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UPCOMING MCA MEETINGS & SPECIAL DATES:

October 7, 2019

• District Meeting on Kawehno:ke - Kawehno:ke Recreation Centre - 6 p.m.- 8 p.m.

October 15, 2019

• District Meeting in Tsi Snaihne - Iohahi:io Cafeteria - 6 p.m.- 8 p.m.

October 21, 2019

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

October 24, 2018

• MCA General Meeting - Iohahi:io Cafeteria, 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

MOHAWK COUNCIL OF AKWESASNE 2018-2021

Grand Chief

Abram Benedict

Kana:takon District

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

Kawehno:ke District

Chief 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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Heather Phillips Executive Director

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Joyce King Director, Justice Department

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Director,
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Director,
Community & Social Services

Keith LeClaire Director, Department of Health

Donna Lahache Director, Ahkwesahsne Mohawk Board of Education

Shawn Dulude Chief of Police, Akwesasne Mohawk Police Service

> Kylee Tarbell A/Director, Tehotiiennawakon

WAT'KWANONHWERA:TON/GREETINGS

She:kon/Wat'kwanonhwera:ton,

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

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

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

- 1. A Special General Meeting was held on September 28, 2019 to accept or reject changes to Section 18. Amendments of the Akwesasne Election Law (2005). Members voted to accept changes on how the Akwesasne Election Law can be amended in the future, following the Akwesasne Legislative Enactment Regulation. Now, future amendments to the law can be brought to the community for a vote at a referendum with polling stations open in all districts.
- 2. MCA swore in new Health Board members this month. See more on Page 17.
- 3. The monthly MCA General Meetings resumed on September 26th. The video is available on the MCA Youtube channel, and now lists agenda item start times for easier viewing. See the September General Meeting video at the following link: https://youtu.be/urLcK_lmvYU
- 4. MCA offers support to victims of crimes. Read more about the Victim Support Worker and her services on Page 34.
- 5. More than 30 kayakers took part in the Great Akwesasne River Cleanup this past month. Read more about this extraordinary event on Page 30.



AKWESASNE ACCEPTS AKWESASNE ELECTION LAW AMENDMENT

On Saturday, September 28, 2019, the Mohawk Council Immediately following the CEO's announcement, the of Akwesasne held a Special General Meeting in order for its membership to vote on the following question:

Do you approve the Akwesasne Election Law Amend- of October 1, 2019. ment?

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

19 No Votes

22 Yes Votes

60 YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF ST. LAWRENCE SEAWAY

Officials from Canada, the U.S., and Akwesasne commemorated the 60th anniversary of the St. Lawrence Seaway's opening on September 24 at Massena's Eisenhower Lock with a ceremony and special announcement.

Mohawk Council of Akwesasne District Chief Edward Roundpoint attended the event and spoke on behalf of Council. He acknowledged the traditional lands the Seaway was constructed on, and spoke of the priority to work together toward shared goals of preserving and protecting the lands.

Speakers also included U.S. Congresswoman Elise Stefanik (R-NY), and keynote speaker, U.S. Secretary of Transportation Elaine L. Chao. As the former Secretary of Labor, Madame Chao has supported the Seaway for many years and spoke about it's impact globally.

Together, Congresswoman Stefanik and Madame Secretary Chao made the announcement that the Eisenhower Lock will be receiving a new \$6 million visitor centre.



Mohawk Council of Akwesasne passed a resolution accepting the results and formally enacting the Akwesasne

Election Law amendment with a coming into force date

Pictured (left to right): Kana:takon District Chief Darryl Lazore, U.S. Secretary of Transportation Elaine L. Chao, & Kawehno:ke District Chief Edward Roundpoint.



FIRST RESPONDERS HONOURED WITH BOOK OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS INDUCTION & APPRECIATION DINNER

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne resurrected its Ionkwakwé:nion "We Accomplished It" Book of Accomplishments on September 10 with a special induction ceremony and dinner honouring all first responders.

The Book of Accomplishments was created during the last Council's term and was on a hiatus. In bringing it back to the intended monthly schedule, a large kick-off event was held and first responders were selected as the special recipients.

Chiefs served attendees dinner at the event, which was held at the unrecognizable A'nowara'ko:wa Arena, transformed into a beautiful large

event hall to show respect to the guests of honour.

"It is an event we feel is very important to the continued well-being of our community, to support the individuals who care for us in the most urgent of times, and who deserve our daily thanks and appreciation," Chief April Adams-Phillips told the audience. "We hope that through this event, we are helping to show you that you're important to all of us, and we have all been impacted over the years by your work, bravery, and self-less ability to step up when lives depend on you.

transformed into a beautiful large Police, dispatchers, ambulance per-

sonnel, and firefighters were invited from all of Akwesasne's emergency service organizations; The Hogansburg-Akwesasne Volunteer Fire Department, the Akwesasne Mohawk Police Service, Saint Regis Mohawk Tribal Police, and Akwesasne Mohawk Ambulance. Special recognition was also given to outside agencies that serve the Akwesasne community, including Seaway Ambulance, Cornwall, Bombay, Fort Covington and Massena fire departments, and surrounding police agencies.

All first responders in attendance were invited to sign the Book of Accomplishments and each organization was given a wood-burned plaque



The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne chiefs and executive director were all in attendance to serve dinner to our first responders, which was held at the A'nowara'ko:wa Arena.

featuring words of appreciation.

Niawenko:wa to all first responders for the selfless choices you've made to protect the community.

Niawenko:wa to the following for their donations to this event:

- MCA Wholistic Health & Wellness Program
- MCA Dept. of Community & Social Services & the Akwesasne Family Wellness Program
- Mohawk Government & Council
- The Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe &
 Akwesasne Mohawk Casino
- Mohawk Council of Akwesasne:
 Community Health Program

Special thanks to:

- Our youth volunteers who served dessert to the first responders
- Midnight Confetti
- Alana Jaquemet (Guest speaker)
- The A'nowara'kowa Arena staff
- KBE Photobooth
- Linda S Sunday Catering
- DJ Hightower

And the planning committee:

- Chief April Adams Phillips
- Chief Vanessa Adams
- Ryan King
- Waheson Lazore
- Ashley Tarbell
- Shannon Roundpoint



The three Akwesasne Volunteer Fire Departments all received a plaque.



The Akwesasne Mohawk Police were presented a plaque for the work they do in the community.



Plaques were presented to police, dispatchers, ambulance personnel and firefighters in Akwesasne.



Matt Rourke, from SRMT Tribal Police, thanked the partners of first responders for their sacrifice.



Local youth volunteered to serve the first responders' dessert.



First Responders signing the Book of Accomplishments.



First Responders signing the Book of Accomplishments.

ORANGE SHIRT DAY - EVERY CHILD MATTERS

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne united on Sep- and every day. tember 30 with those across the nation honouring and remembering our children and families impact- Here are some members of the organization that pared by residential schools. Every child matters, today ticipated inwearing their orange shirt.



Council participated in Orange Shirt Day.





Staff from AMPS.



Communications Unit in orange.

ORANGE SHIRT DAY - EVERY CHILD MATTERS



Staff from Iohahi:io proudly displaying their shirts.



Staff from CIA 3 on Kawehno:ke.



The Department of Justice proudly sported their orange!



AMBE students and staff displaying their orange shirts.

IAKHIHSOHTHA ELDERS RETURN TO WALMART

On Wednesday, September 11, Mohawk Council chiefs escort- themselves once again on their 2019, elders from the lakhih- ed the elders on their return weekly shopping trip," said Grand sohtha Home for the Elderly at- trip, and management from the Chief Abram Benedict. "We wish to tended Walmart in Cornwall for Cornwall store welcomed the remind the public, in Akwesasne, shopping. It was the first time group and apologized for their Cornwall and everywhere, that elthe elders returned to the store previous experience. for their routine trip after an incident there in July left them feeling unwelcome and unsafe.

dents of lakhihsohtha enjoying al respect and kindness."

ders are one of the most valuable treasures a community can have, "Council is glad to see the resi- and they have earned uncondition-



Management from Walmart welcomed the group and apologized.



MCA Council escorted the elders on their return trip.



Elders are the most valuable treasure that a community can have.



Our elders are eager to once again visit Walmart in Cornwall.

KAWEHNO:KE NATURAL GAS EXPANSION PROJECT UPDATE

On Thursday, September 19, 2019, Mohawk Council of Akwesasne Grand Chief Abram Benedict was a quest on the CKON Tetewatharen talk show to provide information and an update on the proposed Kawehno:ke Natural Gas Expansion Project. Below is a summary of information provided.

"How the project came to be" Recap:

Since the Natural Gas pipeline was installed in 1962 to supply upstate New York with Canadian Natural Gas, there has always been an interest on the part of some members of the Akwesasne community on Kawehno:ke (Cornwall Island) to connect to the pipeline and enjoy the benefits of Natural Gas.



