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THE MOHAWK COUNCIL OF AKWESASNE NEWSLETTER

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UPCOMING MCA MEETINGS & SPECIAL DATES:

August 12, 2019

- District Meetings in Tsi Snaihne and Kawehno:ke- at the Recreation Center in their district - 6 p.m.-8 p.m.

August 19, 2019

- Kana:takon District Meeting - Kana:takon Recreation Center, 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
- **REMINDER-No General Meeting**
- Please be reminded there will be no General Meeting until the month of September.

MOHAWK COUNCIL OF AKWESASNE 2018-2021

Grand Chief

Abram Benedict

Kana:takon District

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

Kawehno:ke District

Chief 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

Administration

Heather Phillips
Executive Director

Joe Francis
*A/Director,
Technical Services*

Joyce King
*Director,
Justice Department*

Charmaine Caldwell
*Director,
Housing Department*

Robyn Mitchell
*Director,
Community & Social Services*

Keith LeClaire
*Director,
Department of Health*

Donna Lahache
*Director,
Akwesasne Mohawk Board
of Education*

Shawn Dulude
*Chief of Police,
Akwesasne Mohawk Police
Service*

Kylee Tarbell
*A/Director,
Tehotiennawakon*

WAT'KWANONHWERA:TON/GREETINGS



She:kon/Wat'kwanonhwera:ton,

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

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

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

1. MCA develops laws with the community on an ongoing basis. The most recent law to be developed is the Akwesasne Financial Administration Law, which provides additional transparency and parameters at MCA for managing community funds. At least 25 eligible voters were needed to be present at the start of a Special General Meeting held on July 27, 2019 in order for a vote on the law to be held. This quorum was not met and the vote could not take place.
2. The community has one more chance to vote on the Akwesasne Financial Administration Law at a new Special General Meeting date to be scheduled in the month of August. If 25 eligible voters are once again not present for the meeting and voting to be opened, then the law enactment and development process would have to start over. Visit our website or Facebook page for an announcement of the new meeting date. Thank you for participating in your local governance.
3. A door-to-door survey will be conducted in the coming weeks on Kawehno:ke (Cornwall Island) regarding the proposed Kawehno:ke Natural Gas Expansion Project. Your participation is encouraged in order for Council to gauge the Kawehno:ke community's support of the project.
4. A By-Election is held when one or more chiefs need to be elected in between normal elections. This can be necessary for a number of reasons, such as when a chief resigns or when an election has been successfully appealed. Due to a Kawehno:ke district chief's resignation this year, a By-Election was held for Kawehno:ke and Vanessa Adams was the successful candidate. See more on Page 9.
5. A Special General Meeting is an official meeting held by the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne that is separate/different from their Monthly General Meeting. Special General Meetings are used for official purposes such as holding referendum votes or enacting laws through secret ballot voting.

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MCA ANNOUNCES HIRING OF NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne (MCA) is proud to announce the appointment of Heather Phillips to the position of Executive Director, effective June 24, 2019.

The Executive Director is responsible for directing day-to-day operations of the organization, providing strategic leadership to staff, improving community and external relations, assisting in governance implementation, managing risk, and promoting employee satisfaction. The Executive Director also ensures that the short and long-term goals of the organization and community are fulfilled.

Heather Phillips was born and

raised in Akwesasne. Along with her husband Darcy, she has two grown daughters, Jordan and Taylor, a granddaughter Darcie, as well as a dog and two cats that keep her company.

Ms. Heather Phillips' educational background includes: an Electronics Engineering Diploma from St. Lawrence College, an Honours Bachelor of Commerce degree with Laurentian University and the completion of the CGA-CPA designation. She is now completing her final course for a Masters of Business Administration.

For the past 22 years, Ms. Phillips worked for the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne. She has maintained various roles in the organization including: IT Technician, IT Manager, Director of Housing, an assignment as the Acting Executive Director, and a term as an Assistant Comptroller. Ms. Phillips will leave her position as the Assistant Comptroller in order to serve the Akwesasne community in the capacity of Executive Director.

Grand Chief Abram Benedict noted, "We are pleased to welcome Heather Phillips to the position of Executive Director for the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne. As the MCA continues to grow and improve,

Heather's long-term commitment to serving our community and vast experience within our organization will surely prove to be an asset in her new role. We are excited to have an Akwesasronon take on this important role and look forward to the continued great work that Heather always delivers."

Heather Phillips noted her enthusiasm for her new position. "I am very excited to begin this new journey, and am hopeful that I can bring positive change to the services of the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne."

MCA is confident that our employees and community members will join us in welcoming Heather Phillips into her new role.

Contact Information

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Executive Director**

**Mohawk Council of Akwesasne
PO Box 90
Akwesasne, QC
H0M 1A0**

**613-575-2250
ext. 2120**

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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.

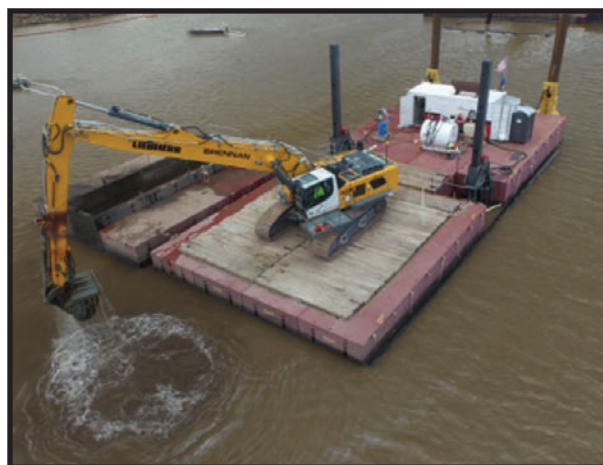
For more information, please visit <https://sixtiesscoopsettlement.info/>.

OPEN HOUSE INFORMATION SESSIONS FOR GRASSE RIVER SUPERFUND SITE

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is holding Open-House Information Sessions the second Wednesday of the month at the Hawkins Point Visitors Center to discuss 2019 work activities associated with the Grasse River Superfund Site. Dredging to address PCB-contaminated sediment in a 7.2 mile stretch of the Grasse River began this spring.

Recordings of sessions will be taken at an Information Session held on Wednesday, July 10.

These are informal opportunities for dialogue with members of the project team. Meetings will be held monthly through September 2019.



The 2019 removal work is planned for 6 days per week, 12 hours per day on the river. Night work is planned at the staging area. Work will generally be performed upstream to downstream. The most upstream area work did not start until mid-June to protect lake sturgeon (information and image borrowed from www.thegrasseriver.com)

NEXT SESSIONS

What: EPA Open-House Information Sessions

Where: Hawkins Point Visitors Center - NYPA

(21 Hawkins Point Rd, Massena, NY)

When: Second Wednesday of the month through September (6pm – 7pm): Aug. 14, Sept. 11

For more information, please contact:

Larisa Romanowski, EPA Community Involvement Coordinator at 518-407-0400 or romanowski.larisa@epa.gov

For more information and to access updates/material mentioned in the video, please visit <http://thegrasseriver.com/>.

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APPLICATIONS FOR MACHINE READABLE ZONE STATUS CARDS AVAILABLE AT OFFICE OF VITAL STATISTICS

The MCA Office of Vital Statistics is now available to assist community members with the application process for the new status cards with the Machine Readable Zone (MRZ).

Previously, the MRZ cards could be attained through special intake sessions held within Akwesasne — OVS is now able to provide assistance to community members that wish to fill out an application.

MRZ cards will be mailed after the application is processed from Indigenous Services Canada. It may take four weeks or longer to receive your card.

If you would like to apply for a machine readable status card, please visit the Office of Vital Statistics at CIA #3 on Kawehno:ke. Individuals applying will need 2 pieces of identification and should prepare to be photographed.

For more information or to make an appointment, please contact OVS at 613-575-2250 ext. 1013.

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WILL WRITING WORKSHOPS

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne's Office of Vital Statistics will be hosting Will Writing Workshops for the community.

Some of the topics to be discussed will cover the importance of making a will, ensuring your land is in order, drafting a will and more.

Attend any of our community information sessions:

- Tsi Snaihne — Akwesasne Homemakers
Thursday, August 15 | 10 AM - 1 PM
- Kana:takon — Kana:takon Recreation Center
Thursday, August 22 | 10 AM - 1 PM

Kawehno:ke — Tri-District Elders
Thursday, August 22 | 11 AM - 2 PM

For more information or to make an appointment, please contact OVS at 613-575-2250 ext. 1013.

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AKWESASNE BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OPENS UNIT ON KAWEHNO:KE

On Monday, July 8, the Akwesasne Boys & Girls Club, in collaboration with the Kawehno:ke Recreation Committee and Mohawk Council of Akwesasne, opened a new Boys & Girls Club Unit in the district of Kawehno:ke (Cornwall Island).

This expansion of services was made possible by funding available thorough the Mohawks of Akwesasne Community Settlement Trust. The funding will accommodate a year-long pilot program projected to serve 55 children.

Thomas Barreiro, who has been a long-term employee at the ABGC, will serve as the Kawehno:ke Unit Coordinator. His previous role was as the ABGC Sports & Recreation Coordinator.

This unit will begin as a youth summer program before continuing into the fall as an after-school program. Members of the club will be provided with a variety of Boys & Girls Club of America programming and services that aim to stimulate the intellectual, social and personal

growth of community youth. This includes cultural programs, field trips and a daily meal service program.

