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MCA APPOINTS FOUR NEW AKWESASNE COURT JUSTICES



The four new Ratiianerenhserakwenienhstha (Justices) are (left to right): Rhonda Garrow, Alexandra David, Mellani Martin, and Theresa Thompson.

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne is pleased to announce the confirmation and appointments of four new Ratiianerenhserakwenienhstha (Justices): Alexandra David, Mellani Martin, Rhonda Garrow, and Theresa Thompson. The Justices were sworn in by the Director of the Akwesasne Justice Department, who also holds an appointment as a Justice of the Peace, Joyce King. The Swearing-In Ceremony was held on Thursday, April 28th at Council's General Meeting.

Read more on Page 3.

UPCOMING MCA MEETINGS & SPECIAL DATES:

GENERAL MEETING

The May General Meeting will be held as a hybrid meeting in person at the Snye Recreation Centre and via Zoom on May 26, 2022 at 6 p.m.

Please send an e-mail to meetings@akwesasne.ca to receive a link to watch the meeting.

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

MOHAWK COUNCIL OF AKWESASNE 2021-2024

Grand ChiefAbram Benedict

Kana:takon District

Chief Tim Thompson Chief Julie Phillips-Jacobs Chief Ryan Jacobs Chief Cindy Francis-Mitchell

Kawehno:ke District

Chief Edward Thompson Chief Jackie Benedict Chief Vince Thompson Chief Vanessa Adams

Tsi Snaihne District

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

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Ann Seymour Executive Director

Heather Phillips
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Dept. of Finance &
Administration

Leslie Papineau A/Director Dept. of Infrastructure, Housing & Environment

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Dept. of Community & Social
Services

Amber Montour

Director

Department of Health

Donna Lahache
Director
Ahkwesahsne Mohawk Board
of Education

Shawn Dulude Chief of Police/Director Dept. of Public Safety

Kylee Tarbell
Director
Dept. of Economic Developmen

WAT'KWANONWERATON/GREETINGS

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

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

FIVE THINGS

OUR MONTHLY LIST OF FACTS, REMINDERS & IMPORTANT MESSAGES



Children and families who reside outside of Akwesasne (in Canada) and who are involved with CAS now have a focused program and staff to receive support from. Read more on Page 8.



Fourth doses of the COVID-19 vaccine are now available to Akwesasronon. Please make your appointment today. Read more on page 21.



MCA provides text alerts for major community updates/emergencies. Register your cell phone by visiting www.akwesasne.ca/textalerts.



MCA is conducting a call-out for youth reps. Visit our website for more information. Deadline to submit your interest is May 26, 2022.



May is Mental Health Awareness Month. Take time for yourself and if you need support, our staff are here for you. Call 613-575-2341 Ext. 3115 for assistance.

...Akwesasne Court Justices continued from front page.

Through a grant from the Department of Justice Canada, the Akwesasne Justice Department contracted with the Canadian Institute for the Administration of Justice (CIAJ) for a Justice Training Program. This training program was designed for Akwesasne's unique circumstances. CIAJ did an excellent job putting forth notable justices/speakers across Canada to assist with this Justice training. The Justice Training was an intense 10-week session with follow-up classes in the fall of 2021.

Fourteen community members attended the justice training. As a result, four Mohawk women met the qualifications and training requirements set by the Akwesasne Review Commission to be considered for an appointment to sit before the Akwesasne Court.

The Akwesasne Court Law was passed in February 2016 and came into force in August 2016. The Akwesasne Court Law grants the new justice jurisdiction to adjudicate the following civil offenses:

- Indian Act Offenses
- Akwesasne Laws and By-laws
- Protection Orders (Peace bonds/Skennen Orders)
- Court-ordered Mediation Services

If you have any questions, you may contact the Akwesasne Court at 613-575-2250 ext. 1025.



The new justices with, back row left to right: Director of Justice Joyce King, Chief Tim Thompson, Chief April Adams-Phillips, Chief Vanessa Adams, Chief Sarah Sunday-Diabo, Chief Julie Phillips-Jacobs, Grand Chief Abram Benedict, Chief Cindy Francis-Mitchell, Chief Jackie Benedict, Chief JoAnn Swamp, Chief Ryan Jacobs, Chief Dwayne Thomas, and Norman Peters representing the Akwesasne Review Commission.



The justices with Justice portfolio chiefs.



Justice Theresa Thompson



Justice Mellani Martin



Justice Rhonda Garrow



Justice Alexandra David

TIP LINE ESTABLISHED FOR MOHAWK INSTITUTE INVESTIGATION

(BRANTFORD, ON) – The Six Nations Police Service (SNPS), Brantford Police Service and Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) Criminal Investigation Branch (CIB) have established a toll-free tip line to assist an investigation into any potential deaths at the Mohawk Institute in Brantford where criminality is suspected.

Investigators want to hear from survivors of the Mohawk Institute, who have any information or witnessed any criminal acts that could have led to any deaths of children at the facility. Investigators are also interested in information about any missing children who attended the Mohawk Institute. If you have information, please share your story by calling the toll-free tip line, 1-888-523-8587.

The tip line is monitored 12 hours a day and calls will be returned within 24 hours. The tip line also includes information on 911 and crisis supports that are available, including the toll-free "Hope for Wellness Help Line" at 1-855-242-3310. Counselling and crisis intervention services are available at any time via online chat at www.hopeforwellness.ca.

The Multi-Jurisdiction Police Task Force is comprised of teams of investigators from the OPP, Six Nations Police Service and Brantford Police Service, with support from the Office of the Chief Coroner for Ontario (OCCO).

The services are working jointly to ensure a full and comprehensive investigation and that all the necessary resources are in place to conduct this complex and difficult investigation.



CBC Photo

LEAF-SAUCIER FAMILY RECEIVES KEYS TO NEW HABITAT FOR HUMANITY **HOME**

After three years of planning and construction, the tified. The families pay a mortgage directly to Habitat Leaf-Saucier family received the keys to their new home on March 31, 2022. The family of seven was the gracious recipient of the Habitat for Humanity home that required the cooperation and generosity of many organizations.

The "key ceremony" was attended by the Leaf-Saucier's extended family, Mohawk Council of Akwesasne chiefs, representatives from the City of Cornwall and county, as well as other contributors and the Habitat for Humanity team. The family was congratulated and a blessing and prayer were given for the home.

Habitat for Humanity makes it possible for families to own a home when there is a need and challenge iden-

for Humanity, and the down payment they're required is in the form of 500 hours of labour toward actually building the home (or another Habitat home.).

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne partnered with Habitat for Humanity early on in this project when it was approached with a request to donate a plot of land on Montreal Road/Highway 2. Council agreed, and so began a new relationship between the two organizations.

Congratulations to the Leaf-Saucier family, enjoy your new home and memories!



Above: New homeowners Owen Leaf and Chelsea Saucier.

Left: Habitat for Humanity representatives and partners, including the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne, celebrated with the family on Key Ceremony Day.

BEAR WITNESS DAY SUBMITTED BY JORDAN'S PRINCIPLE

MAY 10th, is Spirit Bear's birthday and an important Find out more about Jordan's Principle by contacting date in the history of Jordan's Principle. The Canadian Human Rights Tribunal's first non-compliance order called for Canada to fully implement Jordan's Principle by May 10, 2016. Sadly, it took several years and further non-compliance orders against Canada before any real progress was made.

Jordan's Principle is child-first principle and a legal rule named in memory of Jordan River Anderson. It ensures First Nation children receive the services and supports they need with they need them.

