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2019 YEAR IN REVIEW

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The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne is proud to share a snippet of some of the exciting events and services that took place during 2019 throughout this issue of Onkwe'ta:ke. We are thankful to all of the programs, staff, council and community members who made 2019 a successful year!

UPCOMING MCA MEETINGS & SPECIAL DATES:

January 13, 2020

- District Meeting for Tsi Snaihne - Tsi Snaihne Recreation Centre - 6 p.m.- 8 p.m.

January 13, 2020

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

January 20, 2020

- District Meeting for Kana:takon - Kana:takon Recreation Centre - 6 p.m.- 8 p.m.

January 23, 2020

- General Meeting - Kana:takon Recreation Centre - 6 p.m.- 8 p.m.

MOHAWK COUNCIL OF AKWESASNE 2018-2021

Grand Chief

Abram Benedict

Kana:takon District

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

Kawehno:ke District

Chief Carolyn Francis
Chief Edward Roundpoint
Chief Vince Thompson
Chief Vanessa Adams

Tsi Snaihne District

Chief April Adams-Phillips
Chief Connie Lazore
Chief Joe Lazore
Chief Tobi Mitchell

Administration

Heather Phillips
Executive Director

Daryl Seymour
A/Director,
Department of Technical Services

Joyce King
Director,
Akwasasne Justice Department

Charmaine Caldwell
Director,
Department of Housing

Catherine Lelievre
A/Director,
Department of
Community & Social Services

Keith Leclaire
Director,
Department of Health

Donna Lahache
Director,
Akwasasne Mohawk Board
of Education

Shawn Dulude
Chief of Police,
Akwasasne Mohawk Police
Service

Kylee Tarbell
A/Director,
Department of
Tehotiiennawakon

WAT'KWANONHWERA:TON/GREETINGS

She:kon/Wat'kwanonhwera:ton,

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

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

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

1. In September 2019, the Mohawk Council of Akwasasne resurrected its lonkwak-wé:nion "We Accomplished It" Book of Accomplishments with a special induction ceremony and dinner honouring all first responders. The Book of Accomplishments was created during the last Council's term.

2. On Saturday, August 24, 2019, the Mohawk Council of Akwasasne held a Special General Meeting in order for membership to vote on the following question: Do you approve the Akwasasne Financial Administration Law? Immediately following the CEO's announcement that it had been accepted by the community, the Mohawk Council of Akwasasne passed a resolution accepting the results and formally enacted the Akwasasne Financial Administration Law.

3. Throughout 2019, the Mohawk Council of Akwasasne held various discussions about the opportunity to bring natural gas heating to Cornwall Island — surveyors also compassed Kawehno:ke to see if there is an interest in natural gas expansion. This will continue in 2020.

4. Although the MCA wasn't declared the winner in the Smart Cities Challenge (Town of Bridgewater was selected), throughout 2019, various events were held for Smart Akwasasne to explain to the community how to utilize technology (a mobile app, greenhouses and electric cars) to lower diabetes. MCA will continue to work and find opportunities to make a smarter and healthier Akwasasne.

5. In June 2019, the Mohawk Council of Akwasasne held a swearing-in ceremony for Vanessa Adams, the newly-elected District Chief of Kawehno:ke. She was the successful candidate selected by the community through a by-election. Council has four chiefs in each district of Tsi Snaihne, Kana:takon and Kawehno:ke and one Grand Chief. After Chief Adams was sworn in, the Council returned to full capacity.

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HOLIDAY EXTRAVAGANZA!

The month of December is always a great time at the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne. The holiday dinners at each of the recreations in the three districts are well-attended, family-friendly and fun events that take place annually.

In addition to food and family in December, singing is also something that brings lots of joy! This year, police from Akwesasne Mohawk

Police Services and the surrounding areas continued their tradition of carolling at the long term care facilities Tsiionkwanonhso:te and lakhihsohtha. It brought all the elders lots of smiles and many of them joined in with the singing.

Continuing the excitement, many other programs hosted fun, family-centered and holiday-themed events. From the Pajama Party to

the Holiday Family Fit Challenge, there were so many amazing events that everyone could participate in.

Nia:wen to all that made the events in December memorable and possible.

The MCA is hopeful that 2020 will bring lots of happiness, good health and wellness to all in the New Year and lots of new favorite memories!



Council at the community holiday dinner in Kana:takon.



The elders at lakhihsohtha loved the visitors that came to carol for them.



Kawehno:ke Recreation Committee members Sara McDonald, Kuy Chaussi, Roxene Jones (not pictured), and Veronica Thompson dropped off donations from the toy drive to the Community Support Program. Also pictured here is Case Manager Shelly Rourke and Britney Truelove, mother to Alex "The Warrior" Lazore.

The Community Support Program extends a big niawenko:wa to the Kawehno:ke Recreation Committee!

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Attendees of the Community Dinner received a free picture with Santa .



At the Pajama Party hosted by the CHASE committee, kids were head over heels in excitement!



Ryder is a grade 5 student at AMS and he donated hand-made hats for the school's warm wishes box. This is to give hats and mitts to those students who need it! The items were hand-made by his mom! Nia:wen for the thoughtful donation!



Every year during the holidays, Akwesasne's longterm care and elderly homes welcome a large group of law enforcement from local and surrounding agencies who come bearing gifts, jokes, smiles and a performance of Christmas carols. It's a tradition that brings the cheer of the season right to the residents. Staff also look forward to the annual visit.

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Various law enforcement, including the Akwesasne Mohawk Police Service, made the residents at Iakhihsohtha and Tsiokwanonhso:te very happy with their carolling!



All the attendees of the pajama party received prizes, including these fruit baskets.



Many generations of family members came together at the holiday dinners to have a delicious meal and enjoy each others company!



At the Holiday Family Fit Challenge, Iakwa'shatste Youth Fitness held fun, festive games for all ages and fitness levels. Everyone enjoyed the fitness games and were in a happy and festive mood when the evening concluded.

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As 2020 has officially arrived, we want you to take a look at all of the exciting things that took place in 2019 throughout the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne.

Every year, staff and Council look forward to the many events that take place throughout the community that were made possible by the organization. MCA also enjoys having visitors come to see our

amazing and unique community. In addition, we love hosting cultural classes to help the revitalization of our beautiful culture.

Nia:wen to all that made the events, programs and services possible! The entire organization is happy to serve Akwesasne.

