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## ARTISTS AND ENTERTAINERS HONORED AT IONKWAKWE:NION VIRTUAL CELEBRATION



On April 30, the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne held the first ever virtual celebration to honour the artists and entertainers of the community in the Ionkwak'wé:nion Book of Accomplishments! Congratulations to our recipients: Montana Adams, Katsitsionni Fox, Shelby Mitchell-Adams, Jaiden Mitchell, Brandon Oakes, Kiawentio Tarbell, and surprise recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award, the host for the evening, Reen Cook. Nia:wen for all you do! It was an evening full of laughs, tears, and positivity. You can watch the full awards ceremony on the MCA Facebook page.

## UPCOMING MCA MEETINGS & SPECIAL DATES:

### MAY GENERAL MEETING

A Zoom General Meeting will be held on May 27, 2021 at 6 p.m.

Please send an email to [meetings@akwesasne.ca](mailto:meetings@akwesasne.ca) to receive a link to watch the meeting. You can also send any questions you may have to [meetings@akwesasne.ca](mailto:meetings@akwesasne.ca) as well.

# MOHAWK COUNCIL OF AKWESASNE 2018-2021

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# 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](mailto:communications@akwesasne.ca).

## FIVE THINGS

OUR MONTHLY LIST OF FACTS, REMINDERS &  
IMPORTANT MESSAGES

- 1** The MCA will be closed to the public until May 25th (unless COVID-19 situations change). We appreciate everyone's patience during these trying times.
- 2** In March 2021, Ontario began prioritizing pregnant women for COVID-19 vaccinations, without special conditions. The Society of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists urge women who are pregnant/breastfeeding, as well as their partners, to receive the COVID-19 vaccine. See page 3 for more information.
- 3** On June 26, the MCA General Election will be held and nominations will be taking place on May 22nd. To find out where voters lists are posted, please see page 7.
- 4** The Pfizer vaccine is now offered to anyone age 12 and up. See page 35 for more information.
- 5** Both Long-Term Care facilities have updated their visitors policy. To find out more, go to page 32 and 33.



# NEWS

## MCA TO REMAIN CLOSED TO PUBLIC UNTIL MAY 25, 2021

Due to Ontario's current lockdown extending until May 19, 2021, the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne's non-essential offices and programs will remain closed until Tuesday, May 25, 2021. Upon re-opening, visitors will be required to wear masks and respond to screening questions upon entering an MCA building.

We appreciate the community's patience and diligence for safety as we await a safe return to full operations. In the meantime, essential services and programs continue to be available.

The reopening date is tentative dependent on the CO-

VID-19 situation and health recommendations.

Please email [info@akwesasne.ca](mailto:info@akwesasne.ca) or call 613-575-2250 if you have any questions or concerns. Nia:wen.



## PREGNANT/BREASTFEEDING WOMEN & THEIR PARTNERS ENCOURAGED TO RECEIVE COVID-19 VACCINE

In March of 2021, Ontario became the first province to prioritize pregnant women in a COVID-19 vaccine rollout plan, without special conditions.

The Society of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists of Canada (SOGC), a society formed to lead the advancement of women's health through excellence and collaborative professional practice, is urging pregnant and breastfeeding women, and their partners, to receive the COVID-19 vaccine. Women who are pregnant or breastfeeding should be offered vaccination at any time during pregnancy. Those women with preexisting medical conditions should speak to their doctor.

SOGC based their decision on the women's values and an understanding that the risk of infection and/or sickness/illness from COVID-19 outweighs the theorized risk of being vaccinated during pregnancy or while breastfeeding. Women should not be denied vaccination based on

pregnancy status or breastfeeding. Vaccination has not been shown to hurt the developing baby, and breastfeeding provides passive immunity to the baby.

While most pregnant women who become infected with COVID-19 will have mild-to-moderate symptoms, and can also be asymptomatic, there is data from large studies that have shown 8-11% of pregnant women will require hospitalization for COVID-related illness and between 2-4% of pregnant women will require admission to the intensive care unit (ICU). Compared to non-pregnant women with COVID-19, pregnant women are at increased risk of invasive ventilation.

For more information on Mohawk Council of Akwesasne's Department of Health (DOH) vaccine procedures, or for more information regarding the COVID-19 vaccine, please contact the MCA Community Health Program at 613-575-2341 ext. 3220.

## NEW COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS INCLUDE POTENTIAL FINES FOR STAY-AT-HOME ORDER VIOLATIONS (APRIL 17)

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne is notifying the community that Ontario announced on April 16, 2021 that it is strengthening enforcement of the province's Stay-at-Home order while imposing new travel restrictions and further strengthening public health measures.

MCA and its Department of Health follows the Eastern Ontario Health Unit and Ontario Ministry of Health guidelines.

These urgent actions are targeted at stopping the rapid growth in COVID-19 case rates and relieving mounting pressures on the province's health care system.

Ontario reported a new record high of 4,812 new cases of the virus yesterday and 25 more deaths. There are more than 700 patients in ICU for COVID-19, with 480 on ventilators.

**In addition to the previous stay-at-home order limitations, the tighter restrictions include:**

- Prohibit all outdoor social gatherings and organized public events, except for with members of the same household or one other person from outside that household who lives alone or a caregiver for any member of the household;
- Close all non-essential workplaces in the construction sector;
- Reduce capacity limits to 25 per cent in all retail settings where in-store shopping is permitted. This includes supermarkets, grocery stores, convenience stores, indoor farmers' markets, other stores that primarily sell food and pharmacies; and,
- Close all outdoor recreational amenities, such as golf courses, basketball courts, soccer fields, and playgrounds with limited exceptions.

The Stay-at-Home order mandates that no one should be away from their residence unless for essential purposes such as to purchase groceries, work, attend medical appointments or exercise.

Under the new enforcement measures, police officers have the authority to ask anyone outside their residence to provide their address and indicate their purpose for being outside their residence. This includes stopping vehicles and pedestrians to make these inquiries. If a police officer has reasonable grounds to believe that the individual is in violation of any of the Emergency Orders, the person will be required to identify themselves in order to facilitate the issuance of a ticket, with a fine of approximately \$750. If the person refuses to identify themselves, they could be arrested and charged with a criminal offence.

The Mohawk Council urges the community to stay home and help protect Akwesasne from further COVID-19 tragedies. Do not gather with those from outside your household. MCA's community curfew remains in effect for all districts from 11 p.m. to 5 a.m.

The 100-mile travel radius also remains in place and anyone arriving or returning to Akwesasne from outside 100-miles must quarantine for 14-days, for the protection of the community.

Please, help us reach community immunity by getting your COVID-19 vaccine.

# NEWS

## MESSAGE OF CONDOLENCE FOR MARGARET TERRANCE FORMER MCA DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY & SOCIAL SERVICES

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne (MCA) would like to extend its condolences to the family, friends, and former coworkers of Margaret Terrance.

MCA is appreciative for the contributions Maggie made to the organization as she led the department in a new direction.

Maggie, as she was known by many, was a part of MCA's Senior Management Team, serving the community as the director of the Department of Community & Social Services (DCSS) from 2001 to 2016. MCA is fortunate to have had the opportunity to work with Maggie who devoted over fifteen years to providing administration guidance in the area of social services that included policy development and program improvements and growth.

Under her guidance and leadership, she was successful in strengthening programming to ensure the maximum benefits were available, and the Akwesasne community continues to benefit from her efforts today.

She will be greatly missed by all who knew her.



**Niawenhkó:wa for doing your  
part to keep Akwesasne safe.**

**For the latest COVID-19 news visit  
[www.akwesasne.ca](http://www.akwesasne.ca)**



# TRAVEL RADIUS REMAINS IN EFFECT



As a part of the Akwesasne Emergency Curfew Law, anyone travelling outside the 160 km/100 mile radius, or to Montreal, for any non-essential purpose is **required to quarantine for 14 days** upon their arrival or return to Akwesasne.



**Are you sick  
with a fever,  
cough, or other  
symptoms of  
COVID-19?**

Don't travel or cross borders while sick.  
**Stay home and isolate.**

*Community members residing in the jurisdiction of MCA, MCA employees, and the household members of MCA employees are reminded that if you've traveled outside of MCA's 100-mile radius, you are required to quarantine for 14 days upon your return to Akwesasne. If you develop symptoms at any time during your quarantine period, please notify your healthcare provider as soon as possible.*

**To make an appointment for COVID-19 testing, call MCA Community Health at 613-575-2341 ext. 3220.**

# NEWS

## MCA 2021 GENERAL ELECTION UPDATE NOMINATIONS & VOTERS LIST REMINDER

The Executive Director has called a General Election to be held on Saturday, June 26, 2021. Nominations will be held on Saturday, May 22 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Due to the pandemic, locations are to be announced in the near future.

Voters Lists have been posted in the 3 districts of Akwesasne's northern portion. If your name is not on the Voters List in the district in which you reside, and you will be 18 years old on or before June 26, 2021, please contact Chief Electoral Officer Leona Benedict at 613-575-2250 ext. 2406 or at 613-551-1622. Please note that your name will not be automatically added to the

Voters List, individuals must apply.

### VOTERS LISTS ARE POSTED IN THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:

Kana:takon:

- Canada Post Office
- Village Currency Exchange

Tsi Snaihne:

- Iohahi:io
- OK Den

Kawehno:ke:

- Bank of Montreal (BMO)
- Jock's Kwik Stop

## CORNWALL COMMUNITY HOSPITAL WARNS OF CAPACITY ISSUES DURING THIRD WAVE OF COVID-19

Cornwall Community Hospital (CCH) has been experiencing capacity issues with the third wave of COVID-19 in the City of Cornwall, and its surrounding areas. A number of patients who have gone to CCH with COVID-19 infection has grown exponentially over the last few weeks. CCH's occupancy for patients is 156, while they've seen inpatient counts as high as 210.

Due to CCH being at max capacity, the hospital has had to shuttle non-COVID patients to other neighboring hospitals in Brockville, Winchester, and Alexandria. The provincial Incident Management System (IMS) has been ordering the hospital to do so, as the IMS manages safe capacity of hospital inpatients. COVID-19 positive patients who would need to be shuttled to another hospital would be sent to another COVID center.

Akwesasronon who are experiencing a health issue that requires hospitalization should be advised of CCH's ca-

capacity issues, and be made aware of the possibility of being shuttled to a neighboring hospital.

The high rates of infection in and around the City of Cornwall has been attributed to the variant strains of COVID-19, which are highly contagious and infectious, often with more severe symptoms that require hospitalization.



Cornwall Community Hospital  
Hôpital communautaire de Cornwall



# NEWS

## MCA COMMUNITY IN QUARANTINE SERVICES LIMITED

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne is notifying the community that the Community in Quarantine Program (food deliveries) is not available to those quarantining from recent travel or vacation. The services are intended to assist those who are unexpectedly required to quarantine due to exposure to COVID-19. Vacationers are advised to ensure they have a plan in place for quarantine upon their return that will include delivery of groceries for 14-days.

We continue to advise the community that travel out-

side the 100-mile radius is restricted, in the interest of community safety. Information about the variants of concern (VOCs) and the effectiveness of vaccines against them are still emerging, and we are taking every step possible to shield our community from COVID-19 illness and death. Your cooperation is appreciated and will assist our community in managing the number of COVID-19 cases impacting Akwesasne.

If you are returning to Akwesasne from outside the travel radius, please ensure you quarantine for 14-days.

