth Fitness – \$5,510
- Margaret Lafrance – \$7,500
- Native North American Traveling College – \$7,900
- White Pine Healing Lodge – \$12,400



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MCA GENERAL MEETING SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne is informing the community that the first official General Meeting for the 2015-2018 Council will be held at the Kawehno:ke (Cornwall Island) Recreation on Thursday, August 30 beginning at 6 p.m.

The MCA held the General Election on June 30, 2018 and the 2015-2018 Council was sworn into office on July 13, 2018.

According to Section 3 Meetings 3.1 of the Akwesasne Procedural Regu-

lations, the first General Meeting of the newly elected Council shall be held "no later than one month after a sufficient number of Council members required to establish a quorum has been sworn into office." Council has amended the Akwesasne Procedural Regulations through MCR 2018/2019 #123 so Council can fully complete the orientation schedule and assign portfolios to the District Chiefs prior to the first official General Meeting.

Council looks forward to your atten-

dance at the upcoming meetings to hear updates and to provide input on the discussion. If you have any questions regarding this announcement or the General Meeting, please do not hesitate to contact the Mohawk Government office at 613-575-2348.



2019 CANADA WINTER GAMES SEEKING APPLICANTS FOR INDIGENOUS OFFICIALS MENTORSHIP PROGRAM



The sports at the 2019 Canada Games included in this pilot program are archery, women's hockey and snowboarding.

Interested officials can apply by filling out the form available on the

Aboriginal Sport Circle's website or contact CSSSPNQL/FNQLHSSC by email at info@cssspnql.com.

Deadline: Wednesday, September 12, 2018

The goal of this pilot program is for Indigenous officials from across the country to be mentored by certified technical officials during the next Canada Games, which will be held in Red Deer, Alberta, from February 15 to March 3, 2019.



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AKWESASNE POST OFFICE REQUEST

The Akwesasne Post Office, located at 17 Angus Thomas Memorial St. within Kana:takon/Saint Regis, is a local post office used by members of Akwesasne.

There has been an ongoing issue regarding mail. Some mail is being sent or dropped off addressed to MCA employees with their home address, instead of the proper PO box address. This creates mail being thrown away or lost and can hurt the business and its customers as well.

Long time employee of the Akwe-

sasne Post Office Gail Rourke has been the main worker in charge of sorting the mail that comes in and out of the post office. Luckily, through many years of experience, she knows whose mail goes to who.

However, within the year, Gail will be retiring and her position will go to another employee that is yet to be determined. The mail that is being sent to a home address instead of the PO box will most likely be considered junk mail and thrown away.

To prevent this, Gail has asked that

employees of MCA and community members using the Akwesasne Post Office correctly address their mail to their PO box with the right postal code. The Akwesasne Post Office would like to avoid this issue as much as possible for everyone's benefit.



SURVEY: VOICES OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH

The VOICES of Children and Youth is a research project that aims to look at child and youth injuries in Akwesasne, individual beliefs, perceptions and knowledge of injuries, where they are occurring in the community, and why.

This project is conducted by Dr. Rose-Alma J. McDonald (Akwesasnon Researcher and local project lead), Dr. Ian Pike (University of British Columbia) and Dr. Alison Macpherson (York University).

You are invited to participate in the VOICES project by completing our survey. It will take 5-10 minutes of

your time. Your participation is entirely voluntary and confidential. Visit the following link to complete the survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/VoicesAkwesasne>

By participating in this survey you have a chance to win an iPad. You may confidentially provide your name and phone number for the draw for your participation in the survey. We will be taking responses via Survey Monkey between August 21, 2018 and September 4, 2018.

We will be contacting the winner no later than September 14, 2018. For more information about this

important study, please contact Dr. Rose-Alma McDonald at 613-575-2533 or send an email to roseal-mamcdonald@sympatico.ca.



CALLOUT FOR ELDER REPRESENTATIVES

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne would like to appoint six (6) elder representatives, to represent the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne and the community of Akwesasne.

- Eligibility:**
The membership of the Akwesasne lethisohtokón:a/Elders Council shall consist of six (6) representatives, with a goal of equal gender composition, and to a term determined by the applicant’s wishes. In order to be eligible to represent the Mohawks of Akwesasne, lethisohtokón:a/Elders, applicants must:
1. Be enrolled Member of the Mohawks of Akwesasne, pursuant to the Akwesasne Membership Code;
 2. Attain the age of 65 years old the time of appointment;
 3. Reside in one of the three (3) districts of Akwesasne: Kawehno:ke, Kana:takon or Tsi Snaihne;
 4. Must be prepared to identify their vision and goals for Akwesasne;
 5. Be able to travel and attend meetings locally and distant;
 6. Ability to speak the Kanien’keha language and have knowledge of Kanien’keha culture and traditions is not necessarily a “must”, but an asset.

- Responsibilities in accordance to the terms of reference**
1. Serve as a source of accurate information about Kanien’keha heritage;
 2. Reviews and assess the quality of services provided by MCA for the elderly members;
 3. Liaise with Grand Chief and Council on a quarterly annual (3 month) or as needed basis;
 4. Liaise with Akwesasne Youth Council on an as needed basis;
 5. Be respectful to all;
 6. Support and work with Akwesasne youth initiatives.

Please be advised there are additional responsibilities in accordance to the Terms of Reference. Individuals selected will be appointed as MCA Elder Representatives through a Mohawk Council Resolution.

Interested individuals are invited to submit their letter of interest and resume to Kuyra Chaussi at kuyra.chaussi@akwesasne.ca or by mail/in person to the Mohawk Government Offices located at 29 Third St, Akwesasne, QC H0M 1A0 (Old G & L Building 1 near Area Management in Kana:takon) by Thursday, August 30, 2018 at 4:00pm. For further information or if you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Mohawk Government offices at (613) 575-2348 extension 2265.



MOHAWK COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS

MCR #071 Housing Up-Grade Application Moved by: Chief Connie Lazore Seconded by: Chief Darryl Lazore <i>For: 8 Against: 0</i> CARRIED	MCR #077 Indigenous Service Canada 2018-2019 Child Welfare Prevention Funding Agreement Moved by: Chief Connie Lazore Seconded by: Chief Steve Thomas <i>For: 8 Against: 0</i> CARRIED	MCR #078 Health Canada Health Transfer Agreement Amendment 1516-ON-000010-A 00010 Moved by: Chief Karen Loran Seconded by: Chief April Adams-Phillips <i>For: 8 Against: 0</i> CARRIED	MCR #079 Ontario Transfer Payment Agreement Moved by: Chief Steve Thomas Seconded by: Chief Karen Loran <i>For: 8 Against: 0</i> CARRIED	MCR #080 Seaway Claim Settlement Agreement Moved by: Chief Connie Lazore Seconded by: Chief Steve Thomas <i>For: 8 Against: 0</i> CARRIED	MCR #081 Cornwall Canada Day Committee Celebration-Annual Fireworks Display 2018 Moved by: Chief Steve Thomas Seconded by: Chief Vince Thompson
MCR #072 Housing Up-Grade Application Moved by: Chief Connie Lazore Seconded by: Chief Darryl Lazore <i>For: 8 Against: 0</i> CARRIED	MCR #073 MCA Service Commitment Moved by: Chief Connie Lazore Seconded by: Chief April Adams-Phillips <i>For: 8 Against: 0</i> CARRIED	MCR #074 YECL Committee Chiefs Moved by: Chief Tim Thompson Seconded by: Chief Connie Lazore <i>For: 7 Against: 0</i> CARRIED	MCR #075 MCA Reorganization Plan Moved by: Chief Connie Lazore Seconded by: Chief Tim Thompson <i>For: 7 Against: 0</i> CARRIED	MCR #076 Lease- Lot 4 Stanley Island Moved by: Chief Steve Thomas	MCR #082 River Road Reconstruction Project Contract Approval Moved by: Chief Joe Lazore Seconded by: Chief Tim Thompson <i>For: 6 Against: 0</i> CARRIED
MCR #083 1,000 Officers Partnership Program Moved by: Chief Steve Thomas Seconded by: Chief Tim Thompson <i>For: 7 Against: 0</i> CARRIED	MCR #084 Bank of Montreal Guarantee Rescind Moved by: Chief Darryl Lazore Seconded by: Chief Steve Thomas <i>For: 7 Against: 0</i> CARRIED	MCR #085 Band Transfer Moved by: Chief Tim Thompson Seconded by: Chief Steve Thomas <i>For: 6 Against: 1</i> CARRIED	MCR #086 Lot 1-1 and 2-3 Clark Island-Assignment of Lease Moved by: Chief Tim Thompson Seconded by: Chief Steve Thomas <i>For: 7 Against: 0</i> CARRIED	MCR #087 Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder and Child Nutrition Programs Service Contract for 2018-2019 Moved by: Chief Tim Thompson Seconded by: Chief Steve Thomas <i>For: 7 Against: 0</i> CARRIED	MCR #088 Tsikaristisere/Dundee Claim Special Referendum Regulations Moved by: Chief Connie Lazore Seconded by: Chief Vince Thompson <i>For: 6 Against: 1</i> CARRIED
MCR #089 New Recommendations for Trustees Moved by: Chief Connie Lazore Seconded by: Chief Tim Thompson <i>For: 7 Against: 0</i> CARRIED	MCR #090 Akwesasne lethisohtokon:a Council Terms of Reference Moved by: Chief Connie Lazore Seconded by: Chief Tim Thompson <i>For: 7 Against: 0</i> CARRIED	MCR #091 Orientation Program and Governance Committee Extension Moved by: Chief Connie Lazore Seconded by: Chief Steve Thomas <i>For: 7 Against: 0</i> CARRIED			

COUNCIL AND MOHAWK GOVERNMENT

GRAND CHIEF ABRAM BENEDICT'S COUNCIL MEETING UPDATES



August 13, 2018

- The manager for the Aboriginal Rights and Research Office (ARRO) provided Council with an overview of the proposed timelines for a referendum for the acceptance of the Tsi:karistisere / Dundee land claim settlement offer. The manager also outlined next steps after Council passes a resolution setting a date for the referendum.
- Council discussed a recent incident at the A'nowara'ko:wa Arena and tasked administration to provide a report on the incident and measures taken. Council agreed a release be sent out regarding inappropriate behaviour in MCA

August 20, 2018

- Representatives from the Aboriginal Rights and Research Office (ARRO) provided Council with a briefing on the ongoing preparation for the upcoming referendum for the Tsi:karistisere/Dundee land claim.

