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Pictured left to right: CBSA representative Phil Leblanc and Kawehno:ke District Chiefs Carolyn Francis and Vince Thompson. The CBSA Domestic Lane Pilot Project will begin on Tuesday, Nov. 3rd. Read more about the project on Page 3.

UPCOMING MCA MEETINGS & SPECIAL DATES:

November General Meeting

A Zoom General Meeting will be held on November 26, 2020 at 6 p.m.

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

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

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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.

FIVE THINGS OUR MONTHLY LIST OF FACTS, REMINDERS & IMPORTANT MESSAGES



The MCA is once again offering the Akwesasne Heating Assistance Program for registered members of the MCA in the northern portion of Akwesasne (and municipal boundary of the City of Cornwall). The final deadline to apply is December 4. Read more on page 3.



MCA is seeking staff in a variety of areas. Email jobs@akwesasne.ca for more information or to submit a resume.



COVID-19 measures continue to be in place for those entering Mohawk Council of Akwesasne buildings. Those who enter will need to receive a temperature check, a health screening, a COVID-19 screening. Individuals must also wear a mask at all times. For more information, please see page 5.



The deadline to submit an application for the Federal Indian Day School Class Action is June 13, 2022. To read frequently asked questions about the claim, go to page 20.



If you need to make a housing payment, the following options are available when making a payment: E-transfer, Debit/Credit Card (through phone or in-person) or by cash. To find out more on how to make a payment, please read page 37.

MCA AND CBSA ANNOUNCE DOMESTIC LANE PILOT PROJECT TO IMPROVE THE TRAVELLER EXPERIENCE AT THE CORNWALL PORT OF ENTRY

Akwesasne (MCA) and Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) Border Collaboration Initiative (BCI), the Domestic Lane Pilot Project will be launched on November 3, 2020, and will run for a minimum of six months. By designating a lane specifically for domestic travel, the pilot project aims to create a smoother border crossing experience for all travellers at the CBSA Cornwall Port of Entry (POE), resulting in faster processing and shorter wait times for all.

"Domestic Travel" is defined as travellers who have not been to the United States. It includes those who are travelling directly from Kawehno:ke

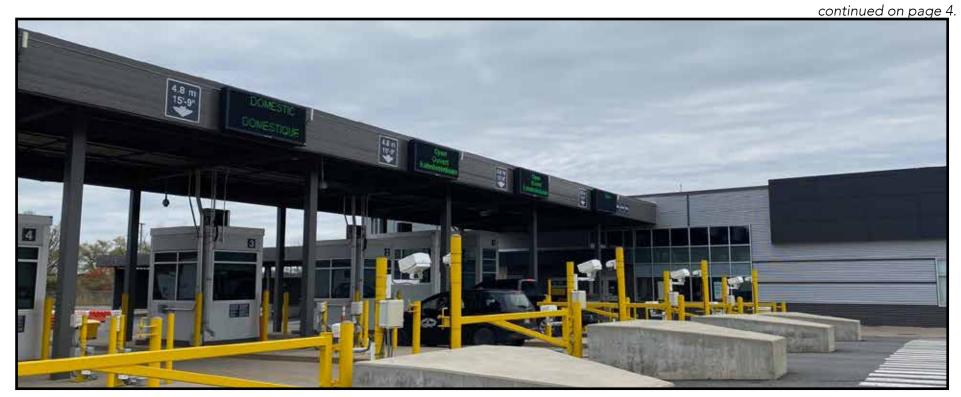
and any traveller who has travelled to Kawehno:ke (Cornwall Island) directly from Cornwall, such as visitors, business people, teachers, service vehicles, etc. Domestic travel can include both Akwesasne residents and non-residents.

"International Travel" is defined as travellers who have been to the United States or transited through the United States (such as from the districts of Kana:takon (St. Regis) and Tsi Snaihne (Snye)). International travel can include both Akwesasne residents and non-residents. International travel will be pro-

As part of the Mohawk Council of (Cornwall Island), such as residents, the port of entry. All traffic, domestic and international, is expected to benefit from shorter wait times and reduced congestion overall at the POE.

> Signage will clearly indicate which lanes are for international travel, and which lane is for domestic travel only. Travellers are encouraged to use the appropriate lane for their travel, as using the domestic lane incorrectly when travel is from the United States may delay processing of the vehicle and create additional delays for the other travellers.

The Domestic Lane will operate from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. seven days cessed through the main lanes at a week, and will be located in LANE



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MCA AND CBSA ANNOUNCE DOMESTIC LANE PILOT PROJECT TO IMPROVE THE TRAVELLER EXPERIENCE AT THE CORNWALL PORT OF ENTRY

4 at the CBSA POE plaza in Cornwall for the period of accomplished when people talk, listen and work togeththe pilot project, which is a minimum of six months. er. It also demonstrates what our shared commitment CBSA is committed to ensuring the lane is operational to the Border Collaboration Initiative can achieve." for the duration of the project.

The domestic lane pilot adheres to all current COVID-19 related travel restrictions, and facilitates the border experience for Akwesasne community members and for the CBSA. The CBSA remains committed to ensuring that Indigenous peoples continue to be able to move within and between their communities, and are able to provide and access essential goods and services.

The project will be reviewed at the end of the six-month period to determine if it will be modified or implemented permanently.

The Border Collaboration Initiative is a collaborative effort by the CBSA and MCA to improve the border crossing experience at the Cornwall POE. The need for a dedicated domestic lane for travellers was first discussed during 2018 Design Thinking sessions between CBSA and other Government of Canada departments, and Akwesasne leadership and community. Since September 2019, a joint Working Circle including MCA Chiefs, staff and CBSA representatives have been working to define the domestic lane's purpose and parameters.

"The domestic lane pilot is a great example of the ongoing collaboration between the MCA and the CBSA. It will facilitate travel and improve the border crossing experience at the CBSA Cornwall Port of Entry, especially for local residents needing to cross on a regular basis, whether that's for school, shopping or attending appointments" said John Ossowski, President, Canada Border Services Agency. "This pilot shows what can be

Grand Chief Abram Benedict noted, "The concept of a domestic lane has been talked about for several years. I'm pleased to see that a domestic lane pilot project is now being implemented at the Cornwall Port of Entry. Wait times are a known contributor to many frustrations while crossing through the port. We hope that by implementing this pilot, wait times will be reduced. I look forward to the implementation, review and feedback from the community. We will continue to work collaboratively with the CBSA on other initiatives to improve the crossing experience."



Lane 4 at the Cornwall Port-of-entry will be the designated Domestic lane.

2020-2021 AKWESASNE HEATING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne would like to inform the community that the Akwesasne Heating Assistance Program will once again be offered for the upcoming 2020-2021 winter months. The eligibility application process now includes Akwesasronon who are residing within the municipal boundary of the City of Cornwall, Ontario, provided the applicant is a registered member of the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne under the Akwesasne Membership Code. The program is also extended to clients of the Community Support Program. The application process is open to Akwesasronon who reside under the jurisdiction of Mohawk Council of Akwesasne, one per household. Applications from last year are now being taken over the phone due to the COVID-19 pandemic. You do not have to fill out an application again for this year. If you applied last year, someone from the Community Support Program will be in touch with you soon.

Individuals who applied last year will automatically be contacted by staff of the Community Support Program to verify your application and to see if you wish for your heating source payment to remain the same, or go to a different provider. If you are a new applicant or have not

heard from the Community Support Program, please call our office at (613) 575-2341 ext. 3262 and we will assist you with the application process over the phone.

As per Mohawk Council Resolution 2020/2021 #138 for this year only, if you are age 59 and under, the heating assistance amount will increase from \$500 per eligible household to \$700. If you are an Elder aged 60 years and older, the increase will be from \$800 dollars per eligible household to \$1000.

Once approved, your name will be provided to your heating source provider and your allotment will be credited to your account.

Application verifications from last year are now being confirmed by phone effective the release of this communique to the public under the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne.

The final deadline for applications will be Friday, December 4, 2020. There will be no exceptions after the deadline date, as the fuel distribution will commence at that time.

2020-2021

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DEADLINE: FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4 (613) 575-2341 ext. 3262

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OCTOBER 2020

ONKWE'TA:KE

CBSA TO BEGIN USING STANDARD QUESTION FOR ARRIVALS AT CORNWALL PORT OF ENTRY

vices Agency (CBSA) has been using a standard- tion, which signifies to the Border Services Offiized primary (threshold) question for all vehicles ar- cer (BSO) that you have only travelled domestically riving to the CBSA Port of Entry in Cornwall. The purpose of the question is to recognize the mixed traffic corridor and that not all people or vehicles arriving to the port have left Canada.

