

MOHAWK COUNCIL OF AKWESASNE

Sustaining our inherent rights, facing challenges together, and building a strong and healthy future.



Office of the Grand Chief

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Happy Halloween!

I hope that all of you had a great summer and that you were able to rest a bit and spend some time with the family.

We are all preparing for the heating season as we head into the winter months. The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne Community Support Program (CSP) is now taking applications for this year's Akwesasne Heating Assistance Program. You can stop over to the CSP office at Kanonhkwa'stsheri:io or at one of the scheduled district locations. The deadline is December 9, 2022, at 4:00 pm. In addition, last week Council approved an increase to the benefits for this year's Akwesasne Heating Assistance Program. The head of the household will receive \$1000, and elders 60 years and older will receive \$1,500. Over the last several months, the cost of just about everything has significantly increased. Hopefully, the heating assistance increase helps offset your heating costs a bit more.

Over the summer months, our Council didn't host any General Meetings. Unfortunately, I let my monthly reports get away from me. They are back. August and September monthly reports are attached to this letter. These reports were shared at our monthly General Meeting at the Kawehno:ke Recreation Center. The agenda included a roundtable update from our members of the Council, a presentation on the Jay Treaty and an update on the MCA legislative developments. The entire recording of the General Meeting can be found at: <https://youtu.be/Up9uocVling>. Please listen in to receive an update on the many files we are working on.

Unfortunately, as the cold weather rolls on, so does the cold and flu season. While we have been managing the COVID-19 pandemic, we have also been able to keep the cases manageable by getting vaccinated. Yes, you still get COVID, and many people have even with being vaccinated. Still, the symptoms are much milder for those who are vaccinated. I encourage you to keep up to date on your boosters and to get the flu shot. We must keep ourselves protected.

I look forward to sharing my next report at the end of next month. Don't hesitate to contact me at Mohawk Government, via email, messenger, or text if you have any questions or comments on my report or other topics. Have a wonderful Halloween and be safe.

Abram Benedict
Grand Chief



Grand Chief Monthly Activity Report Seskeha & Seskehko:wa / August & September 2022

AUGUST 2, 2022, PRE-MEETING FOR REGIONAL HEALTH AUTHORITY

On August 2, 2022, I met with the Director and health portfolio to discuss an upcoming meeting with the Deputy General Director of the Regional Health Authority regarding the Quebec French language act Bill 96. Member of Quebec Parliament Claire Isabelle had agreed to assist in securing a meeting with the Deputy General Director to discuss the French language barrier and licensing issues faced by Akwesasne. At the meeting on August 2, Health portfolio and I received a briefing from the director on the language issue and the barrier created. Our request of the Deputy General Director is to support the development of regulations for the issuance of exemptions under Bill 96.

AUGUST 2, 2022, BORDER PARTNERS MEETING

Every month MCA's Public Safety Portfolio Chiefs, representatives from the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe and I participated in the monthly call with the Port Directors for the Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) and the United States Customs and Border Protection (USCBP). The calls now occur on the first Tuesday of the month on the Zoom platform. These calls are designed for Akwesasne to receive

regular updates from the Port Directors on current traffic volumes, any issues with local travelers, and reports of COVID outbreaks at the port if any. These meetings also allow our local governments to provide relevant updates to the CBSA and USCBP representatives.

AUGUST 2, 2022, JAY TREATY PROPOSAL REVIEW

As part of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Jay Treaty engagement, the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne issued a call for proposal for a consultant to assist with the community consultation process. The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne received two proposals for services. On August 2, 2022, Chief Adams, Roundpoint and I met to review the proposals received and to evaluate the consultant's suitability and affordability for this project. Following the review of August 2nd, a proposal was selected to assist the MCA on the Jay Treaty consultations.

AUGUST 8, 2022, COUNCIL MEETING UPDATE

- Council was briefed on a MCR placing a hold on Cannabis retail applications and agreed it will be brought forward to continue the hold for the time being.
- A briefing was provided on the recent Pope visit and enquires made to the MCA for support.
- Council received an overview of the Iroquois Caucus communication plan and agreed to support the plan.
- An overview of Ontario's consultation process and MCA's involvement was provided to Council.
- Council was requested to provide initial feedback on the development of the Child Rights and Responsibilities Law.

- A concern regarding the traffic light at the corner of Brookdale Avenue and Water Street was discussed and will be followed up with the City of Cornwall.
- MCRs passed: Approval of (4) housing upgrade loan(s); Appointment of Executive Committee Members; Appointment and approval of Akwesasne Healing Fund Committee and criteria; Approval of purchase agreement for 2023 Freightliner Chassis Tanker; Approval of agreement with Ontario Health for treatment center; Approval of budget adjustment for Assisted Living 2022; Approval of budget adjustment for STBBI funding; Approval of (3) partnership agreement with St Lawrence River Institute for various environmental projects.

