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#### **OPG DONATES PPE FOR MCA STAFF**



The Ontario Power Generation (OPG) reached out to the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne (MCA) to find out if MCA has the need for extra personal protective equipment (PPE) for essential workforce that needs to be out working in the community. Daylan Adams, on behalf of OPG, delivered N95 and 3-ply masks, hand sanitizer and Lysol wipes. (Pictured left to right: Kana:takon District Chief Tim "Dooley" Thompson, OPG Representative Daylan Adams, Kawehno:ke District Chief Vanessa Adams.)

Niawenhko:wa to the OPG for their generous donation!

#### **UPCOMING MCA MEETINGS & SPECIAL DATES:**

#### **GENERAL MEETING**

The February General Meeting will be held via Zoom on February 24, 2021 at 6 p.m.

Please send an email to meetings@akwesasne.ca to receive a link to watch the meeting.

You can also send any questions you may have to meetings@akwesasne.ca as well.

#### MOHAWK COUNCIL OF AKWESASNE 2021-2024

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Abram Benedict

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#### **Kawehno:ke District**

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Chief April Adams-Phillips Chief Sarah Lee Sunday-Diabo Chief JoAnn Swamp Chief Dwayne Thomas

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> Kylee Tarbell A/Director, Tehotiiennawakon

#### WAT'KWANONHWERA:TON/GREETINGS



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

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

# FIVE THINGS

OUR MONTHLY LIST OF FACTS, REMINDERS & IMPORTANT MESSAGES



The MCA Community in Quarantine Program assists community members who have to quarantine. To receive assistance, please call 613-936-1548 ext. 1300 during regular business hours or 613-577-6556 after hours, on weekends, or holidays. For more information see page 7.



Please be reminded that all visits to the MCA organization must be made by appointment only. MCA is closed to the public until February 11, 2022, at which time the situation will be reassessed.



If you have any symptoms of COVID-19, please do not visit others and get tested today by calling the Community Health Program at 613-575-2342 ext. 3220.



Please be reminded not to park on the streets in Kana:takon as it prevents proper snow removal. Nia:wen for your cooperation!



EOHU announced changes to Public Health Measures such as: testing guidelines, isolation periods, fourth doses for long-term care residents, and capacity limits to large in-door settings. See page 22 for more information.

## TSIIONKWANONHSO:TE LONG-TERM CARE FACILITY OUT OF OUTBREAK STATUS

On January 27th, the Tsiionkwanonhso:te Long-Term Care Facility (LTC) announced that they are officially removed from outbreak status. The Eastern Ontario Health Unit notified Tsiionkwanonhso:te that they were removed from outbreak status after LTC staff and residents completed two weeks of negative COVID-19 test results.

In order to be removed from outbreak status, all LTC staff, residents, and administration who work or reside in the facility had to test negative for COVID-19 for two consecutive weeks.

On behalf of the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne and MCA's Department of Health (DOH), we would like to extend our sincerest gratitude to our LTC residents, residents' families, and the community for their continued support, thoughts, prayers, and understanding during this difficult time. We'd also like to thank the LTC staff for their dedication and diligence throughout this process.



# PROTECT YOURSELF IN EXTREMELY COLD WEATHER

#### AT HOME



Check heating source. If you rely on fuel, oil, propane or wood, make sure that you have enough to last you through cold temperatures. Check on levels for elders you know as well.



<u>Keep water flowing.</u> If your indoor faucets may freeze, set your faucets to slow drip when the temperature is bitter cold.



Maintain your thermostat. To ensure your thermostat runs continuously, keep spare batteries on hand.





#### IN THE CAR

Have at least a half of tank to prevent gas line freeze-up.

Have an emergency kit including jumper cables, a phone charger, a shovel, an ice scraper, first aid kit, blankets, warm clothes and water.

#### KNOW THE SIGNS OF FROSTBILE

- lce crystals on skin.
- Lasting pain and skin turns blue, grey or black.
- 3 Skin feels warm before it defrosts.
- Skin looks waxy and pale, white or red.

#### OUIZIDE



Wear long underwear under clothes and have three layers on your upper body.



Wear insulated gloves, boots, a hat and scarf.



Avoid alcohol and caffeine as they constrict the blood vessels, limiting circulation.



Never leave pets outside for an extended period of time when its cold and wipe them off once inside.



If you notice signs of frostbite, move inside and warm yourself.



Know signs of hypothermia: feeling tired, slurred speech, disorientation, uncontrollable shivering.



The COVID-19 Global Pandemic has created and exacerbated mental health illnesses and struggles for many communities, Akwesasne included. The Community of Akwesasne has many families affected by the Indian Residential School systems and the recently recovered children compounded by community grief, and the global pandemic has created uncertainty and the additional need for healing. In late 2021, the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne approved the allocation of \$193,110 to create the Akwesasne Community Healing Fund to support healing within the community of Akwesasne.

A community callout for proposals was conducted for 21 days and resulted in numerous proposals being received. A committee of Council members reviewed the applications and recommended to Council the following contributions be made to the five community base healing services below:

#### Haudenosaunee Institute of Traditional Knowledge

Della Adams dellaadams67@yahoo.com 315-842-1756

#### Aseshate:ka'te Grief Services

Leona Swamp leonaswamp@gmail.com 518-333-6112

#### **lakwa'shatste Youth Fitness**

Tristan Thomas, Executive Director tthomas@iakwashatste.com 315-705-7367

#### **lakionhnhehkhwen (We Sustain Life)**

Alexandra David, Grant Manager iakionhnhehkwen@gmail.com (518) 521-0909

#### **Onkwehonwe Midwives Collective**

Jasmine Benedict admin@onkwehonwemidwives.com 613-938-2229

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne is pleased to be able to support community-based services as an additional or alternative way to healing. The global pandemic has created unprecedented times and situations for all Akwesasronon and the Mohawk Council will continue to support the community through the path of healing and healthy recovery.

Akwesasneronon are encouraged to learn more about the services offered by community-based providers by contacting them directly or the ongoing services offered by the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne by visiting our website at www.akwesasne.ca



STAY HOME & KEEP OTHERS SAFE.

#### ONTARIO OUTLINES STEPS TO CAUTIOUSLY AND GRADUALLY EASE **PUBLIC HEALTH MEASURES**

Ontario government, in consultation with The Chief Medical Officer of Health has the details leased of steps to cautiously gradually ease public health measures, starting January 31, 2022.

As a result of additional public health measures that were enacted on January 5, 2022, Ontario is beginning to see signs of stabilization in key public health and health system indicators. Positive percent rates have fallen and new admissions to hospitals have started to stabilize with length of stay shortening considerably. These trends are expected to continue, allowing the province to begin cautiously easing public health measures.

