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FEDERAL MINISTER OF INDIGENOUS SERVICES PAYS VISIT TO AKWESASNE



The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne welcomed Federal Minister Seamus O'Regan to the community on August 1, 2019.

Minister O'Regan's office is responsible for overseeing Canada's delivery of services to Indigenous communities at the federal level. He was provided a tour of MCA facilities on Kawehno:ke, followed by an informal discussion on needs the Mohawk Council would like Minister O'Regan to be aware of. Housing, infrastructure, pollution, health and jurisdictional issues are just some of the areas Minister O'Regan was informed on.

UPCOMING MCA MEETINGS & SPECIAL DATES:

September 9, 2019

- Tsi Snaihne District Meeting - Tsi Snaihne Recreation Centre, 6 - 8 p.m.
- Kawehno:ke District Meeting - Kawehno:ke Community Centre, 6 - 8 p.m.

September 10, 2019

- Ionkwa'kwenion Dinner Celebration - Honouring First Responders - A'nowara'ko:wa Arena, Kawehno:ke, 5:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

September 16, 2019

- District Meeting in Kana:takon - Kana:takon Recreation Centre, 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

September 26, 2018

- MCA General Meeting - Kana:takon Recreation Centre, 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

MOHAWK COUNCIL OF AKWESASNE 2018-2021

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Abram Benedict

Kana:takon District

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

Kawehno:ke District

Chief Carolyn Francis
Chief Edward Roundpoint
Chief Vince Thompson
Chief Vanessa Adams

Tsi Snaihne District

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

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*Director,
Housing Department*

Robyn Mitchell
*Director,
Community & Social Services*

Keith LeClaire
*Director,
Department of Health*

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Akwasasne Mohawk Board
of Education*

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Akwasasne Mohawk Police
Service*

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Tehotiennawakon*

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 this month:

1. Akwesasne voted to accept the community's newest law, the Akwesasne Financial Administration Law, on August 24, 2019. This law applies to the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne organization and staff and provides additional transparency and accountability for the management of MCA's finances. Read more on Page 3.
2. On September 10, 2019, Council will be hosting a special dinner to re-launch its lonkwakwe:nion Book of Accomplishments. The first new inductees are the first responders serving Akwesasne. All firefighters, ambulance staff, police and dispatchers serving the northern and southern portions of the community are invited to attend with their guest. The dinner will be held at the A'nowara'ko:wa Arena from 5:30 – 8 p.m.
3. The Indian Day School Class Action Settlement has been approved. If you attended an Indian Day School, you may be eligible to claim a portion of the settlement; or you may opt out of the settlement and retain your right to bring your own lawsuit forward. More information can be found on Page 18 and at www.indian-dayschools.com.
4. The application process is now open for recreational cannabis licensing. If you wish to sell or cultivate cannabis in MCA's jurisdiction, you must pick up an application at MCA's Office of Economic Development. Read more on Page 28.
5. MCA will resume holding its monthly General Meeting for the month of September following a short summer hiatus. The meeting will take place on September 26, 2019 at 6 p.m. at the St. Regis Recreation.

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AKWESASNE ACCEPTS NEW FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION LAW

On Saturday, August 24, 2019, the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne held a Special General Meeting in order for its membership to vote on the following question:

Do you approve the Akwesasne Financial Administration Law?

Following the secret ballot voting period, the Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) Leona Benedict confirmed the following results:

79 Yes Votes
2 No Votes

Immediately following the CEO's announcement, the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne passed a resolution accepting the results and formally enacting the Akwesasne Financial Administration Law.

"Moving forward, the AFAL will allow us to have the structure and written guidelines needed to effectively manage the operations of the MCA organization with the bar for transparency set very high," said MCA Executive Director Heather Phillips. "We are thankful for the community's participation and direction."

Akwesasne Financial Administration Law Background

In 2013, the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne established a working task

group to develop an Akwesasne Financial Administration Law.

This working task group met diligently and developed a law that showed strong financial administration that meets established accounting standards.

Mohawk Council Resolution 2016/2017-#224 accepted the proposed Akwesasne Financial Administration Law dated September 21, 2016 and directed the Akwesasne Justice Department to conduct Phase III of the Akwesasne Legislative Enactment Regulation.

In February 2019, the Akwesasne Justice Department began conducting community consultation through Information Meetings and accepting written submissions through April 2019.


Comments from the consultation process were summarized, discussed and the agreed upon changes were incorporated into a new draft of the Akwesasne Financial Administration Law dated June 7, 2019.

On June 13, 2019 the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne accepted the Akwesasne Financial Administration Law in principle for community enactment by way of a secret ballot vote at a Special General Meeting. Community Notice was provided

that the Special General Meeting would occur on Saturday, August 24, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.

This MCR Submission accepts the final results of the secret ballot vote at the Special General Meeting as being approved. The resolution establishes the enactment date of the law as the date the resolution is administered, with the coming into force date effective September 1, 2019. This will provide time for administration to develop the required policies, regulations, and procedures needed to administer the law.

The Akwesasne Financial Administration Law will also be registered in the Akwesasne Law Registry and be posted on the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne website.

TOTAL VOTE COUNT	
Special General Meeting	
Saturday August 24, 2019	
OFFICIAL RESULTS	
Do you approve the Akwesasne Financial Administration Law?	
YES	TOTAL: <u>79</u>
NO	TOTAL: <u>2</u>
 Leona Benedict/Chief Electoral Officer	

FAMILY FUN COLOR RUN 2019

Hundreds of families turned out to Generations Park on July 1 for the 4th Annual Family Color Run hosted by the Akwesasne Coalition for Community Empowerment. The event invites families to run or walk along the walking trail where sta-

tions are set up of coalition members dousing passersby with every color of powder possible. The fun event has grown in popularity each year and promotes activity, wellness and time spent with family.

The coalition is made of organizations on both sides of Akwesasne's territory (north and south) that work together to host positive activities in the community.



Norman Peters of AMPS helped with the Family Fun Color Run.



The Color Run promotes activity, wellness and time spent with family.



Hundred of families turned out for the 4th Annual Color Run.



Akwesasronon of all ages participated in this fun event.

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OPG ANNOUNCES OPENING OF NATIVE BUTTERFLY AND HERB GARDEN

Mohawk Council of Akwesasne chiefs and staff attended the Ontario Power Generation Visitor Centre Wednesday, August 23 to support the opening of a butterfly and herb garden.

The project was phase one of OPG's long-term sustainable landscape plan for the Saunders Hydro Dam Visitor Centre.

The project was executed through a joint venture between Iroquois Consulting Group, an Akwesasne based business, and M. Sullivan & Son Limited (Ltd.)

As part of the landscape, OPG has incorporated a butterfly and herb garden, both of which are consistent with and complementary to the goals



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of the Visitor Centre in the areas of biodiversity, environment and education. The garden will serve to educate, promote and advance knowledge of traditional uses and biological re-

quirements of native, indigenous, and sustainable herbs, spices and healing plants.

OPG is committed to building and growing long-term, mutually beneficial working relationships with Indigenous communities near their current and future operations. OPG's R.H. Saunders GS has been a part of the Cornwall community in Eastern Ontario for over 60 years offering many local programs, initiatives and events focusing on power generation, science and the environment.

With the help of their employees, site communities and partners, they are also working to ensure a more sustainable future, a cleaner environment, a stronger economy and thriving communities.



On Wednesday, August 23, the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne chiefs and staff members attended the opening of a butterfly and herb garden at the Ontario Power Generation Visitor Centre.