MCA and CBSA have been working collaboratively to improve the border crossing experience through the MCA-CBSA Border Collaboration Initiative (BCI). Open dialogue and design-thinking approaches are utilized to create a better understanding of each other's goals and to work together toward positive improvements.

The new question to be asked is, "Are you arriving from the United States?" The wording meets the requirements of the Customs Act and has been reviewed by Mohawk Council.

HOW TO RESPOND TO PRIMARY QUESTION TRAVEL FROM KAWEHNO:KE ONLY:

Kawehno:ke (Cornwall Island) only, without having lers for clarity.

As of October 19, 2020, the Canada Border Ser- left Canada, will answer "No" to the primary quesand not internationally.

TRAVEL FROM OR THROUGH THE U.S.:

If you are arriving to the port from beyond Kawehno:ke (Cornwall Island), and have travelled from or through the United States, your response to the primary question will be "Yes" and the BSO will continue the required processing. This includes anyone who has transited through the United States from the Akwesasne districts of Tsi Snaihne (Snye) and Kana:takon (St. Regis).

TRAVEL FROM CANADA TO KAWEHNO:KE:

If you have arrived at Kawehno:ke (Cornwall Island) from Cornwall and are returning to Cornwall via the CBSA Port of Entry without having travelled to the United States, your response to the primary question will be "No."

Those travellers who are arriving to the port from Additional follow-up questions may be asked of travel-



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REMINDER OF PROCESS FOR ENTERING MCA BUILDINGS

In order to protect each other, staff and community members, from COVID-19, there are measures in place at Mohawk Council of Akwesasne buildings.

These procedures include:

- A temperature check. A temperature of 100.0 °F or higher is considered a fever and you may not enter our buildings. A temperature lower than 100.0 is not considered a fever. Please note this temperature was recently reduced from the previous guidelines of 100.4.
- A health screening. If you answer yes to any of the questions about travel, symptoms, or exposure to a confirmed case of COVID-19, you • may not enter.
- COVID-19 testing screening question: You will be asked if you or anyone in your household are awaiting test results for COVID-19. If yes, you may not enter.
- Wearing of a mask at all times in public spaces, unless the program you are visiting has arrangements for six feet of distance. Masks must be worn by anyone moving about the buildings. Staff may be permitted to remove masks when seated/working at their own workspace/office/desk only.

MCA prohibits anyone experiencing sickness or cold and flu symptoms from entering our buildings. Please contact the MCA Community Health Program for advisement if you are sick with any COVID-19 symptoms, which could include:

- New/worsening cough
- Shortness of breath ٠
- Sore throat
- Difficulty swallowing
- Decrease or loss of sense or taste of smell
- Chills
- Headaches
- Unexplained fatigue/malaise/muscle aches
- Nausea/vomiting/diarrhea/abdominal pain
- Pink eye
- Runny nose/nasal congestion without a known cause ٠ (such as seasonal allergies)
- In children: Croup or Multisystem inflammatory vasculitis

If you have any questions about these procedures or requirements, please contact the MCA Community Health Program at 613-575-2341 ext. 3220.

Remember, we are all in this together.

PROCESS FOR ENTERING MCA BUILDINGS

In order to ensure the safety of all, there are protective measures in place at all MCA Buildings.



A temperature check will be taken. If you have a temperature over 100.0 ° you may not enter building.



A health screening will be given. If you say "yes" to any of the questions, you may not enter.



You will be asked if you are awaiting results for COVID-19. If yes, you may not enter.



You must wear a mask at all times, unless the program you are visiting has set-up with of 6 ft of distance.



MCA STATEMENT OF SOLIDARITY FOR MIK'MAQ

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne is standing in soli- Hunting and fishing are a part of our culture and way darity with the Sipekne'katik First Nation in Nova Scotia in their effort to uphold their inherent right to fish. We are the caretakers of the earth and our connection Acts of violence and racism cannot be tolerated.

Our Mohawk community of Akwesasne has experienced our own challenges throughout history maintaining our right to fish, our right to healthy fish, and We send our support to the Mi'kmag people and our right to protect and live off our vast rivers. Our relationship with the water is a part of who we are as Indigenous people.

of life, and all Indigenous people have this in common. to all land and sea began with our existence. Any attempts to extinguish our traditional practices is an attempt at cultural genocide.

we call on the Government of Canada to protect them against the hate crimes and devastation t aking place.

MCA WEDNESDAY CLOSURES

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne's non-essential programs and offices will be closed to the public on Wednesdays in order for staff to manage COVID-19 preparations and build employee morale.

Essential programs, 24-hour facilities, and some other including lohahi:io and the AMBE Board Office programs and offices will remain open. The following programs and offices are among those that are OPEN on Wednesdays:

- Community Health
- Medical Clinics including lab work appointments
- Dr. Dan's Dental Office
- Dr. Dubuc's Optometrist Office

Proxim Pharmacy

- Akwesasne Mohawk Police
- Akwesasne Mohawk Ambulance

Ahkwesahsne Mohawk Board of Education schools,

- Emergency Operations Centre
- Akwesasne Family Wellness Program

This list may not include all programs or offices that are open on Wednesdays. Please call the main MCA phone line at 613-575-2250 if you have questions or need to reach one of our programs.





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

Visit akwesasne.ca/signup.

MCA SEEKS STAFF IN SEVERAL AREAS

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

We are encouraging anyone interested in emergency employment to submit a resume identifying skills and areas of interest to our Human Resources office. Several positions will be filled immediately on an emergency hire, term basis.

Staff are currently sought for the following areas/positions: Nurses, RPN's, PSW's, Health Care Aides, Di-

etary Aides, Laundry Workers, Recreation and Leisure Workers, EMT's, Administrative Assistants, Receptionist/Clerk, Compliance Officer, Paralegal, Project Officer, Video Production/Communications, Caretakers, Counsellors, Social Workers, Early Childhood Educators, Teachers, Cooks, Activity Aides, Housekeepers, and Business/Accounting.

Please submit a resume to:

Michelle Ransom, Staffing Officer jobs@akwesasne.ca Administration Building #1 (613) 575-2250 ext. 2147

ASSISTANCE FOR INDIAN DAY SCHOOL CLAIM FORMS

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne would like to inform the community that assistance with the Federal Indian Day School Class Action is limited to the mailing or electronic submission of the forms and supporting documents. The law firm Gowling WLG is providing assistance with filling out forms and legal advice to all claimants at this time, with in-person assistance sessions to take place when it is safe to do so.

To contact Gowling WLG, please call them at their toll-free number 1-844-539-3815 or email them at day-schools@gowlingwlg.com.

The Claims Administrator, Deloitte LLC continues to process all claim forms that are submitted. For claim updates or questions about missing documents, please call them at 1-888-221-2898. The administrator representative will ask for full name, date of birth, last 3 digits of your SIN, Certificate of Indian Status number, or other ID provided and phone number, email, and mailing address for identity purposes.

Mental health assistance is provided by phone through the Hope for Wellness Hotline at 1-855-242-3310 or online at www.hopeforwellness.ca.

Community members can also contact Melissa Jacobs-Swamp or Wennietanoron Oakes at the Wholistic Health and Wellness Program for counseling and support at 613-575-2341 ext. 3115.

For assistance filling out forms and legal advice please contact Gowling WLG.

1-844-539-3815 DAYSCHOOLS@GOWLINGWLG.COM



REMINDER: BE DILIGENT AS CASES OF COVID-19 AT RECORD HIGHS IN ONTARIO (OCTOBER 9)

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne is reminding the community that cases of COVID-19 are continuing to rise in Ontario. In October, Ontario Premier Doug Ford reported a record-breaking number of 939 new positive cases, the most in a single day to date. The previous day also set a new one-day record with 797 new cases. The Eastern Ontario Health Unit reports that there are 8 active cases in • Ontario's Website: covid-19.on- keep ourselves and one another

the Cornwall area, which Akwesasne is part of.

Ontario is reviewing its re-open- • Remember to continue practic- tinue to keep Akwesasne safe.

ing measures and restrictions may again be placed on indoor dining, cinemas, gyms, and other areas.

For updates, please continue monitoring the following:

- MCA Website: www.akwesasne. ca
- MCA Facebook Page: www.face-• book.com/akwesasne.ca
 - CKON Radio 97.3 FM
 - tario.ca/data
- Eastern Ontario Health Unit Website: www.eohu.ca

ing prevention measures including wearing of masks, handwashing, and social distancing. This includes maintaining 6-feet/2metres of distance from others. Also, restrict travel and unnecessary social gatherings.

It is difficult for all of us to refrain from our normal activities, but we can all do our part to safe and healthy.

We are all in this together. Let's con-

🥌 We are all in this together. 🌑 Let's continue to keep Akwesasne safe.