- When MCA negotiated the "Cooperation and Land Use Agreement" with Enbridge in 2009, Akwesasne finally received financial compensation for the Natural Gas pipeline as well as the commitment to explore Natural Gas distribution on Cornwall Island.
- In 2016, the Government of Ontario put in place a funding pro-

gram to extend natural gas to more communities so that more people could share in the benefits and Cornwall Island was selected as a potential participant to work together with Enbridge to put forth a natural gas proposal.



- In the end, Cornwall Island was one of the 11 projects approved for funding under the "Access to Natural Gas Act" so there is now a possibility for homes and businesses to potentially connect to the pipeline and enjoy the benefits/savings of natural gas.
- The Proposed Natural Gas o Expansion Project is being explored as an option for reducing the high energy costs on Cornwall Island as third of the province's energy Natural Gas could potentially save homeowners and business owners up to 50% on their annual heating and hot water costs, while simultaneously decreasing their greenhouse gas emissions (20% less than propane and 25% less than oil).



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- Another benefit of the project is job creation, through short term jobs when the project is under construction, followed by long term jobs with more businesses opening on Cornwall Island due to the low energy costs.
- Currently in Ontario, because of its low cost, low carbon content, versatility, and safety record:
- Approximately 3.5 million homes and businesses are connected to the Natural Gas Distribution Network



- More than ¾ of homes are heated with Natural Gas and.
- Natural Gas meets over one needs.



If the project proceeds:

It would cost approximately \$8.4 million with \$3.4 million com-



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ing from the grant and construction munication materials, held a Lunch ural gas is right for you. would take approximately 21 weeks from start to finish.



- It would involve tapping into the existing 12" steel pipeline that crosses Cornwall Island and feeds upstate New York, installing a pressure reducing station, and installing approximately 21 km of new natural gas line along Island Road as well as on all existing public side roads. Island Road would be piped with approximately 2 km of 4" plastic pipe and 6 km of 2" plastic pipe, while all the side roads would require approximately 13 km of 1 1/4" plastic pipe.
- Enbridge personnel would work with the MCA to conduct a harmonized environmental assessment.
- Spring/Summer of 2020 would be the earliest possible construction window.



Update:

and Learn with MCA staff, held numerous community information sessions at general meetings and district meetings, as well as held natural gas specific focus sessions.



- This summer, the MCA developed a natural gas information package that was distributed to all Cornwall Island home owners and business owners in early August in advance of the survey of Cornwall o Island.
- The survey, which started in o August, is ongoing and all Cornwall Island home owners and business owners are encouraged to participate.



We also want to encourage Cornwall Island home owners and business owners, if you have not already, to take the time to review the information package, as it was Over the last year, the MCA designed to help you make an inhas developed and distributed com- formed decision as to whether nat-

- In addition, if you have any questions regarding the project, and/or would like to have a District Chief or an MCA staff member come to your home or business to discuss the project further and complete your survey please contact the Mohawk Government Office at 613-575-2348.
- Another way to participate in the survey is to attend one of the following meetings listed below (including an Enbridge open-house that is scheduled for the end of October) where stations will be set up so that you can take the survey.
- September 26th General Meeting in St Regis
- October 7th District Meeting on Cornwall Island
- October 24th General Meeting in Snye
- October 29th Enbridge Open House on Cornwall Island
- In addition, please keep an eye out for additional meeting dates. We are also exploring the idea of setting up a drop-in centre where people could pick up the information package, ask questions as well as take the survey.



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FREQUENTLY ASKED TIONS:

What can I use Natural Gas for in my home and what appliances will run on Natural Gas?

Natural Gas are heating, hot water, cooking, clothes drying, outdoor cooking (BBQ), and pool heating. The appliances that enable this are gas furnaces, gas fireplaces, freestanding gas stoves, traditional and "on-demand or Instantaneous" gas hot water heaters, gas cook stoves or ranges, gas clothes dryers, gas BBQ's and gas pool heaters.



What are some of the other uses for Natural Gas?

Natural Gas is used extensively in the restaurant sector for cooking, heating and producing the hot water used for washing dishes. In agriculture, Natural Gas is used for drying crops, heating greenhouses, and producing the hot water that's used extensively in the dairy industry. Natural Gas is also used to produce both heat and electricity in Cogeneration power plants and in tomatically shut if they detect too industry where heat is needed for much flow. processes. In the USA and around • the world, Natural Gas is also used lines from being damaged, gas dis-

QUES- to power vehicles, like cars, light tribution utilities all have extensive duty pick-ups, heavy duty trucks and transport trucks, city busses, and even garbage trucks. It is also being explored as a cleaner alterna-Typical residential uses for tive to diesel in heavy duty off-road vehicles, cargo ships, as well as for the locomotives used in the rail industry.





Is Natural Gas safe?

- Natural gas is one of the safest sources of energy and has an excellent safety record throughout the world. Gas distribution utilities continuously work with government personnel and industry participants such as manufacturers, suppliers and installers to develop industry safety standards and codes both for gas distribution and for appliance use.
- Natural qas delivered İS through a network of buried steel and plastic pipelines and is delivered into homes and businesses at very low pressures. These networks include safety features such as strategically located shut-off valves as well as excess flow valves that au-
- To prevent the buried pipe-

"Damage Prevention Awareness" programs and offer a free pipeline locating service for anyone who may be digging near a gas pipeline.

- Natural Gas utilities also have pro-active programs for inspection and maintenance of their infrastructure including "Leak Survey" programs whereby the entire network is physically surveyed with leak detection equipment.
- Natural gas is also lighter than air. When unintentionally released outdoors it can safely dissipate into the atmosphere since it requires a source of ignition in order to ignite (i.e. it cannot spontaneously combust.)
- In Ontario, all new pipelines must be approved by pipeline inspectors who are certified by the Technical Standards and Safety Authority (TSSA).
- In Ontario, all natural gas appliance installation and service work must be completed by trained individuals who are certified by the Technical Standards and Safety Authority (TSSA)
- In addition, most gas distribution utilities offer first responder training, mostly targeting fire departments, to ensure they are well equipped to deal with fires where Natural Gas is present.

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What are the additional costs for What are the typical conversion baseboards, there are installation?

\$250 security deposit.



A one-time service charge of \$25 for new accounts with Enbridge.



For the gas service to your home or business, Enbridge will cover up to 50m in driveway length that, any additional length will be charged \$80/m. For example, if a driveway is 120m, Enbridge will cover 50m and the remaining 70m will be charged to the homeowner. At \$80 per meter, the homeowner would approximately pay \$5600. If the homeowner decides to receive service post-construction, Enbridge may not cover up to 50m in driveway length. However, Enbridge is currently reviewing the policy on service to houses, to ease the financial burden on homeowners.



costs?

Conversion cost can vary greatly depending on what is being replaced:

- If you are currently on propane, most propane equipment is convertible to Natural Gas and should cost from between \$500-\$1000 depending on whether you have the conversion kits or not. Unfortunately, conventional propane water heaters are not convertible. If you wish to change it, a Natural Gas power-vented hot water heater will typically cost between \$1700-\$2400, depending on the equipment chosen and the local contractor.
- (from the property line). After furnace you will need to replace it with a Natural Gas furnace, which will typically cost between \$4500-\$5800, depending on the equipment chosen and the local contrac-
 - If you have an electric forcedair furnace and an electric hot water heater, you will need to replace your furnace with a Natural Gas one which will typically cost around \$4000, depending on the equipment chosen and the local contractor. If you decide to change your water heater and furnace, it will typically cost between \$6400-\$6500, depending on the equipment chosen and the local contractor.
 - If you currently use electric

typically three potential options:

- Option A (for a bungalow) would be to install a natural gas furnace and all of the required ductwork which can cost between \$7000-\$9000, depending on the equipment chosen and the local contractor.
- Option B (for a multi-story house with a fully finished basement) although a forced air furnace with all the required ducting can be installed, it is sometimes worth considering installing a natural gas boiler system with radiators throughout the house. This is sometimes more cost effective that installing If you currently have an oil a furnace with ductwork as it tends to require a lot less drywall work. However, since every installation is very different, its hard to provide an estimated cost, so you would need to discuss these options with a local contractor.
 - Option C (for a bungalow or a multi-story house) would be to install one or more natural gas fireplaces which typically cost between \$2500-\$3000, depending on the equipment chosen and the local contractor and then decide whether or not to change your water heater.