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ACFS HOSTS FAMILY FUN FOR KINSHIP AWARENESS MONTH

On Thursday, August 15, the Kana:takon Recreation was host to a Family Fun Day full of food, activities, prizes and information on kinship care hosted by the Akwesane Child and Family Services (ACFS).

Kinship care is an extended family home that is approved to care for a child or youth in care. The caregiver must have a family relationship or significant connection to the child, like a grandparent, aunt/uncle, cousin or close family friend. Raising awareness of kinship care is

important as it provides a child with love and care in a familiar setting, offers support in maintaining traditions and building health relationships, and so much more!

There are many ways to become a kinship caregiver — if you would like to learn more about this program, contact Akwesane Child & Family Services at 613-575-2341 ext. 3139 for more information.

Congratulations to our prize winners and niawenko:wa to all who attend-

ed, as well as to Akwesane Child & Family Services, lakwa'shatste Youth Fitness, the Akwesane Mohawk Police Service and the Kana:takon Recreation Center for putting this on for our community!

PRIZE WINNERS:

1st Place (Outdoor Camping Kit): Wateronhine Oakes

2nd Place (Outdoor Games Kit): Mikey Jacobs

3rd Place (\$100 Gift Card to Archie's): Wallace Cree



Community members in attendance at the Family Fun Day participated in a variety of activities, including building their own garden!

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...ACFS HOSTS FAMILY FUN FOR KINSHIP AWARENESS MONTH



Many community members joined in the fun!



Selecting the grand prize winners!



Iakwa'shatste Youth Fitness held an obstacle course!



Everyone enjoyed the delicious food!



Lots of fun for all that came!



Learning and having fun!



Nia:wen to everyone that made this event possible!

NEWS

MCA HOSTS ANNUAL STUDENT BURSARY LUNCHEON

On Tuesday, July 30th, the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne hosted a luncheon to honor recipients of this year's Student Bursary Awards. Three bursaries, from MCA, the Bank of Montreal and Enbridge, are presented each year to recent high school graduates who are continuing their education.

Representatives from Mohawk Council, BMO and Enbridge attended the event and personally congratulated the recipients, encouraging them to reach for their goals and continue on the path they're on.

"Don't ever let anyone tell you that you can't achieve what you want," said Grand Chief Abram Benedict.

"Your community, your family, your friends, we all support you."

MCA sponsors the Wade Lafrance Memorial Bursary which was awarded this year to Clinton Atkins Jr., Rahnonkwatsherehawi George and Chad White.

BMO presented their bursaries this year to Havanna Benedict, Mercedes Clark, Artezia Iehsas Day-Montour, Jimmy Jock, Kazia King-Lazore, Grace Point, Aurora Teeweewes Swamp, Kyrin Van Every, Tayler White and Keane Skidders.

"At BMO, diversity, education and employment are important to

us," said BMO's Business Banking spokesperson Kelsey White. "By working alongside the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne, together, we are doing great things to encourage and enable indigenous youth to achieve their highest potential."

Enbridge presented their bursaries to Davis Cook Lazore, James Delormier, Shayna Jacobs, Cohen Mitchell, Aspen Robertson, Karon-tawakon Roundpoint, Laney Tahy, Frank Tarbell, Kevin Phillips, and Ot-sistonkie Lazore.

Congratulations to all students and best wishes for academic success.



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COUNCIL AND MOHAWK GOVERNMENT

2019/20 AKWESASNE COMMUNITY FUND REVIEW TEAM REPORT

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 com-

munity 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 es-

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

FOR THE 2019/2020 FISCAL YEAR

- A call-out for applications to the Akwesasne Community Fund took place for a one-month period, starting May 8, 2019 and ending on the stated deadline of June 6, 2019.
- A total of \$157,000 was available for distribution to the community.

The following community members served as volunteer Review Team members:

DISTRICT	REPRESENTATIVE
Kana:takon	Amanda Jacobs
Kana:takon	Jimmy Hemlock
Kawehno:ke	Ivan Thompson
Kawehno:ke	Tommy Francis
Tsi Snaihne	Hilda King
Tsi Snaihne	Jason Lazore

The following applications were approved:

APPLICANT	AMOUNT ALLOCATED
Akwesasne Freedom School	\$15,000
Akwesasne Minor Hockey Association	\$30,000
Akwesasne Wild Women's Hockey	\$6,884
Akwesasne Skating Club	\$7,193
AMBE Parent Committee	\$45,000
Aseshate:kate Grief Services	\$3,600
Native North American Travelling College	\$13,930

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MOHAWK COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS

MCR # 242 To change signing authority for the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne US account at BMO Harris Bank in Chicago Illinois

Moved by: Chief Edward Roundpoint

Seconded by: Chief Vince Thompson

For: 5 Against: 0

CARRIED

MCR #243 To change signing authority for the Iakhihsotthe Home for the Elderly Trust account that is held at the Bank of Nova Scotia in Cornwall

Moved by: Chief Edward Roundpoint

Seconded by: Chief Vince Thompson

For: 5 Against: 0

CARRIED

MCR #244 To change signing authority for the Tsiionkwanonhso:te Resident Trust account that is held at the Bank of Montreal on Kawehnoke.

Moved by: Chief Joe Lazore

Seconded by: Chief April Adams Phillips

For: 5 Against: 0

CARRIED

MCR #245 Ministry of Health and Long Term Care Champlain LHIN CSS MSAA Agreement 2017-18 Declaration of Compliance

Moved by: Chief Joe Lazore

Seconded by: Chief Edward Roundpoint

For: 5 Against: 0

CARRIED

MCR #246 Council Appointment of the Overseer's as an Advisory Group to, among other Duties outlined in the DRAFT Trust Document, assist the Internal Technical Team in the development of Trustee criteria and review of Trustee candidates for Council's consideration.

Moved by: Chief Julie Phillips Jacobs

Seconded by: Chief April Adams Phillips

For: 5 Against: 0

CARRIED

MCR #247 Health Canada Agreement 15160N000010-A0011 re approval

Moved by: Chief April Adams Phillips

Seconded by: Chief Vince Thompson

For: 5 Against: 0

CARRIED

MCR #248 Bank of Montreal – Guarantee ORHLP

Moved by: Chief Carolyn Francis

Seconded by: Chief Edward Roundpoint

For: 5 Against: 0

CARRIED

MCR #249 Heating Assistance

for the 2018-19 Winter Season to include CSP-DCSS Social Assistance Clientele

Moved by: Chief Julie Phillips Jacobs

Seconded by: Chief Edward Roundpoint

For: 5 Against: 0

CARRIED

MCR #250 Lot 3-3 Pilon Island – Assignment of Lease

Moved by: Chief Vince Thompson

Seconded by: Chief Julie Phillips Jacobs

For: 6 Against: 0

CARRIED

MCR #251 Lot 6 Block C Hamilton Island – Assignment of Lease

Moved by: Chief Vince Thompson

Seconded by: Chief Julie Phillips Jacobs

For: 4 Against: 3

CARRIED

MCR #252 Accept and Approve Council Meeting Minutes dated Kenténha/October 1st, 2018

Moved by: Chief Julie Phillips Jacobs

Seconded by: Chief Tobi Mitchell

For: 6 Against: 0

CARRIED

MCR #253 Accept and Approve Council Meeting Minutes dated Kenténha/October 9th, 2018

Moved by: Chief Joe Lazore

Seconded by: Chief Tobi Mitchell

For: 6 Against: 0

CARRIED

MCR #254 Accept and Approve Council Meeting Minutes dated Kenténha/October 15th, 2018

Moved by: Chief Vince Thompson

Seconded by: Chief Joe Lazore

For: 6 Against: 0

CARRIED

MCR #255 Accept and Approve Council Meeting Minutes dated Kenténha/October 29th, 2018

Moved by: Chief Joe Lazore

Seconded by: Chief Vince Thompson

For: 6 Against: 0

CARRIED

MCR #256 Council Recommendations for Shareholders

Moved by: Chief Carolyn Francis

Seconded by: Chief Connie Lazore

For: 7 Against: 0

CARRIED

MCR #257 Council Recommendations for Directors of Akwesasne

Moved by: Chief Connie Lazore

Seconded by: Chief Vince Thompson

For: 8 Against: 0

CARRIED

MCR #258 Council recommendations for Directors of Akwesasne Harbour Development Corp.

