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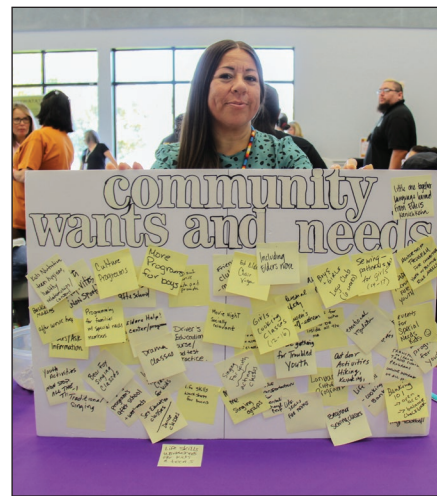
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## MCA HOSTS OPEN HOUSE SESSIONS



In September, the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne proudly hosted three Open House sessions in all three districts. Community members joined us to explore the various services offered by MCA, connect with our staff, and enjoyed the chance to win some exciting prizes. Niawen:kówa to everyone who attended. It was wonderful to see so many familiar faces!

## UPCOMING MCA MEETINGS & SPECIAL DATES:

### MCA SWEARING IN CEREMONY

September 27, 2024 · 3 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Tsi Snaihne Recreation Center

Join us as we swear in newly elected Chiefs for the districts of Kana:takon, Kawehno:ke, Tsi Snaihne and Grand Chief.



MOHAWK COUNCIL OF AKWESASNE 2021-2024

- A/Grand Chief: Cindy Francis-Mitchell
- Kana:takon District: Chief Fallon David, Chief Julie Phillips-Jacobs
- Kawehno:ke District: Chief Vanessa Adams, Chief Jackie Benedict, Chief Edward Roundpoint, Chief Vince Thompson
- Tsi Snaihne District: Chief April Adams-Phillips, Chief Sarah Lee Sunday-Diabo, Chief JoAnn Swamp
- Administration: Mose A. Herne, Executive Director; Heather Phillips, Director, Dept. of Finance & Administration; Leslie Papineau, Director, Dept. of Infrastructure, Housing & Environment; Cactus Cook Sunday, Director, Dept. of Justice; Joseph Morin-Lauzon, Director, Dept. of Community & Social Services; Amber Montour, 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 and Indian Time Newspaper.

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

- 1 Join us on Friday, September 27, 2024 as MCA swears in the newly elected Chiefs for the districts of Kana:takon, Kawehno:ke, Tsi Snaihne and Grand Chief. The Swearing In Ceremony will be held at the Tsi Snaihne Recreation Center starting at 3 p.m. with a meal to follow.
- 2 Join Iakhihsotha Lodge for their Annual Trivia & Mohawk Auction Fundraiser on Friday, October 11, 2024 at the American Legion Post 1479. Mohawk Auction donations are now being accepted at Iakhihsotha Lodge. To register, contact Teneya Mitchell or Allison Lazore-Green at 613-575-2507. More info on page 20.
- 3 The Department of Community and Social Services is seeking community members who are fluent in the Mohawk language. For more information, please refer to page 22.
- 4 Join us for a day of reflection, learning, and cultural celebration in honor of Orange Shirt Day on September 30, 2024 at Lamoureux Park in Cornwall, ON from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. There will be vendors, free food, speakers and cultural displays. We hope to see you there!
- 5 Did you know you can register your boat and ATV at the Akwesasne Justice Department? Applications are available at the reception desk of their office located in Kana:takon at 45 Johnson Road. More information available on page 13.

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SNYE RECREATION UNVEILS NEWLY UPGRADED GROUNDS WITH GRAND CELEBRATION

On August 22, the Tsi Snaihne Recreation Center proudly unveiled its newly upgraded grounds! Following a series of enhancements during the COVID-19 pandemic, the Recreation Committee is excited to introduce the community to these fantastic new features: a lacrosse box, splash pad, ball field, playground, and an extended walking trail.

The ribbon-cutting ceremony was a hit, with community members enjoying a delicious meal provided by the Recreation and Jonathan Lazore of Cheyy's Place. Highlights of the day included bounce houses, lacrosse games, walking trail tours, and lots of fun in the splash pad. Attendees also had a chance to win door prizes and grab some Snye Recreation merch!

A huge thank you to everyone who attended and helped celebrate the revamped recreation area. We invite all community members to come and enjoy these fantastic new amenities. Please remember to respect the grounds and help keep our recreation beautiful for everyone.



Photo credit: Travis Bonneville





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OFFICIAL RESULTS OF THE MCA GENERAL ELECTION

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne Executive Director has accepted the results of the 2024 MCA General Election held on September 14, 2024. No appeals were received by the deadline and the results are now official.

The swearing-in ceremony for the 2024-2027 Council will be held on Friday, September 27, 2024 from 3 p.m. – 6 p.m. at the Tsi Snaihne Recreation. The public is invited to attend.

Congratulations to the successful candidates and thank you to all who participated in our election process. Nia:wen'ko:wa.

GRAND CHIEF				
CANDIDATE	KAWEHNO:KE	KANA:TAKON	TSI SNAIHNE	TOTAL VOTES
Lazore, Leonard Akwiratekha	123	85	260	468
Roundpoint, Edward	180	69	95	344
Sunday, Ronald	6	9	22	37
Total:	309	163	377	849

KAWEHNO:KE DISTRICT CHIEF	
CANDIDATE	TOTAL VOTES
Adams, Vanessa	149
Benedict, Jackie	117
Francis-Benedict, Lisa	165
Lazore, Patricia (Patti Bova)	113
Pierce, Lacey Sarah	131
Thompson, Vincent (Vince)	157
White, DJ	118
Total:	950

KANA:TAKON DISTRICT CHIEF	
CANDIDATE	TOTAL VOTES
David, Fallon	101
Francis-Mitchell, Cindy	84
Jacobs, Cheryl A.	40
Jacobs, Theresa	74
Oakes, Teresa	83
Phillips-Jacobs, Julie	51
Thomas, Sherril	40
Total:	473



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MOHAWK COUNCIL PASSES RESOLUTION ENDING OFFICIAL COVID-19 PANDEMIC RESPONSE

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne (MCA) has passed Mohawk Council Resolution (MCR) 2024/2025 #220, officially ending the community's COVID-19 pandemic response. This resolution rescinds MCR 2023/2024 #012, concluding the state of emergency and all pandemic-related efforts. This marks a significant milestone as the COVID-19 pandemic response for Akwesasne is now officially over.