AUGUST 9, 2022, SENATOR BERNADETTE CLEMENT



On the morning of August 9, 2022, I met with Senator Bernadette Clement to discuss her current initiatives as Senator and to provide her with an update on Akwesasne language initiatives. Senator Clement and I discussed the tri-language signage for her Parliament Hill office and the barriers that she is facing to have the tri-language plaque developed and erected. At the meeting on August 9, we also discussed the legislative barriers Akwesasne faces with Quebec Bill 96 and the impacts it has on our ability to serve the community. I also briefed Senator Clement on the status of the Akwesasne Cornwall Harbor Development and current delays and barriers.

AUGUST 10, 2022, CLAIRE ISABELLE RECOGNITION EVENT

On the evening of August 10, 2022, I traveled to Huntingdon Quebec to participate in an appreciation event hosted by Member of Quebec Parliament Claire Isabelle. The event was an opportunity for the municipalities in Mrs. Isabelle's riding to put forward names of individuals who have made recognizable contributions to their community. Over the course of the evening, a representative from each of the municipalities spoke about the individual whom they nominated. The nominees were provided with a certificate of recognition from Claire Isabelle for their exemplary work.

AUGUST 11, 2022, STUDENT BURSARY AWARDS

Over the last several years the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne in partnership with Enbridge Gas and the Bank of Montreal have been sponsoring and hosting a student bursary luncheon recognizing twenty high school graduates from Akwesasne. Representatives from the Bank of Montreal and Enbridge Gas welcomed the recipients and offered words of encouragement for their post-secondary paths. Twenty Akwesasne students were awarded a \$500 bursary check from either Enbridge Gas or the Bank of Montreal.

AUGUST 11, 2022, JAY TREATY PRESENTATION TO INDIGENOUS WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

On the evening of August 11, 2022, I participated in a virtual session with the Indigenous Women in Leadership in Ontario on the Jay Treaty. Following our Jay Treaty Border Alliance lobby and minister meetings I was invited to present to the women's forum on the lobby work we are doing on the Jay Treaty. Grand Chief Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer also participated in the virtual session. Over the course of an hour, we explained what the Jay Treaty was and said and how we

were working with other First Nations to lobby Canada to change entry requirements to accommodate members of U.S Tribal Nations. The forum was attended by approximately six women leaders from various parts of Ontario

AUGUST 12, 2022, CITY OF KINGSTON THIRD CROSSING



On August 12, 2022, I traveled to Kingston to meet with representatives from the City of Kingston regarding the Third Crossing bridge project. Over the last couple of years, I have been in regular contact with the Kingston Third Crossing team regarding the construction of the bridge over the Cataraqui River connecting east Kingston to west Kingston. On the morning of August 12, the Kingston team explained the environmental considerations did on the project, the First Nation engagement and the responses and collaboration being done over the course of the entire project. The Mohawk Nation Council of Chiefs has been involved in the project since the beginning

and has provided valuable input into the project. During the afternoon of August 12, I was provided with a site tour of the bridge and received a detailed explanation of the construction site including the temporary rock bridge constructed to support the project. The Anishinaabe, Haudenosaunee and the Huron-Wendat have traditionally occupied the lands of the third crossing.

AUGUST 12, 2022, ST. LAWRENCE COLLEGE

Following my meeting and site tour of the Third Crossing, I met with the President and CEO of St. Lawrence College to discuss the upcoming governor's meeting and commencement of the 2022/2023 academic year. At the meeting on August 12, the CEO provided me with a briefing on the preparations to be made to mitigate COVID. We also reviewed the proposed committee structure for the upcoming year. The CEO and I discussed the upcoming board schedule and the need to mix the meetings between in-person and virtual.

AUGUST 15, 2022, COUNCIL MEETING UPDATE

- Council identified Chief Francis-Mitchell as next week's meeting chairperson in the Grand Chief's absence.
- The agenda and date for the next General Meeting were set for September 22, 2022, at 6 pm @ the Kawehno:ke Recreation. Council discussed and agreed to a day-long session on Thompson Island to participate in the canoe journey.
- An overview was provided on legal services being offered to members of the community regarding the day school settlement. Additional information will be sought from other communities challenging the process.
- Council was reminded of a land purchase request; information will be recirculated for follow-up.