- facilities.
- A briefing was provided on the importance of the Council's involvement in the Akwesasne – Canada self-government negotiations under the Entewatatha:wi Nation Building Program.
- Council discussed a recent complaint received regarding shorelines being filled in, further follow up will be done.
- Representatives from the Ahkwehsasne Mohawk Board of Education (AMBE) provided Council with an overview of AMBE services, accomplishments and political needs from Council.
- **MCR's passed:** Approval of lease for Colquhoun Island; Approval of lease Pilon Island; Approval of assignment of lease Clark Island, Approval of assignment of lease Thompson Island; Approval of assignment of lease Renshaw Island; Approval of (2) assignment of lease Hamilton Island; Approval of lease Stanley Island; Approval of assignment of lease Stanley

Island; Approval of (2) band transfer to Akwesasne (Membership approved); Approval to rescind (2) renovation loans (no longer needed); Approval of amendment to funding contract with MCYS; Approval of funding agreement with Indigenous Services Canada for Child and Family prevention funding; Acceptance of resignation from Akwesasne Youth Council; Approval of (2) allotments of land to community member (loan paid off); Approval of amendments to previous MCR for leasing (typo), Approval of (2) Council Meeting minutes; Approval of (3) Emergency Council Meeting Minutes; Approval to proceed with a referendum for the membership to consider the proposed settlement agreement between the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne and Canada for the Tsi:karistisere /Dundee land claim.

- ther research will be done.
- Council discussed the ongoing concerns with automobile dealers utilizing the territory for non-Akwesasnon delivery of vehicle purchases, further follow up will be done.
- A briefing was provided on the

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- MCA Justice department's pre-developing of a Akwesasne Cannabis Law.
- Council agreed that Chief Tim Thompson will chair next weeks meeting in the absence of Grand Chief Benedict.
- MCR's passed: Approval of renewal of mortgage agreement with Canada Mortgage Housing

Corporation (CMHC); Approval of (2) upgrade loan to community member(s); Approval of BMO mortgage guarantee for community member; Approval of access to territory for specific business equipment financing; Approval to transfer and open new registered savings bond for children in care; Approval of signing authorities

for the MCA main bank account; Approval of 2017/18 Audit for Ministry of Training Colleges and University, Basic Skills Program.

KAWEHNO:KE DISTRICT CHIEF CAROLYN FRANCIS - TRAVEL REPORT



This travel report is provided as part of Council's aim towards providing a transparent and efficient governing system, which will also provide information to members of the community on updates of Mohawk Government, Portfolios, and Monthly Activities.

Event: First Nation, Inuit and Metis Languages First Nations Engagement Session Hosted by Indigenous Leadership Development Institute and Canadian Heritage in Quebec City

Who Attended: Chief Joe Lazore and Chief Carolyn Francis

Description of Event: The First Nations, Inuit and Metis Languages Act is going to ensure that Indigenous languages are revitalized, strengthened, maintained and promoted through consistent, adequate, sustainable and predictable support and funding. A meeting was held in Quebec City as one of many being held throughout Canada with AFN and Indigenous groups to put their ideas down on what the Languages Act should look like. Steven Gagnon from Heritage Canada, Federal Representative and part of the Indigenous Languages Legislation.

There was a lot of discussion amongst the participants on the importance of the language to them and their communities and what they need to ensure that the Indigenous languages of our people does

not disappear. Many talked about the struggles of getting resources to assist with this struggle. Once this First Nations, Inuit and Metis Languages Act is finalized with the Government of Canada, there will be monetary resources for the communities to tap into, as the Government will be mandated to preserve the languages. There will be many forthcoming meetings to attend before it is approved by Indigenous groups and sent to the Government of Canada.

Recommendations/Follow up: Chief Lazore and Chief Francis will continue to monitor this legislation process.

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THE INDIAN ACT

Introduction

The Indian Act is a Canadian federal law that allows the government to control and govern areas pertaining to Indian status, bands, wills, education and Indian reserves to name a few. Its primary purpose was (and is) to control and assimilate First Nations into mainstream society. It was intended to be a temporary set of laws until Native peoples were successfully assimilated.

Since enactment, the piece of legislation has been paternalistic and invasive due to the authorization the Canadian government has in regulating and administering the affairs and day-to-day lives of registered Indians. The Indian Act is a primary document on how the Canadian Government interacts with all First Nations in Canada. Throughout history the Act has been an ongoing subject of controversy and has been interpreted in different ways by both First Nations and Canadians.

The Indian Act & Akwesasne

Since 1987, Akwesasne has been taking on more responsibilities towards taking over more control over sections in the Indian Act. Currently, the Indian Act controls nearly 71% of all Akwesasne affairs; Akwesasne only controls 29%. This includes the Membership Code which was passed in 1987 and the Election

Law passed in 1988. The Act places inadequacies on three fundamental areas

- Peoples;
- Lands and Resources;
- Governance

Under sections 5 to 14 within the Indian Act, rules are set out under which a person may be recognized as an "Indian" as well as rules under which a person may be recognized as a member of a specific Band. Under sections 42 to 50, the Minister of Indian Affairs has full jurisdiction and authority to matters relating to wills. Under section 52 the Minister also has the authority to administer any property an Indian child may be entitled to. Sections 114 to 122 shows the power the Minister has in relation to education of Indian children.

Lands and Resources is another area that the Indian Act places power to the Minister. Sections 18 to 41 deal with lands and resources. A few key sections are: Section 18 that authorizes the Minister the use of reserve lands for schools, burial grounds and administration. Section 19 allows the Minister to authorize surveys of the reserve, divide reserve into lots and locations for roads on reserves. Section 20 provides that no Indian is in lawful possession of lands on reserve unless the consent of the Minister is obtained. Section

37 to 41 deal with land leases of community land where a community vote is required as well as the Ministers approval.

There are several other examples in the Indian Act that places significant control over lands and resources that rests with the Minister of Indian Affairs.

Governance is another fundamental area that has been viewed as a failed model towards First Nations governance. A close examination of the Act will provide further examples that control over governance issues rest largely with the Minister. However, there are mechanisms for First Nations to establish their own election law if it is approved by their membership and accepted by the Minister as long as it does not breach the Charter of Rights and Freedoms; the First Nation's election law will replace Indian Act provisions. This was done with the Akwesasne Election Law and the Akwesasne Membership Law.

Future of the Indian Act

Over the last 40 years, the Mohawks of Akwesasne have been working towards reducing the presence of the Indian Act.

Currently, Akwesasne is negotiating a self-government agreement that

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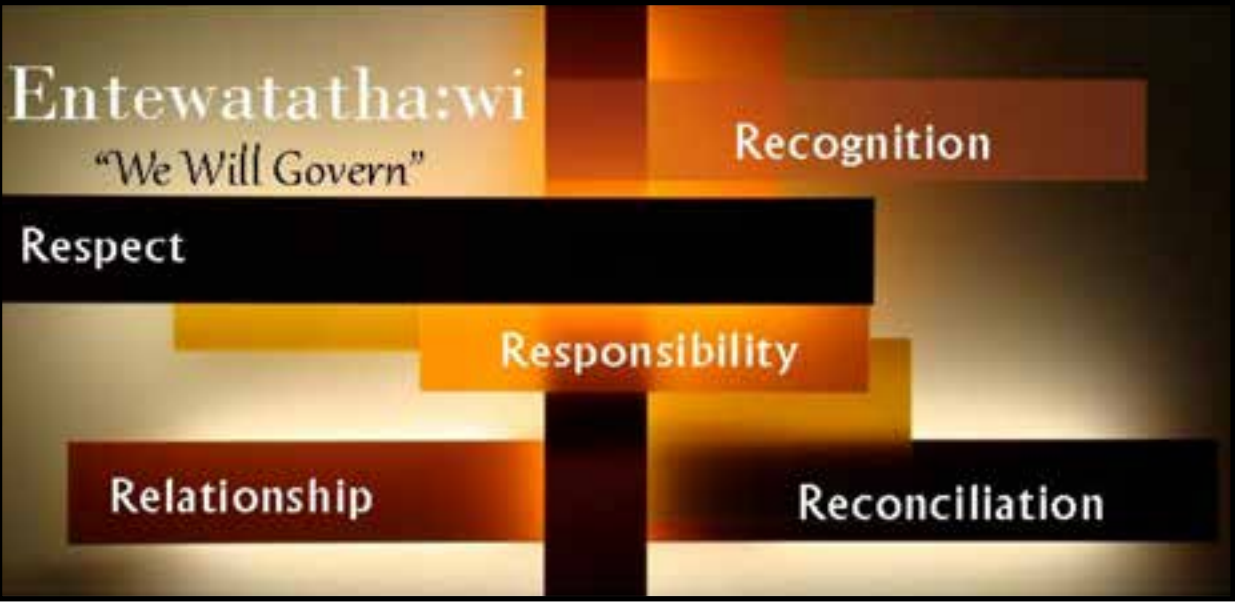
will eliminate the majority of sections within the Act that deal with lands and resources and governance. However, remaining sections that will continue to apply will include sections 29 (exemption from seizure); 87 (property exempt from taxation); 89 (restriction on mortgage, seizure, etc., of property on reserve); 90 (property deemed situated on reserve).

