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## PUBLIC CONSULTATION MEETING HELD FOR DEMOLITION OF OLD ADMIN 2 BUILDING



The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne's Department of Infrastructure & Housing (DIH), along with Public Works and Government Services Canada (PWGSC), hosted a public consultation Zoom meeting to inform and engage the community on the upcoming demolition of the former Administration 2 building at 92 Third Street, Kana:takon (St. Regis). The building was the former location of Mohawk Government and offices of the chiefs. It was vacated in 2014 due to poor air quality and building conditions.

The MCA is working to restart meetings, including the monthly General Meetings, by utilizing different avenues of information-sharing, such as ZOOM, to help ensure that our community stays informed and up-to-date.

## UPCOMING MCA MEETINGS & SPECIAL DATES:

### August General Meeting

A Zoom General Meeting will be held on August 27, 2020.

Please send an email to [meetings@akwesasne.ca](mailto:meetings@akwesasne.ca) to receive a link.

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



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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](mailto:communications@akwesasne.ca).

## FIVE THINGS

OUR MONTHLY LIST OF FACTS, REMINDERS &  
IMPORTANT MESSAGES

- 1 MCA is urging community members to continue practicing social distancing as rates of COVID-19 climb in Akwasasne. To see the practices you can take to stop the spread of COVID-19 see page 7.
- 2 With the warm, summer days, community members are heading outside for their fun. Just be reminded that currently, the recreation centres and fields remain closed due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.
- 3 The Mohawk Council of Akwasasne has officially licensed two cannabis retailers, Green Chief Naturals and Island Flower, along with one cultivator, Bright Sky Growers. To read more, see page 5.
- 4 As the Mohawk Council of Akwasasne reopens to the public, please be mindful that new guidelines and protocols are in place for the safety and protection of all. See more on page 22.
- 5 The Akwasasne Mohawk Ambulance staff member Issac McDonald just received his paramedic certification. Congratulations and to hear more about his journey, see page 30.

## MCA SENDS NOTICE TO RCMP AND SURETE DU QUEBEC

In response to community complaints over several concerning instances of outside agencies policing in Akwesasne, the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne submitted notice in writing to both the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) and the Surete du Quebec to remind them of the proper protocols. The capabilities of the community's own police department – the Akwesasne Mohawk Police Service – was highlighted as well as the long history of police issues our community members have experienced.

In the letter to the RCMP dated June 29, 2020, Grand Chief Abram Benedict wrote, "As the federally recognized local government, the MCA takes the position that AMPS is the police force responsible to patrol our waters and we are committed to strengthening border security and addressing threats. We take the concerns raised by our community about outside law enforcement agencies patrolling our waters seriously. It would be most beneficial for Canada to assist Akwesasne, rather than dictate to us or to our community members. We cannot assume that our community members would passively accept the imposition of an outside enforcement agency attempting to enforce laws on our territory without jurisdiction." The letter continued, "The larger issue

at hand is why the RCMP appears to be overly enthusiastic about maintaining a presence in Akwesasne's territorial waters when they are not needed and their presence has not been requested. The Akwesasne Mohawk Police Service (AMPS) continues to be the community police service responsible for the safety and security of the community of Akwesasne under the jurisdiction of the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne. Akwesasne is our territory and we have jurisdiction here."

### **"AKWESASNE IS OUR TERRITORY AND WE HAVE JURISDICTION HERE."**

Similar messaging was included in a July 20, 2020 letter to the Surete du Quebec (SQ), in which Grand Chief Benedict wrote, "It would be most beneficial for the SQ to maintain their role of being willing and able to provide assistance to AMPS, only upon request, and to cease entering our territory under any other circumstance."

In response, both the RCMP and SQ agreed to support the Akwesasne Mohawk Police.

The SQ's response, dated July 23, 2020, stated that the SQ will cease

unwelcome policing in Akwesasne territory and only intervene if they are invited to do so.

In a response dated July 15, 2020 RCMP confirmed their intentions to work mutually and respectfully, and outlined recent efforts to build positive relations. One measure is a training program the RCMP is offering to AMPS officers on marine vessel patrol which will enhance the capacity of AMPS to patrol the rivers.

"Once the AMPS members have received their vessel operator training, they (AMPS) will be independently conducting the majority of the patrols in that area with the assistance of the Cornwall RCMP marine members when required," the RCMP wrote. The RCMP is also in the process of updating previous Memorandums of Understanding to reflect joint patrols with AMPS on board.

The RCMP continued, "We completely agree that AMPS is and will continue to be the community police service responsible for the safety and security of the community of Akwesasne."

Should community members have additional concerns or questions, please contact the Mohawk Government Office at 613-575-2348.



# NEWS

## SAINT REGIS MOHAWK TRIBE & MOHAWK COUNCIL OF AKWESASNE REPORT TWO NEW COVID-19 CASES TODAY (JULY 27, 2020)

The Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe and Mohawk Council of Akwesasne are confirming two (2) new positive cases of COVID-19 in the Akwesasne community. The two cases are being reported by the Tribe's Health Services and are in addition to the eight (8) cases announced last week. The new cases make a cumulative total of ten (10) active cases reported since Monday, July 20th and fourteen (14) total cases reported in Akwesasne since the start of the Coronavirus pandemic, with four (4) resolved.

Following contact tracing, it has been determined these two new cases are not related to the cluster from last week and were not contracted in the community. No further information is being provided to protect patient privacy. We are strongly encouraging community members to place the health and safety of our community

as a priority. The coronavirus is all around us however, protecting and keeping our community safe from the virus begins with your own personal actions. You are the frontline in our community's fight to prevent the further spread of COVID-19 in Akwesasne.

**“WE ASK THAT THESE SITUATIONS NOT BE USED TO JUDGE, MISTREAT OR SLANDER ANY PERSON OR FAMILY.”**

As a reminder, we ask that these situations not be used to judge, mistreat, or slander any person or family. We strongly advise the community to come together and show compassion for those who are ill or infected, and to unite in our strategy to keep the COVID-19

virus at bay. We ask that you follow all the preventive measures being recommended by both Emergency Operation Centers.

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If you have a non-medical emergency matter or require essential items, please call the Tribe's Emergency Operations Center at (518) 320-0019 or MCA's EOC at (613) 575-5005 or (613) 575-2331. We are all in this together.

# COVID-19 COMMUNITY UPDATES



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# NEWS

## MCA ISSUES FIRST RETAIL CANNABIS BUSINESSES LICENSES

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne has officially licensed the first businesses in the community to enter the recreational cannabis industry. Two retailers and one cultivator have been licensed in compliance with the Akwesasne Interim Cannabis Regulation and thorough application process.

"We have received several applications for licensing throughout the past year and we appreciate our business community's patience as our staff worked to develop the required processes for safety and accountability," said Grand Chief Abram Benedict. "We know that many businesses have worked hard to ensure their operation meets the requirements for health and safety which was our first and foremost priority. Additional licensing will continue and we support the growth of our economy, addition of jobs, and influx of outside dollars that will help businesses thrive."

The licensed cannabis businesses are:

- Green Chief Naturals, located at 341 Island Road, Kawehno:ke (Cornwall Island).
- Island Flower, located at 155 Akwesasne International Road, Unit #5, Kawehno:ke (Cornwall Island).
- Bright Sky Growers, located on Kawehno:ke (Cornwall Island) - Cultivator

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MCA wishes to acknowledge that these businesses abided by the necessary requirements and lengthy

application process in accordance with their community's interest in having a regulated cannabis industry. Any other cannabis businesses operating in the territory are unlicensed, unregulated and there can be no assurances of their safety or legitimacy.

These licensed businesses have also entered into community contribution agreements which will provide benefits to the community at large, which unlicensed cannabis businesses do not contribute to.

Recreational cannabis was legalized in Canada in October, 2018. Through a public survey and formal agenda item at the May 2018 MCA General Meeting, Council accepted direction from the community that a regulated cannabis industry was necessary to protect the health and safety of Akwesasne. In order to circumvent risks associated with an unregulated *continued on page 6*

## MOHAWK COUNCIL OF AKWESASNE LICENSED CANNABIS BUSINESSES

### GREEN CHIEF NATURALS

341 Island Road  
Kawehno:ke

### ISLAND FLOWER

155 Akwesasne International  
Road, Unit #5  
Kawehno:ke

### BRIGHT SKY GROWERS

Kawehno:ke

# NEWS

## MCA ISSUES FIRST RETAIL CANNABIS BUSINESSES LICENSES (CON'T)

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cannabis industry, MCA adopted the Akwesasne Interim Cannabis Regulation on October 17, 2018. The regulation provides a formal process for cannabis oversight while an official law can be developed through the community's Akwesasne Legislative Enactment Regulation process. The cannabis law continues to be in development.

The Akwesasne Interim Cannabis Regulation, which can be read at <http://www.akwesasne.ca/>

indicates the criteria for cultivating, selling and transporting recreational cannabis. The regulations stipulate, in part, that:

- No person under 18 is permitted to possess cannabis.
- Cannabis must be purchased from a licensed dispensary.
- Cannabis may only be transported to Tsi Snaihne and Kana:takon by watercraft, utilizing an approved route.
- Any person who wishes to produce, sell or distribute cannabis must be licensed to do so by the Mohawk

Council of Akwesasne.

The community is encouraged to review the full Akwesasne Interim Cannabis Regulation and ensure that any cannabis-related activity is conducted in accordance with the stipulations of this regulation.

Applications for cannabis licenses continue to be accepted and processed. Please contact the Economic Development office at 613-575-2250 Ext. 1805 for more information.

## RECREATION CENTRES & FIELDS REMAIN CLOSED

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne is informing the community that the district recreation centres and their fields remain closed due to COVID-19.

While Ontario has allowed for some re-opening of outdoor, low-contact recreation areas, the Tsi Snaihne, Kana:takon and Kawehno:ke recreation centres all remain closed until such time as the committees sub-

mit re-opening plans to MCA for approval. The executive director, along with the health department and emergency measures staff, will review re-opening plans with the community's health and safety as a top priority.

The recreation centre closures apply to all activities, indoors and outdoors, and applies to any use of play structures, athletic fields

such as soccer or softball, and splash pads. Should the recreation committees wish to open parts of their outdoor facilities that are low-contact, they can make plans to do so in compliance with health and safety requirements.

Please keep Akwesasne safe, practice social distancing and limit opportunities for COVID-19 transmission.





