

# ONKWE'TÀ:KE

THE MOHAWK COUNCIL OF AKWESASNE NEWSLETTER

Volume 14 Issue 5

FREE

Onerahtóhko:wa/May 2025

## IN THIS ISSUE:

RED DRESS DAY  
2025: HONOURING  
MMIWG2S+

AKWESASNE  
DOG LAW 101

LACROSSE PRO VISITS  
AMS GRADE 6-8  
STUDENTS

JORDAN'S PRINCIPLE -  
AKWESASNE FAQ'S

DOH ANNOUNCES  
SATURDAY CLINICS AT  
KMC

AMPS POLICE WEEK  
EVENT SCHEDULE



## IROQUOIS CAUCUS SIGNS HISTORIC NATION-TO-NATION TRADE & COMMERCE AGREEMENT



*On April 24, 2025, the elected leaders of six Haudenosaunee communities have signed the Nation-to-Nation Trade and Commerce Protocol Agreement, strengthening inter-nation partnerships within the Iroquois Caucus and revitalizing traditional trade. Read more on page 4.*

## UPCOMING MCA MEETINGS & SPECIAL DATES:

### MAY GENERAL MEETING

May 29, 2025 · 6 p.m.

Tsi Snaihne Recreation Center

The MCA General Meeting will be a hybrid event (in-person and virtual).

To receive the Zoom link, please email  
[meetings@akwesasne.ca](mailto:meetings@akwesasne.ca)



MOHAWK COUNCIL OF AKWESASNE 2024-2027

- Grand Chief Leonard Lazore
- Kana:takon District Chief Fallon David, Chief Cindy Francis-Mitchell, Chief Theresa Jacobs, Chief Teresa Oakes
- Kawehno:ke District Chief Vanessa Adams, Chief Lisa Francis-Benedict, Chief Lacey Pierce, Chief Vince Thompson
- Tsi Snaihne District Chief Scott Peters, Chief Tesha Rourke, Chief Sarah Lee Sunday-Diabo, Chief JoAnn Swamp
- Administration Shannon Roundpoint A/Executive Director, Heather Phillips Director, Dept. of Finance & Administration, Leslie Papineau Director, Dept. of Infrastructure, Housing & Environment, Cactus Cook Sunday Director, Dept. of Justice, Valerie Cree-Cook A/Director, Dept. of Community & Social Services, Tessa Jocko A/Director, Department of Health, Donna Lahache Director, Ahkwesahsne Mohawk Board of Education, Ranatiostha Swamp A/Chief of Police/Director, Dept. of Public Safety, Kylee Tarbell Director, Dept. of Economic Development

WAT'KWANONHWERA:TON/GREETINGS

She:kon and welcome to the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne’s community newsletter, Onkwe’tà:ke, which means “For the people.” The primary goal of this publication is to deliver MCA’s news and updates straight into the hands of community members. Should you wish to stay connected in other ways, the following channels are provided:

- Contact: If you have any questions about MCA departments and services, please email info@akwesasne.ca or call 613-575-2250.
- E-newsletter: Register for a weekly e-newsletter delivered straight to your email inbox. It’s a great way to quickly stay up to date! Sign up by visiting www.akwesasne.ca/signup.
- Social Media: Visit us on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and Snapchat!
- Mobile/Cell Text Alerts: Receive urgent or important messages right to your cell phone. Sign up by visiting www.akwesasne.ca/textalerts.
- Website: News and general information can be found on our website at www.akwesasne.ca. This includes job postings and Council contact information.
- Local Media: Find our news and information in Akwesasne’s long-serving local media, CKON 97.3 Radio.

FIVE THINGS OUR MONTHLY LIST OF FACTS, REMINDERS & IMPORTANT MESSAGES

- The MCA Department of Health is reminding the community and former patients of the Akwesasne Dental Clinic that a Dental Clinic Transition Coordinator is now available to support you during the transition to new dental services until May 17, 2025. More information available on page 5.
- Boating season is right around the corner! Let the Akwesasne Justice Department assist you with registering your boat, watercraft or ATV. More information about proper documentation, registration fee’s, and more are available on page 12. If you have any questions, please contact the Justice Department at 613-575-2250 ext. 2240.
- The Kawehno:ke Medical Clinic now offers Saturday clinics from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The Saturday clinics will be a blend of same-day and follow-up appointments in 30-minute increments. More information is available on page 21. To view the medical clinic calendars for the month, please visit www.akwesasne.ca/medical-clinics.
- Are you passionate about Akwesasne’s future? MCA’s Nation Building Program is looking for one youth community member to join the Entewatathá:wi Communications Working Group – a team that helps shape our Self-Government Agreement and how we share that journey with the community. View page 22 for more details and how to apply!
- Join the MCA team! The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne is now hiring for a variety of roles across multiple sectors. From healthcare to leadership and program support, your next opportunity to make a difference starts here. Ready to take the next step? Explore our open positions at www.akwesasne.ca/employment.

NEWS

RED DRESS DAY 2025: HONOURING MMIWG2S+

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne stands in solidarity with communities across Canada in recognizing Red Dress Day, held annually on May 5 as a day of remembrance and action in honour of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, and Two-Spirited People (MMIWG2S+). Red Dress Day brings visibility to the deep injustices and violence faced by Indigenous women, girls, and 2SLGBTQ+ individuals. This crisis has touched every First Nations community and continues to leave lasting pain and trauma in its wake. We honour the lives lost, the families left behind, and the voices that continue to call for justice.

We recognize that this is not only a crisis, but a deeply rooted issue that calls for continued action, accountability, and change. The violence faced by Indigenous women, girls, and Two-Spirited people has been ongoing for generations and must not be ignored. Their lives matter, and their memories must fuel meaningful change.

As a community, we are committed to truth, justice, and healing. We encourage Akwesasronon to take time on Red Dress Day to reflect, participate, and raise awareness. Wear red, hang a red dress, attend a local event, and stand with the families who carry this pain every day.

The MCA also encourages Akwesasronon to participate in the community display by the Akwesasne Family Wellness Program (AFWP), beginning on Friday, May 2, 2025. This display will remain in place through the month of May, depending on the weather. Families who wish to contribute to the MMIP visual display are invited to take part. Banners were available for families to honour their loved ones in a personal and meaningful way—through photos, words, or names. Community members are also welcome to bring a red dress to hang.

The display will be set up on the grounds of the basketball courts and along Akwesasne International Road.

Together, we remember. Together, we rise.



MMIP display in the District of Kawehno:ke at the basketball courts along Akwesasne International Road and throughout the community.





NEWS

IROQUOIS CAUCUS SIGNS HISTORIC NATION-TO-NATION  
TRADE & COMMERCE AGREEMENT



The elected representatives of six Haudenosaunee communities have officially signed the Nation-to-Nation Trade and Commerce Protocol Agreement, marking a significant step in revitalizing traditional trade relationships and strengthening inter-nation partnerships within the Iroquois Caucus.

The agreement brings together the Six Nations of the Grand River, Mohawks of Akwesasne, Mohawks of Kahnawa:ke, Mohawks of Kanehsata:ke, Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte, and the Oneida Nation of the Thames under a shared mandate to collaborate on economic development, trade, and nation-building efforts rooted in Haudenosaunee values and the inherent right to self-determination.

This historic agreement affirms the signatories' commitment to:

- Identify and support mutually beneficial trade opportunities;
- Share knowledge, resources, and best practices;
- Promote educational and workforce exchanges;
- Respect the sovereignty, jurisdiction, and traditions of each community;

- Conduct trade consistent with the spirit of the Two Row Wampum, working together in unity, peace, and friendship.

The Iroquois Caucus Trade Alliance, formed through this agreement, will serve as a vehicle for advancing economic sovereignty and cooperative development among Haudenosaunee Nations — ensuring a fair and equitable approach to trade and prosperity for current and future generations.

Following the signing, leaders participated in a traditional exchange of goods representing their respective communities. This meaningful gesture symbolized their gratitude, commitment to trade and cultural revitalization, and the enduring relationships among sister communities across the Confederacy.

"This agreement reflects our shared commitment to build a stronger future for our people by working together in the spirit of peace, unity, and mutual respect," said Grand Chief Leonard Lazore of the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne. "Through this partnership, we are restoring traditional trade pathways and creating new opportunities for growth and prosperity across the Haudenosaunee Confederacy."

The agreement acknowledges the historic and ongoing presence of the Haudenosaunee across both sides of the international border and recognizes that the right to trade and conduct commerce is an inherent and protected right of Indigenous Nations.

By entering into this agreement, the signatory communities reaffirm their dedication to supporting Indigenous-led economic development, strengthening inter-nation relationships, and upholding the responsibilities to their citizens, lands, and future generations.

NEWS

DENTAL CLINIC TRANSITION COORDINATOR  
ISSUES UPDATE TO THE COMMUNITY

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the Akwesasne Dental Clinic had to permanently close as of April 14, 2025. In that time, the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne's Department of Health's Dental Clinic Transition Coordinator, Thresea Adams, has been diligent in easing the transition of Akwesasne Dental Clinic clients to new dental service providers for whatever needs they required.

The Dental Clinic Transition Coordinator will conclude her role on **May 17, 2025**.

For future dental appointments and emergencies, please consider the following alternative clinic:

- Cornwall Dental Arts: 613-932-2058

- Dentistry @ Cornwall: 613-933-0030
- Dr. Paul Dental: 613-938-1010
- True Smile Denture Clinic: 613-344-0888

If any Akwesasne Dental Clinic clients need access to their dental records, please call 613-935-5555 or email [info@cornwallspecialtydental.com](mailto:info@cornwallspecialtydental.com).