### MOHAWK COUNCIL OF AKWESASNE

## COMMUNITY IN QUARANTINE PROGRAM

To assist community members affected by COVID-19 that must complete 14 day quarantine

### TO ORDER SUPPLIES:

**MONDAY-FRIDAY**

**8 A.M.-5 P.M.**

**613-937-4322**

**AFTER-HOURS**

**1-800-480-4208**



Packages include basic food, supplies and essentials for a 14-day period for those who have no assistance or resources.

Service available to those residing in the northern portion of Akwesasne (Tsi Snaihne (Snye), Kawehno:ke (Cornwall Island) or Kana:takon (Saint regis)).

**If exposed to COVID-19, be sure to quarantine full 14 days or as instructed by health care provider.**



# NEWS

## AKWESASNSE BURN BAN REMAINS IN EFFECT

Due to expected dry weather, sunshine, and low humidity levels there is an elevated risk of uncontrolled wildfires. As a result, the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne, the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe, and the Hogansburg Akwesasne Volunteer Fire Department (HAVFD) are reminding individuals that a burn ban remains in effect for the entire Akwesasne community during the State of Emergency. Additionally, a statewide burn ban is in effect for New York State from March 16th to May 14th.

Please refrain from starting brush fires; fires in a burning barrel; or bonfires that contain leaves, grass, other items that can cause a large, open fire. An open fire could potentially start an uncontrolled wildfire, which can destroy personal property, place an individual's

safety at risk, and require an emergency response from the HAVFD during the ongoing global pandemic.

It is acceptable for individuals to make small campfires in contained fire pits, such as a metal or stone fire pit you can purchase at a store, which often includes a cover to help contain or extinguish the fire. We ask that you please be cautious handling these devices and potential ignition sources, including the proper disposal of cigarettes.

Please be respectful of this burn ban and recognize that it is intended to keep our community safe. The burn ban will be enforced and violators may be subject to fines.



# VACCINES SAVE LIVES

Pre-register **NOW** for your COVID-19 Vaccine  
with MCA's Community Health Program.

Call **613-575-2341**  
ext. 3219 or ext. 3247.

## HOW TO SPOT FALSE INFORMATION



COVID-19 EDITION



### READ BEYOND

Headlines can be outrageous in an effort to get clicks. What's the whole story?



### ASK THE EXPERTS

Ask a librarian, or consult a fact-checking site or official source (like the World Health Organization).



### CONSIDER THE SOURCE

Is there an author? Check out their credentials on relevant issues.



### LOOK BEFORE YOU SHARE

Don't share posts or stories that you haven't checked out first!



### CHECK YOUR BIASES

Consider if your own beliefs or concerns could affect your judgement.



### IS IT A JOKE?

If it is too outlandish, it might be satire. Research the source to be safe.



# NEWS

## AKWESASNE COURT POSTPONED UNTIL JUNE

Due to the delay of MCA facilities re-opening to the public, Akwesasne Court has postponed the May 12, 2021 Court Session and rescheduled it to June 9, 2021.

Therefore, anyone with matters before the Akwesasne

Court, will be heard on June 9, 2021.

If you have any questions, please contact the Akwesasne Court at 613-575-2250 ext. 1026.

**AKWESASNE COVID SAFETY**

**KEEP YOUR FAMILY SAFE**  
We can't afford to gather right now

**YES**



**1 FAMILY STAY HOME**

**NO**



**1 FAMILY CANNOT VISIT EACH OTHER  
DON'T GATHER**

**DON'T RISK IT. DON'T GATHER**

**AKWESASNE COVID SAFETY**

**AKWESASNE COVID SAFETY**

**3 STEPS TO COMMUNITY IMMUNITY**  
Make Akwesasne Covid Free



**STEP 3**  
**GET THE VACCINE**



**STEP 2**  
**DON'T GATHER**



**STEP 1**  
**POSTPONE TRAVEL**

**WE ARE ALMOST THERE. KEEP IT UP!**

## Akwesasne COVID-19 Community Testimonial



### The UK Variant

She:kon,

I would like to share my family's experience with COVID-19 and in particular with the UK variant. We are an Akwesasne family of 5 and one of my children contracted the UK variant while being outside the 100-mile radius for essential reasons.

The virus spread to our other two children in the home. Our two youngest were most ill, with fevers for several days. They have thankfully recovered, after several days of serious sickness and worry on our part.

My husband and I were fully vaccinated with both doses of the COVID-19 vaccine in February and March, 2021.

Throughout the time our children were sick in the months of March/April, my husband and I were tested three times with negative results. Despite hugging, kissing and living with our children, the vaccine protected us from contracting the UK variant of the virus.

We also abided by the quarantine requirements when we returned from our essential travel, and therefore no one else in the community was exposed.

We wish to share this information to encourage community members of two things: First, the UK variant made our children very sick and we would not wish for anyone else's children to go through this. Even essential travel can expose a family. Second, we are very fortunate to have been vaccinated and believe it protected my husband and I from contracting the virus and what could have been severe sickness.

We believe in the vaccine and encourage you to protect yourself, too.

Nia:wen





# ENTEWATATHÁ:WI - "WE WILL GOVERN"

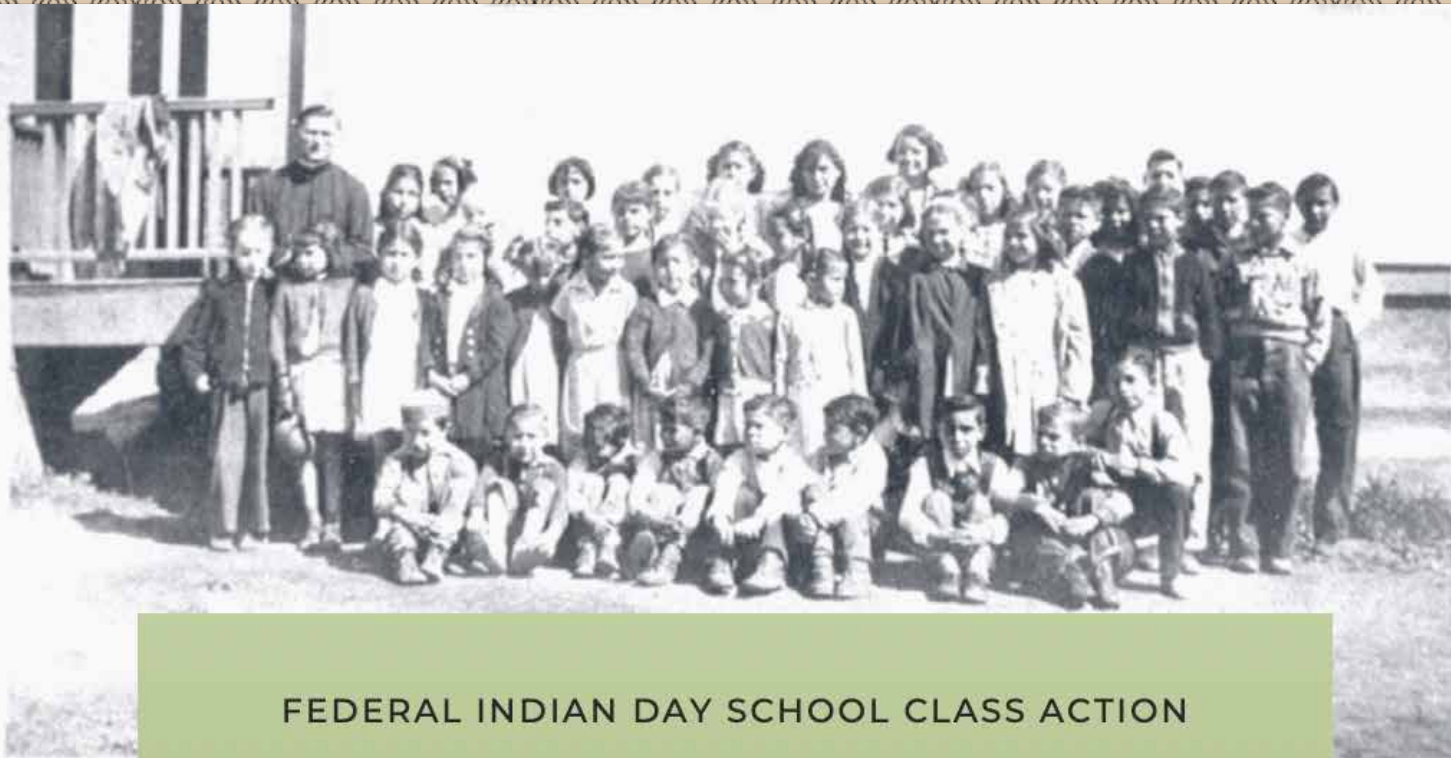
## WHAT DOES ENTEWATATHÁ:WI DO?

- Facilitate the negotiations of the Entewatathá:wi Self Government Agreement between the Mohawks of Akwesasne and Canada.
  - This agreement will define a new government to government relationship with Mohawks of Akwesasne and Canada.
  - Ensures protection and enactment of Aboriginal rights including title, or treaty rights and the inherent right of self-government.
  - Recognition of existing laws and legislative authority for the creation of new laws for the benefit of Akwesasne.
  - Provides support to Mohawk of Akwesasne departments for capacity development projects.
  - Recognition of expanded jurisdiction to include Early Year's Education, Special Needs Education, Kindergarten to Grade 12 education, Adult and Post Secondary education which goes beyond the ages of 6-16 as identified in the Indian Act.
  - Ensuring community involvement with the approval by a ratification vote prior to coming into force.
- For further information on Entewatathá:wi, please contact Peter Garrow, Program Coordinator 613.575.2341 ext. 3194.



## ENTEWATATHA:WA SELF GOVERNMENT AGREEMENT

613-575-2341 EXT. 3194



FEDERAL INDIAN DAY SCHOOL CLASS ACTION

## NEED HELP WITH YOUR CLAIM FORM?

The Toronto Council Fire representatives Ava Hill and Johnathan Whonnock would like to thank the community of Akwesasne for allowing them to help community members with the Federal Indian Day School settlement process. The last day to schedule an appointment with them will be Friday, May 7 and will try to accommodate anyone who calls after the deadline. *To schedule an appointment, please call Theresa A. Benedict at 613-575-2250 ext. 2201.*

Any assistance with the Indian day school claim forms is still available through the class counsel Gowling WLG who can be reached at 1-844-539-3815.





# COUNCIL AND MOHAWK GOVERNMENT

## COUNCIL WEEKLY MEETING REPORT

SUBMITTED BY GRAND CHIEF ABRAM BENEDICT



### MARCH 22, 2021

- Council discussed an offer to purchase a Council-owned property and determined that offers will not be accepted at this time.
- A public safety concern regarding the alleged use of a public and private roadway for illegal and dangerous activity was discussed and followed up will take place with the Akwesasne Mohawk Police Service and our Communications Unit.
- Council confirmed the two-day budget review slated for this week.
- A concern from a community member regarding a stipend policy decision was discussed and will be responded to.
- Council discussed the proposed 2021/2022 Ontario Lottery Gaming (OLG) budget and confirmed that the expenditures will remain status quo this year.
- A request was made that a notice to the community be prepared on the new initiatives being undertaken by the Department of Community and Social Services (DCSS) and Portfolio Chiefs agreed to follow-up.
- A briefing was provided on a request that a MCA technical representative be added to the current CBSA/MCA Domestic Lane Working Circle. Follow-up on the request will take place with CBSA.
- Council agreed that no meetings will take place on Good Friday or Easter Monday.
- **MCRs passed:** Approval of Ministry of Long Term Care Declaration of Compliance; Approval of appointment of community member to Akwesasne Mohawk Police Commission to represent Kawehnoke for one year term; Approval of contract with ACCESS for Language program supports; Approval of (2) contracts with Ministry of Colleges and University for Iohahi:io; Approval of contract with Ministry of Labour, Training, Skill Development; Approval of agreement with Ministry of Environment for MCA Environment Program; Approval of agreement with St. Lawrence River Institute of Environmental Science; Approval of contract with Ministry of Environment, Conservation, and Parks.