# NEWS

## URGENT REMINDER: SOCIAL DISTANCING AND PRECAUTIONS REMAIN NECESSARY TO KEEP AKWESASNE SAFE FROM COVID-19

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne and Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe are urging the community to continue practicing social distancing to avoid the spread of COVID-19 in Akwesasne. No one is immune to the possibility of being infected and spreading the virus to others.

The recent cases of COVID-19 in our community are an urgent call to all of us to be on alert and to continue taking extreme measures to avoid tragedy.

The following practices are vital to stop the spread of the COVID-19 virus to our community members.

- Refrain from gatherings of more than ten people, and keep 6-feet/2-metres of distance from anyone outside your household.
- Wear a mask in any situation where you might

exchange the virus, including outdoors. Wash your hands frequently and immediately after touching surfaces or objects that could be contaminated.

- Parties, boating, beaching, and funerals are not an exception to the risk of spreading COVID-19. Do not let your guard down for these activities.
- Any travel outside the territory should be for essential purposes. MCA continues to advise of a 50-mile radius travel limit in all directions, and the SRMT continues to advise of a 50-mile radius travel limit north of the border, and a 100-mile radius travel limit for southern travel.
- If you may have been exposed to the virus, testing is critical along with a 14-day quarantine.

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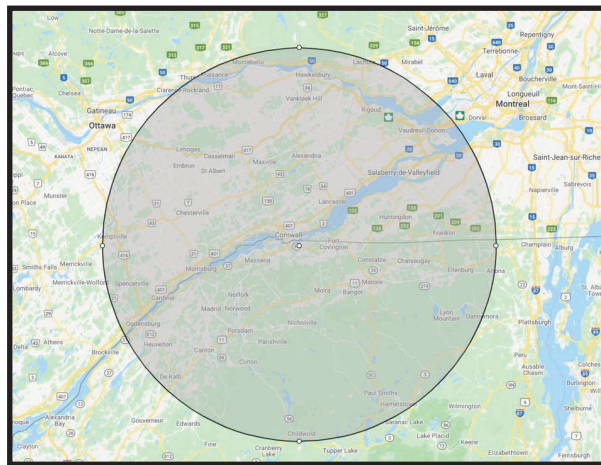
## 50-MILE TRAVEL RESTRICTION CONTINUES IN NORTHERN PORTION OF AKWESASNE

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne is informing community members that the 50-mile travel restriction will continue to be in effect in the northern portion of Akwesasne. With regions in reopening stages, we will need to continue to err on the side of caution to ensure our community remains safe. Montreal continues to see an increase in positive cases of COVID 19. Quebec has taken a reopening approach similar to US cities, which have resulted in a spike in new cases.

Knowing that most cases in our community have been related to travel outside of Akwesasne, we are proceeding with caution and will continue to reassess weekly. We are trying to learn from others and ensure that the health and safety of all Akwesasronon is our top priority. We will continue to monitor the situation and reassess our measures when possible.

We strongly urge Akwesasronon to take precautions to avoid the spread of the virus within our community. While we receive direction and guidance from health authorities such as the Eastern Ontario Health

Unit, Akwesasne has maintained restrictions above and beyond those recommendations for the health and safety of our community, especially our most vulnerable.



*Here is a map that outlines the 50 Mile/80 Kilometer travel restrictions implemented by elected leadership from the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne and the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe.*

On April 13, 2020, the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne passed MCR 2020/21 – #003 to enact the Akwesasne Emergency Curfew Law. The Akwesasne Emergency Curfew Law was enacted as a health and safety measure in our fight against the spread of COVID-19 and serves to provide clear directives to our community members on the following emergency measures which are in place:

1. All residents of Akwesasne shall remain at their place of residence

between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m. Only essential service workers will be exempted from this restriction.

2. Activities at all other times are limited to essential activities.
3. When engaged in essential activities in public, best efforts must be made to maintain a physical distance of 6 feet from any other individual.
4. Social gatherings are to be avoided.
5. Residents who are returning to Akwesasne from any location outside the 50-mile radius, who are displaying COVID-19 symptoms, must self-isolate for at least 14 days.
6. Residents who are returning to Akwesasne from any location outside the 50-mile radius, who have no COVID-19 symptoms, must self-quarantine for at least 14 days and monitor for symptoms.
7. For monitoring and tracking purposes, residents returning to Akwesasne from outside the 50-mile radius must inform the MCA Department of Health of their circumstances, as to whether they are isolating or quarantining.

**“WE STRONGLY URGE AKWESASRONON TO TAKE PRECAUTIONS TO AVOID THE SPREAD OF THE VIRUS WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY.”**

# NEWS

## MCA GARBAGE PICKUP FOR DISTRICT RESIDENTS ONLY

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne has received a number of formal complaints regarding non-district members disposing of their household trash on the Northern portion of the Akwesasne. MCA currently pays for all trash disposal services for its residents, and does not rely on external funding sources for this service. Garbage collection services is now costing the community approximately a half-million dollars per year. As unwanted/unwarranted trash is added, it causes the cost of these services to escalate. Please note that MCA garbage pickup is for district residents only.

If you do not currently reside in northern Akwesasne in one of the three districts, please refrain from disposing garbage at any household or MCA public facility.

For Akwesasronon that reside under the jurisdiction of the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe, garbage pickup is available through their Pay-As-You-Throw (PAYT) program, better known as the "Blue Bag Program." Residents can pre-purchase 30-gallon bags and then

place the bags out to the curb on Tuesdays for the SRMT weekly pickup by Tribal staff who gather the bags with their collection vehicle.



## STAY UPDATED ON ALL THINGS AKWESASNE



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# NEWS

## COMMUNITY MEMBERS MUST FOLLOW RESPECT IN THE WORKPLACE POLICY WHEN VISITING MCA BULDINGS

The MCA currently has the Respect in the Workplace Policy in place and would like to kindly remind the community as we re-open to the public during the pandemic that section 6 and 7 of the policy applies to the community also.

RITWP 6.0 Violence: Workplace violence is any action, threat, gesture or conduct by a person towards an employee in the workplace that can be reasonably expected to cause harm, injury or illness to another. It also includes any form of domestic violence that an employee may experience in the workplace. It is a crime to assault another person and the appropriate law enforcement will be contacted. There may be instances of violence that occur in the workplace that require a designated employee or employees to contact the Akwesasne Mohawk Police Service (AMPS) immediately (i.E. without consultation with the HR Manager or the Executive Director).

### Workplace violence includes, but is not limited to:

- Disruptive behaviour and acts of aggression that are inappropriate in the workplace, such as swearing yelling, vandalism, sabotage, theft and anger-related incidents;

- Unwanted or hostile physically aggressive behaviour such as assault, hitting, kicking, spitting, shaking a fist at someone, finger-pointing, shoving, standing excessively close to someone in an aggressive manner, punching, throwing objects, property damage and fighting;



- Verbal or written threats;
- Any action which a reasonable person would believe would cause injury, harm or endanger the safety of themselves or others;
- Wielding a weapon at work;
- Bringing a weapon to work;
- Stalking; or
- Statement(s) or behaviours that are reasonable for an employee to interpret as a threat to exercise physical force against the employee that could cause phys-

ical injury.

7.0 Risk Assessment (lengthy section will only extract what applies to a community member as a reminder)

7.0 8. If an employee believes that someone who is not an employee of the MCA (e.g. a community member, client supplier, consultant, council member, etc.) has harassed or discriminated against an employee, the harassment should be reported in writing to the immediate supervisor. Every effort will be made to address the issue and prevent further problems from arising.

### Consequences of Violating this Policy: 7.0 8. specific

Community members who are in violation of this policy could have services temporarily suspended until the violation has been addressed and remedied.

External contractors, suppliers or service providers who are in violation of this Policy could result in termination of the contract for services.

We are respectfully asking everyone to be kind and patient as we resume full operations during this pandemic. Niawenhko:wa.



# ENTEWATATHÁ:WI - "WE WILL GOVERN"

## ENTEWATATHÁ:WI AND COVID-19

The Entewatathá:wi members have continued working from home these past few months during this pandemic and returned to our offices on June 29, 2020. We have been using new technology (ZOOM and SKYPE) to connect ourselves, our lawyer and Canada's officials as we do a legal technical review of the Entewatatha:wi Self Government Agreement. It was a learning experience as we adapted to this new working environment respecting the protocols of hosting video conferences. We are thankful to the abilities of Cheavee Willie who was able to skillfully deliver and upload documents for efficient meetings. The meetings was able to keep the momentum of the Entewatathá:wi Self Government Agreement (ESGA) progressing.

**Since February Entewatatha:wi members hosted the following meeting:**

### Negotiations Meetings

5 - Internal Negotiation Preparation Meetings - February 2020

1 Akwesasne/Canada Self Government Negotiation meeting with in February. The Self Government negotiations were then placed on suspension due to COVID-19

### Legal Technical Review

This is the process of reviewing the ESGA from a legal point of view prior to the formal negotiations to correct grammar, formatting and clarity with respect to existing laws. There continues to be a tremendous amount of work to bring the ESGA document to this stage based on consolidations and legal advice. These meetings are instrumental to ensure the agreement is in compliance to existing and future Akwesasne laws and relevant Federal laws. No substantial decisions or major resolutions were concluded without the presence and participation of Mohawk Council.

14 ZOOM Internal Legal Technical Review sessions were

conducted during this time from March 24 to July 13 with Entewatatha:wi staff, Legal Counsel and Assistant Executive Director participating.

9 Legal Technical Review ZOOM meetings with Canada Justice Lawyer and Crown - Indigenous Relations, Northern Affairs Canada Policy Advisor and our Internal Legal Technical Review team to review the chapters of the ESGA up to Chapter 18 of the agreement.

### Specialized meetings

Hosting additional specific topic meetings provide the background and information gathering for negotiations.

1 meeting with the Office of Vital Statists

1 meeting Self-Government Fiscal Relations

3 meetings regarding Land Code

2 meetings regarding Akwesasne Governance Code

### Staff

14 Staff meetings with video streaming was the most efficient way to deliver updates on COVID-19 regarding the impact on Akwesasne and the Emergency Procedures.

Other topics covered in our staff meetings were updates and discussions on the individual work being done for the Internal Technical Reviews and Community Communication Strategy.

During this time we welcomed Joanna Jesmer as the Research Writer, who conducts research and review on various reports regarding Entewatathá:wi initiatives. Jesmer is responsible for preparing and presenting various views on legal reports, and preparing research for press releases and public notices concerning the agreements.