Patient record transfers will take approximately two to three weeks to process. Urgent requests from patients experiencing pain will be prioritized, followed by those with scheduled appointments.

Thank you for your patience and understanding during this transition period.

DFA WELCOMES ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION SERVICES



The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne's Department of Finance & Administration is pleased to announce Andrew Francis as the new Associate Director of Information Services.

Andrew, a proud Akwesasronon, brings nearly two decades of experience within the organization.

His journey with Information Services began in the summer of 2006 as a student intern with the then Computer Services unit. After completing his Bachelor's degree, Andrew returned home in 2009 and continued his path with MCA, officially becoming a full-time Computer Technician in 2012.

Over the years, Andrew has contributed to major modernization projects that have helped transform MCA's digital infrastructure. In 2016, he joined the Department of Health Administration, where he played a key role in

implementing an Electronic Medical Records system and led efforts in policy development, capacity building, and establishing frameworks for data governance, privacy, and security.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, Andrew supported the department's transition to remote work which ensured the continuity of care and communication during unprecedented times.

Andrew shared, "As I embrace this next chapter, I remain grateful for the many mentors, colleagues, and departments I've worked with; and I look forward to continuing to build strong, forward-thinking innovations that support the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne's mission."

Andrew's career has been defined by dedication, strategic thinking, and a passion for community service. His experience, deep knowledge of MCA operations, and leadership skills make him a valuable asset to the DFA team.

Please join us in congratulating Andrew Francis on his new role!



# COUNCIL AND MOHAWK GOVERNMENT

## COUNCIL WEEKLY MEETING REPORT

SUBMITTED BY: GRAND CHIEF LEONARD LAZORE



April 7, 2025

### Discussion Items:

- Orange Shirt Day (deferred from Monday, March 31): Council discussed creating an internal committee and then reaching out to the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe to organize an Orange Shirt Day.
- Cornwall Truth and Reconciliation Plan: Council discussed Cornwall hiring a consultant that will be planning a truth and reconciliation event. This consultant is asking us for input about what we think is most important to include for this event to capture the full picture of First Nations experiences.
- Snye Firemen Meeting: Council discussed the meeting with the fireman last week and how they want a new building for safety, efficiency and effectiveness.
- Electronic Signature: Council discussed adding electronic signature software to all cheques.
- Right to Play: Council discussed the cooperation agreement fund-

- ing email sent to council.
- Longhouse Treaty: Council discussed the Mohawk Nation Longhouse meeting on the Jay treaty and FASFA.
- Youth Wellness Hub Ontario (YWHO): Council discussed YWHO meeting logistics.
- Land Claims Agreement: Council discussed an amendment made by The Mohawk Council on the Land Claims Case.
- Discussion Items: Council discussed changing the structure of discussion items on the agenda.
- Border and Tariffs Strategy Meeting: Council discussed the agenda for the Border and Tariffs Strategy meeting (March 8).
- MCR Petitions: Council discussed asking the Justice Program for an update on an MCR regarding the petition process.
- City of Cornwall Meeting: Council would like to plan a meeting with Cornwall's Council.
- Governance Committee Meeting: Council discussed the terms of reference for the Governance Committee.

### Presentations:

- Anti-Human Trafficking by S. Francis-Herne and J. Van Hooser, AFWP

**MCRs:** *Renewal of Legal Counsel Services Agreement, BMO 'On-Reserve Housing Program', Four Up-*

*grade Applications, AMBE Bus Purchase*

April 14, 2025

### Discussion Items:

- Iroquois Caucus Agenda: Council Discussed the Iroquois Caucus agenda.
- IFN Quarterly Meeting: The Grand Chief assigned District Chief Vanessa Adams as proxy.
- General Meeting Agenda – April 24: Council discussed the upcoming General Meeting agenda.
- Ottawa U Cohort – May 1: The Executive Director requested Chief representation at the Ottawa U Cohort event.
- Spring Clean Up: Council Discussed the upcoming spring cleanup event within community.
- Memo from Lawyer: Council discussed the memo received by MCA's lawyer regarding petitions.

### Presentations:

- Strategic Plan Update by Acting Executive Director
- Devcore Update by Director of Economic Development

**MCRs:** *Ministry of the Attorney General Prosecution Pilot Program Funding; Updated 2024-2027 Council Portfolio and Committee Listings; Oversight Committee on Legislative Development Tsi Snaihne Rep.; Indigenous Institutes Facilities Renewal Program (IIFRP) Grant; Transfer Pay-*

# COUNCIL AND MOHAWK GOVERNMENT

*ment Agreement for Literacy & Basic Skills (LBS) Program; Indigenous Institutes Independent Program Development (IIIPD) Grant; Akwesasne Community Healing and Wellness Fund*

April 28, 2025

### Discussion Items:

- Double Booking: Council discussed meeting schedule issues.
- Follow up from SRMT meeting: Council discussed the recent SRMT quarterly meeting.
- Quakers Request: Council discussed a group named Quakers, that visited Akwesasne from Philadelphia. They are asking if Akwesasne wants to be the last stop for them before they go into Canada.
- Strategic Plan Next Steps: Council discussed the next steps of the MCA Strategic Plan.
- Youth Council: Council discussed the utilization of the Youth Council.
- Harbour Master – Layoff: Council

discussed the Port Master of the Portland's in Cornwall employment status.

- Student Support – The Hill Academy: Council discussed supporting a student at The Hill Academy.
- Right to Play Flow Through: Council discussed making a sponsorship letter for this company that is requesting MCA to be a flow through.
- AMS Youth Council: Council was updated on the Youth Council for AMS.
- IC Update: Council discussed the recent Iroquois Caucus meeting that hosted the signing of the Iroquois Caucus Trade Agreement.
- General Meeting: Council discussed creating a part two for the previous unfinished General Meeting.

### Presentations:

- NutField Tract Update /Enbridge Presentation by Theresa Benedict, ARRO and Melanie Green,

Enbridge. Enbridge provided the Council with an update on the Glendale Community Expansion Project. Project estimated to be commenced in 2026.

**MCRs:** *Allotment – Lot 97-3-5 Cornwall Island; Allotment - Lot 97-3-11 Cornwall Island; Allotment – Lot 97-3-12 Cornwall Island; Allotment – Lot 231 Cornwall Island; Allotment Lot 306 Cornwall Island; Permit Lot 6-5-1 Clark Island; Ministry of Health, Ontario Child and Youth Mental Health (CYMH); Resignation of Youth Council Member; Trust Distribution – 2025 Projects; Building Rental; Parks Canada, MCA Contribution Agreement; ISC Amendment No. 160 to Funding Agreement No. 1920-ON-000024; Council Meeting Minutes – February 10, 2025; Council Meeting Minutes – February 24, 2025; Council Meeting Minutes – March 10, 2025; Council Meeting Minutes – March 17, 2025; Council Meeting Minutes – March 24, 2025; Emergency Council Meeting Minutes - March 27, 2025; Council Meeting Minutes – March 31, 2025*



## MCA COMMUNITY MEETINGS

### DISTRICT MEETINGS

MAY  
12

**KANA:TAKON, TSI SNAIHNE, & KAWEHNO:KE DISTRICT MEETING**  
DISTRICT RECREATION CENTERS • 6 PM

JUN.  
23

**KANA:TAKON, TSI SNAIHNE, & KAWEHNO:KE DISTRICT MEETING**  
DISTRICT RECREATION CENTERS • 6 PM

### GENERAL MEETINGS

MAY  
29

**GENERAL MEETING**  
TSI SNAIHNE RECREATION CENTER • 6 PM

JUN.  
26

**GENERAL MEETING**  
KANA:TAKON RECREATION CENTER • 6 PM

\*Please note: scheduled meeting dates are subject to change. Community members can find updates through the MCA Facebook page and 97.3 CKON Radio.

Council encourages community members to attend the monthly district and general meetings to receive updates and information. If you have any questions regarding these meetings, please do not hesitate to contact the Mohawk Government Office at 613-575-2250.



# COUNCIL AND MOHAWK GOVERNMENT

## KANA:TAKON DISTRICT CHIEF CINDY FRANCIS-MITCHELL UPDATES



### Portfolios:

Akwesasne Justice Department,  
Akwesasne Rights & Research Office  
(ARRO), Government Secretariat, Nation  
Building

### Selected Committees:

CBSA, Executive, Finance, Governance,  
Green Team, Beautification, Waterways,  
Hydro Québec

### MONTHLY NOTABLES

(All Council, District, General Meetings)

- Kana:takon District Meeting was held, we had quite a few members attend and had good conversations on the rumble strips, speeding traffic/signage, clean-up, abandoned home, beach project and held a discussion on Devcore and areas that they want Akwesasne to work with them to partner up on projects.
- Participated and volunteered with the St. Regis Recreation & Elders Club Bingo evening on March 28, 2025. An adult Easter Egg Hunt on April 18, 2025, and Children's Easter Bingo April 19, 2025. Adults played bingo at new bingo scheduled for Kana:takon, children played bingo and adults got to be the kid by doing an Easter egg hunt. Nia:wen for all the awesome activities that are an ongoing collaboration with the Elders, great prizes from sponsors, delicious food and most of all great company.
- Hydro Quebec scheduled a power outage on April 26, 2025, from 8 a.m. – 2 p.m. to repair power lines.