Ontario will follow a cautious and phased approach to lifting public health measures, with 21 days between each step.

the process of gradually easing restrictions, while maintaining protective measures, including not limited to:

- Increasing social gathering limits to 10 people indoors and 25 people outdoors.
- Increasing or maintaining capacity limits at 50 per cent in indoor public settings, including but not limited to:
  - Restaurants, bars and other food or drink establishments without dance facilities;
  - Retailers (including grocery stores and pharmacies)
  - Shopping malls;
  - Non-spectator areas of sports and recreational fitness facilities, including gyms;
  - Cinemas:

- Meeting and event spaces;
- Recreational amenities and amusement parks, including water parks;
- Museums, galleries, aquariums, zoos and similar attractions: and
- Casinos, bingo halls and other gaming establish-
- Religious services, rites, or ceremonies.
- Allowing spectator areas of facilities such as sporting events, concert venues and theatres to operate at 50 per cent seated capacity or 500 people, whichever is less.

Enhanced proof of vaccination, and other requirements would continue to apply in existing settings.

The Ontario government will reassess this step, with the next step being put into effect on February 21, 2022.

Effective January 31, 2022, Ontario will begin In the interim, The Department of Health encourages community members to continue following public health guidelines, such as wearing a mask when in public, social distancing of at least 6-feet, and frequently washing and sanitizing your hands.



#### **COMMUNITY IN QUARANTINE PROGRAM INFORMATION**

The MCA Community in Quarantine Program was established to assist community members who have been directed by a healthcare provider to quarantine due to exposure to a COVID-19 positive person, or they have tested positive for COVID-19.

- Information Required: Caller Name (First & Last), Address, Contact Number, # of Individuals in Household, End Date of Isolation/Quarantine, COVID-19 positive or awaiting test results?
- Weekend Call Times: Start on Fridays at 5:00 PM & vided to you by staff.

end on Sundays at 9 PM.

• Delivery: Completed by Truck Stop #9

To receive assistance, please call 613-936-1548 ext. 1300 during regular business hours (Monday to Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.), or 613-577-6556 after hours, on weekends, or holidays. If staff are unavailable at either phone number, please leave a voicemail with the information required, and staff will get back to you as soon as possible. Delivery or pickup directions will be provided to you by staff.



### **COMMUNITY IN QUARANTINE PROGRAM**

To assist community members affected by COVID-19 that must complete quarantine.

#### **TO ORDER SUPPLIES:**

MONDAY-FRIDAY 8 A.M.-5 P.M. 613-936-1548 ext. 1300

AFTER HOURS/WEEKENDS 613-577-6556



Information Required: Caller name (First & Last), Address, contact number, # of individuals in household, end date of isolation/quarantine, COVID-19 positive or awaiting test results?

Service available to those residing in the northern portion of Akwesasne (Tsi Snaihne, Kawehno:ke, & Kana:takon).

If exposed to COVID-19, be sure to quarantine as instructed by health care provider.



## MCA OFFICES CONTINUE TO BE OPEN TO COMMUNITY BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne would like to inform the community that our offices will continue to be open to community members by appointment only.

MCA offices have had limited public access since January 3, 2022, due to the rising COVID-19 cases and presence of the Omicron variant in our community and surrounding areas.

To access any MCA public offices or health facilities, community members will be required to schedule an

appointment with that program/service.

MCA will reassess the situation on February 11, 2022 on the necessity of this measure, and will advise the community on any changes in this policy.

MCA encourages community members who haven't received their first, second, or third dose of the CO-VID-19 vaccine, to contact the Community Health Program at 613-575-2341 ext. 3220 and schedule your appointment.

#### REMINDER - NO PARKING ON VILLAGE STREETS

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne's Dept. of Infrastructure, Housing & Environment would like to remind the community that parking is not permitted on the streets of Kana:takon (St. Regis). In the winter, this prevents proper snow removal. Please help us ensure the streets are safely plowed by parking your vehicle in a driveway or parking lot. Nia:wenkowa for your cooperation.





#### COUNCIL WEEKLY MEETING REPORT

#### SUBMITTED BY GRAND CHIEF ABRAM BENEDICT



#### **NOVEMBER 8, 2021**

- The director of Economic Development provided Council with an update and overview of the cannabis application process used for recommendations for issuances of a license.
- A representative from the Independent First Nations (IFN) provided Council with an overview of the IFN and the advocacy and liaison work the IFN does for IFN communities.
- Council received a request for a community impact statement

from the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne. A letter will be drafted and forwarded to the requestor.

- A concern was discussed regarding the safety protocol and processes for AMPS when responding to emergencies, administration will follow up with the Chief of Police.
- Council discussed the minimum participation threshold for law enactment. It was agreed that Council would work with communication to ensure participation in any upcoming processes.
- A briefing was provided on upcoming proposed changes to the MCA Covid-19 Vaccination Policy.
- Grand Chief provided an overview of his involvement in the upcoming negotiations between Canada and First Nations for

Child Welfare in Communities.

- A briefing was provided on an upcoming two-day council session on governance, government, and lobbying.
  - MCR's passed: Approval of funding agreement with Quebec for Akwesasne Community Justice Program; Approval of funding agreement with Ontario for Vaccination Support; Approval of funding agreement for Infection Prevention for Tsiionkwanonhso:te; Approval of funding agreement with Ontario for MMIWG supports for Police Services; Approval of (3) Emergency Council Meeting Minutes; Approval of (2) Council Meeting Minutes; Approval of Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) schedule of Revenue and Expenditures for March 2021.

#### **NOVEMBER 15, 2021**

- Representatives from Transport Canada provided Council with an update on the federal surplus lands file and outlined the next steps with a presentation from the Canada Lands Company.
- Environmental Service Manager from the MCA Environment Program and representatives from Environment and Climate Change Canada provided Council with up-

- date on collaborative work on Areas of Concern near Akwesasne.
- Council discussed possibility of having district meetings in-person and determined pending COVID
   numbers districts will prepare for January 2022 in-person meetings.
- A concern and briefing were provided on the AMPS process regarding complaints.
- Council received a briefing on the recent tragic loss of an MCA staff

- member and discussed options of support for the organization and possible additional measures going forward.
- MCR's passed: Approval of an amendment toDepartment of Health Long Term Care COVID-19 vaccination policy; Approval of a contract with ACESS for carpentry program funding; Approval of an amendment to MCA Vaccination Policy.

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#### **NOVEMBER 22, 2021**

- Representatives from the Department of Infrastructure, Housing & Environment (DIHE) presented to Council a proposed traffic study and outlined the study objectives.
- ICA Associates provided Council with an overview of recent community consultation for the development of an MCA Special Needs Strategic Plan.
- Council discussed the Iroquois
   Caucus and identified a chief to represent the MCA at the regular
   Iroquois Caucus meetings.
- A briefing was provided on recent issues with non-members of Akwesasne trying to cross at the

CBSA Cornwall Port of Entry; a follow-up Q&A will be circulated. •

- Council set the agenda for the upcoming General Meeting, which is scheduled for December 2, 2021 on the Zoom platform.
- A briefing was provided on an upcoming gathering to support Ashley Thompson.
- Council discussed issues with getting services provided in Tsi Snaihne and Kana:takon; followup will happen with individual businesses.
- A concern with shoreline development and its possible impact to the MCA Fibre-to-the-Home (FTTH) Project was discussed.
- Council received an update on

the upcoming memorial.