Throughout the pandemic, MCA staff worked tirelessly to ensure the health and safety of Akwesasne. The Emergency Operations Center (EOC) played a critical role in protecting the community during the crisis. The Department of Health (DOH) operated mobile vaccine clinics, providing timely access to updated COVID-19 vaccines, and operated a mobile testing unit that efficiently served all three districts in the northern portion of the community. In addition, the DOH consistently shared daily updates and essential information to keep the community well-informed. These proactive measures demonstrated the dedication of our teams in responding to unprecedented challenges.

The pandemic also emphasized the strength of partnerships within Akwesasne, particularly the collaboration between the MCA and the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe. These joint efforts played a key role in supporting Akwesasronon, while enhancing communication and cooperation. Although the pandemic was challenging, it truly reinforced our sense of community and resilience.

As we return to normal operations and deactivate the EOC, the MCA remains committed to staying prepared for future public health challenges. The lessons learned from the pandemic will shape our future strategies and responses.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all who contributed to Akwesasne's pandemic response, from MCA staff to the community. Your dedication ensured the well-being of our people, and together we will continue to thrive.

AKWESASNE DENTAL CLINIC SEEKING HYGIENISTS

Join the Akwesasne Dental Clinic team and make a real impact! Akwesasne Dental is looking for dedicated hygienists for full-time and part-time roles. Enjoy competitive pay, flexible hours, and great benefits. Engage in community outreach, work with a supportive team, and benefit from Canadian student loan forgiveness programs.

Apply today by sending your resume to [director@cornwallspecialtydental.com](mailto:director@cornwallspecialtydental.com).

For more information, please visit the External Job Postings section on [www.akwesasne.ca/employment](http://www.akwesasne.ca/employment).

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH ISSUING A CALL OUT FOR PSW'S, RN'S AND RPN'S

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne's Department of Health (DOH) is issuing a call out for Personal Support Workers (PSWs), Registered Nurses (RNs), and Registered Practical Nurses (RPNs).

All copies of resumes, licenses, and certificates are due to the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne's Human Resources Department by **October 1, 2024 at 12:00 p.m.** to be considered in the recruitment process. Please submit resumes, licenses, and certificates to [jobs@akwesasne.ca](mailto:jobs@akwesasne.ca).

For more information, please call the Human Resources office at 613-575-2341 ext. 2154.



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COLOR RUN & BUBBLE FUN AT GENERATIONS PARK

The Akwesasne Coalition for Community Empowerment's annual Color/Bubble Run was a burst of rainbow brilliance!

Generations Park turned into a kaleidoscope of fun on Wednesday, August 7, featuring a dunk tank, foam party, and inflatable bumper balls for all to enjoy.

Nia:wen to the amazing community members, staff, and volunteers from both sides of Akwesasne's territory who helped make this event possible! Your dedication paints a brighter, more colorful community for us all.





# Connect With Us on Social Media!

 [facebook.com/akwesasne.ca](https://facebook.com/akwesasne.ca) [@MCAkwesasne](https://www.instagram.com/MCAkwesasne) [@MCAkwesasne](https://twitter.com/MCAkwesasne)

 [youtube.com/MohawkCouncilofAkwesasne](https://youtube.com/MohawkCouncilofAkwesasne) [@MCAkwesasne](https://www.snapchat.com/add/MCAkwesasne) [@MCAkwesasne](https://www.tiktok.com/@MCAkwesasne)

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AKWESASNE NATIVE BIODIVERSITY EVENT

On August 9, 2024, the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne Environment Program hosted the Akwesasne Native Biodiversity Event at the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe Farm. Despite the rainy weather, the enthusiasm and commitment to environmental and cultural sustainability shone brightly as candidates gathered to network and present their innovative projects.

The event was honored by the presence of distinguished supporters and funders who demonstrated their dedication to these important initiatives. Among the notable attendees were:

- Vladimir Arana, International Secretariat of Water
- Daniel Taillant, Executive Manager of the Commission for Environmental Cooperation (CEC)
- Elysa Vaillancourt, Youth Coordinator at ISW
- Giusto Boccheni, North American Youth Parliament for Water
- Kayla Sunday, Program Manager for the MCA Environment Program, who presented each candidate with a \$5,000 check.

This event marked the second phase of the project, introducing a new group of committed candidates:

- Laila Cook shared insights on food sovereignty and announced an upcoming canning workshop aimed at educating the community.
- Sueann Swamp discussed Haudenosaunee seeds and the

creation of seed kits for community members, aiming to revive traditional practices of seed trading and cultivation.

- Rae Ladouceur and Tanice Jock will be hosting workshops focused on reducing the carbon footprint by creating artisan paper from old bingo cards.
- Josee Sunday is set to conduct workshops on utilizing textile waste for sewing, quilting, and weaving, highlighting the storytelling aspects of these crafts.
- Travis Benedict is organizing an eco-friendly fair to promote locally produced, eco-friendly products.
- Jon Michael Lazore is working on establishing food forests in Akwesasne to enhance food security for future generations.
- Sydney Jacobs is developing an online resource for Akwesasnon, featuring plant identification and knowledge sharing, with the goal of fostering community contributions and enhancing understanding of Kanien'kehá plants.

A special shoutout goes to Emma Phillips, Program Manager for the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe Farm, for graciously offering her space, time, and expertise to the event and its candidates. Niawenhko:wa Emma!

We are immensely proud of the youth and their efforts in advancing environmental sustainability. Let us continue to encourage and support our youth as they pursue their ideas and initiatives for the betterment of our environment and our community.



Akwesasne Native Biodiversity candidates along with funders of the project.



Distinguished supporters and funders who demonstrated their dedication to the important initiatives presented by candidates.



# COUNCIL AND MOHAWK GOVERNMENT

## COUNCIL WEEKLY MEETING REPORT

SUBMITTED BY ACTING GRAND CHIEF CINDY FRANCIS-MITCHELL



### August 12, 2024

- **Drum Street Property Inquiry:** Community member requesting to purchase a parcel of land on the U.S side, issues with traffic going too fast, safety for her family. Letter to be sent to community members.
- **Roxann Whitebean:** Request to meet with Council to discuss ongoing border matters, discussion on her bringing her film crew in to the territory. Roxann is a past student of ACESS training program and has been requested permission to do this project.