**March 31, 2025: All Council Meeting 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. (Admin. 1)**

**April 1, 2025: Borders Partnership Meeting: 10 a.m. (via Zoom) CBSA, U.S. Port, SRMT, MCA & MNC** — Ongoing updates on issues from Border partners, TSA travel documents accepted after May 7, 2025, implementation of REAL ID accepted for domestic travel, Canadian provincial drivers' licenses or Indian and Northern Affairs Canada card will be accepted, tariff discussion and its impacts.

**Eneithihswanon:nwa Working Task Group 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. (OPG Visitors Center)** — Agenda: Review the document with Legal, set meeting objectives for consultation with community. We were to have another review with Kanien'keha speaker to review the Mohawk content, but that will be rescheduled to another date for completion.

**OPG/MCA Partnership Meeting 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. (A'nowara'ko:wa Arena)** — Agenda: Welcome, Ohén:ton Karihwatéhkwén, review agenda, Economic Development presentation (rescheduled) review and accept minutes from December 11, 2024, review outstanding action items, Joint Steering Committee, Contracting/Employment/Supply Chain Event planning, Akwesasne and OPG community updates, employment/contracting update, update Corporate Citizenship Program Activity, update Capacity Building Funding Activity Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) update, OPG Outreach and Awareness Update, Visitor Centre Usage, other and closing. Always great to see our partners and extend a niawenhko:wa to Natalie J. for always ensuring that we have the best meetings.

**April 2, 2025 – Beautification/Waterways/Green Team Committee: 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.** — Agenda: Northern Landscapes: District sign maintenance, letter from community member regarding clean-up of church area regarding flowers, MCA-St. Lawrence Cemetery, St. Regis Point signage, abandoned homes, food forestry, water signage, actions items for follow up delegated to those attending.

**April 2 & 3, 2025 – AFN National Justice Forum: Virtual Forum (Vancouver, BC)** — Opening Prayer – Knowledge Keeper Sheryl Rivers, 12:05 p.m., Co-Facilitator introductions and virtual housekeeping, Alec Dan, Deanna George, Calling of Witnesses, AFN welcoming remarks: AFN BC Regional Chief Terry, Q&A - Kory Wilson British Columbia First Nations

Justice Council, discussion areas include jurisdiction for First Nations laws, legislative drafting and revitalizing legal traditions, adjudication of First Nations Laws, enforcement of First Nations Laws and legal orders. Laws are integral part of FN ceremonies, customs, treaties, self-determination, revitalization, law making, adjudication and enforcement of laws are an ongoing part of self-government.

**April 3, 2025 – ARRO: Ancestors Reburial on Fort Chambly: 9:30 a.m. (Virtual)** — History: Coteau-du-Lac National Historical Site Overview - Located approximately 50 KM south of Montreal, indigenous burial sites yielded significant discoveries relevant to the cultural heritage of Akwesasne. Agenda: Reburial on Parks Canada administered lands as close as possible to the original burial location, representation from First Nations, transportation & preparation of ancestor, Vigil and ceremonial activities, preparation of burial ground, communications about the process and how it is to be done.

**City of Cornwall Meeting: 3:30 p.m. – Rescheduled for another date.**

**Oversight Committee Meeting: 4 p.m. – Rescheduled due to unavailability of team members.**

**April 4, 2025: Governance Committee Meeting 11 a.m.** — Review action items required to amend the current procedures and regulations that impact our daily Council Meetings, General Meetings, chairperson duties, space needs, equipment needs, terms of reference, MCRs that need to be renewed.

**Executive Committee Meeting 1 p.m.: Admin. 1 Board Room** — Agenda: Discussion around the job description, for Executive Director - salary classification, addressing timeframes and next steps to move forward with the hiring process as the posting has gone out internal/external.

**April 7, 2025: All Council Meeting: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.** — Portfolio Re-Selection 3 p.m. – Opportunity to have Council discuss any areas of change they may wish to consider.

**April 8, 2025: Strategic Planning for Border/Tariff Issues 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. (Kawehno:ke Recreation)** — Council, Directors and A/ED Shannon Roundpoint in attendance. Proactive

# COUNCIL AND MOHAWK GOVERNMENT

## KANA:TAKON DISTRICT CHIEF CINDY FRANCIS-MITCHELL UPDATES

meeting with Directors to voice their concerns on what may have crucial issues with upcoming service delivery and how Council can intervene. Tons of great communication provided from everyone, a great first step that has many actions assigned for all to gather information.

**Kana:takon District Chiefs/Executive Director** — Met with District elder regarding ongoing issues with housing, accessing services, application process and follow-up from programs.

**April 9, 2025: Youth Wellness Hub Ontario: 1:30 p.m. (CIA #3)** — Agenda: Review of the Youth Wellness Hub Ontario group presentation, on funding that speaks to the current needs within Akwesasne. What is available and what is working in partnerships already (i.e. Cornwall Youth Hub). There are currently 32 hubs in Ontario. Work to be done such as consultation services and networking to see what we have, primary care, education, employment, recreational activities, cultural awareness. Hours of operation, defining data and its use, how funding gets flowed, renovations funding, vehicles. First initial step of working with this team and looking to see how we can best utilize the funding and implementation. Next meeting date to be done once agreement information is presented.

**April 10, 2025: Justice Portfolio: Cactus Cook Sunday 9 a.m.** — Agenda: Data metrics for all departments request, no problem doing this as it can be on a quarterly basis, Extradition Letter/Gladue Reports: discussion around the letters to ministry and the process of gladue reporting letters – presentation at the General Meeting June 26, 2025. Need for Ontario Probation Officer – Software called OTIS - not able to access the system would like assistance in getting this resolved. No issues with Quebec at this point. Address questions from General Meeting.

**Oversight Committee: A. Thompson/Coordinator 4 p.m. (Justice Office)** — Agenda: Update/review of previous meeting, line by line of TOR changes. Questions/concerns, petition to work on AEL update.

**April 11, 2025: Governance Committee 11 a.m.** — Agenda: Ongoing review of areas that require completion, planning documents, Terms of Reference reviewed and comments to be sent to EA, update from communications on

equipment needed for the Council open forum meetings,

**April 14, 2025: All Council Meeting: 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.** — AFAL Presentation: 2:30 – Heather Phillips (Dept. of Finance & Administration) - Review of Akwesasne Financial Administration Law, its purpose and procedures for Council to understand and implement. First part of law reviewed and more updates to come in future to complete the presentation.

**April 15, 2025: Eneithihswanon:nwa Working Task Group 1:30 p.m. (Admin. 1)** — Review of Law and upcoming Council & community sessions that are being scheduled for consultation and review. Information will be taken back and the process for the law will be followed for approval pending community referendum.

**April 16, 2025: Bridging Justice Presentation** — Invitation to sit in on conversation with Parole Board of Canada to gain an understanding of Akwesasne, Parole Officers and Indigenous Community Development Officers from both Ontario and Quebec. To set the stage for future conversations to begin, addressing issues such as residency for parolees when we are met with border restrictions.

**April 18, 2025 – MCA Closed (Good Friday)**

**April 21, 2025 – MCA Closed (Easter Monday)**

**April 22, 2025: ARRO Cairn Island Claim – Legal Update & Next Steps 9 a.m. - 10 a.m.** — The Cairn Island was officially returned to Akwesasne in 2024, after 20 years of process of ATR, issues on sacred burial site, traditional activities, a monument was built without permission, paying fair compensation, trespassing issues, filing claim options presented and discussed with team.

**ARRO - Introductory Meeting: MCA & Enbridge Gas Community and Indigenous Engagement 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.** — Agenda: Greetings and introductions, Akwesasne History & The Nutfield Tract - Enbridge presentation and Glendale project updates, what is next for the projects as presented and what is next for the community, one can agree that establishing a communication link is key/vital in ensuring that all information is provided.

**Government Secretariat: Preparation Meeting for Minister Lafreniere 2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. (Admin. 1)** — Agenda: Purpose:

Gather technical input, review the existing agreement, identify priority areas and technical gaps, overview of existing Protocol Agreement, brief review of existing agreement structure and commitments, identifying key issues for negotiation, review of Annex A, Section 2 Inter-Provincial issues, key community concerns or themes that can be addressed through the agreement. Legal/policy implications to bring forward data, reporting, and documentation needs, coordination across departments to compile technical backgrounders, internal coordination and workflow communication process with political leadership/negotiation team. Next steps and action items and meeting to be scheduled.

**April 23, 2025: Iroquois Caucus General Assembly 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. (Akwesasne Mohawk Casino)** — This is the first time I have attended the Assembly; I appreciate that it was held in our home community and welcomed the information that was provided by the speakers. Presentation on Alto High Frequency Rail – Nathan Wright - Acceptance Record of Decision – December 2, 2024 - Alto High Agenda Frequency Rail Briefing Note - IC Economic Study Briefing Note IC-Anishinabek Nation Nuclear Waste Briefing Note - Lifting up the IC - IC Strategic Plan Report - Org review and business case - Working Groups - UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues - United Nations Overview Presentation – Issues.

**April 24, 2025: MCA & OPG Joint Steering Committee Meeting 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. (OPG)** — Agenda: Review and discuss POM report and PowerPoint presentation from the 2019-2029 Bi-Annual Joint Steering Committee Meeting.