- A letter of offer to sell property was presented to Council and will be referred to the property acquisition team for follow-up.
- An update and overview of the two-day council session was provided.
- MCR's passed: Approval of funding agreement for transitional and housing support; Approval of (3) allotment of land (mortgage paid off); Approval of lease Ross Island; Approval of contract award for heating fuels for MCA facilities; Approval of application awards for the Akwesasne Healing Fund.

#### **DECEMBER 6, 2021**

- Council received a briefing on a number of outstanding issues on the Canada – Akwesasne selfgovernment negotiations and was requested to review the material ahead of an upcoming presentation from Nation Building staff.
- MCR's passed: Approval of mi-

cro-credential grant for Iohahi:io; Approval to proceed with purchase of Holiday gift cards, Approval of Rapid Housing Initiative funding; Approval of one-time funding with Ministry Children and Youth; Approval of agreement with Parks Canada for Deer Heard Reduction; Approval of agreement for Indigenous Marine Liaison Officer; Approval of funding for vaccine support; Approval of upgrade loan to community member; Approval of creation of additional lands officer position; Approval of (2) amendment to Akwesasne – Canada funding agreement; Approval of Council meeting minutes.

#### **DECEMBER 13, 2021**

- The manager for Entewatatha:wi provided Council with an update and overview of outstanding areas for internal discussion and
- decision, further updates will be provided.
- MCA Auditor provided Council with a status update of the MCA annual audits, the ongoing ef-
- forts to fill current staff vacancies, and the ongoing reporting requirements to various funding partners.
- Council discussed the current

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heating assistance allocation amount and requested a report be provided on surplus and increase options.

- A request for Council to review the portfolio selections was discussed. A separate meeting will be scheduled to review the portfolios.
- Council discussed the recent notification from Canada that they intend to introduce legislation requiring all federally-regulated workplace employees to be vaccinated. Canada has indicated that considerations will be given for First Nation organizations. Additional follow-up will be completed.
- A briefing was provided on the status of three draft Akwesasne

laws that need to have a legal review done as part of the enactment regulations. Council requested MCR's be brought forward to proceed with the review.

- Council discussed the development of the neighborhood watch program and requested that AMPS and MCA Communications continue to work closely to share information with the community on risks.
- A request for a report regarding the island lease reduction impacts was discussed and will be followed up on.
- MCR's passed: Approval to rescind (2) previous MCR's (error on MCR); Approval of (4) allotment of land (mortgage paid) to community members; Approval

of BMO mortgage guarantee for community member; Approval of assignment of leases – St. Francis Island; Approval of assignment of lease - Thompson Island; Approval of funding agreement with Ministry of Children and Youth; Approval of funding for enhanced housing allocation; Approval of rental increase for MCA rental units and rent-to-own units; Approval to rescind previous MCR on property development and direct that a public sale be initiated; Approval of project service contact with Ontario East for Fibre to the Home project; Approval of 5-year strategic plan for special needs; Approval of 2021 MCA holiday closure.

#### **DECEMBER 20, 2021**

- Council received a briefing on an upcoming visit request and will review it in the new year on a case-by-case basis.
- A briefing was provided on the upcoming initiative of holiday gift cards being distributed to

the community.

- Council discussed meeting cancellation protocol; portfolio will follow up on what the protocol is
- MCR's passed: Approval of Executive Director to signed grant agreement for Iohahi:io; Approv-

al of application to Indigenous Services Canada for replacement of HAVFD Station # 3 Pumper Truck; Approval of 2020 audit for Ministry of Education; Approval of (3) Council Meeting Minutes; Approval of Emergency Council Meeting Minutes.

#### **JANUARY 10, 2021**

 A representative from Clarkson University's Indigenous Community Outreach program, presented to Council an offer to collaborate and explore partnership opportunities between the University and Akwesasne. Further dialogue will be take place at the portfolio level.

 Council discussed the MCA's prescription drug abuse strategy and requested an updated list on the current services being offered by the MCA so that gaps

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can be identified.

- An overview was provided on the agenda items from the last
   General Meeting in preparation for this month's meeting and agenda. Material will be circulated, and the agenda will be set at next week's Council meeting.
- Council discussed the possibility of pausing home wakes within the community due to the rise of COVID cases and the highly transmissible omicron. Followup will occur with the Saint Re-

- gis Mohawk Tribe on joint implementation.
- A discussion was held on possible initiatives to express appreciation and provide additional individual mental health support to staff. Further discussion will take place.
- MCR's passed: Approval of amendment to funding agreement with Ministry of Health and Long Term Care; Approval of amendment to Akwesasne/ Canada funding agreement; Ap-

proval for Entewatatha:wi (Nation Building) to remove the term "common assault" from the draft agreement; Acknowledgment of the Akwesasne Governance Code Committee and its work and approval to disband the committee; Approval of establishment a new Entewaththa:wi Fiscal Working Group; Approval of 5 year contract renewal for photocopier Fleet; Approval of finance agreement for photocopier fleet.

#### **JANUARY 17, 2021**

- The Director of Community and Social Services provided Council with an overview of the status of the Akwesasne Healing Center. Council agreed to next steps for relocation and to examine advance community partnerships.
- A briefing and update was provided on the Akwesasne Mohawk
   Ambulance (AMA) current resources and staffing levels. Council agreed that administration will advance discussion with SRMT on support and expansion of AMA.
- An overview of the upcoming election for the Regional Chief for the Assembly of First Nations Quebec and Labrador was provided.
- Council discussed the current use of the Council calendar and dis-

- cussed how to ensure the calendar is being maximized to track reoccurring dates and events.
- An overview was provided on an upcoming engagement session with Quebec Ministry of Indigenous Affairs, Council members will meet to prepare for upcoming meeting.
- Council discussed the current assistance level of the Akwesasne Heating Assistance Program and agreed to discuss a possible increase next week.
- An overview was provided on the current CBSA / Akwesasne Leadership Collaboration Circle and the various working circles. Council identified members of Council to work on various working circles.
- Council was provided an over-

- view of the upcoming expiry of the Canada / Akwesasne Political Protocol and the Quebec / Akwesasne Protocol. Council will identify members to work on the renewal at next weeks meeting.
- A concern with retrieving/registering COVID vaccinations in Quebec was discussed, follow-up will occur with MCA communications to request additional information be shared with the community on this.
- MCR's passed: Approval of funding agreement for Akwesasne Family Wellness Program; Approval to offer position of Director of Community and Social Services to successful candidate; Approval of amendment to Canada – Akwesasne funding agreement.