In moving forward, we will be implementing Communication Actives, and dealing with outstanding matters

# ENTEWATATHÁ:WI - "WE WILL GOVERN"

## TSI SNAIHNE DISTRICT CHIEF CONNIE LAZORE UPDATES

that have been placed on suspension due to COVID-19. Cheavee Willie, Research Writer Joanna Jesmer, Communications Mavis Williamson. For further information, call 613.575.5341 ext. 3193.

The Entewatathá:wi members consists of; Coordinator Peter Garrow, Policy Analyst Rachel Lazare, Administer

## ENTEWATATHÁ:WI WELCOMES TWO NEW STAFF MEMBERS

Peter Garrow, coordinator for Entewatathá:wi – “We will Govern” is pleased to present two new members to the team. Joanna Jesmer has many years of experience as a Naturalized Knowledge Systems researcher and brings her knowledge of the needs of the Mohawk community to Nation Building. She is a graduate of Trent University, Peterborough, On, with a Bachelor of Arts in Native History and MST- Master in Science of Teaching SUNY at Potsdam N.Y. Joanna has two children and 3 grandchildren.

Mavis Williamson joined the team in December. She

brings experience in public relations as a past instructor and doing public relations. Mavis earned her Bachelor of Arts, degree at Mount Allison University, Sackville, NB with a major in Commerce and minor in Sociology. She brings her past experience of working in communication for a public environment and non profit organizations. Her and husband recently moved to Cornwall they have two children and three grandchildren.

Peter Garrow noted that he is “pleased to have individuals with such skills bringing their background and experience to our table. Welcome to Entewatathá:wi!”



(Left to right) Mavis Williamson, Communications; Peter Garrow, Coordinator of Entewatathá:wi; and Joanna Jesmer, Research Writer.



# COUNCIL AND MOHAWK GOVERNMENT

## COUNCIL WEEKLY MEETING REPORT

SUBMITTED BY GRAND CHIEF ABRAM BENEDICT



### JULY 6, 2020

- Council discussed the increase in traffic in our waters and community concerns with non-locals using private waterfront property in Akwesasne for social gatherings. A Chiefs' Committee will meet to discuss potential solutions for Council's consideration.
- A briefing was provided on a letter to be drafted to community organizations requesting resumption plans if they wish to re-open their facility or resume activities/events; Council agreed that plans for the use of both

inside and outside areas needs to be included.

- Council identified a committee to review any resumption plans submitted by community organizations.
- A briefing was provided on concerns about violations of a lease agreement on Stanley Island in relation to garbage disposal; administration will follow up with OVS.
- Council agreed that the Chiefs' roundtable updates will resume at next week's Council Meeting.
- A briefing was provided on engaging the Cornwall & the Counties Community Futures Development Corporation (CFDC) to assist with community engagement and project management for the Cornwall Harbor.

- Council agreed that the agenda for the ZOOM General Meeting scheduled for July 30, 2020 will be an overview of MCA's response to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

- **MCRs passed:** Approval of funding agreement for Health for COVID-19 Response Fund; Approval to extend the term of the Akwesasne Community Settlement Trust Trustees to October 31, 2020; Approval of service contract for Duty Council and Prosecutor for the Akwesasne Court; Approval of Assignment of Lease on Pilon Island; Approval of Assignment of Lease on St. Francis Island; Approval of Assignment of Lease on Hamilton Island; Approval of Assignment of Lease on Renshaw Island.

### JULY 13, 2020

- Council discussed the draft Akwesasne Emergency Response Law and agreed to send it to Justice to be considered under the law enactment process.
- A briefing was provided on a recent request for the return of a small portion of land no longer being used for a community well;

Council will consider the request in the coming weeks.

- Council discussed the anticipated annual request from the Cree Nation to hunt in our territory and decided that a letter should be sent to inform them that, due to the pandemic, their request cannot be approved at this time.
- A briefing was provided on the

format for the July 30, 2020 General Meeting via Zoom; community members will have to request connection coordinates and will be able to e-mail/call in questions in advance.

- Council discussed a concern with the recreation fields being used for softball games without consent from the recreation

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# COUNCIL AND MOHAWK GOVERNMENT

## COUNCIL WEEKLY MEETING REPORT

SUBMITTED BY GRAND CHIEF ABRAM BENEDICT

centers which are closed due to the pandemic. A letter and community announcement will be drafted for Council consideration.

- A request was made for Council to review and consider modifying the current process for the apprehension of dogs.
- Council agreed that Chief Vanessa Adams will take the lead on arranging

the review of any resumption plans submitted by community organizations.

- **MCRs passed:** Approval of temporary pandemic pay contribution agreement for Tsiionkwanonhso:te long-term care employees; Approval of contribution agreement for one-time pandemic pay initiative for community support services such as meals on wheels, foot care,

respite care, home maintenance, and home security checks; Approval to offer position of Director of the Department of Community and Social Services to successful candidate (subject to probation period); Approval of modifications to MCA organizational chart; Approval of contribution agreement with Quebec for probation supervision services.

### JULY 20, 2020

- Council received an update on the progress of the upcoming Mohawk Government move to Administration Building 1.
- A briefing was provided on a recent call with Indigenous Services Canada regarding the Reserve Land and Environment Management Program (RLEMP) and how it relates to Akwesasne.
- Council discussed concerns raised by community members regarding potential unauthorized use of waterfront property at Akwesasne islands; follow up will take place to discuss and confirm unauthorized use.

- A briefing was provided on a recent sighting of a Surete du Quebec (SQ) vessel in our territorial waters; it was decided that a letter will be sent to the SQ Regional Commander informing them that the Akwesasne Mohawk Police Service (AMPS) is the responsible police force in our territory and should the AMPS need assistance they will request it.
- Council discussed the need for AMPS to ensure their presence patrolling our territorial waters is known; an update on the marine patrol will be requested.
- A briefing was provided on a recent complaint received regarding a nuisance dog and

the compliance/conservation response.

- Council discussed a potential recent COVID-19 exposure incident and will follow up with Community Health.
- A briefing was provided on an alternative COVID-19 entry process for research and consideration.
- **MCRs passed:** Approval of allotment of land to community member; Approval of 2 amendments to Akwesasne-Canada funding agreement; Approval of Emergency Council Meeting Minutes, Approval of four sets of Council meeting minutes.

# COUNCIL AND MOHAWK GOVERNMENT

## TSI SNAIHNE DISTRICT CHIEF CONNIE LAZORE UPDATES



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

**Month:** April & May 2020

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

### All Meetings Listed are through Zoom.

The month of June, Council operated through technology utilizing "Zoom" software for our meetings. Our meetings consisted of Council Special meeting, COVID Update, Border Update, and a meeting with the St. Regis Mohawk Tribe Leadership; all held on a weekly basis.

I attended the Emergency Operations Center each Thursday from 9-5pm. Eventually the EOC was scaled back and Council moved back to our offices. Council decided to maintain the schedule created for the EOC and attend our office on the same days we worked at the EOC.

The focus for Council was COVID-19. As June I began working within my

portfolios and existing projects.

Weekly Monday Council Special Meeting—we are resuming our weekly meetings to conduct MCA business.

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

Weekly Wednesday Council COVID 19 Update Meeting is held to be updated on areas surrounding Akwesasne and discuss issues of concern.

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.

Weekly Friday Leadership Meeting with SRMT.

Justice Portfolio Meetings resumed this month, we reviewed previous projects, potential moves and changes to the Department not yet finalized.

AFNQL Virtual Chiefs Assembly was held on June 2nd & 4th, I participated through the Zoom meeting process. Updates were provided on various

issues effecting the communities by COVID19, updates were also provided on the work done prior to the COVID and work done in the AFNQL Commission since COVID.

I participated in an interview with Carleton University, Indigenous Policy & Administration Program. Students engaged with myself and another former student on leadership, challenges, lessons learned, etc.

Participated in a conference call with Coast Guard to discuss processes to enter Akwesasne for routine maintenance of their equipment. The Coast Guard wanted to make sure they were following any and all protocols established by the MCA during this COVID time. The Mohawk Police, Office of Vital Statistics, MCA Coast Guard Liaison, and Communications were also present on the call.

### Work in Progress:

This section will provide the community with other activities, projects and initiatives that are still under development or in progress. It will also serve as an informative update on where items are and what is being advanced for the community.

- Recreational Cannabis Working Task Group Meetings continues,

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# COUNCIL AND MOHAWK GOVERNMENT

## TSI SNAIHNE DISTRICT CHIEF CONNIE LAZORE UPDATES

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- we meet in May and June 5th. The WTG has presented to Council for consideration two Retail License Agreements. The WTG continue the work to reviewing applications.
- Administration of Justice Working Task Group: Ministries of Justice for Canada, Provinces of Quebec and Ontario along with Akwesasne began discussions to renew the work on the court recognition.
  - Conference calls were coordinated and held with the Minister of Justice/Attorney General of Canada Office to discuss funding needs for the Department of Justice: Court and Compliance. A prep meeting was held prior to this meeting to

ensure we were coordinated on our efforts.

- Conference call was also coordinated and held with the Minister of Public Safety to discuss funding for the Compliance Program, again we held prep meetings to prepare to ensure we utilized our time well.

### **Collaborative Opportunities:**

Outside committees or meetings such as AIAI, IC, AFN, COO, etc.

1. Assembly of First Nations Quebec & Labrador (AFNQL)
2. Assembly of First Nations (AFN)
3. Indigenous Services Canada (ISC)
4. Crown & Indigenous Relations & Northern Affairs (CIRNA)
5. Department of Justice
6. Public Safety Canada
7. CBSA

8. Transport Canada
9. Canadian Coast Guard

### **Financial Status/Lobbying Progress**

To update on any lobbying initiatives, positive outcomes or Financial gains.