**General Meeting: 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. (Kawehno:ke Recreation Center)** — Agenda: Annual Audit Report 23/24 and Presentation of 25/26 Annual Budget by DFA Director H. Phillips.

**April 25, 2025 – Upcoming Meetings:**

- Governance Committee: 9 a.m. - 11a.m.
- Nation Building Negotiation Preparation: Conflict of Laws 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
- Executive Committee Meeting: 2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Reports will be provided in next month's meetings.



# SOCIAL MEDIA CONNECTION



## FACEBOOK STATS

### Facebook Posts with the Most Likes in April

- 1. AMA Extends Condolences to the Family and Friends of Thomas Herne
- 2. St. Regis Recreation Adult Easter Egg Hunt
- 3. DFA Welcomes Associate Director of Information Services
- 4. 2025 Akwesasne Children’s Powwow (Video)
- 5. Iroquois Caucus Signs Historic Nation-to-Nation Trade & Commerce Agreement

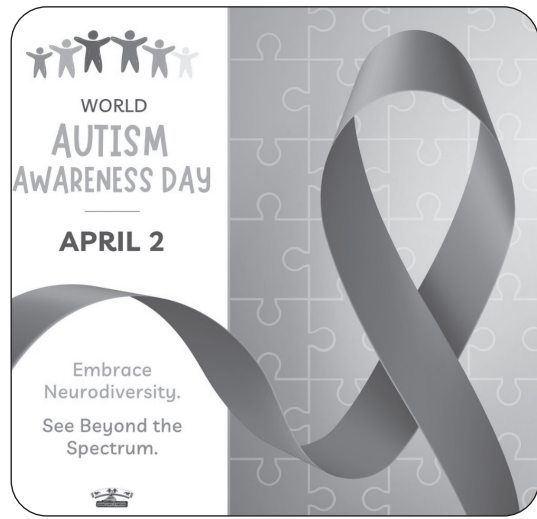
### Facebook Posts with the Highest Reach in April

- 1. AMA Extends Condolences to the Family and Friends of Thomas Herne — 61,608 Reached
- 2. St. Regis Recreation Adult Easter Egg Hunt — 23,591 Reached
- 3. Akwesasne Dental Clinic Announces Closure — 18,690 Reached
- 4. Join the MCA Team! — 17,704 Reached
- 5. Severe Thunderstorm & Wind Watch — 15,577 Reached



## X STATS

### Top Post in April



## YOUTUBE STATS

### Highest Viewed Video on the MCA YouTube Channel for April

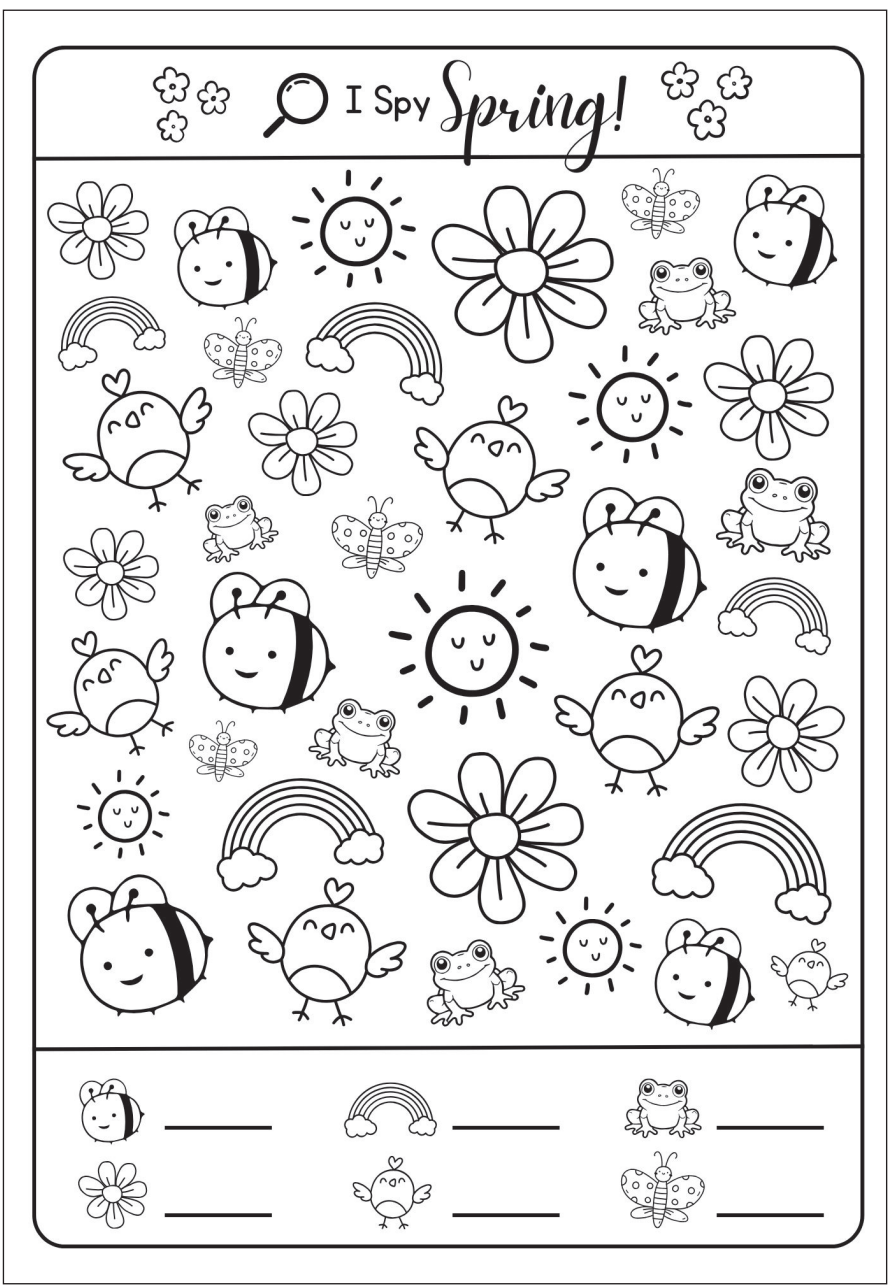
Green Food Bag Recipe: Protein Pancakes



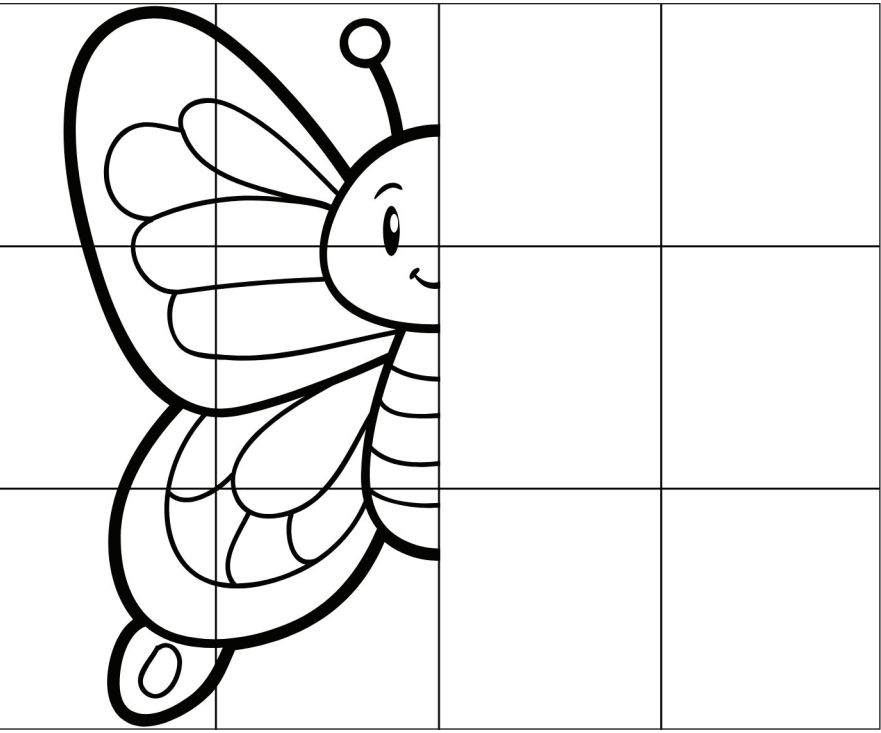
Scan QR Code to view video!

To view more videos, please visit:  
[www.youtube.com/MohawkCouncilofAkwesasne](https://www.youtube.com/MohawkCouncilofAkwesasne)

# CHILDREN’S PAGE



## DRAW THE OTHER HALF & COLOR!



## YOU’VE GOT TO BE KIDDING ME!

What did the flower say after it told a joke?  
I was just pollen your leg!

Why couldn't the flower ride its bike?  
It lost its petals.

What is a bee's favorite kind of flower?  
A bee-gonia!



# AKWESASNE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT

## MEET THE JUSTICE LEAGUE!

### KEIGHLAN HERNE-THOMPSON, COLLEGE STUDENT PLACEMENT



Please join us in welcoming Keighlan Herne-Thompson, our newest addition to the Akwesasne Justice Department (AJD)! Keighlan is a college student and Justice League aficionado from Carleton University in Ottawa. He has joined our department during his final semester, where he is completing his BA in Criminology and Criminal Justice. During his placement with the AJD, Keighlan aims to gain a deeper understanding of how the Akwesasne Justice Department operates within the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne (MCA) and collaborates with the community to serve Akwesasne effectively.