The following images were featured in the MCA E-newsletter as the

“Picture of the Week.” Please visit our website at akwesasne.ca to sign up for the MCA E-newsletter, which is sent to email subscribers every Thursday. Every week is a recap of the events that took place, in addition to reports, news and information that are upcoming.



In February 2019, the Department of Canadian Heritage, the Assembly of First Nations, Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami and the Métis Nation were working together to co-develop national First Nations, Inuit and Métis languages legislation that will reflect the distinct geographical, political, legislative and cultural context impacting language preservation, promotion and revitalization.

District Chief of Tsi Snaihne Joe Lazore, a fluent Kanienkeha speaker and advocate of the language, is waiting to witness the introduction.

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The King & Queen for the 2019 Akwesasne Winter Carnival were Abe and Esther David! Pictured is Esther, with her children, Morgan David and Rosie Dinelle.



From March 11 through March 13, a traditional lacrosse stick making workshop was held at the Traditional Lacrosse factory and sponsored by the MCA Wholistic Health & Wellness Program. During this workshop, instructors Evan Cree, Mike Thompson, and Lawrence Leaf taught students the start-to-finish process of making and lacing a traditional lacrosse stick.



The MCA Wholistic Health & Wellness Program teamed up with Good Mind Design to bring a 2-day basket-making class for youth during the 2019 March break!

Instructor Angello Johnson guided participants in creating their own pack baskets; yellow ribbons were added to each basket in honor of suicide prevention and awareness.



In April 2019, the Akwesasne Danger Dodgers had their second community walk of the year! The grade 6 students visited areas in Tsi Snaihne and Hogansburg; their goal was to take photos, using iPads, to document unsafe spots in the community.

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More than two tons of garbage was removed from a common area in Kana:takon in May 2019 by MCA District Chiefs, the Communications Unit and a community member. The MCA Department of Technical Services assisted with an excavator and a dump truck to haul over 4,000 lbs of garbage away. Niawenko:wa to this group for going above and beyond for the community!



In May 2019, the Akwesasne Mohawk Ambulance celebrated National EMS Week throughout the community! EMS Week is a yearly event that is focused on educating the public about emergency medical services and to bring attention to an important part of emergency medicine. It is an opportunity to celebrate EMS practitioners and the important work they do in our communities.



Akwesasne celebrated its first official Physician's Appreciation Day in May 2019 with a luncheon at the newly-renovated Akwesasne Medical Clinic, located in the Kanonhkwa'tsheri:io Health Facility. Beautiful, locally-made gifts were presented to not only the five medical doctors, but also to the wholistic and traditional healthcare teams, as they play an integral part in the health and well-being of Akwesasronon.

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In June 2019, local business owner Carey Terrance, Akwesasne Earth Movers and the Akwesasne Junior B Indians lacrosse team with coaches and owners arrived to Thompson Island to help clean up the area! In two and a half hours, approximately 5 tons of waste and scrap metal was removed!



The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne would like to thank the community members who participated in the Trashtag Challenge for their hard work in cleaning up our community! We had many awesome submissions, which means lots of areas in Akwesasne have been improved.



In June 2019, Grand Chief Abram Benedict visited Iakhihsohtha to help judge the annual staff flower arrangement contest with Tsi Snaihne District Chief Connie Lazore and visit with elders and staff.

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Our three schools celebrated moving up and graduation ceremonies.



Businesses and agencies from in and around the community of Akwesasne participated in the annual Akwesasne Business Expo in August 2019.



In August 2019 a Family Fun Day was held at the Kana:takon Recreation full of food, activities, prizes and information on kinship care! Kinship care is an extended family home that is approved to care for a child or youth in care. The caregiver must have a family relationship or significant connection to the child, like a grandparent, aunt/uncle, cousin or close family friend.

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In June 2019, the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne hosted its annual Long Service Recognition and Retirement Awards Luncheon at the Tsi Snaihne Recreation Centre. Congratulations to our retirees and many thanks to the long service employees on their awards — our organization wouldn't be the same without your hard work and dedication!



Hundreds of families turned out to Generations Park in August 2019 for the 4th Annual Family Color Run hosted by the Akwesasne Coalition for Community Empowerment. The event invited families to run or walk along the walking trail where stations are set up of coalition members dousing passersby with every color of powder possible. The coalition is made of organizations on both sides of Akwesasne's territory (north and south) that work together to host positive activities in the community.



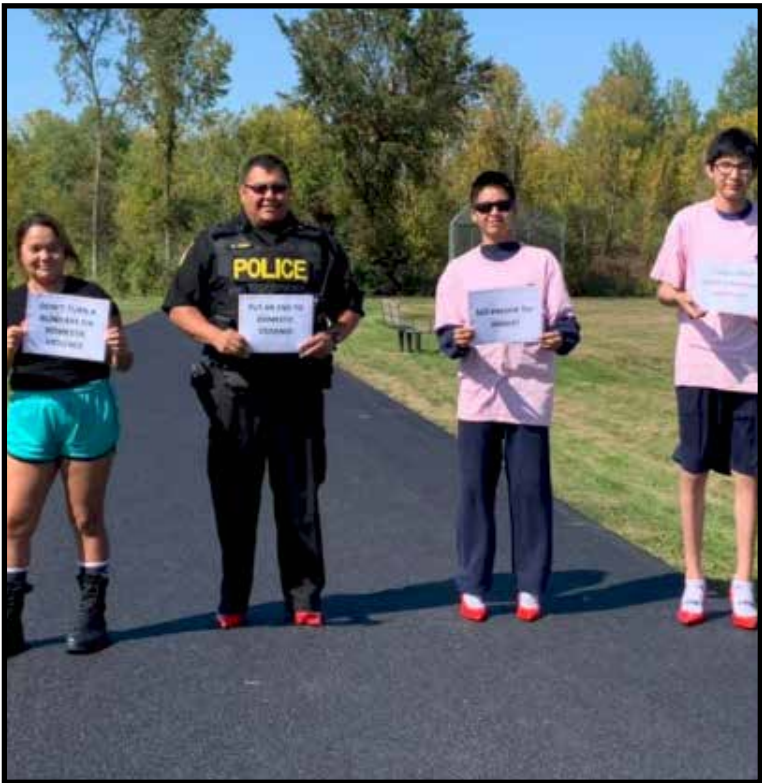
In August 2019, Ontario Power Generation (OPG) proudly announced Taylor Day, who hails from Akwesasne and Anton Esquega, a member of Kiashke Zaaging Anishniaabek, as the recipients of the 2019 John Wesley Beaver (JWB) Memorial Awards. Given annually to one male and one female Indigenous student, the John Wesley Beaver awards recognize and support talented individuals, each with a history of community involvement, academic excellence and hard work.