MOHAWK COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS

MCR #278 Emergency Management Exercise Program (5 Year Strategy)

Moved by: Chief Darryl Lazore Seconded by: Chief Theresa Ja-

For: 7 Against: 0

CARRIED

MCR #279 To approve the 2017 Annual Reconciliation Report for the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care-Tsionwanonhso:te Program for the year ended March 31, 2018 and authorizes Welch LLP

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

For: 11 Against: 0 CARRIED

MCR #279 To approve the 2017 Statement of Trust Account for the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care Tsionkwanonhso:te Program for the year ended March 31, 2018

Moved by: Chief April Adams Phillips

Seconded by: Chief Tobi Mitchell

For: 11 Against: 0 CARRIED

MCR #280 Indigenous Services Canada Child and Family Services es Prevention Funding 2018-19

Moved by: Chief April Adams Phil-

Seconded by: Chief Carolyn Fran-

cis

For: 11 Against: 0
CARRIED

MCR #281 Prenatal Opioid Exposure Research

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

Phillips

For: 11 Against: 0
CARRIED

MCR #282 Authorizing GC as Representative plaintiff in Dundee litigate

Moved by: Chief Connie Lazore Seconded by: Chief Carolyn Fran-

cis

For: 11 Against: 0
CARRIED

MCR #283 Accept and Approve Emergency Council Meeting Minutes dated Kentenhko:wa/ November 05, 2018

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

For: 11 Against: 0
CARRIED

MCR #284 Accept and Approve Emergency Council Meeting Minutes dated Kentenhko:wa/ November 06, 2018

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

For: 10 Against: 1
CARRIED

MCR #285 Accept and Approve Emergency Council Meeting Minutes dated Kentenhko:wa/ November 08, 2018

Moved by: Chief Joe Lazore Seconded by: Chief Theresa Ja-

cobs

For: 11 Against: 0
CARRIED

MCR #286 Accept and Approve Emergency Council Meeting Minutes dated Kentenhko:wa/ November 19, 2018

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

For: 10 Against: 1
CARRIED

MCR #287 Accept and Approve Council Meeting Minutes dated Kentenhko:wa/November 26th, 2018

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

For: 11 Against: 0
CARRIED

MCR #288 Focus Group Meetings on Canada's Bill S-3 on Indian Registration, Band Membership and First Nation Citizenship

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

For: 7 Against: 0
CARRIED

MCR #289 Resignation of Trust

Overseer

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

Phillips

For: 10 Against: 0
CARRIED

MCR #290 To accept and approve the AANDC Financial Agreement No. 1516-ON-000028- Amendment NO. 0046

Moved by: Chief Julie Phillips Ja-

cobs

Seconded by: Chief April Adams

Phillips

For: 10 Against: 0
CARRIED

MCR # 291 Service Complaint Policy- Effective Date Extension

Moved by: Chief Tim Thompson Seconded by: Chief Theresa Ja-

cobs

For: 10 Against: 0 CARRIED

MCR # 292 Section 84 Onkwehonwehneha Program Development Officer

Moved by: Chief Julie Phillips Ja-

Seconded by: Chief April Adams

Phillips

For: 10 Against: 0
CARRIED

MCR # 293 Appointment as Trust Overseer

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

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Phillips

For: 10 Against: 0 CARRIED

MCR #294 Health Canada Health Transfer Agreement Amendment 1516-ON-000010-A00012

Moved by: Chief Tobi Mitchell Seconded by: Chief Connie Lazore

For: 11 Against: 0 CARRIED

MCR #295 Akwesasne Mohawk Ambulance Program-Akwesasne Area Management Board Job Opportunity Program

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

For: 11 Against: 0
CARRIED

MCR #296 The Cornwall and Akwesasne Perinatal Mental Health Project

Moved by: Chief April Adams Phillips

Seconded by: Chief Theresa Ja-

For: 11 Against: 0
CARRIED

MCR #297 Rescind MCR 2015/2016 -#210 dated November 24, 2015

Moved by: Chief Julie Phillips Jacobs

Seconded by: Chief April Adams

Phillips

For: 11 Against: 0

CARRIED

MCR #298 Permit – Lot – 2 Lame Squaw Island – OPG

Moved by: Chief Darryl Lazore Seconded by: Chief Tobi Mitchell

For: 11 Against: 0

CARRIED

MCR # 299 Rescind MCR 2015/2016 -#115 dated September 01, 2105

Moved by: Chief April Adams Phillips

Seconded by: Chief Darryl Lazore

For: 11 Against: 0
CARRIED

MCR #300 Permit – Lot 1 Lame Squaw Island DFO

Moved by: Chief Edward Roundpoint

Seconded by: Chief Vince Thomp-

For: 11 Against: 0
CARRIED

MCR #301 Assignment of Lease
- Lot 17 Block C Hamilton Island

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

For: 10 Against: 1
CARRIED

MCR #302 Employment agreement of the Executive Director

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

For: 7 Against: 3

CARRIED

MCR #303 Appoint Acting Executive Director

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

For: 7 Against: 3 CARRIED

MCR #304 Collaboration with Thompson Island and ACTUA

Moved by: Chief April Adams Seconded by: Chief Dennis Chaus-

For: 7 Against: 0 CARRIED

MCR #305 Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) 2018/2019 Section 95 Condition Allocation-Modular Home Supplier

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

For: 7 Against: 0
CARRIED

MCR #306 Housing-Upgrade Application

Moved by: Chief Tim Thompson Seconded by: Chief Joe Lazore For: 7 Against: 0

CARRIED

MCR #307 Housing-Upgrade Application

Moved by: Chief Joe Lazore Seconded by: Chief Julie Jacobs For: 7 Against: 0

CARRIED

MCR #308 To Confirm Signing Authority for Canada First Nations Funding Arrangement for Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada

Moved by: Chief Edward Round-

point

Seconded by: Chief Joe Lazore

For: 7 Against: 0 CARRIED

MCR #309 Bank of Montreal-Guarantee ORHLP

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

For: 7 Against: 0

MCR #310 Accept & Approve General Meeting Minutes dated Kaentenhko:wa/November 17th, 2018

CARRIED

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

For: 9 Against: 0 CARRIED

MCR #311 DCSS Outreach Program Building Retrofit, 90 Whoville Road, Snye-Contract Award

Moved by: Chief Julie Jacobs Seconded by: Chief April Adams

For: 7 Against: 0

CARRIED

COUNCIL WEEKLY MEETING REPORT

SUBMITTED BY GRAND CHIEF ABRAM BENEDICT



August 26, 2019

Representatives from Contact North introduced themselves to Council and explained the services they provided to their students rent a Peace Tree Mall unit; adminis-AEDA.

- Representatives from the Cornwall & Communities Future Development Corporation (CFDC) provided Council with an overview of the CFDC and explained the Cross Border Partnership Program and its mission to build and enhance partnerships.
- Council discussed a request to

and the relationship they have with tration will follow up with a plan for MCA usage to accommodate MCA space needs.

> MCR's passed: Acceptance of MOU with International Secretariat of Water and MCA for funding purpose; Approval of assignment of lease on Hamilton Island; Approval of (3) Council Meeting Minutes;

September 9, 2019

- Representatives from Entewatatha:wi and the Aboriginal Rights and Research Office (ARRO) provided Council with an update and overview of the Akwesasne draft Additions to Reserve (ATR) Policy.
- The manager of ARRO briefed Council on a short-term investment strategy for consideration.
- Council set the agenda for the General Meeting being hosted in Kana:takon on September 26.
- A request for sponsorship for an upcoming curling championship was reviewed and denied.
- Council discussed a request from Indigenous Sport & Wellness Ontario (ISWO) and determined we will not be the host community for an upcoming tournament.
- A request for a letter of support was discussed and will be han-

dled by administration.

- Council identified Chief Roundpoint to attend an upcoming Parkinson Canada Super Walk occurring this weekend.
- A request for an Section 95 Justice Officiant for an upcoming marriage was discussed and approved.
- Council discussed the supports allowed under the AMBE Post Secondary Student Support Program.
- A community concern regarding the Environmental Health Officer and a recent visit was discussed and followed up on by administration.
- Council identified Chief Tim Thompson as next weeks Chair in the Grand Chief's absence.
- MCR's passed: Approval of reappointment of Justices to the Akwesasne Mohawk Court; Approval of (7) upgrade loan(s) to community member(s); Approval of Education

Savings Plan for child in care; Approval of draft agreement with ISC for the establishment of a process for the restoration of lands to Akwesasne working group; Approval of short term investment strategy for settlement funds; Approval of award of construction contract to Lazore's Construction for Birch Road; Approval of project and funding for Birch Road water main; Approval of assignment of lease on Hamilton Island; Approval of assignment of lease on Stanley Island; Approval of (2) amendments to Canada Akwesasne funding agreement; Approval of agreement for Shoreline Health Assessment; Approval of Wetlands project phase 1; Approval of transfer of investment funds to CIBC, Approval of (5) meeting minutes.

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September 23, 2019

- The MCA Justice Coordinator provided Council with an overview of a funding proposal and provided Council with options for the proposal in relation to the scope of work; Council will consider the approach at a later date.
- vided Council with an overview of the historical spending and current Casino Rama Dollars.
- Council was briefed on the will be research. MCA Heating Assistance Program •

and determined that the residency to secure funding for road reconeligibility criteria would remain the struction. same as last year.

- ongoing land dispute; further policy research will be done and reported back to Council.
- Council agreed to a follow up MCA Acting Comptroller pro- session from the Council retreat; a location will be secured.
- A briefing was provided on reserves for the Ontario Lottery the concern regarding the lack of Gaming revenues formerly know as Akwesasne signage in the Hopkins Point property, further information
 - Council was briefed on efforts

MCR's passed: Approval to A briefing was provided on an rescind previous MCR approving a repair loan; Approval to award contract for site preparation to Akwesasne Earth Movers for the Akwesasne Family Wellness Program facility expansion; Approval to place a new Stop Sign in Kana:takon at 2nd St and Angus Thomas; Approval for the implementation of the Political Service Contract; Approval of MCA 2018/19 Audit of schedule of revenue and expenses.