### August 19, 2024

- **Christmas Break:** MCA Closure dates have been presented by the Executive Director as follows: Paid time off during the Christmas and New Year holidays will be observed only on December 25-26 and January 1, 2024. MCA offices will remain open and available to the public on December 27 and January 30 and 31.
- **Labour Day:** Due to the closure of MCA offices on September 2 (Labour Day), Council's next scheduled meeting will be held on September 9, 2024.
- **Representation for Meetings:** Portfolio should be attending meetings where required to ensure that we may be up-

- **Chief of Police Status:** Executive Director provided update on status of Chief of Police leaving the organization effective Friday, August 16, 2024, Ranatiostha Swamp will remain Acting Chief of Police.
- **Akwesasne Heating Assistance Program:** Update on the issue of credit that some community members are carrying for hydro/fuel. Information required for review that was just received.
- **Roads:** Community members requesting support for the repair of road curbing that was not complete during road repair, ED is working on these issues with DIHE.
- **Solid Waste Dumpsters:** Community members requesting assistance with waste dumpsters at the end of their cul de sac, tons of garbage piling up on, Chiefs were advised that the upcoming cleanup activities planned for the next three weeks in each district.
- **Kawehno:ke Apartments:** Issue with flooding during recent storm and back up of sewer, community member was relocated to hotel for the evening,

- dated on - Council emphasized the importance of Chiefs attending meetings related to their portfolios to stay well-informed and ensure a continuous flow of information.
- **Garbage Pick-Up:** The district garbage cleanup has run into some scheduling and capacity issues. Council, Mohawk Government, and D&R Disposal have been working on solutions for the community.
  - **Water Update:** Kawehno:ke had a watermain break on August 18, 2024. Water boil advisory was issued on August 18 and lifted on August 19. Extensive repair is required and underway. Nia:wen

cleanup occurred networked with DIHE departments.

- **Update on EOC:** Update on the recent storm, community members requiring services, basement flooding, curb issues that had not been completed complicated the issues on the massive rain downpour, updates provided by AMPS, Communications, ED, HAVFD, SRMT. Council requested an update and follow-up on many major issues.
- **NY State Land Claim:** Update on file with Legal and ongoing discussion on outstanding issues.
- **MCRs:** Approved funding AMA Professional Development; ISC Amendment No. 148 to Funding Agreement; ISC Amendment No.149 Funding Agreement; Housing Upgrade Application x2; Allotment Lot 286 Cornwall Island CLSR 109942; Rescind Lot 1-4 Clark Island; Rescind Lot 2G-5 Pilon Island; Acceptance of Resignation of Kana:takon District Chief Thompson; Ontario Transfer Payment Agreement 2024-2028.

to the technicians that have been continuously working to restore water service, we greatly appreciate you!

- **Power Outage:** Parts of Kana:takon experienced a power outage on August 19, 2024 due to a transformer malfunction. MCA offices in Kana:takon closed for the day. Updates provided by the EOC, power was restored at 6:30 p.m.
- **MCRs:** Amendment to MCR 2024/25 #095; '23-'24 MOHLTC - ASPER Audit; Lot 1-18 Pilon Island – Addendum to Lease; ON First Nations Multilateral Agreement Working Task Group Members Designation; Waterline Connections Project.

# COUNCIL AND MOHAWK GOVERNMENT

### August 26, 2024

- **Property Acquisitions:** Follow-up discussion on dilapidated homes in all districts, committee tasked to work on this area. Issues have been ongoing on over youth entering these homes at late hours in the evening, the safety of the community, reach out to DIHE to re-establish the list, OVS for updating list of home owners, cost associated, and RFP for proposals to complete task.
- **Youth Activity:** Discussion on areas of concern in Districts over recent youth activity disturbing community members homes, egging, staying out past curfew. Follow up with AMPS, ACFS to inquire what avenues/protocols can be taking to address this ongoing issue.
- **Job Postings:** Discussion on including the following in in job postings — highly motivated, good interpersonal skills, when acting positions are going to be filled. This item is Administrative and has been noted by the Associate Executive Director.
- **Special Meeting Request:** A request

### August 28, 2024

- **MEETING: Cannabis Legal Review:** Met with Cannabis committee & Legal Counsel to discuss the issues regarding the cannabis and enforcement.
- **Chiefs Committee on Justice (COO):** Attended Zoom meeting with Justice, discussion on recap of last meeting,

### August 29, 2024

- **MEETING: Economic Development Portfolio: Kylee Tarbell/Director: Fibre to the Homes;** Conduit issue has been completed, fibre is pulled through reaching base of Kawehno:ke, awaiting approval of Enbridge to conduct boring from base of bridge to vault (permit required). Backhaul connection has been completed, turned up and is fully operational ensuring a stable high speed

for A/GC to meet with Tsi Snaihne for updates, advised would reach out to those members directly.

- **MCA Portal:** Discussion on the progress of the Portal, where community members can access previous meeting updates. This is an ongoing project with our IT Team. Further updates to be provided.
- **Akwesasne Powwow:** Discussion on the Powwow; it is expected to be an awesome event for gathering of all nations, surrounding communities. We wish the planning committee, dancers, and vendors all the best. Weekend passes and tickets that were received will be distributed to staff accordingly.
- **MCRs:** Expansion to DCSS Org. Chart, 2023-2024 Ministry of Children, Community & Social Services Child Protection Services, 2022-2023 MOHLTC CSS Revenue and Expenses, 2023-2024 Ministry of Health, Child and Youth Mental Health, Allotment – Lot 33-1-3 Cornwall Island CLSR 84544, ATR Delormier Trucking and Construction, Acceptance of New Members to sit on Oversight

and review of agenda including briefing package for Chiefs. Justice Sector overview key priorities include: Enforcement of FN Laws, addressing enforcement and prosecution gaps, prioritizing community safety, and advancing FN rights, rights assertions, heritage & burials,

connection, trenching will also commence once quote has been obtained. Twenty five homes in TsiSnaihne have been identified for completion of lines. Project is on track to be completed by November 30, 2024. Final deadline of December 31, 2024. **Rogers Tower Construction Project:** Tower site is ready and concrete preparations are completed, tower to be erected within

Committee for Legislative Development, Revised Dr. Marie-France Levac Contract Renewal 2024-2025, Space Needs Committee, Assignment of Lease – Lot 2. St Francis Island.

- **SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING: Hydro Québec** - Admin. 1: This meeting is a follow-up to Hydro Quebec's visit in May. Michael Sabia, CEO was in attendance in our community. Previous Grand Chief Abram Benedict took them on a tour of the community so they could see firsthand the issues our Quebec portion of the territory have encountered through the years. Council had made the request for follow-up discussion, which was received from Hyrdo Quebec Representatives; Marie France Emard, Benoit Delourme, Benoit Pasqualetto, & Caroline Trembley. Improving the services has been the main focus of discussion including short term actions, response protocols for outages, vegetation control & maintenance process ongoing. Medium & long term actions, backup lines project underway. Efforts with neighboring systems, Environment, and Liaison officers contract.

consultation & engagement supporting improved consultations engagements. Overview of committees, Anti-Racism Campaign briefing documents, updates on upcoming meetings scheduled for September.