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In August 2019, Akwesasne Family Wellness Program unveiled three plaques in each of the community's three districts, in a powerful statement of honour to all the missing and murdered people of Akwesasne.



In September 2019, the Akwesasne Family Wellness Program hosted its inaugural Walk Against Domestic Violence! Men showed support for women and children affected by domestic violence by walking in her shoes and one lady supported to men affected by domestic violence by walking in his shoes.



In September 2019, Justice Shannon Hall conducted the Swearing-In Ceremony of members of the Ahkwesahsne Mohawk Board of Education Board of Trustees as follows: Shealene Gibson of the Kana:takon District was acclaimed into a three year term. Sheila Adams and Josephine Herne, District of Tsi Snaihne was acclaimed into a three year term. Kathleen Papineau, District of Kawehno:ke was elected into a three year term.

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Marc Faubert met with Grand Chief and Council in October 2019 to talk about his candidacy for the Liberal Party riding of Salaberry-Suroit in Canada's upcoming federal election. He was not the successful candidate.

<— MCA Staff was excited to celebrate Halloween in October 2019. Children from AMBE went to various offices in each of the three districts.



<— The International Joint Commission (IJC) and the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne (MCA) met in October 2019 on Kawehno:ke to discuss issues of mutual concern, including the Grasse River Remediation project; other issues related to the progress of governments in meeting the objectives of the Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement; as well as a joint MCA – IJC board project to develop a common approach to frame fish consumption advisories that consider benefits and impacts of fish consumption and address the concerns of anglers, Tribes, and First Nations for the binational section of the Saint Lawrence River.

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Following community concern, two stop signs were added in Kana:takon.



In August 2019, staff and totas welcomed family and friends for the Second Annual Carnival at Iakhihsohtha Lodge! Included in the fun was carnival games, music, delicious treats, Belly Buttons the Clown, a photo booth, an AMPS obstacle course, face painting, Tota Bingo and a dunk tank featuring MCA Council Chiefs. It was a great time for all that attended!



The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne resurrected its lonkwakwé:nion "We Accomplished It" Book of Accomplishments in September 2019 with a special induction ceremony and dinner honouring all first responders. Police, dispatchers, ambulance personnel, and firefighters were invited from all of Akwesasne's emergency service organizations; The Hogansburg-Akwesasne Volunteer Fire Department, the Akwesasne Mohawk Police Service, Saint Regis Mohawk Tribal Police, and Akwesasne Mohawk Ambulance. Special recognition was also given to outside agencies that serve the Akwesasne community, including Seaway Ambulance, Cornwall, Bombay, Fort Covington and Massena fire departments, and surrounding police agencies. All first responders in attendance were invited to sign the Book of Accomplishments and each organization was given a wood-burned plaque featuring words of appreciation. Niawenko:wa to all first responders for the selfless choices you've made to protect the community.

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In June 2019, the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne met with the Cornwall Mayor Bernadette Clement, along with Cornwall city Councillors. Cornwall and Akwesasne have not met formally in over 12 years, and during this gathering, there was an open agenda for both councils to share information about their respective communities of Akwesasne and Cornwall, to show the programs and services offered by each of the organizations to the community, and to also identify challenges faced by both parties.



In September 2019, elders from the Iakhihsohtha Home for the Elderly attended Walmart in Cornwall for shopping. It was the first time the elders returned to the store for their routine trip after an incident there in July left them feeling unwelcome and unsafe. Mohawk Council chiefs escorted the elders on their return trip, and management from the Cornwall store welcomed the group and apologized for their previous experience.



Following the meeting between the MCA and Cornwall, the city of Cornwall added Kanien'keha to their signs to welcome Akwesasronon!

COUNCIL AND MOHAWK GOVERNMENT

MOHAWK COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS

MCR #383 Accept & Approve Council Meeting Minutes dated Enniska/February 11th, 2019

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

For: 7 Against: 1

CARRIED

MCR #384 Accept & Approve Council Meeting Minutes dated Enniska/February 25th, 2019

*Moved by: Chief Connie Lazore
Seconded by: Chief Theresa Jacobs*

For: 8 Against: 0

CARRIED

MCR #385 Accept & Approve Council Meeting Minutes dated Enniska/February 27th, 2019

*Moved by: Chief Theresa Jacobs
Seconded by: Chief Carolyn Francis*

For: 8 Against: 0

CARRIED

MCR #386 Accept & Approve Council Meeting Minutes dated Enniska/February 28th, 2019

*Moved by: Chief Theresa Jacobs
Seconded by: Chief Connie Lazore*

For: 8 Against: 0

CARRIED

MCR #387 Mohawk Council of Akwesasne accepts the resignation of District Chief of Kawehno:ke

Moved by: Chief Carolyn Francis Jacobs

Seconded by: Chief Connie Lazore

For: 8 Against: 0

CARRIED

MCR #388 Accept & Approve the INAC Financial Agreement No. 1516-ON-000028-Amendment No.0056

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

For: 10 Against: 0

CARRIED

MCR #389 2019-2020-Mohawk Council of Akwesasne Operating Budget MCR Submission

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

For: 9 Against: 1

CARRIED

MCR #390 Accept & Approve the General Meeting Minutes dated Ennisko:wa/March 7th, 2019

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

For: 10 Against: 0

CARRIED

Fiscal Year April 1st, 2019

MCR #001 Access to Territory Request

*Moved by: Chief Vince Thompson
Seconded by: Chief Theresa*

*Jacobs
For: 7 Against: 0
CARRIED*

MCR #002 Access to Territory Request

*Moved by: Chief Tobi Mitchell
Seconded by: Chief Theresa Jacobs*

For: 7 Against: 0

CARRIED

MCR #003 Housing Upgrade Application

*Moved by: Chief Darryl Lazore
Seconded by: Chief Vince Thompson*

For: 7 Against: 0

CARRIED

MCR #004 Housing Upgrade Application

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

For: 7 Against: 0

CARRIED

MCR #005 Program Agreement Native Inmate Liaison Officer

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

For: 7 Against: 0

CARRIED

MCR #006 The Hiring of a Physician, Department of Health rescinding approved MCR #371, 2018-2019