KAWEHNO: KE DISTRICT CHIEF CAROLYN FRANCIS UPDATES



Portfolio: DCSS and Education Month: July & August 2019

Monthly Notables

Kawehnoke Unit ABGC Summer Program opened on July 8, summer average 56-60 per day. The Club unit will be open for the September school opening and year.

- Medical leave, Tuesday, July 2. 16-22nd.
- District Meeting held, July 8th and August 12th
- Council Retreat, July 9 & 6. 10th. Discussion/work on Strategic Plan worked on Council priorities: Take care of the Vulnerable/Special Needs, live in a safe community, Improve Health & Wellbeing, Expand our educational Services, support our communities recreational needs, short term goals District was a danger for our community Chief expectations, Council to staff expectations, Council to Council expectations, staff to council expecta-

tions, there were some items that we weren't able to complete.

- July 31st: Transport Canada Seaway Land disposition in Cornwall and Iroquois meeting
- August 1st:Cannabis Meeting with government representatives asked for funding for compliance program, communications, prevention and lawmaking.
- July: Requested dock repair for McCumber Road dock, as it was damaged over the winter by ice. It who use it as well as used for evacuation for Kawehnoke- it needed to be repaired. DTS has repaired the

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KAWEHNO:KE DISTRICT CHIEF CAROLYN FRANCIS UPDATES

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dock as of this writing.

- ment meeting regarding Cannabis unteering in the Dunk Tank. applications
- August: Emergency Measures training for Council, identifying emergencies, Council's role in such emergencies.
- 10. August: Attended meeting with the three district recreations to identify needs and future goals
- 11. August: Attended FAL Special meeting.
- 12. August: Requested Communications department to continue to educate the community on the emergency lane at CBSA. Request for a larger designated sign to let non community members know that there is an emergency lane and to keep it clear at all times.
- 13. August: Design thinking CBSA working group.
- 14. OPG Butterfly Garden Opening and tour of OPG Powerstation.
- 15. Attended DCSS and AMBE 2. Kawehnoke Recreation Road Ten-Portfolio meetings.
- 16. August 14th attended a meet- have been identified and approved 5. ing with the three recreations and for the basketball systems. This council.
- Board of Trustee's meeting.
- 18. August 17th attended Financial Administration Law special meeting.
- 19. Attended Autism Awareness training.

- 20. Participated in the Carnival August: Economic Develop- Day for lahkhisotha Lodge by vol-
 - 21. Attended AFS Gala night as representative of Mohawk Council to show support.

Work in Progress

- 1. Special Needs: Three community meetings scheduled in September in each of the districts to discuss special needs within MCA programs, what we need for the future. These engagements will help the designing of a special needs program at MCA as well as lobbying for funding for infrastructure to house this much-needed program. Many meetings have been held with program managers and directors, we need to hear from families, parents/caregivers. We will be able to compile information and set goals on how we can achieve this.
- nis Court Project: Project monies has been a slow process and I un-17. August 15th attended AMBE derstand that the Kawehnoke community youth have been anxiously awaiting for the completion of this area. We will be looking into ordering the volleyball nets and poles, a water fountain, bleachers and some landscaping.

- 3. Cannabis Working Group-August 13th. Attended the Economic Development Meeting regarding Cannabis Applications and continued work with the Cannabis Working Group on finalizing Cannabis Application process.
- 4. McCumber Road Dock Repair: The dock has been repaired by DTS and is safer for community to use. Joe Francis, A/DTS Director reported that there is more work being planned on the approach to the river area.

Collaborative Opportunities:

- Minister Seamus O'Regan, Indigenous Affairs Minister
- Michael O'Byrne, Associate Regional Director General, Indigenous Services Canada (ISC)
- Julien Castonguay, Director, Regional Plans and Partnerships, First Nations and Inuit Health Branch – ISC
- Chiefs of Ontario
- First Nation's Women's Caucus

TSI SNAIHNE DISTRICT CHIEF CONNIE LAZORE UPDATES



Portfolio: Justice, Public Safety, Ex-

ecutive Services Month: July 2019

Committee: Finance, Governance,

Cannabis Working Task Group

Monthly Notables

- The August weekly Special Meeting of Council was held on Monday, August 12th, 19th and the 26th. Some of the discussion items for Council included: Kayak River Clean Up, Transport Canada Lands, Unnamed Lands, Pow Wow, Strategic Plan and Language/Culture Fund Proposal. Presentations made on CBSA Seizure Case, Contact North, Addition to Reserve Update and Cornwall & Community Future Dev. Corp. Resolutions considered included: Special Need Policy, Sunshine List, SAVE Funding Agreement, Ministry of Health Agreement Amendment, Council Meeting Minutes, Christmas Closure, Leases, Indigenous Services Canada Enhanced Housing and MCSS-IFN Family Well-Being Project.

scheduled and held on August 8th. The Justice Coordinator updated on the Legislative work to date. Program updates were also provided.

- Public Safety Portfolio Meeting was not held this month, we changed the schedule to meet every two months a meeting is scheduled for September.
- District Meeting was held on August 12th, we had a couple of community members present. Discussion items were around the safety of the community, policing, roads and health care.
- A Special General Meeting was held on August 24th to conduct the voting process for the Financial Administrative Law. The law was passed by community vote.
- Youth Council Meeting was not held this month.
- Attended Legislative Commission Meetings this month on August 6th and 27th for the ongoing review and the development of laws as both continues to be the mandate for this committee.
- I attended the Police Commission Meeting on August 5th. There was some confusion with the meeting schedule, quorum was not available. I left to attend the District Meeting.
- I attended the Executive Services Portfolio Meeting on August 7th. We discussed the organiza-Justice Portfolio Meeting was tional structure, as well as, issues of

concern.

10. I attended the Finance Committee meeting for August 13th. We discussed various issues of concern.

Work in Progress

- Recreation Cannabis Working Task Group Meetings continues. Meetings were held on August 1st, this meeting was our final prepared to release the application for August 6th. A meeting was also held on August 21st we began to prepare for receipt of applications.
- I participated and attended the Assembly of First Nations Quebec & Labrador (AFNQL) meeting in regards to the Ad Hoc (formerly known as Monitoring Committee) that I am a member of that was held on August 6th in Kahnawake. The AFNQL Relationship Protocol between Nations. I also participated by conference call for our August 28th meeting held in Quebec City.
- I attended the Entewatatha:wi and ARRO Session scheduled for Council. This session we discussed the Additions to Reserve proposed policy. I also participated in a meeting with Entewatatha:wi and Council as an update to moving forward.
- ARRO also held a meeting with Council on August 20th to update on the Dundee Claim and for council to discuss the next steps. I participated through phone as I was not feeling well but was interested

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TSI SNAIHNE DISTRICT CHIEF CONNIE LAZORE UPDATES

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in the update.

- On August 13th, I attended the Emergency Management Table Top Exercise with council for our Roles and Responsibilities.
- the Information session on August 22nd for the Financial Administrative Law held in Tsi Snaihne to prepare for the August 24th Special General Meeting for voting on this law, which I also attended.
- I attended the CBSA Internal Working Group Meeting on August 9th and 21st. Both meeting were Council members who will work on the Design Think Initiative (DTI) that MCA has engaged CBSA. This group will work on the follow up work from that DTI sessions.
- I agreed to speak at the Plaque unveiling ceremony at the Tsi Snaihne Recreation to commemorate the Missing & Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls. It was indeed an event that causes one to reflect on what is important and sacred.
- 9. I attended the Freedom School Dinner/Gala on August 23rd with Chief Carolyn. The event was to commemorate the 40th Anniversary of the Freedom School.
- 10. I participated in a meeting Collaborative Opportunities: with the Executive Director, Recre- 1. ation Committees and Chiefs: Caro- Quebec & Labrador (AFNQL) lyn and Tim to discuss the Operation 2.

also participated in a meeting with Relations Council, Recreation Committees and our Cultural Community Coordinator to discuss the "wants and needs" of the committees.

- 11. I attended this month the 5. This month I participated in funerals of: Phillip Francis, family member; Elizabeth Oakes, a dear friend; and Evan Adams, a community member.
 - Staff Activity Day was celebrated on August 2nd.
 - 13. This month on August 27th, I participated in the first part of the Communication Training for Council. This was quite information and beneficial.
 - 14. I met with the COP/DCOP to discuss updates and potential work. I also met with Constable N. King to begin discussion on the "Neighborhood Watch Program" (NWP). As a follow up from our District Meeting I had suggested a NWP, now I was working to get the initial work Committee on Emergency Managestarted. Constable King and I have begun discussion on the project, changing the name, created a program that the community can support by including the community in the development. We hope to engage soon.