In his free time, after a full day of school and work, Keighlan likes to hit the gym to clear his head. He's a longtime New York Giants fan and enjoys watching games with his cat, Hiccup, always hoping for a win. When asked about his future aspirations, Keighlan explained, "I hope to join the Akwesasne Mohawk Police Service (AMPS) and contribute to the safety and well-being of the community. I'm especially interested in learning about the processes, challenges, and day-to-day responsibilities involved in justice-related roles. I'm grateful for the opportunity and excited to learn more about how I can play a role in supporting justice and community wellness in Akwesasne."

Shé:kon Keighlan and welcome to the team! We are excited to help you achieve your career goals and hope you will gain valuable insights through your experiences with the Akwesasne Justice Department!

## BOAT AND ATV REGISTRATIONS AVAILABLE AT THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT

The Akwesasne Justice Department main reception desk is here to assist you with registering your boat, watercraft or ATV. Before you come visit us at 45 Johnson Road in Kaná:takon, please make sure to bring the following with you:

For a boat or watercraft:

- A picture of your boat or watercraft
- The bill of sale
- A copy of your status card (front and back)
- \$50.00 Registration fee per vessel
- Application specs. (listed below)

**Boat** - Year, model name, color, type, serial #, length, breadth, depth, and weight.

**Motor** - Type, year, horsepower, color, model name, and serial #.

For an All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV):

- Driver's license
- Insurance information if applicable
- \$25.00 Registration fee
- Applications specs. (listed below)

**ATV** - Vehicle Identification Number (VIN), year, company name, model name, body type, cylinders, empty weight, color, engine power, and model type.

If you have any questions, please contact the Justice Department at 613-575-2250 ext. 2240. Happy boating!

# AKWESASNE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT

## AKWESASNE DOG LAW 101

First passed in 1979 as the By-law Respecting the Control of Dogs, the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne deemed it necessary to provide for the regulation, control, and euthanasia (when necessary) of dogs, to ensure the health and welfare of our community and to decrease the spread of disease. Currently MCA Compliance Officers are on hand to regulate the ownership of domestic animals and to impose penalties upon those who may commit offenses.

As of today, the By-law has established five types of offenses that can be cited: Stray Dogs, Aggressive Dogs, Biting Incidents, Liability of the Owner, and Improper Care. Owners are responsible to ensure that their dog is properly cared for and is not a nuisance in any way to the public. Any owner who does not have control of their dog that commits an offense will be cited, whether it be a verbal warning or a written ticket that can be subject to fines or jail time.

Every day when you travel around the Territory, you're sure to spot some 'rez dogs' roaming around different neighborhoods, stores, office buildings and schools. The main cause of concern for visitors and community members alike is whether that dog is aggressive and if it will attack someone. I'm guessing most of you agree that dog bites are the ultimate canine offense as they are often painful and can require medical attention for the victim.

In the case that someone is bitten and the report is received, Compliance Officers will place the dog into quarantine for 10 days. Depending on the different circumstances and limited kennel space, dogs are not always confiscated and an at home quarantine can be completed during this time. Compliance Officers will monitor the dog for symptoms of rabies at the residence. When a dog clearly shows signs of rabies or is overly aggressive, only in those instances would a dog be euthanized so it can be sent away for the proper testing.

If you need to report an incident in violation of this by-law, contact the Compliance Department via email at [compliance@akwesasne.ca](mailto:compliance@akwesasne.ca) or by calling (613) 575-2340 ext. 2415. For officers to properly follow up on complaints about nuisance dogs, please provide a description of the dog and a picture (if available), whether the dog is wearing a collar or not, and the area where the dog was spotted, including the direction of travel. If you happen to know the owner of the dog(s), please provide that information when submitting a complaint. If Compliance is unavailable at the time and the concern is urgent, complaints can also be reported to Community Health or the Akwesasne Mohawk Police Service.

**How can you help?** Please make sure your precious pets are properly cared for with adequate shelter, vaccinations, water and food. If your dog's behavior is somewhat unfavorable toward strangers, ensure that they have reliable restraints or accommodations where the threat can be prevented. Everyone can do their part to pitch in and make sure our pets stay healthy and happy while improving the safety of Akwesasne.

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne established the By-law Respecting the Control of Dogs in 1979 to regulate dog ownership, ensuring community health and safety while preventing the spread of disease. Currently, MCA Compliance Officers are on hand to enforce these regulations and impose penalties for violations.

The By-law has established five types of offenses that can be cited:

- Stray Dogs
- Aggressive Dogs
- Biting Incidents
- Liability of the Owner
- Improper Care

**IF YOU NEED TO REPORT A VIOLATION, PLEASE CONTACT:**

Compliance Program 613-575-2340 ext. 2415 <a href="mailto:compliance@akwesasne.ca">compliance@akwesasne.ca</a>	Akwesasne Mohawk Police Service 613-575-2000
--	---



## AKWESASNE RIGHTS & RESEARCH OFFICE

# Federal Indian Day School Class Action Settlement

Deadline: June 27, 2025

Below is the current information regarding the Federal Indian Day School Class Action.

For more information visit: [www.indiandayschools.com/en/](http://www.indiandayschools.com/en/)

### Status of Claims from Akwesasne

	Number of Claims
Paid	1,952
Eligible for Payment	8
Denied	60
In Process*	76
Total	2,096

\*Of these claims, 65 have missing information.

### Missing Information

The deadline to submit missing information for the Federal Indian Day School Class Action Settlement is June 27, 2025. Missing information can be any of the following:

Missing Claimant Name	Missing Claimant, Witness or Guarantor Signatures
Missing Date of Birth	Missing Personal Narrative
Missing Identification	Missing Supporting Documents
Missing Mailing Address	Missing Sworn Declaration
Missing School Name	Missing Representative Information
Missing School Years	
Missing Level Selection	

### Local Support

#### Akwesasne Rights and Research Office (ARRO)

Available by appointment for submitting missing information or contacting administrator or class counsel.

Phone: 613-575-2250 ext. 2132

#### Mental Health Support:

MCA – Mental Health Services

Phone: 613-575-2341 ext. 3115

Email: [MentalHealth@akwesasne.ca](mailto:MentalHealth@akwesasne.ca)

SRMT – Mental Health

Kanikonri:iohne (Good Mind Counseling)

Phone: 518-358-3141 Toll Free: 1-800-647-7839

### Settlement Contact Information

#### Gowling WLG

(Class Counsel)

Free legal advice concerning reconsiderations, appeals, and missing information.

Phone: 1-844-539-3815

Fax: 1-613-788-3629

Email: [dayschools@gowlingwlg.com](mailto:dayschools@gowlingwlg.com)

#### Deloitte

(Claims Administrator)

Questions regarding the administration of the Settlement, and processing of Claim Forms.

Phone: 1-888-221-2898

Fax: 1-416-366-1102

Email: [indiandayschools@deloitte.ca](mailto:indiandayschools@deloitte.ca)

#### Hope For Wellness

(Mental Health Support)

Support is available to class action members 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Phone: 1-855-242-3310

Website: [www.HopeForWellness.ca](http://www.HopeForWellness.ca)



## OFFICE OF VITAL STATISTICS

OFFICE OF VITAL STATISTICS

# Pop-Up Location for Status Cards

(Laminated)

 **Saturday, May 31**

 **Iohahi:io (Tsi Snaihne)**

 **9:00 am. - 1:00 p.m.**



### Appointment Required

An appointment is required to obtain a status card at the pop-up session (**16 spots available**).

To make an appointment, please contact OVS:

**Phone: 613-575-2250 ext. 1013**

**Email: [ovsclerk@akwesasne.ca](mailto:ovsclerk@akwesasne.ca)**

*\*Community members are welcome to visit the OVS office at CIA #3 on Kawehno:ke for a status card — just be sure to book an appointment first!*

### What to Bring:



Bring identification, such as a Driver's License or Health Card.



Cost to renew is \$10 or if you hand in your expired Status Card, the cost is \$5.



**Please note:** This session is not for 'secure' Certificate of Indian Status cards. A separate session will be offered on June 13 & 14 at Iohahi:io in Tsi Snaihne.



**Renew your Status Card!**



# OFFICE OF VITAL STATISTICS

## COTTAGE FOR SALE: LOT 9 STANLEY ISLAND 3-PIECE BEDROOM COTTAGE WITH 3-PIECE BATHROOM



This cottage includes the following:

- 100-amp electricity service connected to Cornwall Electric
- 40' - Dock
- Hot Water Tank
- Septic
- 8x12 Shed
- Water Pump
- Metal Roof
- Maintenance-free siding, soffit, and eavestroughs
- Wraparound Deck
- Screen Porch
- Updated Kitchen and Bathroom
- Housewares and Furniture
- Beautiful Easterly View

This is a leased lot with a current annual rent of \$4,170.00 for the period of August 1, 2024 to July 31, 2027. The lease is for a fifteen-year term effective August 1, 2024 to July 31, 2039. Rent reviews are conducted every three years during the term of the lease, with the next one due to be conducted during 2027.

Buyers will be required to complete an application to lease and obtain approval to lease prior to purchase.

**Asking price is: \$249,000.00**

For further information, please contact Anissa Miller at 416-347-4672 or email [anissamiller1026@gmail.com](mailto:anissamiller1026@gmail.com).