2-3 weeks timeframe. **Arena:** Received updates on sign lease agreement, grants available, turf being replaced to get ready for ice season, and contracts underway for ice rentals. **Thompson Island C.C.:** Pontoon is in the final stages of approval with Ministry of Transportation. **Open House:** EcDev will be attending the scheduled events in each District.



# SOCIAL MEDIA CONNECTION



## FACEBOOK STATS

### Facebook Posts with the Most Likes in August

- 1. MCA & Akwesasne Dental Clinic Announce Passing of Beloved Dentist, Dr. Dan
- 2. Tsiionkwanonhso:te Residents Hit the Water for Another Day of Pontoon Fun
- 3. Mental Health & Wellness Sector Welcomes New Administrative Assistant
- 4. Land-Based Healing Program Welcomes New Land-Based Healing Specialist
- 5. Tsiionkwanonhso:te Hosts Fashion Show as Part of their 30th Anniversary Celebration

### Facebook Posts with the Highest Reach in August

- 1. Tsiionkwanonhso:te Residents Hit the Water for Another Day of Pontoon Fun — 26,687 Reached
- 2. Game On: Football Fun at the A’nowara’ko:wa Arena — 18,844 Reached
- 3. MCA & Akwesasne Dental Clinic Announce Passing of Beloved Dentist, Dr. Dan — 13,877 Reached
- 4. Color Run & Bubble Fun at Generations Park — 10,123 Reached
- 5. Sunshine Serenade: Elders Enjoy Music by Johnny Mondoux — 17,431 Reached



## X STATS

### Top Post in August



## YOUTUBE STATS

Highest Viewed Video on the MCA  
YouTube Channel for August  
Akwesasne Color/Bubble Run 2024



Scan QR Code  
to view video!

# CHILDREN’S PAGE

WORD SCRAMBLE

NIELPC \_\_\_\_\_

RNALE \_\_\_\_\_

SKDE \_\_\_\_\_

TAPIN \_\_\_\_\_

NRCYAO \_\_\_\_\_

LRUER \_\_\_\_\_

RULER DESK CRAYON PENCIL PAINT LEARN

TIC TAC TOE


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All About Me!

My picture

HELLO My name is

My Teachers Name

My favorite summer memory

I love

I like to play

I want to learn about

FAVORITE

Color	Animal
Game	Friend
Food	TV Show
Drink	Sport

## COLOUR THE BOOKWORM



## YOU’VE GOT TO BE KIDDING ME!

Why did the teacher wear sunglasses to school?  
Because her students were bright!

How do you get a tissue to dance?  
You put a little boogie in it.

What’s a teachers favorite type of candy?  
Smarties.



# AKWESASNE RIGHTS & RESEARCH OFFICE

## TSIKARISTISERE/DUNDEE UPDATE

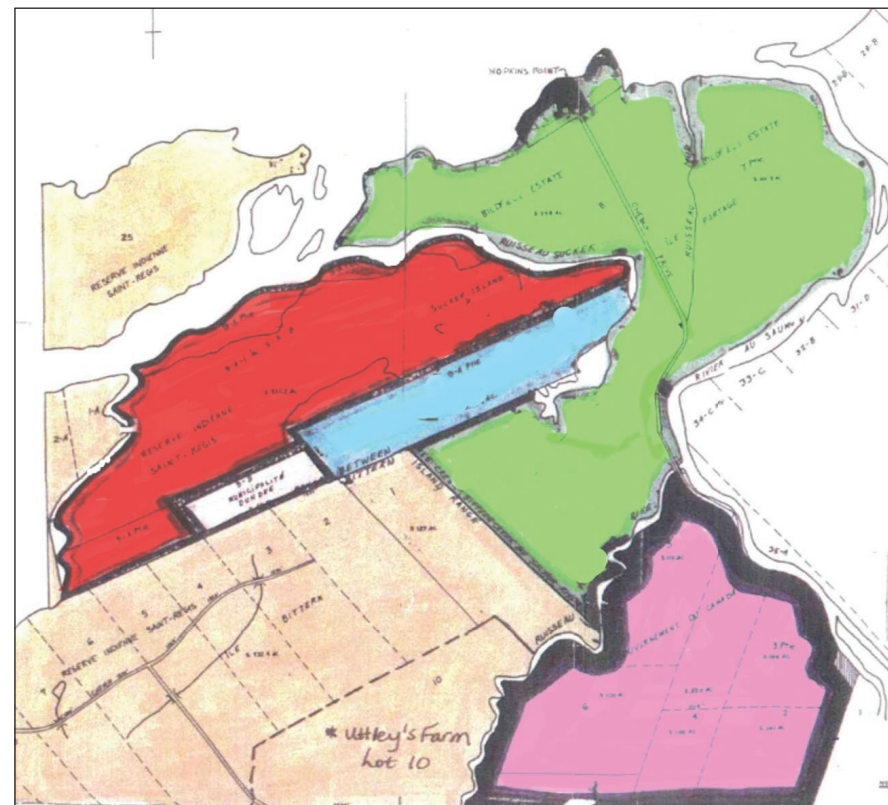
In 2015, the Government of Canada presented a global settlement offer of \$239,808,436.00 and the ability to add 18,282 acres to be returned to reserve status. To address these longstanding issues. The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne (MCA) put this claim to a community referendum in 2018, where the results showed strong support: 1,749 votes in favor and 448 against. Despite this outcome, five appeals were filed against the referendum results. The Akwesasne Court found that four of these appeals did not meet the criteria for a full hearing. However, the fifth appeal was deemed to have merit and was heard on February 7, 2019. Ultimately, on January 7, 2020, the court dismissed all five appeals, upholding the validity of the referendum and paving the way for the settlement's acceptance.

In 2023, the MCA took a significant step towards ensuring transparency and accountability by deciding to place the settlement funds into a newly established trust for the Dundee/Tsikaristisere settlement. This trust, overseen by five trustees and a trust administrator, will manage the distribution of funds for various community-directed initiatives. The Internal Technical Team (ITT) is currently preparing to release a call-out for candidates to fill these trustee and administrator positions, ensuring that community members are actively involved in managing the settlement resources.

The Akwesasne Rights & Research Office (ARRO) is also actively engaged in several Addition to Reserve (ATR) processes within the Tsikaristisere settlement area. These processes involve the Bildfeld properties acquired by the MCA in 2005, the Baikie Keddie property purchased in 2008, and the McDonald sisters' property, all held under the MCA Akwe:kowa Corporation. The completion of land surveys for

these properties in December 2023 marks a critical step forward. The next phase involves conducting environmental site assessments, which are essential for advancing the ATR process and moving closer to the goal of reacquiring these lands.