*Moved by: Chief April Phillips
Seconded by: Chief Julie Jacobs*

*For: 6 Against: 1
CARRIED*

MCR #007 Access to Territory Request

*Moved by: Chief Theresa Jacobs
Seconded by: Chief Vince Thompson*

For: 7 Against: 0

CARRIED

MCR #008 Remove of the First Nations Fiscal Management Act

*Moved by: Chief Connie Lazore
Seconded by: Chief Julie Jacobs*

For: 7 Against: 0

CARRIED

MCR #009 CMHC Project Operating Agreement Ref#19 322 353 012

*Moved by: Chief Darryl Lazore
Seconded by: Chief Vince Thompson*

For: 7 Against: 0

CARRIED

MCR #010 Allotment-Lot 91-3 Kawehnoke CLSR 95423

*Moved by: Chief Carolyn Francis
Seconded by: Chief Theresa Jacobs*

For: 7 Against: 0

CARRIED

MCR #011 Allotment-Lot 93-2-1 Chenail Range RSO 5914 R

*Moved by: Chief April Phillips
Seconded by: Chief Carolyn Francis*

For: 6 Against: 0

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CARRIED

MCR #012 Amendment to the Health Funding Contribution Agreement with First Nations and Inuit Health Canada for a one time NOBA increase to the fiscal year 2018-19 NIHB Pharmacy

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

For: 8 Against: 0

CARRIED

MCR #013 S.A.V.E. UNIT purchase Boats

*Moved by: Chief Connie Lazore
Seconded by: Chief Tim Thompson*

For: 8 Against: 0

CARRIED

MCR #014 The hiring of a Traditional Medicine Man, Department of Health April 2019

*Moved by: Chief Connie Lazore
Seconded by: Chief Theresa Jacobs*

For: 9 Against: 0

CARRIED

MCR #015 Akwesasne Mohawk Police Commission Seat for Tsi Snaihne

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

For: 8 Against: 0

CARRIED

MCR #016 Akwesasne Mohawk

Police Commission Seat for Francis Kawehno:ke

*Moved by: Chief Tim Thompson
Seconded by: Chief Edward Roundpoint*

For: 8 Against: 0

CARRIED

MCR #017 Akwesasne Mohawk Police Commission Seat for Kana:takon

*Moved by: Chief Tim Thompson
Seconded by: Chief Connie Lazore*

For: 8 Against: 0

CARRIED

MCR #018 Commission Re-Appointment for Kana:takon

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

For: 8 Against: 0

CARRIED

MCR #019 Accept & Approve Council Meeting Minutes dated Ennisko:wa/March 4th, 2019

*Moved by: Chief Joe Lazore
Seconded by: Chief Tim Thompson*

For: 9 Against: 0

CARRIED

MCR #020 Accept & Approve Emergency Council Meeting Minutes dated Ennisko:wa/March 6th,2019

*Moved by: Chief Connie Lazore
Seconded by: Chief Carolyn*

*Francis
For: 9 Against: 0*

CARRIED

MCR #021 Accept & Approve Council Meeting Minutes dated Ennisko:wa/March 11th,2019

*Moved by: Chief Connie Lazore
Seconded by: Chief Tim Thompson*

For: 9 Against: 0

CARRIED

MCR #022 Accept & Approve Council Meeting Minutes dated Ennisko:wa/March 18th, 2019

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

For: 9 Against: 0

CARRIED

MCR #023 Accept & Approve Emergency Council Meeting Minutes dated Ennisko:wa/March 21st,2019

*Moved by: Chief Theresa Jacobs
Seconded by: Chief Connie Lazore*

For: 9 Against: 0

CARRIED

MCR #024 Accept & Approve Council Meeting Minutes dated Ennisko:wa/March 25th, 2019

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

For: 9 Against: 0

CARRIED

MCR #025 Accept & Approve Emergency Council Meeting Minutes dated Ennisko:wa/March 28th, 2019

*Moved by: Chief Connie Lazore
Seconded by: Chief Carolyn Francis*

For: 9 Against: 0

CARRIED

MCR #026 Accept & Approve Council General Meeting Minutes dated Ennisko:wa/March 28th, 2019

*Moved by: Chief Julie Jacobs
Seconded by: Chief Vince Thompson*

For: 10 Against: 0

CARRIED

MCR #027 The Trustees of the Mohawks of Akwesasne Community Settlement Trust; Documents 1. Acknowledgement and Undertaking re: Distribution from Trust 2. Project Funding Agreement

*Moved by: Chief Tobi Mitchell
Seconded by: Chief Vince Thompson*

For: 5 Against: 0

CARRIED

MCR #028 Section 84 Onkwehonwehneha Program Development Office

*Moved by: Chief April Phillips
Seconded by: Chief Tobi Mitchell*

For: 5 Against: 0

CARRIED

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MCR #029 2019-2020 Contract 368/2018-19/887712 Transfer Payment – MCA Community Corrections Worker Agreement and Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services (MCSCS)

*Moved by: Chief Darryl Lazore
Seconded by: Chief April Phillips
For: 5 Against: 0
CARRIED*

MCR #030 Amendment to the MOHLTC Champlain Community Care access center amending agreement 2018

*Moved by: Chief April Phillips
Seconded by: Chief Tobi Mitchell
For: 5 Against: 0
CARRIED*

MCR #031 Lease – Lot 8 St. Francis Island

*Moved by: Chief Darryl Lazore
Seconded by: Chief Joe Lazore
For: 5 Against: 0
CARRIED*

MCR #032 Rescind - MCR for CMHC Documents

*Moved by: Chief Darryl Lazore
Seconded by: Chief Vince Thompson
For: 5 Against: 0
CARRIED*

MCR #033 CMHC Project Operating Agreement Ref# 19 322 353 012

Moved by: Chief Darryl Lazore

*Seconded by: Chief Vince Thompson
For: 5 Against: 0
CARRIED*

MCR #034 Implementation of New Logo for Thompson Island Cultural Camp

*Moved by: Chief Joe Lazore
Seconded by: Chief Vince Thompson
For: 5 Against: 0
CARRIED*

MCR #035 Implementation of New Logo for Iehotienawakon Environment

*Moved by: Chief Joe Lazore
Seconded by: Chief Tobi Mitchell
For: 5 Against: 0
CARRIED*

MCR #036 Accept & Approve Council Emergency Meeting Minutes dated Ennisko:wa/ March 7th, 2019

*Moved by: Chief Joe Lazore
Seconded by: Chief Tobi Mitchell
For: 5 Against: 0
CARRIED*

MCR #037 Lead Negotiator, Alternate and Chairperson for Self-Government Final Agreement Negotiations

*Moved by: Chief Carolyn Francis
Seconded by: Chief Tobi Mitchell
For: 9 Against: 0
CARRIED*