MCA EXTENDS CONDOLENCES TO FAMILY OF JOYCE ECHAQUAN & **MANAWAN COMMUNITY (OCTOBER 2)**

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne is saddened and disheartened to hear about the treatment of Joyce Echaquan, an Indigenous woman from the Atikamekw First Nation.

Leading up to her unfortunate death, Echaguan was treated horrifically and unacceptably while receiving services from nurses and staff from the Joliette Hospital. No individual should have to endure that type Our hearts and thoughts go out to her family, friends, of behavior, especially in their last moments of life. In and community.

a hospital setting, you would expect to be met with professionalism and compassion; this degrading language should not be tolerated and no person should ever have to face this type of treatment. The language that was directed to Echaguan is something that was difficult to listen to. We hope that the investigation taking place brings justice to Joyce Echaquan.

MCA'S 2019 "SUNSHINE LIST"

In an effort to provide transparency and account- ernance to publish these lists on an annual basis. ability to the community, the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne is providing full disclosure of its Previously, the salaries of Council and directors were 2019 "Sunshine List." A 'sunshine list" is a list of an organization's employees who are paid \$100,000 or more in a calendar year.

MCA passed a resolution approving the full disclosure of the Sunshine List to include names, positions, salaries, and total taxable benefits of all employees who are paid \$100,000 or more. It is considered good gov-

shared publicly on the MCA website and through the financial audit. Acceptance of MCR 2019/2020 #157 increases the financial disclosure to include any employees earning \$100,000 or more.

This information will be posted publicly on the MCA website at http://www.akwesasne.ca/mcas-2019-sunshine-list/.

	First Name	Last Name	Position	Annual Income	Taxable Benefit
	Shawn	Dulude	Chief of Police AMPS	161,203.68	818.88
	Kariwate	Mitchell	Detective Sergeant	160,656.75	
	Michael A.	Biron	Dispatcher AMPS	148,395.54	
	Kyle G.	Latour-Legace	Constable AMPS	147,717.60	
	Aronienens	Porter	Patrol Sergeant AMPS	147,038.28	
	Ranatiiostha	Swamp	Staff Sergeant AMPS	147,011.94	
0040	Philip	Swamp	Patrol Sergeant AMPS	145,661.50	
2019	Cody S.	Thompson	Patrol Sergeant AMPS	139,637.45	
2010	David E.	Thompson	Acting Sergeant	137,903.60	
T IN TOTTTY TT	Phillip K.	Boots	Patrol Sergeant AMPS	136,683.37	
UNSHINE	Leroy L.	Swamp	Detective Constable AMPS	135,294.93	
	Lee-Ann F.	Beaudry	Deputy Chief AMPS	128,830.74	
	Patrick	Pyke	Constable AMPS	128,611.10	
LIST	Corey L.	Thomas	Constable AMPS	128,468.95	
	Norman	King	Constable AMPS	127,693.59	
	Raweras	Mitchell	Detective Constable AMPS	125,880.52	
	Richard	Fournier	Acting Comptroller Finance	122,610.44	752.62
	Rachel	Thomas	Constable AMPS	121,678.58	
MPLOYEES MAKING	Noel V.	Starblanket	Constable AMPS	120,131.69	
	Heather	Phillips	Executive Director	118,087.83	
100,000 OR MORE	Mackenzie	Mitchell	Constable AMPS	117,895.22	
NOU,000 OK MORE	Nathan D.	Thompson	Constable AMPS	117,465.59	
A CALENDAR YEAR	James D.	Sunday	Detective Constable AMPS	117,050.40	
A ONLENDIN TENN	Wallace G.	Thompson	Constable AMPS	116,361.77	
	Donna	Lahache	Director AMBE	115,271.26	
	leslie	Papineau	Technical Project Manager DTS	115,163.22	
1 AM	Brandon J.	Swamp	Constable AMPS	114,924.68	
	Janet	Brant	Nurse Practitioner	111,977.28	
A AND A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A	Kenneth R.	Chaussi	Labour Relations/Training AMPS	111,765.97	
and the second sec	Michelle	Rolfe	Constable AMPS	110,816.89	
	Robyn	Mitchell	Director DCSS	109,635.30	
MOHAWK COUNCIL OF AKWESASNE	Abram H.	Benedict	Grand Chief	108,816.89	
	Donna	Roundpoint	Assistant Executive Director	106,477.90	
	Christine	Francis	Registered Nurse	106,060.32	
	Daryl	Diabo	Advanced Care Paramedic Ambulance	105,706.76	
	Joseph	Francis	Acting Director DTS	102,475.75	



AKWESASNE HUNTING & FISHING RESTRICTION REMAINS IN EFFECT SRMT & MCA JOINT RELEASE (OCTOBER 2)

Due to fishing tournaments being held in the sur- the processing of new permits are placed on hold. rounding areas, the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne (MCA) and Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe (SRMT) are reminding the general public that any hunting or fishing in the Territory of Akwesasne continues to be limited Enniskó:wa/March 16, 2020 is rescinded by the reto community members only.

The restriction continues due to the increase in positive COVID-19 cases reported in Ontario and Quebec and is intended to prevent the potential spread of the virus in Akwesasne. As a result, all existing Non-Member Hunting and Fishing Permits are suspended and

The Hunting and Fishing Restriction shall remain in effect until the Emergency Declaration issued on spective Mohawk Councils. Those who are found in violation of this restriction will face fines or penalties.

Niá:wen/Thank you for your understanding and cooperation, as we all strive to keep the community of Akwesasne safe and healthy during the ongoing CO-VID-19 Pandemic.

ARTIST RECOGNIZED FOR EVERY CHILD MATTERS LOGO AT PORT OF ENTRY

Local artist Joe King was invited to the CBSA Port of Entry in Cornwall today where the banner featuring his artwork is on display. He was joined by Port Director of Operations Phil Leblanc, Director of CBSA's Indigenous Affairs Secretariat Nicole Elmy, and Kawehno:ke District Chief Vanessa Adams.

The First Nations logo represents across Canada and children who suffered in residential schools.

Read more about King's logo at the Akwesasne.ca website.

Read more about the history of Orange Shirt Day here: www.orangeshirtday.org



CBSA representatives along with Akwesasne artist, Joe King, and District Chief of Kawehno:ke Vanessa Adams.





CORNWALL RAISES AWARENESS OF ORANGE SHIRT DAY

the indigenous survivors and victims of residential dette Clement invited Mohawk Council to attend the schools.

The City of Cornwall, in collaboration with the Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario, is raising awareness of the impact residential schools have had on indigenous communities. An orange banner was hung from the city's iconic clock tower, and two of the city's water fountains were lit orange for To learn more about Orange Shirt Day, visit the evening.

September 30th is Orange Shirt Day, which honours Catholic school board reps and Cornwall Mayor Bernaofficial banner unveiling in Lameroux Park.

> District Chief Vanessa Adams attended on behalf of Council. The event was also attended by Indigenous advisors to the catholic school board, David Deerhouse and Theresa Cook.

> www.orangeshirtday.org.



Representatives from Cornwall and Akwesasne came together for Orange Shirt Day, which honours the indigenous survivors and victims of the residential schools.



PETITION RECEIVED BY MCA REGARDING LAND DISPUTES (SEPTEMBER 30)

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne (MCA) is notifying the community that a petition was received on September 21, 2020, requesting that the group calling themselves "The Land Protectors" be stopped from continuing to interfere in family land disputes throughout Akwesasne. The petition is currently being verified by the Akwesasne Justice Department to determine how many eligible voters have signed the petition.

MCA is aware that there are a number of current land disputes within Akwesasne and our Office of Vital Statistics follows the rules established by Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) when dealing with estates and land transfers; this is because the policies and procedures of ISC currently govern estate issues related to land and land transfers in general. Land administration is unfortunately governed by the Indian Act of Canada.

There is potential for MCA to establish our own rules related to estate issues and land transfers in the future, as part of our overall Self Government Agreement with Canada. However, the issue is that, no matter what rules are followed, when there is a land dispute it's because there is disagreement over the resulting outcome when the rules are implemented. At present, me-

diation is a viable solution to resolving land disputes and both disputing parties must be willing to participate for it to work.

"The Land Protectors" group is reportedly causing harm to families involved in family disputes all while claiming to advocate for resolve to the dispute. It is best that land disputes are handled through the processes in place and only by the disputing parties. Dealing with a family land dispute is extremely difficult for everyone involved and these challenging circumstances should not be made even more difficult by individuals who are not and should not become involved.

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne is also aware of a possible associated group that is occupying lands in the area of Hopkins Point. While the intention of this group is unclear, the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne has received complaints from landowners expressing concern with people building a camp on their private land. While this group may not be associated with "The Land Protectors", we again remind the community that we must be respectful of individual property rights regardless of ownership disputes.