### MARCH 25, 2021 EMERGENCY COUNCIL MEETING UPDATE

- Legal counsel presented to Council on a request from the Quebec Courts for Akwesasne to verify their membership list for the purpose of jury duty. Council directed legal counsel to inform the Quebec Courts that Akwesasne declines to verify.
- **MCRs passed:** Renewal of Ser-

vice Contract for Dr. Kassam; Renewal of Service Contract for Dr. Saylor (Pediatrician); Renewal of Service Contract for Dr. Levac; Renewal of Service Contract for C. Gray (Chiropodist); Approval of a Service Contract for Dr. Wysote; Renewal of Service Contract for Dr. Horn; Renewal of Service Contract for V. Rowe (Mental Health Therapist);

Renewal of Service Contract for M. Jean-Pierre (Physiotherapist); Renewal of Service Contract for P. Labrooy (Physiotherapist) and Renewal of Service Contract for Dr. Cookson. members for loans being paid off; Approval of new leases with Upper Canada District School Board and Iohahi:io; Approval of Education Services Agreement between AMBE and

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## COUNCIL WEEKLY MEETING REPORT SUBMITTED BY GRAND CHIEF ABRAM BENEDICT

Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario; Approval of

MOU between Iohahi:io and Algonquin College; and Approval

of (8) Council Meeting Minutes.

### MARCH 29, 2021

- The CBSA Cornwall Port of Entry Chief of Operations introduced the new CBSA Liaison Officer to Council and explained her new role.
- The Quebec Minister of Aboriginal Affairs Ian Lafreniere introduced himself to Council and outlined his mandate. The Minister also discussed the ongoing occupancy at Hopkins Point with Council.
- Council discussed a recent request for a carpentry project in collaboration with AMBE. Fol-

- low-up will take place with AMBE administration.
- A briefing was provided on the ongoing communication meetings between Chiefs and Mohawk Government staff.
  - Council was briefed by Government Secretariat Portfolio Chiefs on the proposed litigation plan for the New York State Claim and agreed that legal counsel will proceed. The Portfolio Chiefs also noted the need for additional staff in the Aboriginal Rights and Research Office.
  - A concern with respect to bill-

- ing invoices administered by the Akwesasne Mohawk Ambulance was discussed and will be followed up by Health Portfolio Chiefs.
- **MCRs passed:** Approval of amendment to Akwesasne/Canada funding agreement; Approval of (7) Council Meeting Minutes; Approval of (3) Emergency Council Meeting Minutes; Approval of Assignment of lease for Ross Island; Approval of MCA 2021/2022-2025/2026 Multi-Year Operating Budget for MCA.

### MARCH 31, 2021 EMERGENCY COUNCIL MEETING UPDATE

- **MCRs passed:** Acceptance of 5 Year (2021-2026) funding agreement with Ontario for Snowmobile, All-Terrain Vehicle/Vessel Enforcement Team (SAVE Team)

of AMPS; Acceptance of Ministry of Community Safety & Correctional Services (MCSCS) 2021/2022 funding agreement for the Community Corrections Worker; Approval of Job Opportunities Agreement with Akwe-

sasne Career and Employment Support Services (ACCESS) to offset the cost of the salaries for unskilled laborers for the Fibre to the Home (FTTH) Project.

### APRIL 12, 2021

- The Human Resources Manager, Director of Finance and Administration, Director of Community and Social Services, and the Comptroller provided Council

with an overview of the proposed agreement between the Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE), Akwesasne Child and Family Services (ACFS), and the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne

- (MCA).
- Council discussed the upcoming Seaway International Bridge Corporation (SIBC) project for the south channel bridge trolley replacement and agreed to send



# COUNCIL AND MOHAWK GOVERNMENT

## COUNCIL WEEKLY MEETING REPORT

SUBMITTED BY GRAND CHIEF ABRAM BENEDICT

a letter to the contractors to remind them of our community COVID directives and the need for the unions to respect each union's jurisdiction.

- An update was provided on the upcoming vaccination clinics; Council agreed to brief next week after the walk in clinics are conducted.
- Council discussed the status of McDonald Road and other roads in need of repair. Portfolio agreed to follow up at the upcoming

portfolio meeting. Follow up will also be done with the SRMT regarding the multi-jurisdictional situation, as it relates to McDonald Road.

- An update was provided on the status of the consultation for the Dundee proceeds. Full consultation will begin after the 2021 General Election.
- Council discussed the potential usage of off-reserve property as the permanent location of the Akwesasne Family Wellness Pro-

gram.

- **MCRs passed:** Approval of assignment of lease on Hamilton Island; Approval of Letter of Understanding with South Stormont and Parks Canada; Approval of union agreement between the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne the Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE).

### APRIL 19, 2021

- The Director of the Department of Community and Social Services (DCSS) and the Program Manager of the Community Support Program (CSP) presented on the draft funeral assistance policy. Council gave feedback on the draft and revisions will be made.
- Council determined that the 2021/22 MCA budget will be the only agenda item for the April 2021 General Meeting.
- Notice was provided that a briefing note on common assault provisions for the draft Canada-Akwesasne self government agreement is forthcoming for Council's discussion.
- An update was provided on the protocols and provisions being

implemented for the upcoming General Election, to ensure that COVID-19 health directives are adhered to.

- Council discussed a request for plants/seeds to be provided for the garden boxes. Portfolio Chiefs will follow-up to determine options.
- A concern regarding a request for high school students to consider being vaccinated was discussed. Follow-up will take place and will be reported back.
- Council discussed potential options for a Mohawk word to be used on the CBSA domestic lane. The domestic lane committee will follow up, taking into consideration the character limitations of the sign.

- An update was provided on the CBSA reporting relief pilot project for Council's update.
- Council discussed a donation request from the Akwesasne Boys & Girls Club and referred it to administration.
- A briefing was provided on a situation regarding the need for additional assistance for funeral costs; follow up will be done on options.
- A request for OVS to consider sending annual letters to cottagers was made and will be followed up by Portfolio Chiefs.
- Council discussed the current Bank of Montreal on reserve mortgage program and agreed that a homeowner workshop should be considered for ap-

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# COUNCIL AND MOHAWK GOVERNMENT

## COUNCIL WEEKLY MEETING REPORT

SUBMITTED BY GRAND CHIEF ABRAM BENEDICT

- proved applicants.
- A request for additional stop signs in Kana:takon was discussed and will be followed up on by administration.
- Administration provided an update that further organizational changes will be paused for the time being.
- **MCRs passed:** Approval of 2021

Appraisal of 13 Islands; Approval of 2021 Appraisal for Numerous Navigation Sites, Communication Sites, and Industrial Site; Approval of 2021 Appraisal of Hamilton Island; Approval of 2019 Annual Reconciliation Report for Ministry of Health and Long Term Care-Tsiionkwanonhsote Program and Authorization to Is-

sue Audits; Approval to Submit the Nutfield Tract Specific Claim; Approval of Access to Territory Request for Mohawk Island Vacations; Approval of Five (5) Council Meeting Minutes; Approval of Three (3) Emergency Council Meeting Minutes.

### APRIL 26, 2021

- Council discussed a briefing note on common assault from the Nation Building program and determined that a decision will be deferred until the Justice Portfolio has had an opportunity to review and discuss this topic at their multi-jurisdictional table.
- A briefing was provided on the proposed CBSA reporting relief project. A separate meeting will be set up for Council to fully review the proposed reporting protocol for the pilot project.
- Council discussed a request from the Iroquois Caucus to support a request for an extension to the Federal Indian Day School Class Action Settlement deadline for applications. Council agreed that a letter will be sent to request the extension.
- A complaint from a community

member regarding their rent to own arrangement was brought forward. The complaint will be forwarded to the Executive Director for follow up.

- Council was provided a briefing on the implementation of the Akwesasne Financial Administration Law.
- A complaint from a community member regarding their rent-to-own arrangement was brought forward. The complaint will be forwarded to the Executive Director for follow up.
- **MCRs passed:** Approval of contract with Traditional Medicine Healer; Approval of contract with Traditional Medicine Man; Approval of Quebec Road Subsidy Expense Report; Approval of agreement with Akwesasne Community Settlement Trust for distribution of funds awarded by

the Trust; Approval of amendment to Ontario funding agreement for COVID-19 surge; Approval of placement of two sets of 4-way stop signs in Kanatakon.





# COUNCIL AND MOHAWK GOVERNMENT

## TSI SNAIHNE DISTRICT CHIEF CONNIE LAZORE MARCH 2021 UPDATES



**Portfolio:** Justice, Public Safety, Executive Services

**Month:** March 2021

**Committee:** Finance, Governance, Cannabis Working Task Group

### All Meetings Listed are thru the "Zoom" technology

Through the month of March, Council continues to operate thru technology utilizing "Zoom" software for our meetings. Our meetings consisted of Council meeting, Council COVID Update, Border Update meeting which includes the St. Regis Mohawk Tribe Leadership all held on a weekly basis. Leadership Meeting with Tribal Leadership is held on a bi-weekly meeting schedule.

The focus for Council was and continues to be the COVID 19 crisis. As of June I began working again within my portfolios and existing projects again.

Weekly - Monday Council Meetings to conduct MCA business. Pro-

gram Offices continue to open and closed based on current situations. Appointments are required to meet with staff. Over the past couple of months our offices have had to restrict community members and lessen the amount of employees in facilities to try and curb the spread of the virus.

Weekly - Tuesday Border Update Meeting with CBSA/US Customs/Leadership are held to maintain an update on potential changes and restrictions. Border remains closed to non-essential travel.

Weekly - Wednesday Council COVID 19 Update Meeting is held to provide updates on areas surrounding Akwesasne and discuss issues of concern. Vaccination Clinics have begun with Walk-In welcomed. We need to stay home, social distance, wear masks. On March 31st I had my first vaccine shot.

Weekly - Thursday is my scheduled day to be in the office. I attend and work from our office on this day the rest of the week I work from home. Our office is now located at Admin I. I have had limited attendance when office closures happen due to COVID.

Bi-Weekly Friday Leadership Meeting with SRMT.

General Meeting was held this month on March 25th the agenda included

### Work in Progress:

1. This month the Strategic Plan Goals I now sit on two committees: Host a Community Recreation Forum and Take Care of the Vulnerable.

- The Recreation Forum (Non-Sports Events): We hosted the first meeting of three with the three Recreation Committee. We discussed what was happening in their centres and what they were looking to do. We also had discussion on the pandemic restrictions and whether or not to proceed with the Community Recreation Forum planned for March 3rd, 2021. session. We decided it would not be feasible to move forward with this Forum at the present time, even to plan for virtual events is difficult. We put the Forum on hold for 30 days to revisit.

- The Take Care of the Vulnerable Committee: Council has approved our Request for Proposal by MCR we have moved forward to post publicly the information and are waiting on the receipt of proposal to develop a 5-Year Strategic Plan.