Show your support and "Bear Witness" to Jordan's Principle by bring your teddy bear to work, or take a picture of Jordan Principle bears throughout the community on May 10th. Email your pictures to be entered into a draw for some great prizes. Take the time to learn more about Jordan's Principle and to honour Jordan River Anderson.

Mavis Williamson, Program Manager here in Akwesasne at 613.575.2341 ext. 2650 or email Mavis.williamson@akwesasne.ca

Jordan's Principle, 33 Third Street, Kana:takon, 613.575.2341 ext. 2650





Bear Witness Day 2022 / Jordan's Principle Day

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before any real progress was made. The creation of Jordan's Principle Spirit Bear was to call on Canada to "Bear Witness" to the Canadian Human Rights Tribunals decision. This day is often referred to as Bear Witness Day, or Jordan's Principle Day.

Jordan River Anderson was a First Nations child from Norway Cree House Nation in Manitoba. He was born in 1999 with complex medical needs that could not be treated on-reserve. He spent more than two years in a hospital in Winnipeg before doctors agreed that he could leave the hospital to be cared for in a family home. However, because of jurisdictional disputes within and between the federal and provincial governments over who would pay costs for in-home care, Jordan spent over two more years in hospital unnecessarily before he tragically died in 2005. He was 5 years old and had never spent a day in a family home.

Jordan River Anderson's favorite toy was a teddy bear, which was chosen to symbolize First Nation children at the tribunal hearings. Child welfare advocated Dr. Cindy Blackstock's critically-acclaimed author wrote the Spirit Bear books. Its purpose is to explain human rights to youngsters in Grades 2 to 6 and help educate and create change.

Jordan's Principle office in Akwesasne will be asking the community to show your support to this important day to "Take your Teddy Bear to Work Day". to show your support for Akwesasne children to obtain the services and support they require.

There will be Jordan Principle Blue Bears in our community, take your picture with our Jordan's Principle bear or with your Teddy Bear at work and email to Mavis.williamson@akwesasne.ca to be entered to win a prize.

For more information on Jordan's Principle, call Mavis Williamson, Program Manager 613.575.2341 ext. 2650.

AKWESASNE CELEBRATES NEW PROGRAM OFFICE IN CORNWALL TO ASSIST CHILDREN AND FAMILIES



A grand opening celebration included a ribbon cutting by community elders Lois Terrance and Brenda Lafrance, Grand Chief Abram Benedict, Indigenous Services Canada Regional Director Anne Scotton, and Cornwall Mayor Glen Grant, along with staff from the ARAP, Arlene Thomas, Kim Herne, and Carolyn Francis.

CORNWALL — It is with great enthusiasm that the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne (MCA) is celebrating the opening of an expanded program to assist children and families who are in need of child protection-related services.

The Akwesasne Representative and Advocacy Program (ARAP) officially opened its doors on April 25, 2022 at 55 Water Street, Cornwall, with the purpose to assist Mohawk families who are involved with Children's Aid Societies (CAS). The new location will improve our ability to support those who would ordinarily reside in Akwesasne but are currently residing anywhere else

across Canada.

As a result of the Child, Youth and Family Services Act of 2017, CAS is required to make contact with a child's Indigenous community when a child is involved in CAS care. The purpose of contacting a First Nation community is to ensure Indigenous children do not lose connection to the culture and traditions associated with the First Nation, and ensures that the best interest of the children is represented.

The staff at the ARAP serve as representatives for the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne in child protection cas-

es. ARAP provides services to children and their families in many forms, from cultural to judicial. Known also as "Band Reps," the staff are committed to assisting children and families with navigation of the court and social services system, while also establishing and maintaining connections, and providing cultural support. The program is funded by Indigenous Services Canada and is the result of appeals to the Human Rights Commission.

Band rep services have previously been provided by MCA's Department of Community & Social Services – specifically the Akwesasne Child & Family Services Program. New funding and legislation has made it possible to expand the program and open a new location, now under MCA's Akwesasne Justice Department.

"The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne has offered limited band rep services for many years," said Grand Chief Abram Benedict. "We are proud to be able to expand our services and open a service location within the City of Cornwall. The Akwesasne Representative & Advocacy Program will provide culturally appropriate support

to children and families from Akwesasne."

ARAP's services are available to any child or family across Canada who have Indian status or who are eligible to acquire Indian status with the Mohawks of Akwesasne. The CAS agency involved will connect with the client's First Nation band reps.

We are celebrating our new location and further accessibility to all those who can benefit from our services.



Cornwall Mayor Glen Grant and Councillor Todd Bennett extended a welcome to Grand Chief Abram Benedict and ARAP Program Manager Kim Herne.





The new office is located within the 55 Water Street building in Cornwall.

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The staff of the Akwesasne Representative & Advocacy Program

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COUNCIL WEEKLY MEETING REPORT

SUBMITTED BY GRAND CHIEF ABRAM BENEDICT



MARCH 28, 2022

- Representatives from CBC Standing Still Frantic Films provided
 Council with an overview of the possibility of making an episode in Akwesasne. Further follow up will be done on logistics and reported back to Council.
- A briefing was provided by MCA legal Counsel and the Entewatatha:wi Manager on the provisions in the draft Akwesasne-Canada self-government agreement titles Survey of Akwesasne Lands and it was agreed this section would be removed from the draft. This provision will

- be re-examined if necessary after ratification.
- Council discussed agenda items for an upcoming leadership meeting with the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe and the Mohawk Nation.
- Chief Dwayne Thomas was identified as next weeks' chair in the Grand Chiefs absents.
 - MCRs PASSED: Approval of amendment to Akwesasne Canada financial agreement; Approval of funding from Ministry of Children and Community; Approval of funding from CHMC for community housing; Approval of legal services agreement for law review; Approval (2) of application to Akwesasne Community Settlement Trust for community projects; Approval to rescind previous MCR on COVID restrictions; Approval of (3) Council Meeting Minutes; Approval

of agreement with Ministry of Health for youth mental health; Approval of agreement with Dr. Wysote for services; Approval of agreement for physiotherapist services; Approval of agreement for COVID-19 assessment testing; Approval of agreement for mental health counsellor services; Approval of physiotherapist services; Approval of changes to Department of Public Safety organization chart; Approval of allocation for Indigenous Services Canada surplus remoteness fund; Approval for Executive Director to sign all MCA contracts, legal and banking documents; Approval of (2) agreements with Ontario for Akwesasne Community Justice Program; Approval of agreement with Ontario for Victim Service Program.

APRIL 11, 2022

- Representatives from Aboriginal Rights and Research and MCA
 legal counsel presented the Nutfield Tract Claim submission to Council for approval to submit
 to Canada.
- Council agreed that no Council meeting will be held during the

- week of April 18, 2022, due to the upcoming holiday.
- The agenda was set for the upcoming General Meeting on April 28, 2022.
- Council was reminded of the importance of reputational harm to Council and organization for breach of confidentiality.
- A briefing was provided on a recent class action settlement for First Nations affected by boil water advisories.
- Council discussed the current Bank of Montreal mortgage cap of \$150K. Further research and consideration will be done by administration on the possibility of

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- increasing the cap.
- A request to include a standing order of conflict-of-interest declaration to be added to the agenda was discussed. Council agreed to add to the agenda.
- The Executive Director provided an update and overview of actions being taken to ensure the MCR process is adhered to and streamlined. An update was also provided on the recent meetings requests taken place with the Ex-

ecutive Director.