ENTEWATATHÁ:WI - "WE WILL GOVERN"

ENTEWATATHÁ:WI—THE OBJECTIVES

Entewatatha:wi (We will Govern) is the process of developing a new relationship with Canada called the Entewatatha:wi Self Government Agreement. The objectives of the Entewatathá:wi are to: remove confines of colonization, create an effective Mohawk Council of Akwesasne Government with accountability to the people of Akwesasne, and present a Comprehensive Communication Education Plan, that will foster the community involvement and feedback.

The exploratory process started in 1990, with the hiring of a few staff under the direction of the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne. Funding was provided from Indian and Northern Affairs Canada. Various communication brochures and videos were created and community working tables were established to guide the process and focus on Governance Code, Land Code and the Self Government negotiations table with Canada. In 2013 Entewatathá:wi/Nation Building began in earnest



ENTEWATATHÁ:WI - "WE WILL GOVERN"

ENTEWATATHÁ:WI-THE OBJECTIVES

with the signing of two Agreement in Principles that determined the parameters of negotiations going forward.

For decades, the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne has been engaged in the process of decolonization and has recently gained momentum. The Government of Canada has identified many subject areas and colonial practices that needed to be addressed in order to establish a new relationship with First Nation Communities. These practices were identified in many past studies such as the "Hawthorne Report, 1966", the "Penner Report ,1983" and the "Royal Commission of Aboriginal Peoples, Report, 1996". These were augmented by the 94 recommendations from the "Truth and Reconciliation Report, 2015", the acceptance of Canada of the "United Nation Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous People, 2016" and movements such as "Idle - No -More", "Shannen' s Dream", "Jordan's Principle" and now "All Lives Matter". These activities and reports identify the many areas to be addressed in the decolonization process.

Entewatathá:wi is working on the decolonization with the changing responsibilities as defined by the Canadian legislation of the Indian Act. This new relationship with Canada will allow people of Akwesasne to have control to manage land, membership, environment and other areas as identified in the agreement. Recognition will be also given to the First Nation government

regarding governance, and parts of the Justice system. The Mohawks of Akwesasne have identified two parts of the Indian Act that will remain such as Section 87 Tax Exemption and Section 89 Protection of Land Seizure. The Entewatathá:wi team has been negotiating with Canada to ensure the best interests of the Mohawks of Akwesasne are addressed and their rights are protected.

Let us not forget, the Mohawks of Akwesasne has made legislation in governance with the enactment of the Election Law, Membership Code and Financial Administration Law. This has provided clarification and guidance to Mohawk Council of Akwesasne through the membership, accountability of the Elected Council members, and transparency to the administrations' finances.

A Comprehensive Educational Plan has been ongoing with information in the Onkwe'ta:ke, Talk Shows, a History Summit, and publications. The community will have the opportunity to be informed and to vote in community referendum for the Entewatathá:wi Self Government Agreement. The communications have fostered community feedback, which is vital. This helps to ensure community members have the accurate information when making the decision to vote on the self government agreement.





September 14, 2020

- The Acting Program Manager for the Office of Vital Statistics provided Council with an overview of the processes for leasing and cancellation of leases on Akwesasne lands.
- Council discussed the annual Halloween and Holiday Dinners
 festivities; Chiefs committees will discuss potential options for consideration.
- An update was provided by MCA's CBSA Domestic Lane Committee on a CBSA mobile app and the development of a domestic lane.

September 21, 2020

- The Director and Assistant Director of Health and Dr. Horn provided a presentation to Council on the rostering of patients and the benefits to Akwesasne.
- Representatives from the Nation Building–Entewatatha:wi
 program provided Council with
 an update on the status of negotiations between the MCA and

COUNCIL WEEKLY MEETING REPORT

SUBMITTED BY GRAND CHIEF ABRAM BENEDICT

- Council agreed that the only agenda item for the September 24, 2020 General Meeting will be a presentation on MCA's 2020 budget.
- A briefing was provided on a property for sale offer.
- Council discussed the funeral assistance provided to community members by the Community Support Program and requested that portfolio follow up with the program to ensure consistency.
- A concern with daycare fees was discussed; administration will follow up to seek clarification.
- Council received an overview on expectations of Council to ensure the team is supported.
- MCRs passed: Approval of land allotment to community member (loan paid off); Approval of amendment to previous MCR on Stanley Island permit (change in dates); Approval of permit renew-

al on Stanley Island; Approval of amendment to MCR on Stanley Island permit (change in dates); Approval of amendment to previous MCR on Stanley Island permit (change in dates); Approval of amendment to funding agreement with Independent First Nations (IFN) for life promotion; (3) Approval of amendments to Akwesasne-Canada funding agreement; Approval In Principal of the appointment of three community members to act as trustees for the Akwesasne Community Settlement Trust; Acceptance of the resignation of an Akwesasne Review Commission member; Approval of an amendment to the Akwesasne Emergency Curfew Law to lift the curfew; Approval for Executive Director to execute a sales agreement.

Canada.

- Council reviewed the Funeral Wake Protocol document that was collaboratively developed by the EOCs for the MCA and the SRMT for implementation.
 - A briefing was provided on a request for assistance to have tree limbs removed from electrical lines; further follow up will be • done with Quebec Hydro.
- Council discussed possible scenarios for the upcoming Halloween festivities and Holiday dinners; the Chiefs committees will meet for further discussions.
- A briefing was provided on a recent issue with a medical transport driver; further follow up will be done.
 - Council discussed a request for a letter of support for a health recontinued on page 18

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COUNCIL WEEKLY MEETING REPORT SUBMITTED BY GRAND CHIEF ABRAM BENEDICT

search project; the requester will be scheduled to provide a presentation.

 MCRs passed: Approval of permit on Stanley Island; Approval of allotment of land (loan paid off); Approval of new signing authorities for BMO Harris Bank account; Approval of 2020 audit for

September 26, 2020

- A representative of the University of Albany provided Council with an overview of a proposal
 titled: "Redox-associated biosignatures of age and environment affecting Native American" and requested a letter of support from the MCA. Council agreed to support the project.
- Council discussed the plan for Halloween and agreed that messaging will be working on be-

Minister of Education; Approval of one time COVID 19 funding from the Ministry of Long Term Care; Approval of 4 band transfer requests; Approval of service contract with Dr. Horn; Approval of BMO mortgage guarantee for community member; Approval in principal for the issuance of

tween MCA's Communication Unit and the Chiefs Committee • for release to the community.

- A briefing was provided on the funeral assistance currently provided by the Community Support Program; Council agreed that a new separate policy will be
 researched and considered.
- Council discussed a recent petition that was received regarding a land protectors group and agreed that the petition will be

permit to Bell Mobility and cancellation of permit with TM Mobile; Approval of sponsorship agreement with Bell Mobility; Approval of sponsorship agreement with TM Mobile; Approval of 2020/2021 Heating Assistance Program.

sent to Justice for verification.

- A briefing was provided on the MCA fibre to the home project; additional information will be brought forward from Economic Development on expediting the project.
- Council discussed a request from community members seeking clarification on the dates being used for the schools in Akwesasne regarding eligibility to submit applications to the Federal

STAY UPDATED ON ALL THINGS **A K W E S A S N E**



COUNCIL WEEKLY MEETING REPORT SUBMITTED BY GRAND CHIEF ABRAM BENEDICT

Indian Day School Class Action. Follow-up will occur with the class action law firm.

 MCRs passed: Approval of Issuance of Cannabis Cultivation License; Approval of 2 permits on Lame Squaw Island; Approval of assignment of lease on Hamilton Island; Approval of Assignment of lease on Thompson Island; Approval of appointment extension for Akwesasne Legislative Commission members until December 2020; Approval of activity report for HIV/ AIDS funding; Approval of Independent First Nation Aboriginal Diabetes Initiative funding increase; Approval of housing upgrade loan to community member; Approval of 2 amendments to the funding agreement with Indigenous Services Canada; Approval of changes to bank signing officers for the Tsiionkwanonhso:te resident trust account; Acceptance of 2019/20 Audit for CMHC Section 96 housing project; Acceptance of 2019/20 Audit for Akwesasne Mohawk Police Service; Approval of 2019/20 Audit for Akwesasne Mohawk Police Service Joint Investigative Team

October 16, 2020

- Representatives of the CBSA Domestic Lane Working Circle provided Council with an overview of the proposed domestic lane pilot project and the implementation plan. Council acknowledged the implementation plan and the changes to the primary question which will now be: "Are you arriving from the US?".
- Alain Boisvert, a filmmaker, presented his proposed film titled "The Art of Basket Making in Akwesasne" and requested a letter of support for his funding application to the Quebec government. Council agreed to the request.
- Council agreed that no Coun cil Meeting will take place next week due to the Thanksgiving holiday.
- A briefing was provided on the

need to review and consider changes to the MCA Honorarium Policy as it relates to boards, committees, and commissions. Council agreed that a MCR should be prepared to establish a committee to review boards, committees, and commissions, including the honorarium paid to members of these bodies.