MCR #038 Housing - Upgrade Application

*Moved by: Chief Darryl Lazore
Seconded by: Chief Tim Thompson
For: 7 Against: 2
CARRIED*

MCR #039 Housing - Upgrade Application

*Moved by: Chief Tim Thompson
Seconded by: Chief Vince Thompson
For: 8 Against: 1
CARRIED*

MCR #040 Housing - Upgrade Application

*Moved by: Chief Connie Lazore
Seconded by: Chief Darryl Lazore
For: 9 Against: 0
CARRIED*

MCR #041 Housing - Upgrade Application

*Moved by: Chief Carolyn Francis
Seconded by: Chief Vince Thompson
For: 9 Against: 0
CARRIED*

MCR #042 Housing - Upgrade Application

*Moved by: Chief Darryl Lazore
Seconded by: Chief Vince Thompson
For: 9 Against: 0
CARRIED*

MCR #043 Housing - Upgrade

Application

*Moved by: Chief Connie Lazore
Seconded by: Chief Carolyn Francis
For: 8 Against: 1
CARRIED*

MCR #044 Housing - Upgrade Application

*Moved by: Chief Darryl Lazore
Seconded by: Chief Carolyn Francis
For: 9 Against: 0
CARRIED*

MCR #045 Revision to the Akwesasne Iethisohthokon:a Elders Council-Terms of Reference

*Moved by: Chief Carolyn Francis
Seconded by: Chief Tim Thompson
For: 9 Against: 0
CARRIED*

MCR #046 Audit of Akwesasne Mohawk Police-J1T 2017-18 and 2016-17

*Moved by: Chief Connie Lazore
Seconded by: Chief Julie Jacobs
For: 8 Against: 0
CARRIED*

MCR #047 Finance – Police - Commission

*Moved by: Chief Connie Lazore
Seconded by: Chief Joe Lazore
For: 9 Against: 0
CARRIED*

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MOHAWK COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS

MCR #048 Youth Council Resignation

*Moved by: Chief Tim Thompson
Seconded by: Chief Julie Jacobs
For: 9 Against: 0*

CARRIED

MCR #049 Acceptance of 2 new Kawehnoke representatives for the Health Advisory Board

*Moved by: Chief Connie Lazore
Seconded by: Chief Edward Roundpoint
For: 9 Against: 0*

CARRIED

MCR #050 Certification in Education for FN & INUIT - Language and Culture

*Moved by: Chief Julie Jacobs
Seconded by: Chief Connie Lazore
For: 9 Against: 0*

CARRIED

MCR #051 Housing-Upgrade Application

*Moved by: Chief Darryl Lazore
Seconded by: Chief Tim Thompson
For: 8 Against: 0*

CARRIED

MCR #052 Akwesasne Fibre Optics Project

*Moved by: Chief Edward Roundpoint
Seconded by: Chief Vince Thompson
For: 6 Against: 0*

CARRIED

MCR #053 Renewal of Program Delivery Agreement with SLC

*Moved by: Chief Julie Jacobs
Seconded by: Chief Carolyn Francis
For: 10 Against: 0*

CARRIED

MCR #054 Fire Alarm System & Security Upgrades and Roof Replacement

*-Tsiionkwanonhso:te
Moved by: Chief Joe Lazore
Seconded by: Chief Vince Thompson
For: 10 Against: 0*

CARRIED

MCR #055 Lot 11 Colquhoun Island East-Relinquishment of Lease

*Moved by: Chief Darryl Lazore
Seconded by: Chief Vince Thompson
For: 10 Against: 0*

CARRIED

MCR #056 Comprehensive Funding Agreement

*Moved by: Chief Connie Lazore
Seconded by: Chief Carolyn Francis
For: 10 Against: 0*

CARRIED

MCR # 057 Accept & Approve General Meeting Minutes Dated Onerahtakha/April 25, 2019

*Moved by: Chief Carolyn Francis
Seconded by: Chief Joe Lazore
For: 9 Against: 0*

CARRIED

MCR # 058 Lot 13 St Francis Island-Assignment of Lease

*Moved by: Chief Darryl Lazore
Seconded by: Chief Tim Thompson
For: 8 Against: 0*

CARRIED

MCR #059 Lease-Lot 11 Ross Island

*Moved by: Chief Darryl Lazore
Seconded by: Chief Tim Thompson
For: 8 Against: 0*

CARRIED

MCR #060 Akwesasne Mohawk Ambulance Program-Memorandum of Agreement with Alice Hyde Medical Center

*Moved by: Chief Connie Lazore
Seconded by: Chief April Phillips
For: 8 Against: 0*

CARRIED

MCR #061 Akwesasne Mohawk Ambulance Program-Medical Director Agreement with Alice Hyde Medical Center

*Moved by: Chief Connie Lazore
Seconded by: Chief April Phillips
For: 8 Against: 0*

CARRIED

MCR #062 Tsi Snaihne Birch

Road Water main Construction and Domestic Water Service Connections

*Moved by: Chief Joe Lazore
Seconded by: Chief Vince Thompson
For: 8 Against: 0*

CARRIED

MCR #063 Job Opportunity Application for ACCESS

*Moved by: Chief Julie Jacobs
Seconded by: Chief Connie Lazore
For: 8 Against: 0*

CARRIED

MCR #064 Agreement for the use of Certain Lands on Kawehnoke

*Moved by: Chief Vince Thompson
Seconded by: Chief Joe Lazore
For: 8 Against: 0*

CARRIED

MCR #065 Rescind MCR-Bank of Montreal-Guarantee

*Moved by: Chief Darryl Lazore
Seconded by: Chief Vince Thompson
For: 8 Against: 0*

CARRIED

MCR #066 Toromont CAT MOTOR Grander Purchase

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

CARRIED

COUNCIL AND MOHAWK GOVERNMENT

COUNCIL WEEKLY MEETING REPORT

SUBMITTED BY GRAND CHIEF ABRAM BENEDICT



December 9, 2019

- Representatives from the Akwesasne International Powwow Committee presented to Council on concerns about the MCA's proposed arena ground leases and requested the MCA annual contribution be brought back to previous amount. Further follow up will be done with the committee.
- A presentation and update was provided to Council from the Friends of the National Wildlife Reserve of Lake St-Francis Visitor Centre on the centre's current projects and future plans for 2020.
- Representatives from Vibrant Communities present to Council the

"Our Safety Our Well-Being Plan" and explained the collaborative development of the plan. Council agreed to provide a letter of support for funding opportunities for the plan.