1. Member of the Finance Committee
2. Member of the Benefits Committee
3. Member of the Governance Committee
4. Member of the Working Task Group on Cannabis
5. Member of AFNQL Ad Hoc Committee – Charter Review
6. Member of the MCA Leadership Committee re: CBSA

## EMERGENCY OPERATION CENTER

☎ **613-575-5005**

☎ **613-575-2331**

☎ **613-551-1836**

✉ **EOC@AKWESASNE.CA**



# SOCIAL MEDIA CONNECTION

## FACEBOOK STATS



### Facebook Posts with the Most Likes in July

1. Akwesasne Mohawk Ambulance EMT Issac McDonald Receives Paramedic Certification (Photo)
2. Non-Insured Health Benefits Receives New 8-Passenger Van (Photos)
3. MCA Issues First Retail Cannabis Businesses Licenses (Notice)
4. MCA Health Portfolio Chiefs: Message to the Community (Video)
5. MCA Food Sovereignty Survey (Photo & Link)

### Facebook Posts with the Highest Reach in July

1. SRMT & MCA Confirm Three Positive Cases of COVID-19 — 8,230 reached
2. SRMT & MCA Report Two New COVID-19 Cases Today — 7,209 reached
3. MCA Dept. of Infrastructure & Housing Elder Home Repair Program — 5,236 reached
4. Urgent Reminder to Socially Distance & Take Proper Precautions — 4,827 reached
5. MCA Performing Precautionary Measures for COVID-19 — 4,734 reached

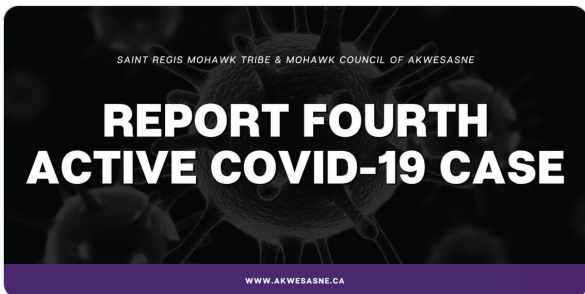
## TWITTER STATS

### Top Tweet in July



Mohawk Council of Akwesasne  
@MCAkwesasne

SRMT & MCA Report Fourth Active COVID-19 Case:  
[akwesasne.ca/srmt-mca-repor...](https://akwesasne.ca/srmt-mca-repor...)



## YOUTUBE STATS



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

1. DIH Public Consultation Meeting — Demolition of Old Admin. 2 Building
2. CKON Community Update with Grand Chief — July 7, 2020
3. MCA Health Portfolio Chiefs: Message to the Community

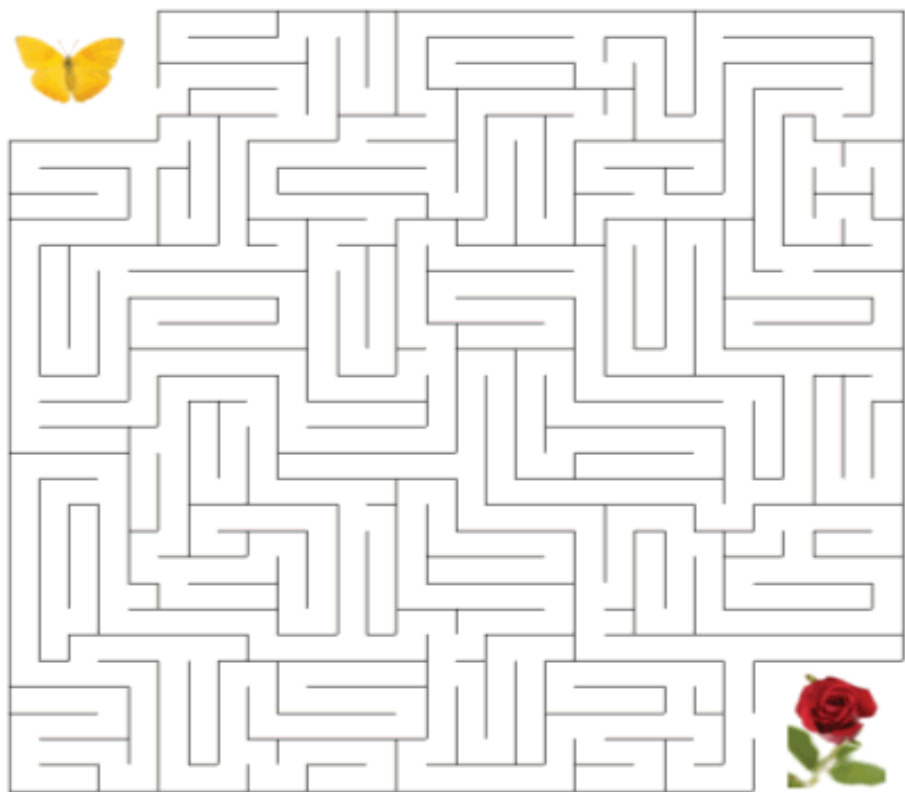
# CHILDREN'S PAGE

## SUMMER BUCKET LIST 45 FUN THINGS TO DO BEFORE SUMMER ENDS

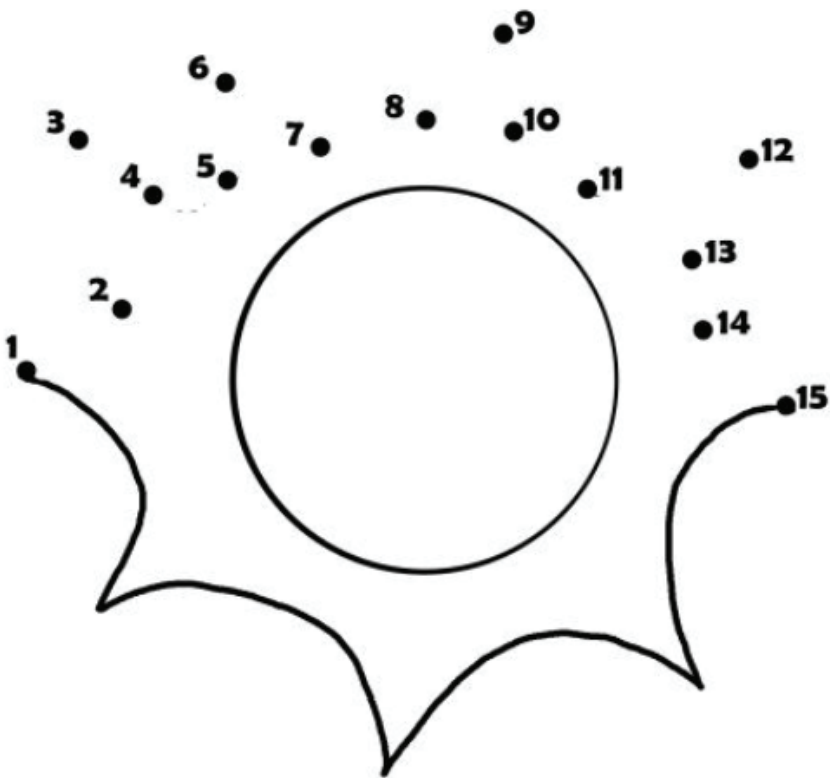
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| 1. Play frisbee          | 16. Backyard camping              | 31. Climb a tree                    |
| 2. Fly a kite            | 17. Family game night             | 32. Have a craft day                |
| 3. Make s'mores          | 18. Wash your parents car         | 33. Roast marshmallows              |
| 4. Build a sand castle   | 19. Have a family scavenger hunt  | 34. Make your own pizza             |
| 5. Picnic in the park    | 20. Get ice cream                 | 35. Make a slip and slide           |
| 6. Watch fireworks       | 21. Go swimming                   | 36. Make a dance video              |
| 7. Tye Die a shirt       | 22. Watch a movie at the drive-in | 37. Make your own puppets           |
| 8. Water balloon fight   | 23. Go for a bike ride            | 38. Have a puppet show              |
| 9. Catch lightening bugs | 24. Have a pillow fight           | 39. Catch butterflies (and release) |
| 10. Go on a hike         | 25. Play in the rain              | 40. Jump rope                       |
| 11. Read a book          | 26. Playdoh                       | 41. Make a campfire                 |
| 12. Blow bubbles         | 27. Finger Paint                  | 42. Play with glowsticks            |
| 13. Play in sprinklers   | 28. Play hide and go seek         | 43. Make homemade lemonade          |
| 14. Have a BBQ           | 29. Feed some ducks               | 44. Stargaze                        |
| 15. Sidewalk chalk fun   | 30. Go to a local beach           | 45. Go fishing                      |

## SIMPLY A-MAZE-ING

Help the butterfly find the flower. v



## CONNECT THE DOTS



# CHILDREN'S PAGE

COLOUR ME!



**YOU GOT TO BE KIDDING ME!**

What time did the man go to the dentist?  
Tooth hurt-y.

What is Beethoven's favorite fruit?  
A ba-na-na-na.

"How do you make a Kleenex dance? What's orange and sounds like a parrot.  
Put a little boogie in it! A: A carrot!





# EXECUTIVE SERVICES

## COMPLIMENTS & APPRECIATIONS

The Akwesasne Mohawk Police would like to thank our local community members for quick thinking in assisting a boater who lost control of his vessel and was ejected from the boat.

AMPS reminds the community to practice safe boating skills by wearing a life jacket (PFD) and always have the engine kill switch key attached to your body or waist during operation.

Niawenhko:wa to all of the staff that organized and the community members who attended the Zoom meeting regarding the Demolition of the Administration Building #2 (former chiefs building). With the ongoing pandemic, we are looking at new ways to get information out to the community, and one way is with videoconferencing technology. We are pleased that the community in embracing the new technology as we navigate through these trying times.

Nia:wen to all of the receptionists at the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne who are working hard to help out community members. You are such an important part of the organization as you are the first person the community sees and hears when they are contacting the organization. You are all doing an awesome job and we appreciate all that you do!

Niawenhko:wa to the maintenance staff who are putting in tremendous efforts to ensure that our buildings are clean. This is such an important job as you help to keep the organization safe for employees and the community members who visit our buildings. Keep up the great work!

Nia:wen to all of those who helped put in the raised bed gardens for the community. It was a great effort, for a great cause!

# NIA:WEN!

A BIG THANK YOU GOES OUT TO ALL  
OF THE FRONT-LINE HEALTH CARE  
STAFF AND ESSENTIAL SERVICE  
WORKERS.

YOU ARE DOING AN AMAZING JOB  
AND WE ALL APPRECIATE ALL THAT  
YOU DO!



# DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

## WHOLISTIC HEALTH AND WELLNESS OFFERING ON-SITE MENTAL HEALTH & ADDICTION SERVICES

The Wholistic Health and Wellness Program is now offering on-site Mental Health & Addiction services for the community. This will be by appointment only, walk-ins are not available at this time.

Medical Clinic Telephone appointments will continue and are encouraged.