2. A Finance Committee meeting was held on March 4th. We discussed areas of Quarterly Reports, Akwesasne Youth Council Account,

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## TSI SNAIHNE DISTRICT CHIEF CONNIE LAZORE MARCH 2021 UPDATES

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OLG Budget Allocation, AMBE Summer Employment, COVID Funding for Fire Dept., and the Annual Budget Presentation.

3. Council had the Annual Budget Presentation done on March 24th & 25th. Each Director presented their budget and answered questions from Council. The budget was then moved to be prepared for Council approval.

4. Council has started meetings with staff to work on strengthening communication and processes. I met with my Executive Assistant weekly to update my calendar and discuss issues of concern.

5. Justice Portfolio Meeting was postponed this month due to scheduling

6. The WTG on Cannabis has met this month on March 5th & 26th we are now focusing on the development of the Cannabis Law

we are prepared to move to Dept. of Justice to process.

7. A WTG has been established by resolution to develop the Emergency Management Law, we have completed the law review and have moved it on to Dept. of Justice to process. Justice Portfolio Chiefs meet with Justice Coordinator to discuss the law enactment.

8. Membership Review WTG met this month on March 2nd & 30th, this committee is reviewing the documents associated with the Membership Code & Residency Law. Application forms and processes are being discussed, we hope to move onto regulations soon. I had asked for a timeframe to complete this work as it has been ongoing, but productive. These forms and processes will help form the regulations.

9. HAVFD Station #3 Building Design. The Station #3 in Tsi

Snaihne is in need of a new facility. The members of the Station have engaged a firm to begin the design phase, they have spent time designing for their needs. The meetings have brought us to a 66% completed drawings for review.

10. Hosted a meeting with HAVFD Station #2 & #3 Captains to provide them with the COVID funding received from ISC, discuss a potential meeting with Canadian Coast Guard and insurance requirements. Also provided an update to them on the development of the Public Safety Department.

11. Governance Committee WTG, this committee of chiefs continues to review the procedural regulations we are making progress in this area. The procedural regulations are in reference to how Council Meetings are conducted, an update was necessary it also requires a virtual component. The review was

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## TSI SNAIHNE DISTRICT CHIEF CONNIE LAZORE MARCH 2021 UPDATES

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completed and presented and approved by Council thru a resolution. We have moved on to the Portfolio System Review and the Council Orientation for July 2021 Council.

12. The Akwesasne Youth Council meet with Council members on March 2nd. Discussion revolved around follow up action items, Portfolio listing update, terms of reference updates, appointment of a treasurer, and a Youth Coordinator position.

13. The Youth Council also met again on the 23rd & 30th to prepare for and present to the "Preparing our Home" audience. I provided input at the prep meeting and attended their presentation.

14. The CBSA/MCA Leadership Table meet on March 23rd, we discussed the Domestic Lane Pilot Project, Community Relations Working Circle, New Driver Booklet, and the development of Reflection Re-

port. A joint work plan moving forward was also being discussed.

15. A meeting of the CBSA/MCA Community Relations Working Circle was held March 10th. We discussed the material for the next Leadership Meeting, Review of the New Drivers Booklet, and Economic Development topics.

16. The AFNQL hosted on March 11th an Elected Women Annual General Assembly this was our first meeting since March 2020.

17. I participated in the AFN Chiefs Committee on Emergency Management as the AFNQL Representative. We began work on a strategic plan.

18. The AFNQL 12th hosted a meeting with Minister Lamette, Department of Justice to discuss the Bill C-15: An Act Respecting the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples to address concerns with the process of

this Bill and lack of consultation with First Nations. I was one of 5 AFNQL Chiefs to participant in this meeting.

19. I attended the AFN National Forum on First Nation Policing.

20. The AFN Chiefs Committee of Charter Renewal was scheduled for March 19th. It eventually was rescheduled due to lack of quorum.

21. This month Grand Chief and Justice Portfolio Chiefs: Julie Phillips and me met with Minister of Justice & Attorney General David Lametti to discuss the Administration of Justice & the recognition of our Court and its funding needs. The meeting went well the Minister supports the efforts of the Admin of Justice table and the potential to continue the negotiations.

## STAY UPDATED ON ALL THINGS AKWESASNE



# COUNCIL AND MOHAWK GOVERNMENT

## KAWEHNO:KE DISTRICT CHIEF VANESSA ADAMS UPDATES



As we reach the one-year mark in this COVID-19 pandemic and are now receiving vaccines and yet still following all protocols as directed by MCA Community Health, I just wanted to reach out to all of you and say Niawenhko:wa. I know this year has not been an easy one and I appreciate your support and we have seen so many of you step up and become helpers.

One year ago everything changed and we were thrust into the unknown, we became stressed and worried. We were faced with lockdowns and limitations, mask directives, hand washing, disinfecting and worst of all Social Distancing. I do hope that during the year the fear has subsided and that we have been able to adjust to our "new normal" between all the hand washing, temperature checks and health screenings I hope you have found some peace, balance, happiness and connection.

I want to thank you for taking care of family through phone calls, technology, window visits and any other safe means of communications. I know it has not been easy and at times it all may have become isolating and very lonely especially during the winter months.

We have adjusted to homeschool and working from home and for some our jobs took on increased responsibilities you stepped up and made adjustments and for that I thank you and I appreciate your sacrifices. For some closures of businesses and offices left concerns about finances and we as a community helped each other like we always have offering support, fundraising, preparing meals and delivering gift cards.

We've lost family members and missed so many moments with loved ones from grief to happiness nothing was unaffected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Wakes and funerals have never been the same, we could not gather to offer our condolences and lift each other up. We definitely need the connection of our family and friends to gather in order to heal for that I send you my deepest condolences. To our members who celebrated some amazing milestones, birth-

days, graduations, job promotions, births of babies, engagements and marriages I say congratulations, you did it!! Again we were unable to be there for each other and many celebrated alone in their households or with their family bubble. Your accomplishments were no less astounding and we honor your perseverance and determination in these unprecedented times.

Many have faced health issues, alone or have been forced to remain in unsafe homes or have left these homes and had to start again during a pandemic. We suffered loss and took in loved ones.

Basically we battled and fought our way through the exhaustion, sleep deprivation, the ignorance and sometimes the racially motivated comments, notes on cars and social media posts and even were irritated by the noise of nightly fireworks.

We have been compassionate, empathetic and learned patience. We miss hugs, handshakes and even high fives. Instead we elbow bumped, visited wherever we could like while getting groceries or even while receiving COVID-19 vaccines. Yes, I can only imagine our elders inching their chairs over and turning around to have a visit and some laughs the mere thought brings a happy tear.



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## KAWEHNO:KE DISTRICT CHIEF VANESSA ADAMS UPDATES

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I do hope we are nearing the end of all of this soon, I hope you all have something to look forward to whether it's just sitting outside in the warm sun, a visit with Grandchildren or returning to in office work or in classroom learning. I thank you all for this opportunity to serve and I thank you for taking the time to read this.

I'd like to now take this opportunity to update you as to what I have been working on.

My portfolios consist of Department of Health (DOH), Department of Community and Social Services (DCSS),

Public Safety and the Office of Vital Statistics (OVS)

I also participate on working groups for: Governance, Cannabis Working Task Group, Emergency Law Development, Akwesasne Waterways, CBSA Domestic Lane, Economic Development and Communications, Council Strategic Goal #2 "Live in a Safe Community" and most currently Community in Quarantine Food Distribution/Delivery and Homeless/Vulnerable initiatives.

Health Portfolio: Weekly Portfolio Updates, Assistance

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## COVID-19 COMMUNITY UPDATES

Subscribe to our e-newsletter to receive updates, announcements and resources twice a week from the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne.

Visit [akwesasne.ca/signup](http://akwesasne.ca/signup).



# COUNCIL AND MOHAWK GOVERNMENT

## KAWEHNO:KE DISTRICT CHIEF VANESSA ADAMS UPDATES

with PSA video messaging to keep our community up-to-date and informed of COVID-19 precautions, protocols vaccine roll-out and bi-weekly EOC Updates with SRMT/MCA departments working to ensure Health Dept. essential workers are able to cross without any difficulty. Assisted at our Mass Vaccination Clinic. We've also welcomed Dr Marsha Wysote; Dr. Wysote completed three (3) months of her residency in Akwesasne, finishing in January 2021. Dr. Wysote's particular areas of interest are in musculoskeletal/sports medicine and palliative care (individuals living with serious illness).

DCSS: Monthly portfolio updates, Fuel allotment increases for MCA Jurisdiction, Fuel allotment previously \$500 increased by \$250 and then an additional \$200. These changes were due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Food Pantries – Supported the establishment of our local Food Security Programs have been established in Tsi Snaihne to serve Tsi Snaihne and Kana:takon. Kawehno:ke Food Pantry serves Kawehnoke and members residing in Cornwall. Good nutritious foods, fresh fruits, meats and vegetables distributed bi-weekly to our community members in need who register to pick up a box. Delivery is available to those with no means to pick up. Criteria is set for elders, low income family. To register you can call 613-936-1548 ext. 1300

Public Safety: Curfew, emergency law development and worked as liaison with US Customs and CBSA for MCA Health Department and community member concerns. Public safety meets weekly with SRMT/USCBP/CBSA to receive updates on Border issues, closures and requirements.

Funeral and Wake Protocol development and with MCA EOC/SRMT EOC- we have developed working

relationship with Donaldson/Lahaie & Sullivan Funeral Homes to be able to adjust our needs to follow their State and Provincial guidelines. The changes have been difficult but have been necessary to stop the spread of COVID-19.

I have worked with the EOC in the review of a document to assist with emergency housing during a pandemic; this document is in draft form at this time. If you have any questions about COVID-19 (novel coronavirus), MCA procedures surrounding the outbreak, need assistance with food/supplies, or wish to receive a telephone screening for COVID-19, please contact the EOC at the phone numbers and/or email listed. MCA EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTRE WEEKDAYS: 9 AM – 5 PM 613-575-5005 or 2331; eoc@akwesasne.ca; Cell 1: 613-577-6556 Cell 2: 613-551-9973

Governance Committee: Working with our committee we have worked on updating Council documents to include items such as Virtual Meetings and to ensure Council has Procedure Regulations and Portfolio Systems terms of reference.

CWTG: Licenses issued for community businesses review of Draft law completed worked with committee members Chief Connie, Chief Edward and Chief Carolyn and Economic Development to review Cultivation and Retail License submissions.

OVS – By appointment/Satellite offices are available to serve our community in order to get status cards, land transfers and leasing information please call 613-936-0760

Akwesasne Waterways Committee: Pamphlets, signage and PSA video completed to encourage COV-

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## KAWEHNO:KE DISTRICT CHIEF VANESSA ADAMS UPDATES

ID-19 safety and a recognition of our Akwesasne waterways no wake zones and overall safe practices. We took to the waters to install "No Wake Zone" signs set in place with the help of community members private property signage was also put up to discourage mass gatherings along our shorelines. Waterways has reconvened and will schedule dates to place more signs and buoys along our waterways and Islands in Akwesasne. We look forward to another safe and healthy boat season.

CBSA Domestic Lane Communications and Economic Development: Pilot project for our CBSA Domestic Lane communications, signage and driver pamphlet to educate our community about CBSA and our Akwesasne Remission Order as it's been a few years since CBSA moved off Kawehno:ke maintaining our working relationship is vital. Working towards a smoother process of reporting and consistent questioning of our Akwesasronon. The domestic Lane Pilot Project has been extended to May 2022.