- Council discussed a request from a community organization to explore the possibility of joining the MCA pension; Council determined that the request is not feasible.
- A briefing was provided on working groups' progress for CBSA design thinking initiative; a request was made for other stakeholder's involvements in the working groups. Further follow up will be done.
- Council was briefed was on a recent tour with Indigenous Services Canada and discussed concerns with formatting for future tours.
- A briefing was provided on an ongoing dispute regarding a right-of-way in the community.
- Council passed a motion that all automobile dealers in the area will

be required to provide notification to Mohawk Council of non-member vehicle deliveries to Akwesasne.

- MCR's passed: Acceptance of proposal submission to Jordan's Principal for Enhanced Services Coordination; Approval of amendments of MOHLTC (Health) Community Care Access Centre funding agreement; Approval of amendment to funding agreement with Ministry of Community and Social Services for Healing and Wellness Strategy; Approval of allotment of land to community member (loan paid off); Approval of contract award to Napier-Reid for filter replacement at wastewater treatment plant; Approval of contract award to KWC Planning for program of the Office of Vital Statistics; Approval of Access to Territory for business financing purpose.

STAY UPDATED ON ALL THINGS AKWESASNE



CHILDREN'S PAGE

FUN WINTER ACTIVITIES FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY TO ENJOY!

During the cold season, you can enjoy many winter activities. So, grab your family and read through these ideas. Maybe you can pick a few of these winter activities together!

Baking with family: The winter season is a great time all around for baking cookies, cakes, and pies. You can even share your creations with friends and family.



Make bird feeders: Spend a day making bird feeders to bring various species of birds into your backyard. You can also spread peanut butter on pine cones and coat them with birdseed to lure wildlife into the yard as well.



Go bowling: Nothing beats a bowling match with the entire family. No matter how cold it gets outside, you can always come inside and knock down a few pins, maybe even get a strike or two!



Winter Hikes: Hikes aren't just for the warm season. If it snows in your neck of the woods, you can take a walk during a soft snowfall. Enjoy the sounds and sights of nature up close with a nice hike.



Great time for board games: If you would rather stay inside and have fun with the family, a board game works quite well. Adults and children alike love the fun-filled excitement of board games.



Ice skating, skiing, or tobogganing: Even if you aren't a big fan of sports, you can still enjoy skating or tobogganing. Sledding is also an option much like skiing, where you can enjoy a thrilling ride down the nearest snow-covered hill.



Help others: Nothing fulfills someone more than giving to others. Be charitable this season by making meals and delivering goodies to hospitals or even the homeless. The whole family can spend time helping others during the winter season.



SOCIAL MEDIA CONNECTION

FACEBOOK STATS



Facebook Posts with the Most Likes in December

1. Tsiionkwanonhso:te & Iakhihsohtha Welcome Law Enforcement Carolers (Photos)
2. First of the Year's Holiday Dinners Held in Kana:takon (Photos)
3. Kawehno:ke Recreation Committee Donates Toys to Community Support Program (Photos)
4. Second of the Year's Holiday Dinners Held in Tsi Snaihne (Photos)
5. Deer Processing Workshop (Flyer)

Facebook Posts with the Highest Reach in December

1. Tsiionkwanonhso:te & Iakhihsohtha Welcome Law Enforcement Carolers — 4,891 reached
2. If the AMA Can't Reach You, They Can't Help You — 4,267 reached
3. Akwesasne Mohawk Police Seize Cannabis, Edibles & Pills — 4,127 reached
4. Movie Morning for Special Needs Families — 3,907 reached
5. Deer Processing Workshop — 3,795 reached

TWITTER STATS

Top Tweet in December



YOUTUBE STATS



Highest Viewed Videos on the MCA Youtube Channel for December

1. Business Spotlight — Proxim Pharmacy
2. MCA Community Holiday Dinner Invitation | Tsi Snaihne
3. MCA Directors' Vlog | Dept. of Health | Episode 3

EXECUTIVE SERVICES

NEW AND CHANGING FACES AT MCA

December 2019

Clayton Benedict.....Maintenance Manager
Carcie Bigtree-Thompson.....Receptionist
Karissa Cook.....Caretaker
Fallon David.....Onkwehonwehneha Program Development Officer
Gidget McCullough.....Supply Teacher
Robert Mitchell.....Caretaker
Aubrey Phillips.....EMT-B
Daryl Seymour.....Acting Director
Mahlon Smoke.....Medical Transportation Coordinator
Melvin Thompson.....Caretaker
Mavis Williamson.....Community Educator/Public Relations



COMPLIMENTS & APPRECIATIONS

- Nia:wen to all of the staff, council and community members that made 2019 the successful year that it was! Here is to a healthy, happy and prosperous New Year 2020!



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH - 2019 HIGHLIGHTS

DIRECTOR OF HEALTH RECIPIENT OF HEALTH

AWARD: MCA Director of Health Keith Leclaire was the proud recipient of the 2019 Excellence in Health Leadership Award!

Keith was joined by some of the Department of Health managers when he received his award at the annual First Nations Health Managers Association Conference that was held on November 6 in Montreal.

This award recognizes those that exhibited a sincere and long-term commitment, as well as leadership, in First Nations health management in Canada.



WORLD DIABETES DAY: November 14, 2019 was World Diabetes Day and staff wore blue to show their support and to raise awareness of the impact that diabetes has on the family. Our Dept. of Health and its programs are dedicated to providing effective management, care, prevention and education of the condition.



NATIONAL EMS WEEK: During the month of May, the Department of Health celebrated National EMS Week with a series of photos that highlighted each EMT individually, along with the distribution of posters featuring the EMTs. Niawenko:wa for all that you do to keep Akwesasne safe!

AHKWESAHSNE MOHAWK BOARD OF EDUCATION

AHKWESAHSNE MOHAWK BOARD OF EDUCATION - 2019 HIGHLIGHTS

SENSORY PATHWAYS: The Ahkwesahsne Mohawk School recently installed sensory pathways into our schools. The sensory path is a colorful, creative, and playful way for students to build sensory pathways, connections in the brain that are responsible for sight, touch, and sound. These connections are needed for students to form complex, multi-stage tasks. Additionally, the sensory path allows for movement breaks during classes. This is especially helpful for students who tend to lose focus during the learning process and gives the student some sensory output, ultimately increasing their learning.

These wonderful sensory pathways, that benefit all students at AMS, was made possible through funding received from the Akwesasne Community Fund.