#### **COUNCIL WEEKLY MEETING REPORT**

#### **JANUARY 24, 2021**

- Representatives from Canada Land's Company (CLC) provided Council with an overview and presentation of CLC and their mandate. The representatives also discussed possible partnership opportunities between CLC and Akwesasne.
- A notation was made for the record that due to circumstance
   from the January 10th meeting the MCR's were processes missing a signature, Council was reminded to sign the MCR's as soon as possible.
- Council discussed the recent holiday Christmas card distribution and agreed that a final date for pick up with be posted for community members who were missed to come forward.
- The agenda was set for the coming General Meeting scheduled to take place on Thursday January 27, 2022.
  - A briefing was provided on a request to purchase a small parcel of MCA property, the request will be further discussed next week.
  - MCR's passed: Approval of grant for micro-credential chal-

lenge fund, Approval of funding agreement for Indigenous Institute Mental Health Grant for Iohahi:io, Approval of funding agreement with Ministry of College and University for Iohahi:io; Approval of report for Ontario Ministry of Transport for Road Subsidy; Approval of funding agreement with Department of Natural Resources for Zero Emission Vehicle Awareness Initiative; Approval of increase to fuel allotment for the 2021/22 Akwesasne Heating Assistance Program;



WE'RE HIRING!

FOR MORE
INFORMATION:

AKWESASNE.CA/EMPLOYMENT

#### TSI SNAIHNE DISTRICT CHIEF JOANN SWAMP UPDATES



Portfolio Selections: DCSS (Department of Community and Social Services); DIHE (Department of Infrastructure; Housing and Environment; Entewatathawi (Nation Building)

Committees: OVS (Office of Vital Statistics); Hydro Quebec; YECL (Youth Elders Cultural Language)

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#### Six Months In Review

Since I have been elected into Mohawk Council I have done all the orientation, read documents for all programs, and was able to pick my portfolio and committees. These are some of the meetings I have participated in and some issues that I was able to get through.

#### MCA Council Meetings

 Council meetings are held every Monday morning (unless it is a holiday) where we go through MCR's for approval and discuss issues that come up in the community or MCA programs.

- are held once a month.
- Biweekly COVID updates with Road Construction was complet-**EOC** (Emergency Operations Centre) reporting.
- Biweekly Updates with St. Regis Mohawk Tribe.

#### **DCSS Portfolio**

- Introduced to the new director for DCSS and that is Joseph Mo- Environment rin-Lauzon.
- Started meeting with the different departments within DCSS. We are reviewing policy and procedures for the Community Support Program and preparing for MCR submission and approval.
- Had several meetings regardhomelessness and ina Healing Akwesasne Centre. Portfolio has looked at many • buildings to possibly house people in and the most recent one was the rental of a wing at the former General Hospital Care Centre. This would have been a good place for a healing centre and to house homelessness but permit issues came into play and it was one issue after another. Council has decided not Housing to entertain the Care Centre and are looking elsewhere for a building.

#### **DIHE Portfolio**

- General and District Meetings Had meetings with different departments within DIHE.
  - ed in Kanatakon and Phase I was completed in TsiSnaihne. Working on Phase II for roads in Tsi Snaihne. There is a traffic study for all three districts to see where we can put guard rails.

- This department has been very busy with the Climate Change in Akwesasne Project.
- They are also working with the St. Lawrence River Institute of Environmental Science, Clarkson University, Parks Canada, Thousand Island National Park, Eastern Ontario Model Forest and Woodlot.
- They also do the environmental assessments, Fibre to the Home, Drainage areas, flood areas, wastewater surveillance, food cycler project, shoreline project, fish contamination, river symposium.
- This department needs a bigger office.

Went through policies and procedures for Housing Loans, Housing repairs, Rent to Own Homes, and funding sources.

#### TSI SNAIHNE DISTRICT CHIEF JOANN SWAMP UPDATES

#### **Government Secretariat Committee**

- ARRO presented their work plan and updated us on the different actions and land claims they are working on. Negotiations are ongoing.
- OPG (Ontario Power Generation) provided their updates and what they are working on.
- Started POM meetings and dates.
- Administration presented updates. Donation Policy was discussed.
- Community Coordinator, Nation Building, Justice gave reports

#### **Entewatathawi Nation Building**

- Briefing notes were provided to the Portfolio Chiefs.
- The Governance committee completed the Governance Code work; this area is finally moving forward.
- Nation Building requested three MCR's which was provided; Akwesasne Governance Code Committee, Criminal Code Offenses with the ESGA, and Reestablishment of the Entewatathawi Fiscal Working Group,
- Justice department working on three laws and is moving forward as they now have a Justice Coordinator and Oversight Commit-
- tions at Canada Table.

#### **OVS (Office of Vital Statistics)**

- Reviewing the new application packages for children and adults. This is ongoing.
- Reviewing Akwesasne Membership Board regulations.

#### YECL Committee

- Sitting on Regional Committee for Indigenous Languages. We haven't had a meeting in this area but scheduled meetings are coming up.
- and monitor the implementation of the Indigenous Languages Act.

#### **Hydro Quebec**

- We have been meeting with Hydro Quebec and discussing the issues of power outages.
- They have informed us that we are now hooked to a closer micro grid H236n in Huntingdon.
- They have informed us that they have backup also in case power goes out.
- They have inspected all the lines, cut trees, replaced components.
- They are looking into donations and some type of subsidy program for people that have lost appliances. They will let us know.

#### Other News

Presently preparing for Negotia- • Met with Marc Miller who is now the Minister of Indigenous Affairs.

- Gave out cards to every household for Christmas
- Gave out rapid antigens to the community and will be dispersing more in the next couple of weeks.
- Ongoing talks with Service Can-
- Provided support to community members and also directed them to the service they need.

• This is mostly sharing information I would also like to say Niawenkowa for all our health providers that work in our long term facilities and in the health field. You are very appreciated.

> Thats about it for now, hoping to provide monthly reports in the new year.

> Ohserase sewakwekon tanon aiawens akwekon sewatakarite.

#### KANA:TAKON CORNER

#### A COLLABORATIVE UPDATE FROM YOUR KANA: TAKON CHIEFS



Kana:takon District Chiefs (left to right): Julie Phillips-Jacobs, Tim "Dooley" Thompson, Ryan Jacobs, Cindy Francis-Mitchell.

This quarterly report is provided as part of Council's aim towards providing a transparent and efficient governing system, which will also provide information to members of the community on updates of Mohawk Government, Portfolios, and Monthly Activities".

#### October 2021

Street Light Project completed in time for a safe and happy Halloween for the district of Kana:takon, even with all the rain we had well over 400 kids come out to participate.

Ongoing COVID-19 Vaccinations and Messaging going out to the community to keep everyone safe and healthy.

Kanatakon shore clean-up took place. What a beautiful



clean view we have now.

#### November 2021

Phase 1 Hilltop Drive – Kanatakon District completed.