On-Site Services are available at Kanonhkwashtari:io include the Akwesasne Medical Clinic, Mental Health and Addictions. Call 613 575 2341 for more information.

On-Site Services available at the

Kawehno:ke Medical Clinic now include essential appointments, bloodwork by appointment each Wednesday and immunizations for children on Fridays. Call 613 932-5808 for more information.

Prevention Services consists of virtual programming at this time.

Traditional Medicine will provide services by telephone. Medicine Deliveries for existing clients can be scheduled by calling 613 575 2341 extension 3100.

Physiotherapy and Traditional Medicine Healing Sessions are

currently on hold.

### Keeping each other safe

#### • Screening

All Patients are screened.

All staff are screened every day.

#### • Masks

Everyone wears a mask in public spaces.

Medical staff wear additional PPE.

#### • Handwashing

Our staff wash their hands frequently, and before and after all patient interactions. Hand sanitizer is available.

#### • Cleaning

All counselling and exam rooms are cleaned before and after each

## COMMUNITY MEDICAL CLINICS

WHAT TO EXPECT WHEN YOU ARRIVE AT THE AKWESASNE MEDICAL CLINIC & KAWEHNO:KE MEDICAL CLINIC

- 1** Arrive on time. If you arrive late, you will be rescheduled.
- 2** Wear your mask. If you don't have one, we will provide one.
- 3** Park & call. Wait in your vehicle in the designated parking spaces.
- 4** Screening. You will be screened prior to entering the building.
- 5** Escort. A staff member will escort you inside the building.



The Akwesasne Medical Clinic is open by appointment only.

**613-575-2341**

The Kawehno:ke Medical Clinic is open by appointment only.

On-site services at the KMC now includes essential appointments, bloodwork by appointment each Wednesday, and immunizations for children on Fridays.

**613-932-5808**

# DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

## WHOLISTIC HEALTH AND WELLNESS OFFERING ON-SITE MENTAL HEALTH & ADDICTION SERVICES

appointment.

- Physical Distancing

Everyone stays 6 feet apart, except when needed for medical treatment.

- Virtual Visits Available

Please call 613 575 2341 extension 3215 for more information.

### Medical Clinics

#### What to Expect when you arrive

- Arrive On Time

If you arrive late, you will be rescheduled.

- Wear Your Mask

If you don't have one, we'll provide

one.

- Park & Call

Wait in your vehicle in the designated parking spaces.

Call your provider upon arrival.

- Screening

You will be screened prior to entering the building

- Escort

A staff member will escort you inside the building.

### Mental Health & Addictions

#### What to Expect when you arrive

- Arrive On Time

If you arrive late, you will be rescheduled.

- Wear Your Mask

If you don't have one, we'll provide one.

- Screening

You will be screened prior to entering the building

- Escort

Inform the front desk of your provider's name.

They will be called and will meet you in the reception area & escort you to your appointment.

## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH REPORT & UPDATES (JULY 24, 2020)

The Kanonhkwa'tsheri:io Health Facility is now open to the community for services by appointment only. Please note that upon entry to the building you will be screened at the front door. If for any reason you do not pass the screener, you will not be allowed to enter the facility and will be directed to phone the Community Health Program.

The safety of the community and the staff are paramount, please be patient with the screening process as there may be a line up; be respectful and maintain physical distancing of 6 feet or 2 meters. Please limit your movement around the building to your scheduled appointment.

Masks/face coverings are a requirement upon entry to the facility. If you do not have a mask/face covering

please let the screeners know, and one will be provided.

### PROGRAM UPDATES:

#### COMMUNITY HEALTH PROGRAM

The immunization program, Diabetes Education program and Quebec Health, Smoking Cessation continue to operate, please call the office prior to coming in the building.

Many of the appointments remain virtual and or by phone. In-office appointments are all scheduled. Office visits are decided on a case by case basis.

#### For scheduled appointments:

- Please arrive at scheduled time
- Wait in your vehicle in designated spot as arranged



# DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH REPORT & UPDATES (JULY 24, 2020)

when appointment made

- Wear your mask/face covering
- Staff will meet you outside and if needed will escort you in the building
- Expect to be screened prior to entry to the facility

### Assessment/Testing for COVID-19:

If you have any questions or are seeking information regarding COVID – 19, please call the Community Health Program at (613) 575-2341 X 3220 and ask to speak to a nurse.

Due to the volume of calls, you may be asked to leave your number for one of the nurses to return your call. At times the wait times can be as long as 6 hours. Staff may return calls the next day as well. Your patience is appreciated.

When the nurse returns your call, they will assist with

any questions that people may have or will provide for an assessment. At times the assessment process can take up to half an hour.

If testing is indicated or requested, the staff will assist with scheduling or referring to the appropriate place, this may be due to availability of next appointment, or convenience for community members.

As every situation is unique and every community member is unique, the process may be different with every call.

When results come into the Community Health Program, the community member will be phoned directly and followed up as needed. Results may take up to 3 days excluding the weekends and holidays.

Privacy and confidentiality are of utmost importance,

## KANONHKWA'TSHERI:IO HEALTH FACILITY

### OPEN TO COMMUNITY BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

- Once you arrive at Kanonhkwa'tsheri:io, please call the program you are scheduled to visit.
- All visitors will be screened upon entry.
- Masks are required in all public indoor spaces.

NIAWENHKÓ:WA!



# DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH REPORT & UPDATES (JULY 24, 2020)

note your information will not be shared with anyone without prior consent.

### Numbers for Assessment/Testing Site:

March 13, 2020 — May 31, 2020 (2.5 months)

- 671 total COVID – 19 related calls
- 40 tests

June 1, 2020 — June 30, 2020 (1 month)

- 288 total COVID-19 related calls
- 64 tests

July 1, 2020 — July 23, 2020 (3+ weeks)

- 751 total COVID-19 related calls

Of those:

- 265 were follow ups
- 260 were assessments
- 258 tests have been completed up until yesterday.

Total COVID-19 related calls: 1,710

Total tests up until July 23, 2020: 362

### WHOLISTIC HEALTH & WELLNESS PROGRAM

The Wholistic Health and Wellness Program will begin offering on-site Mental Health & Addiction services for the community on July 20. This will be by appointment only, walk-ins are not available at this time.

Medical Clinic: Telephone appointments will continue and are encouraged.

On-Site Services are available at Kanonhkwa'tsheri:io, which includes the Akwesasne Medical Clinic, Mental Health, and Addictions. Call 613-575-2341 for more information.

On-Site Services available at the Kawehno:ke Medical Clinic now includes essential appointments, bloodwork

### WHOLISTIC HEALTH & WELLNESS

## ON-SITE SERVICES AVAILABLE

Access to the Akwesasne Medical Clinic, Kawehno:ke Medical Clinic, Mental Health, and Addictions services are open to the community by appointment only.

To schedule your appointment, please call Kanonhkwa'tsheri:io at:

# 613-575-2341

Reminders from WHW:

- *Prevention Services consists of virtual programming at this time.*
- *Traditional Medicine is providing services via telephone (medicine deliveries can be arranged for existing clients).*
- *Physiotherapy & Traditional Medicine healing sessions are on hold.*



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by appointment each Wednesday, and immunizations for children on Fridays. Call 613-932-5808 for more information.

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### KEEPING EACH OTHER SAFE

#### Screening:

- All Patients are screened.
- All staff are screened every day.

#### Masks:

- Everyone wears a mask in public spaces.
- Medical staff wear additional PPE.

#### Handwashing:

- Our staff wash their hands frequently, and before and after all patient interactions. Hand sanitizer is available.

#### Cleaning:

- All counselling and exam rooms are cleaned before and after each appointment.

#### Physical Distancing:

- Everyone stays 6 feet apart, except when needed for medical treatment.
- Virtual Visits Available
- Please call 613-575-2341 ext. 3215 for more information.

### MEDICAL CLINICS — WHAT TO EXPECT WHEN YOU ARRIVE

#### 1. Arrive On Time:

If you arrive late, you will be rescheduled.

#### 2. Wear Your Mask:

If you don't have one, we'll provide one.

#### 3. Park & Call:

Wait in your vehicle in the designated parking spaces. Call your provider upon arrival.

#### 4. Screening:

You will be screened prior to entering the building

#### 5. Escort:

A staff member will escort you inside the building.

### MENTAL HEALTH & ADDICTIONS — WHAT TO EXPECT WHEN YOU ARRIVE

#### 1. Arrive On Time:

If you arrive late, you will be rescheduled.

#### 2. Wear Your Mask:

If you don't have one, we'll provide one.

#### 3. Screening:

You will be screened prior to entering the building

#### 4. Escort:

Inform the front desk of your provider's name. They will be called and will meet you in the reception area & escort you to your appointment.

### AKWESASNE NON-INSURED HEALTH BENEFITS

The Akwesasne Non-Insured Health Benefits (ANIHB) Program remains operational. To maintain safety community members are encouraged to contact the ANIHB through telephone or through email. Curbside service is available by appointment only for forms and signatures. Forms can also be found on our website at <http://www.akwesasne.ca/.../akwesasne-non-insured-health-ben.../>.

If you have any questions please call (613) 575 – 2341 ext. 3340.



# DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH REPORT & UPDATES (JULY 24, 2020)

### HOME CARE/HOME SUPPORT

The Home Care/Home Support Program continues to provide services to the community.

All Home Care/Home Support Program staff have their temperatures taken daily and complete a health screening prior to any client visits.

In providing quality services to community members while limiting the risk of exposure to COVID-19 the Home Care Nurses are required to wear full personal protective equipment when they meet with clients. The personal protective equipment worn by the Home Care Nurses includes gown, gloves, surgical masks and face shield. All new clients will be contacted by phone prior to their appointment to review the health and safety protocols for the visit.

The Home Care/Home Support Program follows the health care guidelines and directives being released by

the Eastern Ontario Health Unit to ensure the safety of the community members being served.

If you have questions for the Home Care/Home Support Program team call 613-575-2341.

### TSIIONKWANONHSO:TE & IAKHIHSOHTHA

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne's Department of Health is informing the community that visits to its long-term care homes – Tsiionkwanonhso:te and Iakhihsohta – have resumed with guidelines in place to protect the health of our residents from the spread of COVID-19.