Moved by: Chief Tim Thompson

Seconded by: Chief Connie Lazore

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MOHAWK COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS

For: 8 Against: 0

CARRIED

MCR #259 Council Appointment of Shareholder of the Akwesasne Harbour Development Corp. (AHDC)

Moved by: Chief Carolyn Francis
Seconded by: Chief Tim Thompson

For: 8 Against: 0

CARRIED

MCR #260 Development of a Framework for Fish Consumption Advisories

Moved by: Chief Joe Lazore
Seconded by: Chief Edward Roundpoint

For: 8 Against: 0

CARRIED

MCR #261 Request for additional funds for FY 2018/2019 Upgrading Program

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

For: 7 Against: 0

CARRIED

MCR #262 Educational Services Agreement-CDSBEO

Moved by: Chief Theresa Jacobs
Seconded by: Chief Carolyn Francis

For: 10 Against: 0

CARRIED

MCR #263 MCA Fuel Tender Award Heating Season Novem-

ber 2018 to April 2019

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

For: 10 Against: 0

CARRIED

MCR #264 Memorandum of Agreement between MCA and OPSEU, Local 4102

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

For: 7 Against: 3

CARRIED

MCR #265 Akwesasne Economic Development Fund (AEDF)

Moved by: Chief Edward Roundpoint
Seconded by: Chief Theresa Jacobs

For: 10 Against: 0

CARRIED

MCR #266 MCA Authorizing Grand Chief as Representative

Moved by: Chief Connie Lazore
Seconded by: Chief Edward Roundpoint

For: 10 Against: 0

CARRIED

MCR #267 New Youth Council Member

Moved by: Chief Tim Thompson
Seconded by: Chief Carolyn Francis

For: 10 Against: 0

CARRIED

MCR #268 Bank of Montreal-Guarantee ORHLP

Moved by: Chief Darryl Lazore
Seconded by: Chief Theresa Jacobs

For: 8 Against: 0

CARRIED

MCR #269 Bank of Montreal Guarantees ORHLP

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

For: 10 Against: 0

CARRIED

MCR #270 Housing-Upgrade Application

Moved by: Chief Darryl Lazore
Seconded by: Chief Theresa Jacobs

For: 8 Against: 0

CARRIED

MCR #271 Housing-Upgrade Application

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

For: 10 Against: 0

CARRIED

MCR #272 Housing-Upgrade Application

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

For: 8 Against: 0

CARRIED

MCR #273 Housing-Upgrade Application

Moved by: Chief Darryl Lazore
Seconded by: Chief Theresa Jacobs

For: 10 Against: 0

CARRIED

MCR #274 Housing-Upgrade Application

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

For: 10 Against: 0

CARRIED

MCR #275 Housing-Upgrade Application

Moved by: Chief Darryl Lazore
Seconded by: Chief Joe Lazore

For: 10 Against: 0

CARRIED

MCR #276 MCR 2018-2019 #217 Rescinded

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

For: 10 Against: 0

CARRIED

MCR #277 Block 1 Lands – Final Legal Descriptions and Request for ATR

Moved by: Chief Tim Thompson
Seconded by: Chief April Adams Phillips

For: 10 Against: 0

CARRIED

COUNCIL AND MOHAWK GOVERNMENT

COUNCIL WEEKLY MEETING REPORT

SUBMITTED BY GRAND CHIEF ABRAM BENEDICT



July 29, 2019

- Council discussed a request from the Akwesasne Freedom School for a sponsorship to purchase a table for an upcoming fundraiser. Council passed a motion to purchase a table at the upcoming event.
- A request from the Sweetgrass Language Conference was discussed and further information will be researched and reported back to Council.
- Council reviewed and discussed a letter from the Mohawk

Nation Council of Chiefs on the seven points of jurisdiction; a follow-up meeting will be scheduled to further discuss the letter.

- An update was provided on the collaborative efforts between the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe and MCA to ensure the St. Regis water treatment plant intake is regularly tested for contaminants.
- A briefing was provided on the current status of the Entewatatha:wi negotiations with a recommendation forthcoming on the next steps.
- Council discussed next steps following the all-Council retreat.
- MCR's passed: Approval of renewal of CMHC mortgage; Approval of (2) upgrade loans to community member(s); Approval of amendment to contract with Dr. Saylor; Approval of hiring of Clinical Supervisor; Approval of appoint-

ment of Youth to the Akwesasne Youth Council; Approval of amendments to Interim Cannabis Application; Approval of Access to Territory for business financing; Approval of amendment to Akwesasne Canada funding agreement; Approval of application for healing lodge funding; Approval to use OLGC funds to hire Paralegal; Approval of revisions to portfolio listings; Approval of addition of signing officer for BMO bank accounts; Approval of audit for Literacy and Basic Skills Program; Approval of additional staff for Indian Register Administrator; Approval to rescind MCR for housing loan (loan declined); Approval of assignment of lease Pilon Island; Approval of assignment of lease Renshaw Island; Acceptance in Principal the Akwesasne Election Law with proposed amendments.

August 12, 2019

- Council discussed a recent meeting with Transport Canada regarding surplus lands and agreed to discuss strategy with legal counsel next week.
- A request from the Indigenous Sports & Wellness Ontario regarding hosting the 2019 Ontario Native Volleyball Invitational (ONVI) in Akwesasne was discussed; further

clarification will be sought on the request.

- Council reviewed and provided input into the 2018-2021 Strategic Plan and directed it be finalized and accepted next week.
- A proposal to sell property to Council was discussed and will be further researched and reported back to Council.
- Council discussed the pro-

posed political service agreements and passed a motion directing administration to continue the development of the agreement for Council's consideration.

- A request was made for Chiefs, committees and administration to ensure language / culture funding proposals are being submitted to funding sources.
- Council discussed the recent

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COUNCIL WEEKLY MEETING REPORT CONTINUED

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Secure Status Card intake session and few applications that have been delayed; follow up will be done with Indigenous Services to ensure delays are minimized.

- A request for clarification was made on the Ahwesahsne Mohawk Board of Educations (AMBE) policy on grants and bursaries for post secondary education.
- Council discussed a letter received from the Fire Chief regarding the recent event at the A'nowara'kowa Arena and the pos-

sible over capacity violation; administration will follow up with the department.

- A briefing was provided on a proposed recognition event for 1st Responders.
- Administration briefed Council on a proposed MCR on a policy directive to publish MCA salaries over 100K; as well as a proposal to close the MCA during the Christmas holiday; MCR's forthcoming.
- A request for a follow up meeting with Canada and the Prov-

inces on Capital projects was made and will be scheduled.