• Strategic Planning session with a2z Consulting with Council, Directors & Management Team.

#### KANA:TAKON CORNER

#### A COLLABORATIVE UPDATE FROM YOUR KANA: TAKON CHIEFS

- Understanding strategic plan
- Identify Portrait of current state of the organization key relationships, assess services, governance practices and begin identifying emerging priorities - Vision Phase of change for MCA.

#### December 2021

Delivery of Xmas Cards to the three districts of Akwessasne. On behalf of Council, we hope everyone had a Merry Xmas & Happy New Year. Be Safe and Stay Healthy in 2022.



- Delivery of Covid Rapid Test Kits to the Community ty of Akwesasne with information from Community Health on CIVUD-19 Protocols.
- Participation on the Hydro Quebec Initiative for Funding.
- Met with Minster of Indigenous Affairs, Ian Lafrenier, Quebec in District of Kanatakon.
- Ongoing collaboration with St. Regis Mohawk Tribe on vaccination messaging.
- We would like to send out a huge Niawenhko:wa to Big Russ', TNT, Three Feathers, Twin Leaf, Bear's Den and all areas restaurants for keeping us all fed throughout these COVID-19 times. We know it has not been easy on you and your staff, but thank you from the bottom of our full bellies.

Nia:wen to all of our staff for all the hard work and dedication that you give to this community on a daily basis; we truly appreciate it.

We would also like to share some beautiful pictures of the mighty St. Lawrence and how the seasons have changed so quickly here in Kana:takon (Photo credits Chief Tim Dooley Thompson).





#### **EXECUTIVE SERVICES**

#### **COMPLIMENTS AND APPRECIATIONS**

Our team at MCA's Emergency Operation Center Niawen:kowa, Glory, Bernadine, Brad, Karmen! (EOC) would like to extend appreciation to Danielle E. Bruyere for Quarantine Program and Food Distribution Program. Your dedication to assisting MCA and the Akwesasne community are very much appreciated! Your hard work and dedication do not go unnoticed. You're amazing!

I would like to extend appreciation to all the staff of Tsiionkwanonhso:te (both MCA staff and agency staff) for continuing to work tirelessly to support the home thought this pandemic and though our outbreaks .I'm proud to be surrounded by such caring individuals, Don't ever feel that your hard work and dedication goes unnoticed. Nia:wen!

Niawenhko:wa to the Akwesasne Mohawk Ambulance Crew: Leah Tarbell, Isaac McDonald, Daryl Diabo, Melanie Jacobs, Ryan Jacobs, Aubrey Phillips, Brooklyn Johnson, Naomi Hill, Kenneth Arquette, Aiden Lazore, Chanelle Smoke, Eric Sunday, Wanda Johnson, Kristin Cook, Dennis Bero, Kharlene Garrow, Kathy Mitchell, Arnold Printup, Aurora Swamp, Autumn Tenasco King, Denise Thompson, and Tehaienkwarenthos Thompson. Your hard work and dedication does not go unnoticed. The Akwesasne Mohawk Ambulance team has the best combination of talent, skills, attitude and passion that add up to great performance in helping keep our Community feel Safe.

Great job to the team at Akwesasne Library and Cultural Center for the donation of large print hardcover books and assorted magazines to the Residents at Tsiionkwanonhso:te. The selection was exactly suited to resident interests! As all avid readers know too well, there is nothing that compares to opening a book for the first time and anticipating a good read!

I would like to extend appreciation to Tory Thompson, Francis Tarbell, and Kevin Phillips Jr. for your dedication to the Food Security Program and the Community in Quarantine Program. Your hard work and dedication does not go unnoticed. Great job and keep up the good work!

Great job to the team at the Community in Quarantine Program, your dedication to assisting our community during these difficult times is appreciated.

Niawenhko:wa to Kieler Lahache, Jamie Cole and Stephanie Buckshot for continuing to assist the Community Health Program in various ways, from customer service to mass vaccination clinics; much appreciated!



#### SOCIAL MEDIA CONNECTION

#### **FACEBOOK STATS**



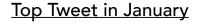
Facebook Posts with the Highest Engagement in January

- 1. MCA COVID-19 Monitor for January 7, 2022
- 2. Akwesasne Community Healing Fund
- 3. MCA & CKON Live Talk Show: COVID-19 Omicron Variant Update (Live Video)
- 4. AMPS Detain Thirteen Individuals Attempting to Illegally Enter the United States
- 5. Wholistic Health & Wellness Program's Addictions Services Team

#### Facebook Posts with the Highest Reach in January

- 1. MCA COVID-19 Monitor for January 7, 2022 4,267 reached
- 2. MCA Closed for Remainder of Day (January 17, 2022) 4,105 reached
- 3. What is Crime Stoppers? 3,572 reached
- 4. MCA on 1-Hour Delay (January 28, 2022) 3,365 reached
- 5. Due to Omicron Variant, In-Home Wakes Paused for 20 Days 2,270 reached

#### **TWITTER STATS**







#### **YOUTUBE STATS**

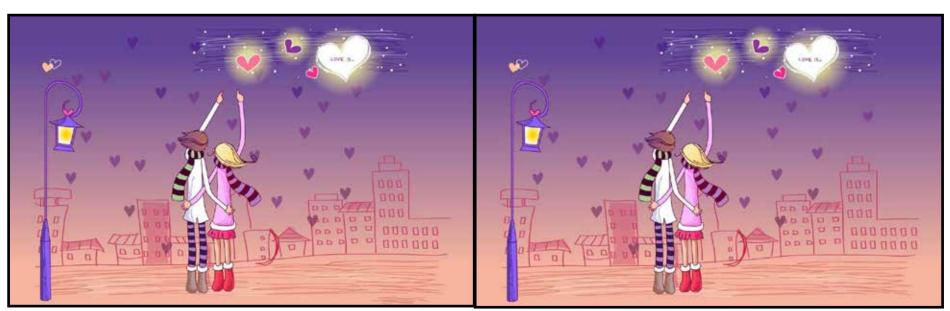


Highest Viewed Videos on the MCA Youtube Channel for January

- 1. MCA Holiday PSA 2021
- 2. MCA & CKON Live Talk Show: COVID-19 Omicron Variant Update
- 3. MCA General Meeting January 27, 2022

#### CHILDREN'S PAGE

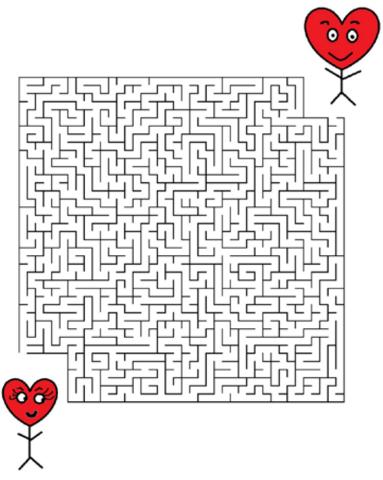
#### **SPOT THE DIFFERENCES!**



1. Additional heart to the right of lamp. 2. Tall building with pink has a missing window in middle. 3. An extra set of windows on building to the right. 4. Extra heart on far right. 5. There is additional lines for the road on the bottom right of photo.