Nia:wen to the organizers, funders, partners, attendees and all that made the opening of the Kawehno:ke Boys & Girls Club Unit possible.

If you would like more information, please contact the Akwesasne Boys & Girls Club at 518-358-9911.



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AFAL VOTE TO BE RESCHEDULED

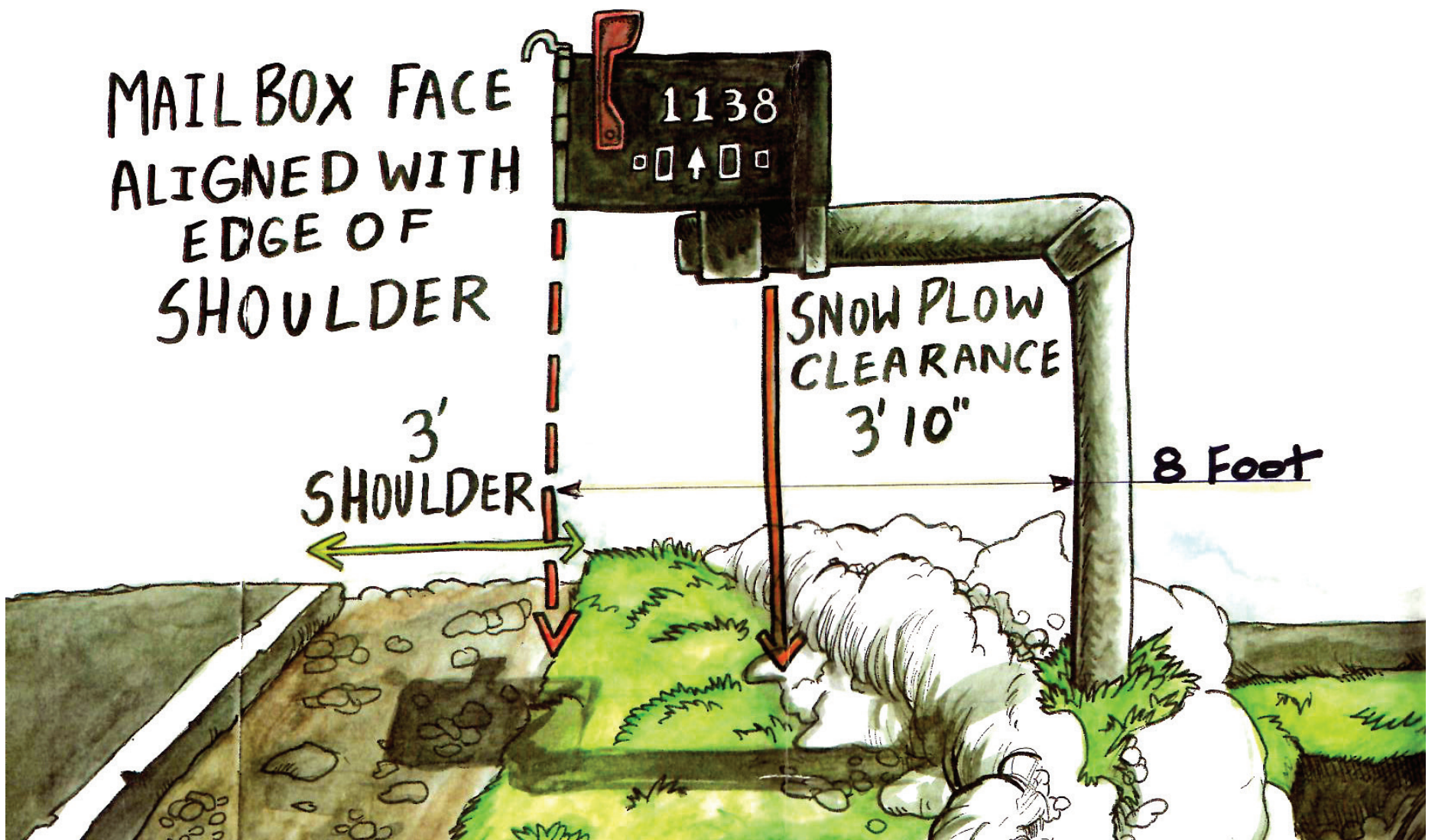
Due to a lack of eligible voters present, the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne's Special General Meeting scheduled for July 27, 2019, could not be called to order. Therefore, the vote asking the community if they approve the Akwesasne Financial Administration Law was not held and will be rescheduled to another date,

per the law enactment process.

We thank those who took the time to attend. The new meeting date and location will be announced once it has been scheduled. For more information, visit our website at www.akwesasne.ca.

CANADA POST MAILBOX INSTALLATION

With summer upon us, now is a great time to ensure your mailbox meets postal requirements. See the graphic below for specifications.



For those that are installing new mailboxes during the summer months, please see these mailbox recommendations to ensure that during the winter months, the plow will be able to get through safely and without damaging your mailbox! (Picture by Honni David).

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MCA LONG SERVICE RECOGNITION AND RETIREMENT AWARDS 2019

On Friday, June 28, the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne hosted its annual Long Service Recognition and Retirement Awards Luncheon at the Tsi Snaihne Recreation Center.

MCA celebrated 61 employees for their long service and 10 retirees, along with a special recognition, for all of their dedication to not only the organization, but the

community.

Niawenko:wa to everyone who made the luncheon possible. We appreciate all that were in attendance to show their support and a special thank you goes out to the employees for their commitment to Akwesasne. With all best wishes to our retirees — we hope that your retirement is filled with relaxation, fun, and family time!



These group of employees were recognized on June 28 for their long-service or retirement. Nia:wen for all of your time and committment that you have provided to the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne and community.

COUNCIL AND MOHAWK GOVERNMENT

MCA SWEARS IN KAWEHNO:KE DISTRICT CHIEF VANESSA ADAMS

On Thursday, June 13, the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne held a swearing-in ceremony for Vanessa Adams, the newly-elected District Chief of Kawehno:ke.

Chief Adams was sworn in by Justice of the Peace Shannon Hall prior to a celebratory luncheon with family, friends, council and community members that was held at the Tri-District Elders Lodge.

Congratulations and welcome to MCA, Vanessa — we look forward to your contributions and the great work that will be accomplished by the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne!

Niawenko:wa to all those in attendance and to the community members who made this event possible.

If you would like to see more from the Swearing In Ceremony, please visit <http://bit.ly/2XJhEKV>



Vanessa Adams, newly elected District Chief of Kawehno:ke.



Pictured left to right: Chief Adams being sworn in by Justice of the Peace Shannon Hall. (Left to right standing): Tsi Snaihne District Chief Joe Lazore, Tsi Snaihne District Chief April Adams-Phillips, Kana:takon District Chief Darryl Lazore, Kana:takon District Chief Julie Phillips-Jacobs, Kawehno:ke District Chief Vince Thompson. (left to right sitting): Kawehno:ke District Chief Carolyn Francis, Grand Chief Abram Benedict, Kawehno:ke District Chief Vanessa Adams, Tsi Snaihne District Chief Connie Lazore.

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MOHAWK COUNCIL CHIEFS RETREAT FOR TEAM BUILDING AND PLANNING

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The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne kicked off the second year of their term this month by gathering for a 2-day retreat at the Strathmere Inn in Ottawa.

The full 13-person Council attended for two days of discussions, planning, and prioritizing, with laughter, games and communication thrown into the mix.

Mohawk Government Support Manager Chelsea Francis facilitated the event and lead the chiefs through the various ice-breakers and planning sessions.

Priorities for the retreat included a review of the Council Strategic Plan and priorities, discussion on the roles and responsibilities of Council and staff, and what they expect or need from one another.

Council's new strategic plan and goals continue to align with four main pillars/priorities:

1. Self-determination
2. Modernization
3. Sustainability
4. Well-being

The Council Strategic Plan includes 14 goals with plans



The full 13-person Council attended Council retreat.

or initiatives laid out for how to carry out and achieve each goal.

During the retreat, Council had the opportunity to discuss how they can reach their goals at the political level and how they will meet the goals set by the administrative side of the organization.

The retreat also allowed chiefs to discuss their portfolios (areas of focus) and some changes were made that will be shared with the community once they're finalized.

"It brought the good minds back together," said Tsi Snaihne District Chief Joe Lazore of the retreat, making reference to the traditional opening address that calls for good minds to come together at any gathering.

Newly elected Kawehno:ke District Chief Vanessa Adams, who was sworn in on June 13, 2019 following a by-election, said she appreciated the ice breaker events and the opportunity to get to know her fellow chiefs.

"Communication wise, it was a very good event for us," she said.