- MCR's passed: Approval of Indigenous Services Canada Enhanced Housing Allocation for 30 applications and construction of an apartment complex; Approval of IFN Family Well-Being Program; Approval of IFN Ontario Indigenous Child and Youth Strategy.

August 19, 2019

- MCA Legal Counsel briefed Council on the Judicial Review for vehicle seizures and also briefed Council on the class action filed by a community member against CBSA.
- Legal Counsel also provided an overview of the options for surplus Transport Canada lands.
- A request for assistance to rent kayaks for the Annual River Clean Up was discussed and will be further researched for options.
- Council agreed that the OVS committee would assist on the follow up with Canada (NRCAN) to assist in naming unnamed islands in Akwesasne.
- Council agreed to a \$5,000 sponsorship of the Annual Sweet

Grass Language Conference being held in Cornwall on November 1-2, 2019.

- A briefing was provided on a legal bill dispute arising from the Iroquois Caucus's support on a hunting rights case.
- Council received a briefing on MCA's past contributions to the Akwesasne International Powwow.
- A briefing was provided on past practices for MCA capital projects and concerns were outlined with current practices; MCA administration will follow up.
- MCR's passed: Approval to set time period for the purpose of law enactment quorum requirements; Approval of amendment to MCA Special Needs Policy; Approval to

proceed with one agreement for Nation Building / Canada self-government; Approval of direction to Nation Building regarding section 13.2 and 16(2) of the Indian Act; Approval of funding agreement with Quebec and Canada for Justice Program; Approval of MCA to create and publish an MCA Sunshine List; Approval of the MCA to be closed between Christmas and New Years; Approval of funding agreement with Ontario for S.A.V.E Unit; Approval of amendment to health contribution agreement to reflect new physician compensation; Approval of (2) emergency Council meeting minutes; Approval of (2) Council meeting minutes.

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TSI SNAIHNE DISTRICT CHIEF CONNIE LAZORE UPDATES



Portfolio: Justice, Public Safety, Executive Services

Month: July 2019

Committee: Finance, Governance, Cannabis Working Task Group

Monthly Notables

1. The July weekly Special Meeting of Council was held on July 8th, 15th, 22nd (no quorum, so no meeting was held) and 29th. Council had discussion on: CBSA, City of Cornwall, Cannabis, Fibre Optic Cable, Maintenance of Recreation Facilities, Cornwall Walmart, McCumber Road Dock, Bridge Pass Service, MTQ Funding. Akwesasne Freedom School, Sweetgrass First Nations, MNCC Letter, Water Testing, Entewatatha:wi and Council Retreat Follow-Up. Presentations were made on: CBSA Class Action Update and Entewathatha:wi Update. Resolutions that were considered for approval included: Housing, MCCSS Registered Education Savings Plan, ISC 2019/2020 Family Violence Prevention Funding, Contract between MCA & AEDA for Language, Lands,

FNH Funding Agreement, CMHC Mortgage Renewal, Hiring of Health Professions, New Youth Council member, Healing Lodge Funding, Hiring of Paralegal, Revised Portfolio Listing, Indian Register Administrator, Accept in Principle Akwesasne Election Law Amendment, Audit of Schedule of Revenues and Expenditures for Literacy & Basic Skills Program, Amending Signing Officers and to accept and approve Indigenous Services Canada amending Agreement.

2. Justice Portfolio Meeting was scheduled and held on July 11th. The McGill and Queens Law Student were present for introduction and to advise of their work. Review of Laws for Registry, CBSA files. Update from Youth Justice Program, court update with regards to the Court Worker, Quebec Probation Officer. Chief Julie and I advised of the Minister of Justice/Attorney General of Canada visit to Akwesasne for July 18th.

3. Public Safety Portfolio Meeting was on July 18th. Updates were provided by EHO, Conservation, Compliance, Environment, Ambulance and Emergency Management.

4. District Meeting was held on July 15th. Items discussed included: AMPS Follow-up, Housing, AEDA Language Program, Community Trust, Evening sessions for Kids: Tutoring, homework club, club house,

etc.

5. A Special General Meeting was held on July 27th to present and vote on the Financial Administrative Law. The meeting could not convene due to requirement of 25 community members to be present to begin the meeting. Full Council was present.

6. Youth Council Meeting was not held on July 2019.

7. I attended the Police Commission Meeting on July 8th. Prior to the meeting, the Mohawk Police dedicated the Boardroom to the memory of Valerie Terrance who served decades to the community by being a member of the Police Commission. I spoke a few words thanking both Val and her family for her contribution, dedication and years of service.

Work in Progress

1. I participated in the preparation meeting for the Akwesasne Mohawk Association Negotiations for their Collective Agreement. The meeting was set for July 24th.

2. I attended the Assembly of First Nations Annual General Assembly in Fredericton, NB for July 20th-25th. My meetings began on Sunday, July 21st with the Joint Advisory Committee on Fiscal Relations. We prepared a resolution to be presented at the assembly to allow the committee to begin the

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COUNCIL AND MOHAWK GOVERNMENT

TSI SNAIHNE DISTRICT CHIEF CONNIE LAZORE UPDATES

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engagement sessions with community on the final document. Monday I attended two sessions: AFN – Fiscal Relations and Environment & Climate Change, that evening I attended the AFNQL meeting where the JACFR presented. Tuesday – Thursday I attended the General Assembly.

3. Recreation Cannabis Working Task Group Meetings continues. Meetings were held on July 2nd, July 8th, July 11th, July 15th and July 30th. At these meetings we prepared to release the application for August 6th. I participated in a conference call with the Alcohol & Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO) with regards to the 50 additional cannabis retail licenses being offered for Ontario, eight of which were to be released to First Nations in Ontario.

4. Council Retreat was held on July 9th and 10th. During the retreat, the Strategic Planning final session was held. All Council participated in a two-day session to review the strategic plan, identify priorities that we could work on as a collective. We worked on communicating, transparency and accountability.

5. I participated and attended the Assembly of First Nations Quebec & Labrador (AFNQL) conference call in regards to the Ad Hoc (formerly known as Monitoring

Committee) that I am a member of that was held on July 16th.

6. I attended the Entewatatha:wi Session scheduled for Council. This session we discussed the Fiscal Chapter with regards to Self-Government

7. I attended the Student Bursary presentations to students provided by Enbridge and the Bank of Montreal.

8. I attended a meeting with Transport Canada on July 31st. The meeting was to discuss the Seaway Lands Disposition – Lands in Cornwall & Iroquois.

9. I attended a preparation meeting with Chief Julie Phillips-Jacobs and the Director of Justice to prepare for the visit of the Minister of Justice & Attorney General of Canada for July 18th.

10. I attended and participated in the presentation of the Justice Department to the Minister. We (Chief Julie, Director of Justice and myself) spoke of the Justice System, Akwesasne Court, Restorative Justice and enforcement. Again, we provided our proposals for funding.

Collaborative Opportunities:

1. Assembly of First Nations Quebec & Labrador (AFNQL)
2. Assembly of First Nations (AFN) Chiefs Committee on Fiscal Relations
3. Indigenous Services Canada

(ISC)

4. Crown & Indigenous Relations & Northern Affairs (CIRNA)

5. Department of Justice

6. Joint ISC/AFN Advisory Committee

7. AFNQL Oversight Committee

Financial Status/Lobbying Progress

1. Member of the Finance Committee

2. Member of the Indigenous Services Canada and Assembly of First Nations Joint Advisory Committee on Fiscal Relations developing the new Fiscal Relations Framework

3. Member of AFNQL Oversight Monitoring Committee, now called Ad Hoc Committee

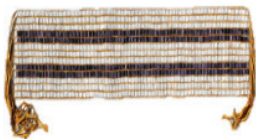
4. Member of AFNQL Chiefs Committee on Emergency Management

ENTEWATATHÁ:WI - "WE WILL GOVERN"

REDEFINING OUR PATH TO SELF DETERMINATION

The Self-Government process continues to be developed and negotiated. The timeline presented is regularly updated.