- Council agreed that the upcoming General Meeting will take place on October 29, 2020 and the agenda item will be roundtable updates from Council. Com munity members are encouraged to send their questions prior to the meeting to meetings@akwesasne.ca.
- A briefing and discussion was held on MCA's preparation for a COVID-19 second wave; the Executive Director explained the organizational preparations un-

derway and the potential options for food security.

- Council was briefed on the current status of the petition submitted and agreed that it would be read into the record at the next General Meeting.
- A briefing was provided on the recent interviews for a custodial account manager.
- Council discussed a recent fishing tournament and the information received regarding the issuance of MCA fishing licenses.
- MCRs passed: Approval of 3 allotments of land to community members (mortgages paid off); Approval of transfer payment agreement with Ministry of Education; Approval of CMHC Section 95 Housing Project 2020 Audit; Approval to proceed with the payment of BMO mortgage balance for defaulted account.

TSI SNAIHNE DISTRICT CHIEF CONNIE LAZORE UPDATES



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Portfolio: Justice, Public Safety, Executive Services Month: September 2020 **Committee:** Finance, Governance, Cannabis Working Task Group

All Meetings Listed are thru the "Zoom" technology

The month of September, Council continues to operate thru technology utilizing "Zoom" software for our meetings. Our meetings consisted of Council meeting, Council COVID Update, Border Update, and a meeting with the St. Regis Mohawk Tribe Leadership all held on a weekly basis.

The focus for Council was COVID-19, and in June I began working within my portfolios and existing projects.

Weekly Monday Council Meeting resuming our weekly meetings to conduct MCA business. Program Offices were opened at the end of July to the community. Appoint-

ments are required to meet with being advanced for the community. staff.

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. Our office is now located at Admin I

Weekly Friday Leadership Meeting with SRMT.

General Meeting was held this month on September 24th, virtually thru Zoom. The process went well, information sharing included MCA Budget with presentations from all departments.

Work in Progress:

This section will provide the community with other activities, projects and initiatives that are still un- 5. will also serve as an informative up-

1. Recreational Cannabis Working Task Group Meetings continue, we met on September 11 and 25th. The WTG continues the work of reviewing applications.

2. Akwesasne Waterways Working Task Group met on September 30th. The Working Task Group (WTG) was created based on the all the concerns voiced by the community with regards to water safety and the lack of respect. We discuss creating a summary of work, creating the work plan for the next season and material required.

3. A Finance Committee meeting was held on September 3rd. This was our first meeting since March 2020. We refreshed ourselves with the requirements from the Financial Administrative Law and the process the committee must follow. We also began work on the Dundee Funding.

Justice Portfolio Meeting was 4. held on September 10th. This meeting is held with the Director where political issues are raised.

Governance Committee WTG der development or in progress. It meet this month to continue the review of process and procedures for date on where items are and what is the Mohawk Government. Meetcontinued on page 21

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ings were held every Wednesdays this month. Our work to reviewing documents is ongoing and productive.

MCA/CBSA Communications 6. Relations Working Table meetings were held on the September 2nd, 9th, and the 29th of this month. This table was developed from the MCA/CBSA Border Crossing Collaboration Initiative.

MCA/CBSA Leadership Meet-7. ings were held on September 17th as a prep meeting for the September 24th. This table discusses and considers recommendations from the established tables.

8.

Commissions on September 10th. We had good discussion about the potential work plan.

9. HAVFD Station #3 Building Design. The Station #3 in Tsi Snaihne is in need of a new facility. The members of the Station have engaged a firm to begin the design phase, they have spent time designing for their needs. I was asked to assist with funding and am now working with the Station Members, Consultants, Grand Chief, Executive Director and DTS on this file.

10. Recreation Committee Meetings have been held to discuss the needs of the recreations and the upcoming Halloween Events. Two Council met to begin the re- meetings were held this month

view of the Boards, Committees and Sept. 23 & 30th. I also assisted the Tsi Snaihne Recreation with their Resumption/Event Plan, delivered to them signs for their facility should they decide to resume operations.

> 11. Community Policing Information Session. A second session was held on September 28th to respond to the questions generated from the first session held on August 20th. I participated in the second session.

> AFNQL hosted a Racism & 12. **Discrimination Press Conference on** September 29th that I attended thru video. It was a presentation to the Government of Quebec on recommendations to deal with the widespread racism and discrimination in Quebec towards First Nations.



ABORIGINAL RIGHTS AND RESEARCH OFFICE

FAQ'S—FEDERAL INDIAN DAY SCHOOL CLASS ACTION

Where can I get a claim form?

You can find claim forms either online at the Indian Day School website (www.indiandayschools.com/en/), the MCA website (www.akwesasne.ca/indian-day-school-class-action-information/), or physical copies at the Canada Post Office in Kanatakon, the MCA Admin#1 building, and CT's Country Market.

Where can I go to get help with my claim form?

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne is limited to assisting community members with mailing or electronic submission of completed forms and supporting documents. Assistance with completing forms is through the law firm Gowling WLG by calling them at 1-844-539-3815 or email at dayschools@gowlingwlg.com. In-person assistance workshops will take place when it is safe to do so. Online workshops are through Zoom and information about upcoming workshops and how to register can be found at indiandayschools.com/en/contact/presentations/. Mental health assistance is provided by phone through the Hope for Wellness Hotline at 1-855-242-3310 or online at www.hopeforwellness.ca/. Melissa Jacobs-Swamp or Wennietanoron Oakes at the Wholistic Health and Wellness department are able to provide counseling to community members. Call them at 613-575-2341 ext. 3101.

Where do I send my completed form and supporting documents?

Send your completed form and copies of original documents to:

- By mail: Indian Day Schools Class Action Claims Administrator, c/o Deloitte PO Box 1775 Toronto, ON Canada M5C 0A2
- By Fax: 416-366-1102
- By email: indiandayschools@deloitte.ca. Please place in the subject line "Federal Indian Day School application" and attach your completed form and copies of supporting documents and identification before sending.

How do I find out what the status is on my claim?

You can contact the Claims Administrator at 1-888-221-2898 and ask for the status on your claim. The administrator will ask you for full name, date of birth, last three digits of Social Insurance Number, Certificate of Indian Status or other ID provided, and a phone number, email, or mailing address. Please note that it will take three weeks from when you sent in your application until a status update will be available.

How long do I have to submit my application?

The deadline to submit an application is July 13, 2022. If you require an extension, submit a request for extension before the claim deadline passes. Extensions are for six months from the deadline date.

CONTACT US!

Aboriginal Rights and Research Office (613) 575-2348 ext. 2206

ABORIGINAL RIGHTS AND RESEARCH OFFICE

FAQ'S—FEDERAL INDIAN DAY SCHOOL CLASS ACTION

When did my school open and close?

These dates of school openings and closures/transfers can be found in Schedule K-Indian Day School list on the day school website: indiandayschools.com/en/

- Akwesasne, Ontario schools
 - o Cornwall Island/Cornwall Island West: September 1st, 1876 to June 30th, 1983
 - o Cornwall Island East: February 10th, 1936 to September 1st, 1958
- Akwesasne, Quebec schools
 - o Chenail: October 3rd, 1881 to September 1st, 1990
 - o Chetlain: December 3rd, 1913 to July 31st, 1948
 - o St.Regis Island school(St.Regis Island): 1885 to June 30th, 1954
 - o St.Regis Village: 1867 to September 1st, 1987

I had gone to a different Day School than the ones in Akwesasne. Am I still able to apply?

Yes. As long as the reserve school you went to is included in Schedule K and attended while it was still federally operated you can apply.

I want to file a claim on behalf of a deceased loved one or someone who is disabled. How do I do that? If your loved one had passed on or after the July 31st, 2007 cutoff, you will complete the form on their behalf and complete the Personal Representative section. You also need to provide additional documents such as a death certificate, documentation naming you as either executor or administrator, and a copy of your ID. If they lived on a reserve, you can contact Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada at 1-800-567-9604 to be appointed as a Personal Representative to complete the form. If they lived off reserve, you need to contact the Provincial/Territorial government about being appointed as an Administrator.

If you are a Power of Attorney for someone who is disabled, you need to provide the documentation appointing you as Power of Attorney such as a Court Order or documentation that shows you have power of Attorney over the Claimant's finances as well as your ID.