- A discussion was held at the A'nowara'ko:wa Arena and Council agreed that ice should be put in for the winter season rather than keeping the turf installed all year.
- MCRs passed: Approval of MCA strategic plan; Approval of amendment to Ontario Transfer Payment; Approval of (2) amendments to the Canada/Akwesasne funding agreement; Approval of amendment to 2021 MCA audit for error correction; Approval of appointment of community members to serve as trustees to the Mohawks of Akwesasne Community Settlement Trust.

AUGUST 16, 2022, DESJARDIN

On the morning of August 16, 2022, I met with our investment advisors from Desjardin. The advisors reviewed with me the status of our current investments at Desjardin and explained the stock market changes that have occurred resulting in our investment yielding low to negative returns. The advisors explained to me that they were not going to make modifications to the investment strategy at this time and that the markets should level off in the coming months and that our investments should yield positive returns.

AUGUST 17, 2022, CORNWALL COMMUNITY HOSPITAL



On the morning of August 17, 2022, I attended a press conference at the Cornwall Community Hospital (CCH). Ontario Deputy Premier and Minister of Health Sylvia Jones announced the allocation of \$600,000 to support a safe bed

program in Cornwall. The safe bed program will provide a 30-day crisis placement for residents struggling with mental health and addictions. At the press conference of August 17, I shared in the celebration, provided remarks of support and welcomed the investment in the much-needed service.

AUGUST 18, 2022, CANADA AKWESASNE SELF-GOVERNMENT

On the morning of August 18, 2022, I attended the Canada Akwesasne self-government negotiations. I provided welcoming remarks to Canada and extended my appreciation to the portfolio and Nation Building staff for continuing to keep the negotiations moving forward. Unfortunately, I had to leave the meeting early but participated in the update from Canada and review of the decision record from the last meeting.

AUGUST 18, 2022, INTERVIEW WITH AKWESASNE TV ON INDIAN ACT

On the afternoon of August 18, 2022, I provided Dr. Rose Alma Dolly McDonald and Akwesasne TV with an interview on the Indian Act. Dr. McDonald was working with Akwesasne TV to create an educational video on the Indian Act and the limitations of the Act and its implication to our community. During our 30-minute interview I explained the limitation of the Indian Act in Akwesasne on business development, land management but also spoke about the protections given to our people from the Indian Act.

AUGUST 18, 2022, JAY TREATY BORDER ALLIANCE

On the afternoon of August 18, 2022, I met with Loretta Landmesser from Canada Border Service Agency (CBSA) regarding the planning for a First Nation Leadership and Government of Canada high-level

table on border challenges. Over the last several months since the Jay Treaty Border Alliance Summit and lobby day, we have been working to host a minister meeting with the First Nations. On the call of August 18, we agree that we would continue to work towards a September 30 leadership meeting between First Nations and the Government of Canada.

AUGUST 23, 2022, CHIEFS OF ONTARIO LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

On August 23, 2022, I participated in the monthly Chiefs of Ontario Leadership Council meeting on the zoom platform. The leadership received a presentation from the legal counsel for the Chief of Ontario on the child welfare reform and proposal final settlement agreement. Legal counsel also provided the leadership with an overview of the possibility of becoming an intervener in the Quebec judicial review case on the federal bill C-92. The leadership agreed to file for intervener status in the judicial review bill C-92. The Chiefs of Ontario program directors provided the leadership council with program updates which included provincial school openings, water and climate change, Ontario prosperity table and First Nations Woman's Council terms of reference update. Ontario Deputy Minister Shawn Batise provided an update on Ontario's COVID response and provided an update on the Indian Residential School leadership forum. Dr. Jane Philpott presented on behalf of the Ontario Health Data Council and explained the purpose and function of the council and received feedback.

AUGUST 24, 2022, MEETING WITH GREENGATE POWER

On the morning of August 24, 2022, I met with a representative from Greengate Power to receive information from the representative on the company and to learn more about projects within our traditional

territory. At the meeting on August 24, the representative explained to me that their company was working to submit to the Independent Electricity System Operator to become a preapproved bidder for the construction of battery storage facilities in and around Ontario. Given the possible economic opportunities, I welcomed the representative to keep me updated on their project development and expressed our willingness to keep the lines of communication open.

AUGUST 24, 2022, CORNWALL AKWESASNE HARBOUR

On the evening of August 24, 2022, our Akwesasne Harbour Development Committee and the City of Cornwall Harbour Committee met for dinner to update and discuss the status of the joint project. At the meeting on August 24, we reviewed the current terms of reference for the project manager and agreed that we would continue with the proposed work plan as outlined in the project manager's proposal. The meeting on August 24 was an opportunity for the co-owners of the port lands to discuss the project and our common vision for the joint project.