These efforts underscore the MCA's dedication to reclaiming and restoring their ancestral lands. The Mohawks of Akwesasne remain resolute in their commitment to ensuring that these processes honor Canada's commitments and obligations under the Tsikaristisere Dundee settlement, emphasizing the importance of justice, sovereignty, and community self-determination.



Dundee Additions to Reserve Map

**Red Section:** Sugarbush Island as reference.

**Blue Section:** Baikie Keddie Property, currently in the ATR process.

**Green Section:** Bildfeld Properties, currently in the ATR process.

**Purple Section:** McDonald Sisters' property, currently in the ATR process.

# AKWESASNE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT

## MEET THE JUSTICE LEAGUE! JONI TOULOUSE, EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT



Although Joni has only been with the Justice Department since May 21, 2024, she has become our Executive Assistant extraordinaire providing support to the entire team. In the past three months, she has proven to be an asset while assisting the Director of

Justice and the Legislative Service Manager with their administrative duties while overseeing the operational needs of the department. Also, as part of her already full workload, Joni is available to help community members reach the right departmental contacts, process Boat and ATV registrations, and to administer Jury Duty letters.

Originally from the Anishinaabe People of Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation, Joni moved to Akwesasne

as a young adult where she later met her husband. Together they are happily raising three beautiful children who attend Salmon River. Joni is very proud to be a part of both communities. She credits her bilingual parents and attending school in their home territory for speaking her second language, Ojibway, as well as knowing the alphabet in Anishnabek. Carrying this knowledge with her has motivated Joni to learn the Mohawk alphabet and to continue educating herself with the language.

Joni joins the Justice Department with an impressive work history and a 3-year Business Diploma at St. Lawrence College. In the future, she hopes to continue working in such a setting saying, "I have great respect for the community of Akwesasne and I am always impressed with the many programs that the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne runs. I am looking forward to learning more about the administrative side of things. Also, my coworkers are super cool!" We are glad to have you too, Joni!

## BOAT AND ATV REGISTRATION AVAILABLE AT AKWESASNE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT

The 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 Kana: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.



# AKWESASNE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT

## AKWESASNE CHILD RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES LAW UPDATE

The Working Task Group (WTG) for the Akwesasne Child Rights and Responsibilities Law is pleased to issue this brief community update on the law's development.

After a short hiatus, the roster of our WTG has undergone some changes. In the past few months, we have welcomed some new faces like the Akwesasne Justice Department's new Legislative Services Manager, Alyson Thompson. We also are glad to have our new legislative drafters on board, Katherine Hensel of Secwepemc Nation and Ruth Ambros of Foglers Rubinoff LLP. Ruth and Katherine have proven to be great outside assets. Their vast experience of working with First Nation communities, especially in the areas of advancing inherent rights over a child's wellbeing, has proven to be beneficial with the development of our own law.

To make sure this is truly an Akwesasne law, our group agreed that we needed a name and logo to best represent our language, traditions, and culture. The initial name, the Akwesasne Child Rights and Responsibilities Law, has been changed to Eniethihswanón:na (We will protect them, surround them). We have also commissioned a logo for the law that visually represents our new name. We feel that both are great additions and are necessary in forming a long-lasting identity for the law itself.

Over the past six months, the WTG has been working diligently on creating a concise draft that will move the law's development into phase II and III of the Legislative Enactment Regulation. This will involve acceptance in principle by Council and then a community consultation. Our work up to this point has focused our research on Indigenous child and family wellbeing across Turtle Island. We have

also gained a lot of insight from other First Nation communities who have successfully established their own child law along with supportive programs and services they provide to their members.

Currently the focus of our meetings has revolved around our need to make this law for Akwesasronon and to incorporate our traditional language that empowers children and their families. We have been continuously seeking out the best ways for community engagement and inclusion, such as through the creation of a member survey. To reach out to people and receive feedback we have been attending community events with our survey and informational documents to help spread the word about our law and its possible effects. With hopes of having more community involvement in the development process, we are presently conducting a public call out for elders, knowledge keepers and language speakers to sit on the WTG to advise the drafting process and share their personal experiences. If we all work together, we feel that we can build the best and most effective Akwesasne Law for the betterment of our children, families, and community.

ENIETHIHSWANÓN:NA



New logo for Akwesasne Child Rights and Responsibilities Law.

# AHKWESAHSNE MOHAWK BOARD OF EDUCATION

## AMBE PLAYGROUND REMOVAL & GROUND PREP FOR NEW STRUCTURES

Recently, an extensive safety assessment of the playgrounds at all three district schools was conducted, and the results indicate that these playgrounds are no longer safe for use. The evaluation revealed several issues that pose potential hazards to children, resulting in the immediate decision to remove the playground equipment. This measure is being taken to ensure the safety of all students and to prevent any accidents or injuries.

As the playgrounds are being dismantled, we ask the community to be aware of the construction zones that will be established around each school. These areas will be marked and secured to protect both children and adults from any potential hazards associated with the removal process. We appreciate your cooperation and understanding during this time of transition, and

we are committed to keeping you informed about any updates regarding new playground installations or alternative recreational options for our students.

### Playground Removal Placement & Replacement Timeline:

- **September 10, 2024** - Dismantle & remove current play structures at each school begins
- **October 7, 2024** - Groundwork Prep for New Play Structures
- **Spring 2025** - New Structure Build

If you have any questions or concerns please contact Belinda Koostachin at (613) 933-0409 ext. 1402.

## STOP FOR SCHOOL BUSES: KEEP OUR KIDS SAFE

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne wants to remind everyone that stopping for school buses with their lights flashing is not just a courtesy—it's the law.

Failing to stop not only risks hefty fines but also endangers our children and their future. Let's all do our part to keep our kids safe as they get on and off the bus.

Stay vigilant and always be on the lookout for school buses. Your attention could make a big difference!







**BUSES ONLY**  
BETWEEN  
7:30 A.M. - 9:00 A.M.  
2:15 P.M. - 4:15 P.M.

### Reminder

Please be mindful of the No Parking signs at each of our District Schools.

These areas are reserved as Bus Drop Off Zones.





# DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

## CLINICAL CARE SERVICES SECTOR ADVISES PATIENTS NOT TO SEND MEDICAL INFORMATION VIA EMAIL

The MCA Department of Health's Clinical Care Services Sector is reminding the community not to send any medical information to your healthcare provider via email. The Akwesasne Medical Clinic (AMC) and Kawehno:ke Medical Clinic (KMC) do not accept any patient information via email. This includes needs for medications renewals and medical forms.