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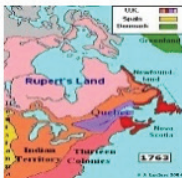
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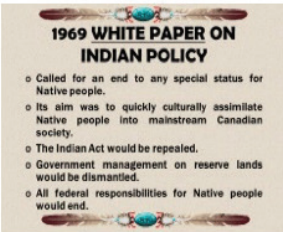
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1982



Constitution
Act

1977



Indigenous
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1996



Royal
Commission
on Aboriginal
Peoples

1999

Political
Protocol

2013

Akwesasne/
Canada
Agreements-
in- Principle

2015



Truth and
Reconciliation

ENTEWATATHÁ:WI - "WE WILL GOVERN"

REDEFINING OUR PATH TO SELF DETERMINATION

For more information on this timeline or to suggest additional material, please contact Isaac White at issac.white@akwesasne.ca or at (613) 575-2341 extension 3191.

1867



British North American Act

1876



Indian Act

1899



Jake "Ice" Fire

1923



Deskaheh

1985



Bill C-31

1987

Akwesasne Membership & Ahkwesahsne Mohawk Board of Education

1988

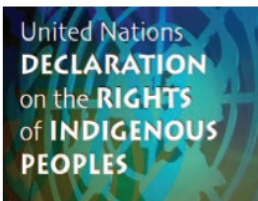


Akwesasne Election Law

1995

Inherent Right Policy

2016



Canada's Commitment to UNDRIP

2017



Akwesasne History Summit

2017



Canada's 10 Principles

2017



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ABORIGINAL RIGHTS AND RESEARCH OFFICE

MCLEAN FEDERAL INDIAN DAY SCHOOL CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT APPROVED

On August 19, 2019, Canadian Federal Justice Judge Phelan approved the Indian Day School Class Action Settlement. The lawsuit sought damages for First Nations, Metis and Inuit children who suffered while attending a Federal Indian Day School.

Those who wish to file a claim for compensation can review the claims form now, though claims will not begin processing until after a 120-day period to allow for the Opt-out and appeal process to finish. Claimants have 2.5 years to submit their claim for compensation.

Those who wish to Opt-out of the settlement and receive no compen-

sation have 90 days from August 19, 2019 to fill out and submit the Opt-out form before the November 18, 2019 deadline.

Those who opt-out will receive no compensation and retain the right to bring their own action against Canada at their own cost for harms suffered while in a Federal Indian Day School.

All forms can be found on the Federal Indian Day School Class Action website www.indianday-schools.com under the "Documents" tab. Further announcements and community information meeting dates will be announced in the very near future. For further information, contact the Mohawk

Council of Akwesasne Aboriginal Rights & Research Office (ARRO) at 613-575-2348 ext. 2209.

There is 24-hour mental health counselling and crisis support available to former day school students at 1-855-242-3310 or by online chat at www.hopeforwellness.ca. Counselling is available in English, French, Cree, Ojibway and Inuktitut.



SIXTIES SCOOP SURVIVORS COMPENSATION

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne would like to inform the community that anyone who identifies as a survivor of the 60's Scoop is encouraged to pick up an application for compensation.

The applications will be available at the Mohawk Government office in Kana:takon — once completed, the application can be sent to Collectiva at:

Mail:
Sixties Scoop Class Action Administrator
c/o Collectiva Class Action Services, Inc.
200-2170 René-Lévesque Boulevard West

Montréal, Quebec H3H 2T8

Tel: 1-844-287-4270

Fax: 514-287-1617

Email: sixtiesscoop@collectiva.ca

Deadline to apply: Friday, August 30, 2019

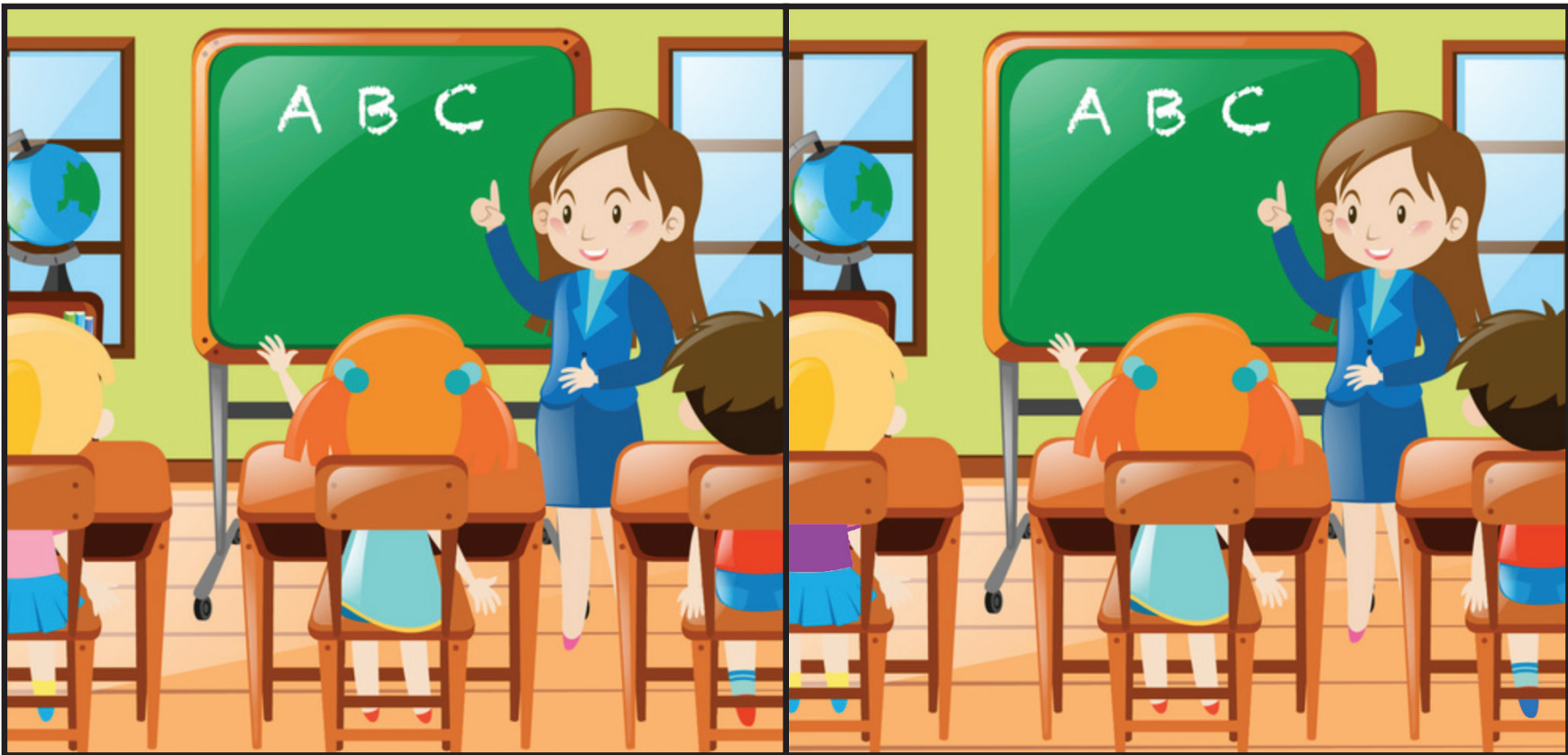
Survivors stand to receive between \$25,000 to \$50,000 if their applications are accepted.