- Assembly of First Nations
- Assembly of First Nations and Maintenance of the centers. I (AFN) Chiefs Committee on Fiscal

- 3. Indigenous Services Canada (ISC)
- 4. **Crown & Indigenous Relations** & Northern Affairs (CIRNA)
- Department of Justice
- Joint ISC/AFN Advisory Committee
- 7. AFNQL Oversight Committee

Financial Status/Lobbying Progress

- 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
- Member of AFNQL Chiefs

TSI SNAIHNE DISTRICT CHIEF TOBI MITCHELL UPDATES



Portfolio: Environment, Department of Health, Nation Building, Economic Development.

Month: July & August 2019

July 2019

I attended an introductory meeting with new personnel at Parks Canada; I attended a meeting with Environment and Climate Change Canada in which they wanted to speak about gaps in federal laws in relation to pollution on reserves; I attended an internal meeting to discuss the water testing process, and what we need from Canada to ensure that our drinking water is monitored correctly during the Grasse River project.

I attended two introductory meetings regarding the proposal to develop an ATR policy specific to Akwesasne; I attended the Entewatathawi and Tehotiiennawa-(Economic Development) shared interest and processes for Council and Entewatatha:wi and

working together.

I attended the Council Retreat held in Ottawa, and added Tehotiienawakon (Economic Development) to my portfolio selection and took some time to begin to familiarize myself with the new portfolio; I attended the District meeting held July 15 at Iohahiio; I utilized some of my flex time and took a few days off.

August 2019

I attended the meeting with Minister O'Regan, from Indigenous Services Canada, and spoke about the importance of our environment and water in Akwesasne. I spoke about the Grasse River clean-up and the need for increased funding for sufand ECCC to discuss the Grasse 2 to follow. River as well as the prepatory meetings and call that took place.

lattended the announcement of renovation funds for the Port of Johnstown. Prior to the announcement they reached out and expressed interest in utilizing our environmental assessment process to ensure that future projects have EA's that are done in conjunction with our Environment department.

retreat to discuss topics of a I attended a meeting between

the Government of Canada to discuss some longstanding issues within the Self Governance Agreement Process. We confirmed our commitment to our long standing objection to bringing taxation to Akwesasne; Canada discussed how the upcoming election will slow down certain processes and possible ways to mitigate that.

As one of the Youth Portfolio holders for the IFN, I attended the IFN Youth Conference held on Thompson Island the week of August 12; I attended the Table Top exercise with all of Council to be briefed on our Joint Emergency Operations Plan; I attended the opening of the OPG Butterfly garden and tour of ficient monitoring; I attended a joint the station; I also attended part 1 of meeting of the SRMT, MCA, USEPA Communications training, with part

ENTEWATATHÁ:WI - "WE WILL GOVERN"

FIRST NATIONS SELF GOVERNMENT AGREEMENTS ACROSS CANADA

The map provided presents Self- protect and expand upon the au-Government Agreements entered thorities we exercise currently. Selfinto by First Nations across Canada. The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne that Akwesasne is negotiating this Self-Government Agreement which in mind. not only moves Akwesasne away from numerous sections of the In- There is commitment by Akwedian Act, the agreement establishes a true government to government relationship which becomes Canadian law.

The Akwesasne Self-Government negotiating team is working diligently to ensure Akwesasne will not simply be another name on this map. The accomplishments of the First Government Agreement that exem-Nations represented on the map are many and that work is immeasurably helpful in Akwesasne negotiating an agreement which is most beneficial to all Akwesasronon. The team is committed to complete an agreement that is not bound to the status quo as the status quo has not worked for Akwesasne.

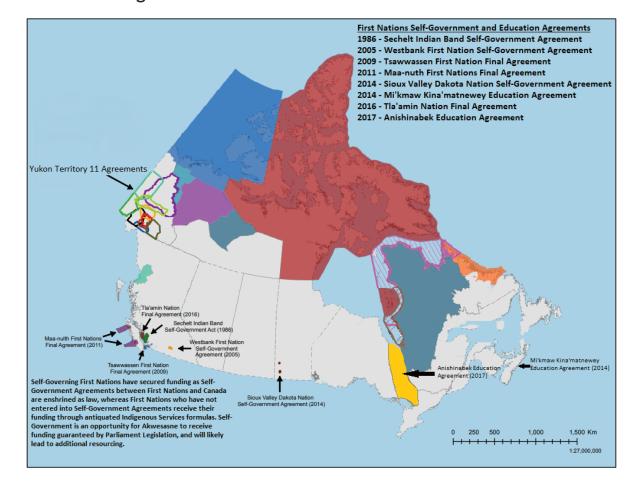
Entewatatha:wi understands the importance of communication of the Self-Government negotiation process to assure our community the Entewatatha:wi Self-Government Agreement being negotiated is detailed, well thought out, and will not result in loss of authorities or funding. In fact, an Akwesasne Self-Government Agreement will

Government is an announcement is negotiating an Entewatatha:wi Agreement with Self-Determination

> sasne's negotiating team to advocate for an agreement which results in an expansion of our rights and authorities, additional resources, and recognition of the Mohawks of Akwesasne's unique circumstances. The Akwesasne negotiating team is dedicated to distinguishing ourselves with a one of its kind Self-

plifies the spirit of all Akwesasronon. Akwesasne may one day be on the map provided, but we are working to make sure the agreement reached with Canada puts Akwesasne in a category all its own.

Community engagement, education, and transparency on the work being done by Entewatatha:wi are top priorities. Entewatatha:wi welcomes community inquiries and encourage all Akwesasronon who have questions or concerns regarding the Self-Government negotiation process to contact Entewatatha:wi at (613) 575-2341.



CHILDREN'S PAGE

SPOT THE DIFFERENCES

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



1. A bat in the top right side is missing. 2. The crack in the tombstone was fixed. 3. There is an additional pumpkin included behind the tombstone. 4. The skeletons foot.

DID YOU KNOW?

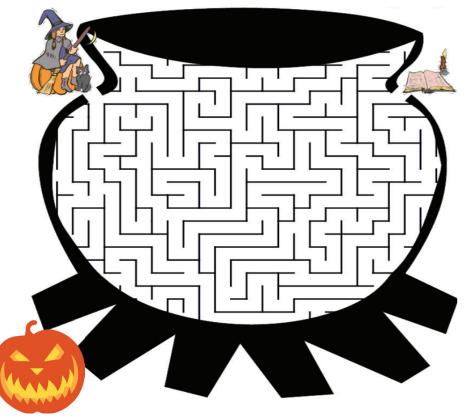
- The first "Jack-o-lanterns" were made from turnips.
- Trick-or-treating originated from the ancient Celtic tradition of putting out treats and food to calm down spirits who roamed the streets at Samhain, a festival marking the end of the calendar year.
- All Hallows Eve, Witches Night, Lamswool, Snap-Apple Night, Samhain and Summer's End are all names for Halloween.
- Black cats were believed to be witch's assistants that protected their powers.

YOU GOT TO BE KIDDING ME!

Why is Drakula so unpopular?

Because he is a pain in the neck

SIMPLY A-MAZE-ING



SOCIAL MEDIA CONNECTION

FACEBOOK STATS



Facebook Posts with the Most Likes in September

- 1. Iakhihsohtha Elders Return to Walmart (Photo/Announcement)
- 2. MCA Offers Support Services for Victims (Feature)
- 3. Business Spotlight Chick-A-Bead (Video)
- 4. First Responders Honoured with Book of Accomplishments Induction & Appreciation Dinner (Photo/Announcement)
- 5. Trunk or Treat 2019 (Announcement)

Facebook Posts with the Highest Reach in September

- 1. lakhihsohtha Elders Return to Walmart 20,766 reached
- 2. Trunk or Treat 2019 6,183 reached
- 3. Akwesasne Mohawk Police Investigating Assault 4,837 reached
- 4. MCA Offers Support Services for Victims 4,203 reached
- 5. Pursuit Leads to Arrest & Drug Possession 3,630 reached

TWITTER STATS

Top Tweet in September





It's your car's time to shine — visit Chrome Carwash, conveniently located at the St. Regis Plaza in Kana:takon!



Business Spotlight — Chrome Carwash
CHROME CARWASH For Akwesasronon that travels to
Cornwall or further to get a quality, cost-effective carwash,

§ youtube.com

You Tube

YOUTUBE STATS

Highest Viewed Videos on the MCA Youtube Channel for September

- 1. Sex Trafficking PSA Akwesasne Mohawk Police Service
- 2. Business Spotlight Chick-A-Bead
- 3. Grasse River Superfund Site Info Session September 11, 2019

EXECUTIVE SERVICES

NEW AND CHANGING FACES AT MCA

August 2019

Donna Arbour	••Occupational Therapist
Karen Cooper Environn	
Dante David	•
Herman David••••••	
Vanna Deer-Thompson	•••••Teacher
Sandra Delormier-Lazore	Receptionist
Mabel Garrow	••••••••••Instructor
Mary Jacobs	••After School Facilitator
Steevi King	••••••••Instructor
Tyler Laffin	••••••Teacher
Ronehtawaks Lefort Cummings	•••••Teacher
Robin Logan·····	
Amanda Marini Rohde	•••••Teacher
James McDormick	•••••••••••Instructor

Angeline MitchellClinic	cal Counselor
Laurie Morgan	•••••Teacher
Sian O'Hara	•••••Teacher
Stephen Quinn	• • •Instructor
Alexandra Riddle·····	•••••Teacher
Gabrielle Stanton	••• •Teacher
Susan Sunday	• • •Instructor
Wanita Thompson	Bus Monitor



Nia:wen!