Akwesasne is also working towards passing a Governance Code and Land Code. The Governance Code is a legal framework that deals with Council through Membership, Council Procedures, Elections, Referendums, Financial Management and Amendments. The Land Code is similar in how it will replace sections within the Indian Act. The Land Code is also a framework that will control the management of lands

and resources compared to having these areas administered by the federal government.

These are the steps the Mohawks of Akwesasne are taking to reduce the presence of the Indian Act.

For more information on the Indian Act and Self-Government please contact Entewatathawi at 613-575-2341 ext. 3190.



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.

ABORIGINAL RIGHTS AND RESEARCH OFFICE

TSI:KARISTISERE/DUNDEE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT REFERENDUM DATE IDENTIFIED

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne (MCA) is informing the community that the proposed Tsi:karistisere/Dundee Claim Settlement Agreement, which was approved by Mohawk Council Resolution on June 27, 2018, is now going to the community of Akwesasne for review through Community Information Meetings, followed by a referendum.

Community Information Meetings for the review of the Agreement will be held in each of the districts, including: Kana:takon (St. Regis); Kawehno:ke (Cornwall Island); Tsi Snaihne (Snyc); and Hogansburg. Once the meeting locations are confirmed, they will be announced to members of Akwesasne. These sessions will present in-depth information to educate community members about the history of the Tsi:karistisere/Dundee claim, the specific terms and conditions of the Agreement, including details on the compensation and acquisition of lands, and the ratification process itself.

Following the review from the Community Information Meetings, the referendum for the Tsi:karistisere/

Dundee Claim Settlement Agreement will begin. Online voting for the referendum will open October 1, 2018 and continue until December 7, 2018. Following the conclusion of online voting, on December 8, 2018, four (4) polling stations will be set-up in each of the districts for members of Akwesasne to vote. Further details are to come.

The Mohawks of Akwesasne presented the Tsi:karistisere/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 the global settlement offer of \$239,808,436 for a full and final settlement of the claim. This offer was based on the careful consideration of the facts, evidence and arguments of the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne and the Government of Canada. In addition to the compensation that will be paid by the Government of Canada, the Mohawks of Akwesasne will have the opportunity to expand reserve lands by adding up to 18,282

acres of land under Canada's Additions to Reserve (ATR) policy. Lands will be acquired by Mohawks of Akwesasne from willing sellers in selected areas in Quebec and Ontario. Grand Chief Abram Benedict noted, "With the Community Information Meetings approaching, Council is looking forward and encouraging the involvement of community members. We need all members to attend the meetings and ask the questions to get informed about the claim. Understanding the claim will help you make an informed decision in the upcoming referendum. This historical claim would not have been possible without the dedication and passion of past and current MCA negotiation team members, and when settled will provide the community with more capacity to grow."

The schedules for the upcoming Community Information Meetings in the four districts will be announced to the Community in the near future. For more information, please contact the Aboriginal Rights and Research Office at 613-575-2348.

CONTACT US!

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ABORIGINAL RIGHTS AND RESEARCH OFFICE

TSI:KARISTISERE/DUNDEE REFERENDUM-MISSION OF RECOGNITION

With the recent update announcing the official Tsi:karistisere/Dundee Land Claim Referendum, it is time to begin the education campaign with the community. The I AM VOTING campaign will provide many opportunities for the community to become engaged in this historic voting event. Of these opportunities and perhaps most important to know, is that trained Community Educators will be going door-to-door during Referendum voting providing the community members with the background information and knowledge they need to cast an informed vote.

As part of the I AM VOTING campaign, we are proud to present the "Mission of Recognition". The intention of this project is to recognize the many community leaders who have contributed to the Tsi:karistisere/Dundee Land Claim over the years. We want to recognize them for their contribution and allow them a space to tell their story. Our first official publication in the Mission of Recognition series recognizes our Grand Chief Abram Benedict, a prominent face representing MCA government since his debut as a Kawehnoke District Chief in 2006, and Lead Negotiator for the Tsi:karistisere/Dundee Land Specific Claim for the most recent, and final negotiation period.

Grand Chief Abram Benedict was introduced to the Tsi:karistisere/Dundee Land Claim in 2006, after being voted into council for his first term, "at that time the negotiations I participated in had started and the Mohawk Council had been pursuing this claim for many years before that." He went on to describe how much work and effort had already been put into the land claim by the time he joined and made sure throughout the interview that it was known, he did not work alone and was more than thankful for the teamwork that was interwoven in the cultural fabric of the project.

"I am part of an amazing, great team that is so supportive of the work in which we do, and they are ultimately the ones doing the hard work, the late nights and the heavy lifting, it's the staff and it's the research technicians. My position and our Council are the ones who stand out there and sometimes take the brunt of it, and we sometimes take a bit of the 'fame' but really it's a wholehearted team approach. It's about all the hard work we have done together, to get to where we are as a community and specifically where we are in this claim."

So where exactly are we in this claim?
The Tsi:karistisere/Dundee Claim

Settlement Agreement was approved by Mohawk Council Resolution on June 27, 2018. Also known as an "MCR," the Mohawk Council Resolution as explained by Grand Chief Abram Benedict is, in its simplest form, a decision made by council, in writing.

At this time the Grand Chief became excited as the conversation evolved to talk about the next step in the claim: the acceptance - or refute of the Settlement Agreement.

He acknowledged the obstacles, "I think that the...community has concern about the concept of buying our land back. Our community wants the land returned to us, and that is for sure. I have heard comments saying 'It doesn't matter about the money; we just want the land back.' Unfortunately, due to the negotiation process that option is not possible, and that is why the government is giving the money to buy back the land."

"Another concern to me specifically ... [we need] to meet the threshold for the referendum, it is of concern to me because this will be no easy feat, the threshold is set at roughly 2000 votes and that means a significant amount of people need to vote for the acceptance of this claim, and thoroughly understand the claim itself."

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The Grand Chief was also more than happy to talk about the potential positives,

"What I like most about the claim is how we have the ability to buy back land not only within the Dundee area, ...we also have been given opportunity to buy back land in the SDG area, on the Cornwall side. I think that when you look at the land from an economic perspective, the land in the Cornwall area is worth more, much more valuable. There may be more opportunity there, than what may be possible in the Dundee area. I truly think that yes the agriculture and building of homes will or can happen in Dundee, but I really feel that the opportunities for economic development are going to be greater in the SDG selection area."

In closing we asked Grand Chief Abram Benedict what his memorable moment was during his time working with the claim. He said:

"...the most memorable moment for this Claim had to be the point where we received the actual letter of offer for the settlement. Seeing the offer in writing was one of the most memorable moments for me... During my tenure on Council I have seen it begin, and then come to the point of receiving an offer... [looking back on] that long period of time, I think that is really, a truly memorable moment for me. I am hoping that over the next three years, our council will see the claim become

accepted and ratified, and in a way see it to an end."

Grand Chief Abram's closing statements:

"Together we make up such a great community; we come forward in strides almost every time we attempt something. I just want us to continue to do the great work that we have been doing. This claim, especially when settled, will create many more opportunities for our community. For land expansion, first and foremost, for development, for access to needed resources, these are positive things that are coming from a very negative time in our history...I think that as we go towards the referendum itself we want to encourage the community to get informed, and get involved in what this means in its entirety... we will be in a better position to expand our community base, if the settlement is accepted – as well the compensation will provide for more opportunities than we have now, we will be able to expand on our already existing services, create new and needed services and even have the option to invest, all of these are economic opportunities that come with an expanding land base."

In the settlement document, it states that, if approved by Community Referendum, there is roughly \$240 million to be given to the Mohawks of Akwesasne and 18,292

acres that can be recognized as reservation status and be added to the existing reserve through Additions-to-Reserve (ATR) process. The complete narrative of this claim is available at ARRO (Aboriginal Rights and Research Office) in print, in person and eventually will be available online at <https://mca-arro.ca>. To sign up for our newsletter, please visit our website and click the link at the bottom of any page titled "Sign Up For Our Newsletter", you may also use the website to schedule your private education sessions or submit an anonymous question!