• MCRs PASSED: Approval of discontinuance of COVID top-up effective July 2, 2022; Approval of legislative development template; Approval of Bank of Montreal mortgage guarantee; Approval of changes to health protocol for pediculosis in schools; Approval of agreement with Ministry of Health Long Term Care Access Centre; Approval of amendment of the contract with

Dr. Levac; Approval of Purchase Order request for an HVAC system upgrade; Approval of specific claim submission for Nutfield Tract Survey Claim; Approval of agreement for Correction Worker; Approval of 2021/22 audit Ministry of Community and Correctional Services; Approval of service contract with Dr. Scott; and Approval of negotiation changes to OPSEU agreement.

APRIL 25, 2022

- The manager for Entewatatha:wi and MCA legal Counsel provided an overview of the provisions in the draft Canada-Akwesasne self-government agreement related to common assault. Council agreed reference to common assault will be removed from the draft.
- Council discussed a letter received from a community business requesting permission to sell alcohol. A response will be provided to the business owner explaining the current prohibition and describing the current legislative priorities exercise underway which is a venue for change to the current prohibition.
- Background and overview was provided on the decision to

- move Chiefs to remote work.

 The previous Chief's working •
 space was needed for program
 expansion. Administration will
 follow up with status reports on
 various MCA office expansion •
 plans.
- Council received an overview of the correspondence between the MCA and the Akwesasne International Powwow. Council agreed that MCA administration will handle the contract and correspondence with the powwow going forward.
- An update and overview were provided on an upcoming Council session to review the draft MCA strategic plan this Friday with a2z.
- Council agreed that all members of council will attend in person instead of hybrid for the coming

- General Meeting.
- Mohawk Government manager provided a reminder of the Legislative Development Priorities Survey.
- MCRs PASSED: Approval of modifications to draft Self-Government Agreement to remove criminal code offences; Approval of opening of trust account at Bank of Montreal; Approval of issuance of Cannabis retail license; Approval of amendment to Akwesasne Canada funding agreement; Approval of Akwesasne Boat Registration Regulation and registration increase; Approval of loan with CMHC for shelter; Approval of appointment of a community member as Akwesasne Community Settlement Trust Overseer.

KANA: TAKON DISTRICT CHIEF CINDY FRANCIS-MITCHELL UPDATES



Portfolio Selections: DCSS, Government Secretariate, Justice, Economic Development, & Entewatatha:wi -Nation Building

Monthly Notables:

- Attend 3 Council meetings, District & Out of town for General Meeting, however my report for • month was submitted for distribution.
- Participate in discussion with **Sweetgrass** Elder regarding Freedom of Religion & Building issues.
- Participated in discussion with Feds/Ontario/Quebec on Bi-law • Compliance Officer.
- Discussion with community members on Matrimonial Property Couples Law.
- Participated in distribution of Lunches for MCA staff to show appreciation.
- Operating Budget for the organization
- Distributed some covid rapid testing kits to elders in commu-

nity

- The district meeting was held March 21/6pm in person, we had 3 participants.
- Out of Office March 22-29/22.
- Entewatatha:wi Self Government Negotiations with the Team and Canada was a terrific opportunity to see the hard work and dedication that everyone has worked • on for all these years to move **ESGA** along

Work in Progress:

Government Secretariat:

- Finance Committee:
- Approval of previous meeting minutes
- 22/23 Operating Budget presentation by DEC
- Overview of areas of concern, those that need to be addressed and those that continue to be deficit programs
- Overall budget surpluses in all areas due to covid, spending can be allocated to next fiscal years which is good, those3 that cannot be returned, very few.
- Will present to Council on March 10/22@1pm

Participated in presentation of MCA (Mohawk Council of Akwesasne) Budget Presentation Council

> • Director of Finance presented to the Council the budget for FY 22/23

- Review of funding received and expenses that occurred in the previous years to provide a good overview of what the total budaet looks like.
- Expenses, Funding reviewed, questions from Council.
- Area of concern to review for future discussed.
- Excellent presentation from HP, very thorough and clearly presented.
- Next steps, areas on concern reviewed, 2% increase for Cola will be added, needs to be approved via MCR (Mohawk Council Resolution) and once that is done 30 days (about 4 and a half weeks) to present to community.

ISC 10-year grant Meeting Update:

- Update received from H. Phillips as I was unable to attend meeting; Areas of discussion include Highlights from the First Nation's Strategic Plan and Multi-Year, Financial Plan, First Nations' Annual Report - Successes, Challenges & Best Practices, Program Outcomes and Service Delivery
 - Successes, Challenges, NFR **Grant Implementation**
- a) Challenges or concerns, b) Successes in implementing the four policies outlined in the FAL or FAB, Change in reporting requirements, Impact on service delivery, A New Relationship,

ISC Initiatives and Priorities, Additional Points of Discussion

Governance Committee: Chelsea **Francis**

- Review of the survey results for Orientation, - 5 participated from Council
- Framework & Survey Response, Review of phases and additions
- Ways to incorporate other areas, culture, teamwork building activities

Government Secretariat Portfolio:

- ARRO (Aboriginal Rights & Research Office) -lands update, Gowlings claims, NYstate claim, Nuffield track, Baxter, Barnhart claim, Indian day claims overview of claims not being addressed.
- Communications –interviews for staff, ½ split between doh/dcss Justice: for staffing, final for audit/annual report ongoing, discussion with chiefs, radio ads, CKON updates

Mohawk Gov/t - update

Nation Buildings: main table feb1, anticipating again March • 30/31, Micha Menzer will be in our territory, prepare our binders for everyone, governance code, fiscal negations MCR approved, common assault, delegation & survey of lands was not removed, budget approved by CIRNA, annual reports funding, communications position filled, so look forward to getting more info out there to community, ESGA input

and ratification update with Canada.

- Director: lease reviewed, dihi on communications, finance committee for budget prep, weekly meetings, inclement weather review, 100% back in office for all staff, director meetings, trust & Dundee settlements, OPG/ATR
- Next meeting tbd.

POMS: 1: -3pm

Review & Accept Minutes from January 11, 2022 - Review Outstanding Action Items Review of • Capacity Building Funding document- Akwesasne and OPG Community Updates - Employment/ Contracting Update, Corporate Citizenship Program Activity, Capacity Building Funding Activity, Closing

- Justice Portfolio: Joyce King, Di-
- Court negotiations ongoing several proceedings on the table
- Administration of Justice lies with the provinces
- Review of matrimonial property
- SRMT (Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe) Protocol Agreement court law & justice review

Oversight Committee: Lazore

Cannabis & Emergency Management Laws forwarded from Working Task Groups, final review and

will now be forwarded of to legal for independent review on next phase

COO (Chiefs of Ontario)- UNDRIP (United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples) Act **Engagement Workshop Session**

- Opening Prayer Elder Laureen Blu Waters
- Welcoming and Housekeeping - Mathieu Courchene, Hunter-Courchene Group
- Presentation from Olthuis Kleer Townshend LLP Nick Leeson, Associate, Olthius Kleer Townshend LLP Brief presentation with background on UNDRIP and the UN-DRIP Act and setting the stage for the workshop session
- Open Forum Open forum, facilitated by Mathieu Courchene, intended to support First Nations as they prepare and plan for engagements on the Act's implementation with the Department of Justice
- Reflections & Wrap Up Mathieu Courchene
- Closing Prayer

Economic Development: Kylee Tarbell Director

- Fiber to the Homes updates
- **Budget Amendments**
- Connie Ontario East progression
 - Skatepark planning, Arena development planning and funding
 - Ecotourism plans
 - Dcss food and transportation

movement to Ec, Dev.