Community in Quarantine: Food security initiative to assist members with Food and Basic needs in the event that they have to Quarantine due to COVID-19 illness or exposure. I assisted with food deliveries throughout the Northern Portion of Akwesasne and to members residing in Cornwall. This program is for those advised to quarantine and not if you have travelled outside the radius for vacation. To register please call after Community Health advises you to quarantine at 1-800-480-4322 or 613-937-4322

Homeless/Vulnerable Akwesasronon: Most recently Unity Street of Cornwall's Tina Point had reached out to Council via social media and we were in contact and assisted by Unity Street, Chief April Adams-Phillips and AMPS Community Relations Officer Nor-

man King we helped with deliveries of essential items to our members as well as food and meals. We, with the assistance of MCA Executive Director Heather Phillips organized a MCA wide meeting to determine a plan of action to assist further with our Homeless/Vulnerable Akwesasronon residing in Cornwall. The Cornwall Healing Centre is set to open in 2-3 weeks. FYI- CORNWALL HEALING CENTRE — JOB OPPORTUNITIES - A healing centre located in Cornwall is looking for interested applicants with an educational background in: addictions, mental health, social work, medicine, police foundations, etc. The centre is designed to house and support Akwesasronon and other First Nations people ages 16 and older, post-detox, on their healing journey. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Catherine Lelievre at: [catherine.lelievre@akwesasne.ca](mailto:catherine.lelievre@akwesasne.ca).

lonkwakwe:nion - Book of Accomplishment working with Communications, Chief April Adams-Phillips and Chief Tim Thompson to honour community members, who will be celebrated in a virtual platform and on live CKONFM. The community recognition event took place live on FB and on CKON FM at 6pm

If you have questions or concerns - Please do not hesitate to call, text or email see my contact information below. Truly my honor to serve and support our community.

Niawenhko:wa, stay safe & stay healthy!

# COUNCIL AND MOHAWK GOVERNMENT

## MOHAWK COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS

MCR #183 Lot 16 Block at Hamilton Island – Assignment of Lease  
Moved by: Chief Darryl Lazore  
Seconded by: Chief Theresa Jacobs

**For: 8 Against: 3**

**CARRIED**

MCR #184 Lot 16 Stanley Island – Assignment of Lease

Moved by: Chief Darryl Lazore

Seconded by: Chief Theresa Jacobs

**For: 12 Against: 0**

**CARRIED**

MCR #185 To accept & approve the Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) Amending Agreement for: Agreement No. 1920-ON-000024-Amendment No.0002

Moved by: Chief Vanessa Adams

Seconded by: Chief April Phillips

**For: 12 Against: 0**

**CARRIED**

MCR #186 To accept & approve the Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) Amending Agreement for: Agreement No. 1920-ON-000024-Amendment No. 0003

Moved by: Chief Vince Thompson

Seconded by: Chief Edward Roundpoint

**For: 12 Against: 0**

**CARRIED**

MCR #187 RAP and Shore Line Health Assessment

Moved by: Chief Tobi Mitchell

Seconded by: Chief Joe Lazore

**For: 12 Against: 0**

**CARRIED**

MCR #188 Mohawks of Akwesasne Wetland Project Phase 1

Moved by: Chief Tobi Mitchell

Seconded by: Chief Carolyn Francis

**For: 12 Against: 0**

**CARRIED**

MCR #189 Emergency Council Meeting Minutes dated Seskéha/August 7th, 2019

Moved by: Chief Carolyn Francis

Seconded by: Chief Theresa Jacobs

**For: 12 Against: 0**

**CARRIED**

MCR #190 Accept & approve Council Meeting Minutes dated Seskéha/August 12, 2019

Moved by: Chief Theresa Jacobs

Seconded by: Chief Vanessa Adams

**For: 12 Against: 0**

**CARRIED**

MCR #191 Accept & approve Council Meeting Minutes dated Seskéha/August 19, 2019

Moved by: Chief Vanessa Adams

Seconded by: Chief Theresa Jacobs

**For: 12 Against: 0**

**CARRIED**

MCR #192 Accept & approve Special General Meeting Minutes dated Seskéha/August 24, 2019

Moved by: Chief Theresa Jacobs

Seconded by: Chief Vanessa Adams

**For: 12 Against: 0**

**CARRIED**

MCR #193 Accept & approve Council Meeting Minutes dated Seskéha/August 26, 2019

Moved by: Chief Tim Thompson

Seconded by: Chief Vanessa Adams

**For: 12 Against: 0**

**CARRIED**

MCR #194 OFNLP (OLG) Reserves  
Moved by: Chief Edward Roundpoint

Seconded by: Chief Connie Lazore

**For: 12 Against: 0**

**CARRIED**

MCR #195 Accept & approve draft proposal for Agreement to Establish a process for the restoration or Additions of Lands for the Mohawks of Akwesasne (Expedite ATR Policy)

Moved by: Chief Theresa Jacobs

Seconded by: Chief Carolyn Francis

**For: 12 Against: 0**

**CARRIED**

MCR #196 Short term Investment Strategy for Tsikaristiserel Dundee

Compensation

Moved by: Chief Tim Thompson

Seconded by: Chief Carolyn Francis

**For: 12 Against: 0**

**CARRIED**

MCR #197 Indigenous Services Canada 2019-2020 Enhanced Women's Shelter Funding

Moved by: Chief Vanessa Adams

Seconded by: Chief Carolyn Francis

**For: 9 Against: 0**

**CARRIED**

MCR #198 Rescind MCR 2019/2020- #168 dated August 26, 2019

Moved by: Chief Darryl Lazore

Seconded by: Chief Vince Thompson

**For: 9 Against: 0**

**CARRIED**

MCR # 199 Site Work for Program Expansion of Services

Moved by: Chief Vanessa Adams

Seconded by: Chief Carolyn Francis

**For: 9 Against: 0**

**CARRIED**

MCR # 200 Lead Negotiator, Alternate and Chairperson for Self-Government Final Agreement Negotiations

Moved by: Chief Edward Roundpoint

# COUNCIL AND MOHAWK GOVERNMENT

## MOHAWK COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS

Seconded by: Chief Vince Thompson

**For: 9 Against: 0**

**CARRIED**

MCR #201 Approval of March 31, 2019 Consolidated Audit:

- Approval of ISC-Schedules of Salaries, Honoraria, Travel Expenses and Other Remuneration Paid to Chiefs

- Approval of ISA-Schedules of Salaries, Honoraria, Travel Expenses and Other Remuneration Paid to Chiefs and Other Remuneration Paid to Directors

Approval of ISC- Schedules of Revenues and Expenses

Moved by: Chief Connie Lazore

Seconded by: Chief Theresa Jacobs

**For: 9 Against: 0**

**CARRIED**

MCR #202 Jordan's Principle

Moved by: Chief Theresa Jacobs

Seconded by: Chief Vanessa Adams

**For: 9 Against: 0**

**CARRIED**

MCR #203 Rescind MCR 2005/2006- #072, Dated June 14th, 2005

Moved by: Chief Connie Lazore

Seconded by: Chief Vanessa Adams

**For: 9 Against: 0**

**CARRIED**

MCR #204 Community Neh Kanikonri:io Council to determine Section 84 C

Moved by: Chief Connie Lazore

Seconded by: Chief April Phillips

**For: 9 Against: 0**

**CARRIED**

MCR #205 New Relationship Fund Renewal Application for 2019-2020

Moved by: Chief Connie Lazore

Seconded by: Chief Vanessa Adams

**For: 9 Against: 0**

**CARRIED**

MCR #206 Upgrade Application – Rescind Approval Repair Loan

Moved by: Chief Theresa Jacobs

Seconded by: Chief Carolyn Francis

**For: 12 Against: 0**

**CARRIED**

MCR #207 Site Servicing Contract – DCSS Family Wellness Centre

Moved by: Chief Vanessa Adams

Seconded by: Chief Vince Thompson

**For: 12 Against: 0**

**CARRIED**

MCR #208 Installation of New Stop Signs in Kana:takon

Moved by: Chief Julie Jacobs

Seconded by: Chief Theresa Jacobs

**For: 12 Against: 0**

**CARRIED**

MCR #209 Political Service Contract for Council Members

Moved by: Chief Connie Lazore

Seconded by: Chief Vanessa Adams

**For: 10 Against: 2**

**CARRIED**

MCR #210 Approval of March 31, Consolidated Audit: Approval of INAC-Schedules of Revenue and Expenses of the Year Ending March 31, 2019

Moved by: Chief Tim Thompson

Seconded by: Chief Connie Lazore

**For: 12 Against: 0**

**CARRIED**

MCR #211 Accept and approve General Meeting Minutes dated Ohiari:ha/June 27, 2019

Moved by: Chief Darryl Lazore

Seconded by: Chief Carolyn Francis

**For: 9 Against: 0**

**CARRIED**

MCR #212 Akwesasne Election Law Amendment – Final Results (Approved)

Moved by: Chief Julie Jacobs

Seconded by: Chief Vanessa Adams

**For: 9 Against: 0**

**CARRIED**

MCR #213 MOHLTC Champlain Community, Care Access Center Agreement 2019-2020

Moved by: Chief Tobi Mitchell

Seconded by: Chief Julie Jacobs

**For: 9 Against: 0**

**CARRIED**

MCR #214 Housing -Upgrade Application

Moved by: Chief Julie Jacobs

Seconded by: Chief Vince Thompson

**For: 9 Against: 0**

**CARRIED**

MCR #215 Housing – Upgrade Application

Moved by: Chief Tim Thompson

Seconded by: Chief Theresa Jacobs

**For: 9 Against: 0**

**CARRIED**

MCR #216 Housing – Upgrade Application

Moved by: Chief Connie Lazore

Seconded by: Chief Tim Thompson

**For: 9 Against: 0**

**CARRIED**

MCR #217 Housing – Upgrade Application

Moved by: Chief Theresa Jacobs

Seconded by: Chief Vince Thompson

**For: 9 Against: 0**

**CARRIED**



# SOCIAL MEDIA CONNECTION

## FACEBOOK STATS



### Facebook Posts with the Most Likes in April

1. 2021 Ionkwakwé:nion Virtual Celebration
2. Wholistic Health & Wellness Welcomes Dr. Marsha Wysote to the Medical Staff
3. This Is Your Shot—COVID-19 Vaccine PSA
4. Wholistic Health & Wellness Program Welcomes New LPN to the Medical Staff
5. Akwesasne COVID-19 Community Testimonial

### Facebook Posts with the Highest Reach in April

1. 2021 Ionkwakwé:nion Virtual Celebration — 12,906 reached
2. Wholistic Health & Wellness Welcomes Dr. Marsha Wysote to the Medical Staff — 10,675 reached
3. Cocaine Investigation Results in Three Arrests — 6,133 reached
4. DOH Announces Open COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic Dates at A'nowara'ko:wa Arena — 6,548 reached
5. This Is Your Shot—COVID-19 Vaccine PSA — 5,819 reached

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## TWITTER STATS

### Top Tweet in April



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## YOUTUBE STATS



### Highest Viewed Videos on the MCA Youtube Channel for April

1. This Is Your Shot—COVID-19 Vaccine PSA
2. A Message from Akwesasne Elder Mary Francis
3. MCA General Meeting — March 25, 2021

# EXECUTIVE SERVICES

## COMPLIMENTS & APPRECIATIONS

The Akwesasne Community Justice Program would like to thank our amazing intern, Sierra Johnson-Sunday, for her contributions to the program.