COMPLIMENTS & APPRECIATIONS

- The Department of Housing would like to send a big thank you (niawen:kowa) to Ben Benedict and his grandson for taking their time to travel to Barrie, Ontario on Saturday, September 14th, to participate in the First Nations Hockey Drive. Ben was able to pick up 25 bags of new hockey equipment and helmets for our community.
- Proxim Pharmacy held a cosmetics sale that earned \$560. Owners Ramy Yacoub, Gerges Kedice, and Rami Mina topped off the proceeds from the sale and presented a \$1,000 cheque to the AMBE Board of Trustees for the AMBE Food Services Program. Niawenko:wa for your generosity.
- Phil and Mary Gray of Skwatakon Garage have donated a stand up freezer to Tsi Snaihne School after the school's freezer died last year.
- Valene and Phillip Gray Jr. of Three Feathers

Cafe have donated reusable water bottles to the AMBE After-School program located in each of the 3 AMBE schools in order to cut down on waste.

On behalf of AMBE, niawenko:wa for your thoughtful donations!

• The Akwesasne Family Wellness Program would like to send a Nia:wen ko:wa to Dave White for his generous donation of household furniture to the Program and its clients.

His generosity is greatly appreciated and will help many of our clients in need. Thank you again Dave

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING

FALL HOME MAINTENANCE TIPS

- Have your furnace or heating system serviced by a qualified service company every two years for a gas furnace, and every year for an oil furnace.
- If you have central air conditioning, make sure the drain pan under the cooling coil mounted in the furnace plenum is draining properly and is clean.
- Lubricate circulating pump on hot water heating system.
- Disconnect the power to the furnace and examine the forced air furnace fan belt, if installed, for wear, looseness or noise; clean fan blades of any dirt buildup.
- Check chimneys for obstructions such as nest before turning on your furnace.
- Vacuum electric baseboard heaters to remove dust.
- Remove the grilles on forced air systems and vacuum inside the ducts.
- Turn ON gas furnace pilot light (if your furnace has one), set the thermostat to "heat" and test the furnace for proper operation by raising the thermostat setting until the furnace starts to operate. Once you have confirmed proper operation, return the thermostat to the desired setting.
- Check and clean or replace furnace air filters alarms, and replace batteries. each month during the heating season. Ventilation system, such as heat recovery ventilator, filters should be • checked every two months.
- Check to see that the ductwork leading to and from the heat recovery ventilator is in good shape, the joints are tightly sealed (aluminum tape or mastic) and any duct insulation and plastic duct wrap is free of tears and holes.
- If the heat recovery ventilator has been shut off for the summer, clean the filters and the core, and pour water down the condensate drain to test it.
- Check to see that bathroom exhaust fans and firm that you are getting good airflow by observing the roof.



outside vent hood (the exterior damper should be held open by the airflow).

- Check smoke, carbon monoxide and security
- Replace window screens with storm windows.
- Ensure windows and skylights close tightly; repair or replace weather stripping, as needed.
- If there is a door between your house and the garage, check the adjustment of the self-closing device to ensure it closes the door completely.
- Cover outside of air-conditioning units and shut off power.
- Ensure that the ground around your home slopes away from the foundation wall, so that water does not drain into your basement.
- Clean leaves from eaves troughs and roof, and range hoods are operating properly. If possible, con-test downspouts to ensure proper drainage from the

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

MCA WELCOMES NURSING STUDENTS

Over the years, the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne's assistance and upgrading patient care plans. Department of Health has welcomed many students looking to pursue a career in healthcare — and this While both Ohentiioa and Jade are no strangers to year is no different.

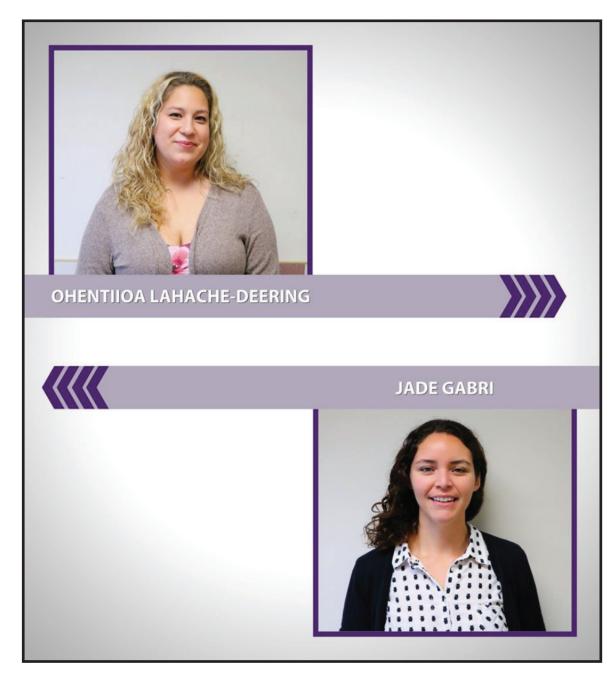
gun working within the community of Akwesasne this while here! month, gaining firsthand experience in indigenous health.

our community, the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne would like to welcome them to the organization and Ohentiioa Lahache-Deering and Jade Gabri have be- we look forward to the great work they will accomplish

Ohentiioa Lahache-Deering is in her third year of St. Lawrence College's Bachelor of Science in Nursing program, which is offered in collaboration with Laurentian University. The nursing student is passionate about empowering indigenous people within healthcare and currently sits as the Director of Indigenous Health Advocacy for the Canadian Nursing Students' Association. Within the coming weeks, you can find Ohentiioa around the community clinics on Mondays and Tuesdays.

Similar to Ohentiioa, Jade Gabri is also passionate about indigenous healthcare and enrolled in the St. Lawrence College-Laurentian University BScN Program, albeit as a fourth-year student. Following in the footsteps of her family of nurses, Jade looks forward to serving the community and will be available Tuesday through Thursday until December.

Both nursing students will be working in all three clinics throughout the northern portion of Akwesasne, providing



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH





The months before the birth of your baby are • very special.

Regular visits to your health care provider is important for your health and your baby's health. It is also important to know about the programs and services in the community that are also helpful to pregnant women.

The MCA Community Health Program offers • the following services just for you:

- Individual or Group sessions to learn "what to expect" and tips for having a healthy pregnancy.
- Individual or Group sessions to prepare for giving birth.

- Scheduled home visits with a nurse to learn about the journey to parenthood and beyond.
- Breastfeeding education sessions.
- Healthy eating ideas from a Registered Dietician
- Healthy Babies Healthy Children home visiting services to learn about newborn care, infant massage and parenting.
- Access to Tahonata'karita'kie Healthy Arrivals Programs which is prenatal food vouchers to help you access healthy foods.

To access any of the services listed about, please contact MCA Community Health Program at (613) 575-2341 ext 3220.

AKWESASNE HEALTH BOARD SWEARING-IN

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne would like to welcome Lori Thompson and Natalie Leaf to the Akwesasne Health Board — both were sworn in as representatives for the district of Kawehno:ke on Wednesday, September 19 at the Akwesasne Medical Clinic.

Lori and Natalie took their oaths alongside Shannon Nicholas, Commissioner of Oaths in the presence of their fellow board members, as well as Director of Health Keith Leclaire. We look forward to the great work these ladies will accomplish with the Akwesasne Health Board!



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

SAFER SEX SUPPLIES





- Classic
- M-S-M
- Extra Large
- Female
- Flavored
- Glow in the dark
- Latex-Free
- Dental Dams
- Lubricant





MCA Community
Health Program
offers

FREE

Safer Sex Supplies

Say YES to Safer Sex

Remember

to always check expiration dates on condoms or other products before use.

Questions? Stop by or call MCA Community Health Program

613-575-2341 ext. 3220

AHKWESAHSNE MOHAWK BOARD OF EDUCATION

AMBE BOARD OF TRUSTEES SWEARING-IN CEREMONY

On Seskehkò:wa/September 4, 2019 Justice Shannon Tsi Snaihne. Hall conducted the Swearing-In Ceremony of members of the AMBE Board of Trustees as follows:

Shealene Gibson of the Kana:takon District was acclaimed into a three year term.

Sheila Adams and Josephine Herne, District of Tsi Snaihne was acclaimed into a three year term.

Kathleen Papineau, District of Kawehno:ke was elected into a three year term.