For more information, please visit <https://sixtiesscoopsettlement.info/>.

CHILDREN'S PAGE

SPOT THE DIFFERENCES

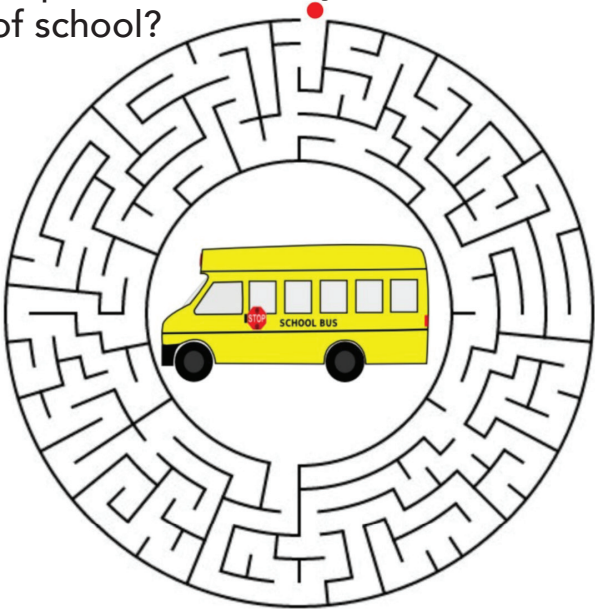
Can you find the five differences between these classrooms on the first day of school?



1. Books are missing under the globe. 2. Shirt on blonde girl goes from pink to purple. 3. Boys shoes go from pink to purple. 4. The chalkboard has dots in the corner in the first picture which are missing in the second. 5. The teacher has an extra button in the second photo.

SIMPLY A-MAZE-ING!

Can you help me find the way to the school bus for the first day of school?



YOU GOT TO BE KIDDING ME!

Why did the teacher wear sunglasses?
Because they were so bright!



SOCIAL MEDIA CONNECTION

FACEBOOK STATS



Facebook Posts with the Most Likes in August

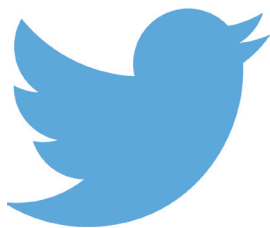
1. Business Spotlight | King's Marina (Video)
2. AMPS Investigating Homicide in Kana:takon (Release)
3. Emergency Lane at Cornwall Port of Entry (Announcement)
4. Sa'oiehren ne Ashehstaronten ne Owira:a (Photo)
5. Business Spotlight | Mohawk Lacrosse (Video)

Facebook Posts with the Highest Reach in August

1. AMPS Investigating Homicide in Kana:takon — 12,652 reached
2. Emergency Lane at Cornwall Port of Entry — 10,212 reached
3. Business Spotlight | King's Marina — 5,477 reached
4. Homicide in Kana:takon Information Update (August 14, 2019) — 4,957 reached
5. McLean Federal Indian Day School Class Action Settlement Approved — 3,860 reached

TWITTER STATS

Top Tweet in August



Mohawk Council of Akwesasne
@MCAkwesasne

Mohawk Lacrosse has been keeping the tradition of crafting lacrosse sticks alive in Akwesasne since 1997 — the family owned and operated business has all you need for the fastest game on two feet!



Business Spotlight | Mohawk Lacrosse
BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT | MOHAWK LACROSSE In 1997, brother's Mark and Kariwate Mitchell decided that they
[youtube.com](#)



YOUTUBE STATS

Highest Viewed Videos on the MCA Youtube Channel for August

1. Human Trafficking PSA | Akwesasne Mohawk Police Service
2. Business Spotlight | Chrome Carwash
3. Special General Meeting Invitation | August 2019

EXECUTIVE SERVICES

August 2019

Montana Jacobs.....	Probation Officer/Quebec
Kelson Lazore.....	Labourer
Logan Lazore.....	Activity Aide
Ohsenadekha Mitchell.....	Caretaker
Deborah Proulx.....	Registered Nurse
Jasmine Pyke.....	Youth Worker
Scott Pyke.....	Registered Practical Nurse
Ravyn Regis.....	Cadet
Craig Roundpoint.....	Financial Analyst
Nathan Sawatis.....	Cadet
Josee Sunday.....	Recreation / Leisure Aide
Carrie Thompson.....	Administrative Assistant
Akenhnhahse White.....	Principal
Danielle White.....	Math Teacher
Thomas White.....	Caretaker

Nia:wen!

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SEPTEMBER 2019

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING

WHAT CAN CAUSE "WHITE MOLD"?

Part of the job of the Department of Housing entails fielding questions from concerned people about worries for their homes. On one phone call, a community member asked what would cause "white mold"? However, it was not mold but something with a very unique name: efflorescence.

It sparkles. It's white. It's present only on the surface. It can occur on many different surfaces that you may find in your household. For example, brick, stone or concrete. According to the English Oxford dictionary, efflorescence is the formation of a powdery deposit on the surface of brickwork, rock, or other material as a result of loss of moisture or exposure to air.

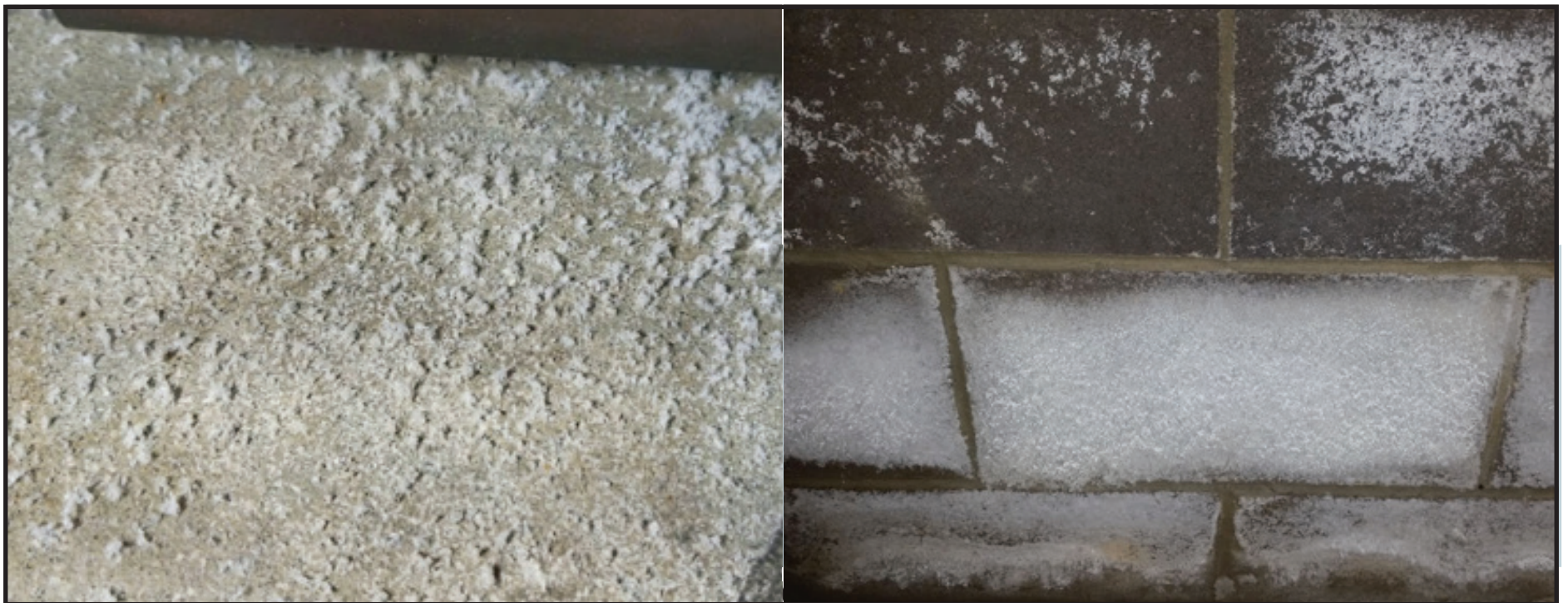
It's caused when salts and other water dispersible materials come to the surface. Low temperature, moist conditions, condensation, rain, dew, and water can assist in its development. Wet basements are the perfect environ-

ment for efflorescence to grow or "to flower out".