To set up your own private information session, focus group or if you would like to participate in the Mission of Recognition, please contact our OneFeather Engagement Specialists:

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For any political questions please contact:

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CHILDREN'S PAGE

SPOT THE DIFFERENCES

With school just around the corner, can you find the five differences between the classrooms?



COLOURFUL FACTS ABOUT FALL

- Bobbing for apples started as a British courting ritual. Every male was assigned an apple and then the young eligible ladies would bob for them, hoping to grab the apple of their beloved.
- The largest squash on record to-date belonged to Joel Jarvis from Port Elgin, Ontario. His prize-winning gourd weighed 1,486.6 pounds.
- When leaves change colour in the fall, they are actually becoming their true colour. In the summer, the chlorophyll (how the leaves receive nourishment from sun) takes over and causes them to turn green.
- Pumpkins are grown all over the world except Antarctica.
- The world's tallest tree, named Hyperion, measures more than 360 feet. It's a coast redwood and is located in California. Just to give you an idea of how tall that is, the tree is only a few feet shorter than the Empire State Building!
- Monarch butterflies make fall a migratory season. They are the only insect that migrates up to 2,500 miles for nicer weather.

YOU GOT TO BE KIDDING ME!

Why did the teacher wear sunglasses?
Because her students were bright!



COLOUR ME!



SOCIAL MEDIA CONNECTION

FACEBOOK STATS



Facebook Posts with the Most Likes in July

- 1. Welcome Back Henry Lickers (Photo)
- 2. Sportsmanlike Conduct Expected at A'nowara'ko:wa Arena(Press Release)
- 3. First Council Meeting of the New Term (Photo)
- 4. Council, our MCA directors and Government Support staff on Thompson Island for Orientation (Photo)
- 5. Kanehsatake's Annual Pow wow (Photo)

Facebook Posts with the Highest Reach in July

- 1. Sportsmanlike Conduct Expected at A'nowara'ko:wa Arena—3,289 Reached
- 2. Welcome Back Henry Lickers—2,577 Reached
- 3. Supply Teacher Community Information night—1,777 Reached
- 4. Wakerahrshe Tsi Nitewaiatoten Cultural Youth Camp—1,775 Reached
- 5. Tsi:karistisere/Dundee Settlement Agreement Referendum Date Identified—1,746 Reached

TWITTER STATS

Top Tweet in July



**Mohawk Council of Akwesasne**
@MCAkwesasne

Haven't gotten a chance to read the July 2018 edition of Onkwe'ta:ke yet?

The MCA monthly newsletter is now available online!

Click here to access all things Akwesasne:
bit.ly/mca-onkwetake

8:41 AM - 8 Aug 2018

YOUTUBE STATS

Highest Viewed Videos on the MCA Youtube Channel for July

- 1. Experience Thompson Island—103 Views
- 2. Breastsfeeding Awareness Walk | August 2018—35 Views
- 3. The Big Phish 2018—9 Views



EXECUTIVE SERVICES

NEW AND CHANGING FACES AT MCA

July 2018

Karlee Bigtree.....	Administrative Assistant - Ontario
Reese Francis.....	Youth Worker
Angelina Gray.....	Student Activity Aide
Kimberly Jackson.....	Uncertified Early Childhood Educator
Iiokonhahes King.....	Youth Worker
Iekwenienstha Mitchell.....	Activity Aide
Trey Papineau.....	Maintenance Worker
Cynthia Thomas.....	Concession Worker - ON
Diane Thomas.....	Concession Worker - ON
Krysten Thompson.....	Uncertified Early Childhood Educator
Shaylee Thompson.....	Personal Support Worker



Nia:wen!

COMPLIMENTS & APPRECIATIONS

- A huge niawenko:wa and job well done goes out to the students placed from the Akwesasne Area Management Board in the summer program. All of the students did an amazing job and we wish you all the best of luck in your future endeavors.



- I feel I owe my survival to the care and attentiveness of EMT's Sherril Lazore and Clint Cole. I strongly recommend the Akwesasne Mohawk Am-

balance to any emergency situation in Akwesasne. I believe that because Sherril and Clint are both Mohawk, they understand and are sensitive to what the Mohawk people need. I feel I owe my life to these two EMT's, they are an excellent team and I hope they continue to service the Mohawk people of Akwesasne. As a woman, it's very comforting to have another woman help you in your time of need. Again, thank you. Sincerely, Desiree White

- A nia:wen goes out to the Environment Staff of the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne, the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe and all of the amazing volunteers that worked hard to clean up our rivers in the Great Akwesasne River Cleanup.

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.

ACCREDITATION CANADA

What is Accreditation Canada?

Accreditation Canada is a not-for-profit organization that is dedicated to working with patients, policy makers and the public to improve the quality of healthcare and social services for all as, 'Better Quality means Better Health'.



The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne, Department of Health (DOH) and the Department of Community & Social Services (DCSS) have been associated with Accreditation Canada since 2004 and officially received its first sign of Accreditation certification and recognition in 2005.

Akwesasne is a large organization as compared to other first nation communities, and our quality standards are measured against other

mainstream sources across Canada, such as large metropolitan health or social centers and hospitals.

Accreditation On-site Survey Preparation

Over the past year, our staff have been participating in the completion of our self-assessment surveys applicable to their programs. Once surveys are completed they are entered into a portal, that generates a report that is given to Program Managers to address areas identified for quality improvement and include the implementation of action plans. The on-site survey is conducted every four (4) years.

During the week of October 15-18, 2018, the Accreditation Canada surveyors will be visiting Akwesasne to conduct an on-site survey.

The surveyor team consists of peer health professionals that include; doctors, nurses, hospital adminis-

trators and other health or social experts that will assess our health and social services programs to ensure that our patient safety and quality standards are met.

For more information, contact:

Department of Health, Accreditation Manager Tessa Jocko at 613-575-2341 ext. 3316.



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

QUINTESSENCE BREASTFEEDING CHALLENGE 2018

ATTENTION: ALL BREASTFEEDING MOTHERS

Join us and others across Canada and the US in a fun "competition" where every child "wins" because they are breastfed! The Quintessence Challenge aims to have as many babies breastfeeding as possible, at the same time with others at other sites across the country. This is MCA's 16th time participating in the challenge!

September 29, 2018

Registration begins at 10:30 a.m.

"Latch on" at 11:00 a.m Sharp.

Kana:takon/St. Regis Recreation Center

Last year we had 2 breastfeeding moms and 2 babies. Let's try to beat that number this year!

For more information, contact MCA Community Health Program at (613) 575-2341 ext. 3220.



REMINDER: RENOVATIONS AT KANONHKWATSHERI:IO HEALTH FACILITY



Please be advised that the Kanonhkwashteri:io Health Facility began the Stage 4 Renovations to the building on June 18, 2018. This project will be in 4 phases. The first began 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.

FASD-FETAL ALCOHOL SPECTRUM DISORDER

This is a term used to describe the types of harm to the unborn baby caused by alcohol use in pregnancy. These disabilities will not disappear as the child grows.

They may include:

- difficulty learning and remembering
- difficulty thinking things through
- difficulty focusing on a task
- difficulty getting along with other people, including family members
- difficulty with hearing and with seeing
- problems with bone, arm, leg and finger growth
- slow growth overall
- damage to the heart, kidney and liver

I want to stop but...

For many women, the support of partners, family and friends is all they need to not drink while pregnant.

Sometimes though, it is difficult for a woman to stop. Even though she wants what is best for her unborn baby, it can be a struggle to avoid alcohol.

Remember: You are not alone and there are places to go for support.

Why is it important for a woman to not drink alcohol when she is

pregnant?

Drinking alcohol when you are pregnant can cause permanent birth defects and brain injury to your unborn child. Your child will not outgrow the disability caused by drinking alcohol.

In traditional teachings, the partner is also pregnant and should not drink alcohol. The partner and family play an important role by asking how they can help and by supporting the pregnant woman to make healthy choices. If a partner drinks alcohol it may harm the baby in ways that are not fully known, but will not cause Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder.

A woman is closest to the Creator when she is pregnant. It is when her medicine is most powerful. She sustains and nurtures life completely within her own body.

-Traditional Mohawk Teaching

We all want what is best for our children. Deciding not to drink when you are pregnant is best for you and your baby.

Remember NO amount of alcohol is safe during pregnancy and there is no safe time to drink. Binge drinking and heavy drinking are especially harmful to the unborn baby.

National Native Alcohol and Drug Abuse Program Treatment Cen-

tre Directory provides information on treatment centre's that accept pregnant women.