Sierra had painted some rocks (with phenomenal results) for April's Sexual assault awareness & prevention month. The rocks were distributed throughout Akwesasne for the community-wide scavenger hunt. If you were lucky, you may have got your hands on one of these exquisite rocks.

Nia:wen Sierra! You are a great addition to our team and are looking forward to what you'll accomplish next!

In March 2021, Faiz Vaid of Third Pillar, reached out to the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne to find out what goods they could provide to Akwesasne that would most benefit our community members. The Third Pillar is a Toronto based non-profit organization operated by Muslims whose focus is on alleviating the pressures of poverty in their local community by routinely providing donations to charities on the ground in Toronto and by making deliveries to local shelters. The group follows the Third Pillar of Islam which is to give a percentage of your profitable wealth to those in need.

On Sunday, April 11, 2021, Mohawk Council of Akwesasne representatives were able to meet the Third Pillar representatives and receive the goods generously provided by their organization.

The picture shows just the last cartload of what was delivered. The food and other supplies donated will benefit Akwesasne community members who are clients of the Food Security Program and the Residential Healing Program. The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne greatly appreciates the donation made by Third Pillar.





# CHILDREN'S PAGE

## SPOT THE DIFFERENCES!

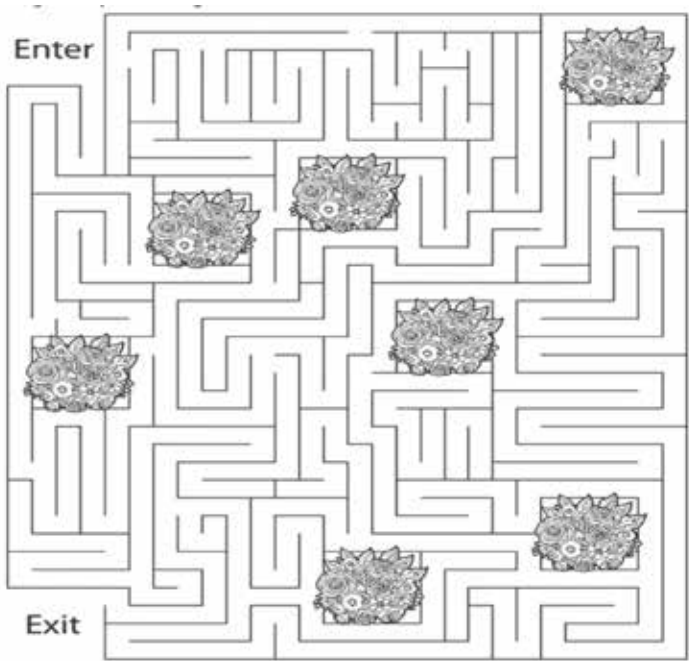
Can you spot the 5 differences between these two spring photos?



1. Missing tree on left side. 2. Missing button from on boy with glasses shirt. 3. Flower underneath boy with glasses tool has pink center. 4. Extra cloud in the sky in the center. 5. Underneath the center flower garden, there is an extra leaf underneath it.

## SIMPLY A-MAZE-ING

Find your way through the garden maze.



## YOU'VE GOT TO BE KIDDING ME!

How do bees get to school?



A school buzz.

Why was the strawberry sad?



His mom was in a jam!

What do you call a flower that won't tell the truth?



A lilac (lie-lac)!

What do bananas use sunscreen?



Because they peel!



# DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

## IAKHIHSOHTHA CELEBRATES EASTER WITH RESIDENTS

To celebrate Easter and provide some fun, the staff at Iakhihsohta had a special visitor come to see the residents—the Easter Bunny himself!

Nia:wen to the caring staff for always going above and beyond in making the holidays and everyday special for the residents at Iakhihsohta!





# DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

## IAKHIHSOHTHA LODGE PROVIDES UPDATE ON VISITORS POLICY

The Iakhihsohta Lodge is providing the community with an update regarding their visitors policy. Visitor restrictions will be reduced starting May 5, 2021.

Following guidance from the Ministry of Long-Term Care, Iakhihsohta Lodge will be taking a phased approach in gradually increasing visitation for residents. There will not be a return to open visiting at this time. Lodge staff will review and revise visitor restrictions on a regular basis.

At this time, visitors who have been deemed “Essential Caregivers” will be provided visitation access. Essential Caregivers will be required to have a weekly COVID-19 test. Iakhihsohta Lodge has COVID-19 testing available on Wednesdays from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., or you can be tested elsewhere. Each resident can have two essential caregivers identified, but only have one visitor at a time. All visitations will take place in the residents’ room.


Currently, Iakhihsohta Lodge has identified Wednesdays from 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. for essential caregiver visits. Visitation times and days will gradually increase, with Indoor and Outdoor General Visits resuming. Increasing and adding visitation days and times is dependent on the Eastern Ontario Health Unit (EOHU) recommendation and Lodge staffing levels. Copies of the Resident Visitation Program are available upon request.





Thank you for your support, understanding, and patience as we resume visiting for residents, while preventing the spread of COVID-19. We look forward to welcoming our Essential Caregivers once again.

If you have any questions regarding the visitation program, please contact the Iakhihsohta Lodge at 613-575-2507.

### YOU ARE IN THE TERRITORY OF AKWESASNE

PLEASE PRACTICE THE FOLLOWING PROTOCOLS TO ENSURE SAFETY FOR ALL:



			
<b>WEAR A MASK.</b>	<b>PHYSICAL DISTANCE KEEP 6 FT/2 M.</b>	<b>WASH HANDS OFTEN FOR 20 SECONDS.</b>	<b>COMING FROM OUTSIDE TRAVEL RADIUS? SELF ISOLATE FOR 14 DAYS.</b>

# DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

## TSIIIONKWANONHSO:TE LTC PROVIDES UPDATE ON VISITORS POLICY

The Tsiionkwanonhso:te Long Term Care Facility (LTC) is providing the community with an update regarding their visitor's policy. The change in visitor's policy is keeping with public health guidelines.

Designated caregivers to LTC residents are being offered visitation in the facility. Upon arrival to the building, they will be required to take a rapid COVID-19 antigen test. After the rapid antigen test, visitors will report to the screener, then escorted to your loved one's room. You no longer have to wait for your results. Only one designated caregiver is allowed at a time.

The LTC will be adding more time for designated caregivers to visit, starting April 26, 2021. Visits for caregiv-

ers will be held only on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays, and Sundays, from 11a.m. - 6 p.m. Consideration will be given for outdoor visits with caregivers as soon as weather improves, and the surrounding areas are out of the GRAY lockdown designation. Copies of the visitation policy is available upon request.

Thank you for your continued cooperation and understanding during this very difficult time. Please know that the safety of our residents, and our residents' families, and our staff is our number one priority.

If you have any questions regarding the LTC visitors policy, please contact the Tsiionkwanonhso:te Long Term Care Facility at 613-932-1409.

## WHEN SHOULD I GET A COVID-19 TEST AFTER EXPOSURE?





# DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

## COVID-19 COMMUNITY SITUATION REPORT (MAY 4, 2021)

### MCA

TOTAL TESTS	2,051
TOTAL POSITIVE CASES	335
ACTIVE CASES	7

*This information was provided by the MCA Community Health Program.  
Data was updated as of May 4, 2021.*

### SRMT

TOTAL TESTS	9,389
TOTAL POSITIVE CASES	331
ACTIVE CASES	18

*This information was provided by the SRMT Emergency Operations Center.  
Data was updated as of May 4, 2021.*

**TOTAL DEATHS 10**

### SURROUNDING AREAS

	ACTIVE CASES	TOTAL CASES	TOTAL DEATHS	TOTAL TESTS
EOHU REGION	221	4,449	101	135,172
FRANKLIN CO.	45	2,560	16	86,501
ST. LAWRENCE CO.	109	7,208	96	308,677

*This information was provided by the Eastern Ontario Health Unit (updated May 3, 2021), Franklin County Public Health (updated May 3, 2021), & St. Lawrence County Public Health (updated May 3, 2021).*

### PROVINCIAL, NATIONAL & GLOBAL

	TOTAL CASES	TOTAL DEATHS
ONTARIO	473,901	8,118
CANADA	1.23 million	24,300
WORLDWIDE	152 million	3.19 million

*This information was provided by the Ontario Ministry of Health, Health Canada, & the World Health Organization.  
Data was updated as of May 3, 2021.*



# DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

## COMMUNITY HEALTH OFFERING PFIZER VACCINE TO COMMUNITY MEMBERS AGES 12-16

Mohawk Council of Akwesasne's Community Health Program (CHP) is offering the Pfizer-BioNTECH COVID-19 vaccine to Akwesasne community members aged 12-16. Any Akwesasne community members in the 12-16 age category that is interested in receiving the vaccine will need to be accompanied by a parent/guardian.

Registration for this clinic is required. Walk-ins for the

Pfizer vaccine may be accepted, based on vaccine availability.

The Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine clinic will be held on May 12, 2021 at the A'nowara'ko:wa Arena. If you are interested in receiving the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine, please contact the Community Health Nurses at 613-575-2341 ext. 3220, and register by 12 p.m. on May 10, 2021.

## TRADITIONAL MEDICINE WELCOMES ALICIA COOK TO THEIR STAFF

The MCA Wholistic Health & Wellness Program's Traditional Medicine Unit would like to welcome Alicia Cook to their staff. Ms. Cook will be working with Eddie Gray in the Traditional Medicine Program to provide medicines to community members, as well as providing assessments and identifying traditional healers and helpers.

Alicia "Konwahonwihsen" Cook is a member of the Wolf Clan, and a graduate from North Country Community College as a Licensed Practical Nurse. Ms. Cook utilized her training to integrate her knowledge of the human body, plant medicines, and traditional teachings. With this dynamic mix, she assists her clients in the healing process, with a view of the person through mental, spiritual, physical, and emotional wellness. Ms. Cook specializes in teaching about culturally important plants, and their uses as food and medicine.

Ms. Cook will be available Monday - Friday, working half days. We encourage

the community to contact the Traditional Medicine Program at 613-575-2341 ext. 3100 and schedule an appointment with her.

## TRADITIONAL MEDICINE WELCOMES ALICIA COOK TO THEIR STAFF



Tekanikoarohwakon  
Wholistic Health & Wellness

Contact Traditional Medicine  
at 613-575-2341 ext. 3100.



# DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

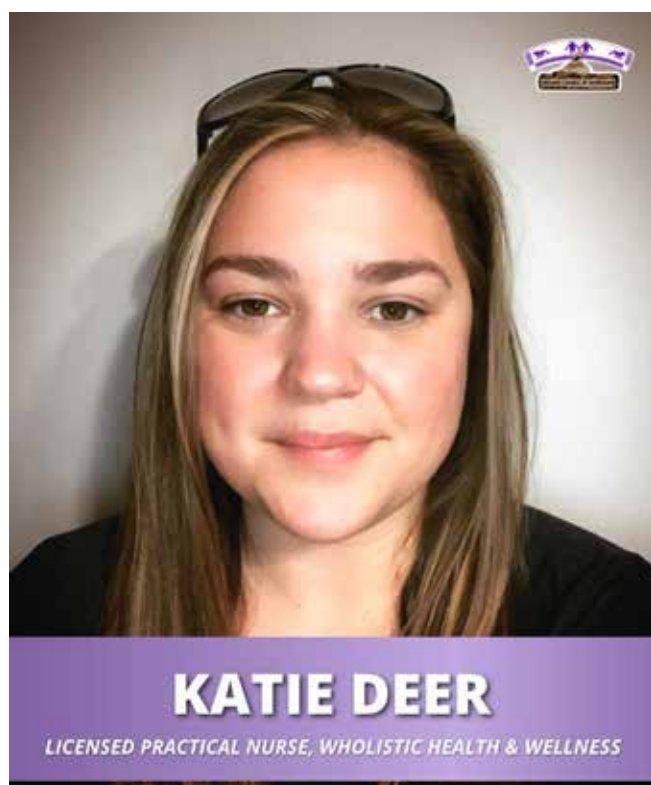
## WHOLISTIC HEALTH & WELLNESS WELCOMES NEW STAFF

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne would like to welcome Dr. Marsha Wysote to the community. Dr. Wysote is originally from a small town in Northeastern Quebec, and is of mixed heritage: her father is Mi'gmaq from Listuguj, and her mother is Caucasian.