***There is currently a rent reduction in effect for members of Akwesasne which sets the rent at 25% of the fair market rent indicated above per year for the five-year period from 2022 to 2026.***

# AHKWESAHSNE MOHAWK BOARD OF EDUCATION

## LACROSSE PRO JEREMY THOMPSON INSPIRES AMS STUDENTS THROUGH SPORT AND STORY

On April 29, AMS students in grades 6, 7, and 8 enjoyed an inspiring afternoon with professional lacrosse player Jeremy Thompson. He shared his journey from learning the game of lacrosse as a young boy to achieving his dream of playing professionally.

Jeremy spoke about how lacrosse has shaped his life, his partnership with Nike and Thompson Brothers Lacrosse, and how he continues along his healing journey. One lucky student walked away with

a lacrosse stick that was gifted to Jeremy at The World Games in 2024.

Niawenhkó:wa Jeremy for continuing to empower and inspire indigenous youth through sport, culture, and community!

A special nia:wen as well to the AMBE Mohawk Language & Culture for facilitating this meaningful presentation for AMBE students.





# DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

## JORDAN’S PRINCIPLE – AKWESASNE FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ)

### HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE TO PROCESS AN APPLICATION?

Once all required documentation is received by the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne’s Jordan’s Principle office, the Navigators will promptly forward the completed application to Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) – Jordan’s Principle for review and a decision.

Jordan’s Principle Navigators play a key role in assisting community members with their applications. They ensure all relevant documentation is included, which helps avoid unnecessary delays during the review process.

### APPLICATION PROCESS:

- Call the office to schedule an in-take appointment
- Complete the application
- Sign consent forms
- Identify risks/needs
- Identify any additional documentation required
- Completed application is sent to ISC – Jordan’s Principle for a decision

**Note:** Applications are not guaranteed approval.

### HOW DO I APPEAL A DECISION?

At the request of the parent/guardian/child, the Akwesasne office can email ISC – Jordan’s Principle with any new documentation to support the needs of the child(ren) and request an appeal. ISC will review the file and make a new determination.

Appeals must be submitted within 1 year of the date of denial. If the parent/guardian prefers to appeal the decision directly, they may email any new documentation to ISC – Jordan’s Principle and request a second review.

Note: New documentation is not always required. You may request an appeal if you believe the original application was sufficient. You can request a second review for your appeal.

### WHO CAN WRITE A SUPPORT LETTER?

Support letters must be provided by a licensed or registered health professional, educational professional, or an Elder or Knowledge Keeper who is part of the child’s circle of care and has the appropriate expertise to identify the child’s unmet needs.

### DO THEY ACCEPT LETTERS OF SUPPORT FROM CHIEFS?

Yes, as long as the Chief is a licensed or registered professional writing the letter in their area of expertise. Previously, ISC accepted all letters from Chiefs. However, as of February 10, 2025, support letters must come from licensed professionals (see previous question).

I am not a legal guardian. Can I still apply for my child?

If you are not the legal guardian, you may only apply with written consent from the legal guardian giving you permission to submit the application on the child’s behalf.

### WHAT KIND OF SERVICES CAN I APPLY FOR?

Jordan’s Principle is a child-first initiative that ensures First Nations children receive the supports they need, when they need them. You can apply for a wide range of services, including but not limited to:

- Wheelchair ramps
- Assessments and screenings

- Medical supplies
- Personal support workers
- Land-based activities
- School supplies
- Tutoring services
- Assistive technology

### ARE HOME RENOVATIONS APPROVED?

As per the ISC – Jordan’s Principle operational bulletin dated February 10, 2025, general home renovations are no longer approved. However, Jordan’s Principle may consider and fund minor renovations or modifications to an existing home on a case-by-case basis — specifically when required to meet the child(ren)’s mobility, health, or medical needs. Examples of minor renovations that may be considered include:

- Wheelchair ramps;
- Stair glides;
- Ergonomically comfortable bathroom renovations related to accessibility;
- Room modification to allow space for additional equipment;
- Safety yard enclosures e.g. fencing

Other items not approved include sporting events, non-medical supports, and international travel unless related to an exceptional medical need.

### WHAT IS THE AGE REQUIREMENT FOR A CHILD?

A child must be a First Nations child under the age of majority in their province or territory. The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne follows Ontario’s age of majority, which is under 18 years old.

### CAN I APPLY IF I DON’T LIVE IN AKWESASNE (ONTARIO OR QUÉBEC)?

Yes. Jordan’s Principle is for all First Nations children living in Canada.

### MY FRIEND GOT APPROVED IN 3 WEEKS. WHY IS MINE TAKING LONGER?

Applications are reviewed on a case-by-case basis by ISC – Jordan’s Principle. Your child’s needs or application details may differ from other children’s applications. There will be exceptions made to urgent application requests, such as life-threatening situations, palliative care, suicide risk, or safety concerns. These requests are prioritized.

### CAN I RECEIVE APPROVED SERVICES/PRODUCTS/SUPPORTS IN THE U.S.?

Yes, as long as the cost does not exceed the approved amount in Canadian funds. U.S. support amounts will be converted to Canadian currency.

### STILL HAVE QUESTIONS?

#### Please contact our office:

Mohawk Council of Akwesasne  
Department of Health / Community Health Services – Jordan’s Principle  
Kanonkwa’tsheri:io Health Facility  
31 Hilltop Drive  
Akwesasne, Quebec H0M 1A0  
613-515-2341 ext. 2652  
jordans.principle@akwesasne.ca

Or visit the ISC – Jordan’s Principle website:  
Canada.ca/jordans-principle  
1-833-442-2429



# DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

## AKWESASNE COMMUNITY WELCOMES 'A SOBERING STORY' MOVIE SCREENING

In a heartfelt and inspiring event, the community of Akwesasne recently welcomed a film called “A Sobering Story,” unveiling the harsh reality of substance use in Thunder Bay, Ontario. This universally themed documentary told through personal narratives and expert insights, exposes a lack of resources while aiming to shatter stigmas and ignite compassion for those grappling with addiction. The film was accompanied by a discussion panel featuring the film’s star Kyle Arnold along with co-writer/co-producer Ryan Hill. This initiative not only aimed to raise awareness about addiction, but to foster dialogue and understanding within the community.

The film, which has garnered attention for its poignant portrayal of the struggles faced by individuals battling addiction, serves as both a narrative and a call to action. It highlights the complexities of addiction, the societal stigma surrounding it, and the importance of community support in the recovery process. The storyline resonates deeply with many, making it a fitting choice for a community that has been actively working to address these pressing issues.

The event kicked off with a screening of the film, drawing a diverse audience that included local residents, healthcare professionals, and members of the MCA Addiction Services team. The atmosphere was charged with anticipation, as attendees were eager to engage with the themes presented on screen. Following the screening, the discussion panel took center stage, featuring the film’s star and co-creator, who shared their personal journey and insights into the filmmaking process.

Kyle, the star of the film, spoke candidly about his own experiences with addiction, emphasizing the importance of vulnerability and openness in the recovery process. He highlighted how storytelling can serve as a powerful healing tool for both individuals and communities grappling with similar challenges.

Community members took the opportunity to share their thoughts and experiences, fostering a rich dialogue about the barriers to recovery and the resources available within Akwesasne. The Addiction Services team, comprised of dedicated professionals committed to supporting individuals and families affected by substance use disorders, also provided valuable information about local programs and

initiatives aimed at promoting recovery and resilience.

The event not only served as a platform for education and discussion, but also as a reminder of the strength and resilience of the Akwesasne community. By coming together to confront the realities of addiction, residents demonstrated their commitment to supporting one another and creating a healthier environment for all.

As the discussion wrapped up, there was a palpable sense of hope in the room. Attendees left with a renewed sense of purpose, inspired to continue the conversation about addiction and recovery within their own circles. The collaboration between the film’s creators and the MCA Addiction Services team exemplifies the power of community engagement in addressing complex social issues.

In conclusion, the screening and discussion panel not only highlighted the realities of addiction, but also showcased the strength of community solidarity. Akwesasne’s commitment to addressing addiction through education, support, and open dialogue stands as a beacon of hope for those on the path to recovery. As the community continues to navigate these challenges, events like this serve as vital reminders of the importance of connection, understanding, and collective action.



Pictured L-R: Addictions Supervisor Mitchell Skidders, Addiction Speciality Tara Garrow-Keysis, Kyle Arnold (featured in film), and Addiction Services Program Manager Bonnie Bradley. MCA’s Addiction Services team presented Kyle with a beautiful sweetgrass basket made by Harvey Herne.



## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

### DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH WELCOMES NEW NURSE PRACTITIONER, OLIVIER LEMAY



The MCA Department of Health's (DOH) Clinical Care Services (Sector 4) would like to extend a warm welcome to our new Nurse Practitioner (NP), Olivier Lemay. Olivier will be providing clinical care services at the Kawehno:ke Medical Clinic.

Olivier has been working in acute and primary care for the past five years, focusing on caring for marginalized populations and improving accessibility to vulnerable groups. As the first NP at Hawkesbury General Hospital, a medium-sized facility in Eastern Ontario, he has been instrumental in integrating NPs into the hospital's care model. Olivier led the establishment of NP roles in the Emergency Department and helped to create the NP Rapid Referral Clinic, offering guidance and support to the hospital and new NPs in these positions.

In response to the community's request for weekend primary care services, Olivier has begun offering Saturday clinics at the KMC as of May 3, 2025.

Olivier completed his Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BScN) at the University of Ottawa's French Program. He went on to complete his master's degree and Nurse Practitioner certificate in 2019 at the University of Toronto. Olivier is fully bilingual in both English and French. Olivier specializes in Adult Primary Care.