AUGUST 24, 2022, JAY TREATY MINISTERS PRE-MEETING

The Jay Treaty Border Alliance (JTBA) has been working with the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne to secure a ministerial meeting with Public Safety Canada, Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada and Crown-Indigenous Relations to discuss the Jay Treaty. On August 24, 2022, members of the JTBA met to discuss the tentative meeting with the ministers set for September 30. At the meeting, we reviewed the draft agenda for the meeting and approved the draft. At the meeting on August 24, the members of the JTBA reviewed a draft process being proposed by Akwesasne for the ministerial table. The JTBA members agreed that we would focus on the right of entry as

the number one priority for the high-level table, the JTBA also agreed to the process for the high-level table and subsequent table to support the work.

AUGUST 25, 2022, AKWESASNE TOURISM

On August 25, 2022, I met with representatives from Akwesasne Travel to discuss closer collaboration with the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne and the local municipalities in Eastern Ontario. Earlier in 2022, I had met virtually with South Dundas to discuss collaboration on tourism, while a follow-up meeting was delayed because of the municipal election, we intend to set up a meeting with South Dundas and Akwesasne Tourism soon. At the meeting on August 25, we discussed possible joint meetings with the United Counties of SDG. We also agreed that we would jointly examine non-profit status to support Akwesasne Tourism.

AUGUST 25, 2022, CORNWALL COMMUNITY HOSPITAL RADIOTHON

On the afternoon of August 25, 2022, I provided a live radio interview with Boom 101.9 and 104.5 Fresh Radio as part of the Corus Caring Hearts Radiothon for the cancer unit at the Cornwall Community Hospital (CCH). I spoke about the important services provided at the CCH and how important the radiothon is in assisting with the important community services at CCH.

AUGUST 25, 2022, AKWESASNE MOHAWK POLICE COMMISSION

On the evening of August 25, our council met with commission members for the Akwesasne Mohawk Police Commission, the Chief of Police, and the Deputy Chief. This meeting was our first council to the commission meeting and was an opportunity to receive an update

from the Chief and Deputy Chief on priority files. The Chief of Police and Detective Sargent provided an overview of the powerful street drug methamphetamine and outlined the efforts by the Akwesasne Mohawk Police Service to investigate the drug and those who are trafficking it. At the meeting on August 25, we also discussed how we can support one another to ensure the commission and Council are doing our part to keep the community safe and meeting regularly.

AUGUST 29, 2022, COUNCIL MEETING UPDATE

- The Justice Coordinator and the cannabis law working group provided Council with an overview of changes to the draft Akwesasne Cannabis Law.
- Council discussed a request to hire a lands researcher, the request will be discussed at the OVS committee for possible follow-up.
- A briefing was provided on the possible delays at the US Customs due to budgetary constraints until September 30, 2022. A notice of the community will send out to advise to plan accordingly.
- Council agreed that Council meeting will not be held next week due to the upcoming holiday.
- A briefing was provided on the Jay Treaty Border Alliance's tentative upcoming meeting with the Ministers.
- Council discussed the planning for September 30 and agreed that the MCA would host a community event at the A'nowara'ko:wa Arena.
- The Akwesasne Representative Advocacy Program will work with the City of Cornwall on their event.
- A concern regarding MCA programs supporting families' return to school and families in need was discussed and will be followed up at portfolio.

- Council received a briefing on a concern regarding the inconsistent treatment of Akwesasne members at the Dundee CBSA port of entry. Follow-up will occur with the Quebec regional manager.
- MCRs passed: Approval of 2022 Holiday Closure, Approval of allocation of OLG funds for recreation building repairs; Approval of an amendment to Ontario health agreement; Approval to rescind and replace agreement with Dr. Mailhot-Daye; Approval of funding agreement with Ontario for Akwesasne Go app development; Approval of grant application for Akwesasne business; Approval of funding agreement with Ontario Native Woman's Association.

AUGUST 29, 2022, COMMUNITY TOUR WITH CANADA BORDER SERVICE AGENCY

On the afternoon of August 29, 2022, Chief Vanessa Adams and I met with the new appointment President Erin O'Gorman of the Canada Border Service Agency (CBSA) at the Cornwall Port of Entry. Following a brief introduction at the port of entry with the President she and two other members of her executive team accompanied Chief Vanessa and I on a community tour.