"Unlike many people with whom I studied, I did not ever dream of being a doctor," Dr. Wysote says. "I started my studies in hopes to someday be a scientist or biologist. But all that would change when I was working with Public Health for the Cree Board of Health and Social Services of James Bay."

Dr. Wysote is a recent graduate from a family medicine residency at McGill University, after successful completion of residency training out of St. Mary's Hospital in the Cotes des Neiges area of Montreal, where her focus was predominantly Community Medicine. Dr. Wysote completed three (3) months of her residency in Akwesasne, finishing in January 2021.

Dr. Wysote's particular areas of interest are in musculoskeletal/sports medicine and palliative care (individuals living with serious illness). When not in the clinic, she likes to keep herself active by running on the treadmill or weight training. "I look forward to working with community members here in Akwesasne, and I hope you are willing to teach me about your culture."



The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne would like to welcome Licensed Practical Nurse Katie Kwetti:io Deer to the community.

Ms. Deer is a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) from the Kahnawake Mohawk Territory and belongs to the Wolf Clan. Ms. Deer has recently graduated from Chateauguay Valley Career Education Centre (CVCEC) and has been employed for the past two years in the community of Akwesasne at the Iakhihsohtha Lodge. Ms. Deer has most recently become a member of the medical team at the Akwesasne Medical Clinic at Kanonhkwa'tsheri:io.

Ms. Deer's goal while providing medical care for the Akwesasne community is to give comprehensive health care that considers the patient's social, emotional, cultural, and physical needs. As a member of the Wholistic Health & Wellness Medical Team, Katie intends to reach out and provide clear and informative information and construct good communication to her patients effectively and efficiently.



# DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

## MCA SEEKS HEALTHCARE STAFF

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne is currently seeking staff to fill several positions and areas in need throughout the Department of Health. The pandemic has left many programs short on staff or unable to fill positions.

We are encouraging anyone interested in emergency employment to submit a resume identifying skills and areas of interest to our Human Resources office. Several

positions will be filled immediately on an emergency hire, term basis.

Staff are currently sought for the following areas/positions: Nurses, RPNs, and Personal Support Workers.

Any questions or resume submissions can be directed to:

- [jobs@akwesasne.ca](mailto:jobs@akwesasne.ca)
- 613-575-2250 ext. 2145, 2146, or 2147



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[AKWESASNE.CA/EMPLOYMENT](http://AKWESASNE.CA/EMPLOYMENT)



# DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

## I HAVE BEEN EXPOSED TO SOMEONE WITH COVID-19. WHAT DO I DO?

If you were notified of an exposure by a public health authority, call the MCA Community Health Program at 613-575-2341 ext. 3220 for screening and advisement of your isolation period.

It is recommended to self-isolate for 14 days or until cleared or resolved by your health care provider.



### STAY AT HOME

DO NOT go out for groceries or other items. Have a designated person to do your essential shopping. Stay in a designated room away from your immediate family and use a separate toilet/bathroom if possible. Continue to wash your hands frequently and sanitize your home.

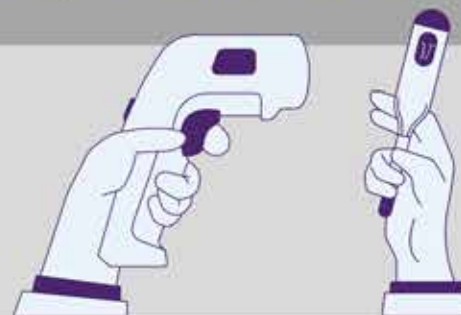


### GET TESTED

Call ahead to make an appointment (do NOT just show up) through the MCA Department of Health. The COVID-19 testing site has recently been relocated to Third Street in Kana:takon. Please note that this should be the ONLY time you leave your home during self-quarantine. If you need immediate medical care, call Central Dispatch at 613-575-2000.

### MONITOR YOUR SYMPTOMS

Make sure that you take your temperature regularly (high fever is anything over 100°F), and monitor COVID-19 symptoms, which include fever, cough, difficulty breathing, and fatigue. If symptoms worsen, call your medical health provider.



### KEEP A LOG

Make a list of those that you have been around recently in the case you are positive. It is helpful to keep a daily log and keep of list of people and locations you were around if needed by any public health authority.



# DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

## SELF-ISOLATE AFTER YOU HAVE BEEN TESTED FOR COVID-19

If you were notified of an exposure, please call the MCA Community Health Program at 613-575-2341 ext. 3220 for screening and advisement of isolation period.

It is recommended to self-isolate for 14 days or until you are cleared/resolved by your health care provider.



**IF YOU WERE EXPOSED TO SOMEONE WITH COVID-19, PLEASE BE SURE TO GET TESTED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.**



**STAY AT HOME. DO NOT GO OUT FOR ESSENTIAL ITEMS BECAUSE IF YOU ARE POSITIVE, YOU COULD SPREAD THE VIRUS.**



**STAY IN DESIGNATED ROOM AWAY FROM YOUR IMMEDIATE FAMILY & USE A SEPARATE BATHROOM IF POSSIBLE.**



**AFTER YOU RECEIVE YOUR RESULTS, PLEASE FOLLOW ADVISEMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AUTHORITY.**





# DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

## VACCINE CLINIC ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne would like to extend its appreciation to the Dept. of Health team, our Community Health Program, the Red Cross, and our many volunteers who helped organize and administer the three day walk-in COVID-19 vaccine clinic in April. We are thankful for the collaboration and dedication that made these clinics successful.

nity members who chose to attend the clinics and help Akwesasne move one step closer to community immunity.

Please look for future clinic dates to be announced or contact Community Health to make your vaccine appointment at 613-575-2341.

We would also like to thank the hundreds of commu-

We are all in this together. Niawenkowa.



## HOW VACCINES WORK



Vaccines contain a modified form of virus or bacteria that doesn't cause disease, but does "teach" your immune system what to do if you are ever attacked by the real, potentially dangerous virus or bacteria.

When you get vaccinated, your immune system responds just as it does to any other "intrusion" by creating antibodies to fight off the particular virus or bacteria.



For some diseases, more than one dose of the vaccine, or a booster dose later in life may be needed to ensure full and lasting protection. The COVID-19 Vaccine requires two doses, at least 21 days apart.

After vaccination, your body remembers this specific intruder. If you ever come in contact with the real virus or bacteria, the right antibodies quickly destroy it—before it has the chance to make you sick.



### HERD IMMUNITY



When you and nearly everyone else in your community is immune to a contagious disease, it cannot spread easily. Together, you prevent the virus or bacteria from reaching those who cannot be vaccinated against it, including babies too young for the vaccine and individuals with health conditions or who are undergoing treatments that weaken their immune systems.



To pre-register for the COVID-19 vaccine, please call 613-575-2341 ext. 3219 or ext. 3247.

# DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH



## TELL ME MORE ABOUT THE COVID-19 VACCINE



**95%**  
**EFFECTIVE**

Administered in **two doses** at least 21 days apart.

Everyone tested **VOLUNTEERED** in the trials, which included people from communities of color (such as black, Hispanic and Native Americans).



APPROXIMATELY  
**38,000**

individuals participated in the clinical trials and were monitored for **two months** after the **SECOND DOSE**

COMMONLY  
REPORTED  
**SIDE**  
EFFECTS



Injection Site  
Reaction



Headache



Chills



Fever



Fatigue



Muscle Pain



Joint Pain



# AHKWESAHSNE MOHAWK BOARD OF EDUCATION

## TSI SNAIHNE AND KANA:TAKON SCHOOL TO RETURN TO REMOTE LEARNING

Tsi Snaihne School will return to the Remote Learning model of instruction due to a confirmed case of Covid-19 beginning on May 4, 2021. A significant number of Kana:takon School students have siblings that attend Tsi Snaihne School therefore as a precaution both schools will transition to remote learning for a two week period. **If no additional COVID-19 cases are confirmed, the tentative return to the Hybrid model of instruction for both schools is May 17, 2021.**

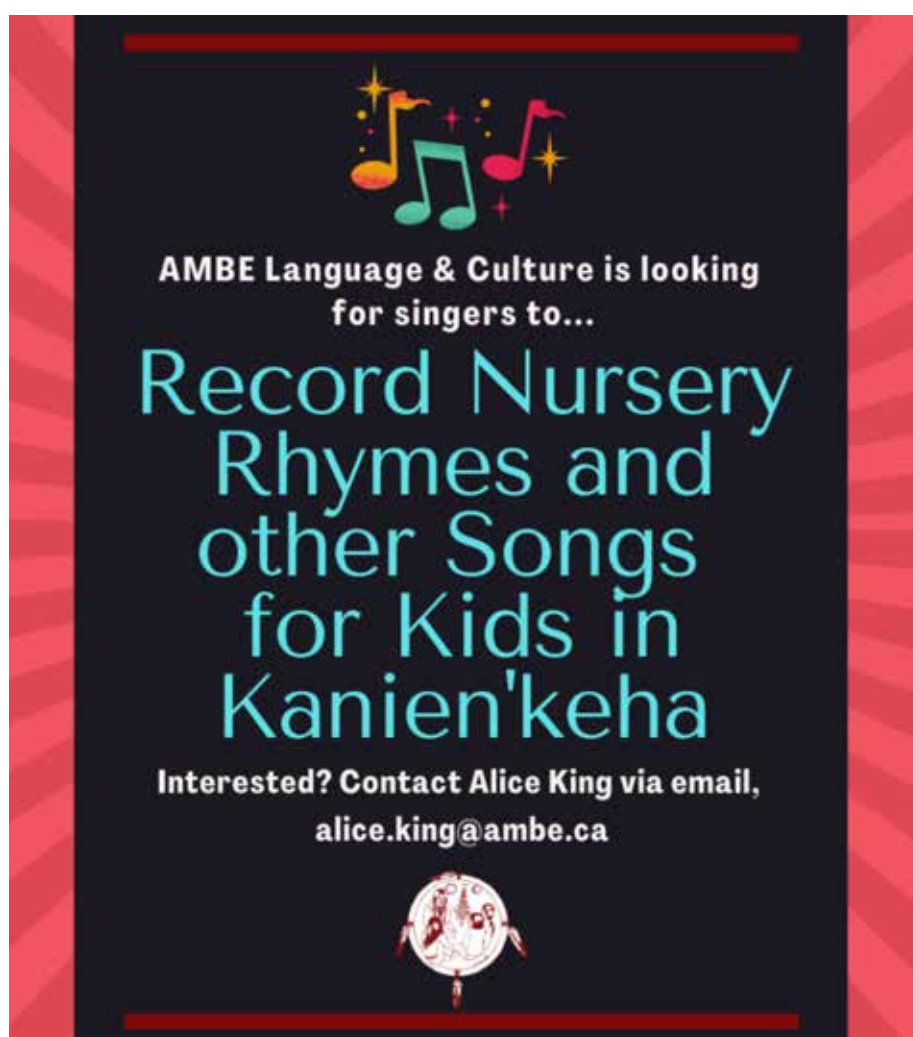
Everyone must continue to follow screening protocols. As a reminder if you or anyone in your house exhibits even one of the symptoms below, you must remain home from school or work and be symptom free for 72 hours before returning.