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MOHAWK COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS

MCR #190 To approve the schedule of revenue and expenses for the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care-Community Support Services Program in the 2017-18 fiscal year

Moved by: Chief Carolyn Francis
Seconded by: Chief April Adams-Phillips

For: 6 Against: 0

CARRIED

MCR #208 Youth Council Resignation

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

For: 10 Against: 0

CARRIED

MCR #209 Allotment – Lot B91-5-4 Chenail Range CLSR 78917

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

For: 10 Against: 0

CARRIED

MCR #210 Allotment – Lot 176-1-2 Cornwall Island CLSR 81455

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

For: 10 Against: 0

CARRIED

MCR #211 Lease-Lot 28 Thompson Island

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

For: 8 Against: 0

CARRIED

MCR #212 Akwesasne Interim Cannabis Regulations

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

For: 8 Against: 0

CARRIED

MCR #213 Kana:takon Third and Akwesasne Streets Intersection Change

Moved by: Chief Julie Phillips Jacobs
Seconded by: Chief Joe Lazore

For: 7 Against: 0

CARRIED

MCR #214 Allotment - Lot 58-6 Chenail Range RSO6760R

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

For: 8 Against: 0

CARRIED

MCR #215 Akwesasne Court Regulations

Moved by: Chief Julie Phillips Jacobs
Seconded by: Chief Connie Lazore

For: 8 Against: 0

CARRIED

MCR #216 Approval of March 31, 2018 Draft Audited Report on Receipts and Disbursements for OFNLP (2008)

Moved by: Chief Connie Lazore
Seconded by: Chief Carolyn Francis

For: 8 Against: 0

CARRIED

MCR #217 Block 1 Lands-ATR

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

For: 8 Against: 0

CARRIED

MCR #218 First Nation Restorative Financial Management Pilot Project

Moved by: Chief Connie Lazore
Seconded by: Chief Carolyn Francis

For: 8 Against: 0

CARRIED

MCR #219 Approve of March 31, 2018 Draft Audited CMHC, Section 95 Financial Statements

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

For: 8 Against: 0

CARRIED

MCR #220 Block 1 Lands Approval in Principle-Permit to Bell Canada

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

For: 7 Against: 1

CARRIED

MCR #221 Approval of March 31, 2018 Consolidated Audit:

- **Approval of ISC-Schedules of Revenues and Expenses for the Year Ending March 31, 2018**

- **Approval of ISC-Schedules of Salaries, Honoraria, Travel Expenses and other Remuneration Paid to Chiefs**

- **Approval of ISC-Schedules of Salaries, Honoraria, Travel Expenses and other Remuneration Paid to Directors.**

- **Approval of ISC-Schedules of Revenues and Expenses.**

Moved by: Chief Connie Lazore
Seconded by: Chief Carolyn Francis

For: 9 Against: 0

CARRIED

MCR #222 Accept and Approve Council Meeting Minutes dated Seskéha/August 13th, 2018

Moved by: Chief Connie Lazore
Seconded by: Chief Julie Phillips Jacobs

For: 9 Against: 0

CARRIED

MCR #223 Accept and Approve Council Meeting Minutes dated Seskéha/August 20th, 2018

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

For: 9 Against: 0

CARRIED

MCR #224 Accept and Approve Council Meeting Minutes dated Seskehko:wa/September 10th, 2018

Moved by: Chief Julie Phillips Jacobs

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MOHAWK COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS

Seconded by: Chief April Adams
Phillips

For: 9 Against: 0

CARRIED

MCR #225 Accept and Approve Council Meeting Minutes dated Seskehko:wa/September 17th, 2018

Moved by: Chief Theresa Jacobs
Seconded by: Chief Vince Thompson

For: 9 Against: 0

CARRIED

MCR #226 Accept and Approve Council Meeting Minutes dated Seskéha/August 27th, 2018

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

For: 9 Against: 0

CARRIED

MCR #227 Accept and Approve Council Meeting Minutes dated Seskehko:wa/September 24th, 2018

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

For: 9 Against: 0

CARRIED

MCR #228 Accept and Approve Council Meeting Minutes dated Seskehko:wa/September 4th, 2018

Moved by: Chief Darryl Lazore
Seconded by: Chief Julie Phillips
Jacobs

For: 9 Against: 0

CARRIED

MCR #229 Accept and Approve Council General Meeting Minutes dated Seskehko:wa/September 27th, 2018

Moved by: Chief Joe Lazore
Seconded by: Chief Carolyn Francis

For: 8 Against: 0

CARRIED

MCR #230 To transfer the 2018/19 Settlement payment of \$2,560,000 to the Mohawks of Akwesasne Community Settlement Trust

Moved by: Chief Tim Thompson
Seconded by: Chief Theresa Jacobs

For: 8 Against: 0

CARRIED

MCR #231 Block 1 Lands Approval in Principle – Navigation Aids

Moved by: Chief Vince Thompson
Seconded by: Chief Edward Roundpoint

For: 8 Against: 0

CARRIED

MCR #232 Allotment – Lot 174-10 Cornwall Island CLST 81455 2ND Submission

Moved by: Chief Vince Thompson
Seconded by: Chief Theresa Jacobs

For: 8 Against: 0

CARRIED

MCR #233 Allotment – Lot 174-11 Cornwall Island CLS4R 81455 2ND Submission

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

For: 8 Against: 0

CARRIED

MCR #234 To accept and approve the AANDC Financial Agreement No. 1516 – ON -000028 – Amendment No. 0044

Moved by: Chief Tim Thompson
Seconded by: Chief Edward Roundpoint

For: 8 Against: 0

CARRIED

MCR #235 Lease Lot 18 Ross Island

Moved by: Chief Edward Roundpoint

Seconded by: Chief Vince Thompson

For: 8 Against: 0

CARRIED

MCR #236 Akwesasne Area Management Board (AAMB) Contribution Agreement with Akwesasne ChildCare Program (ACCP)

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

For: 8 Against: 0

CARRIED

MCR #237 Contract 368/2018-19/887712 Transfer Payment

– MCA Community Corrections Worker Agreement and Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services (MCCS)

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

For: 8 Against: 0

CARRIED

MCR #238 Revised GPP with Cannabis Provisions

Moved by: Chief Carolyn Francis
Seconded by: Chief Edward Roundpoint

For: 8 Against: 0

CARRIED

MCR #239 Amended Akwesasne Interim Cannabis Regulations

Moved by: Chief Edward Roundpoint

Seconded by: Chief Carolyn Francis

For: 8 Against: 0

CARRIED

MCR #240 MCA & IESO

Moved by: Chief

MCR # 241 Request for Additional Funds for FY 2018/19 Elders Emergency Fund

Moved by: Chief Edward Roundpoint

Seconded by: Chief April Adams
Phillips

For: 5 Against: 0

CARRIED

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COUNCIL WEEKLY MEETING REPORT

SUBMITTED BY GRAND CHIEF ABRAM BENEDICT



June 24, 2019

- The Executive Director for the Social Development Council of Cornwall and Area provided Council with an overview of the Vibrant Communities Initiative and the Community Safety and Well-Being Advisory Committee.
- Representatives from WP Financial briefed Council on proposed changes to the MCA pension fund for Council's consideration.
- The Acting Director of the Department of Technical Services provided Council with an overview of MCA building security features and reviewed the exiting draft policy with Council. A proposal was reviewed for increased security equipment for various facilities.
- Council was briefed on a proposed to utilize Easterbook funding to establish a memorial plaque at the Basketball courts on Kawehno:ke. Further follow up will

be done.

- A recent request for additional stop signs in the community was discussed and will be referred to Technical Services and portfolio for follow up.
- Council was briefed on an upcoming all council retreat scheduled to take place in the coming weeks.
- A concern with the processing time for remittance of payment for service providers was discussed and referred to administration for follow up.
- Council discussed a recent offer to sell property to Council and referred the discussion to the Property Acquisition Team (PAT) for follow up and recommendation.
- A concern regarding the MCA's service commitment to external partners was discussed and will be further investigated by administration.
- Council agreed that the Book of Recognition will be revitalized at upcoming General Meetings.
- A concern with office accessibility and closure protocol was discussed and will be further researched by administration.
- A briefing was provided on

the ongoing supply exploration to support the cannabis framework in Akwesasne.

- Council discussed a recent request to presentation to Council on a proposed class action law suit; Council agreed to hear the presentation.
- MCR's passed: Approval of Access to Territory for business financing; Approval of assignment of Lease Colqunoun Island; Approval of (6) amendment (s) to the MCA pension fund and its administration; Approval of Executive Director and Grand Chief as signing officers for Akwesasne Canada agreements; Approval of Interim Cannabis Application; Approval of (4) Council Emergency Meeting Minutes; Approval of (6) Council Meeting Minutes.

July 8, 2019

- A lawyer researching the

possibility of a class action lawsuit against CBSA provided back-

ground on the proposed case and explained a recent court ruling that

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COUNCIL WEEKLY MEETING REPORT CONTINUED

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will assist with the action. MCA legal counsel will follow up to obtain additional information.

- Council established a Chiefs Committee to follow up on recommendations from a recent design thinking exercise and to report back to Council.

- A report was provided on a recent meeting between City of Cornwall and Akwesasne. Council will examine possible initiatives to implement.

- Council discussed a request from Bell Canada to place fibre optic lines at the Peace Tree Mall; further follow up will be conducted on the request.

- A briefing was provided on the development of an Akwesasne

specific Additions to Reserve Policy for presentation to Canada.

- Council discussed the current condition of a bridge on Wade Laffrance Road; further follow up will be done by DTS and portfolio.

- A concern with regular maintenance from the recreation committees was discussed and will be follow up by administration.

- Council was briefed on a recent complaint.

- MCR's passed: Approval of (4) new construction loan(s); Approval of (2) upgrade loan(s); Approval of funding for a five plex housing unit from Indigenous Services; Approval of establishment of education savings plan for children in care; Approval of funding for Family Well-

ness Program; Approval of contract between the MCA and AEDA for Mohawk Language Courses; Approval of funding agreement with Ontario to support Akwesasne Mohawk Police Services; Approval of amendment to Akwesasne / Canada funding agreement.

July 15, 2019

- Representatives from Entewatatha:wi provided Council with an overview and presentation on fiduciary vs. fiscal responsibilities of Canada.