The short ceremony took place at Kana:takon School. The Ahkwesahsne Mohawk Board of Education is comprised of a total of six community members representing the three districts of Kawehno:ke, Kana:takon and

The Board of Trustees for the 2019-2020 school year is as follows:

District of Kana:takon - Cecelia King and Shealene Gibson

District of Tsi Snaihne - Sheila Adams and Josephine Herne

District of Kawehno:ke - Kathleen Papineau and Rosemary Square

The Board welcomes you to their monthly meetings held on the first Wednesday of every month. Information is announced in the local media. For further information, please do not hesitate to contact the Lisa Francis-Benedict at the AMBE Office (613)933-0409.



AMBE Board of Trustees were sworn into their positions by Justice Shannon Hall on September 4, 2019.

DEPARTMENT OF TEHOTIIENNAWAKON

FOUR YEARS OF WORKING TOGETHER TO CLEAN THE GREAT RIVER

SUBMITTED BY THE ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM

On Sunday, September 15 the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne Environment Program hosted the fourth annual Great Akwesasne River Cleanup. Using Adam's Marina in Tsi Snaihne as a staging site, thirty paddlers in kayaks, a dive team, and three motor boats were mobilized to take nearly four tons of garbage from the Snye Marsh and the St. Regis Point swimming area.

Since 2016, the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne Environment Program has partnered with dozens of organizations and hundreds of community volunteers to take nearly 40 tons of debris out of the Great River and her tributaries on both sides of the River.

Discarded debris in the water and along shorelines pose a real harm to fish, wildlife, and human health. Over the past couple of years alone, several young people in Akwesasne have been seriously injured on glass and metal debris while swimming. These Cleanups are a means of taking this hazardous garbage out of recreational areas as well as from environmentally sensitive areas such as the Snye Marsh.

Over the course of four years, many items have been retrieved from the River. This year's discovery of 500 feet of discarded fibre-optic cable and a sunken motor boat are amongst the larger items retrieved from just under the surface of the water. Many items of debris tend to be found caught within the Snye Marsh area because it acts as a web of wetland vegetation that trap and hide objects, sometimes for decades. This is why 2019 Cleanup Coordinator and MCA Environmental Assessment Officer, Jessica Shenandoah made kayaks available for volunteers so they could have easier access to the Marsh. She also enlisted the services of volunteer divers Andy Buist and Patricia O'Hara from the Great River Network who have worked on Clean-

ups in both Akwesasne and Cornwall for several years. Jessica says, "It is amazing how 33 people were able to take 4 tons of garbage out of the River in just three hours. We know that there is more debris still there to be removed. We can only imagine how much more we will be able to take out next year if more volunteers are able to join us."

A short documentary film entitled, "A Great River Runs Through Us," highlights the project's impact on Akwesasronon. Since 2017, this film has travelled to schools and community events with volunteer facilitators to highlight the importance of being caretakers of fresh water and the Great River. To watch this movie visit YouTube and type in the title. For more information on Great Akwesasne River Cleanups contact the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne Environment Program at 613-575-2250.



Kayaks were available for participants to rent in the Great Akwesasne River Cleanup.

DEPARTMENT OF TEHOTIIENNAWAKON

BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT - ROOT AND REMEDY

Root & Remedy is truly a one stop shop. With their welcoming decor and friendly staff, everyone feels welcome in the spacious setting.

For those that are looking for a quick, healthy and delicious meal option, Root & Remedy offers daily homemade soup and sandwich specials. Smoothies, green drinks and healthy snacks are also offered daily. On special days, hot meal options and paleo friendly specials can also be purchased. (Please see the Root & Remedy Facebook page for their daily deals and specials.)

In addition, there is a grab-and-go portion in their cooler with tasty treats, including dessert, drinks, snacks, sandwiches and more!

For those that are planning to dine-in, there are lots of inside seating available, perfect for your family or an intimate setting. If you want to stay solo, Root & Remedy also offers free WiFi for all customers. Perfect for parents waiting on their childrens' practice, or for employees looking for a inviting environment for their lunch hour.

If you are in the need for natural health products or CBD products, Root & Remedy carries a large variety of both! They currently carry the Canoe Woman Herbs line, and also offer CBD tinctures, salves, balms and much more! Vitamin supplements are also now available.

For those looking for a unique gift for that special someone, there is also a retail section available. From clothes to shoes to furniture, Root & Remedy has it all!

Hours of Operation

Monday.....9:00 a.m.- 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday......9:00 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday..... 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

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DEPARTMENT OF TEHOTIIENNAWAKON

INSPECTING YOUR HOME HEATING FUEL TANK

AVOID HOME HEATING OIL FUEL LEAKS OR SPILLS

It's that time of year and you're preparing for the fall/win- ice or insect nests? (Screened vents can help prevent inter season. This means you're filling up your fuel tanks, but before you do, let's inspect it! Home heating oil fuel tanks should be replaced if they are anywhere from 15-20 years old or show signs of leakage. An ageing tank is not only potentially harmful to the environment, but could prove costly and inconvenient if its contents escape from the tank. As a homeowner or landlord, you are legally responsible for the cleanup costs, unless it's covered under your insurance policy. The good news is that most oil tank problems can be avoided, so here is what the experts recommend:

- Check for leaks before and after each delivery.
- If you smell diesel or home heating fuel, immediately check your lines, tank and furnace for leaks.
- Consider replacing oil tanks after 15 years of service. The price of a new tank is considerably less expensive than the cleanup from a leak or spill.
- Make sure all attachments are firmly secured.
- Always fill your tank at the end of the heating season to help prevent rust caused by condensation inside the tank.

Answer These Questions!

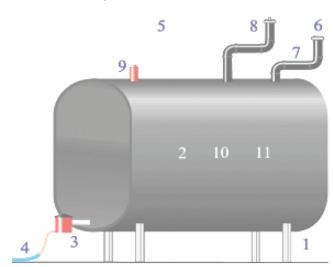
Each question is correlates with the number on the Fuel Tank image below.

- Are the tank legs unstable or on a shaky founda-1. tion?
- 2. Are there any signs of rust, weeping, wet spots or dents on the tank?
- Is the tank blackened at the low end, around the drain? This may be an indication of water in the tank and may result in corrosion inside the tank.
- Are there any drips or signs of leakage around the 4. fuel line, filter or valves?
- 5. Is there danger of snow or ice falling on the tank?
- Is the vent clogged or restricted because of snow,

sect nest problems.)

- Is the vent whistle silent when the tank is being 7. filled? (Ask the fuel delivery person.)
- Are there signs of leakage or spills around the fill 8. pipe or vent pipe?
- Is the fuel-level gauge cracked, stuck or frozen? 9. Are there signs of oil around it?
- If mounted outdoors, is the tank rated for outdoor use?
- 11. What is the age of the tank? (Not usually indicated until after 1998.)

If you answered 'yes' to any of the questions above, please call your local fuel service provider to arrange a detailed tank inspection today.



FOR FUEL SPILLS

Emergency Measures 613-577-1275

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY & SOCIAL SERVICES

FAMILIES OF MISSING & MURDERED RELATIVES INFORMATION SESSION

An information session for families of missing and murdered relatives was held on Wednesday, September 18 at the Kana:takon Recreation Center. Presentations ranged from how to report a missing person to victim services and other resources throughout the community. Speakers at the event included Jenna David, Victim Support Worker; Norman King, AMPS Community Service Officer; and Darlene Ryan, a spokesperson for the Association for Families of Missing and Murdered Relatives (AFPAD).

Niawenko:wa to the Akwesasne Community Justice Program, the Akwesasne Mohawk Police Service, and the Akwesasne Family Wellness Program for sponsoring this workshop, along with their continued support and services provided to victims, survivors, their families, and the community.



Organizer Pat Dussault from the Akwesasne Family Wellness Program and Norman King from the Akwesasne Mohawk Police Service, along with other individuals, presented to the attendees.







HOPE FOR HEELS

On September 21, the Akwesasne Family Wellness Program held a "Hope for Heels." During this event, men walked in support of women and children affected by domestic violence.

Families were invited to make statements against domestic violence and this event was a way for men to walk in "her" shoes and let women and children know that domestic violence is not acceptable!

Nia:wen to all that participated!

Special thanks to Sexual Assault Support Service (SASS) for donating the red heels for our men to wear!



Participants of Hope for Heels, including AMPS Norman King. A young girl also wore men's shoes to support men effected by domestic violence.

AKWESASNE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT

MCA OFFERS SUPPORT SERVICES FOR VICTIMS

ARE YOU A VICTIM IN A CRIMINAL MATTER? MCA'S VICTIM SUPPORT WORKER CAN HELP

Have you been a victim of a crime in Akwesasne's northern jurisdictions? Do you wonder about the case, your rights, the court proceedings, and the outcome? Do you wonder what happens next? Do you wonder if you are a "victim"? Do you need help accessing funds that are specifically for victims? Do you simply have questions about a crime against you and don't know who to ask them to? The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne's Community Justice Program has created a position specifically for you.

The Victim Support Worker position was created in 2018 and Jenna David has filled the important role for the community. Her office location is at the Akwesasne Mohawk Police Service station, where victims can meet with her safely and conveniently.