**The following are guidelines being implemented for the resumption of visits:**

1. All visitors must undergo a screening process before visiting.

## TSIIONKWANONHSO:TE & IAKHIHSOHTHA

### *Guidelines for visitors of Akwesasne's long-term care facilities.*

- 1 All visitors must undergo a screening process before visiting.
- 2 All visits must be booked by appointment.
- 3 Visits will take place in outdoor tents, and social distancing must be adhered to.
- 4 Visits will resume in phases per guidelines of the Ministry of Long-term Care. Phase 1 permits one visit per resident per week. Visits will gradually increase.
- 5 Families or power of attorneys must coordinate independently to determine who in the family will visit per week.
- 6 Visits in Phase 1 will be 40 minutes long. Please do not arrive more than 5 minutes early for your visit time, to prevent interaction with other visitors.



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5. Families or power of attorneys must coordinate independently to determine who in the family will visit per week.
6. Visits in Phase 1 will be 40 minutes long. Please do not arrive more than 5 minutes early for your visit time, to prevent interaction with other visitors.

Additional protocols are being implemented to ensure a safe yet enjoyable visit. We wish to assure the community that restrictions are in place for the protection of your family members, our residents, who we all care deeply for. We look forward to your visit.

**If you have any questions, please contact:**

- Tsiionkwanonhso:te Activity Director Teresa David: 613-932-1409 ext. 3.
- Iakhihsotha Activity Supervisor Sue Smoke: 613-575-2507 ext. 3.

### AKWESASNE MOHAWK AMBULANCE

Ambulance services remain operational and will be screening all calls. For all emergencies please call Central Dispatch at 613-575-2000. Please be prepared for screening questions.

### DR. DANIELLE DUBUC – OPTOMETRY

Optometry has begun to resume services to clients for scheduled appointments. Please call (613)575-2341 ext. 3131. When entering the building staff will escort you to your appointment.

### PROXIM PHARMACY

The pharmacy is operational, although not open to the public. The pharmacy staff will provide for curbside service and they can be reached at (613) 575-2341 ext. 3250

### AKWESASNE DENTAL CLINIC

The Dental Clinic has begun to resume services to clients for scheduled appointments. Please call (613)575-2341 ext. 3209, a staff member will escort you into the building.

**URGENT REMINDER:**

**Social Distancing and Precautions Remain Necessary to Keep Akwesasne Safe from COVID-19**

THE FOLLOWING PRACTICES ARE VITAL TO STOP THE SPREAD OF COVID-19 TO OUR COMMUNITY MEMBERS:

- Refrain from gatherings of more than ten people, and keep 6-feet/2-metres of distance from anyone outside your household.
- Wear a mask in any situation where you might exchange the virus, including outdoors. Wash your hands frequently and immediately after touching surfaces or objects that could be contaminated.
- Parties, boating, beaching, and funerals are not an exception to the risk of spreading COVID-19. Do not let your guard down for these activities.
- Any travel outside the territory should be for essential purposes.
- MCA continues to advise of a 50-mile radius travel limit in all directions, and the SRMT continues to advise of a 50-mile radius travel limit north of the border, and a 100-mile radius travel limit for southern travel.
- If you may have been exposed to the virus, testing is critical along with a 14-day quarantine. COVID-19 continues to be a constant threat and we must all work together to keep Akwesasne safe.

The poster features a large white arrow pointing upwards and to the right, and a large white footprint graphic. At the bottom left, there are two logos: the Akwesasne Mohawk Council logo and the Akwesasne Council of Akwesasne logo.



# DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

## NON-INSURED PROGRAM RECEIVES NEW 8-PASSENGER VAN

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne's Non-Insured Health Benefits Program (ANIHB) received a new 8-passenger vehicle funded by Indigenous Services Canada. This passenger vehicle will be used to help efficiently transport patients to non-emergency, medically-necessary appointments. Non-emergency appointments are defined as clinics, ultrasound testing, x-rays, bloodwork, doctor's visits or any medical or dental appointments.

The new passenger vehicle can accommodate six passengers, with two spots reserved for wheelchair clients. Due to COVID-19 guidelines, the ANIHB will be limiting the number of passengers, but anticipates to be able to transport 4-6 patients at a time in the future. The Dodge ProMaster 8-passenger vehicle has been retrofitted with hygienic shields to comply with the Ministry of Transportation Guidelines. All of our medical transportation vehicles are supplied with sanitizers, cleaning supplies (spray/wipes), masks and

gloves for the protection of our passengers and drivers. Cleanings are done throughout the day to ensure the safety of all passengers, and masks are to be worn at all times.

The anticipated benefits of the new vehicle include the ability to accommodate more passengers and patient escorts, and allows added space for specialized wheelchairs that are difficult to navigate in the smaller vans. The added space will create a safer, more comfortable experience for all of our clients who require wheelchair services, while also complying with social distancing protocols.

To access Medical Transportation services and scheduling, please contact the ANIHB Medical Transportation staff Josephine Herne or Jillian Roundpoint, at least 2 weeks in advance, by calling 613-575-2341 ext. 3343 or ext. 3352.



The Non-Insured Health Benefits Program staff in front of the new 8-passenger van they received.



# OPEN DOES NOT MEAN OVER.

GATHER IN WAYS THAT LOWER YOUR CHANCES OF  
SPREADING COVID-19



## LOWEST RISK

### HOME ALONE OR WITH HOUSEMATES

Stay home as much as possible.

Hang out with family or housemates.

Try to allow only people you live with into your home.



If you are sick, stay home and isolate from housemates.



### 20 SECONDS

Wash your hands frequently for at least 20 seconds.

Go outdoors where there is air flow.



Wash your hands and don't touch your face. Stay at least 6 ft away from people you don't live with.



## MODERATE RISK

### OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

Wear a mask.



Avoid shared surfaces, like swings or benches.



## HIGHER RISK

### OUTDOOR GATHERINGS



Get together with one trusted household that's in your small social bubble.

Try to avoid gathering indoors as much as possible.



Wash your hands, don't touch your face, and wear a mask.

Stay at least 6 feet from people you don't live with.

Wash your hands, don't touch your face, wear a mask, stay 6 feet apart.

Don't share food, drinks, toys & other items.

Avoid shared surfaces.



Participate in events like these very rarely.

## HIGHEST RISK

### INDOOR GATHERINGS



Open windows for better ventilation



Don't share food, drinks, toys, and other items, and avoid shared surfaces.

# DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

## AKWESASNE MOHAWK AMBULANCE EMT ISSAC MCDONALD RECEIVES PARAMEDIC CERTIFICATION

Through hard work and determination, Issac McDonald of the Akwesasne Mohawk Ambulance received his paramedic certification. Below, Issac discusses what it means that he is now a paramedic.

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne is proud of your

accomplishments and all that you do for Akwesasne. Congratulations Issac!

### HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN WORKING AS AN EMT AND FOR THE AMA?

So my journey to Akwesasne Mohawk Ambulances started back in the summer 2006 while I was a part time dispatcher for Akwesasne Mohawk Police Service. The A/manager at the time Lois Terrance walked over to the dispatch office and asked me if I had any more of that free time and asked if I could fill in shift or two.

While I was already working with AMA EMT's as a dispatcher, now I got to be in the field. After the first call I went on, I was impressed and hooked. I signed up for the first daytime EMT class held at the Alice Hyde Medical Center. This was a challenge working shift work and going to EMT class but I made it through. I obtained my EMT-B in April of 2007. Once I got "my card" I was thrown into the mix. While I did have some experience in EMS as a driver, now I was doing patient care.

During the first year of my career I encountered some calls where we had to call for advanced life support or "ALS" for short. These guys and girls would hop in the back of the ambulance and start IV's, draw up some medications, hook the patient up to a cardiac monitor, and do all sorts of cool and amazing things with medicine. That stoked my interest to continue my work in the field.

After networking with the ALS providers, I was pointed west, and joined the Massena



**ISSAC MCDONALD**  
PARAMEDIC

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Volunteer Emergency Unit (MVEU). Back in 2008 when I joined MVEU, our local AMA was only a Basic Life Support (BLS) service. While the BLS skills are life saving, I felt that there was a whole opportunity to bring this advanced life support to Akwesasne.

As a member of MVEU, I signed up for the Advanced Emergency Medical Technician- Critical Care through SUNY Canton. It took 9 months of 2 nights a week and a Saturday here and there and practically living at MVEU to fulfill my ride time requirements. If going to class was hard, doing ride time was even a bigger challenge, but it was a good challenge as I had the best of the best Preceptors: Jimmy Jock, Wayne Love, both AEMT-CC's and Bill Griffith NYS Paramedic to name a few. They taught me a lot, and expanded my knowledge, and with every call I was learning from them and also gaining valuable experience. I couldn't do that here in Akwesasne, because our ambulance service at the time did not hold the "Advanced" certification and we didn't

have any ALS providers. From the start of my ALS education, I was told by AMA management (at the time) that taking this course was going to be a waste of my time, and that we (at AMA) will never be an ALS service. While it was very discouraging, I went on to learn for myself, and thought maybe, just maybe, there will be a chance advancing our little ambulance service.

I obtained my AEMT-Critical Care certification in June of 2010. I was a certified ALS provider, but because

AMA did not hold any advanced certifications at the time, I could not use my skills, but I could use my knowledge. Therefore, to keep up with my skills I remained a volunteer at MVEU, answering ALS calls for the Town and Village of Massena, and on occasion when needed, came to Akwesasne to render assistance.

The need to advance our ambulance service was evident as we had increased our advanced providers to 3 AEMT-Critical Care and 1 Paramedic. In January 2016, we



*Issac, along with other members of the Akwesasne Mohawk Ambulance.*



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were able increase the Akwesasne Mohawk Ambulance level of care to (the highest pre-hospital level of care) Paramedic level. While there was a ton of paperwork, contracts and new policies that needed to be established, it finally felt that all those years of keeping up with the skills is now paying off, and Advanced Life Support is now in Akwesasne. Fast forward to today, we have increased our staffing numbers: we now have 2 paramedics, 2 AEMT Critical Care providers, 4 AEMT, and 15 EMT-B's. Currently, out of the 15 EMT-B's 3 of them are in class for AEMT level, I can't tell them enough at how proud I am of each and every one of them who are here providing services to our community.

My position today is acting supervisor, and newly certified NYS paramedic. It felt good to change my email signatures, and credentials; it was a long 18 months.