- Council was briefed on a recent incident at Walmart involving MCA employees and clients, further follow up will be done with the City of Cornwall and Walmart Management.

- A briefing was provided on the efforts to install recreational equipment at the former

Kawehno:ke tennis courts.

- Council discussed challenges with the issuance of bridge passes and its impacts, Council will invite SIBC representatives to meet.

- A request was made for a breakdown and forecast of MTQ resource expenses.

- MCR's passed: Approval to terminate old FNIH funding agreement (new one signed); Approval of assignment of lease; approval to rescind MCR (with error); Approval of permit (2) Thompson Island; Approval of contract with AEDA for

Mohawk Language classes; Approval of agreement with Ministry of Long Term Care.

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TSI SNAIHNE DISTRICT CHIEF CONNIE LAZORE UPDATES



Month: June 2019

Portfolio: Justice, Public Safety, Executive Services

Committee: Finance, Governance, Cannabis Working Task Group

Monthly Notables:

- The June weekly Special Meeting of Council was held on June 3, 10, & 24th. I was in Gatineau for MMIW Final Document Release on June 3rd. I was in Ottawa and Montreal on June 10th for the Document Presentation June to National Chief & Minister of ISC and off to Montreal for the AFNQL Meetings. June 17th a meeting was not held, Council attended the CBSA Follow up meeting. I did attend the June 24th Special Meeting.
- Justice Portfolio Meeting was scheduled and held on June 13th. I was unavailable to attend. We have however begun to discuss the needs of the department and the necessary resources.

- Public Safety Portfolio Meeting was scheduled for June 20th which was eventually cancelled due to scheduling conflicts of its members.
- District Meeting was held on June 17th.
- The General Meeting for June was held on June 27th at the Kawehnoke Recreation Center. Discussion was held on various items. I had at this meeting a review of the by-laws and community laws for review and update. There will be no general meetings for the months of July and August.
- The Akwesasne Youth Council hosted a "Preparing your Home" Workshop on June 14th. I was

available for the morning, and was required to gather maps for their session. The workshop revolved around emergency management, it was well attended and quite informative.

- Attended Legislative Commission Meetings this month on June 4th and 18th. Ongoing review and development of laws continues to be the mandate for this committee.
- I attended the Finance Committee Meeting this month for June 6th. A review was done of processes. Update on current processes and/or concerns.

Work in Progress:

- Participant in the Assembly of



Nia:wen to the staff and residents at lakhihsohtha that invited Grand Chief and myself to join in on the staff flower arrangement judging contest! Congrats to all of the winners. It was not easy to select, because everyone did such an amazing job.

COUNCIL AND MOHAWK GOVERNMENT

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On Wednesday, June 19, the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne met with Mayor Bernadette Clement and the City of Cornwall Councillors. Our two Councils have not formally met with each other in over 10 years. This meeting provided the opportunity for the City of Cornwall and our Council to discuss potential future initiatives. Both parties agreed to meet again in six months to continue to build upon our renewed relationship.

First Nations & Indigenous Services Canada Joint Advisory Committee on Fiscal Relations (AFN/ISC JACFR) meeting. As a member appointed by the National Chief of AFN and the Minister of ISC, I participated in the May 13th, 21st & 27th Conference Calls to prepare for the May 27th in person meeting in Ottawa at the AFN to deliver the final document "Honoring our Ancestors by trailblazing a Path to the Future – Interim Report of the Joint Advisory Committee on Fiscal Relations." This document was presented to both the Na-

tional Chief of the AFN and the Minister of Indigenous Services Canada on June 10th in Ottawa at the AFN office. We were allowed to provide comment and discuss next steps for engagement with communities.

- I attended the release of the Missing & Murdered Indigenous Women & Girls Final Report in Gatineau this month. I was able to attend the private session of the release the day before it was released publicly. Two documents were created and were also large documents. It was difficult to read.

- Recreational Cannabis Working Task Group Meetings continues. A meeting was held on June 5th with Members of Walpole Island that were here attending the Independent First Nations Conference. We had discussion on our work. We also met a couple of times during the month for the ongoing review the License Agreement.
- Strategic Planning final session was held on June 26th. The document has some required changes made which has now produced our final Strategic Plan. I anticipate that it will be shared soon.
- I participated and attended the Assembly of First Nations Quebec & Labrador (AFNQL) meeting in regards to the Monitoring Committee that I am a member of that was held on June 10/11th. I also participated in the Political Retreat with the Chiefs of the AFNQL that was held on June 12/13th all in Montreal. The sessions went well and created a more productive process for AFNQL Chiefs Assemblies. The Monitoring Committee has had their name changed to Ad Hoc Committee which has also increased the compliment of chiefs from 3 to 5 to the committee members.
- I attended the Entewatatha:wi Session scheduled for Council.

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Here I am with Former Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada Jody Wilson-Raybould at the release of Missing & Murdered Indigenous Women & Girls Final Report in Gatineau.

This session was requested to update Council on the current negotiations.

- I was happy to be asked back as a Judge for the Iakhihsotha Flower Pot Contest. The entries were amazing, creative and fun. Judging was difficult.
- I attended the Wabano Centre Gala in Ottawa with Chief Carolyn Francis and Chief Vanessa Adams. This gala is to recognize the hard work and commitment of the center and the services provided to the indigenous community in Ottawa.

- I attended the dinner along with Grand Chief and other members of Council with the City of Cornwall Mayor and Councilors to discuss our relationship and how may we work together in the future.
- I attended the CBSA Design Thinking Follow Up Meeting held on June 17th. This meeting was encouraging, it allowed for continued dialogue and engagement.
- I attended the Coast Guard meeting with Council on June 18/19th. This session has a lot of issues discussed: Erosion, Search & Rescue, Concerns with the Seaway, Water Traffic to name a few. There were also members from Kahnawake and Kanesatake present.

Collaborative Opportunities:

Outside Committees or Meetings

- Assembly of First Nations Quebec & Labrador (AFNQL)

- Assembly of First Nations (AFN) Chiefs Committee on Fiscal Relations
- Indigenous Services Canada (ISC)
- Crown & Indigenous Relations & Northern Affairs (CIRNA)
- Department of Justice
- Joint ISC/AFN Advisory Committee
- AFNQL Oversight Committee

Financial Status/Lobbying Progress

- Member of the Finance Committee
- Member of the Indigenous Services Canada and Assembly of First Nations Joint Advisory Committee on Fiscal Relations developing the new Fiscal Relations Framework
- Member of AFNQL Oversight Monitoring Committee, now called Ad Hoc Committee
- Member of AFNQL Chiefs Committee on Emergency Management



Chief Carolyn Francis and Vanessa Adams at the Wabano Centers Gala held on June 20, 2019 at the Ottawa Conference and Event Centre.

ABORIGINAL RIGHTS AND RESEARCH OFFICE

UPDATE ON THE FEDERAL INDIAN DAY SCHOOL CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT

Background

The Government of Canada established and operated over 700 Indian Day Schools, starting in 1920. It is estimated that close to 200,000 Indigenous children (First Nations, Inuit, Métis and Non-Status) attended a federally-operated Indian Day School. Many students who attended these schools experienced trauma, and in some cases, physical and sexual abuse at the hands of individuals entrusted with their care.

On March 12, 2019, Crown-Indigenous Relations Minister Carolyn Bennett, together with representative plaintiffs, announced a proposed settlement agreement to resolve the national Indian Day Schools class action (Garry Leslie McLean et al v. Attorney General of Canada) outside of the courts and find a lasting and meaningful resolution for former students of Indian Day Schools.

Fairness Hearing

In response to concerns expressed by survivors, amendments to the proposed settlement were made, as announced on May 13, 2019.

A fairness hearing occurred in Winnipeg from May 13-15, 2019. This was to determine if the proposed settlement agreement in the national Indian Day Schools class action Garry

Leslie McLean et al v. Attorney General of Canada is fair, reasonable and in the best interests of the class members. At this time, no decision has been rendered regarding the settlement; the decision from the Federal Court is pending.

As soon as we receive more information, we will share with the community.

Changes Proposed for Consideration

Three proposed changes were submitted to court for consideration:

1. Opt-out deadline is extended



from sixty days to ninety days.

2. Application period is extended from one year to two years and six months.

3. Non-lawyer form fillers are prohibited from taking payment from the student compensation Court was adjourned on May 15th and is pending a decision from the Federal Judge Justice Phelan.

Now What?

Once the federal court has announced a decision, the class counsel Gowling WLG will be providing updates to the class members and communities regarding next steps.

Community members are still encouraged to register with Gowling WLG to be added to their mailing list so they may be informed when a decision is announced. Community members can fill out a registration form on the Indian Day School website at www.indiandayschools.com under the "Contact and Register" button.

You may also pick up a registration form at the Mohawk Government building #1, Aboriginal Rights and Research Office at Mohawk Government building #2, and the MCA Administration Building #1 in Kana-takon.

Crisis support is available for class members through Hope for Wellness. This service provides counselling and crisis intervention 24 hours a day, 7 days a week through the toll-free line 1-855-242-3310, or connect to the online chat at hopeforwellness.ca.

ENTEWATATHÁ:WI - "WE WILL GOVERN"

OVERVIEW OF ENTEWATATHÁ:WI

Background - Phase I

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne has been exploring self-government matters since the 80's with the development of the Akwesasne Membership Code and Election Law. In 1999, the Nation Building project was created, today it is known as Entewatathá:wi which translates to "We Will Govern." The purpose of this process is to negotiate with Canada a new arrangement to create a government-to-government relationship and provide a formal recognition of expanded jurisdiction and authority for Akwesasne, over our people, lands and resources.