ALL MY RELATIONS: The Ahkwesahsne Mohawk Board of Education, Ahkwesahsne Mohawk School, Conseil des écoles publiques de l'Est de l'Ontario, Conseil scolaire district catholique de l'Est ontarien, City of Cornwall, Ahkwesahsne community, ACFO-SDG are proud to launch the brand new community project entitled: "All my relations / Ne ne akwé:kon iakwatatenónhkwe' - Franco-Indigenous intercultural exchange", funded by Canadian

Heritage. Intended for students of the intermediary attending École secondaire catholique La Citadelle and École secondaire publique L'Héritage as well as students in grades 7 and 8 at Ahkwesahsne Mohawk School, this initiative seeks to create meaningful and lasting ties between young people while collaborating in the creation of a major artistic work to be unveiled in June 2020.



Top row: Julie Bellavance (ACFO), Laurie Crawford (CEPEO), Forest Dubois (EEP Héritage), Samuel Drouin (EEP Héritage), Andrea Carpenter(AMS), Richard TJ Point (AMS), Félix ST-Denis (CSDCEO), Thomas Square (AMS) Bottom row : Geneviève Éthier (CSDCEO), Coralie Adams (EEP Héritage), Addison Point (AMS), Ella Benedict-Sylvester (AMS), Meesha Sylvester (AMS), Otsirakehte Benedict (AMS), Rhylin Oakes-Cook (AMS).

AKWESASNE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE - 2019 HIGHLIGHTS



MCA JUSTICE DEPT WELCOMES QUEEN'S LAW STUDENTS FOR INDIGENOUS WORKSHOP:

Staff from the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne's Justice Department presented to a large group of law students, faculty, and staff in October 2019 from Queen's University.

The Queen's University Faculty of Law Indigenous Workshop has been held in Akwesasne for the past three years and gives students the opportunity to learn how laws are applied in indigenous communities.

Kyrie Ransom, Justice Coordinator lead the discussion with presentations from Conservation Officer Taylor Mitchell, Community Justice staff Rena Smoke and Patti Bova, and cultural presenter Rick Oakes.

MCA ANIMAL CLINICS SERVE OVER 200 PETS:

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne's Justice Department hosted a week-long pet clinic in October 2019. All appointments were reserved with a long waiting list, making it the most successful pet clinic MCA has hosted. When the pet clinic concluded, over two hundred animals were treated.



YOUTH CULTURAL CAMP: The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne's Justice Department hosted a week-long cultural camp on Thompson Island in July 2019.



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DEPARTMENT OF TEHOTIENNAWAKON

BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT - ONKWEHONWE MIDWIVES COLLECTION (OMC)

From the moment you enter the Onkwehonwe Midwives Collective (OMC), you are immediately set at ease by the welcoming ambiance and friendly staff. Three knowledgeable and earnest individuals currently run the OMC: Beatrice Johnson-Tarbell, Executive Director; Jasmine Benedict, Lead Midwife/Clinical Director; and Krystal Peters, Outreach Coordinator. It is immediately evident that these ladies have a passion for what they do and for those that they serve.

The OMC is not your standard clinic providing prenatal care...and that is a good thing. The women here are available for Akwesasronon in their care 24/7. They extend their services to the entire family on their journey, and care is provided during all phases of life following birth.

One of the unique elements that OMC provides is including cultural services and support. Beatrice Johnson-Tarbell, the Executive Director noted that OMC's priority is to "reinstill our culture around birth, and who we are as Onkwehonwe, which was practiced far before colonization occurred."

The OMC will provide herbal teas and traditional medicines to clients and also offers cultural classes to the entire family. Wholistic medicine and high-quality natural vitamins can also be purchased at the OMC.

For those that utilize the services at the OMC, when a client gives birth, there will be 2 midwives available on site. Home births can be administered in the Ontario and New York State portions of Akwesasne or at the OMC Main Office on Kawehno:ke. In the near future, a birthing center will be opening the doors on Kawehno:ke. After a child is born, their birth certificates will note that they were born on the Akwesasne Mohawk Nation. Each client is also eligible for 6 weeks "postpartum" Doula support services.

Beatrice Johnson added that she is hopeful that soon, "more than 80% of Akwesasronon births will be administered with the supportive care provided from OMC." To meet this demand, a custom designed, culturally infused Onkwehonwe Midwifery training program was created. This programming meets the core competencies of Ontario, New York, and Quebec, along with Mohawk language and culture/ceremonies education.

OMC recognizes that Obstetricians are very knowledgeable in higher risk obstetric care, and therefore their client load is much heavier than a homebirth midwife practice. A heavier caseload often means there is less time spent with clients for education, etc. OMC is happy to help fill in these gaps where necessary, and strive to have great working relationship with the local OB/GYN's.

Jasmine Benedict, the lead midwife, noted that the OMC "provides non-judgmental culturally supportive care to all Akwesasronon and Onkwehonwe." She also added that they "are experts in a 'normal birth'." For those that are high-risk pregnancies, then an OB would be the best option for the health of the mother and child. However, Benedict noted that the OMC, "can still be involved with supportive care in a high-risk pregnancy."

The OMC is currently funded by the Ministry of Health and Longterm Care, and collaborate with midwives both north and south of the border that are within an hour of Akwesasne.

For those that are interested in receiving care from the Onkwehonwe Midwives Collective, they are available at their office on Kawehno:ke (Cornwall Island) at 891 Island Road, Akwesasne K6H 5R7. Operating hours are Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. They can also be reached at 613-938-2229.



DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY & SOCIAL SERVICES

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY & SOCIAL SERVICES - 2019 HIGHLIGHTS

KINSHIP AWARENESS MONTH — FAMILY FUN DAY:

In August 2019, the Akwesasne Child & Family Services held a family fun day to raise awareness for Kinship.

Community members celebrated with an awesome event filled with fun activities such as a photo booth, a family obstacle course, music, food and prizes!

Nia:wen to all that made this event possible!



ANNUAL CELEBRATION OF LIFE CONFERENCE:

The Akwesasne Family Wellness Program was pleased to host the 22nd annual Celebration of Life Conference in November 2019.

The event featured Dr. Rob Weiss, who discussed prodependence. A medium, Onondaga Jess, provided a group reading to community members. Lundy Bancroft discussed his new book, the Joyous Recovery. Additionally, Six Nations' own Darren Thomas held a hypnosis comedy show.



Akwesasne Family Wellness Program staff with Dr. Rob Weiss during day one of the Celebration of Life Conference.