Entewetatha:wi/ Nation Building: • Peter Garrow, PM •

- Entewethata:wi Nation Bldg.
 Planning Session –
- Review main table meeting minutes
- Tax exemptions
- Delegation clause
- Discission on ratification & implementation
- Chapter 26 Privacy
- Proposal on Border Matters
- Intoxicants law
- Char of ESGA outstanding subject matters
- Review of main table agendas and meeting dates.
- Lots of great discussion around
 many of the areas of concern.

DCSS: Joey Morin-Lauzon, Director

Questions and Concerns from

Chiefs.

- Detox Centre
- Transportation Program & FSP
- CSP- Access partnership and policies, partnership with Human services @ city of Cornwall; mcr for trades lab funds; talks of partnership with acfs too.
- AFWP- Ext to the building & Bathrooms, OW issues; homelessness funding-service navigator position; Red Mane database
- ACFS- rollout of customary care; surplus funds from 2020/2021; prevention service activitiescommunity forum; MCR for 1.4
 million; grievances around oncall and inclement weather directives.
- Administration- Still looking for an EA; putting final changes to JD's and the org charts; advocating for increased salaries as we have been waiting 2 years.

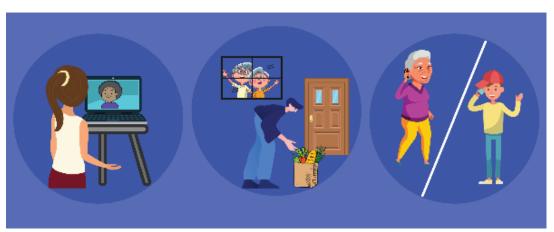
MCA/SRMT collaboration Covid-19

- MCA updates provided by Donna active cases, change effective with Ontario movements, proof of vaccinations for work and entry, recreations, MCR's that need changing, at full capacity, passive screenings will begin,
- SRMT update provided by Derek Comins- Moving toward dismantling the EOC (Emergency Operations Center) by end of month, masks are still required in clinics, elders, and group homes,
- EOC Delivery of supplies at recreations to be given out on Friday, any supplies left can be left with recs.
- The coast guard is coming in to break the ice this weekend.
- Upcoming strategy meeting not discussed; Chief Tim will address GG.



KEEP OUR ELDERS SAFE.





DON'T VISIT IF YOU HAVE SYMPTOMS.

KANA: TAKON DISTRICT CHIEF JULIE PHILLIPS-JACOBS UPDATES

Monthly Status Poport



Monthly Status Report							
REPORT START DATE:	March 21s	t,2022	REPORT END DATE:	April 22nd, 2022			
Portfolio		Updates					
Justice, Public Safety, AMBE (Ahkwesahsne Mohawk Board of Education)		 Justice portfolio-Meets on the second Thursday of each Month. Program updates are received, and any political issues are discussed. AMBE continues to meet once a month and has moved their in-camera meeting to Tuesday. Community meetings are held via zoom if community members contact the board office for the zoom link. Public Safety Portfolio- Border meetings take place on the first Tuesday of the Month. Police Commission was held on April 11th.2022. Portfolio was not available to attend this meeting due to sickness and other commitments. 					
Committees		Updates					
Finance, special needs committee.		This monthA budget p	The finance committee is currently meeting Monthly. This month's meeting was April 7. A budget presentation will be presented at the April General meeting on April 28, at the St. Regis recreation.				

Monthly Notables

Oversite Committee March 21

Meeting Type: zoom

Kanatakon District Meeting March 21 Meeting type: in person

- As previously reported, both the Cannabis and the Emergency laws are at the legal review stage. These will be presented to the community as soon as they are accepted in principle by Council.
- · We welcomed a new representative for the district of Tsi Snaihne, Tesha Rourke.
- One of the roles of the Oversite Committee is to seek community input on laws that
 the community sees as a priority. A survey/ brochure has gone out on social media
 and in the mail. Please contact the Justice Coordinator for any questions, feedback
 or to submit your survey. There are also locations in each district to drop off the
 survey. Iohahio, CIA 3 Akwesasne Court and the Justice Department. Deadline is May
 3^{rd.} Niawen for your participation.
- I sent my regrets for the district meeting as I was out of town.
- Fiber to the home project DEADLINE is April 30 for St. Regis and Snye. Kanatakon Numbers of those signed up are still low. It costs nothing to have the line come to your home while they are still in this phase. Once complete you will be asked to pay to get the line to your home. If you have not signed up with economic development, you are encouraged to do so by emailing <u>allie.om@akwesasne.ca</u> or call 613 575 2250 and ask for Economic Development.

General meeting

March 24 Meeting Type: Hybrid

Leadership meeting

April 1 St. Regis Recreation Meeting type: in person

Border Partners Meeting

April 5th

Meeting type: zoom

Finance Meeting

April 7th

Meeting Type: Zoom

- General meetings can be viewed on our akwesasne.ca website. To get the agenda, chief reports and the link for the meeting send an email to meeting@akwesasne.ca
- March was our first Hybrid General Meeting. I joined via Zoom as I was out of town.
 There were a few minor hiccups but over all this went well. April's meeting is at the
 St. Regis Recreation at 6p.m It will also be a Hybrid meeting, which means that those
 that wish to attend in person may do so and those that are not comfortable with
 meeting in person can join online via zoom.
- Before COVID 19 Akwesasne leadership namely, The St. Regis Mohawk Tribe, The
 Mohawk Nation, and the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne would get together to
 discuss common concerns within our governments on a quarterly or as needed
 basis. We tried to keep this going but with the difficulties of meeting on zoom this
 only happened in emergency situations throughout the pandemic.
- . With a drop in COVID 19 numbers we felt it was safe to meet.
- We had an agenda that included ideas on how we go forward. Is there a need for
 protocols to be developed from what we have experienced throughout this
 pandemic? This was discussed and will be an agenda item at the next meeting so that
 everyone has time to reflect on the question.
- The St. Regis Mohawk Tribe presented information on the New York State land claim and how the latest ruling will affect the claim going forward.
- The last item was hunting and fishing. Discussion revolved around how we protect
 our rights on and off reserve. The importance of having our own guides if fishing and
 hunting permits are given out and the education that must be done so as not to
 deplete the fish and so the community knows where not to fish from.
- · The St. Regis Mohawk Tribe will host the next meeting in July.
- The St. Regis Mohawk tribe reported that Masks are only needed in the health facility.
- The US (United States) port of entry had no one on covid protocols, there has been an increase of traffic since the testing mandate was lifted by CBSA (Canada Border Service Agency). There will be new agents at our border as some are relocated to Southern border.
- CBSA lifted the testing requirement as of April 1^{st.} Still need to fill our Arrive Can app
 to enter back into Canada. Not everyone is aware of this, so it is slowing traffic down
 at the port. CBSA will be hiring summer students at the port for mostly admin tasks. I
 sent them the name of the A.C.E.S.S program coordinator that handles our summer
 employment.
- The search for Community members to sit on the Finance Committee continues.
- Discussion was had around the Budget presentation to the Community at the next General meeting. Each director will present their departments via zoom.
- An update was given concerning the Interim Comptroller position. The
 administration is currently in discussions with a candidate and a succession plan is
 also being developed.
- A reminder was given that only Managers can sign off on invoices and P. O's as they
 are the ones that need to keep track of the budget in their programs.
- Signing authorities were discussed and an MCR (Mohawk Council Resolution) will be coming forward to clarify the limits of some positions.
- Information was shared on old files of past due accounts and when would be a suitable time to consider writing them off? This will be research further.
- · Conflict of interest form has not been completed yet.