Patients of any healthcare providers in the AMC and KMC should not be sending their medical information to their providers via email as emails are not monitored on a regular basis. This runs the risk of an email being overlooked and vital deadlines, or medication renewal requests, being missed, and

could also cause a break in confidentiality.

Should any patient of the AMC or KMC need medications renewed, or submission of any medical forms, please directly contact the medical clinic where you receive care. We thank you for your patience and understanding in this matter.

The Akwesasne Medical Clinic can be contacted at 613-575-2341 ext. 3215.

The Kawehno:ke Medical Clinic can be contacted at 613-932-5808.

## 2024 GREEN FOOD BAG SCHEDULE

MCA Community Health Services would like to share the Green Food Bag schedule for 2024.

Green Food Bags must be **ordered** by the following dates:

- October 4, 2024
- November 1, 2024
- December 6, 2024

Green Food Bag **pick-up** will occur on the following dates at Kanonhkwa'tsheri:io Health Facility:

- October 16, 2024
- November 20, 2024
- December 18, 2024

\$20 per bag, with a limit of 2 bags per person. Please bring your own reusable bags when picking up! No bags will be provided.

Payment is due at the time of order and can be paid via cash or e-transfer. Online payments can be sent to [etransfer@akwesasne.ca](mailto:etransfer@akwesasne.ca). Please include "Green Food Bag", the month for which you are ordering, your name, and contact number in the message section.

If you have any questions, please contact CHS at 613-575-2341 ext. 3220.



# DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

## TSIIIONKWANONHSO:TE'S 30TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION: A WEEK TO REMEMBER

On Saturday, August 17, 2024, the Tsiionkwanonhso:te Long-Term Care (LTC) Facility wrapped up its 30th Anniversary Week Celebration. The residents of the LTC thoroughly enjoyed the interactive and engaging activities the hard-working and dedicated staff planned and implemented throughout the week.

The LTC's anniversary week included musical performances by various local bands and artists, a week-long Mohawk auction, a day of cultural celebrations, a visit by the Bee Meadows Petting Zoo (where they were joined by residents of the Iakhihsotha Lodge), and capped the week off with an outdoor field day which featured a dunk tank, carnival games, and food sales.

Through the Mohawk Auction, donations, and food sales, the LTC was able to meet, and exceed, their fundraising goal for the Tsiionkwanonhso:te resident's annual Christmas Activity fund. All funds generated goes to the residents to ensure they receive gifts on Christmas morning and are treated to a holiday dinner with all the fixings. Additional funds generated through the celebration weeks fundraising efforts will go towards entertainment for the residents throughout Christmas Day.

Nia:wen/thank you to all the staff, volunteers, and community members who made the 30th Anniversary Week celebration a memorable occasion. Your continued support is truly appreciated.





## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

### DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH WELCOMES NEW REGISTERED DIETITIAN



The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne's Department of Health would like to welcome their new Registered Dietitian, Anne-Charlotte George, to the Clinical Care Services Sector. Anne-Charlotte will be providing a range of nutritional consulting services related to chronic

disease management, as well as community programming which will include presentations, cooking classes, and more.

Anne-Charlotte is able to provide dietary consultations

for a range of health issues, such as: diabetes, pre-diabetes, gestational diabetes, heart health, liver disease, kidney disease, weight management, picky eating, or general nutrition advice.

Anne-Charlotte joins the Clinical Care Services team with a wealth of knowledge and expertise in the dietitian field. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Applied Human Nutrition with the Integrated Internship Education Program from Mount Saint Vincent University in Halifax, Nova Scotia. She had been working as a Dietitian in an Indigenous community in Nova Scotia for five years before recently moving to Cornwall with her husband.

Please join us in welcoming Anne-Charlotte George to the Clinical Care Services team!

### DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO RELAUNCH TELEHEALTH SERVICE WITH DR. CURRY

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne's Department of Health (DOH) is reminding the community that the telehealth service with Dr. Curry will be relaunched on Friday, September 20, 2024. The service has been revamped and will now include virtual video consultations with Dr. Curry. All virtual video calls will take place through the Kawehno:ke Medical Clinic (KMC).

Dr. Curry will be assisting community members through phone or virtual care. These services will be conducted at the KMC from 10:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. every Friday via video conference. Any community member who schedules a virtual video appointment with Dr. Curry will be required to be in the KMC to meet with Dr. Curry. He will be able to fill prescriptions and refills, however, he will not be issuing prescriptions for narcotic medications or refill orders. Dr. Curry will not be accepting new patients as their regular healthcare provider, meaning clients will continue to see their regular primary healthcare provider.

Call the KMC to schedule your virtual or telehealth ap-

pointment. Only one issue will be addressed during each appointment. Not all clients may qualify for a virtual or telehealth appointment as some clients will require an in-person assessment with their primary care provider.

Quebec and Ontario residents will be able to utilize this service; current RAMQ or OHIP health insurance is required.

Each appointment will be scheduled in 20 minute allotments. Any community member with a scheduled appointment will arrive at the Kawehno:ke Medical Clinic where the attending nurse will take your vitals. Once this has been completed, you will then be placed in front of a camera and computer screen where you will meet with Dr. Curry via a video conference call. Please ensure to observe any follow-up instructions provided by Dr. Curry.

To schedule an appointment for the virtual video service with Dr. Curry, please call 613-932-5808.

## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

### DO YOU HAVE RESPIRATORY ILLNESS SYMPTOMS? HERE'S WHAT TO DO!

Respiratory illnesses are on the rise within the community of Akwesasne, as well as the surrounding areas. Not sure what to do if you have respiratory illness symptoms?

Here's the suggested actions to take if you are experiencing respiratory illness symptoms:

Take the COVID-19 Self-Assessment Screener.

To access the COVID-19 Self-Assessment Screener, open the camera on your phone and focus on the QR code in the graphic. Tap on the website that pops up on the bottom of the camera screen. The Self-Assessment Screener will walk you through a series of questions and provide guidance on any severe symptoms or issues. Based on your answers, the screener will advise if you should be self-isolating.

You can also visit the following link to access the COVID-19 self-assessment screener:

[www.ontario.ca/self-assessment/](https://www.ontario.ca/self-assessment/)

If you have any COVID-19 symptoms (even if mild):

- Fever (37.8° C or higher) and/or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or trouble breathing
- Decreased or loss of taste or smell
- Runny nose or nasal congestion
- Headache
- Extreme fatigue or tiredness
- Sore throat
- Muscle aches or joint pain
- Gastrointestinal symptoms (such as vomiting or diarrhea)

It is recommended that you stay home (self-isolate) while you are sick. This means:

- Staying home until you have no fever and your symptoms are improving for at least 24 hours (or 48 hours if you have gastrointestinal symptoms such as vomiting and/or diarrhea).
- After isolating, wear a well-fitted, high quality mask when out in public for 10 days from when your symptoms started.
- Avoid non-essential visits to vulnerable individuals (e.g. seniors) and highest risk settings (e.g., hospitals, long-term care) for 10 days from when your symptoms started.
- Follow this advice whether you have tested with a Rapid Antigen Test for COVID-19 or not.