Prior to the creation of the position, victims in the community didn't have a specific person to speak to.

Ms. David can assist community members who need someone to attend court with them, to help explain the process and what's to be expected. Ms. David can also connect a victim with the information they're seeking on court outcomes. Prior to the Victims Support Worker position, victims in the community wouldn't know where to direct their questions or who to ask for follow up, besides the Akwesasne Mohawk Police.

In some occurrences, it may be obvious that a person is a victim and they can be assisted. However, many individuals often have questions about crimes and whether or not there is a victim situation, Ms. David said. This may be related to scams, elder abuse, and identity crimes. She can help community members identify when there is a victim situation and when laws have been broken.

Another benefit of the Victim Support Worker position



has been Ms. David's assistance in connecting victims with funds that are set aside specifically for them from the provincial Victim Fee Surcharge, which is attached to fines. There is a 2-year time limit to file a claim for certain crimes, but for other serious cases (child abuse, sexual abuse) there is no limit to when a person can access the funds. The Victim Support Worker can assist with the application process.

Ms. David also offers the service of being an ear for victims to talk to. Sometimes, that's all they need, she said. Other times, they need help connecting with the right professional to assist them, whether it's counseling services or a legal representation, and Ms. David is the liaison making those connections.

If you are victim of a crime and have any questions, or if you wish to access funds that you may be entitled to, please contact Victim Support Worker Jenna David at 613-575-2340 Ext. 3533 or email jenna.david@akwesasne.ca. She is located at the Akwesasne Mohawk Police Service station and can meet victims at any location convenient for them.

DEPARTMENT OF TECHNICAL SERVICES - ONGOING PROJECTS

The Department of Technical Services provides the fol- is pending and will be installed soon. lowing update for the following on-going projects:

DCSS Outreach Program Building, Whoville Snye: Completion

The Department of Community and Social Service (DCSS) with the assistance of DTS retrofitted a building in Whoville, Tsi Snáihne District, to provide community services as a DCSS Outreach Program Building. The construction is at completion with only minor touch-up and cleaning work to be done. DCSS will be planning an open house in the near future.



The AMPS Boathouse: Near Completion

The Akwesasne Mohawk Police Services (AMPS) Boathouse project, located in Kana:takon District, is at completion. The installation of one rail system is complete from the boathouse to the water's edge the second unit

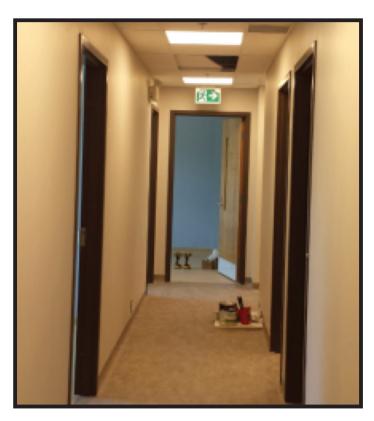


Snye Administration Building: On-going

'St. Lawrence Testing' has conducted borehole testing for the site. The report is pending. No further activity at this time.

Kana:takon Health Facility Renovations: Completion

The interior renovations have progressed as scheduled.



Phase I: The Medical Clinic and Traditional Medicine offices are complete.

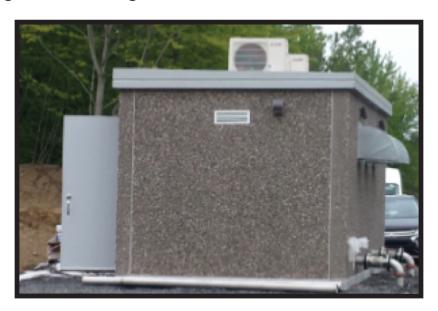
Phase 2: First Floor Addictions and Counselling, and Wholistic Health, and Community Health- completion reached. Offices are in operation.

Phase 3: Renovations to the ground floor -Diabetes Prevention & Community Support Program. Substantial Completion reached, minor deficiencies to be corrected. Overall project is 99% complete.

DEPARTMENT OF TECHNICAL SERVICES - ONGOING PROJECTS

Tsi Snaihne Sewage Treatment Plant Upgrades: On-going

The sewage treatment plant is an upgrade to the pumping station and lagoons.



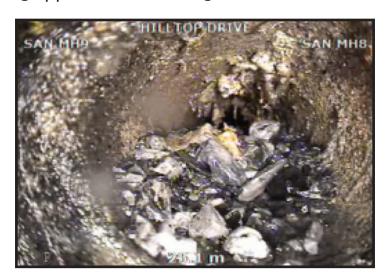
The status currently is at 85% completion.



Park Street & Hilltop Drive Reconstruction Project: On-going

Tender Ready drawings are complete. The work plan includes sanitary sewer replacement, installation of proposed storm sewer, and complete road reconstruction.

Funding applications are being made to Canada.



Birch Road Watermain: On-going

The project is construction of the watermain on Birch Road in Snye. The project was awarded to Lazore's Construction and is now 80% completed. The MCA Department of Technical Services Water Sector will assume control when the project is handed over upon completion. An added feature is a hammer head turnaround at the end of the road for public transport purposes.



DEPARTMENT OF TECHNICAL SERVICES - ONGOING PROJECTS

DCSS Family Wellness Centre Project: On-going

The lethi'nistén:ha Akwesasne Family Wellness Program, is working with DTS on providing 5 additional single storey residential units on its property on Kawehnó:ke. Guildcrest Homes has been awarded the building project and is prepared to install by the end of November 2019. Jp2g consultant's completed drawings for site works and service connections tender. Discussion continues with Cornwall Electric on service connections. Project MCR for the contractor award is waiting on approval. Work is planned to start by October 1, 2019.

A'nowara'ko:wa Arena Grounds Development: Bike and Walking path – Department of Economic Development

The scope of work included the design and construction of a 2 lane -8 feet wide – 1081m (1.08km) length bike path, that stretched over the grounds of the Arena near the waterfront and around the playing fields. Future work would be to complete the asphalt surface and line painting for the bike path as soon as additional funds are identified.



Tsiionkwanónhso:te Fire Alarm Upgrades & Magnetic Door Lock Systems: On-going

Mandate is to repair and replace identified Life Safety deficiencies: This includes to install a new fire alarm system and to have magnetic door locks for security purposes connected to the nurse call station.

Tender drawing package is received, and DTS is currently applying to various funding sources.

Roads Department replacement of Heavy Machinery Grader:

DTS roads dept. has negotiated the purchase of a new Tormont CAT 140M Motor Grader with front plow. The funds were provided by Indigenous Services Canada as part of First Nation Infrastructure Investment Plan for the year 2018/2019. The order is in process for placement on Kawehno:ke and for use within this coming winter.

Water and Waste Water Treatment Upgrades:

Water treatment plant upgrades request for proposals (RFP) has been sent out to Consultant proponents for a new Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) system water operations / upgrade project. The RFP closes on September 30, 2019. The work is to provide the design, configuration, integration, programming and construction engineering support to upgrade SCADA for three of MCA's facilities, one on Kawehno:ke and two in Kana:takon.

Wade Lafrance Memorial Road Reconstruction Project:

The Wade Lafrance Memorial Road has been highlighted as a priority for reconstruction because it is a designated emergency evacuation route for the District of Tsi Snaihne. The work would include replacement of the Bittern Creek Bridge. DTS is moving forward with applications



DEPARTMENT OF TECHNICAL SERVICES - ONGOING PROJECTS

to fund this project. DTS is currently working on Request For Proposal (RFP) to obtain consultant services for the project design.

2019 / 2020 Enhanced Asset Condition Reporting System ACRS Report Program: On-going

Lowe Gravelle and Associates is currently working on gathering information and conducting inspections on MCA's assets, which include both funded and non-funded assets. The work is on schedule and planned to be completed within the first week of October 2019. DTS Maintenance, Water Waste-Water, and Roads Managers are working closely with the inspectors to ensure all asset information is accurately captured for the final report.

Snye School Window Replacement Project:

A Request for Quotation (RFQ) was issued in July 2019, however, contractors did not meet the tender close of Aug. 6, 2019. A request came in from one of the contractors on August 6th asking more time. An Addendum (No. 1) was prepared and distributed that extended the time



to August 30, 2019 for a Quote submission. This work is pending, and with the school year now started, arrangements for a Phased Work approach will be reviewed once associated costs are confirmed in writing.

Iohahi:io Road Surface Upgrade:

Request for Proposal (RFP) for design and project management are being developed, and it will include other roads in the Snye District.



Granular Activated Carbon (GAC) replacement at the St. Regis Water Treatment Plant

EVB Engineering was hired as Consultant for professional services of the tender preparation and project implementation.

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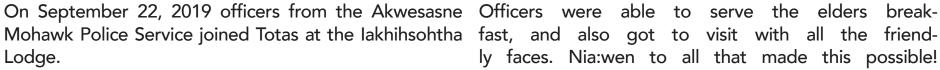
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AKWESASNE MOHAWK POLICE SERVICE

OFFICERS JOIN TOTAS AT IAKHIHSOHTHA LODGE

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