Iroquois Caucus Strategic Plan

April 12th

Meeting type: In person

Justice Portfolio

April 14th

Meeting Type: zoom

AMBE Trustee Mtg.

April 19th.

Meeting type: zoom

- The Coordinator for the Iroquois Caucus met with the available Council to bring MCA's views to the Strategic Plan of the Iroquois Caucus.
- Questions were asked of the council that dealt with community concerns and things
 that we love about our community. Issues that are important within Akwesasne and
 what we have done to address those issues and what we would like to do. Our
 thoughts on COO (Chiefs of Ontario) and AFN (Assembly of First Nations) (Assembly
 of First Nations) etc. These answers will be incorporated with the other Nations
 within the Iroquois Caucus and a list of priorities will be generated to help develop
 the strategic plan of the Iroquois Caucus.
- The letter of invitation to resume the Court Negotiations went to the Grand Chief's
 office to be sent out to the parties. In the last round of negotiations, a list of
 recommendations was agreed upon by all parties. It is time to get everyone, the
 provinces of Quebec, and Ontario, Canada and ISC (Indigenous Services Canada). We
 are hopeful that negotiations will resume soon but we are also aware that the
 provincial election in June will set us back.
- The Akwesasne Representative and Advocacy Program Grand Opening is on April 25.
 This program is a branch of Justice and is at 55 Water Street, Unit 130 in Cornwall.
 Various media has been invited and the Mayor and Cornwall City Council members will also be in attendance.
- At the beginning of April's General meeting, we will be having the swearing in of new Akwesasne Court Justices. Training was made available to the community last year, and now Alexandra David, Brooke Martin, Rhonda Garrow and Theresa Thompson will be Akwesasne Court Justices. Congratulations to all.
- Presentations were made to the Board on the AMBE Budget, UCDSB update, and a new book writing idea.
- The budget was presented, and Trustees were able to see where most of the budget is spent and how any deficit areas are covered.
- UCDSB representative Chief Ryan Jacobs gave an update on the ongoing issues and projects with the Upper Canada School Board. They meet at least twice a month in Kingston, and he is also on the Indigenous Representatives Committee that also meets on a regular basis.
- Peter Garrow presented an opportunity to collaborate with another author other much like what was done with Robert Munch. There is also an opportunity to collaborate on the writing of a book.
- First reading was done on policy 23- Homework and policy 28- student code of conduct.
- Next meeting for the Trustees is May 18th

ENTEWETATHA:WI PROGRAM



SUBMITTED BY THE ENTEWETATHA: WI PROGRAM

On the first Friday of May, Akwesasne observes a designated holiday known as "Saiowisakeron Day." On this day we honor John 'Saiowisakeron' Fire. In honor of his legacy please take a moment to reflect on the ramifications of a foreign governance system that controls Akwesasne's affairs and think about what self-governance would mean for you and for all Akwesasronon.

The elected government at Akwesasne was set up by the Canadian federal government under the Indian Act. This Canadian Elective (government system) was forced upon Akwesasne. Akwesasronon had tried extremely hard to protect and maintain their own traditional laws and system of governance. Even after years of writing letters of protest to the government, Canada imposed the Indian Act that required all Onkwehonwe communities to hold elections overseen by an Indian Agent.

The Indian Act is a part of a long history of assimilation policies that intends to terminate the cultural, social, economic, and political distinctiveness of Indigenous people by absorbing them into mainstream Canadian life and values. The Indian Act of 1876 made "Status Indians" wards of the Crown and controlled every aspect of life. Today, it places many restrictions on jurisdiction and management of Akwesasne, under the guise of colonization and without any prior consultation and informed consent.

To carry out this mission of installing their system of governance, Canadian law enforcement arrested and imprisoned Akwesasne Life Chiefs for one year and they were only released once when they had agreed to never hold office again. Community protests to this forced imposition of governance led to many arrests and the death of John "Saiowisakeron" Fire.

Saiowisakeron immediately recognized that these new Canadian laws and this forced foreign system of governance would break down the traditional system of self-government that had existed in Akwesasne and was created with the sole ambition of eroding our unique cultural identity as Akwesasronon. He was unarmed and had visited the Indian Agents office to check on his brother and his recognized leadership. He was simply viewed as a threat to the establishment that is known today as the colonial power of Canada. John 'Saiowisakeron" Fire was gunned down by RCMP predecessors.

More than a century after his death the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne is still resisting the confines of the Indian Act. Over the past 40 years, the Mohawks of Akwesasne have been working towards reducing the presence of the Indian Act through the Akwesasne Membership Code, Akwesasne Election Law, the establishment of Ahkwesahsne Mohawk Board of Education and more recently the Financial Administration Law. The Entewatathá:wi program has also been working on a self-government agreement along with Canada for the last 20 years. The Entewatathá:wi Self-Government Agreement aims to expand the jurisdiction in some areas over Akwesasne's affairs.

This "Saiowisakeron Day" please reflect on the fact that thousands of Akwesasronon have lived and died under the confines of the Indian Act, the major obstacle to progress at Akwesasne and a barrier in creating a thriving community that is more than capable of self-governance. Akwesasne's relationship with Canada must be on a government-to-government basis.

SOCIAL MEDIA CONNECTION

FACEBOOK STATS

Facebook Posts with the Most Reactions in April

- 1. Dairy Queen Donates \$10K for Akwesasne Skatepark
- 2. Rotary Club Donates \$5,000 to Akwesasne Skatepark
- 3. MCA Announces Appointment of Four Justices
- 4. Akwesasne Celebrates New Program Office in Cornwall to Assist Children & Families
- 5. MCA Staff and Council Wear Red to Commemorate National MMIW/G Day

Facebook Posts with the Highest Reach in April

- 1. Dairy Queen Donates \$10K for Akwesasne Skatepark 13,146 reached
- 2. Akwesasne Pet Wellness Day 2022 4,082 reached
- 3. MCA Rescinds Proof of Vaccination MCR; Public Health Measures Remain Active 3,482 reached
- 4. Rotary Club Donates \$5,000 to Akwesasne Skatepark 3,808 reached
- 5. Akwesasne Celebrates New Program Office in Cornwall to Assist Children & Families 3,355 reached

TWITTER STATS

Top Tweet for April



Mohawk Council of Akwes

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne would like to extend appreciation to the Rotary Club of Cornwall for their kind and generous donation of \$5,000 to the Akwesasne Skatepark!

Donations from organizations like the Rotary Club are helping to bring a dream into a reality.