Contact:

- Ontario Federation of Indian Friendship Centres (toll-free 1-800-772-9291). They can refer you for local help and programs.
- The ministry of Community and Social Services has listings for the Aboriginal Healing and Wellness Strategy programs, Aboriginal Health Access Centres and resources.
- MotherRisk (toll-free 1-877-327-4636)
- Telehealth Ontario (toll-free 1-866-797-0000)
- Your doctor, local community health care provider, midwife or nurse
- Your local health unit

For more information, visit:
www.alcoholfreepregnancy.ca



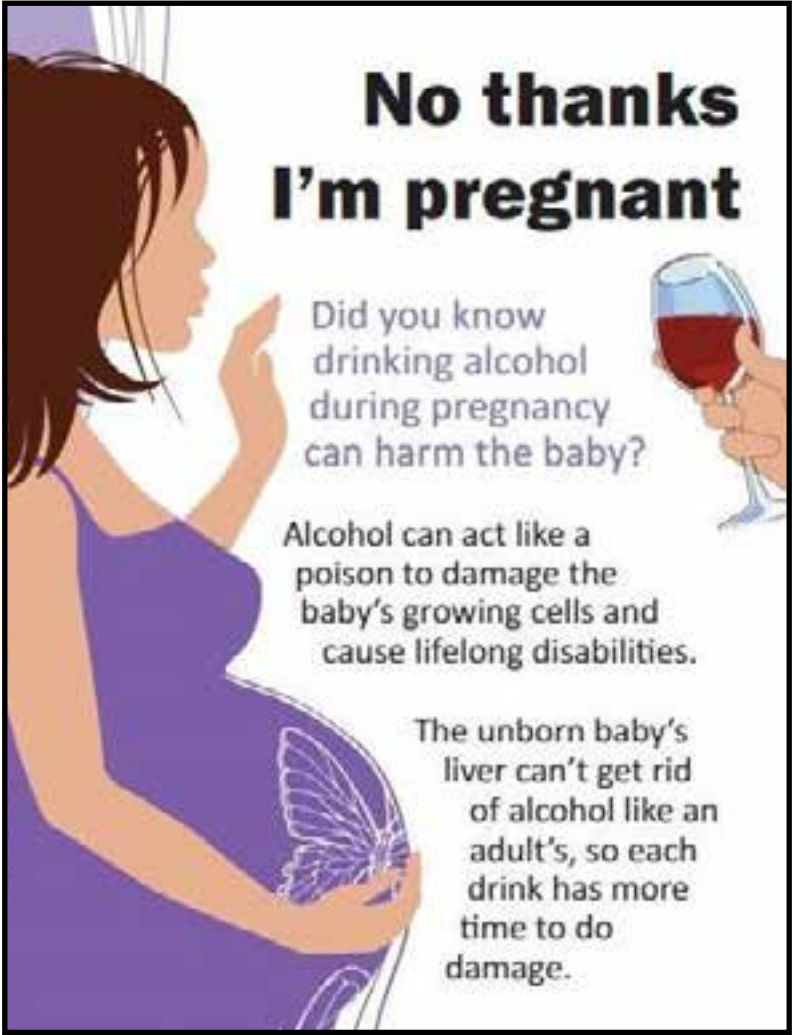
INTERNATIONAL FETAL ALCOHOL SPECTRUM DISORDER DAY

On September 9, 2018 it will be the International Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) Day.

The first FASDay was celebrated on 9/9/99. This day was chosen so that on the ninth day of the ninth month of the year, the world will remember that during the nine months of pregnancy a woman should abstain from alcohol. Anytime is a good time to raise awareness about Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD).



Alcohol and Breastfeeding (taken from MotheRisk)
"Alcohol consumed by a mother passes easily into her breast milk at concentrations similar to those found in her bloodstream. A nursing infant is actually exposed to only a fraction of the alcohol the mother ingests,



but infants detoxify alcohol in their first weeks of life at only half the rate of adults. Several proven or potential adverse effects of alcohol on suckling infants have been reported, even after exposure to only moderate levels: impaired motor development, changes in sleep patterns, decrease in milk intake, and risk of hypoglycemia. In addition, drinking large amounts of alcohol could affect lactating women's milk flow."

FASDay

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

GARDEN CLUB



Children Family Home Visitor; Lorrie Caldwell, Health Promoter Community Health Representative.

Gardening is a lot of work, but it's also great exercise, good for the mind, good for the soul, good for the planet (community), and there-

fore wonderful for everyone involved!

Seasonal produce from your garden will increase your access to fresh, healthy, low-cost food that can substitute for otherwise expensive processed/packaged food purchases.



Here are a few pictures of some of the beautiful gardens that were a part of the 2018 Garden Club. Nia:wen to all that participated!

The Community Health Program would like to showcase the results of our 2018 Garden Club. The Garden Club had 9 returning club members from the 2017 season; 27 new gardens were created in 2018 for a total of 36 community garden boxes.

Each Garden Club member was supported with creating a garden box. Members were also supplied with plants, soil and fertilizer and provided with education on gardening basics such as planting and garden maintenance.

The Community Health Program would like to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of the following staff: Catherine Ciampini, RD; Rachel George, Diabetes Prevention Worker; Sarah Peters, Healthy Babies Healthy Children Family Home Visitor; Sheryl Thompson, Healthy Babies Healthy

AHKWESAHSNE MOHAWK BOARD OF EDUCATION

AHKWESAHSNE MOHAWK BOARD OF EDUCATION WELCOME BACK TO THE 2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR!

The Ahkwesahsne Mohawk Board of Education would like to inform the community of some important back-to-school information.

There will be orientation for all students and parents on Thursday, August 30 from 12:30 PM - 3 PM at each school respectively -- this will provide you the chance to meet your child's teacher and receive more information for the start of the school year.

First day of school: Tuesday, September 4

For bus transportation, we ask for your patience during the first week of school, and most importantly on the first day of school, to allow the bus drivers to "work out the bugs."

The After-School Program will be offered again this year. The first day for the program will be Monday, September 10, 2018. Registration will begin during orientation. Space is limited, so please fill out your child's application as soon as possible to guarantee a spot.

All students will continue to receive free breakfast and a snack every day that school is in session. Lunch will be provided on the first day of school. All parents must fill out the Food Services Registration Form. The Head Cooks will be at the orientation to answer any questions.

New administrative staff at the schools:

- Courtney Thomas, Principal—Kana:takon School
- Alice King, Superintendent, Kanien'keha Language and Curriculum
- Andrea Carpenter, Associate Principal—Ahkwesahsne Mohawk School

Help us welcome the staff in their new roles!

For more information, please contact:

- Dwayne Thomas, Transportation Supervisor—AMBE
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DEPARTMENT OF TEHOTIENNAWAKON

MONITORING AND MANAGING ASH (MAMA) WORKSHOP

On August 1, the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne held a training at Iohahi:io for Monitoring and Managing Ash (MaMA). The training was open to all community members of Akwesasne as well as surrounding partners of MCA. Those instructing the training were Jonathan Rosenthal and his partner Dr. Radka Wildova, both are part of the Ecological Research Institute. The main objective of the workshop is to bring awareness and to help save Ash trees specifically from Emerald Ash Borers (EAB).



Traditional woven baskets are very important for Akwesasronon as baskets are a big part of the culture (Image courtesy of Good Mind Design).

Ash trees are common within Ak-

wesasne and are used to make the traditional woven baskets. The conservation of Ash trees is very important for Akwesasne and maintaining traditions.



The Emerald Ash Borer were first detected as an invasive species in 2002.

The main reason for Ash trees facing endangerment is an insect called the Emerald Ash Borer. Emerald Ash Borers (EABs) are a species that is difficult to control while its main source of food is Ash trees. EABs originate from Asia and are believed to have migrated to North America by shipping crates built from ash trees.

They had first been detected in 2002 as an invasive species. Since

EABs have been living in North America they have killed tens of millions of ash trees and still continue to spread and kill more. Within infestation, Emerald Ash Borers kill standing trees within one to four years. Ash trees have a 99% mortality rate once EAB infestation begins. These bugs don't have many natural enemies except for woodpeckers and spread quickly and easily. They spread rapidly and in large amounts because the larvae are laid and hidden beneath the bark of ash trees. They are also transported throughout the country with logs and firewood, hitchhike onto cars, and fly. Conservationists are making efforts to capture these insects and stop them from killing ash trees such as hanging the purple traps high in ash trees which are commonly seen.

Monitoring and Managing Ash focuses on long term ash conservation as well as monitoring the current living ash trees. Their long term ash conservation project is the most promising and relies on the nature of lingering ash trees. Research done on lingering ash trees found that many mature lingering ash have lived through infestations and

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are genetically resistant to Emerald Ash Borers. Their goal is to find enough lingering ash trees so they can breed them and keep ash trees existent.

The monitoring of ash trees began 2 years after they had a 95% mortality rate. The ecological research institute hopes to identify and monitor the majority of ash tree species in the United States and parts of Canada. When identifying ash trees there is a process of recording the tree's data which includes the type

of ash tree and the condition of its health. Jonathan and Radka encourage anyone to go out and record this data using the ash surveys and send it to the Ecological Research Institute for monitoring. As part of the workshop, the groups went into the woods to find any ash trees within Tsi Snaihne. Once measured and identified, the tree had a metal tag nailed into it and the data recorded in accordance to the tag. The ash/EAB surveys can be found on anectdata.org or the anectdata app.

It is of interest that Akwesasne participates in the monitoring and managing of ash trees specifically black ash because they are rare and used among community basket makers. Those who attended the workshop included members of the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne from the Tehotienawakon and Environment departments. They are currently looking into solutions and the conservation of these ash trees within Akwesasne.

Is Your Ash Tree Showing Signs of Emerald Ash Borer Infection?