AUGUST 30, 2022, CALL WITH ONTARIO

On the morning of August 30, 2022, I hosted a call with representatives from Ontario Indigenous Affairs regarding their consultation processes. On the call on August 30, I requested clarity from Ontario on engagement organization within the Traditional Territory of the Mohawks of Akwesasne. I had requested this call to better understand Ontario's position on their requirements to engage with Haudenosaunee Development Institute and the geographical region in which the institute is engaged. On the call, it was relayed to

me that Ontario only engages with the institute in the Haldimand Track region.

AUGUST 31, 2022, CUMBERLAND STRATEGIES

On the afternoon of August 31, 2022, portfolio chiefs for Nation Building and I hosted a kickoff call with our recently engaged lobbyist from Cumberland Strategies. On the call of August 31, 2022, our portfolio and I reviewed the action plan for Cumberland Strategies on their efforts to move along the outstanding issues on our Canada Akwesasne self-government negotiations. Our portfolio and I agreed that we would engage Cumberland Strategies to assist the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne. The portfolio and I will meet with the lobbyist bi-weekly to receive an update on the progress.

SEPTEMBER 1, 2022, JAY TREATY ENGAGEMENT PLANNING COMMITTEE

On September 1, 2022, I met with All Professional Consulting to review and plan for an upcoming consultation with Akwesasne, and other First Nation communities affected by the international border. Earlier in the year, the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne submitted a funding proposal to Canada for capacity dollars under Canada's implementation of the United Nations Declaration on Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP). Our submission was to consult with our community and other First Nation communities on the Jay Treaty. Currently, Canada does not recognize the Jay Treaty and we want to host a session on the impacts of Canada not recognizing the Jay Treaty. After a call for proposals was issued, All Professionals was selected to assist the MCA on the project. On September 1, 2022, we met to begin the planning for the consultation process.

SEPTEMBER 2, 2022, MAYOR OF SOUTH GLENGARRY



On the morning of September 2, 2022, I met with the Mayor of South Glengarry Lyle Warden to discuss the current Cairn Island preservation project. Recently Parks Canada announced the ongoing partnership between Parks

Canada, Akwesasne and South Glengarry on the commemoration of Cairn Island. At the meeting on September 2, we also discussed other possible joint initiatives between the township and Akwesasne. Lyle will be seeking re-election on October 24 for the position of Mayor for South Glengarry.

SEPTEMBER 2, 2022, GREAT LAKES AND ST. LAWRENCE CITIES INITIATIVE

On the morning of September 2, 2022, I hosted a call with Policy Director for the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Initiative. The call on September 2 was an introductory call for the director to explain what his organization does and how they support the communities around the Great Lakes. The Director explained to me that their organization was supported by the 170 city members, and they support the members on advocacy and collaborate to advance solutions that promote coastal resilience and adaptation, safeguard the quality of our freshwater resources, ensure that residents have access to affordable and safe potable water and develop a sustainable blue economy across the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence River basin. The director invited me to the next quarterly meeting of the members to listen in on the discussion and to consider becoming a member.

SEPTEMBER 5, 2022, COUNCIL MEETING

No Council Meeting occurred on September 5, 2022

SEPTEMBER 9, 2022, JAY TREATY BORDER ALLIANCE PLANNING MEETING

On the afternoon of September 9, 2022, I hosted a call with the Director of the Indigenous Affairs Secretariat for Canada Border Service Agency. Over the last several months I have been working with other First Nation leadership to host an in-person meeting with the Minister of Public Safety Canada, the Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations and the Minister of Immigration Refugee and Citizenship to discuss border challenges faced by our people. On September 9, I received an update from the director on the plans to host the in-person meeting on September 30.

SEPTEMBER 9, 2022, CBSA BORDER COLLABORATION INITIATIVE INTERNAL MEETING

On the afternoon of September 9, 2022, I hosted a call with the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne Border Collaboration Initiative (CBI) Chiefs committee to plan for an upcoming Canada Border Agency (CBSA) Akwesasne Leadership meeting. On the call of September 9, 2022, we received the previous year's workplan and identified initiatives that we would recommend to CBSA continue the workplan for another year. We also identified pre-clearance, Port of Dundee, and Cornwall operational issues as three other tables for the BCI Leadership table to consider.

SEPTEMBER 10, 2022, FIELD AND FEAST

On the evening of September 10, 2022, I was invited to Spring Field Farm in Apple Hill for Field and Feast 2022. The evening was hosted

by Eleanor and Finbarr McGrath. This event brought together two Indigenous chefs and one Scottish chef to sever up a nine-course meal followed by an evening of entertainment.

SEPTEMBER 12, 2022, COUNCIL MEETING

No Council meeting occurred on September 12, 2022.