YOUTUBE STATS

Highest Viewed Video on the MCA YouTube Channel for April

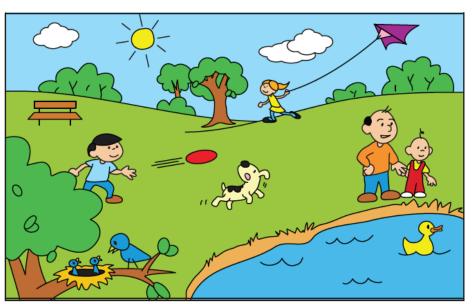
1. MCA General Meeting — April 28, 2022





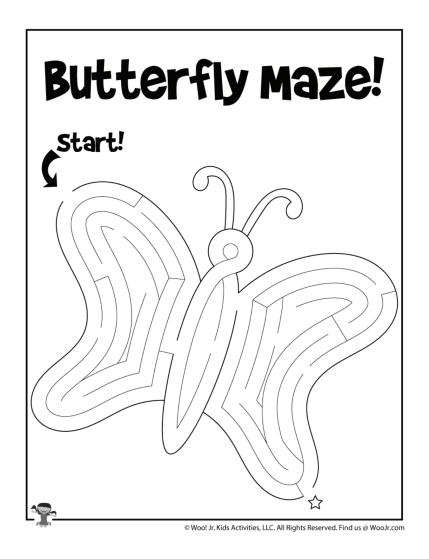
CHILDREN'S PAGE

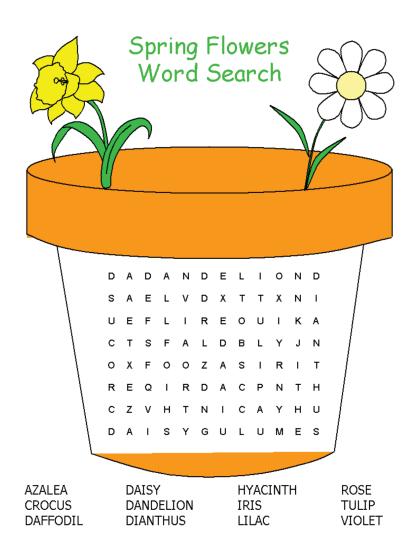
SPOT THE DIFFERENCES!





1. Kites are different. 2. Baby bird missing. 3. Buildings missing. 4. Dog becomes child. 5. Duck becomes fish.





DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

ONTARIO EXPANDS FOURTH DOSE ELIGIBILITY

The Ontario government has announced they are expanding the eligibility for fourth doses of the COV-ID-19 vaccine to individuals aged 60 and up, as well as First Nations, Inuit, and Métis individuals and their non-indigenous household members ages 18 and up, beginning on April 17th.

The fourth dose will provide an extra layer of protection against the Omicron and BA.2 variants. Canada's National Advisory Council on Immunizations (NACI) has recommended a second booster of the COVID-19 vaccine as many areas of Canada have seen an increase

in COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations.

The Community Health Program is currently taking calls to register community members for the fourth dose booster, with anticipated vaccinations for early May. Once finalized, vaccination dates will be announced. The fourth dose is eligible for individuals who are five (5) months (140 days) out from receiving their third dose.

To register for your fourth dose of the COVID-19 vaccine, please contact the Community Health Program at 613-575-2341 ext. 3220.

NON-INSURED HEALTH BENEFITS PROGRAM REMINDS COMMUNITY OF PRESCRIPTION DRUG COVERAGE CRITERIA

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne's (MCA) Non-Insured Health Benefits (ANIHB) Program is reminding community members of the criteria for prescription drug coverage. To qualify for ANIHB coverage, one must be registered with the Mohawks of Akwesasne, be a resident of Canada, and possess a valid provincial health card (OHIP, QHIP/RAMQ, etc.).

ANIHB is able to provide coverage for prescription and over-the-counter (OTC) medications, as well as exception drugs. In order to get coverage for exception



drugs, individuals must obtain a prescription and take that to their pharmacist. The pharmacist will contact ANIHB to obtain approval upon which ANIHB will process approval. Upon approval, the pharmacist will contact the individual.

Community members can review the NIHB Drug Benefits List (DBL) to determine if a prescription drug is covered under the NIHB program. This list can be found at the following link: https://nihb-ssna.express-scripts.ca/.../020514.../16/160407. The DBL contains the drugs that are included in the NIHB program, which are primarily used in a home or ambulatory setting.

For questions regarding ANIHB's prescription drug coverage, please contact the ANIHB program at 613-575-2341 ext. 3340, or ask to speak to a Benefits Analyst. Community members can also call NIHB's direct line at 613-575-1161, or 1-888-514-1966.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

DOH PROVIDES UPDATE ON LTC VISITATION POLICY

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne's (MCA) Department of Health (DOH) is providing an update to the community regarding the visitation policy for the Tsiionkwanonhso:te Long-Term Care (LTC) Facility and the lakhihsohtha Lodge. The LTCs follow COVID-19 policies set out by the Ministry of Long-Term Care, which provides the guidance LTCs are currently following. Tsiionkwanonhso:te LTC and lakhihsohtha Lodge fall under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Long-Term Care.

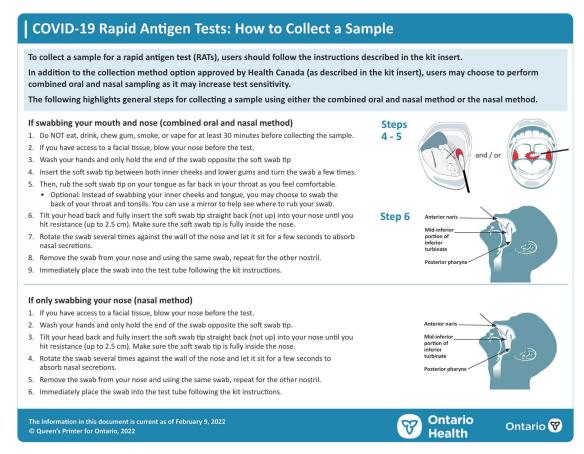
Visitors to the LTCs are still required to be fully vaccinated for indoor visitation, with the exception of palliative care, and provide proof of vaccination before entering the facilities. Vaccination is not required for outdoor visitation; however, public health guidance is followed for unvaccinated visitors (mask-wearing, so-

cial distancing, and sanitizing). General visitors are allowed including children under the age of 5. Visitors (including designated caregivers), with the exception of children under the age of 5, need to follow the vaccination policy the individual long-term care home is following.

Currently, there can be up to four (4) general visitors and/or designated caregivers visiting a resident at a time. All residents are permitted to go on social overnight absences from the LTCs.

If you have any questions about the visitation policy, please contact the Tsiionkwanonhso:te Long-Term Care Facility at 613-932-1409 or the lakhihsohtha Lodge at 613-575-2507.

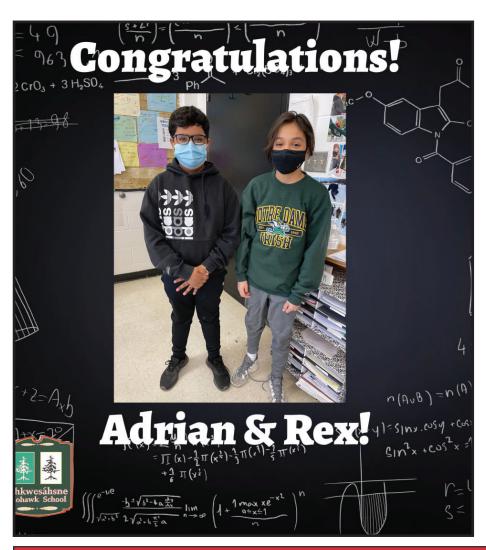
COVID-19 RAPID ANTIGEN TESTING INSTRUCTIONS

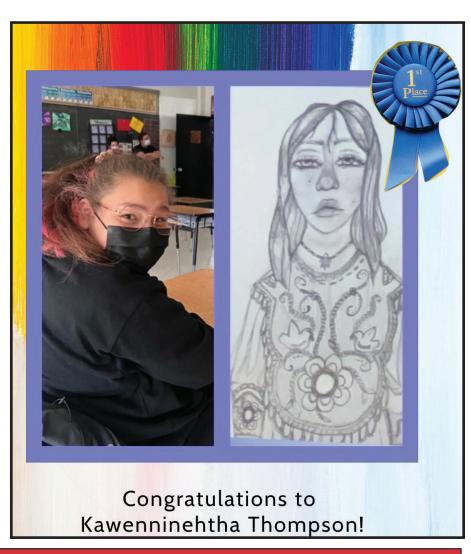


AHKWESAHSNE MOHAWK BOARD OF EDUCATION

CONGRATULATIONS TO AMBE STUDENTS!