Adult Emerald Ash Borers are about 1/2" long and metallic green

The Tree Crown is Dying Off

If you see a lot of Deadwood at the Crown (the top of the tree), it may already be infected. Dieback will show at the top of the crown first as the insects chew through the tree veins and cut off water circulation.

If More than 1/2 of the Crown is Dead, the Ash Tree Cannot be Saved and Removal is the Safest Option.



Extensive Woodpecker Damage in the Wood
Woodpeckers eat Emerald Ash Borer Larvae

D-shaped Holes in the Trunk
are signs that the adult Emerald Ash Borers are borrowing out in the Spring

DEPARTMENT OF TEHOTIENNAWAKON

A'NOWARA'KO:WA ARENA HOST A WEEK OF LACROSSE FOR FOUNDERS CUP

The Akwesasne Mohawk Medicine Men, MCA Department of Tehotiennawakon and Department of Technical Services and our Akwesasne community proudly hosted the 2018 Founder Cup August 13th – 18th. The 2018 Founders Cup Jr. B National Lacrosse Championships consisted of eight eager teams that were here to compete for the National Jr. B lacrosse championships. They were teams representing British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario, Quebec, First Nation Lacrosse Seneca War chiefs and the Mohawk Medicine Men. They played with their hearts and the team that was physically, emotionally and mentally prepared was crowned the 2018 Founders Cup Jr. B National Champions, the Elora Mohawks representing the province of Ontario.



The Seneca War Chiefs made it to the championship game and had Akwesasronon on their team.

Founders cup meetings began June 19th with the confirmation from the Mohawk Medicine men organization that Akwesasne would be the venue for 2018 National Jr. B Founders Cup lacrosse championship. The Department of Tehotiennawakon and Department of Technical Services quickly put themselves in gear and were key in ensuring the Arena was ready to host the tournament including installing the turf on July 6th, with the assistance of MCA Chiefs and cooperation of the Canada Border Services Agency and US Customs and Border Protection to ensure passage through the border was with minimal impacts on the traveling public, scheduling of transportation with the assistance of the Akwesasne Mohawk Board of Education for teams from airport and hotel to the arena venue, ensuring



All spectators were able to see the recently added upgrades to the Arena, including the new scoreboard.

the health of players and the public with the assistance of the MCA Department of Health in stationing an ambulance at the Arena during the tournament, ensuring the safety of everyone through the cooperation of the Akwesasne Mohawk Police, obtaining corporate sponsorships and MCA's Information Services in upgrading the Internet service at the arena to live-feed the lacrosse games. The weeklong event involved increased employment for Akwesasne, provided high-level lacrosse entertainment, created memories, new partnerships and friendships.

The Mohawk Medicine Men organized the tournament, coordinat-


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ing with all of the teams, providing volunteers during the tournament, assisted in obtaining sponsors, and coordinated with the Canadian Lacrosse Association in holding the successful tournament.

On behalf of the Akwesasne Founders Cup committee we thank all our sponsors, the Mohawk Medicine Men, MCA District Chiefs, MCA's Information Services, MCA Ambulance Service, AMPS, Tehotiennawakon, DTS, AMBE, CBSA, CBP, Ontario East, and the Canadian Lacrosse Association for making the 2018 Founders Cup Jr. B National lacrosse championship event a great success. Congratulations to the champions, the Elora Mohawks from Ontario.



Congratulations to the Founders Cup champions, the Elora Mohawks from Ontario.



AKWESASNE INTERNATIONAL POWWOW

A'nowara'ko:wa Arena – Kawehno:ke
September 8-9, 2018

10 AM | Gates open to the public
12 PM | GRAND ENTRY

Under 5 & 65+	*****	FREE
Ages 6-12	*****	\$5
General Admission	*****	\$8
Weekend Pass	*****	\$12

WWW.AKWESASNEPOWWOW.COM

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GREAT AKWESASNE RIVER CLEANUP YIELDS "GREAT" SUCCESS!



Participants at the Great Akwesasne River Cleanup.

This year's Great Akwesasne River Cleanup was held on August 3, 2018 starting at 8 a.m. The event was organized by the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne Environment program, the St. Regis Mohawk Tribe Environment Division, and the St. Lawrence River Institute of Environmental Sciences. These organizations came together along with the community to help cleanup the waste found in three rivers of Akwesasne; St. Lawrence (Snye River Channel), St. Regis, and Raquette.

The cleanup ran from the early morning into the afternoon with the environmental staff as well as volunteers from the community working hard to gather any garbage found in the waters and shorelines. There were around 80 volunteers who had

participated in the cleanup from all ages.

Overall, the event was considered a great success with the removal of garbage loads. Over 2.3 tonnes of waste was taken out of the rivers during the cleanup. Of this garbage, a large metal roof as well as a vehicle axel with the tires still attached were found. Most of these items were found and retrieved by the volunteer divers. There were a few older made cars that were found but because of the mud and muck as well as sediment that had been built up over the years, the cars were too heavy to be pulled out.



Nia:wen to all that assisted in the clean-up!

The organizations have made it a goal to remove the sunken vehicles from the waters in future cleanups. Mohawk Council of Akwesasne's

Owen Mitchell, who was a Great Akwesasne River Cleanup organizer, said this about the event: "Overall the event was another success as anytime you can remove a ton of garbage from the river, it is something to be celebrated. We hope to continue this event for a few more years but at the same time, we hope community members can become more educated on the negative impacts of tossing debris and garbage into the rivers. It is also harmful to the aquatic habitats as some of these unwanted items that make it into our rivers contain hazardous chemicals that are not only harmful to us but surrounding wildlife as well."

In addition to the river cleanup, there were also educational displays. The MCA Environment Program has been working on the 'Minnow Project' for the past three years so they chose this opportunity to inform their participants on it. There was also information on how to make a shoreline more environmentally friendly and on all of the endangered turtle and minnow species within Akwesasne. The Akwesasne River Cleanups have so far been very effective for the environment and they anticipate more achievements in the upcoming years.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY & SOCIAL SERVICES

CLINICAL SUPERVISION TRAINING IN ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE COUNSELLING

The Akwesasne Family Wellness Program is hosting a Clinical Supervision Training which will teach supervisors the principles of supervision, models of clinical supervision, and methods of clinical supervision in alcohol and drug abuse counseling.

When: September 10-11 & September 24-25

Where: Ramada Inn (805 Brookdale Avenue, Cornwall, ON K6J 4P3)

Deadline to register: Tuesday, September 4

\$200 registration Fee and is open to 15 participants!

For more information or to reserve your spot, please contact Catherine Lelievre at catherine.lelievre@akwesasne.ca.



INDIGENOUS TRAUMA-INFORMED PRACTICE AND HEALING WORKSHOP

MCA's Akwesasne Family Wellness Program is hosting a 2-day workshop on exploring and understanding intergenerational trauma.

When: October 16 – 17

Where: Akwesasne Housing Authority Training Center (378 State Rte 37, Hogansburg, NY)

Participants will actively engage in a journey of experiential learning, self-exploration and awareness-development as they investigate to truly understand intergenerational trauma. Maya Chacaby, the facilitator, has a unique approach to move participants from their heads to their hearts, awakening spirit strength and motivation to unite and take action.

Foundational teachings from Indigenous knowledge are shared to enhance individual and organizational practices fostering trusting and mutually respectful relationships based on shared values.

For more information or to register, please contact Kathleen Terrance at kathleen.terrance@akwesasne.ca.



Maya Chacaby is Anishinaabe from Kaministiquia near Thunder Bay. She has delivered workshops to over 10,000 professionals across Ontario.

DEPARTMENT OF TECHNICAL SERVICES

ROADWAY AND RECONSTRUCTION UPDATES

The Department of Technical Services has a number of projects ongoing that the community and MCA staff may be aware of based on their daily transit for work and other local activities.

The following are some current work areas that folks should be aware of:

Kawehno:ke Corridor Improvements

The Seaway International Bridge corporation and the MCA are working cooperatively to oversee the demolition of the existing roadway between the SIBC maintenance facilities and the south approach of the South channel Bridge on Kawehno:ke, and the construction of a new roadway that is newly

aligned with lighting, storm sewer improvements, access roads, and traffic signals at the intersection of International Road and the main Island Road. The project will include upgrades to the surface of the existing recreational area.