### HOW LONG DID IT TAKE FOR YOU TO RECEIVE YOUR PARAMEDIC CERTIFICATE?

I took the University of Vermont Health Network Elizabethtown Community Hospital Paramedic Program, which is a 2 year paramedic program condensed to 11 months. We did remote classes at North Country Community classes in

Malone, but on occasion we had to travel to the main classroom in Lewis, NY which is about an hour and forty minutes away. The plan was to start the program in Sept 2018 which we did and finish in August 2019. While I successfully completed the program, now I had to finish my clinical and ride time.

**“ IN JANUARY 2016, WE WERE ABLE TO INCREASE THE AMA LEVEL OF CARE TO PARAMEDIC LEVEL.”**

With the low number of certified paramedics in our area and the number of students, it was a challenge to meet our requirements. I worked in the ER shadowing nurses and physicians at the Alice Hyde Medical Center, and worked with my program medical director Dr. Tiffany Bombard at Champlain Valley Physicians Hospital in Plattsburgh, NY. Did some time at Adirondack Medical Center in Saranac Lake NY working in the OR shadowing anesthesiologists and CRNA's. Once my clinical experiences were complete, I was traveling to Gouverneur, Ogdensburg, Saranac Lake in New York State to work with paramedics, and so that I could be

trained into a solid field paramedic. This was while working full time at AMA as an acting supervisor, raising a family, and holding 3rd Assistant Chief of Hogansburg Akwesasne Volunteer Fire Department, (and let's not forget about the pandemic).

### WHAT DOES IT MEAN NOW THAT YOU ARE A PARAMEDIC?

As a paramedic, my knowledge has greatly increased, and as EMS evolves and changes we were trained to think, plan, and provide care to our patients, the skill set from AEMT-Critical Care, to Paramedic are almost identical. It is the education and training behind a paramedic. While I'm not a doctor, I better understand how a doctor thinks, establishes their differential diagnosis, establishes their working diagnosis, and provides high-quality care. I learned a great deal of knowledge working alongside Emergency Room (ER) physicians and learning about emergency medicine.

### ARE YOU ENCOURAGING OTHERS TO GET THEIR CERTIFICATE?

Absolutely! I can see the interest in emergency medicine within our EMT's in Akwesasne; they are hungry for knowledge, and education. You are responsible for

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your own destiny. If you want it, and are willing to learn and work for it, I am willing to help you.

### WHAT ARE YOUR FUTURE PLANS IN THE FIELD?

Honestly, in the future I'd like to get into Critical Care Medicine, and maybe try out the inter-facility transports at University of Vermont Health Care Network. At some point, I may look at becoming a Registered Nurse (RN).

### ANYTHING ELSE YOU WANT THE COMMUNITY OF AKWESASNE TO KNOW?

It wasn't easy getting here, and it didn't happen over night; it took 10 years. 10 years of dedicating my time, and plenty of sacrifices to keep up with today's every changing medicine, and pre-hospital care. My medical director told us that about 25% of the information we were taught will change based on science and best practices, so the learning will never stop.

I did not do this alone, I had a huge support system, while it was extremely difficult, and sometimes hard to understand, I want to say thank you to my friends, family and work family that stayed by my side. My schedule was so tight and busy in July of 2019 that I did not see my

kids for 6 days straight. Between working nights and traveling to clinical shifts, I felt like quitting. Social media kept me in contact with my family, but nothing can replace a soft gentle hug from my kids. I would spend as much time as I could with them before putting on

either my work uniform or school uniform. Now that its over, it feels good. It is actually taking me time to adjust. I still feel like I need to go somewhere, but the only place I need to get to now after work is to my boat and the St. Lawrence River, with my family.



*Nia:wen to all the front-line health care workers that have done so much during the pandemic.*



# DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY & SOCIAL SERVICES

## AKWESASNE FAMILY WELLNESS PROGRAM NOW OPEN

The Akwesasne Family Wellness Program is open and we will be accepting individuals who are seeking residential services on Monday, July 20. The Akwesasne Family Wellness Program provides services such as: a 6-week residential or non-residential program for women and men who have been victims of or exposed to abuse, a 24-hour support line, referrals, advocacy, education, information on domestic violence and Outreach services.

The Akwesasne Family Wellness Program will be following the health and safety guidelines outlined by the Eastern Ontario Health Unit and the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne.

Individuals seeking services can contact the Akwesasne Family Wellness Program at: 613-937-4322, we are open 24/7, 7 days a week.

### MOBILE UNIT FULL OF FUN AND ACTIVITIES FOR AKWESASRONON

Over the summer, various families are lucky to experience a fun filled day with the Akwesasne Child and Family Service Program and the Akwesasne Boys & Girls Club! Niawen girls for letting ACFS and Akwesasne Boys & Girls Club hang out.



The ACFS Program, along with ABGC visited a family with the mobile unit, which is filled with fun games and activities for all to enjoy!

### AKWESASNE FAMILY WELLNESS RECEIVES \$1000 COVID-19 GRANT

In July, the Akwesasne Family Wellness Program received a \$1000 grant from the Rotary Club of Cornwall Sunrise for COVID-19 relief.

The Rotary Club noted, "We strongly support the work these local organizations offer to women and children and the grants were provided as financial support to be put toward food, cleaning products, personal protective equipment (PPE) and gas for clients in need."

Nia:wen for the donation!



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# AKWESASNE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT

## AKWESASNE COURT UPDATE — PANDEMIC CLOSURE & FINE PAYMENTS

The COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in many events being cancelled. Based on the guidelines established for prevention measures and to maintain the health and safety of our community and staff, it was determined that the Akwesasne Court would postpone all matters until September 2020.

Anyone who has received a Uniform Traffic Ticket and the ticket indicates a "set fine," you may pay the fine any time before the September court date.

There are several options available to you which practices physical distancing.

### **Fine payments are accepted during this time through the following processes:**

1. Over the phone, by credit card. Call the MCA Finance Department at 613-575-2250 ext. 2168.
2. Sending a check or money order to the Akwesasne Court, Attention: Akwesasne Court Clerk, CIA#3, Tew-

esateni Road, Akwesasne, ON K6H 0G5 (Canadian Address).

3. Sending a check or money order to the Akwesasne Court, Attention: Akwesasne Court Clerk, PO Box 489 Akwesasne, NY 13655 (American Address).

If your ticket has "NSF" written on the fine amount, you can call the Court Clerk at 613-575-2250 ext. 1026 or Duty Counsel. Duty Counsel would work with the Prosecutor to offer an Early Resolution on your infraction.

In order to reach the Duty Counsel, you will still call the Court Clerk at 613-575-2250 ext. 1026.

When the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne allows the public back into the buildings, the Akwesasne Court will communicate where in-person payments can be made.

Niawenhko:wa for your patience during this unprecedented time.

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# AHKWESAHSNE MOHAWK BOARD OF EDUCATION

## TAKE WHAT YOU NEED

Beginning on Tuesday, August 4 AMBE staff will be conducting an important survey over the phone.

The purpose of this survey is to gauge how our families feel about our schools reopening and to ensure that our plans support community needs.

To be sure your input is collected, please provide AMBE

with a current active phone number that you can be reached at.

**You may update your contact information and phone number by:**

- Calling the AMBE Admin. Office at (613) 933-0409 or
- Emailing info@ambe.ca or
- Via Messenger through the Facebook page 'Akwesasne Mohawk Board of Education'

## LACEY PIERCE AWARDED PRESIDENT'S LIST AWARD

Iohahi:io and the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne would like to congratulate Lacey Pierce on being the recipient of the 2020 President's List Award!

Lacey is a graduate of the Iohahi:io Mental Health and Addictions Worker program.

Pierce, who is also a employee at the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne noted, "Without the flexibility and support of being a MCA employee during these past two years of studies, none of this would of been possible."

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne would like to wish Lacey all of the best on her future endeavors. This is a wonderful achievement!

Congratulations to all of the students who are Class of 2020 graduates.

### *President's List Award*

*Recognizes graduates who  
achieve academic excellence,  
participate in campus and  
community activities, and  
represent the college in  
conjunction with our core  
values: Students First,  
Teamwork, Innovation,  
Integrity and Belonging.*



LACEY PIERCE



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(613) 575-2291

Kana:takon School  
(613) 575-2323

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

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

Akwesasne Mohawk School  
(613) 932-3366



# ENVIRONMENT

## WE LOVE THE RIVER

During the week of July 20-24, 2020, the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne Environment Program celebrated Kaniatarowanenneh, the Great St. Lawrence River. Throughout the week, various posts were shared honoring the river and highlighting the water.

Typically around this time of year, MCA and River

Institute staff, and volunteers come together for the Great River Cleanup. Although this year was cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic, over the past five years over 40 tons has been removed during the River Cleanup.

Nia:wen to those that continue to keep our beautiful waters clean.



*In past years during the Great River Cleanup, over 40 tons of garbage has been removed by volunteers.*

## ECO INVADERS

MCA Environment is a founding member of Eastern Ontario Model Forest (EOMF). During the summer of 2020, staff is gathering information on Eco Invaders that may be headed our way.

Gypsy moth caterpillars are munching their way through local forests in numbers not seen in 30 years, stripping leaves from sugar maples, oaks and evergreens. However, there are some things you can do.

If you see a gypsy moth cluster, contact EOMF Director

Dorothy Hamilton through email at [dorothy55@simpatico.ca](mailto:dorothy55@simpatico.ca). If you can send along a picture and location that would be helpful as well.



*A gypsy moth caterpillar infestation.*



# DEPARTMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE AND HOUSING

## DEPARTMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE AND HOUSING UPDATES

**The Department of Infrastructure and Housing presents the following - Current Projects – Update:**

### **Wade Lafrance Memorial Road Reconstruction Project:**

As reported in last month issue of 'Onkwe'ta:ke', the Wade Lafrance Memorial Road is in need of a full reconstruction, however, the process to secure funding takes a long time – several months to years. In the interim, in order to alleviate some of the harsh road conditions, the MCA and Department of Infrastructure and Portfolio agreed to do a phased design approach that will initiate focus on providing a design option for the rehabilitation of approximately 600m of road repair to the worst section of the roadway limits as a temporary measure.

The proposed work includes pulverizing and compacting the existing asphalt material and raising the surface approximately 150mm. The project was tendered and the successful bidder was Lazore's Construction. The project is planned to start in early August 2020 and will be completed by the end of October 2020. With this work there will be traffic control people and signs for reduced speeds for the work zone.

The project area will be clearly marked and information updates about traffic will be provided as the project is ready to kick-off.

### **MCA Administration Building II Demolition Project:**

MCA Administration Building II, in Kana:takon located on Third Street (also known as the "three-storey" building) is planned to be demolished this summer (2020).