SEPTEMBER 12, 2022, CBSA BORDER COLLABORATION INITIATIVE



On September 12, 2022, we welcomed the new Canada Border Service Agency (CBSA) President Erin O'Gorman to Akwesasne. President O'Gorman travelled to Akwesasne to participate in the Akwesasne, CBSA Border Collaboration Initiative (BCI) Leadership table. We discussed our BCI priority areas for the upcoming year and our shared interest in ensuring together we mitigate delays, challenges and barriers faced by Akwesasne members having to cross through Canadian Customs. The President expressed her commitment to the BCI table and to working closely with Akwesasne to find solutions.

SEPTEMBER 13, 2022, WOLINAK ABENAKI FIRST NATION

On September 13, 2022, I traveled with Chief Edward Roundpoint to Wolinak Abenaki First Nation to further our conversation with the investment and management team at the Wolinak Grand Casino. Previously Chief Dwayne Thomas and I had visited the community. At the meeting on September 13th, we discussed the governance and licensing model used by Wolinak for the regulation and operation of the casino. We also discussed the position of the Quebec government and its relationship with the community.

SEPTEMBER 14, 2022, ONTARIO EAST ONTARIO EAST MUNICIPAL CONFERENCE



On the morning of September 14, 2022, I provided welcoming remarks to the participants of the Ontario East Municipal Conference (OEMC) at the Dev Hotel and Conference Center in the City of Cornwall. During my remarks, I reminded the participants of the need to work jointly and support local First Nation communities and respect the

environmental concerns of the communities and learn from the best practices of leading cities in the region.

SEPTEMBER 14, 2022, DEVCORE GROUP

On September 14, 2022, Chief Edward and I met with the CEO and President of DevCore Group Jean Pierre Poulin regarding the development of the former Nav Canada site in Cornwall. At the meeting on September 14th, we received an update on the redevelopment of Nav Canada and the plans to develop the

waterfront and build a hotel, marina, and casino. We agreed that DevCore would present to our Council on the development project and discuss joint development opportunities.

SEPTEMBER 14, 2022, BLOCK ONE INTERNAL MEETING

On the afternoon of September 14, 2022, Chief Vanessa Adams and I met with the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne, a block one internal working group to receive an update on the block one project. At the meeting of September 14, MCA legal Counsel explained the process that was going to be used for the allocation of the block one lands and the process going to be used by the MCA to allow for the community to provide input and feedback on the allocations. The public posting process will allow the community to receive more information and hopefully limit the possibility of disputes.

SEPTEMBER 15, 2022, UNITED WAY OF SDG AND AKWESASNE

On the morning of September 15, 2022, I attended the annual United Way of SDG and Akwesasne breakfast kickoff fundraiser at the Cornwall Legion. The Board Chair for Cornwall United Way welcomed the participants and provided a brief overview of the previous year's successes and challenges for the organization. Following the welcoming remarks, a member of the board facilitated a panel discussion with individuals who have struggled with poverty or individuals who support members of the community that struggle with poverty.

SEPTEMBER 16, 2022, FIRST NATIONS DATA CHAMPION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

On September 16, 2022, I participated in a First Nations Data Champion Advisory Committee meeting in Toronto. The Director of

Research and Data Management for the Chiefs of Ontario provided the committee with an update on the funding submission made to First Nations Information Governance Center (FNIGC) to support the Ontario Chiefs' data center development. Following the updates, the committee reviewed the application requirements of the FNIGC and discussed the current posting for the director to lead the Ontario Chiefs data center development. The committee discussed the current funding requirements needed to support the development of the data center. The committee agreed to provide an update to the chief at the upcoming Chiefs of Ontario Special Chiefs Assembly in November.

SEPTEMBER 19, 2022, COUNCIL MEETING UPDATE

- A representative from the Canoe Procurement Group of Canada provided Council with an overview of the services provided by Canoe and the benefits of being a member.
- The Aboriginal Rights and Research Manager, a representative from Welsh LLP and Gowlings BLG, provided Council with a presentation on the tax consideration for the development of a Limited Partnership (LP), and a Trust. Portfolio will review and provide recommendations for the next steps.
- Council identified Chief Thomas as next week's chair in the Grand Chiefs' absence.
- A briefing was provided at a recent CBSA Akwesasne Leadership meeting whereby next year's work plan priorities have been developed.
- Council received an update and next steps on an ongoing land dispute regarding a roadway.