#### **SIMPLY A-MAZE-ING**

Help Mr. Heart get to his sweetheart.



#### YOU'VE GOT TO BE KIDDING ME!

What did one blueberry say to the other? I love you berry much!

What kind of flowers should you not give on Valentines Day?

Cauliflower!

What flower gives the most kisses? Tulips!

What are two birds in Love?

Tweet-hearts!

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# HESITANT TO RECEIVE THE COVID-19 VACCINE?





MCA'S DR. HORN ADVISES AKWESASRONON
TO RECEIVE THE COVID-19 VACCINE.

"If you had a choice between the short-term, shortacting response to the COVID-19 vaccine vs. the longterm effects of COVID-19, it's a lot safer to take care of symptoms from the vaccine than the unknown long-term effects of the virus."

TO SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT TO RECEIVE YOUR COVID-19 VACCINE, CONTACT:







#### **EOHU ANNOUNCES NEW CHANGES TO COVID-19 TESTING AND ISOLATION REQUIREMENTS (JANUARY 5)**

The Eastern Ontario Health Unit (EOHU) has announced test (PCR, rapid molecular or rapid antigen) should selfchanges to Public Health Measures, effective as of December 31, 2021. Mohawk Council of Akwesasne's (MCA) Community Health Program has adopted the changes as of January 1, 2022. Public Health Measures that will see a change are: testing guidelines, isolation periods, fourth doses for long-term care residents, and capacity limits to large in-door settings.

#### **CHANGES TO TESTING GUIDELINES**

Ontario will be shifting its strategy and making publicly funded PCR testing available to only high-risk individuals who are symptomatic and/or at risk of severe illness from COVID-19. Workers and residents in the highest risk settings and other vulnerable populations will continue to have access to PCR testing.

Community members with mild symptoms are not a part of a high-risk population and are asked to not seek testing. Individuals with positive rapid antigen tests will no longer have to receive a PCR test to confirm their COVID status. A positive rapid antigen test will be considered a positive COVID-19 case.

Health units will no longer perform contact tracing and case management for a positive case in low-risk settings.

#### **CHANGES TO ISOLATION PERIOD**

Ontario is also changing the isolation period for people who contract COVID-19. Research has demonstrated that healthy individuals who contract the virus are most infectious in the two (2) days before they start having symptoms and the three (3) days after symptoms began.

isolate immediately.

If the individual is 12 years of age or older, and is either partially vaccinated (received one dose) or unvaccinated, they must self-isolate for 10 days from the onset of symptoms, or from the date of their test.

If the individual is immunocompromised (regardless of age or vaccine status), they must self-isolate for 10 days from the onset of symptoms, or the date of their test. If the individual is 12 years of age or older, and is fully vaccinated, they must self-isolate for five (5) days from the onset of symptoms and until their symptoms have been improving for 24 hours (or 48 hours if gastrointestinal symptoms were part of their symptoms), whichever is longer in duration. Any members of a symptomatic person's household must also isolate for five days, regardless of vaccination status.

If the individual is under 12 years of age (regardless of vaccination status), they must self-isolate for five (5) days from the onset of symptoms and until their symptoms have been improving for 24 hours (or 48 hours if gastrointestinal symptoms were part of their symptoms), whichever is longer in duration.

#### FOURTH DOSES FOR LONG-TERM CARE RESI-**DENTS**

Ontario will make fourth doses of mRNA vaccines available to all residents of long-term care (LTC) homes, retirement homes, Elder Care Lodges and other congregate care settings. To be eligible, a minimum of three (3) months, or 84 days, must have passed since their third dose.

Individuals who have tested positive on a COVID-19 Third doses of the COVID-19 vaccine will also be man-

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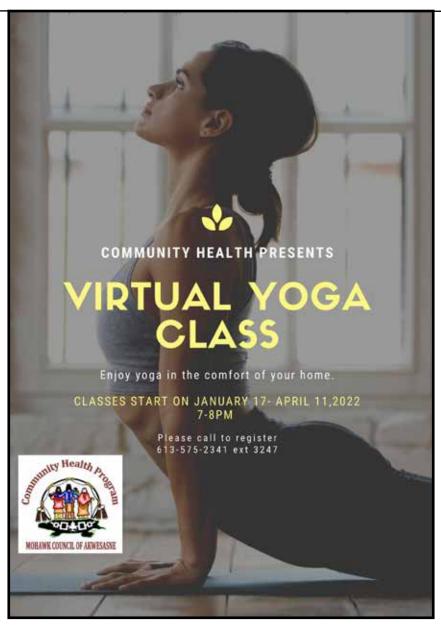
support workers in congregate care settings. Those eligible must receive their booster by January 28, 2022. When general visitors will be allowed in LTC settings again, they will also have to provide proof of a booster dose.

LIMITING THE SPREAD OF COVID-19 IN LARGE IN-**DOOR SETTINGS** 

Ontario is limiting the capacity in large indoor settings

dated for all staff, students, volunteers, caregivers, and to 50 percent, or 1,000, whichever is less. This new limit will be applied to spectator areas of arenas, sports and recreational fitness activities, concert venues, and theaters.

> For more information about Ontario's updated public health measures and guidance, please check out the EOHU's website at www.eohu.ca/coronavirus.



#### **COMMUNITY HEALTH PROVIDES** NOTICE TO COMMUNITY THAT **COVID-RELATED LETTERS CAN TAKE 3-5 BUSINESS DAYS** AND ISOLATION REQUIREMENTS (JANUARY 5)

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne's Community Health Program (CHP) has been made aware that some community members require a letter from their public health authority notifying their employer/place of work of their COVID status or notice of isolation/quarantine. CHP staff is doing their best to answer phone calls and requests for documentation and apologizes for the delay in response.

CHP is notifying the community that, due to staff shortage and community need, any letters for COVID-related notices can take between 3-5 business days for staff to complete. When calling in to request a letter or notice, and staff are unavailable, please leave a message and staff will respond as soon as possible.

# WHOLISTIC HEALTH & WELLNESS PROGRAM ADDICTIONS SERVICES

SPEAK UP. REACH OUT. SAVE LIVES. WE'RE HERE FOR YOU. Tekanikonrahwa:kon **CONTACT WHW Addictions Services** 613-575-2341 ext. 3115 wholistichealth@akwesasne.ca

As a community, we are all affected by addictions in their many forms. The more information we have, the more we can support our friends, our family, and ourselves.

This year, National Addictions Awareness Week is from November 21-27, 2021. National Addictions Awareness Week is an opportunity to learn about what addiction is, how it affects all of us, how we can help prevent substance abuse harm and the different forms of treatment and recovery.