If you tested positive for COVID-19, but do not have any symptoms, you are not required to self-isolate. You should self-monitor for symptoms and self-isolate if symptoms develop. Wear a mask when in public settings, especially if they are crowded or have poor ventilation, and avoid non-essential visits to vulnerable individuals (e.g. seniors) and high risk settings for 10 days from your positive test date.

Individuals with a weak immune system should isolate for at least 10 days (from symptom onset or positive test date) regardless if you have symptoms of COVID-19.

For more information please contact MCA Community Health Services at 613-575-2341 ext. 3220.



## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

### ADDICTIONS SERVICES ANNOUNCES NEW PARENTS OF ADDICTED LOVED ONES (PAL) SUPPORT GROUP

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne's Addictions Services is announcing a new support group that will be launching: the Parents of Addicted Loved Ones (PAL) Support Group. The support group will be meeting every Wednesday from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. starting September 25, 2024. The locations of each week's meeting will rotate between the three MCA Districts.

PAL is a support group for parents, grandparents, and spouses of anyone with a substance use disorder over the age of 18. At this support group, participants can find hope and support through education, open discussion, and meeting others who are living a similar struggle.

PAL's free weekly meetings follow evidence-based practices, and follows a curriculum designed specifically for parents by professionals in the treatment and recovery industry. Each meeting will include two important parts:

1. An educational component that offers tools for participants to use, such as ways to help, rather than enable.

2. A support component where participants interact with each other, sharing what has worked, and has not worked, for them in their communities.

What makes PAL unique is the evidence-based practices and the peer-to-peer support, where participants are encouraged to share their experiences with each other.

PAL meetings are open to all ages 18 and up regardless of faith or background, reflecting the organization's primary goal of providing hope through education and support for parents of loved ones dealing with substance use disorder.

For more information on Parents of Loved Ones Support Groups, or about other programs and services available, please contact the Addictions Services office at 613-575-2341 ext. 3115.

IAKHIHSOHTHA LODGE PRESENTS:

# ANNUAL TRIVIA FUNDRAISER

**OCT. 11, 2024**

**AMERICAN LEGION POST 1479**  
**12:00 P.M. MOHAWK AUCTION BEGINS**  
(Auction held all day)

**6:00 P.M. DOORS OPEN**  
**7:00 P.M. TRIVIA**

**QUIZ MASTER & ENTERTAINMENT BY:**  
**REEN COOK & ROGER MITCHELL**

**\$100 PER TRIVIA TEAM**  
(4 PLAYERS PER TEAM)

**DRESS UP IN YOUR FAVORITE COSTUME!**  
Prizes for the following categories:  
Best Single and Best Team Costume

Accepting Mohawk Auction donations now until day of event.  
Donations can be dropped off at Iakhihsothta Lodge.

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER, PLEASE CONTACT: TENEYA MITCHELL OR ALLISON LAZORE-GREEN AT 613-575-2507

## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

### WHAT TO DO IF A BAT INVADES YOUR HOME: ESSENTIAL SAFETY TIPS

The Eastern Ontario Health Unit (EOHU) is providing information to the community on what to do if you find a bat in your home. A recent positive case of human rabies in the province of Ontario due to a bat bite has been identified.

Rabies is a reportable disease in Ontario. When a suspected exposure to rabies occurs, the case must be reported to your local public health unit. Local public health units will then begin an investigation, provide a risk assessment, and recommend rabies post-exposure prophylaxis, if necessary.

Should you find a bat in your home, trap it in a room with the lights off and a window open, so it can escape. Do not try to catch and release the bat yourself, as doing so puts you at risk for a bite. If the bat does not leave on its own, contact a pest management company for professional assistance.

If the bat is found in a bedroom (alive or dead), please visit your local emergency room immediately to discuss next steps, especially if the bat is found in a child's room. Bat bites are particularly dangerous, as they have needle-sharp teeth which may not leave a mark after biting, and you may not know you've been bitten.



If you think you, or your family, have been bitten by a bat or other animal, contact your doctor, healthcare provider, or local emergency room immediately. Report the bite to your local community health services provider.

If you have any questions, please contact MCA Community Health Services at 613-575-2341 ext. 3220.

For more information, please check out the following link: [www.eohu.ca/en/article/2024-09-09](http://www.eohu.ca/en/article/2024-09-09)

## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

<b>Akwesasne Non-Insured Health Benefits:</b> 613-575-2341 ext. 3340	<b>Home &amp; Community Care:</b> 613-575-2341 ext. 1618
<b>Community Health:</b> 613-575-2341 ext. 3220	<b>Iakhihsothta Lodge:</b> 613-575-2507
<b>Jordan's Principle:</b> 613-575-2341 ext. 2650	<b>Sahatiha'hará:ne Detox Center:</b> 613-932-5050
<b>Wholistic Health and Wellness:</b> 613-575-2341 ext. 3115	<b>Tsiokwanonhso:te Long-Term Care Facility:</b> 613-932-1409

A circular logo featuring a stylized illustration of four people in traditional Indigenous clothing standing in a circle. The logo is set against a white background with a blue border. There are also blue plus signs in the background of the banner.



# DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY & SOCIAL SERVICES

## DCSS CALL FOR SERVICE: MOHAWK TRANSLATION SERVICES

The Department of Community and Social Services (DCSS) is looking for Kanien'kéha Speakers within the Community of Akwesasne to assist with Kanien'kéha Integration in our new Software System Ska'nikòn:ra (One Mind).

The Department of Community and Social Services is issuing a call out to community members who are fluent in Kanien'kéha. All assigned tasks related to Kanien'kéha Translation are as follows:

- Translation of English words in our new software system to Kanien'kéha.
- Proficiency with database software or willing to learn! (We will provide training).
- Be available for casual to part time hours for meetings with our Software Project Team from 8-5, Monday-Friday (schedule will be provided).
- Be able to provide translation of words, sentences, and template titles for all assigned sections by the Software Project Manager.

### Eligible expenditures include:

- Salary (hourly rate) to support the delivery of Kanien'kéha Translation Services.

### Deliverables — Kanien'kéha Speakers must:

- Provide Translation Services of all requested English wording to Kanien'kéha.