Entewatathá:wi Process - Phase II

On November 4, 2013, Canada and Akwesasne signed the Governance & Relationship Agreement-In-Principle and the Lands and Estate Sectoral Agreement-In-Principle, now known as the Sectoral Agreement, this is the basis of negotiating Final Agreements, which will be ratified by the members of Akwesasne.

Purpose

What stands as the relationship between Canada and many First Nations today (including Akwesasne) are solely the laws drafted under the Indian Act. The laws under the Indian Act were drafted by Canada in 1876 as a means to continue their paternalistic policies of colo-

nization. The MCA Entewatathá:wi Process serves as a representative of the Akwesasnon community in crucial and ongoing negotiations with Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIR-NAC). Unlike the document (Indian Act), this process takes Akwesasne into consideration in negotiating "Final Agreements" that will override existing laws ignorant to Akwesasnon traditions, inherent rights and customs.

Communication

Entewatathá:wi continue to provide the community with information on the self-governing process through various material and other communication methods. In the following is an overview of Entewatathá:wi's Communications Initiatives for 2018/2019:

Onkwe'ta:ke Newsletter

Articles inserted were Entewatathá:wi's Fact Sheet and Staff Description, Entewatathá:wi Working Towards Self-Government, Biographies of Entewatathá:wi's Working Table Committee Members, Entewatathá:wi's Projects/Government Structures, Brief Overview of the Indian Act, Protection of the Self-Government Agreements, Financial Arrangement, Overview of the Land Code and Overview of the Special Chiefs Assembly.

Indian Time Newspaper

All articles inserted are consistent with Onkwe'ta:ke Newsletter

CKON, Tetewatharen

Entewatathá:wi has been on CKON 7 times. Topics of discussions was an Overview of Entewatathá:wi, Introduction of the Indian Act, Self-Government Agreements Protections, Overview of the Governance Code, Financial Arrangement, Overview of the Land Code, Overview of Akwesasne/Canada Negotiations and Overview of the Special Chiefs Assembly AFN.

Entewatathá:wi Retreats with MCA Departments

Entewatathá:wi continues to work with departments within MCA to make sure Directors/Managers/Staff are aware of the Entewatathá:wi Process.

General Meeting/Other Events

Entewatathá:wi has attended 5 meetings and presented on various topics. Entewatathá:wi will continue to attend the General Meetings to keep the community updated. Entewatathá:wi has also attended all three MCA Open Houses back in November.

Presentations to Various Organizations/Groups

Entewatathá:wi has presented to

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OVERVIEW OF THE AKWESASNE LAND CODE/LAND LAW

various organizations within Akwesasne. The groups Entewatatha:wi presented are Compliance Officers, Akwesasne Child Day Care Staff, Akwesasne Knowledge Event, Tri-District Elders, Public Policy Forum.

Future Communication Initiatives Akwesasne TV

Entewatathá:wi will utilize Akwesasne TV as another communication tool to help raise awareness and

engage the community on the self-governing process.

Entewatathá:wi Advisory Committee

As part of the Communication initiative, the Entewatathá:wi Advisory Committee, which consist of elders, community members and youth from Akwesasne, provides experience, advice and assistance to Entewatathá:wi. The table assists

Entewatathá:wi in presentations, creating publications and other essential material to Mohawk Council and to the community of Akwesasne.



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127 FOLLOWERS
703 FOLLOWING



476 FRIENDS
82 LIKES



1962 VISITS

CHILDREN'S PAGE

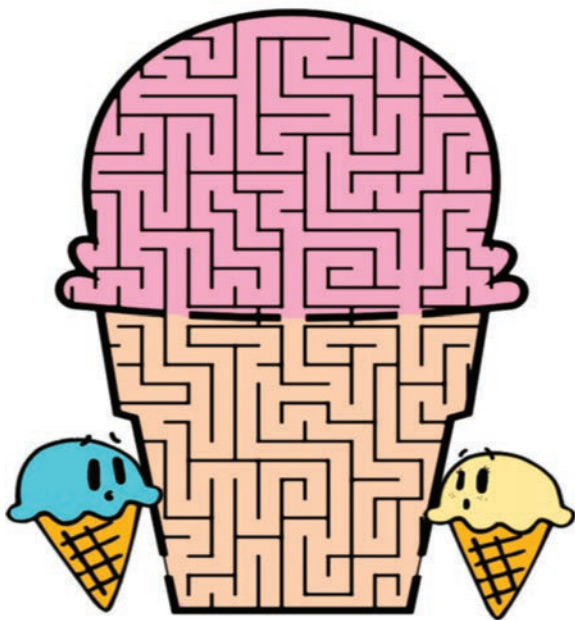
SPOT THE DIFFERENCES

Can you find the five differences between these kids having some fun in the sun?



Differences: 1. beachball has green stripe instead of orange. 2. Cloud is missing on left side. 3. Fish is added in next to boy. 4. Underneath the palm tree, there is an extra set up waves in darker blue portion. 5. The seashell on bottom of page is flipped.

SIMPLY A-MAZE-ING!



YOU GOT TO BE KIDDING ME!

Why do fish love worms?
Because they got hooked on them!



SOCIAL MEDIA CONNECTION

FACEBOOK STATS



Facebook Posts with the Most Likes in July

1. Akwesasne Boys & Girls Club Opens New Unit on Kawehno:ke (Photo)
2. Medicine Walk with Eddie Gray (Activity)
3. Ladies Smoke Dance Headdress Making (Activity)
4. MCA Long Service Recognition & Retirement Awards 2019 (Photos)
5. Double Feature at Akwesasne Mohawk Casino (Announcement)

Facebook Posts with the Highest Reach in July

1. Heat Exhaustion vs. Heat Stroke — 4,291 reached
2. Help the AMA Help You — 3,827 reached
3. Sixties Scoop Survivors Compensation — 3,041 reached
4. Application for Machine Readable Status Cards Available at OVS — 2,954 reached
5. Cottage for Sale - Hamilton Island (Lot 17 - Block B) — 2,863 reached

TWITTER STATS

Top Tweet in July



The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne kicked off the second year of their term this month by gathering for a 2-day retreat at the Strathmere Inn in Ottawa!

Learn more at: akwesasne.ca/mohawk-council...



YOUTUBE STATS



Highest Viewed Videos on the MCA Youtube Channel for July

1. Special General Meeting Invitation | July 2019
2. Akwesasne Wellness Week 2019
3. Grasse River Superfund Site Info Session - July 10, 2019

EXECUTIVE SERVICES

NEW AND CHANGING FACES AT MCA

Kyrsha Angus.....	Youth Prevention Worker
Tia Burns.....	Uncertified Early Childhood Educator
Lynden Chubb.....	Community Surveyor
Taylin David.....	Youth Prevention Worker
Timothy David.....	Caretaker
Katie Deer.....	Licensed Practical Nurse
Cherri Jacobs.....	Personal Support Worker
Fawn Jacobs.....	Uncertified Early Childhood Educator
Joanna Jesmer.....	Case Aide
Amber King.....	Personal Support Worker
Carlie Lafrance.....	Classroom Helper
Neena Miller.....	Personal Support Worker-Ontario
Shawnee Oakes.....	Personal Support Worker
Dillon Point.....	Marine Liaison Officer
Tahonwentsiawakon Pyke-jacobs.....	Community Surveyor
Myeesha Ransom-Jacobs.....	Summer Event Coordinator/Planner
Konner Sunday.....	Maintenance Support
Maya Swamp.....	Summer Student
Coy Tarbell.....	Researcher
Bryan Tessier.....	Case Aide
Henry Thomas.....	Caretaker
Brianna Thompson.....	Youth Prevention Worker
Cody Two Bulls.....	Community Surveyor
Isaac White.....	Community Educator/Public Relations
Darilee Wythe.....	Case Aide



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SEE WHAT EMPLOYMENT
OPPORTUNITIES ARE
AVAILABLE AT:

AKWESASNE.CA/EMPLOYMENT



EXECUTIVE SERVICES

COMPLIMENTS & APPRECIATIONS

Nia:wen!

• Aaron Terrance would like to extend a big niawenko:wa to everyone who helped behind the scenes to make the 2019 Long Service Recognition and Retirement Awards Luncheon a success. Your effort and support did not go unnoticed. Nia:wen to: Noni Tarbell, Regina Jacobs, Darlene Francis, Liz Jacobs, Ashley Tarbell, Wahe-son Lazore, Jillian Roundpoint, Kim Loran, Cheryl Jacobs, Brigitte Phillips, Communications Staff, Snye Recreation Staff. Thank you for all of your help, time and effort with preparation of the 2019 Long Service Recognition and Retirement Awards Luncheon.

• Nia:wen to everyone who visited the Akwesasne Family Wellness Program (AFWP) for their first open house and to all of the knowledgeable staff that brought individuals on tours of the facility, and for sharing information and resources with the community! If you would like more information on the programming and services that the AFWP offer, please contact 613-937-4322.

• Niawenko:wa to all the AMBE teachers, bus-drivers and staff for 2018-2019 year. Everyone is thankful for the amazing individuals that are helping to mold our children's future. We hope that you are enjoying the well-deserved summer vacation!



One of the events that was planned for the Akwesasne Wellness Week included kayaking for both staff and community members.