Congratulations to Adrian and Rex who won 3rd place in the Wiseman Mathematics Contest. It is a national mathematics contest for Indigenous youth in grades 4-6. It's run by a professor at the First Nations University of Canada. Way to go! Congratulations to Kawenninehtha Thompson who won 1st Place in the First Nations Education Administrators Association (FNEAA) 2022 Storyteller National Awards!





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

Ahkwesahsne Mohawk School (613) 932-3366

CONTACT US!

Tsi Snaihne School (613) 575-2291

Kana:takon School (613) 575-2323

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

ADMINISTRATIVE PROFESSIONALS DAY



Today, and ever day, we are grateful for the support of those behind the scenes making sure important work is completed. Our organizations and teams could not operate without you! Nia:wenkowa!





ADMINISTRATIVE PROFESSIONALS DAY

Happy Administrative Professionals Day!









Happy Administrative Professionals Day!

"Teneya Mitchell and Karrie Benedict are two women who have a positive approach, and their attention to detail makes a real difference in everything they do. They always make our Tota's a priority and have taken on more responsibilities during the pandemic, often going above and beyond!

Thank you for the excellent work you do for us. You're an important part of our team and we appreciate you both!"



– **Allison "Mae" Lazore-Green** lakhihsohtha Lodge



Happy Administrative Professionals Day!

Program. She is the first voice you hear when you call us with your non-insured questions.

Wendy has been with ANIHB since November, stepping in to help us when the program was short-staffed and she continues to step in when we need an extra hand with our administrative duties. Wendy is always willing to give you a smile and a friendly hello, even during the busiest of times. She is a pleasure to have in the office to provide support to all staff!"



Assistant Program Manager, ANIHB



Happy Administrative Professionals Day!

"Amy Arquette is the Administrative Assistant for Jordan's Principle, with the Department of Health. Her commitment to ensure the office runs in a positive, efficient, and effective manner is always appreciated."

Thank you, Amy, for your support, and all you do for Jordan's Principle!"



Happy Administrative Professionals Day!

"Denise has been here for 20+ years and Dawn has been here since the pandemic. Both are the crazy glue that keep residents and staff together. We could not do without either one of these dedicated employees.

From the staff and residents, thank you for all you two do!"





July 13, 2022

is the last day to submit a claim

Its free, confidential and supports are available for you

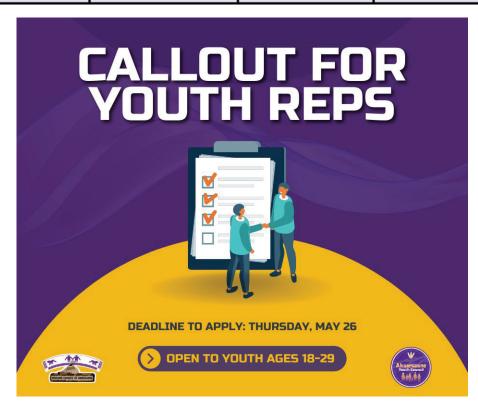


For information or legal support visit: indiandayschools.com or call 1-844-539-3815 Hope for Wellness Help Line: 1-855-242-3310

EXECUTIVE SERVICES

MCA DONATIONS REPORT FOR 2021/2022

F/Y 2021/22 ANNUAL REPORT on MCA DONATIONS								
	1 st Quarter	2 nd Quarter	3 rd Quarter	4 th Quarter	GRAND TOTAL			
Applications	36	39	56	39	170			
Approved	36	35	50	33	154			
Denied	0	4	6	6	16			
Individuals	16	20	34	21	91			
Groups	3	2	0	0	5			
Deaths	17	17	22	18	74			
Requested	\$28,500	\$30,800	\$39,000	\$27,791	\$126,091			
Allocated	\$24,800	\$24,800	\$30,300	\$22,025	\$101,925			
Budgeted	\$21,250	\$21,250	\$21,250	\$21,250	\$85,000			
Variance	-\$3,550	-\$3,550	-\$9,050	-\$775	-\$16,925			



AKWESASNE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT

AKWESASNE TRAFFIC COURT

COMMONLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Did you know if you are unable to cross the border, you be able to access those services if you are unable to can now attend traffic court in the District of Tsi Snai- pass the Good Standing Policy. hne at Iohahi:io?

How can I pay my fine?

- have to pay the court surcharge;
- 2. Over the phone, by a credit card. Call Tricia at the MCA Finance Department at 613-575-2250 ext. 2168;
- 3. Sending a cheque or money order to Akwesasne Court, Attention Akwesasne Court Clerk, CIA#3, Tewesateni Road, Akwesasne, ON K6H 0G5;
- 4. Sending a check or money order to Akwesasne Court, Attention Akwesasne Court Clerk, PO Box 489 Akwesasne, NY 13655.

Do I need a Lawyer?

No, you don't need a lawyer, we encourage you can contact Duty Counsel, Gilbert Terrance prior to your court date. He will help guide you to a favorable reso- • December 14, 2022 at CIA #3 lution.

What happens if I don't pay my court fine?

If you don't pay your fine and you need services provide by Mohawk Council of Akwesasne, you may not

I lost my ticket, when do I have to appear in court?

You can look it up on the Court website at www.akwe-1. In person, if you pay before the court date, you don't sasne.ca/justice/akwesasne-court/docket, or call the Akwesasne Court at 613-575-2250 ext. 2026.

Court date and locations in 2022

- June 8, 2022 at CIA #3
- July 13, 2022 at Iohahi:io
- August NO COURT
- September 14, 2022 at Iohahi:io
- October 12, 2022 at CIA #3
- November 9, 2022 at Iohahi:io



CONTACT US!

Akwesasne Justice Department (613) 575-2250 ext. 2400

Akwesasne Mohawk Court (613) 575-2250 ext. 1026

Conservation / Animal Control and Compliance

(613) 575-2250 ext. 2415

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY & SOCIAL SERVICES

ACFS & AMPS TEAM UP FOR SCHOOL EDUCATION



ACFS Community Support workers Marcy and Dorian teamed up with Akwesasne Mohawk Police Service's Norman King to provide in person safety education to students at AMBE schools.



DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

DAIRY QUEEN DONATES \$10K TO AKWESASNE SKATEPARK

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne would like to thank Nolan Quinn, owner of Cornwall's Dairy Queen, for the generous donation of \$10,000 to the Akwesasne Skatepark. Mr. Quinn presented the donation to Grand Chief Abram Benedict, Kawehno:ke Chief Edward Roundpoint, Director of Economic Development Kylee Tarbell, and Business Services Officer Troy Thompson on Thursday, March 14, 2022.

The Akwesasne Skatepark received several donations, including \$241,000 from Canadian Tire + Jumpstart. Nia:wenkowa Nolan Quinn and Dairy Queen!

The skatepark will be located on the grounds of the A'nowara'kowa Arena, overlooking the St. Lawrence River. Construction will begin in July 2022.

Donations such as those from Mr. Quinn will help see the completion of the project as quickly as possible, helping the Akwesasne community gain access to a place for skateboarders, and people using scooters, bikes, rollerblades and wheelchairs.