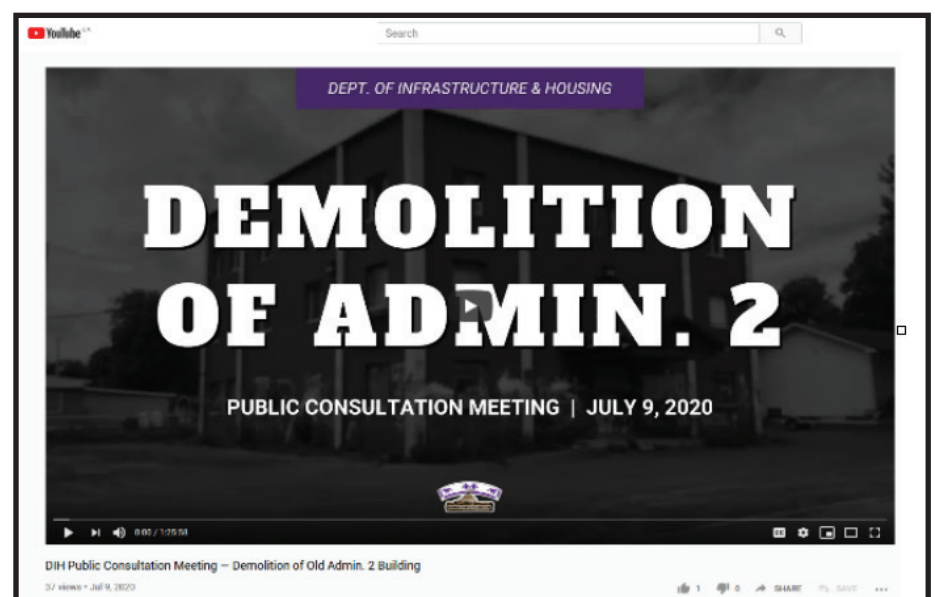
The Department of Infrastructure and Housing hosted a Public Consultation session on July 9, 2020

that included information provided by Indigenous Services Canada (ISC), Health Canada, Public Works Government Services Canada (PWGSC), Cleland Jardine Consultants and WSP about the abatement procedure and demolition of the Admin 2 building.

They informed about the health and safety protocol measures that will be followed for abatement and they answered community questions about the procedures for the protection of the community and surrounding areas including waterways.

Information about the July 9th question and answer session can be viewed on the MCA website: [akwesasne.ca](http://akwesasne.ca), and any further questions can be forwarded to MCA Department of Infrastructure and Housing via MCA Communications Unit address that is noted on the website.

To view the YouTube on the session go to the following link: [http://youtu.be/\\_6dcslRZhRo](http://youtu.be/_6dcslRZhRo)



*A Public Consultation Meeting was held through ZOOM on July 9, 2020 in order to provide an update to the community on the Demolition of the Administration Building #2.*

# AKWESASNE MOHAWK POLICE SERVICE

## BOATING SAFETY TIPS

- With the hot summer days, many community members have river fun with their family. Although the Akwesasne Mohawk Police Service wants you to have fun and enjoy your time on the river, they would like to remind Akwesasronon of the following boat safety tips.
1. Check the boat engine and equipment before leaving.
  2. Check the weather forecast before leaving.
  3. Tell someone where you are going, and how long you plan on being gone.
  4. Avoid drinking alcohol when boating.
  5. Never overload the boat.
  6. Always keep an anchor, tailer, extra fuel, warm clothing and flares aboard.
  7. Keep a lifejacket suitable for each passenger on board and always wear them while out on the water.
  8. Bring two working forms of communication.
  9. Keep cellphones in a water-proof container or plastic bag.
  10. Make sure to keep a first-aid kit on board.

## JUNE 2020 STATISTICS

June Total: 325		
2	024 Break & Enter - Residence	25 1013 Community Services
1	027 Theft - Automobiles	11 1014 Crime Prevention
1	037 Theft Under \$5000 - Bicycles	3 1016 Domestic Dispute (Non-violent)
1	040 Theft Under \$5000 - Other	1 1018 Escorts - Prisoner
2	043 Frauds - False Pretence Cheques	1 1023 MVC - Non-Reportable
1	045 Frauds - Other	1 1024 Phone Calls
1	071 Mischief Over \$5000	1 1026 Property - Lost
3	072 Mischief (Prop. Damage) Under \$5000	2 1027 Property - Found
5	073 Criminal Code - Other	7 1029 Suspicious Persons
1	080 Cocaine - Trafficking	21 1030 Suspicious Vehicles
1	088 Cannabis - Trafficking	19 1031 Suspicious Circumstances
2	100 Immigration Act	1 1035 Warrant - Committal
8	1001 Alarms	2 1036 Warrant - Bench/First
9	1003 Assist Other Agencies - Ambulance	1 1038 Missing Persons
7	1003 Assist Other Agencies - Cornwall PS	2 1039 Property - Recovered
4	1003 Assist Other Agencies - OPP	2 1040 Traffic Complaint
10	1003 Assist Other Agencies - Other	6 1041 Mental Health Act
11	1003 Assist Other Agencies - Tribal PD	1 1045 Attempt Suicide
36	1004 Assist Public	2 1046 Crisis Intervention
4	1008 By-Law - Dogs	1 1049 Medical Aid
9	1009 By-Law - Noise	4 1050 Youth Complaint
2	101 Firearms Act	9 1056 Hazardous Conditions
4	1011 By-Law - Other	23 106 Provincial Statutes - Other
		13 1063 Marine Patrol
		3 107 Municipal By-Laws
		1 204 Sexual Assault
		1 205 Assault - Level 1
		3 206 Assault Weapon/CBH - Level 2
		1 210 Assault Police
		2 212 Assaults - Other
		1 213 Other Sexual Offences
		1 6666 Assist Other Departments - Fire
		3 705 Dangerous Operation MV
		5 711 Impaired Operation MV
		2 715 Fail to Stop/Remain (CCC)
		1 718 Careless Driving (HTA)
		3 719 Drive Disqualified/Licence Suspended
		10 721 Traffic - Provincial Statutes
		2 722 Traffic - Municipal By-Laws
		1 723 Traffic - Parking Violations
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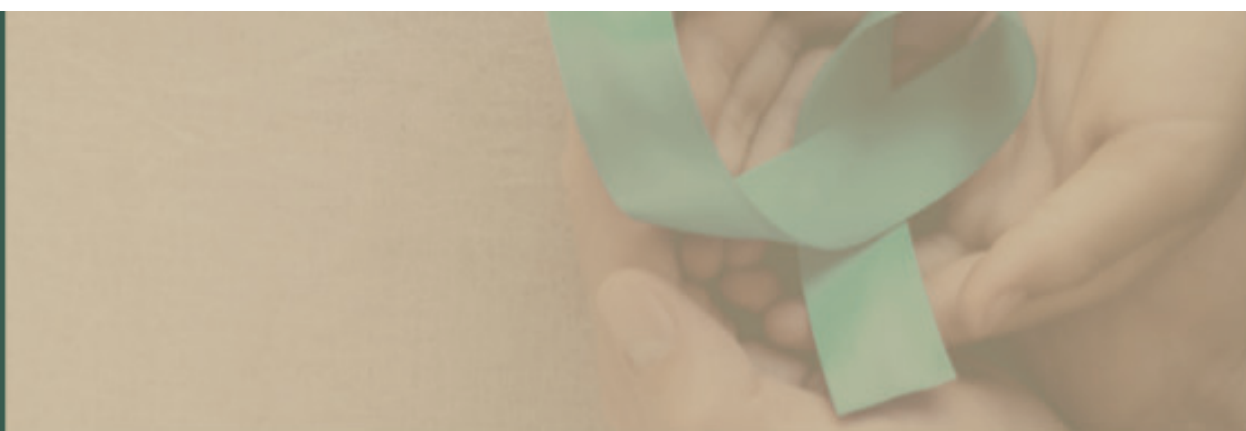
# ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

## AKWESASNE

- **Akwesasne Family Wellness Program**
  - 613-937-4322
  - [afwpoutreach@akwesasne.ca](mailto:afwpoutreach@akwesasne.ca)
- **Akwesasne Child & Family Services**
  - 613-575-2341 ext. 3139
- **Akwesasne Mohawk Police Service**
  - Emergency: 613-575-2000
  - Non-Emergency: 613-575-2340
- **Akwesasne Community Justice Program**
  - General: 613-575-5000
  - Victim Support Worker: 613-575-2340 ext. 3353 or 613-360-8897
- **Seven Dancers Coalition**
  - 518-358-2916
- **Saint Regis Mohawk Tribal Police**
  - 518-358-9200
- **SRMT Mental Health**
  - 518-358-3141, or 1-800-647-7839
- **Office of the Victim/Family Advocate**
  - 518-358-2272, ext. 2402
- **Three Sisters Program**
  - 518-358-4406 or 855-3SISTER (855-374-7837)

## SURROUNDING AREAS

- **Sexual Assault Support Services SDG&A (SASS)**
  - 1-877-544-6424 (24/7 Crisis & Support Line)
  - [www.sassforwomen.ca](http://www.sassforwomen.ca)
- **Cornwall Hospital Assault & Sexual Abuse Program (ASAP) Counselling**
  - 613-938-4240 ext. 4658 or ext. 4657
  - [www.cornwallhospital.ca/en/AbuseProgram](http://www.cornwallhospital.ca/en/AbuseProgram)
- **National Sexual Assault Hotline (USA)**
  - 1-800-656-4673
- **Sexual Abuse Crisis Text Line (US & Canada)**
  - 741741
  - [www.crisistextline.org](http://www.crisistextline.org)
- **National Suicide Prevention Hotline**
  - 1-800-273-8255
- **SAMHSA National Hotline**
  - 1-800-662-HELP (4357)
- **NYS Domestic/Sexual Violence Hotline**
  - 800-342-3720
- **Child Abuse Hotline**
  - 800-342-3720



**WE HEAR  
YOU.**


**WE BELIEVE  
YOU.**

**WE STAND  
WITH YOU.**

**IN NEED OF SOME SUPPORT OR JUST  
WANT TO TALK?**

**CONTACT THE MOHAWK COUNCIL  
OF AKWESASNE'S WHOLISTIC  
HEALTH & WELLNESS PROGRAM.**

*YOUR INFORMATION WILL BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL*

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