• Nia:wen to Kyle Thompson, Cullen Jacobs, and all the staff from the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne, Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe and more that made Akwesasne Wellness Week a success. Great job! Also a huge thank you goes out to everyone that participated and attended all of the events!

• Nia:wen to the Mohawk Government EA's Kuyra & Taylor and the MG Manager Chelsea on doing a wonderful presentation on how to do an MCR. From the staff at the Tehotiiennawakon Department; it was greatly appreciated!

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

JORDAN'S PRINCIPLE-A CHILD FIRST INITIATIVE

Jordan River Anderson was a First Nation child from Norway House Cree Nation in Manitoba, born with a rare disorder who required hospitalization from birth. The provincial and federal governments could not agree on who was financially responsible for his care. Jordan's condition worsened and he passed away in the hospital before both governments could resolve who would pay.

Who can apply for assistance?

- Family, caregiver, or worker of child with an unmet need or need not funded by other programs.
- Applies to ALL First Nation Children on or off reserve, with (or eligible for) a registration number.
- 17 years of age and under (until their 18th birthday).
- Inuit.
- Indigenous child residing in a First Nation community and recognized by that community as a member who is NOT eligible for status.
- Indigenous child residing off a First Nation who has a life-threatening ailment who is NOT eligible for status.

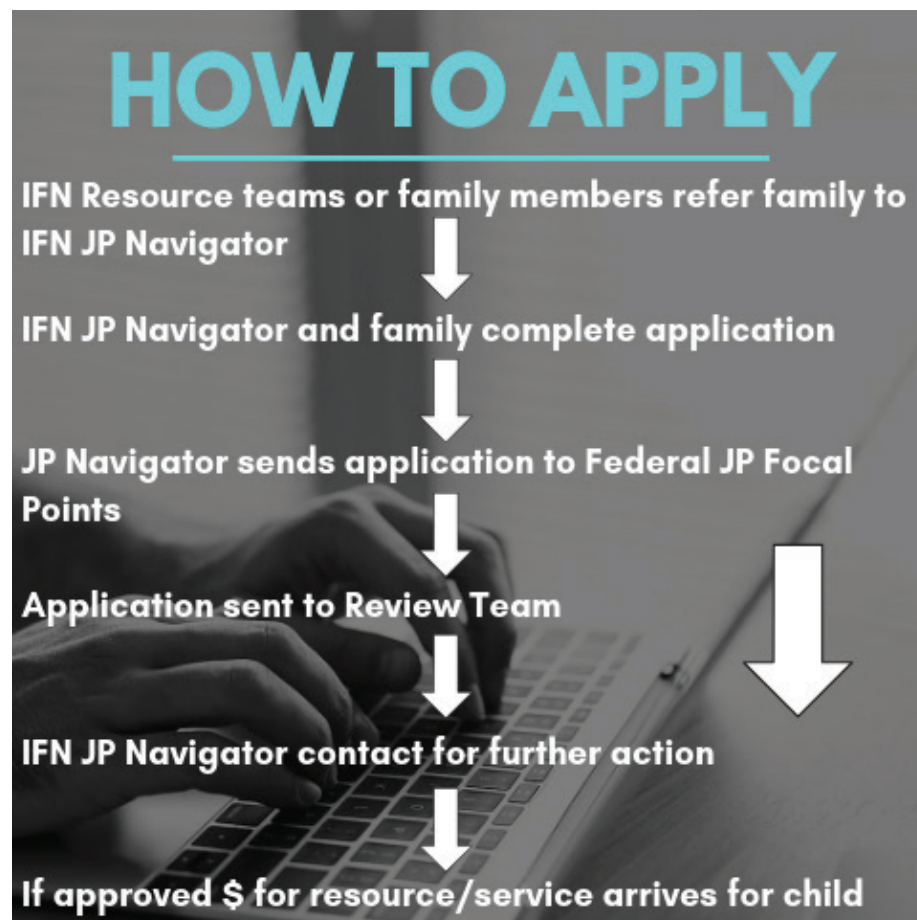
Examples of services you can apply for:

- Eye care, speech and language, mental health services, orthodontics, assessments, educational supports, technology, assistive devices, special diets/formulas, respite care, transportation, mobility aids, medical supplies, mould remediation.

If or a family member have a Jordan's Principle case, please contact the IFN Jordan's Principle Navigators:

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To learn more about Jordan's Principle:
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AHKWESAHSNE MOHAWK BOARD OF EDUCATION

ENTSITEWATATIHAK (WE'RE GOING TO BE SPEAKERS AGAIN)

Entsitewatatihake (We're Going to be Speakers Again) is an AMBE Language and Culture Camp for AMBE students between the ages of 10-12. This camp is funded through the Mohawks of Akwesasne

Community Settlement Trust.

Here are some photos of the fun and educational activities the students participated in!



Students learned about Iroquois symbolism. They also painted their own canvas using symbols.



Students visited the Six Nations Indian Museum in Onchiota. Dave Fadden told the group a few stories.



On the final day of camp and to celebrate its success, students shared a meal and social with their families. Students prepped strawberries for strawberry drink, learned songs, served food to their guests, and danced.

DEPARTMENT OF TEHOTIENNAWAKON

INTRODUCING: BUSINESS SPOTLIGHTS

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne is excited to announce that a new initiative is taking place in order to highlight and promote local businesses.

The “Business Spotlight” will feature a local business from Akwesasne in the MCA monthly newsletter, Onkwe’ta:ke. During the month that they are featured, the MCA Communications Unit will also be promoting the business through social media with a video or commercial of the business. The video will

be created by the Communications Unit at no cost to the business and will be shared throughout the month in order to create more awareness and promotion of the business.

This concept was proposed by Chief Daryl Lazore. He noted, “We want to be able to help the small businesses in any way we can. It is important that we encourage the community to support our local businesses.”

For the initial Spotlight, a business from each of the three districts is in-

cluded, and a promotional video will be shared throughout the month of August. Be sure to check out the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne Facebook page to see the business commercials!

In September, the Spotlight will feature one business from one of the districts on a rotating schedule.

Please contact:
communications@akwesasne.ca
if you would like more information or to have your business featured.

BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT: KING’S MARINA

If you want to visit a friendly, family owned and operated business, look no further than King’s Marina!

With pristine views along the St. Lawrence River, King’s Marina is the perfect stop for boaters that need to stop and refuel on gas or food.

If you want to try some of the delicious food offered at King’s, which ranges from poutine to their famous perch rolls with a secret family sauce, you don’t only have to navigate the waters to visit! King’s Marina is easily accessible by land as well at 1379 River Road in Tsi Snaihne. They are open 7 days a week from May-October from 11 a.m.-6 p.m. when school is in session, or 11

a.m.-7 p.m. when school is out (and weather pending).

Recently, they have updated their menu’s to include healthier options such as wraps and salads. Just because it is healthy, doesn’t mean it isn’t just as delicious!

For those that want to dine-in, seating is available indoors and outdoors. Pick-up is also available.

Missy King, one of the owners, along with her sister Maggie and father Harry, noted that the business “Began as a dream over 30 years ago” from her father Harry and late mother Linda.

The sense of family is evident in the relaxed and welcoming environment. Missy added that all Akwesasronon and neighbors should, “Come out to relax, enjoy the beautiful scenery and enjoy some delicious food by the water.”

For more information, or to place an order, please contact 613-575-2040.



Come & visit the friendly staff at King's Marina!

DEPARTMENT OF TEHOTIENNAWAKON

BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT: MOHAWK LACROSSE

In 1997, brother's Mark and Kariwate Mitchell decided that they wanted to revive the tradition of crafting lacrosse sticks. During this time, no one from Akwesasne was creating lacrosse sticks which, from start-to-finish, take over a year to complete. With this desire to revive the art of lacrosse-stick making, Mohawk Lacrosse (aka Mohawk International Lacrosse) was born.

The late Wallace Roundpoint came in to train these men and many others, to learn the craft. Although he has passed, his legacy still lives in the beautiful, hand-crafted sticks from Mohawk Lacrosse that are recog-

nized world-wide for their fine craftsmanship. The lacrosse sticks are widely used in the National Lacrosse League and have been shipped as far as Australia, France and Germany.

If you would like to check out Mohawk Lacrosse, they are open Monday-Friday from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at 21 Mitchell Road on Kawehno:ke. Services provided includes: renetting sticks, custom made lacrosse sticks, stringing supplies and more!

Mark Mitchell, owner of Mohawk Lacrosse encourages that teams or individuals come to visit his facility to learn the art and very lengthy process

of lacrosse-stick making. With great pride, he notes that the most important element of Mohawk Lacrosse is "to keep the traditions alive."

Please contact 613-936-1175 for more information.



Come and visit Mohawk Lacrosse today!

BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT: CHROME CARWASH

For Akwesasronon that travels to Cornwall or further to get a quality, cost-effective carwash, Chrome Carwash is just what you were asking for!

Located at the St. Regis Plaza (across from currency exchange in Kana:takon), Chrome Carwash offers handwash/detailing services for the interior and exterior of your car Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

This business is cash only; however, an ATM is located next door at the laundry mat.

For those unable to visit during the

hours of operation, Chrome Carwash will pick up/drop off your vehicle to you as long as location is within vicinity.

Although appointments are appreciated, you can pop in at the Chrome Carwash at any time to make your car shine inside and out! A waiting room is available while your vehicle is being serviced.

Prices are very affordable, and the amount of detailing is customizable.

Gift Certificates are also available for those that want to give that special person a unique gift!