- An overview was provided of recent conversations and development opportunities with the DevCore group regarding the former NavCentre in Cornwall. A presentation will be forthcoming.
- A draft agenda was developed for an upcoming meeting with Kahnawake and Kanesatake taking place in the coming weeks.
- MCRs passed: Approval of assignment of lease Thompson Island; Approval of (2) lease Ross Island; Approval of lease Thompson Island; Approval of issuance of cannabis cultivation license; Approval of amendment to health LHIN agreement; Approval of Ontario Health allocation agreement; Approval of service contract with doctor for Tsiionkwanonhso:te; Approval in principal Akwesasne Cannabis Law for phase III consultation; Approval of service contract with doctor for clinical services; Approval to proceed with membership services of Canoe Procurement Group of Canada.

SEPTEMBER 19, 2022, NEW YORK STATE CLAIM

On September 19, 2022, our internal New York State land claim negotiating team met with the court-appointed mediator to prepare for an upcoming plaintiff's meeting. We provided the mediator with an update on behalf of the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne and received an update from the mediator on the progress being made on the overall mediation.

SEPTEMBER 20, 2022, ST. LAWRENCE COLLEGE BOARD MEETING

On the morning of September 20, 2022, I participated in the monthly St. Lawrence College Board of Governors meeting. My morning began at the Academic Committee where the members elected a new chair for the committee and reviewed and accepted the terms of reference for the committee. The committee received an update on the

regularly scheduled institutional audit for program quality and assurance. Following the committee meeting, I chaired the open session of the full board. The board received a monthly report from the President and CEO of St. Lawrence College. Members of the board subcommittees provided updates and reports from the committees and requested various motions to support their work. Once all the reports and motions were received, the board went into “in-camera” to discuss items not available to the public.

SEPTEMBER 21, 2022, NEW YORK STATE LAND CLAIM

On September 21, 2022, I traveled to Malone New York to participate in the New York land claim plaintiff's session. As part of our ongoing settlement negotiations for the New York Claim, the Mohawk plaintiffs have been working together to ensure that our full session with the state and counties is productive. The session of September 21 was facilitated by the court-appointed mediator.

SEPTEMBER 21, 2022, JAY TREATY ENGAGEMENT

On the afternoon of September 21, 2022, I hosted a call project update call with All Professional consulting services to receive an update on the Jay Treaty engagement session. On the call on September 21, we reviewed the PowerPoint presentation going to be used at the Akwesasne engagement session, and the presentation going to be presented to our Council. Following this updated meeting we scheduled a presentation to our council ahead of the community engagement session scheduled for October.

SEPTEMBER 22, 2022, CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF EASTERN ONTARIO



On the morning of September 22, 2022, I was invited to attend a banner raising event at Cornwall Lamoureux Park to mark the upcoming National Day of Truth and Reconciliation. The Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario organized the event to raise awareness of the September 30th National Day of Truth and Reconciliation. Following the banner raising, I provided remarks and extended my appreciation to the school board for helping create awareness of the residential school era.

SEPTEMBER 22, 2022, GENERAL MEETING

On the evening of September 22, 2022, our Council hosted our monthly General Meeting at the Kawehno:ke Recreation Center. The agenda included a presentation on the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne 2021-2024 Strategic Plan, a presentation on the opening of the MCA detox center, and an update on the MCA justice legislative priorities

for 2022/2023. Following the presentations, we took questions from the community member present. The General Meeting was held in a hybrid format. The entire recording of the meeting can be found at: <https://youtu.be/D-M-2cH2Xs>. The next General Meeting will occur at the Kana:takon Recreation on October 27, 2022.

SEPTEMBER 26, 2022, TRANSPORT CANADA

On the afternoon of September 26, 2022, I hosted a call with Marc-Olivier Ranger from Transport Canada regarding the Seaway International Bridge Corporation. On the call on September 26, I discussed with Marc the current discriminatory practices of the SIBC concerning the issuance of bridge passes for Mohawk Council of Akwesasne employees.

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SEPTEMBER 27, 2022, ASSEMBLY OF FIRST NATION 2022 NATIONAL CLIMATE GATHERING

On September 26, 2022, I traveled to Fredericton New Brunswick to participate in the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) 2022 National Climate Gathering. In the morning session of the 27th the assembly received welcoming remarks from the AFN Regional Chief Kluane Adamek on behalf of the AFN. Regional Chief Adamek explained the importance of collaboration to combat climate change, but also reiterate the urgency to act now. Following the welcoming remarks by the Regional Chief and the Chief of St. Mary First Nation, the chair for the assembly outlined the format for the three-day session. Elder and keynote speaker Albert Marshall presented to the assembly the advocacy happening in the east to bring awareness to climate change. Elder Albert explained that advocacy in Cape Breton was not always easy and the recent assertion of Aboriginal Rights has brought too many of the Mi'kmaq issues with natural resources and

environmental issues. During the afternoon of each day concurring sessions were taking place on a variety of issues sounding the environment, including, Climate Action Solutions on Accessibility and Disability Inclusion, creating a Robust Climate Test for Impact Assessments and First Nations facing flooding in Canada. The second morning included a recap of the first day's sessions followed by a panel discussion with the youth on climate change and climate action. Unfortunately, I was unable to attend the third day due to prior commitments back in Akwesasne.