How can you remove efflorescence? If you want an easy, inexpensive solution, you may simply wash them away with a mild detergent and a water rinse. Another solution would be to use a brush and treat the area with a 50/50 white vinegar and water mix.

Prevention of efflorescence means properly waterproofing your home. Repairing basement wall cracks, applying a water repellant sealant to a surface to prevent further absorption of water, and installing breaks such as vapour barriers (blue skin) between the wall and soil to help minimize the risk of salt entering the surface.

If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact the MCA Housing Department: (613) 575-2250 ext. 2300.



If you have identified mold that resembles the photos above, you will want to remove it with a mild detergent and water rinse or use a brush and treat the area with a 50/50 white vinegar and water mix. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact the Housing Department.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

SECOND ANNUAL IAKHIHSOHTHA CARNIVAL BRINGS FUN TO ELDERS

Staff, totas, family and friends gathered together for the Second Annual Iakhihsohta Carnival for a day of music, games, fun and food.

During the festivities, attendees were able to participate in numerous activities, and all was free! Some of the activities included: carnival games, great music, delicious treats, Belly Buttons the clown, a photo booth, an AMPS obstacle course, face painting and Tota Bingo.

There was also a dunk tank featuring MCA Council Chiefs including Kawehno:ke District Chief Carolyn Francis and Tsi Snaihne District Chief Connie Lazore!

Although there was a small fee for this game, there was always a line-up and everyone who was watching or participating always had a big smile and shared lots of laughs!

Caring Hearts of Akwesasne was also set up selling food platters that were enjoyed by all!

All of the totas were delighted and everyone who attended had a great time and lots of fun.

Niawenko:wa to all that made this event a success and possible!



Chief Francis and Chief Lazore were both featured in the dunk tank!



All of the Totas enjoyed listening to music..



Chief Adams was also in attendance and was visiting family and friends. The games were fun and food was delicious!



Regardless if you were young, or young at heart, everyone had a fantastic time at the Carnival!

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

EMERGENCY LANE AT CORNWALL PORT OF ENTRY

The Akwesasne Mohawk Ambulance would like to remind those traveling across the border that every second counts — please do not block the emergency vehicle lane at the Cornwall Port of Entry, indicated by a sign and yellow road lines. In case of an emergency, contact the Akwesasne Mohawk Ambulance Unit at 613-575-2000.



PLEASE DO NOT BLOCK THE

EMERGENCY VEHICLE LANE

AT THE CBSA CORNWALL PORT OF ENTRY



AKWESASNE MOHAWK AMBULANCE
613-575-2000



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

WHOLISTIC HEALTH OFFERS AFTER-HOURS MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT LINE

The MCA Wholistic Health & Wellness Program would like to remind the community of their confidential after-hours telephone number that offers mental health support to community members. This support number is meant to complement the mental health services available at Mohawk Council of Akwesasne (MCA) during regular business hours.

The after-hours telephone line is available during the following hours: 5 PM - 12 AM (midnight) weekdays and 2 PM - 12 AM (midnight) on weekends.

You will be asked to state your name and the system will connect you to one of the mental health team members. We will do our best to get to all callers however it is possible that you may have to leave a message. Clearly state your name and a call back number you can be reached at. We will call you back up to midnight unless you indicate a limit on the time we should call you back. During regular business hours, please call WHW at 613-575-2341 ext. 3115 or ask to speak to someone in the mental health department.

Some things to keep in mind when calling this support line:

- 1) This line is answered during the hours of operation only (not 24/7).
- 2) There is only one line so it is possible that you may get a busy signal or have to leave a message. You WILL get a call back as soon as the support person is available.

3) If you are having a medical emergency call 613-575-2000 or go to your nearest Emergency Department.

4) We are not a mobile service (we cannot drive to you in case of an emergency).

5) If you need more support than we can provide on the phone we will likely refer you to a service that will meet your needs.

6) If you are open to it, you can have a wellness check or follow up by a counselor within 24 hours by a member of the Wholistic Health and Wellness team.

7) We will provide supportive counseling and listening on the phone and give you referrals or an appointment for future sessions.

Wholistic Health & Wellness Program

AFTER-HOURS MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT LINE

 **1-844-244-1060**

*Weekdays: 5 PM - 12 AM
Weekends: 2 PM - 12 AM*



AMBE STUDENT ORIENTATION



STUDENT ORIENTATION

**ALL AMBE
SCHOOLS
12:30 - 3:00PM**

**MEET TEACHERS
& BUS DRIVERS**
FILL OUT REGISTRATION FORMS

**FRIDAY,
SEPT 6,
2019**

REGISTRATION PACKETS WILL NOT BE MAILED!

WHAT IS MITIGATION?

SUBMITTED BY THE ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM

Environmental agencies often use this term to describe how projects that will negatively impact a natural area, will fix the problem by replacing the damages through purchasing, creating or enhancing another area similar to what is going to be affected, usually at a ratio of 2:1 and can be as much as 4:1. This means that for every centimeter, meter, hectare, etc that is negatively impacted, that 2 centimeters, meters, hectares, etc will be replaced or enhanced at the proponents cost.

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne's Environment Program can work with the proponent during the business plan phase to ensure the project can be finished in a timely manner. This will allow the proponent the opportunity to develop, incorporate and ensure the project is completed within the proponents project timeline.

When a proponent proposes a project that will negatively impact a natural area they will also submit a mitigation plan. This is part of their business plan that describes how they create or enhance an area similar to the natural area that will be negatively impacted. The mitigation plan indicates how, when, where and what will be created or enhanced to offset the original impacted area.

This is done so that plant and animal species will have another area to thrive in an area that will be monitored throughout time to ensure the mitigation plan is working effectively.

An example is when a proponent wants to fill in a wetland area for their proposed business; the proponent will create an area twice the size of the original area to ensure various species will have the opportunity to thrive and not be wiped out of an area where they have been removed from.