ACFS CELEBRATES CHILDREN ON NATIONAL CHILD DAY:

The Akwesasne Child & Family Services Program, part of MCA's Dept. of Community & Social Services, held a community celebration in November to celebrate children.

A reptile show, rock and skate, and free food for all kept children entertained for hours, and at the end dozens of prizes were drawn. From slime to giant candy bars, the prize tables were filled with things children love.



National Child Day was a well-attended event and all attendees had a wonderful time!

DEPARTMENT OF TECHNICAL SERVICES

DEPARTMENT OF TECHNICAL SERVICES - SUCCESSFUL PROJECTS OF 2019

The Department of Technical Services (DTS) expresses gratitude and appreciation for the work that DTS Director Jay Benedict has provided to the Department and to the community of Akwesasne over the past 45 years. In the month of December DTS learned that Jay will be taking a long term leave of absence. This means many changes will occur for DTS, as Jay leaves very big shoes to fill!



DTS Director Jay Benedict worked with the community of Akwesasne for the past 45 years.

To date, DTS services have been supported in 'Acting' Director capacity by Mr. Joe Francis, who is supported by the Technical Project Manager, Administrative Support, Skilled Workers and Management team of Technical Services to ensure continuity of Department sectors and services to the community. Mr. Francis and the DTS team wore many hats throughout 2019 and their ability to multi-task to succeed in meeting project goals is greatly and sincerely appreciated.



DTS Acting Director Daryl Seymour.

New business includes the assignment of an interim Acting Director of DTS: Daryl Seymour. Daryl is a community member of Akwesasne with his family located in the District of Kawehno:ke. Daryl is a Professional Engineer licensed in Ontario and has worked with DTS as an

Engineering Consultant with 13 years working experience through 'Jp2g Consultants Inc'. It is an honor to receive Daryl given that he is one of the students that Jay Benedict had mentored as a student engineer, with student placement at DTS. So basically, this is a "coming home" for Daryl and we welcome him back!

In fact, Jay has mentored many student engineers from the community of Akwesasne through the decades. Along with Jay's forty-five years of service, and the multi-million dollars of projects, this mentorship is a lasting legacy for Jay in building engineering capacity within our community, and we hope to carry on the tradition during his absence. We are proud to call Jay our colleague and friend. We hope to have him back soon!

With a few retirees within DTS Building Maintenance sector, DTS welcomes new Maintenance Managers! We welcome Anthony Benedict as Maintenance Manager with AMBE Schools, who is replacing Gerry Thompson, and we welcome Clayton Benedict as Maintenance Manager with Health and DCSS facilities replacing Gorman Jacobs. We thank Gerry for his twenty-one years of service and we thank Gorman for his twenty-three years of service, and wish you all the best!

As reported in previous newsletters, the following is a list of successfully completed projects coordinated by the Department of Technical Services within the year 2019:

Completed Projects of 2018/2019

- DCSS Family Wellness Centre Project
- DCSS Outreach Program Building, Whoville Snye
- The AMPS Boathouse: multi- project stages
- Kaná:takon Health Facility Renovations Phase 1,2 &3
- Tsi Snáihne Sewage Treatment Plant Upgrades
- Roads Department Purchase of Tormont CAT 140M Motor Grader with front plow

DEPARTMENT OF TECHNICAL SERVICES

DEPARTMENT OF TECHNICAL SERVICES - ONGOING PROJECTS

- Iakhihsóhtha Fire Alarm Upgrades
- River Road Reconstruction
- Hamilton Island temporary bridge structural repair
- Birch Road Watermain
- 2019 / 2020 Enhanced Asset Condition Reporting System ACRS Report Program
- A'nowara'ko:wa Arena Grounds Development: 2 lane -8 feet wide – 1081m Bike and Walking path
- Kana:takon UST

Current Projects Update 2019/2020

Iakhihsóhtha Fire Alarm Upgrades:

Niawenko:wa to Mr. Joseph Francis, Joseph I. Lazore, and Bucky Lafrance for coordinating the work of Pecore Electric who are the service provider for the upgrade installation. DTS also appreciates the funding provided for this project by the Akwesasne Community Settlement Trust.



Dustin of Pecore Electric.



Tsi Snáihne Sewage Treatment Plant Upgrades:

The sewage upgrade project is close to being fully operational. Commissioning has started and DTS operators are being trained on start-up procedures, equipment and process. The project has reached 92% completion. Temporary connections are in place, expect services will be running and fully operational in the new year.

DCSS Family Wellness Centre Project



Photo shows the fourth module placement of ten modules to complete the five-unit housing project for DCSS Family Wellness.

Hamilton Island Bridge Repair

Update: Further improvements to the Hamilton Island bridge have allowed the load limit to be posted as 20 tonnes for one years-time. DTS operating plans include the annual inspection of the bridge to ensure safe access to Hamilton Island. Updates will continue to be posted.



DTS appreciates the community and MCA organizations continued support, and we look forward to this New Year - Ohserá:se!

AKWESASNE MOHAWK POLICE SERVICE

AKWESASNE MOHAWK POLICE SERVICE - 2019 HIGHLIGHTS

KIDS FOR FISHING: In May 2019, the AMPS were able to participate in the Annual Kids for Fishing event.



SEVEN COMPLETE BASIC CONSTABLE TRAINING: Seven individuals successfully completed the Basic Constable Training course and passed the Provincial Police Academy in Orillia, Ontario in February 2019. The new constables are now back in Akwesasne, and are now on patrol in the community.



TORCH RUN FOR SPECIAL OLYMPICS: In May 2019, the AMPS participated in the annual Torch Run for Special Olympics at the Kana:takon School. The students were very excited to walk/run with the officers around the village of Kana:takon. Afterwards, AMPS officers played a game of kick ball with the students.



RESPECT. WE ALL DESERVE IT.

“Enhserihwakweniéhste”(Respect)

Respect is a fundamental principle that we as Onkwehonwe live by. Showing consideration, compassion, and treating others courteously and with kindness are values that are inherent in our culture. Being respectful means conducting one's self with patience and with words and actions being reflected in a peaceful manner, while respecting the inherent rights, choices, speech, beliefs and freedoms of all people.

MCA Respect in the Workplace Policy - April 1, 2014 (MCR 2013/2014 #283):

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne is committed to providing and maintaining a working environment that is based on respect, dignity, equality, and safety for all. It is the MCA's goal to provide a healthy and safe work environment that is free of bullying, discrimination, harassment and/or workplace violence.

Bullying, harassment, foul language and disrespectful behavior will not be tolerated.