If your child is exhibiting any Covid-19 symptoms listed below please contact MCA Community Health by calling (613) 575-2341 ext. 3220.

- Fever >37.8 C or 100.04 F
- New onset of cough
- Worsening chronic cough
- Shortness of breath
- Difficulty breathing
- Sore throat
- Difficulty swallowing
- Decrease or loss of sense of taste or smell
- Chills
- Headaches
- Unexplained fatigue/malaise/muscle aches (myalgias)

- Nausea/vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal pain
- Pink eye (conjunctivitis)
- Runny nose/nasal congestion without a known cause

We must all continue to work together. Nia:wen in advance for your understanding as we must take steps to stop the spread of this virus.



### CONTACT US!

Tsi Snaihne School  
(613) 575-2291

Kana:takon School  
(613) 575-2323

Ahkwesahsne Mohawk  
Board of Education  
(613) 933-0409 or  
(613) 575-2250 ext. 1400

Ahkwesahsne Mohawk School  
(613) 932-3366

Iohahi:io  
(613) 575-2754 or  
(613) 575-2250 ext. 4100

## STUDENT REGISTRATION

**Head Start (K3 School Readiness Program), K4, & New Student Registration  
for the 2021-2022 School Year  
will be open from April 12, 2021 through May 14, 2021**

### Head Start (K3 School Readiness Program) and K4 Registration Requirements:

- Head Start (K3 School Readiness Program) Applicants must be 3 years old by September 30, 2021 to be eligible and must also be fully potty trained.
- K4 Applicants must be 4 years old by September 30, 2021 to be eligible and must also be fully potty trained. \*All K4 applicants will need to register, even if they had previously attended Head Start\*

### Required Registration Documents:

- 2021-2022 Registration Form
- Copy of child's Immunization Record or Immunization Waiver
- Copy of child's Birth Certificate
- Medical Assessment Form

### Additional Documents:

- Copy of child's Certificate of Indian Status (Status Card)
- Copy of child's Health Card



Registration forms are available at AMBE Schools, AMBE Administration Office, and [www.ambe.ca](http://www.ambe.ca).

Please indicate the school of preference on the registration form.

Submit the completed registration form along with all required registration documents to the school of preference or the AMBE Administration Office.

Questions? Please or call at (613) 577-3150 or email Elaine Thompson at [elaine.thompson@ambe.ca](mailto:elaine.thompson@ambe.ca)



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# AHKWESAHSNE MOHAWK BOARD OF EDUCATION

## PATHWAYS TO INDIGENOUS EMPOWERMENT

Iohahi:io is accepting applications for the Pathways to Indigenous Empowerment program for Fall 2021.

This program is a one year certificate program and is great for highschool seniors. Students receive an Algonquin College certificate upon completion.

This is an amazing program for students who do not really know what career or educational path they want to take. This program offers classes in Career Discovery and Personal Development. They can learn what pathway they wish to choose while getting college credits in english, math and computers. They also take courses in Indigenous culture and traditional knowledge.

Deadline to apply: 12pm on May 28, 2021.

To apply complete the online application at <http://iohahiio.ambe.ca> under For Students.

If you have any questions email [info.iohahiio@ambe.ca](mailto:info.iohahiio@ambe.ca).

The poster for the Pathways to Indigenous Empowerment program features a circular image of a person in a canoe on the left and a group of people standing together on the right. The text on the poster includes: "ADMISSION OPEN FOR FALL 2021", "PATHWAYS TO INDIGENOUS EMPOWERMENT", "1 Year Algonquin College Certificate", "This program is well-suited for students who:", a list of three bullet points, "Semester 1" and "Semester 2" course lists, and "Program Eligibility" requirements.

ADMISSION OPEN FOR FALL 2021

## PATHWAYS TO INDIGENOUS EMPOWERMENT

1 Year Algonquin College Certificate

This program is well-suited for students who:

- Are focused on educational and/or career pathways
- Are enthusiastic about expanding their life experiences
- Are undecided and looking to start on the right path

Semester 1	Semester 2
Computer Foundations	Communications I - Academic Focus
Foundations of Communication	Environmental Guardianship
Math for Everyday Living	The Science of Interconnection
Personal Discovery	Personal Development
Health and Wellness	Career Development
Career Exploration	Transforming Turtle Island

Program Eligibility

- Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD) or equivalent; OR
- Mature Student status (19 years of age or older and without an OSSD).

To apply visit [www.iohahiio.ambe.ca](http://www.iohahiio.ambe.ca)



For more information email [info.iohahiio@ambe.ca](mailto:info.iohahiio@ambe.ca)

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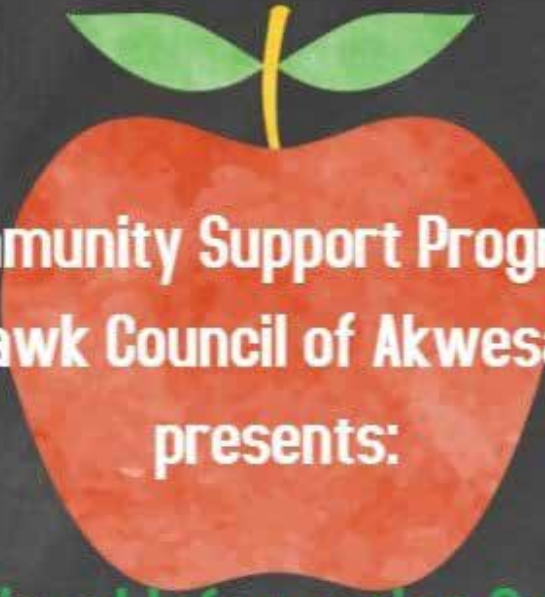
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# DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY & SOCIAL SERVICES

## EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION SESSION



**Community Support Program,  
Mohawk Council of Akwesasne  
presents:**

**Educational Information Session**

**When:** Thursday, May 13, 2021      **Time:** 2-3pm

Join our Zoom meeting where local educational institutions/programs will discuss their programs/services. They will also answer any questions you may have about returning to school for your High School Diploma/ G.E.D or post-secondary!

<b>Speakers:</b>	<b>Email to sign up:</b>
Akwesasne Boys & Girls Club	Erin Francis
Contact North	erin.francis@akwesasne.ca
lohahi:io	Corrine Johnson
T. R. Leger (Cornwall, ON location)	corrine.johnson@akwesasne.ca

**Must have Zoom account to participate. (Visit [Zoom.com](https://zoom.us) to create a free account).**

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# AKWESASNE MOHAWK POLICE SERVICE

## AMPS WILL NOT CONDUCT RANDOM COVID-19 TRAFFIC STOPS (APRIL 20)

In response to a provincial order restricting only essential travel across provincial lines, the Akwesasne Mohawk Police Service would like the community to know that their operations have remained status quo despite recent announcements by the Ontario Government, with no changes in our enforcement activity.

Chief of Police Shawn Dulude stated, "If our officers stop you, it will be for a valid reason. In relation to COVID-19 restrictions, we will continue to engage, educate and enforce but we will not be conducting random stops."

There are exceptions to the restrictions regarding cross-

ing provincial lines including travel for an essential purpose, work, medical care, transportation of goods etc. Indigenous persons exercising treaty rights are also exempt. Therefore, AMPS will not be enforcing the travel restriction between provinces within the territory.

Officers will continue to disperse gatherings and may ticket individuals for failing to comply with orders.

"We recognize that the vast majority of Akwesasnon have complied with the restrictions to-date, and we thank you for that," Chief of Police Dulude said. "Further, we remain committed to working with our community partners to help keep the community safe."

### March 2021 Statistics

Total: 210		(Tribal PD)	1	1049 Medical Aid	
		28	1004 Assist Public	1	1052 Shooting Complaint
1	033 Theft Over 5,000 From Motor Vehicle	3	1008 By Law-Dogs	4	1056 Hazardous Conditions
1	040 Theft Under \$5,000	1	1009 By Law-Noise	6	106 Provincial Statutes-other
1	060 Arson	1	1011 By Law-Other	4	1063 Marine Patrol
1	080 Cocaine-Trafficking	4	1012 Civil Disputes	3	107 Municipal By-laws
1	084 Other Drugs-Trafficking	20	1013 Community Services	3	1070 Sex Offender Registry
1	087 Cannabis-Possession	5	1014 Crime Prevention	3	205 Assault-Level 1
2	088 Cannabis-Trafficking	1	1016 Domestic Dispute (non-violent)	1	6666 Assist Other Departments-Fire
3	100 Immigration Act	2	1018 Escorts-Prisoner	3	705 Dangerous Operation MV
7	1001 Alarms	10	1023 Judge's Order (court)	4	711 Impaired Operation MV
2	1002 Alerts	1	1025 Property Seized	5	715 Fail to stop/remain (CCC)
3	1003 Assist Other Agencies (Ambulance)	1	1027 Property Found	1	719 Drive Disqualified/License Suspended
5	1003 Assist Other Agencies (Cornwall PS)	6	1029 Suspicious Persons	10	721 Traffic-Provincial Statutes
14	1003 Assist Other Agencies (Other)	10	1030 Suspicious Vehicles	2	726 PD MVC Over \$1000 (property damage)
8	1003 Assist Other Agencies	10	1031 Suspicious Circumstances		
		5	1036 Warrant-Bench/First		
		1	1038 Missing Persons		





## AMPS POLICE WEEK ACTIVITIES

**Sunday May 9, 2021 - Mother's Day:** Let's show gratitude to our Ista's! Post a photo of you and your Ista, Tota or another special lady in your life on our event page with the hashtag #AkwesasnePoliceWeek2021 to win awesome prizes!

**Monday May 10, 2021 - Fitness Challenge:** Run/walk a mile in remembrance of our first responders who are no longer with us. Submit a photo to our event page with the hashtag #AkwesasnePoliceWeek2021 to win prizes!

**Tuesday May 11, 2021 - Mask Up:** Safety has always been a top priority with first responders, show your support and creativity by following the recommended safety precautions and "Masking Up"

**Wednesday May 12, 2021 - Mental Health Recognition:** Covid-19 has really put a strain on everyone's mental health, including first responders! Post a photo of self-care activities that help you relax, destress and feel grounded to our event page with the hashtag #AkwesasnePoliceWeek2021 to win prizes.

**Thursday May 13, 2021 - Race Against Drugs:** The Race Against Drugs program will be providing a virtual presentation to all AMBE schools students in grades 6 & 7.

**Friday May 14, 2021 - Support First Responders:** At 6:00 PM please show your support and appreciation for all first responders in the community by honking your horn for 30 seconds.

Partners include: Akwesasne Mohawk Police, Hogansburg Akwesasne Volunteer Fire Department, Saint Regis Mohawk Tribal Police, Mohawk Council of Akwesasne's Akwesasne Child & Family Services, Akwesasne Mohawk Ambulance, and Wholistic Health & Wellness Program.