I need legal advice before I complete my form. Who do I talk to?

You can contact the class legal counsel Gowling WLG at their toll free number 1-844-539-3815 and speak to a representative about your application. Advice from Class Counsel is free of charge. If you wish to hire a personal lawyer, please note that their legal fees must be approved by the Federal Court before they request payment from you. Hiring a personal lawyer instead of accessing the free legal services provided by Gowling WLG will release them from their obligations to providing this service to you.

For more information, please visit the Federal Indian Day School website at indiandayschools.com/en/. You can also contact Gowling WLG at their helpline 1-844-539-3815 or email them at dayschools@gowlingwlg.com.

SOCIAL MEDIA CONNECTION

FACEBOOK STATS

Facebook Posts with the Most Likes in October

- 1. AMPS Responds to Emergencies in Snye
- 2. MCA Statement of Solidarity for Mik'maq
- 3. MCA's 2019 "Sunshine List"
- 4. MCA Extends Condolences to Family of Joyce Echaquan & Manawan Community
- 5. Iohahi:io Facial Recognition Temperature Terminal

Facebook Posts with the Highest Reach in October

- 1. AMPS Respond to Emergencies in Snye—37,979 reached
- 2. MCA's 2019 "Sunshine List" —12,334 reached
- 3. MCA Seeks Staff in Several Areas—7,744 reached
- 4. MCA Extends Condolences to Family of Joyce Echaquan & Manawan Community—6,088 reached
- 5. CBSA To Begin Using Standard Question for Arrivals at Cornwall Port of Entry—6,034 reached





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MCA extends a big niawenhkó:wa to the community of Akwesasne for all they have done to keep themselves, their family & friends, and the community safe from the spread of COVID-19.

We are all in this together.



Nia:wen Akwesasne | A Message from Council The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne extends a big niawenhkó:wa to the community of Akwesasne for ... & youtube.com



YOUTUBE STATS

Highest Viewed Videos on the MCA Youtube Channel for October

1. Nia:wen Akwesasne | A Message from Council

- 2. Tsi Snaihne School | 2020-2021 School Year Safety Review & Reminders
- 3. MCA Community Policing Meeting #2 September 28, 2020



EXECUTIVE SERVICES

COMPLIMENTS AND APPRECIATIONS

The MCA (Interim) Health & Safety Officer wishes to acknowledge and send a special thank-you/niawenhko:wa to Taylor Bova of AMS Maintenance and Ronnie King of Maintenance for assisting me in a timely manner with an important safety issue. It's the little things that make for my new job to be gratifying, knowing I can count on staff such as yourselves.

The few minutes you spared in assisting me on Friday, October 23, 2020 did not go unnoticed and more importantly the safety issue was addressed in a timely manner. Once again, niawenhko:wa.

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To the HR team: Thank you for your dedication and effort that you put into helping the HR team meet the organization goals every day. Your hard work and efforts are not going unnoticed. I would like to say, as a fairly new Manager, that I could not have asked for a better group of employees to lead and work with. You are all very helpful and knowledgeable in your field. You have made my transition from Finance to HR that much easier. You come to work with a smile even through the hard times of the pandemic and attack your job with determination at completing the tasks at hand. There are many deadlines that you face on a daily basis and you always do your best to meet those deadlines. The role of any HR personnel is not an easy one but you all make it through whatever is thrown your way. Keep up the great work and continue your commitment to excellence.

Thank you to Karlee Bigtree, the Admin Assistant at the Akwesasne Family Wellness Program for all her assistance in completing the Resumption Plan. We were the first program to have completed it thanks to Karlee's efforts and diligence. Niawen to Karlee for being an awesome Administrative Assistant!!

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A big niawenhko:wa goes out to the staff at Akwesasne Child & Family Services for organizing awesome Halloween activities to make Halloween fun for the children in the community.

I would like to give a shout out to my team at Iohahi:io. It hasn't been easy working in the education field during a pandemic and everyone has been doing an amazing job continuing on the best way possible for our new normal. Keep up the good work!

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I would like to give a shout out to AMBE Staff and Administrators for their dedication to ensure the continuation of programs and services. Teachers and Principals are onsite 5 days a week working and continuing professional learning. Nia:wen for all that you do!

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne's Department of Health wishes to recognize the passion, dedication, and professionalism of the entire health care team who have and continue to maintain essential services for the Akwesasne community in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

• Akwesasne Mohawk Ambulance

 Akwesasne Non-Insured Benefits

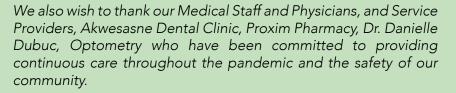
• Community Health

• Home Care & Home Support

Iakhihsohtha Lodge

• Tsiionkwanonhsote LTC Facility

• Wholistic Health & Wellness (Medical Clinics)



Via:wen!

We are all in this together.

I wanted to appreciate Economic Development's Asset Management team for their hard work and dedication! They have exhibited excellent teamwork, leadership, and support with their assistance of Food Distribution, Arena upkeep and upgrades, Peace Tree Mall operations, and PPE distribution.

The team includes Robert Mitchell, Pete Francis, Ryan Sharrow, Fred White, and Sean Leonard. I would also like to acknowledge Tray Square for his support during food distribution and Larry Mitchell.



Nia:wen Economic Development's Asset Management Team!

CHILDREN'S PAGE

SPOT THE DIFFERENCES!

Can you spot the 5 differences between these two fall scenes?



4. Boy on right has a missing red dot on his shirt. 5. Boy on right has a missing patch on his pants. ٦. Missing leat above girl in center's right hand. 2. Girl in center has different colored hair ties. 3. Girl on left has an additional leat between her teet.

SIMPLY A-MAZE-ING

YOU GOT TO BE KIDDING ME!

Help the squirrel through the maze to find its acorns.



If money grew on trees, what would be everyones favorite season? Fall!

What do you get when you drop a pumpkin? Squash!



What did one leaf say to another? I'm falling for you!

Why do birds fly south in the fall? It's too far to walk!

MCA COVID-19 TESTING STATISTICS AND NATIONAL SITUATION REPORT – OCTOBER 26, 2020

Below are the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne Community Health Program's COVID-19 testing and call statistics as of October 25, 2020:

Dates	Total Calls	Total Tests
March 13, 2020 - May 31, 2020	671	40
June 1, 2020 - June 30, 2020	288	64
July 1, 2020 - July 31, 2020	872	339
August 1, 2020 - August 31, 2020	359	92
September 1, 2020 - September 30, 2020	409	128
October 1, 2020 - October 4, 2020	53	9
October 5, 2020 - October 11, 2020	62	17
October 12, 2020 - October 18, 2020	66	29
October 19, 2020 - October 25, 2020	53	19
Grand Total	2833	737

Below is the Ministry of Health's situation report for COVID-19 as of October 25, 2020 for worldwide, Canada and Ontario totals:

Situation:

ondation.								
Case count as of 10:00 am October 25 2020 / Nombre de cas à 10h00 le 25 octobre 2020								
Area / Région	Case count / Nombre de cas	Change from yesterday / Changement par rapport à hier	Deaths / Décès	Change from yesterday / Changement par rapport à hier				
Worldwide total / Total mondial	43 047 565	+ 454 159	1 156 124	+ 5 270				
Canada*	213 959	+ 2 227	9 922	+ 34				
Ontario**	70 373	+ 1 042	3 093	+ 7				

Below is the Ministry of Health's data for Ontario COVID-19 cases as of October 25, 2020:

Untario:				
Confirmed Cases	Cas confirmés	Data Source / Source des données	Yesterday / Hier	7-day % change / % de changement sur 7 jours
Cumulative Cases	Nombre cumulatif de cas	CCM / SPGCC	70 373	9%
Health Sector Worker Cases	Nombre de cas chez les travailleurs du secteur de la santé	CCM / SPGCC	7 488	2%
Cumulative Resolved	Nombre cumulatif de cas résolus	CCM / SPGCC	60 160	9%
Cumulative Deaths	Nombre cumulatif de décès	CCM / SPGCC	3 093	2%
Long-Term Care Home Residents	Nombre de décès de résidents des CSLD	CCM / SPGCC	1 989	0%
Retirement Home Residents	Nombre de décès de résidents des maisons de retraite	CCM / SPGCC	209	1%
Health Sector Workers	Nombre de décès de travailleurs du secteur de la santé	CCM / SPGCC	12	0%
Daily Count / Nombre quotidien				

FLU SHOT CLINICS NOW AVAILABLE THROUGH MCA DEPT. OF HEALTH

This month, the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne's Community Health Program began providing flu shots to the community in a new drive-thru setting to accommodate the need for social distancing.