Other mitigation may include but are not limited to:

- Mitigation measures for Butternut trees (*Juglans cinerea*) include the development of a propagation plan, the transplantation of smaller specimens, and relocation of the line if possible, and purchasing and planting trees in a protected area
- Mitigation measures for Stinkpot turtles (*Sternotherus odoratus*) include the development of nesting beds for turtles, directional drilling under creek crossings to lessen disturbance to the turtles (note: stinkpot turtles are known to hibernate in the top 30 centimeters of the creek beds), changing the culverts from a round shape to large ovals that will give the turtles the ability to swim underneath the roads more readily with less road kill, install turtle fences, an increased number of turtle crossing signs, do a turtle inventory in the appropriate seasons. Increasing the size of the culverts near turtle habitats is a good way to prevent turtles from becoming road kill.
- Nesting Beds - These nesting beds not only offer an alternative to using the side or the road (which could lead to road kill of the reproductive female as well as her offspring) but also give them a place to bask.
- Turtle Fence - Turtle fencing is an important component in preventing turtles from nesting near a road or crossing the road.
- Mitigation for the plants will include avoidance when possible, transplantation when avoidance is unavailable with proper respect paid to the plant life, relocation sites are to be determined after consultation with the traditional healing program

For more information regarding mitigation plans for various areas throughout Akwesasne you can contact the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne Environment Program at 613-575-2250.

DEPARTMENT OF TEHOTIENNAWAKON

MCA CANNABIS APPLICATION PROCESS NOW OPEN

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne’s application to sell or cultivate recreational cannabis became available on Tuesday, August 6, 2019. MCA’s Office of Economic Development will distribute and collect the applications from their office.

“We wish to thank the community and business people for their extreme patience throughout this process,” said Grand Chief Abram Benedict. “With the community’s well-being of highest priority, our staff and cannabis working group have developed an application process that supports the business sector while protecting the health and safety of all Akwesasnon.”

Applicants are required to present themselves at MCA’s Office of Economic Development (CIA #3 Building, Kawehno:ke) in order to pick up an application. No applications will be mailed, emailed, or faxed. Once the application is complete and the required documents are attached (including a CPIC, proof of membership, and proof of “Good Standing” at MCA), it must be submitted, in person, to the Office of Economic Development. The application will not be accepted by mail, email or fax.

MCA began developing the application process in 2018 in preparation for Canada’s legalization of recreational cannabis in October 2018. An Interim Recreational Cannabis Regulation was accepted by MCA at that time, with the intent to further devel-

op the law and implement an application process. With the application process now finalized, MCA can begin issuing cannabis licenses. The MCA Legislative Review Commission will continue to develop the final cannabis law.

Interested applicants are encouraged to first review the Interim Recreational Cannabis Regulation. The requirements for obtaining “interim licenses” in Section 7 remain in effect.

A series of three informational meetings took place in the month of August to assist community members with the application process and its requirements.

If you have questions regarding the recreational cannabis application, please contact the Office of Economic Development at 613-575-2250 Ext. 1053. Their office is located at the CIA #3 Building at 101 Tewesateni Road, Kawehno:ke.

**APPLICATIONS ARE
OPEN** 

CONTACT US!		
Department of Tehotiiennawakon (613) 575-2250 ext. 1053 A’nowara’ko:wa Arena (613) 936-1583	Economic Development (613) 575-2250 ext.1053 Emergency Measures (613) 575-2250 ext. 1030	Environment Program (613) 575-2250 ext. 1038

DEPARTMENT OF TEHOTIENNAWAKON

BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT - CHICK-A-BEAD

If you are a beader, or would like to start the craft, Chick-a-Bead is just the stop for you!

Located in Kana:takon at 38 Kateri Tekatwitha St, Chick-a-Bead carries some of the largest variety of beads in Akwesasne. It is open Monday-Friday from 12 p.m.-5 p.m. You can also make an appointment by contacting the owner Laura Thompson on Facebook or by calling 613-575-2546. Thompson joked that, "if the mom van is home, we are open!"

The inviting space is perfect if you would like to host a private beading class. There are also a variety of beautiful pieces that are a perfect gift for that difficult-to-buy person, including necklaces, earrings, ribbon skirts and more, ... anyone would love to receive a gift with the amazing craftsmanship from Laura Thompson! She also has beautiful jewelry available made by her daughter Waverly Thompson and friend Ivy Oakes. Gift bags and gift certificates are also available for a one-stop-shop!

If you need a start a beadwork project, Chick-A-Bead has everything you need for a small or large project. Some products that are available include four different size seed beads (11, 10, 8, 6) with over 500 colors in size 11 alone! There are also hundreds of gems and embellishments that are sure to dazzle any project. Rhinestone banding is available, as well as needles, threads, blue, fingernail posts and more!

Laura is also a very talented sewer and she creates beautiful ribbon skirts and traditional outfits that can be worn for special occasions, or for everyday wear.

Laura is very welcoming to all that visit her shop, and her pride for up-and-coming artisans is very apparent. She offers tips and techniques to all, and will also provide templates for earrings for anyone free of charge! Laura noted that "it's great when people share their craft and knowledge. We should all be lifting each other up."



Chick-a-Bead is located in Kana:takon. Thompson said that she got the name for her business because she is "the chick with the beads!"



The inviting store has a variety of beads and embellishments, as well as beautiful traditional outfits and jewelry that would make a perfect gift!

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY & SOCIAL SERVICES

COMMUNITY SUPPORT OFFICE RENOVATIONS COMPLETE

Please be advised that the renovations for the new Community Support Program office are now complete — as of Monday, August 26, CSP is moved into their new location, which is still located at the Kanonhkwat'sheri:io Health Facility in Kana:takon.

The new office location is now at the bottom floor, east of the atrium and across from the Akwesasne Mohawk Ambulance Unit office. To access the new CSP office, all community members must enter from the hallway entrance located within Kanonhkwat'sheri:io. The CSP address and phone numbers have also remained the same.

Nia:wen for your patience and we look forward to serving the community in our new & improved office!



FAMILIES OF MISSING & MURDERED RELATIVES INFORMATION SESSION

Join us for a FREE information session where you can learn how to report a missing person, the importance of DNA and how to submit, as well as victim services and community resources.

When: Wednesday, September 18, 9 AM - 4 PM
Where: Kana:takon Recreation Center

Participants will also get the opportunity to learn more about the Association for Families of Missing and Murdered Relatives, a non-profit organization dedicated to supporting families and victims.

There is limited seating for this event, so register soon!

the following:

- Akwesasne Family Wellness Program: 613-937-4322
- Akwesasne Community Justice Program: 613-575-5000
- Akwesasne Mohawk Police Service: 613-575-2340



For more information or to register, please contact any of

AKWESASNE MOHAWK POLICE SERVICE

AMPS PARTICIPATES IN "FISHING FOR SPECIAL NEEDS"

On August 11, the Akwesasne Mohawk Police Service were excited to participate in the fifth annual Fishing for Special Needs.

This event was in association with the RCAFA Wing 424, PJ Burns & "Kids for Fishing," and the Cornwall Lunker Club.

During the event, 25 individuals were able to participate.

Afterwards, all were able to enjoy a BBQ.

Nia:wen to all that made this possible!



Everyone that participated had a wonderful time! Pictured above are individuals that participated or helped make the day possible.

SKOOL-A-PALOOZA

The AMPS were excited to be able to donate the following supplies for the skool-a-palooza. These contributions were made from the officers and staff. Niawenko:wa for all of the support to the students!





IONKWAKWÉ:NION
We accomplished it

ATTENTION ALL FIRST RESPONDERS
YOU ARE INVITED TO THE INAUGURAL
IONKWAKWÉ:NION
DINNER CELEBRATION

10 TUESDAY
SEPT. 2019

A'NOWARA'KO:WA
ARENA

5:30 PM

RECEPTION

6:00 PM

DINNER

7:00 PM

CEREMONY

Please join us for a celebratory dinner and ceremony to honour the first responders dedicated to protecting our community.

Police officers, emergency medical technicians, dispatchers and firefighters are invited to sign the Ionkwakwé:nion Book of Accomplishments as a way of commemorating your service and hard work!