Kawehno:ke Street Lighting

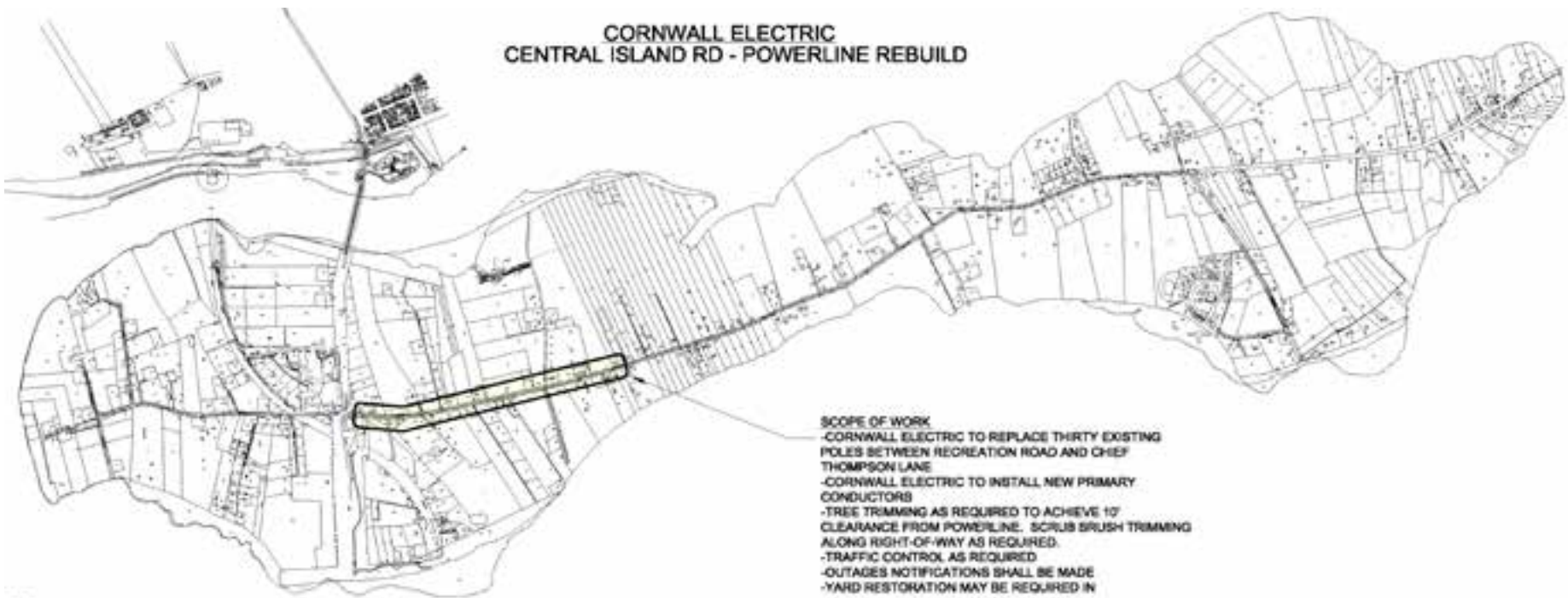
The MCA hired an electrical engineering service to prepare drawings for the replacement and installation of new LED street lights on the Main Island Road east, between Akwesasne International Road and Philip-Hopps Memorial Road. The Department of Technical Services and its Portfolio Chiefs brought this to a recent public meeting regarding the Kawehno:ke hydro pole replacement to talk about the need

for street lighting as a safety requirement and to receive feedback. This work would not occur until late October or November at its earliest availability.

If you would like to learn more there will be opportunity to do so.



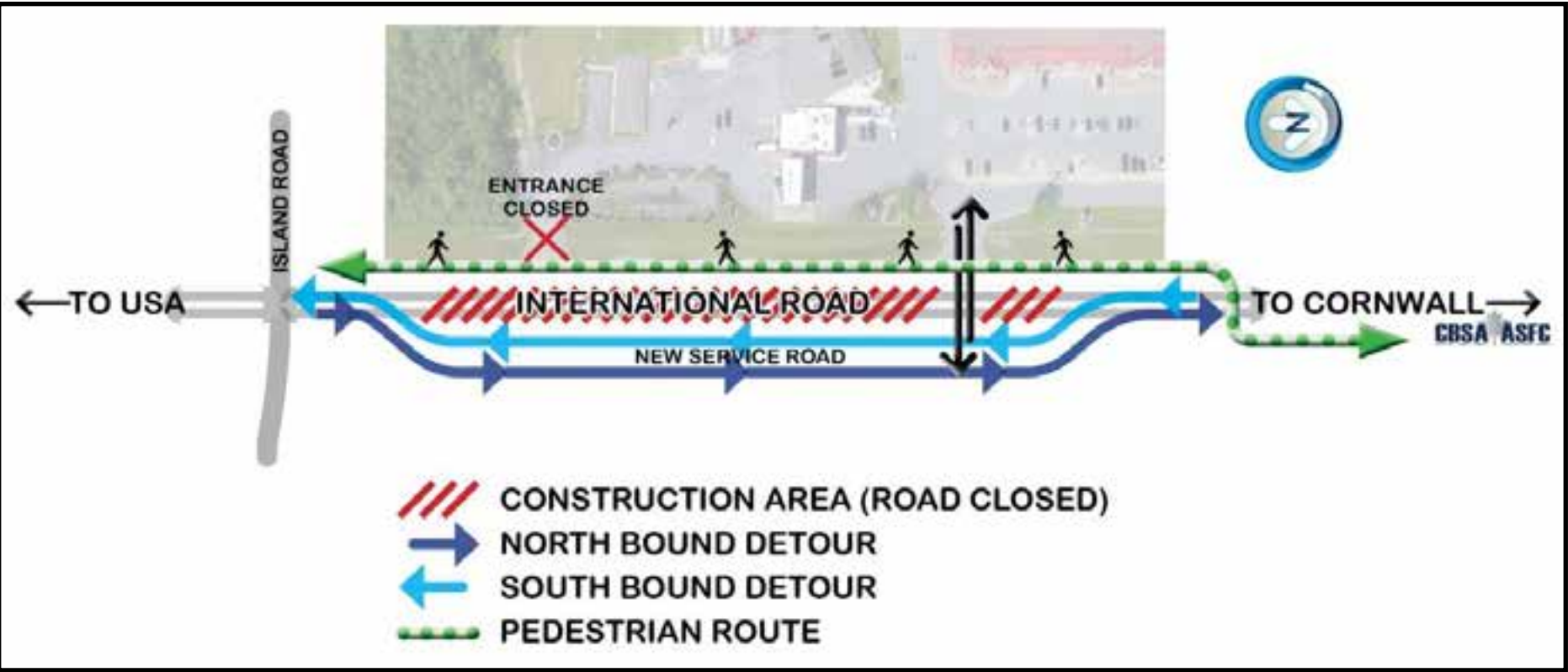
Street lights on Main Island Road east will be replaced.



Cornwall Electric will replace existing hydro electric utility poles with new ones.

DEPARTMENT OF TECHNICAL SERVICES

ROADWAY AND RECONSTRUCTION UPDATES



The Kawehno:ke Corridor detour route will transition both northbound and southbound traffic on International Road to the new service road that has been recently constructed.

Kawehno:ke Hydro Pole Replacement

Cornwall Electric has been granted permission by Council to replace existing hydro electric utility poles with new ones starting from the corridor, International Road heading east on the main Island Road up to the former Iroquois Water

Plant location. Cornwall Electric has hired a company named 'Valard Construction' to do the work. The work will start during the week of August 20th and run for six weeks. A public meeting was held at the Kawehno:ke Recreation Centre on August 20th, and Cornwall Electric confirmed that all necessary safety precautions will be taken to ensure

limited disruption to the community for traffic, access to work areas, and electric service. Specific details will be provided to the District of Kawehno:ke in the very near future.

Kana:takon School Underground Storage Tank Removal

The MCA had identified that the

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DEPARTMENT OF TECHNICAL SERVICES

ROADWAY AND RECONSTRUCTION UPDATES

Kana:takon School underground storage tank was non-compliant to environment regulations and needed to be replaced. The DTS placed the project on the First Nations Infrastructure Investment Plan, where it was finally awarded funding this year. The work began August 20th and is planned to continue into October. The priority work is the use of environmental precautionary measures to have the storage tank fully removed prior to the start of the school year. Results of this work will also supply the school with a new boiler system for heating.

Kana:takon Health Facility Renovations
Planning for this project started in 2012 as part of the Health Space Needs Accommodation Strategy. The project entails interior renovations to the ground and First Floor of Kanonhkwa't'sheri:io. The project is phased. Construction has started with renovations to the Medical Clinic and Traditional Medicine. Estimated completion Oct. 2018. Followed by Diabetes, Wholistic Health and Addictions and Community Health with a completion date set for February 2019 and Community Support May 2019. Everyone is asked to adhere to the safety/caution/no entrance regulations signs as well as the designated construction parking.



River Road Reconstruction is projected to be complete by November 30, 2018.

Tsi Snaihne River Road Reconstruction

The area of this project is the section of River Road located between Wade Lafrance Road and the Sugar Bush bridge. The work started on July 10th and is projected to be completed by November 30, 2018. There is a reduced speed limit to 35 km with the goal of keeping everyone safe. The release of "fill" was done in adherence to the MCA environmental assessment standards. Placement of "fill" required prior review and approval by MCA Environment staff. To date, weekly safety meetings occur to address any issues and community concerns. All work is on schedule

Tsi Snaihne Sewage Treatment Plant Upgrades

The sewage treatment plant upgrades were identified in the MCA 20 year capital plan for the Snye

School & Subdivision area which is a priority area for housing. This upgrade to the pumping station and lagoons will allow capacity for more homes to be added to the subdivision in the future. Community information meetings will be held, with the first being August 23rd, 6:00 p.m., at Iohahi:io classroom 2. The project is planned to start at the end of August 2018 and be completed by the end of April 2019.

All of these projects have components of Native Content for employment or contracting. The requirements are to meet 15 – 25% or better.