SEPTEMBER 27, 2022, ALGONQUINS OF PIKWAKANAGAN

On the morning of September 27, 2022, I was invited to present a request for information to the Chief and Council of the Algonquins of Pikwakanagan. Through our ongoing discussion with Transport Canada on the surplus lands, the Canada Lands Company (CLC) indicated they have a partnership with the Algonquins of Pikwakanagan. On September 27, 2022, I explained to the Chief and Council that Akwesasne was exploring a partnership with the CLC, and I was undertaking due diligence. The Chief and Council shared some information with me on their interactions with the CLC but also referred me to the negotiator for the Algonquins of Ontario.

SEPTEMBER 28, 2022, MOHAWK COUNCIL OF AKWESASNE SELF-GOVERNMENT

On the afternoon of September 28, 2022, I hosted a call with Mohawk Council of Akwesasne legal counsel Micha Menczer to discuss the Akwesasne – Canada self-government negotiations. On the call on September 28, I discussed the outstanding issues on the self-government file and discussed our strategy for moving forward. Micha informed me that he had decided to retire effective March 1,

2023, from the Akwesasne file and his legal practice. Micha has been with MCA for over forty years.

SEPTEMBER 29, 2022, COUNCILOR JUSTIN TOWNDALE

On the morning of September 29, 2022, I met with City of Cornwall councilor Justin Towndale. I met with Towndale to learn more about his campaign platform to become the Mayor of Cornwall. At the meeting on September 29, we further discuss partnership opportunities and current barriers to progress.

SEPTEMBER 29, 2022, AKWESASNE CITY OF CORNWALL CO-OWNERS MEETING

On the morning of September 29, 2022, I attended the Cornwall Akwesasne Harbor owners meeting at the civic complex. At the meeting on September 29, the committee received and accepted a report on a new gate installation, a report on the geotechnical study, and a draft environmental update. The owners agree to procure a new sign and have it installed at the port lands indicating the partnership.

SEPTEMBER 29, 2022, GREAT LAKES ST. LAWRENCE SEAWAY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION



On the morning of September 29, 2022, I was invited to the Great Lakes St. Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation visiting center in Massena New York on Barnhart Island to share a few opening remarks on the groundbreaking of a new visiting center. Master of Ceremony Craig Middlebrook the Deputy Administrator of the Great Lakes St. Lawrence Seaway Development welcomed the guests and introduced U.S Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg and Deputy Secretary of Transport Polly Trottenberg. The Secretary and Deputy Secretary provided remarks about the welcoming center and extended appreciation to Massena and the counties for their support for the new visiting center. During my welcoming remarks, I extended my appreciation and congratulations on the new center, but also reminded the secretary and other dignitaries of the importance of engagement with Akwesasne and environmental collaboration.

SEPTEMBER 29, 2022, HEALING AND RECONCILIATION

On the afternoon of September 29, 2022, I attended a healing and reconciliation prayer service at Generations Park hosted by the St. Regis Catholic Church. At the prayer services, I was asked to provide a few opening remarks about the importance of the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation and the recent apology from the Pope for the church's role in the residential schools.

SEPTEMBER 30, 2022, NATIONAL DAY OF TRUTH AND



RECONCILIATION

On the morning of September 30, 2022, I attended a traditional opening Cornwall Akwesasne Harbor. ACC Futures, our project manager, had organized the opening to commemorate the National Day of Truth

and Reconciliation.

SEPTEMBER 30, 2022, MUNICIPAL OFFICES OF SOUTH DUNDAS

Following the opening at the port lands, I attended Every Child Matter flag-raising event at the municipal offices of South Dundas. Before the flag was raised, I thanked the municipality for their



commemoration of the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation and explained the importance of the national day and the importance of supporting and uplifting the survivors and remembering the children who passed.

SEPTEMBER 30, 2022, LAMOUREAUX PARK

On the afternoon of September 30, 2022, I attended the National Day of Truth of Reconciliation bench commemoration at Lamoureux Park in the City of Cornwall. Prior to the unveiling of the orange every child matter park bench I provided opening remarks to the people gathered in the park.