This year's theme is "Driving Change Together," which puts the focus on the efforts and actions of individuals. It's about making a choice to play a part in reducing the stigma surrounding substance use and people who use substances and committing to one change.

Recovery is possible and you don't have to do it alone. Our addictions services team is here for you. Let us help you on your journey.

#### MEET THE TEAM



Bonnie Bradley Clinical Supervisor & Acting Program Manager (WHW)

Joey David Cultural Addictions Specialist





Sierra Johnson-Sunday Addictions Case Manager

#### AKWESASNE MEDICAL CLINIC ANNOUNCES HOME VISITS FOR BLOOD WORK

The Akwesasne Medical Clinic (AMC) is notifying the vice for Kawehno:ke and Stateside residents) community that home visits for blood work appointments are available. Blood work home visits are being scheduled for Fridays, effective immediately.

To qualify for a home visit, community members must meet the following criteria:

- Be a home visit patient of Dr. Horn or Dr. Wysote
- On physician-ordered bed rest, low mobility, or currently too ill to leave your residence
- Lack of assistance with transportation or mobility (no family/friends to assist with getting into or out of your vehicle)
- Be a resident of either Kanata:kon or Tsi Snaihne Districts (AMC nursing staff are unable to provide this ser-

When making an appointment for a blood work home visit, please ensure your house number is clearly marked and visible, and in a good sightline for the nursing staff completing the home visits. Failure to have clearly marked and visible house numbers will result in nursing staff moving on to the next appointment, and the patient being required to reschedule. Nursing staff who are completing blood work home visits will be wearing proper personal protective equipment (PPE).

To schedule a home visit for blood work, please contact Katie Deer at the Akwesasne Medical Clinic at 613-575-2341 ext. 3207.



### COMMUNITY HEALTH REMINDS COMMUNITY MEMBERS ON SELF-ISOLATION PROTOCOLS FOR COVID-19 POSITIVE INDIVIDUALS

Mohawk Council of Akwesasne's Community Health Program (CHP) is reminding community members of the public health guidelines to follow should you or someone in your household test positive for COVID-19. Public health guidelines were enacted to prevent further spread of COVID-19 in the community and to protect our community and vulnerable populations from COVID-19 infection.

Should you or someone in your household test positive
for COVID-19 via PCR or rapid antigen test, please follow the below guidelines:

- Stay at home except to get urgent medical care.
- Avoid contact with others in your household.
- Monitor COVID-19 symptoms. If symptoms are worsening, and you are concerned, contact TeleHealth at 1-866-797-0000 or your healthcare provider.
- If you are having difficulty breathing, chest pain, or experiencing other severe symptoms, call Emergency Dispatch at 613-575-2000, or go to a hospital emergency room immediately. Advise emergency services of your symptoms and inform them that

you've tested positive for COVID-19.

- While you are in isolation/quarantine, take all necessary steps to take care of yourself.
- Get plenty of rest and stay hydrated. Take over-thecounter medication as directed to help you feel better and alleviate symptoms.
- Keep your isolation area well ventilated, if possible.
   Open windows to allow air circulation and avoid tobacco or other smoke products.
- Stay connected via phone/computer.
- If you have tested positive via rapid antigen test, contact the Emergency Operations Center at 613-575-5005 or 613-575-2331. EOC staff will record your positive test and provide advisement.

If you've been directed to quarantine, and are in need of essential supplies, please contact 613-936-1548 ext. 1300 during regular business hours (M-F, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.), or 613-577-6556 after hours or on weekends. If staff are unavailable at either phone number, please leave a message, and staff will return your call as soon as they are able.

# COMMUNITY HEALTH REMINDS COMMUNITY MEMBERS ON SELF-ISOLATION PROTOCOLS FOR COVID-19 POSITIVE INDIVIDUALS

#### COMMUNITY HEALTH PROGRAM NOTIFYING COMMUNITY OF DELAY IN **RESPONSE TO PHONE CALLS**

Health Program (CHP) is notifying the community that, due to recent high call volume and staff shortage, there could be a 2-3 day wait period in response to phone calls and messages. We apologize for these delays and thank you for your understanding as we work through these challenges.

If a community member has tested positive for CO-VID-19 via a rapid antigen or rapid molecular test, CHP staff is advising community members to begin their isolation period immediately, and consider yourself COVID-19 positive. Members of a positive persons' household must also begin their isolation period as well.

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne's Community Community members who have tested positive via rapid test can contact the Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) at 613-575-5005, 613-575-2331, or 613-575-2341 ext. 3708. The EOC will record your positive test and advise on your next course of action.

> Any community members who are in isolation, and have no assistance from friends or family in obtaining necessities and supplies during their isolation period, can contact the Community in Quarantine Program at 613-936-1548 during regular business hours (M-F, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.), or 800-480-4208 after hours or on weekends/holidays. If staff are unavailable at either phone number, leave a message and staff will return your call as soon as possible.

#### COMMUNITY MEMBERS ABLE TO SCHEDULE BLOOD WORK APPOINTMENTS AT THE AKWESASNE MEDICAL CLINIC

The Akwesasne Medical Clinic (AMC), located in the Kanonhkwa'tsheri:io Health Facility, is notifying the community that they will now be able to call in and book their appointments for blood work. The AMC is currently scheduling blood work clinics in two-week increments.

Blood work clinics are held on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. at the Akwesasne Medical Clinic. To book an appointment for blood work, please call 613-575-2341 ext. 3207 (Katie Deer) or ext. 3212 (Loretta Smoke).

If you have requested medication refills please call AMC to check if you have a blood work requisition and schedule your appointment.

If you are unable to make your scheduled appointment, please call and notify staff to reschedule as soon as possible. Multiple missed appointments may result in not being booked with AMC blood work service in the future. AMC apologizes for any inconvenience this change in blood work appointments may cause.



#### AKWESASNE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT

#### REMINDER: AKWESASNE TRAFFIC COURT DATES ANNOUNCED FOR 2022

Education & Training Institute, the Akwesasne Justice Building #3, 101 Tewesateni Road, Akwesasne, Ontario Department is pleased to announce the Akwesasne Traffic Court will be held every other month in the District of Tsi Snaihne.

The court dates for the January 2022 – December 2022 year can be found below. Court is held the second Wednesday of every month.

Court starts promptly at 6:00 p.m. Court will be held at

In collaboration with the Iohahi:io Akwesasne Adult the Akwesasne Court (Cornwall Island Administration K6H 0G5) and at Iohahi:io (16 Iohahi:io Road, Akwesasne, Quebec H0M 1A1).

> You can check the website to view the monthly traffic court docket at www.akwesasne.ca/justice/akwesasnecourt. If you have any questions, please call 613-575-2250 ext. 1025 or 1026.