**Format of Response:** Written letter of interest submitted to the Department of Community and Social Services.

**Responses to be sent to:** Executive Assistant | Department of Community and Social Services via email at [alicia.hill@akwesasne.ca](mailto:alicia.hill@akwesasne.ca).

**Responses due:** September 27, 2024 (Requests will be accepted throughout the fiscal year and considered for other Kanien'kéha needs with the Department of Community and Social Services).



## Attention Community of Akwesasne: Akwesasne Child & Family Services needs YOUR help!

There is an urgent need for kinship/foster/customary care homes. If you, or anyone you know, may be in a position to open your home to either temporary or long-term fostering, please call **613-575-5020** and speak to an intake worker to submit your information. A Resource Development Worker will be in contact with you.



# DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

## SPARROW SESSIONS

# AKWESASNE SKATEPARK FALL FEST

AN INCLUSIVE SKATEBOARDING EVENT  
SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 28TH 1PM - 7PM  
36 ARENA ROAD, AKWESASNE, ON  
INITIATION - BEST TRICK - DEMO - MUSIC - FOOD - PRIZES

THE SPARROW FOUNDATION  
MOHAWK COUNCIL OF AKWESASNE

A MOHAWK COUNCIL OF AKWESASNE & THE SPARROW FOUNDATION COLLABORATION EVENT



# DEPARTMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE AND HOUSING



## PICK-UP SCHEDULE

TUESDAY	RECYCLING
WEDNESDAY	MCA FACILITIES
THURSDAY	TSI SNAIHNE
FRIDAY	KAWEHNO:KE
SATURDAY	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

# ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM

## SHELL-ABRATING SUCCESS AT THE MCA TURTLE RELEASE PARTY

We had a shell of a time at the MCA Environment Program's turtle release party on August 17, 2024! A little rain didn't dampen our spirits as Akwesasronon gathered on Kawehno:ke to help return turtles to their natural habitat.

Snapping turtles, an at-risk species, need our help, and our dedicated Environment team has been working tirelessly to protect their eggs and boost hatchling survival rates. Thanks to the help of community members, we discovered turtle eggs, incubated them, and are thrilled to have released these little guys back into the wild!

A huge nia:wen/thank you to everyone who joined us to celebrate and support our conservation efforts. Here's to many more successful turtle releases and a brighter future for these incredible creatures!



MCA's Environment Program Turtle Team and property owner with the snapping turtle hatchlings!





# ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM

## CULTIVATING COMMUNITY AT THE SECOND ANNUAL SEED SYMPOSIUM

On Friday, September 6, the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne and the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe teamed up for an empowering event at Generations Park: the second annual Traditional Seed Symposium! It was a day dedicated to honoring our heritage and fostering growth within our community.

The symposium offered hands-on learning about seed saving, seed cleaning, and corn washing, giving participants a deep dive into these essential practices. We capped off the day with a delicious traditional meal, bringing our shared wisdom and culture to the table.

A big thank you to everyone who attended and to our planning committee for making this event a success. Your enthusiasm and effort truly planted the seeds for a wonderful gathering!



# DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

## NATIONAL POLICE WOMAN DAY

On September 12, 2024, we celebrated the incredible policewomen of Akwesasne who embody courage, resilience, and an unwavering commitment to justice. Their dedication not only strengthens our community but also breaks barriers and proves that true strength knows no gender.

As trailblazers in policing, your unique perspectives and tireless efforts inspire us all and pave the way for future generations. Thank you for your invaluable contributions and for showing us the vital role women play in every space!

Let's honour and celebrate the amazing women of the Akwesasne Mohawk Police Service who serve and protect us every day!



## AUGUST STATISTICS

307	August	9	1003 Assist Other Agencies - Other	3	1041 Mental Health Act
2	023 Break & Enter - Premises	3	1003 Assist Other Agencies - Tribal PD	1	1045 Attempt Suicide
2	024 Break & Enter - Residence	54	1004 Assist Public	2	1048 MVC Prevention
1	027 Theft - Automobiles	3	1008 By-Law - Dogs	3	1049 Medical Aid
2	035 Theft Over \$5000 - Other	3	1009 By-Law - Noise	7	1050 Youth Complaint
1	041 Possession Stolen Property	6	1012 Civil Disputes	1	1052 Shooting Complaint
1	045 Frauds - Other	17	1013 Community Services	3	1056 Hazardous Conditions
1	056 Offensive Weapons - Prohibited	3	1014 Crime Prevention	8	106 Provincial Statutes - Other
6	061 Bail Violations	1	1016 Domestic Dispute (Non-violent)	14	1063 Marine Patrol
1	063 Disturb the Peace	6	1018 Escorts - Prisoner	1	205 Assault - Level 1
1	068 Obstruct Peace Officer	3	102 Other Federal Statute Offences	1	210 Assault Police
1	070 Trespass at Night	1	1023 Judge's Order (Court)	1	211 Assault Peace Officer
7	072 Mischief (Prop. Damage) Under \$5000	2	1026 Property - Lost	1	3030 Admin - Assist Other Agency
2	073 Criminal Code - Other	9	1029 Suspicious Persons	5	715 Fail to Stop/Remain (CCC)
1	098 Customs Act	10	1030 Suspicious Vehicles	1	716 Drive MV Prohibited (CCC)
2	100 Immigration Act	16	1031 Suspicious Circumstances	1	717 Fail to Stop / Remain (HTA)
10	1001 Alarms	1	1035 Warrant - Committal	38	721 Traffic - Provincial Statutes
3	1002 Alerts	7	1036 Warrant - Bench/First	1	726 PD MVC Over \$1000 (Prop. Damage)
7	1003 Assist Other Agencies - Ambulance	1	1038 Missing Persons	3	Incident Type Not Listed
4	1003 Assist Other Agencies - Cornwall PS	2	1040 Traffic Complaint		





# ORANGE SHIRT DAY

## SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

Lamoureux Park, Cornwall, ON | 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.



VENDORS

SPEAKERS

FREE FOOD\*

CULTURAL DISPLAYS

### AGENDA

- Ohen:ton Karihwatekwen (Opening/Closing)
- Welcoming Introductions
- Purpose of Gathering
- Haudenosaunee Social
- Residential School Speakers
- Inuit Throat Singers
- Resilience Stories
- Traditional Crafts

Vendors selling indigenous-made items welcome, at no cost! To register, contact: [carolyn.francis@akwesasne.ca](mailto:carolyn.francis@akwesasne.ca) or [julia.benedict@akwesasne.ca](mailto:julia.benedict@akwesasne.ca).

Volunteers welcome! To sign up, contact: [nova.cook@cwcas.ca](mailto:nova.cook@cwcas.ca)

\*Hot dogs courtesy of the Cornwall Kinettes!