The next flu shot clinic will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 4, 2020 from 2 - 6 p.m. in Kana:takon (St. Regis). The flu shot clinics are by appointment only.

To make an appointment, please contact Community Health at 613-575-2341 Ext. 3220. Please check the MCA website or contact Community Health for additional flu shot clinic dates throughout the month.



Nurse Practicioner Katelyn Fedorak preparing a flu vaccine at the Kawehno:ke Medical Clinic.

PHYSIOTHERAPY SERVICES AVAILABLE TO THE COMMUNITY

The MCA Physiotherapy Services are currently in operation at the CIA #3 Building on Kawehno:ke and open tered by our Physiotherapist Assistants – Eugene Dato Akwesasronon.

Community members will need a referral by their doctor to access these services. All referrals can be faxed to the Home Care/Home Support office at 613-933-2076.

Upon receiving the referral, a physiotherapist will contact you to schedule an appointment for an assessment. Patients will be seen individually due to COVID-19 restrictions.

Physiotherapy is under the direction of Patrick Labrooy, R.PT., and Martine Jean-Pierre, B.SC. PT. They are available for assessments on Tuesdays & Thursdays.

Prescribed physiotherapy out-patient services, including community care, are available 5 days a week under

the supervision of the Physiotherapist and adminisvid and Francine Gray.



5 STEPS TO RESPOND TO AN **OPIOID OVERDOSE**



If the person begins breathing on their own, or if you have to leave them alone, put them in the recovery position.



Knee stops body from rolling onto stomach

SIGNS OF OPIOID OVERDOSE

- Person can't be woken up
- Breathing is slow or has stopped
- Snoring or gurgling sounds
- Fingernails and lips turn blue or purple
- Pupils are tiny or eyes are rolled back
- Body is limp



RECOVERY

POSITION

Head should be titled back slightly to open airway

Hand supports head

RESOURCES

WHOLISTIC HEALTH & WELLNESS PROGRAM

- Addictions Services o 613-575-2341 ext. 3109
- Mental Health Services & Counselling o 613-575-2341 ext. 3115
- Traditional Support Services o 613-575-2341 ext. 3100

AKWESASNE

- Akwesasne Family Wellness Program o 613-937-4322
 - afwpoutreach@akwesasne.ca
- Akwesasne Child & Family Services o 613-575-2341 ext, 3139
- Grandparents Support Group o 613-575-2341 ext. 3100
- Akwesasne Mohawk Police Service & **Akwesasne Mohawk Ambulance** Emergency: 613-575-2000
- SRMT Health Services Drug & Alcohol Program o 518-358-3141
- Akwesasne Crime Stoppers o 613-575-2255

SURROUNDING AREAS

- Citizen Advocate Crisis & Recovery (Detox) Center o 518-481-8160
- Cornwall Community Hospital Withdrawal Management Services o 613-938-8506
- Onen'to:kon Treatment Services o 450-479-8353



SPEAK UP. REACH OUT. SAVE LIVES.

WE'RE HERE FOR YOU.

RECOVERY IS POSSIBLE & YOU DON'T HAVE TO DO IT ALONE, LET US HELP YOU ON YOUR JOURNEY.

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



YOUR INFORMATION WILL BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL.

613-575-2341



wholistichealth@akwesasne.ca

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ONKWE'TA:KE

NALOXONE (NARCAN) AVAILABILITY AT PHARMACIES

Health is announcing the availability of Naloxone (used for an opiate overdose) at the Proxim Pharmacy at the Kanonhkwat'sheri:io Health Facility or a pharmacy of your choice.

Naloxone is a medication that can temporarily reverse the effects of an opioid overdose and allow time for medical help to arrive. The Akwesasne Mohawk Ambulance staff is trained and can administer Narcan in the event of an opioid overdose. The number to call in an emergency is 613-575-2000.

Naloxone has been available for free through pharmacies since 2016. This was in response to the opioid crisis, and in particular, the increase in overdose deaths. Fentanyl has been linked to many of these overdose deaths.

Fentanyl is an opioid that is 100 times more powerful than morphine and used to treat severe pain. Most gency department or call 613-575-2000 for assistance.

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne's Department of street fentanyl in Canada is produced illegally as a powder. It is increasingly found in street drugs, such as heroin and cocaine, and used to make tablets that look like prescription medications. Many overdoses have occurred because people did not know that what they were taking was contaminated with fentanyl.

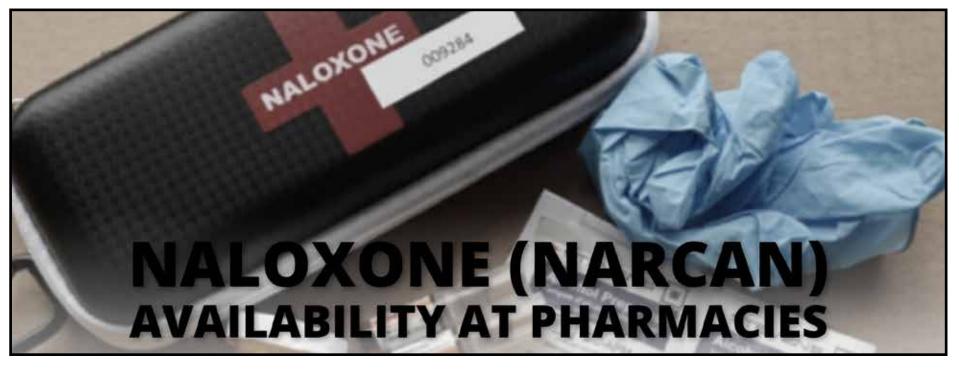
> Should you know someone who uses opioids or other street drugs, it is a good idea to have a naloxone kit (nasal spray or injection), which is available free of charge through Proxim Pharmacy or any pharmacy of your choice. You will need to present your provincial health card and certificate of Indian status.

CONTACT INFORMATION

For information and to book an appointment, please call:

Proxim Pharmacy at 613-575-2341 ext. 3250 or direct line 613-575-1160.

For Medical Emergencies: Go to your nearest emer-



NO LOITERING AT KANONHKWA'TSHERI: IO HEALTH FACILITY

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne would like to remind the community that loitering & congregating in the common areas of Kanonhkwa'tsheri:io Health Facility is not permitted.

In an effort to reduce the spread of COVID-19, the MCA Department of Health has implemented entrance Social procedures for the facility that require visitors to be spread escorted to and from their appointments. Community we can all do our part to protect each other and the members are not permitted to wander or loiter in the community.

health facility due to these restrictions. You must have an escort at all times when inside Kanonhkwa'tsheri:io and travel straight to your appointment from the front door. We thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

distancing efforts help to slow the COVID-19. Working of together,



TSIIONKWANONHSO:TE & IAKHIHSOHTHA

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

- All visitors must undergo a screening process before visiting.
- All visits must be booked by appointment.
- Visits will take place in outdoor tents, and social distancing must be adhered to.
- 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.



DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY & SOCIAL SERVICES

RESPECT FOR PETS AND ANIMALS

Pets and animals deserve care and kindness. Cruelty to support to children and families in need. animals could be a sign that someone is in need of support or guidance. Akwesasne Child & Family Services encourages families to report any incidences of animal benefit from support, please contact ACFS at 613-575abuse and contact us for family assistance. We offer 2341.

If you have reason to believe a child or family could

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C 613-575-2341 ext. 3139

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AMBE — INVITATION FOR SEALED BIDS

accepting sealed bids for the following item located at Kana:takon School:

8ftx10ftx6.5ft tall plastic shed with wooden base, some Contact: damage as is. Successful bidder is responsible for pick- Owen Benedict up.

Sealed bids will be accepted until Kentenhkó:wa/No- 613-933-0409 vember 4, 2020 at 2:00 p.m.

The Ahkwesahsne Mohawk Board of Education will be Interested individuals can contact Carrie Thompson, Kanatakon School to schedule an appointment for a viewing of equipment.

owen.benedict@ambe.ca

IOHAHI: IO HAS TOUCHLESS TEMPERATURE READING

Iohahi:io has new technology for a "touchless" temperature reading! All persons entering the building will stand in front of the new facial recognition temperature terminal while it reads your temperature.

Visitors are then asked to give the temperature reading to the screener who will then complete the Covid-19 screening protocol with you.

The staff at Iohahi:io want to thank all of the community members for their assistance and understanding as they continue to adapt due to COVID-19.

What are the benefits of a non-contact or "touchless" temperature assessment device?

- These non-contact devices can quickly measure and display a temperature reading so a large number of people can be evaluated individually at points of entry.
- Non-contact infrared thermometers require minimal cleaning between uses.
- Using non-contact temperature measurement devices may help reduce the risk of spreading COV-ID-19 infections.