Gina Thompson, owner of Chrome Carwash, noted that "Now you can get all your carwashing needs locally and at a convenient location."

For more information on Chrome Carwash, contact 613-575-1515.



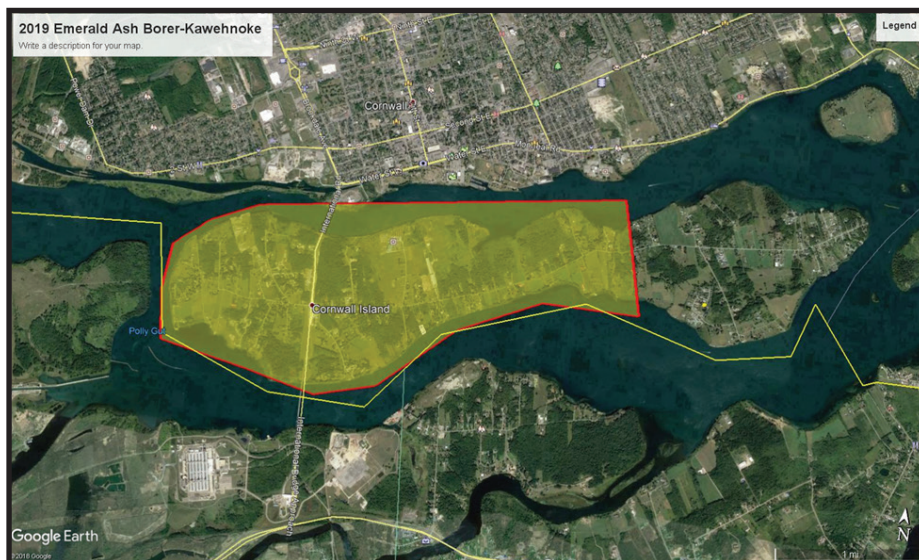
Chrome Carwash is located at the St. Regis Plaza across from the Currency Exchange.

DEPARTMENT OF TEHOTIENNAWAKON

EMERALD ASH BORER - AGRILUS PLANIPENNIS INFORMATION

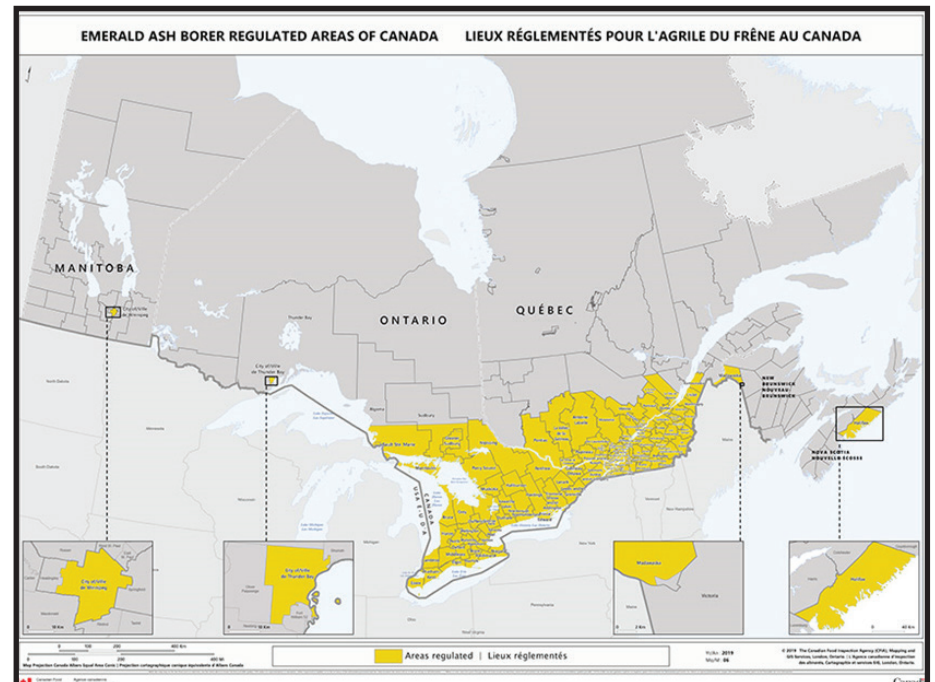
The Emerald Ash Borer (EAB-*Agrilus planipennis*) is a species of metallic wood-boring beetle native to East Asia, including China and the Russian Far East. It is thought to have been introduced to North America sometime in the 1990's and most likely brought over in shipping containers. EAB was first identified in 2002 in the Detroit-Windsor area when the decline of Ash (*Fraxinus* spp) trees were detected in that area.

In Akwesasne, the EAB was first identified on Kawehno:ke in 2015 along the north side channel bridge within the International Corridor. The Environment Program had been setting up monitoring traps since 2010 at various locations between Long Sault Ontario and Dundee, Quebec to monitor for adult EAB in the territory of Akwesasne. The St. Regis Mohawk Tribe's Environment Division Identified EAB on the southern portion of Akwesasne in 2016.



Today, the MCA Environment Program has identified at least 2/3 of Kawehno:ke to be impacted by the EAB. The areas impacted so far range between the immediate west-end of Kawehno:ke to McCumber Road.

The EAB is known to attack only the Ash species of



tree in North America. Besides woodpeckers, there are no known native predators of the EAB which allows it to thrive in this area. This is a concern for not only Akwesasne but other communities that utilize Ash for various purposes. In 1985, MCA Environment looked at reforestation because the basket makers had to travel further to find the Black Ash (*Fraxinus nigra*). Today, Ash trees make up approximately 65% of Akwesasne's forested areas.

The Akwesasne Task Force on Environment, Mohawk Council of Akwesasne and St. Regis Mohawk Tribe began working together on what steps to take to begin preserving and protecting the future generations of Ash tree species by collecting seeds throughout its range in North America as a first step. Plans on how to handle the pest when it reached the territory included cutting all Ash in the affected areas, using insecticides that were injected into the trees and conducting community information workshops on how to identify the insect.

DEPARTMENT OF TEHOTIENNAWAKON

EMERALD ASH BORER-AGRILUS PLANIPENNIS INFORMATION (CONTINUED)

In 2000, the Black Ash book for Preservation Reforestation and Regeneration was printed and then it was revised in 2004. In 2003, Black ash seeds were collected and sent to Saratoga Tree Nursery in Saratoga; seeds were to be planted over the next 3 years. In North Bay and Chalk River, more seeds were collected and stored. Seeds were stratified from the 2003 collection and then sent to the ATFE greenhouse where Peggy Pyke-Thompson grew seeds in pots. In 2004 there were more trips to the Great Lakes region to collect more seeds.

The MCA Environment Program is also monitoring forests and marking Ash trees to determine if there may be trees that are potentially resistant to the EAB. Should trees be resistant there is the potential to use these trees as seed banks to replant due the genetics in the hopes that future trees would also be resistant to EAB. The MCA Environment Program is continuing to map areas where the EAB is known and will likely spread to within the coming years.

If you suspect EAB or other pests or diseases may be impacting trees on or around your property, you can contact the MCA Environment Program to assess the suspected trees in order to determine whether they should be removed. The MCA does not offer services to remove any trees and would recommend a certified arborist be called as any EAB infected trees are dangerous to remove and could be a personal safety hazard.

The MCA Environment Program can be reached at 613-575-2250.

Signs of EAB damage include but are not limited to:

- **Sideways D-shape exit holes.**



- **Yellowish bark and possible exposed tree trunk showing larval damage to the cambium layer between the bark and trunk.**



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AKWESASNE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT

CALLOUT FOR AKWESASNE LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne is currently filling one (1) vacant seat on the Akwesasne Legislative Commission (ALC) for the district of Kana:takon, with a term of three (3) years.

The Akwesasne Legislative Commission was established to oversee, receive community input, and provide community guidance and direction in the development of Akwesasne Laws. In doing so, the Akwesasne Legislative Commission endeavors to protect the collective rights of the Mohawks of Akwesasne with specific instructions to maintain a good mind, acting in accordance with the principles of peace, respect, and fairness.

The Honorarium rate for this position is determined by Council's Honorarium Policy, which is \$25-hourly with a maximum of 3-hours per meeting. Community members may receive honorarium for two boards or commissions within the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne organization.

To qualify for appointment to the Akwesasne Legislative Commission, a candidate must:

- a) be a Member pursuant to the Akwesasne Membership Code (does not include probationary members);
- b) have knowledge of Mohawk cultures and traditions;
- c) have good character, credibility and reputation in the Akwesasne community;
- d) have good communication skills;
- e) be "in good standing" as defined in the Akwesasne Good Standing Policy;
- f) not be a Council member of the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne; the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribal Council; or, the Mohawk Nation Council of Chiefs;
- g) never have been convicted of an offense under the Akwesasne Banishment Law, the Akwesasne

Drug Law, an indictable offense in Canada or a felony in the United States;

h) produce to the Director of the Akwesasne Justice Department a valid certificate from the Canadian Police Information Centre (CPIC);

i) attend and actively participate in training deemed essential for the successful operation of the Akwesasne Legislative Commission;

j) attend regularly scheduled Akwesasne Legislative Commission meetings to conduct business and attend Public Meetings as scheduled;

k) maintain residence in their District during tenure or maintain residence in Akwesasne as a Member; and

l) sign the Oath of Appointment within 30 days of appointment.

Interested candidates are required to complete an Akwesasne Legislative Commission Application, which is available at the Akwesasne Justice Department. Candidates are also required to submit a letter of interest outlining how the applicant meets the qualifications for appointment.