#### **COURT DATES**

March 9, 2022 at Iohahi:io April 13, 2022 at CIA #3 May 11, 2022 at Iohahi:io June 8, 2022 at CIA #3



July 13, 2022 at Iohahi:io September 14, 2022 at Iohahi:io October 12, 2022 at CIA #3 November 9, 2022 at Iohahi:io December 14, 2022 at CIA #3

#### CALL FOR TSI SNAIHNE DISTRICT COMMUNITY MEMBER TO SERVE ON THE **OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE DEVELOPMENT**

As per MCA 2021/2022 #055, the Mohawk Council of and consider and balance the diversity of perspectives Akwesasne has approved the creation of an Oversight Committee on Legislative Development with working task groups. The purpose of the Oversight Committee is to draft legislation that protects, exercises and advances the inherent rights of the Mohawks of Akwesasne in accordance with the principles of peace, respect, and fairness.

The committee will oversee legislative development; receive Council and community input; provide community guidance and direction in the development of laws;

within Akwesasne's community.

Please submit a letter of interest, CPIC, and a signed declaration of qualifications (which can be obtained at the Akwesasne Justice Department) to the Justice Coordinator by 4 p.m. on Thursday, February 10.

If you have any questions, please contact Justice Coordinator Connie Lazore at connie.lazore@akwesasne.ca or at 613-575-2250 ext. 2403.

#### **DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY & SOCIAL SERVICES**

#### **FAMILY SNOWSHOE RACE**

In January, the Akwesasne Child and Family Services Community Support team offered a fun and exciting event to Akwesasronon. They challenged the community to make their own homemade snowshoes out of items laying around the house, such as sticks, duct tape, cardboard, etc. Once all family members created their own snowshoes, they were able to test them out and see whose snowshoes held up best outside in the elements. All individuals who participated were delighted to find out that they won a prize! Nia:wen to the awesome staff at ACFS who always comes up with amazing activities for family fun and all those who participated!









#### **DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY & SOCIAL SERVICES**

THE AKWESASNE CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES PRESENTS...

# ALL THE WAYS I LOVE YOU

A VALENTINE'S DAY SPEICAL

Show your love and appreciation for your special Valentine(s) by sharing a picture, a poem or even telling us your love story.

Share to our 'All the Ways I Love You' Facebook event page, or by email to dorian.benedict@akwesasne.ca.

\*\*SWEETHEART PACKAGES TO BE WON\*\*\*

Deadline to submit will be February 14 at 12:00pm <3

#### DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

#### FIBER-TO-THE-HOME

Registrations are now open to Businesses! If you haven't yet be sure to send in your info to us so tion you can email anytime or call us Monday – Friday we can get you on our list, we will need the following:

- Business name
- Civic Address
- Phone Number
- Contact person

Information can be sent to ftth@akwesasne.ca or call us at 613-575-2250 ext 1802

Keep in mind we are still working on a limited number of modems per district so be sure to get your info in to us before all the modems are spoken for.

If you have any questions or would like more informa-8 am to 4 pm.





#### AKWESASNE MOHAWK POLICE SERVICE

#### AKWESASNE COMMUNITY WATCH LOGO CONTEST WINNER

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In December 2021, the Akwesasne Mohawk Police, working in partnership with the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne, hosted a logo contest asking the community to submit artwork depicting what the Akwesasne Community Watch Program meant to them.

The Akwesasne Community Watch committee would like to acknowledge and thank everyone that submitted artwork for the logo contest. The first-place winner will receive \$500 with honorable mentions of \$50 to the top four logos that were judged by the committee. The Akwesasne Community Watch committee would

like to congratulate logo contest winner Katrina Oakes on her artistic view of what the Akwesasne Community Watch Program means. The logo will be featured on our newly added social media sites, promotional items, and educational presentations held in the community on future dates.

The Akwesasne Community Watch is a program aimed to help reduce crime. It involves building relationships with police and members of our community. The program helps establish trust and keeps our community safe.





MCA POSITIVITY CAMPAIGN — ACTIVITY #1

# 28 DAYS OF

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne is challenging the community to participate in our 28 Days of Positivity!

Every day during the month of February, we will post a positive activity idea on our Facebook page & CKON; take a photo of you or your family doing the activity and submit for an entry into our prize draw!

Participants can submit anytime until February 28. If you miss a day/activity, submit it later.

#### PRIZES:

- ✓ Greenhouse (approx. \$750 value)
- ✓ Pack basket (from Talking Turtle Baskets)
- Makeover by local artists/stylists

#### **HOW TO SUBMIT:**

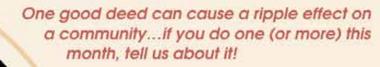
All submissions can be emailed to communications@akwesasne.ca or sent via Facebook messenger to the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne. Be sure to include a name and contact information.

#### OPEN TO ALL AKWESASRONON



# PAY IT FORWARD

# AKWESASNE



Spread some positive energy throughout Akwesasne and send us a photo or description of your good deed.

> Any good deed reported to us throughout February will receive an entry into our prize draw!

#### PRIZES:

Apple iPad Air \$200 Akwesasne Minimart Gift Card \$1000 Jay Peak Resort Gift Card

BONUS: Each winner will receive two identical prizes - one to keep & one to pay forward! Winner must pay it forward to a non-relative.

#### HOW TO SUBMIT:

Submissions can be emailed to communications@akwesasne.ca or sent via Facebook messenger to MCA.

Please include a name & contact information.

OPEN TO ALL AKWESASRONON



# Let's wesasne

Calling all comedians — we want to hear your jokes! Open to all Akwesasronon of any age, two entries max.

Laughter is the best medicine. Send us a video clip of your joke and help spread some good cheer throughout the community.

#### **HOW TO SUBMIT:**

Submissions can be emailed to communications@akwesasne.ca or sent via Facebook messenger to MCA.

Please include a name & contact information.

Your joke will be shared with others and you'll be entered to win one of the following prizes:

\$1000 Great Escape Lodge Gift Card

\$500 Titus Mountain Gift Card

Nintendo Switch

Disclaimer: All submissions may appear on MCA's social media and in our newsletters.



#### **MCA POSITIVITY**

#### CAMPAIGN



Take part in any of the MCA's three positive activities during the month of February for a chance to win these great prizes:

- · Walk-in greenhouse
- Pack basket
- Apple iPad Air
- Makeover
- Nintendo Switch
- \$1000 gift card to Jay Peak Resort
- \$1000 gift card to Great Escape Lodge
- \$200 gift card to Akwesasne Minimart
- \$500 gift card to Titus Mountain

#### ACTIVITY #1: 28 Days of Positivity

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#### ACTIVITY Pay It Forward

Spread some positive energy throughout
Akwesasne and send us a photo or
description of your good deed. Winners will
receive double prizes in order to pay one
forward! See event flyer for full details.

#### ACTIVITY #3: Let's Laugh, Akwesasne

Laughter is the best medicine. Send us a video clip of your joke and help spread some good cheer throughout the community. See event flyer for full details.

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