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DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

ROTARY CLUB DONATES \$5,000 TO AKWESASNE SKATEPARK

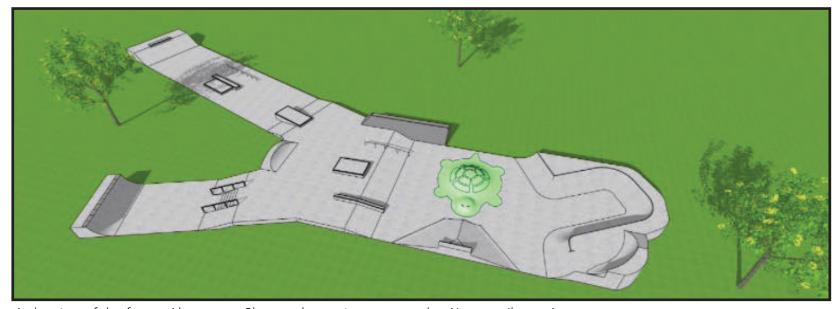
The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne would like to ex- Skatepark will offer a new form of fun and exercise for tend appreciation to the Rotary Club of Cornwall for anyone interested in skateboarding or using scoottheir kind and generous donation of \$5,000 to the Ak- ers, bikes and wheelchairs. Construction will begin this wesasne Skatepark.

summer at the A'nowara'kowa Arena.

Donations from organizations like the Rotary Club are Nia:wenkowa Rotary Club of Cornwall! helping to bring a dream into a reality. The Akwesasne



Pictured is Troy Thompson (MCA Dept. of Economic Development), Kawehno:ke Chief Edward Roundpoint and Grand Chief Abram Benedict accepting the donation from Heather Megill and Beverley Taylor of the Rotary Club.



A drawing of the future Akwesasne Skatepark, coming soon to the A'nowara'kowa Arena.

DEPARTMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE AND HOUSING

WASTE & RECYCLING PICKUP SCHEDULE

Please consider tearing this page out and displaying somewhere for your easy reference and reminder.



AKWESASNE MOHAWK POLICE SERVICE





On April 7, 2022, the Akwesasne Mohawk Police Service received a complaint about a home improvement contractor that offered to provide upgrades and repairs to a residence on Kawehno:ke. The contractor has been going door-to-door and advised the complainant that he worked for a business offering these services.

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne requires that any individuals, companies, or representatives that are non-members and enter the territory soliciting business door-to-door must obtain an Itinerant Vendor Permit. In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the issuance of these permits has been placed on hold until the Emergency Declaration has been lifted.

The Akwesasne Mohawk Police are asking residents to be mindful that home improvement scams can start with a knock on the door, a flyer, or an ad. The contractor may offer a low price or a short timeframe. One common hook is when the scammer claims to be working in your neighborhood on another project and has leftover supplies. Once started, the contractor may "find" issues that significantly raise the price.

MARCH POLICE STATISTICS

- 1 Robbery Other Offensive Weapons
- 2 Theft -Automobile
- 1 Theft Under \$5000 Other
- 1 Mischief Over \$5000
- 4 Mischief (prop. damage) Under \$5000
- 2 Cannabis Trafficking
- 5 Immigration Act
- 1 Abandoned Vehicles
- 5 Alarms
- 2 Assist Other Agencies Ambulance
- 4 Assist Other Agencies Cornwall PS
- 10 Assist Other Agencies- Other
- 4 Assist Other Agencies Tribal PD
- 35 Assist Public
- 2 Document Service
- 2 Breach of Probation
- 7 By-Law Dogs
- 2 By-Law Noise
- 3 By-Law Other
- 5 Civil Dispute
- 13 Community Service
- 5 Crime Prevention

- 1 Domestic Dispute (non-violent)
- 4 Escorts Prisoner
- 2 Other Federal Statute Offences
- 7 Judges Order
- 1 Phone Calls
- 2 Suspicious Persons
- 5 Suspicious Vehicle
- 14 Suspicious Circumstances
- 5 Warrant Bench/First
- 1 Warrant Search
- 2 Missing Persons
- 1 Hazardous Conditions
- 7 Provincial Statues Other
- 7 Marine Patrol
- 1 Sex Offender Registry
- 6 Assault Level 1
- 1 Assault Weapon/CBH Level 2
- 1 Assault Police
- 1 Other Sexual Offences
- 1 Admin Assist Other Agency
- 2 Assist Other Department Fire
- 3 Impaired Operation MV

- 1 Fail to Stop / Remain (HTA)
- 1 Drive Disqualified / License Suspended
- 8 Traffic Provincial Statues
- 4 PD MVC Over \$1000 (Prop. Damage)



AKWESASNE MOHAWK POLICE SERVICE

NATIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATIONS WEEK



AKWESASNE MOHAWK POLICE SERVICE CELEBRATES POLICE WEEK

The Akwesasne Mohawk Police Service will be celebrating Police Week from May 15-21, 2022. Police Week was first observed in 1970 and coincides with Peace Officers Memorial Day, recognized internationally on May 15. This year's theme, Helping Build Safer Communities", highlights and celebrates the important role our police officers, public safety dispatchers, and personnel play in helping build and maintain healthy and safe communities

As we continue to recover from the COVID-19 pan- Follow us on Facebook and Instagram for additional demic, police services will continue to find creative information on Police Week 2022

ways to connect with the communities they serve to promote our profession and our people during Police Week.Our police officers, communication dispatchers, and civilian personnel work hard every day to earn the public's trust and confidence.

The Akwesasne Mohawk Police Service and community partners will be hosting a number of social media and in person events during Police Week 2022.

AKWESASNE MOHAWK POLICE SERVICE



The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne is currently filling vacant seats on the Akwesasne Mohawk Police Commission (AMPC) for the districts of Tsi Snaihne, Kawehno:ke, and Kana:takon with a term of three (3) years.

To qualify for appointment to the AMPC, a candidate must:

- be enrolled as a member of Akwesasne pursuant to the Akwesasne Membership Code (does not include probationary members);
- be twenty-one (21) years of age or older;
- possess good character, credibility and reputation in the Akwesasne community;
- must not be a member of Council, except for the District Chief appointed under section 3.2;
- not have a criminal record relating to an indictable offence in Canada or a felony in the United States upon taking oath of office and must consent to a Level 1 Criminal Record Check through the SRMT Police Service and the AMPS and shall, with their application provide a sworn declaration that they have not been convicted of offences described under subsection 3.4 (e) of the Charter;
- not have been removed from office pursuant to Section 16 of the AMPC Charter within the past five (5) years;
- reside in the District from which they are appointed;

• and must not be an officer or civilian employee nor have an immediate family member who is an officer or civilian staff of the AMPS and in the case of former employees of the Akwesasne Mohawk Police Service that person must have been removed for at least two (2) years prior to their appointment to the AMPC.

Interested candidates are required to state in letter form:

- that they fulfill the above listed qualifications;
- a brief description of your previous involvement in community affairs;
- a summary of reasons you wish to become an Akwesasne Mohawk Police Commissioner;
- and provide a Criminal Record Check from AMPS and the St. Regis Mohawk Tribal Police.

In accordance with the Akwesasne Mohawk Policing Agreement and the AMPC Charter, all interested residents are asked to submit completed packages no later than Friday, May 20th, 2022 at 4 p.m.

Please submit packages to:

Mohawk Council of Akwesasne

Mohawk Government

ATTN: Chelsea Francis

12 Akwesasne St, Akwesasne, QC H0M 1A0

(Admin. I Building in Kana:takon)







STAY HOME & KEEP OTHERS SAFE.



Your mind matters. Help is here.

Contact the Mental Health Program for mental health services and counselling at 613-575-2341 ext. 3115.