All interested Kana:takon residents are asked to submit completed packages no later than Wednesday, Seskéha/August 7, 2019 at 4:30pm.

If you have any questions regarding this community notice or wish to submit an Akwesasne Legislative Commission Application please contact:

Akwesasne Justice Department
Attn.: Justice Coordinator/Akwesasne Legislative Commission
PO Box 90
Akwesasne QC H0M 1A1
kyrie.ransom@akwesasne.ca
613-575-2250 ext. 2403

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY & SOCIAL SERVICES

FAMILIES OF MISSING & MURDERED RELATIVES INFORMATION SESSION

Please join the Akwesasne Family Wellness Program, the Akwesasne Community Justice Program, the Akwesasne Mohawk Police Service and the Association for Families off Missing and Murdered Relatives (AFPAD) for an information Session on the services provided by the AFPAD.

When: Wednesday, September 18
9 AM - 4 PM

Where: Kana:takon (Saint Regis)
Recreation Center

During the Information Session, you will learn how to report a missing person, the importance of DNA and how to submit, as well as victim services and community resources.

Facilitators of the event will include Nancy Roy, AFPAD Executive Director; Darlene Ryan, English Spokesperson from AFPAD with lived experience, Jenna David, ACJP Victim Support Worker and Norman King, AMPS Community Service Officer.

All individuals that are in attendance will also get entered in for a chance to win a door prize!

The Association for families of missing and murdered relatives, AFPAD, is a non-profit organization whose main mission is to overcome the isolation experienced by the families



or the victims, to develop links of solidarity between them and make it easier for them to reach the necessary resources so they can access the informatino and the tools needed to rebuild their life.

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

For more information or to register, please contact any of the following:

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

August is Kinship Awareness Month

Thursday August 15th, 2019
5-7pm
St. Regis Recreation

Help us celebrate this awareness with a Family Fun Day filled with fun activities such as a Photo Booth, Family obstacle course, music, food and prizes too!

This community event is proudly sponsored by
Akwesasne Child & Family Services
In collaboration with Iakwa'shatste' Fitness Program, AMPS, Community Health & the St. Regis Recreation

For more information please contact Wanda, Angela or Alicia @ 613-575-2341 ext. 3139



DEPARTMENT OF TECHNICAL SERVICES

CURRENT WORK AREAS

The Department of Technical Services has a number of projects on-going. The following are some current work areas:

Kawehno:ke DCSS Family Wellness Centre Project

The Iethi'nistén:ha Akwesasne Family Wellness Program, is working with DTS on providing 5 additional residential units on their property. Guildcrest Homes has been awarded the project. Jp2g consultants are completing drawings that will go to Tender for site works. DTS will be managing the RFP proposal call package and notice to proponents.



A'nowara'ko:wa Area - Kawehno:ke

Kawehno:ke A'nowara'ko:wa Arena Grounds Development: Bike and Walking path

The scope of work included the design and construction of a 2 lane -8 feet wide length of bike path that stretched over the grounds of the Arena near the waterfront and around

the playing fields. Work completed included the gravel pathway, a wood pedestrian bridge to place over the drainage ditch, concrete sidewalks that link the bike path to the existing pavilion and Arena, and 9 concrete base pads for the historical markers. It is in the interest of MCA to complete the asphalt surface and line painting for the bike path as soon as additional funds become available.

Kana:takon Park Street & Hilltop Drive Reconstruction Project

The tender ready drawings are complete. The work plan includes sanitary sewer replacement, installation of proposed storm sewer, and complete road reconstruction. The development of this project is ongoing and more information will be provided to local residents in the near future.

Kana:takon AMPS Boathouse

The Akwesasne Mohawk Police Services (AMPS) Boathouse project is substantially complete. The installation of rail system from the boathouse to the water's edge will be installed soon.

Kana:takon Health Facility Renovations

Planning for this project started in 2012 as part of the Health Space Needs accommodation Strategy. The interior renovations are progressing as scheduled. Phase I: The



Kanonhkwa'tsheri:io Health Facility -Kana:takon

Medical Clinic and Traditional Medicine offices is complete. Phase 2: First Floor Additions and Counseling, and Wholistic Health, and Community Health reached completion.

The offices are in operation. Phase 3: Renovations to the ground floor Diabetes Prevention & Community Support Program. The substantial completion date for Community Support offices is August 9th, and the Diabetes Prevention Program is scheduled for August 23rd, 2019. Overall project is 80% complete.

Tsi Snaihne Birch Road Watermain Construction

The tender ready drawings were completed for the construction of the watermain on Birch Road and were sent out as open tender. The project tender closed on July 7, 2019, with the project being awarded to Lazore's Construction. More information will be provided to the

DEPARTMENT OF TECHNICAL SERVICES

CURRENT WORK AREAS



Birch Road watermain construction project was awarded to Lazore's construction.

local residents about the proposed schedule before the end of July.

Tsi Snaihne DCSS Outreach Program Building, Whoville

DTS is working with the Department of Community and Social Service (DCSS) to retrofit a building in Whoville, Tsi Snaihne District, as a DCSS Outreach Program Building. With construction underway, the substantial completion date is now August 1st, 2019.

Tsi Snaihne Sewage Treatment Plant Upgrades

The sewage treatment plant is an upgrade to the pumping station and lagoons. The completion status currently is at 80% complete. Project is recorded to be substantially complete by end of July 2019, and DTS Project Team will reassess the project for delays in August 2019.

NEW: Tsi Snaihne School Window Replacement Project

A Request for Proposal has been issued to contractors with a tender close date of August 6, 2019. There is a mandatory site meeting on July 29th, and a deadline to complete the project before the school year starts. More information can be found through the DTS office by calling 613-575-2250 ext. 1003.

Tsi Snaihne River Road Reconstruction

Project close out proceedings and year end reporting is being completed for this project. The one (1) year warranty for Lazore's is Nov. 9, 2019, and Lazore's is scheduled to be on site to repair road deficiencies including driveway repairs. Lazore's can be contacted directly for these repairs.

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne and the Department of Technical Services takes this time to publically thank the Ministry of Transport Quebec for their funding contribution toward the projects within the Districts of Tsi Snaihne and Kana:takon (QC) for both design work and reconstruction costs associated with the projects listed and we look forward to the continued support.

Tsi Snaihne Wade Lafrance Memorial Road Reconstruction Project

The Wade Lafrance Memorial Road has been highlighted as a priority and DTS is diligently working to



Wade Lafrance Memorial Road.

obtain funds for this project. DTS is currently working on RFP to obtain consultant services for preparation of tender packages. The development for this project is ongoing.

Quebec Roads Projects currently under development

The Department of Technical Services thanks everyone 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 MOHAWK POLICE SERVICE

AKWESASNE MOHAWK POLICE LAUNCH COMMUNITY SATISFACTION SURVEY

Commencing Monday, July 29, 2019, the Akwesasne Mohawk Police Service will be conducting a Community Satisfaction Survey on policing services as it prepares to re-vamp their Business Operating Plan.

Members of the community will be contacted at random by telephone to complete a brief 5-minute telephone survey. Officers will also distribute copies of the survey to community members that will include a self-addressed stamped envelope to return the completed survey. Copies of the survey may also be picked up at the front desk reception, completed and returned.

Members can expect questions related to their perception of police effectiveness, their sense of safeness in the community, the importance of community programs, safety and crime concerns, and future policing priorities. Members should be assured that no personal identifying information such as their name or home address will be asked at any time during the course of the interview.

The survey will take place from July 29, 2019 to August 31, 2019. The Akwesasne Mohawk Police Service would like to thank you in advance for your participation.

AMPS DEDICATES BOARDROOM TO MEMORY OF VALERIE TERRANCE

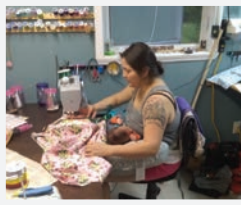


AMPS dedicated their boardroom to the memory of former Police Commission member "Kanonsisakhe" Valerie Terrance. Valerie served on the police commission for 22+ years. Valerie spent countless hours in support of the Akwesasne Mohawk Police Service and will never be forgotten.

Valerie Terrance passed away on February 2, 2019.

Sa'oiehren ne Ashehstaronten ne Owira:a

BREASTFEEDING... A NATURAL PART OF LIFE



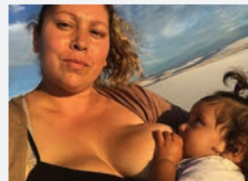
Sewing!

Karrie Benedict and baby



Waiting in parked car!

Allie Herne and baby



Exploring the White Sands in New Mexico

Latoya Rourke and Charlet



Shopping for Antiques!

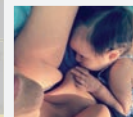
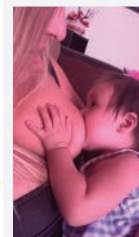
Whitney Roundpoint and Julian

Naptime!

Tracie Cook and Adalynn



Just hanging out!



Playing Lacrosse!

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and baby.

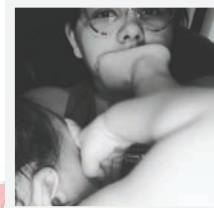
Konwaniahesaon and baby

Leighann Neff and baby



On the Boat!

Corina Oakes and baby



Relaxing!

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Thompson and
Son

Getting Married!

Hannah McDonald and Daisy



At a baseball game!

Shannon Roundpoint and River

On Vacation!

Sueann Swamp and Bohdi



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