Licensed in Nunavut, he also cares for marginalized populations in remote communities while also working as a Palliative Nurse Practitioner within his local community. Leading a team of three NPs, he is devoted to expanding the team and advancing initiatives that enhance care for those with limited access to healthcare.

Please join us in giving Olivier a warm welcome to the Department of Health and to the Akwesasne community!

GREEN FOOD BAG RECIPE:

## PROTEIN PANCAKES

**EASY PROTEIN PANCAKES**  
(SERVES 6)

**INGREDIENTS:**  
4 large Eggs  
1 1/3 cups Rolled Oats  
1 1/3 cups Cottage Cheese, 1 or 2% M.F.  
1 tsp Cinnamon  
1 tsp Vanilla

**STEWED APPLES INGREDIENTS:**  
1 Apple, cored and chopped  
1/4 cup Water  
1 tsp Cinnamon

Scan Code for Recipe Video!

Follow the recipe step-by-step with MCA's Registered Dietician Anne-Charlotte on our YouTube Channel!  
[www.youtube.com/@MohawkCouncilofAkwesasne](https://www.youtube.com/@MohawkCouncilofAkwesasne)

## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

### DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH ANNOUNCES SATURDAY CLINICS AT THE KAWEHNO:KE MEDICAL CLINIC

The MCA Department of Health's Clinical Care Services is excited to announce to the community that the Kawehno:ke Medical Clinic (KMC) now offers Saturday clinics, which begun on May 3, 2025. Saturday clinics will be a blend of same-day and follow-up appointments in 30-minute increments.

Community members will be required to call the KMC on the day of the clinic for a same-day appointment. The 30-minute schedule will be strictly adhered to. Arriving late for your appointment will result in the forfeit of your time slot. Please ensure to arrive at least 10-15 mins early for your appointment.

The Saturday clinics at the KMC will be overseen by Nurse Practitioners Olivier Lemay and Chelsea Albright. Olivier and Chelsea will alternate Saturdays,

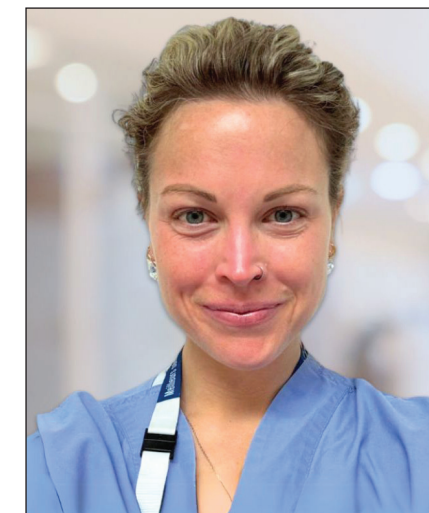
occasionally providing clinic services on the same day, as their schedules allow.

Clinic hours for Saturdays will run from 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Olivier specializes in adult care and will be unable to see child patients. Chelsea will be seeing children and adult patients.

There will be one administrative staff person available to answer the phone and take calls for appointments. Therefore, we ask the community to be patient and kind to our administrative staff when calling in for a Saturday appointment.

To schedule an appointment for the Saturday clinics with either Olivier Lemay, NP, or Chelsea Albright, NP, please call 613-932-5808 on the morning of the clinic starting at 8:00 a.m.

### DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH WELCOMES NEW NURSE PRACTITIONER, CHELSEA ALBRIGHT



The MCA Department of Health's (DOH) Clinical Care Services (Sector 4) would like to extend a warm welcome to our new Nurse Practitioner (NP), Chelsea Albright. Chelsea will be providing clinical care services at the Kawehno:ke Medical Clinic for the Saturday clinics, as well as of-

fering some additional clinical service days during the week.

Chelsea has been a dedicated nurse with over 15 year's experience in providing high-quality, pa-

tient-centered care. Throughout her career, she has worked in a variety of hospital settings, with a strong emphasis on acute care.

Chelsea graduated with her master's in Science as a Primary Health Care Nurse Practitioner and is committed to delivering evidence-based care that empowers patients to take an active role in their healthcare. She believes in fostering meaningful relationships with patients, promoting preventative care, and addressing both acute and chronic healthcare concerns.

Please join us in giving Chelsea a warm welcome to the Department of Health and to the Akwesasne community! Please follow our announcements for up-to-date monthly medical clinic calendars.



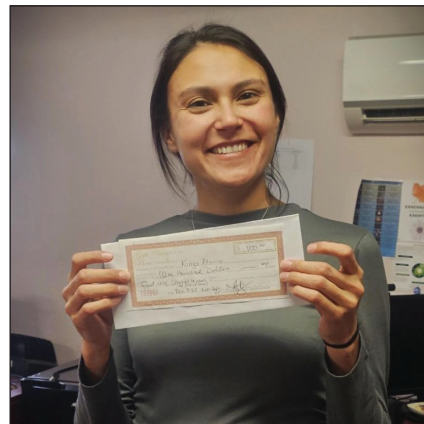
# ENTEWATATHÁ:WI - "WE WILL GOVERN"

## ENTEWATATHÁ:WI UPDATES

### Entewatathá:wi Community Survey Update

The purpose of the Entewatathá:wi Community Survey was to gather input from community members to better understand their awareness of the Entewatathá:wi Self-Government Agreement (ESGA). This feedback will help guide the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne (MCA) in how we engage with the community moving forward.

The survey ran from March 27 to May 8, 2025. To make participation easier, the Entewatathá:wi team went out in the community throughout the month of April, offering in-person sessions during mid-day, evening, and weekend hours to accommodate various schedules and ensure a wide range of voices are heard. A weekly prize draw was held each week, with one winner receiving a \$100 "Buy Local" gift certificate to support and promote local businesses in the community.



### Community Education

As part of our efforts to strengthen awareness and understanding of the Entewatathá:wi Self-Government Agreement, the Nation Building team has been conducting presentations in the community. These sessions are intended to inform, answer questions, and create space for dialogue about what self-government means for Akwesasne and how it can support our collective future.

In addition to gathering survey feedback, the Entewatathá:wi team has delivered presentations at Iohahi:io Akwesasne Education and Training Insti-

tute during a Lunch & Learn session, the Tri-District Elders Lodge, and the SRMT Seniors Center. These engagements are part of our ongoing effort to ensure all community members have opportunities to learn about and discuss the ESGA.



### Youth Call Out

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne (MCA) Entewatathá:wi Project is seeking one youth community member (between ages 18-29) to join the Entewatathá:wi Communications Working Group. This group supports the development of the Akwesasne-Canada Entewatathá:wi Self-Government Agreement (ESGA) by advising on negotiations, communication plan, and publications. Eager to get involved? Email your resume and a letter of interest to [rachel.lazare@akwesasne.ca](mailto:rachel.lazare@akwesasne.ca)!

### Why follow us?

By following our page, you'll stay up to date on:

- Key updates about the Entewatathá:wi Self Government Agreement
- Upcoming newsletters
- Opportunities to have your voice heard

Nia:wen/Thank you for your support and stay tuned for more opportunities to engage with the Entewatathá:wi process. Your voice matters as we continue our journey toward self-governance!

# DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

## LIGHTS, CAMERA, CONFIDENCE: AKWESASNE'S FIRST MODEL BOOTCAMP CONCLUDES

Over the past month, a group of aspiring runway stars took their first confident steps into the world of modeling through the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne's Model Bootcamp, hosted by the Department of Economic Development. After weeks of hard work and hands-on training, participants wrapped up the program on Saturday, April 26, with a mock fashion show featuring the stunning designs of Stacey Mitchell.

Friends and family gathered to cheer on the graduates, who showcased their polished runway walks, graceful posing, and growing confidence. Throughout April, participants received expert instruction from Akwesasronon models Steevi King, Ryan King, and Steven Thompson, who were instrumental in building the skills — and self-assurance — of the next generation of Kanien'keha talent.

This free bootcamp also featured special sessions with makeup artists Tisha Thompson and Vanna White, along with skincare tips from medical aesthetician Amanda Wanamaker, helping participants feel their best both inside and out.

A special *nia:wen*/thank you goes out to all of our instructors and guest speakers for sharing their time, talent, and encouragement!

Economic Development Director Kylee Tarbell shared the following about the growing potential of creative industries for Indigenous communities:

"The entertainment industry; from modeling and film to music and digital content creation, has become one of our fastest-growing sectors, with more and more opportunities emerging for Indigenous people, including here in Akwesasne. As these doors continue to open, it's important that we prepare our people not only with the skills to succeed but also with the awareness and understanding of the risks that can come with working in this field. Through training sessions like our Introduction to Modeling course, we are helping to build confidence, promote professionalism, and encourage safe practices. Our goal is to ensure that Akwesasronon can engage in these industries with the knowledge, support, and cultural grounding needed to thrive while upholding values of respect and empowerment."

Congratulations to the following Model Bootcamp graduates:

- |                      |                  |
|----------------------|------------------|
| • Jacy Boots-Francis | • Brynn Lazore   |
| • Macy David         | • Aryanna Martin |
| • Dysten Delormier   | • Jordan Martin  |
| • Bebes Herne        | • Kasia Ransom   |
| • Jackson Keysis     | • Myla Rockwell  |
| • Landon Laffin      | • Tyson Thomas   |

We are proud of your hard work, dedication, and growth — and we can't wait to see where your journeys take you next!





# DEPARTMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE & HOUSING



## PICK-UP SCHEDULE

<b>TUESDAY</b>	RECYCLING
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	MCA FACILITIES
<b>THURSDAY</b>	TSI SNAIHNE
<b>FRIDAY</b>	KAWEHNO:KE
<b>SATURDAY</b>	KANA:TAKON

CONTACT D&R DISPOSAL: 613-932-4588

## DEPARTMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE, HOUSING & ENVIRONMENT

**ADMINISTRATION:**  
613-575-2250 ext. 1003

**MAINTENANCE PROGRAM:** 613-575-2250 EXT. 1022  
**HOUSING:** 613-575-2250 EXT. 1056  
**ENVIRONMENT:** 613-575-2250 EXT. 1038  
**ROADS DEPARTMENT CENTRAL DISPATCH:** 613-575-2340 OR 613-938-5476  
**WATER/WASTEWATER INFRASTRUCTURE EMERGENCY:** 613-575-2000  
**AFTER HOURS PAGER:** 518-404-3352  
**OFFICE HOURS:** MONDAY – FRIDAY 8AM-4PM 613-933-4924  
**SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT (GARBAGE AND RECYCLING):**  
613-575-2250 ext. 1002

# DEPARTMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE & HOUSING

## DIHE WELCOMES NEW CAPITAL PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT ENGINEER



The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne's Department of Infrastructure, Housing & Environment (DIHE) is pleased to welcome Daryl Seymour as the new Capital Planning & Development Engineer. As a dedicated community member from Akwesasne, Daryl brings valuable experience, insight, and a deep understanding of the community's infrastructure needs.

A Licensed Professional Engineer and graduate of Bucknell University with a degree in Civil Engineering, Daryl joins us from Jp2g Consultants Ltd. in Ottawa, where he spent over 17 years as a Civil Design Engineer and Project Manager.

His expertise covers a wide range of projects from

roads, highways, water systems, and sanitary & storm sewer design. With extensive project management experience, he has successfully led infrastructure projects from planning and design through to construction completion. Delivering timely projects within budget and scope.

Daryl is committed to ensuring that development aligns with the needs and priorities of the community. His fresh perspective and passion for engineering and dedication make him a valuable addition to the DIHE team.

Please join us in welcoming Daryl Seymour to the DIHE team! His knowledge and leadership will play a key role in advancing DIHE's initiatives and strengthening Akwesasne's infrastructure for future generations.

If you'd like to connect with Daryl, he can be reached at 613-575-2250 ext. 1023.

## EARTH DAY TREE & SEED GIVEAWAY

What a turnout for the Earth Day Tree and Seed Giveaway held on Saturday, April 26, at the Travis Solomon Lacrosse Box! Akwesasronon enjoyed a morning filled with educational booths, activities, and free tree and seed giveaways, all while celebrating the 2025 theme: "Our power, our planet." Niawenhkó:wa to everyone who participated, and to the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe's Environment Division team for organizing this wonderful event!



The MCA Environment team joined in the festivities by giving away plants and seeds, sharing information on vermicomposting, and featuring a log pounding demonstration!





# DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

## AKWESASNE MOHAWK POLICE SERVICE STATEMENT ON MMIWG2S+

The Akwesasne Mohawk Police Service stands in solidarity with all those impacted by the ongoing crisis of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, and Two-Spirited People (MMIWG2S+). We are committed to raising awareness, supporting healing in our communities, and working diligently to help bring closure to affected families. Together, we honour the lives lost and strive for justice, accountability, and lasting change.

The Akwesasne Mohawk Police Service remains committed to focusing its efforts on the safety and wellbeing of our community. We encourage community support and involvement by reporting

any suspected criminal activities. If you have any information that may assist in any type of investigation, please contact Central Dispatch at 613-575-2000.



Pictured L-R: RCMP Liaison Jeff Chartrand, Joey Brisson, AMPS A/Chief of Police Ranatiostha Swamp, Norman King Jr., Corey Thomas, and Phil Boots.

# POLICE WEEK 2025

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

FRIDAY  
May 9, 2025

**Mother's Day Dinner**  
AMPS will be joining Iakhihsotha for a Mother's Day dinner at Snye Recreation from 11 AM to 2 PM to celebrate the mothers in our lives.

SATURDAY  
May 10, 2025

**Kids for Fishing**  
40 youth will be chosen to fish with some of the top fishing anglers in the area.  
**Girls Skate Day**  
AMPS will be attending the Girls Skate Day at the Akwesasne Skatepark for a fun on and off the board.

MONDAY  
May 12, 2025

**Mock Car Crash**  
AMPS will demonstrate a mock car crash at the Salmon River Central School (Grades 11-12). This educational event aims to raise awareness among teens about the serious consequences of impaired and distracted driving through a realistic crash simulation.

TUESDAY  
May 13, 2025

**Spring into Safety at Kana:takon School**  
AMPS officer will be visiting Kana:takon School for a fun safety event with the students.

WEDNESDAY  
May 14, 2025

**Serve Lunch with the Totas**  
AMPS and ACFS will be serving lunch to the elders at Tsilionkwanonhsote Long-Term Care Facility from 11 AM - 1 PM.  
**Cornwall Police Service Open House**  
AMPS will be at the unveiling of Cornwall Police Services' brand-new mascot. Stop by 340 Pitt Street in Cornwall from 3 PM - 7 PM and enjoy interactive safety displays with local first responders!

THURSDAY  
May 15, 2025

**Spring into Safety at AMS**  
AMPS officer will be visiting Ahkwesahsne Mohawk School for a fun safety event with the students.

FRIDAY  
May 16, 2025

**Spring into Safety at Snye School**  
AMPS officer will be visiting Tsi Snaihne School for a fun safety event with the students.

# DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

## NIA:WEN TO OUR PUBLIC SAFETY DISPATCHERS

The Akwesasne Mohawk Police Service, along with the entire community of Akwesasne, is extending a heartfelt niawenhkó:wa to our dedicated Public Safety Dispatchers.

who can help, and an essential part of keeping our community safe. Your calm presence, quick thinking, and commitment make all the difference when seconds count.

You are the steady voice in times of uncertainty, Thank you for being the unseen heroes who answer the connection between those in need and those every call with courage and care.

# AKWESASNE MOHAWK POLICE SERVICE

➤ Non-Emergency Phone: 613-575-2250

➤ Emergency Phone: 613-575-2000

➤ Email: info.amps@akwesasne.ca

# APRIL 2025 STATISTICS

310 April	11 1014 Crime Prevention	1 206 Assault Weapon/CBH - Level 2
1 024 Break & Enter - Residence	1 1016 Domestic Dispute (Non-violent)	3 3030 Admin - Assist Other Agency
1 040 Theft Under \$5000 - Other	3 1018 Escorts - Prisoner	2 6666 Assist Other Departments - Fire
2 072 Mischief (Prop. Damage) Under \$5000	1 102 Other Federal Statute Offences	2 715 Fail to Stop/Remain (CCC)
1 083 Other Drugs - Possession	1 1023 Judge's Order (Court)	1 717 Fail to Stop / Remain (HTA)
1 087 Cannabis - Possession	2 1023 MVC - Non-Reportable	1 720 Traffic - Federal Statutes
3 100 Immigration Act	1 1024 Phone Calls	43 721 Traffic - Provincial Statutes
9 1001 Alarms	10 1029 Suspicious Persons	1 725 PI MVC (Personal Injury)
3 1002 Alerts	12 1030 Suspicious Vehicles	2 726 PD MVC Over \$1000 (Prop. Damage)
5 1003 Assist Other Agencies - Ambulance	12 1031 Suspicious Circumstances	1 Incident Type Not Listed
2 1003 Assist Other Agencies - Cornwall PS	1 1032 Sudden Death	
2 1003 Assist Other Agencies - OPP	7 1036 Warrant - Bench/First	
8 1003 Assist Other Agencies - Other	2 1038 Missing Persons	
2 1003 Assist Other Agencies - Tribal PD	1 1039 Property - Recovered	
41 1004 Assist Public	2 1041 Mental Health Act	
4 1006 Document Service	1 1049 Medical Aid	
3 1007 Breach of Probation	1 1050 Youth Complaint	
5 1008 By-Law - Dogs	2 1056 Hazardous Conditions	
1 1012 Civil Disputes	24 1063 Marine Patrol	
62 1013 Community Services	2 205 Assault - Level 1	



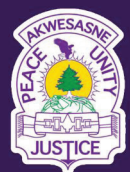
**SAVE  
THE DATE**

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
CORNWALL COMMUNITY HOSPITAL  
ARROWHEAD PHARMACY

# HEALTH FAIR

**MAY 22, 2025**

1:00 P.M. - 6:00 P.M.  
TSI SNAIHNE RECREATION CENTER



## Boat REGISTRATION

Forms available at:  
[www.akwesasne.ca/justice](http://www.akwesasne.ca/justice)

### What You Need:

- ✓ Bill of sale
- ✓ Copy of status card (front & back)
- ✓ Picture of boat & motor
- ✓ \$50 registration fee



Akwesasne Justice Department  
45 Johnson Road, Kana:takon

Questions? Contact the  
Akwesasne Justice Department  
at 613-575-5000 ext. 2400.

AMBE  
CULTURAL CELEBRATION

MAY 22<sup>ND</sup>, 2025  
Childcare, K3-Gr. 3

MAY 29<sup>TH</sup>, 2025  
Gr. 4-8