We are pleased to add that there is a new Health and Safety Officer (HSO), named Tracy Sunday-Cook, who is working with all MCA projects. Tracy can be contacted for immediate health and safety concerns related to the projects by calling MCA extension 2105 through the Operational Support Program.

The Department of Technical Services thanks you in advance for your patience while we are under construction. If you have comments, questions or concerns about these projects, please call the Department of Technical Services to leave your comment for review and follow up at ext. 1003.

AKWESASNE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT

JUSTICE DEPARTMENT HOSTS CULTURAL CAMP FOR YOUTH ON THOMPSON ISLAND



Aronhiaies Herne retold the Creation Story to the youth who participated in the Thompson Island Cultural Camp

The Justice Department of MCA, in partnership with Iakwashatshe Youth Fitness, and Community Health hosted an action packed week on Thompson Island. On the agenda were Cultural Teachings with Aronhiaies Herne, fitness programming with Iakwashatshe Youth Fitness, and the best homemade meals provided by Thompson Island staff.

Youth of all ages were invited to Thompson Island for a day away to take part in the cultural camp experience. The days begin with a deli-

cious homemade breakfast made, with love, by Marie Thompson. Iakwashatshe Youth fitness and interns took the group to get warmed up for the day with, ice breaker games and outdoor fun. When asked if she enjoyed working with the kids on Thompson Island, Kamryn Ransom, Intern, said she enjoys it very much. Thompson Island had a lot to offer our youth campers, from fishing and swimming, to a game of volleyball or lacrosse.

Outside of playing games, the campers were also immersed in their culture while Aronhiaies Herne, sub-chief of the Bear Clan,

who has served as sub-chief since he was 19 years old, retold The Creation Story. He shared, "After I tell the story, what's going to happen is you start to notice things, even at camp. Walking around, or speaking to people, you start to see things from the creation story...come to life, and that's what's important."

The Thompson Island Cultural camp was open to children of all ages, to spend the night or just a day. There were many activities planned, sure to make the time fly-time that would be otherwise spent on a couch, or behind a screen.



Youth were able to participate in many activities while on Thompson Island.

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AKWESASNE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT

REFERENDUM CALLED FOR TSI:KARISTISERE/DUNDEE CLAIM

TERRITORY OF AKWESASNE – The Chief Referendum Officer (Chief Electoral Officer) Leona Benedict hereby gives notice of an upcoming referendum on the Tsi:karistisere/Dundee Claim Settlement Agreement.

In accordance with the terms of the Settlement Agreement, the ballot question for this referendum is:

'As a Voter of the Mohawks of Akwesasne, do you:

(a) approve the terms and conditions of the Tsi:karistisere/Dundee Claim Settlement Agreement initiated by the negotiators for the Mohawks of Akwesasne and Canada, which settles and releases the Tsi:karistisere/Dundee Claim; and

(b) authorize and direct the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne to execute all documents and do everything necessary to give effect to the Tsi:karistisere/Dundee Claim Settlement Agreement?'

The Mohawks of Akwesasne presented the Tsi:karistisere/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 ac-

quired by the Mohawks of Akwesasne from willing sellers in Quebec and Ontario.

The Settlement Agreement will only be signed with the approval of the community by referendum.

The referendum on the Tsi:karistisere/Dundee Claim Settlement Agreement will be conducted through referendum polling stations on **Saturday, December 8, 2018 from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.** at the following locations:

- District of Kawehno:ke – Kawehno:ke Recreation Center
- District of Tsi Snaihne – Tsi Snaihne Recreation Center
- District of Kana:takon – Kana:takon Recreation Center
- Southern Portion of Akwesasne – Location to be announced once confirmed

Unassisted Online Voting for this referendum will open on **Monday, October 1, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. EST and will close on Friday, December 7, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. EST.**

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Referendum Officers will be going Door-to-Door throughout Akwesasne to assist Eligible Referendum Voters with completing their ballots from Monday, October 1, 2018 through December, 7, 2018.

Contact the Chief Referendum Officer to schedule an appointment with a Referendum Officer for assistance in Online Voting, or to make arrangements for a Mohawk Language Interpreter or Sign Language Interpreter.

Instructions for Online Voting can be obtained by contacting the Chief Referendum Officer or visiting the following website www.akwesasne.ca/referendum.

Eligibility to participate in this referendum on the Tsi:karistisere/Dundee Claim Settlement Agreement is as follows:

- Persons who at the time of voting are Members of the Mohawks of Akwesasne.
- Persons who at the time of voting have attained eighteen (18) years of age.

Members must be listed on the Referendum Voters List in order to participate in this referendum. If an individual meets the eligibility criteria to participate in the referendum and are not on the referendum voters list, those individuals need to contact the Chief Referendum Of-

ficer to have their name added to the list.

The deadline to add or remove names to the Referendum Voters List is Monday, September 24, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.

Referendum Voters Lists will be placed at the following locations:

- District of Kawehno:ke – Bank of Montreal, Jocks Convenience Store, Express Gas
- District of Tsi Snaihne – Iohahi:io Adult Education Centre, OK Den
- District of Kana:takon – Post Office, Butters Quick Stop, Village Check Cashing
- Southern Portion of Akwesasne – Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe Administration Building Lobby, Tsi Tetewatkins – Office for the Aging (SRMT Senior Center)

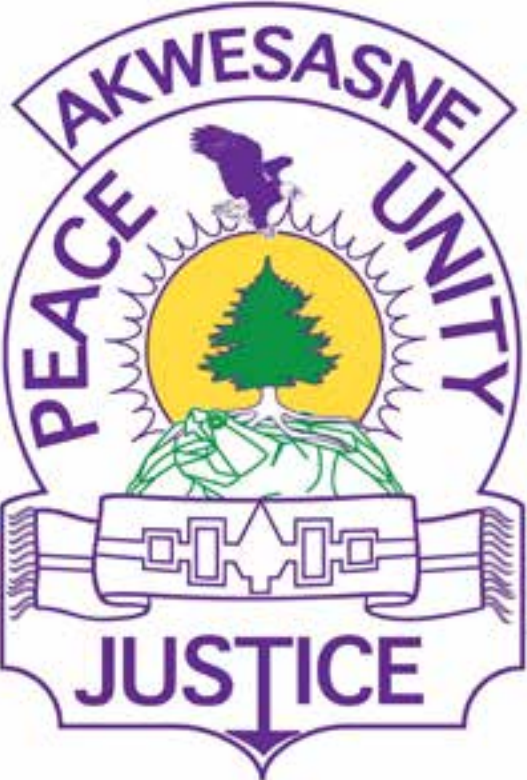
The referendum on the Tsi:karistisere/Dundee Claim Settlement Agreement will close on Saturday, December 8, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. EST.

The results from the Online Voting period will be read on December 8, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. EST and counting of the ballots cast at the Referendum Polling Stations will commence at the St. Regis Recreation Centre.

After counting has concluded the unofficial results of the referendum will be released by the Chief Refer-

endum Officer to local media outlets and will be posted on the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne's website and Facebook page.

For more information for the referendum on the Tsi:karistisere/Dundee Claim Settlement Agreement or for a copy of the Tsi:karistisere/Dundee Claim Settlement Agreement or referendum regulation, please contact the Chief Referendum Officer Leona Benedict by telephone at 613-575-2250 ext. 2406, by facsimile at 613-575-1726 or by email at leona.benedict@akwesasne.ca.



AKWESASNE MOHAWK POLICE SERVICE

AMPS CADETS BEGIN BASIC CONSTABLE TRAINING

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne and the Akwesasne Mohawk Police Service are proud to announce the hiring of seven new cadets (listed below), who will be attending the Ontario Police College in Aylmer, Ontario starting in September 2018.

- Trey Bardy (Tyendinaga)
- Brandon Boire (Ottawa)
- Fabiano Carosella (Montreal)
- Giancarlo Carosella (Montreal)
- Dylan Cook (Akwesasne)
- Mandi-Lee Diabo (Kahnawake)
- Joe Sunday (Akwesasne)

The cadets will complete the Basic Constable Training course before continuing on to the Provincial Police Academy in Orillia, Ontario. Upon completion, the new constables will be returning to Akwesasne.

Good luck to the new cadets as they complete their training and we look forward to the great work you all will do for our community!



Pictured (left to right): Joe Sunday, Giancarlo Carosella, Mandi-Lee Diabo, Dylan Cook, Fabiano Carosella, Trey Bardy, and Brandon Boire.

AKWESASNE MOHAWK POLICE SERVICE

AMPS/SÛRETÉ DU QUÉBEC RELEASE - JOINT INVESTIGATION CONCERNING A HOMICIDE IN AKWESASNE UPDATE

Akwesasne, July 26th 2018 – The Sûreté du Québec's Crimes Against the Person Investigation Service, in collaboration with the Akwesasne Mohawk Police Service and the St. Regis Tribal Police, are currently investigating a homicide following the discovery of unidentified human remains, near St. Regis Island, in Akwesasne.

The investigation has revealed that the victim is Kenneth Francis Leaf, 50 years old, from Akwesasne, who had been missing since January 2018. Investigators from the different police services are working together in order to identify the perpetrator(s) of this vile crime. Anyone who has information about this event is asked to contact the Sûreté du Québec's Criminal Information Center at 1-800-659-4264.





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- Good attitude!

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