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NOVEMBER

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DEPARTMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE AND HOUSING

HOUSING PAYMENT OPTIONS

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne's Department of Infrastructure & Housing hopes you and your family have been safe during these unprecedented times. The Housing sector, formerly the Dept. of Housing, is now open for regular hours and able to take your payments as well as answer any questions or concerns you may have. The Housing office has moved to the CIA #3 Building on Kawehno:ke (Cornwall Island) - 101 Tewesateni Rd., Akwesasne, Ontario.

MCA has made a few changes in procedures for accepting payments or visitors at MCA buildings.

The following options are available when making a payment:

• E-TRANSFER. The email address is etransfer@akwesasne.ca. Please include your name and the purpose of payment. Example: Rent.

• DEBIT/CREDIT CARD (VIA PHONE). Payments can be taken over the phone through the Finance Office. Please call them at 613-575-2250.

• DEBIT/CREDIT CARD (IN-PERSON). Payments can be made at the Finance office, located at Admin. 4 in Kana:takon.

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne's Department of • CASH. Although we accept cash, we are trying to Infrastructure & Housing hopes you and your family limit our face-to-face contact; therefore, the first three have been safe during these unprecedented times.

Before visiting our buildings, please call in advance for an appointment to see if someone is available to assist you. Our building's access is limited/ closed, and walk-ins are not permitted. When visiting our buildings please practice the current guidelines provided by MCA Department of Health. This includes wearing a mask, washing hands, and maintaining a 6-foot/2-metre distance between other people.

Please note the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne recently lifted the suspension on evictions (due to non-payment of rent), renters in arrears must pay their accounts upto-date.

Contact our office ASAP to make suitable arrangements if your account needs to be brought up to date. Failure to do so could lead to eviction, and our staff wish to assist you in avoiding that unfortunate result. We can be reached at 613-575-2250 ext. 1052.

HOUSING PAYMENT OPTIONS



E-TRANSFER

The email address is etransfer@akwesasne.ca Please include your name and reason for payment (Example: rent). Housing payments are accepted during this time through the following processes:



DEBIT/CREDIT CARD (IN PERSON)

Payments can be made at the Finance office, which is located at Admin Building #4 (previously Housing Building) in Kana:takon



CASH Although we accept cash, we are trying to limit faceto-face contact; therefore, the first three options are encouraged.

613-575-2250 ext. 1052

DEPARTMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE AND HOUSING

MCA INTRODUCES NEW DUPLEX

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne is proud to unveil a new duplex rental housing unit in Kana:takon. Each unit in the duplex features laundry hookups, and a state-of-the art efficient heating and cooling system. The Department of Infrastructure & Housing actively seeks funding and project opportunities to improve Akwesasne's housing shortage. MCA received a grant from Indigenous Services Canada which helped MCA's Housing sector pursue these additional units.

The new duplex is located in the vil- of the lage of Kana:takon (St. Regis). Con-Pass struction of a triplex on Kawehno:ke BT C is in the early stages of tendering son.

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne and is expected to be completis proud to unveil a new duplex rent- ed next year. Recently, a 5-plex al housing unit in Kana:takon. Each was completed and unveiled on unit in the duplex features laundry Kawehno:ke.

> The new units have scheduled tenants; however, those interested in being added to a housing waiting list can contact the Housing sector at 613-575-2250 ext. 1053 or through email at: charmaine.caldwell@akwesasne.ca.

MCA Housing wishes to acknowledge the expertise and hard work of the following:

Passive Build 5 plex and duplex BT Custom Homes - Barry Thompson.

Site prep AD Construction - Anthony David. Plumbing and heating - hrv MS Mechanical - plumbing **Darren Mitchell Electrician** - First Nations Soils Investigation St. Lawrence Testing - Gib McKinty **Testing Technician - Jerry Boots** Site Design and Plot plan **Dimensional Analysis - Pierre Savard** Site inspector - Roy Quennel **Building Design Dream Design - Yves Menard** HSP Engineering - Kevin McDonald, Joshua Textera, Jeremiah Point Tech Services John Adams, Debo and Clayton

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AKWESASNE MOHAWK POLICE SERVICE

CRIME PREVENTION WEEK 2020

The Akwesasne Mohawk Police Service is celebrating Crime Prevention Week from November 1-7, 2020. The theme for this year is "local crime prevention initiatives." This theme focuses on the important role of law enforcement organizations in working with individuals and groups in their communities to promote crime prevention.

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The goal of Crime Prevention Week is to promote for daily tips and more information about the Neighsafety in our community and learn to avoid becoming borhood Watch Program. a victim of crime.

This year, the Akwesasne Mohawk Police Service will introduce the new Neighborhood Watch Program which will highlight the importance of preventing crimes and keeping our community safe.

The Akwesasne Mohawk Police Service will utilize social media to help promote the Neighborhood Watch initiatives. Follow our facebook and Instagram page for daily tips and more information about the Neighborhood Watch Program.

SEPTEMBER 2020 STATISTICS

September Total: 330

1	027 Theft - Automobile	1
1	028 Theft - Trucks	3
2	030 Theft – Other Motor Vehicles	3
1	044 Frauds – Credit Cards	1
2	061 Bail Violations	4
1	063 Disturb the Peace	22
3	072 Mischiefs (Prop. Damage) under	3
\$5000		1
2	073 Criminal Code - Other	4
2	084 Other Drugs – Trafficking	4
1	087 Cannabis – Possession	2
1	088 Cannabis – Trafficking	6
6	100 Immigration Act	18
1	1000 Abandoned Vehicle	19
8	1001 Alarms	1
3	1003 Assist Other Agencies - Ambu-	4
lance		3
8	1003 Assist Other Agencies – Cornwall	1
PS		1
1	1003 Assist Other Agencies - OPP	6
15	1003 Assist Other Agencies - Other	1
8	1003 Assist Other Agencies – Tribal PD	3

51	1004 Assist Public
1	1007 Breach of Probation
3	1008 By-Law - Dogs
3	1009 By-Law - Noise
1	1011 By Law - Other
4	1012 Civil Disputes
22	1013 Community Service
3	1014 Crime Prevention
1	1016 Domestic Dispute (non-violent)
4	1018 Escorts - Prisoner
4	1023 Judges Order (Court)
2	1023 MVC – non-reportable
6	1029 Suspicious Persons
18	1030 Suspicious Vehicles
19	1031 Suspicious Circumstances
1	1032 Sudden Death
4	1040 Traffic Complaint
3	1041 Mental Health Act
1	1045 Attempted Suicide
1	1049 Medical Aid
6	1050 Youth Complaint
1	1052 Shooting Complaint
3	1056 Hazardous Conditions

	Other
1063 Marine Patrol	

106 Provincial Statutes - Other

204 Sexual Assault

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- 5 205 Assault Level 1
- 1 212 Assaults Other
- 3 3030 Admin Assist other agency
 - 6666 Assist other Departments Fire
- 2 705 Dangerous Operation MV
 - 711 Impaired Operation MV
 - 712 Impaired Operation Vessel
 - 715 Fail to stop/remain (CCC)
 - 716 Drive MV while prohibited (CCC)
 - 718 Careless Driving (HTA)
 - 719 Drive Disqualified/License Suspend-
 - 721 Traffic Provincial Statues
- 1 Incident type not listed





RESPECTFULLY PRACTICING SOCIAL DISTANCING

Social distancing is an active control measure to reduce the spread of COVID-19. Social distancing means maintaining at least six feet (6-ft) away from others.

Here are a few more proactive measures that you should consider:

AVOID

Athletic Events Bars/Lounges Concerts **Crowded Stores** Large Group Gatherings Malls **Overnight Travel** Parks Playdates **Public Transportation** Sharing Equipment **Sleep Overs** Theatres **Travel Outside Radius** Vacation Visitors at Home

USE CAUTION

Church Services Drive-Thrus **Food Deliveries** Fundraisers Funerals **Gas Stations** Going to the Bank **Grocery Stores Gym/Fitness Centres Holiday Events** Libraries Nail Salons **Outdoor Gatherings Picking Up Medications Restaurant Dining Ride Shares/Taxis** Social Bubbles **Take-out Food** Traveling Visiting a Clinic **Visiting Elders** Weddings

SAFE

Bake **Bike Rides Buy Local/Stay Local Check on Elderly** Walking Cook a Meal Decorate Your Home **Family Game Night** Go for a Drive **Group Video Chats** Hiking Listen to Music Read a Book **Roller Blading Stay Home** Stream a Movie/Show **Try a New Recipe** Walk Your Dog

We are all in this together!

Anytime you venture out alone or with your family, please wear a face mask!