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MOHAWK COUNCIL PARTICIPATES IN GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY WITH CORNWALL HABITAT FOR HUMANITY



Earlier this year, the MCA was approached by Cornwall Habitat for Humanity and a member of Akwesasne requesting a partnership to assist in helping an Akwesasne member and his family. The Saucier-Leaf family were a successful recipient of a Habitat home through the Habitat for Humanity Cornwall organization. The MCA advanced this opportunity and initiative to benefit a family and decided to become a partner by donating some off-reserve land to the project. On Tuesday, October 19, 2021, MCA was honoured to participate in the groundbreaking ceremony to begin the construction.

UPCOMING MCA MEETINGS & SPECIAL DATES:

GENERAL MEETING

The November General Meeting will be held via Zoom on December 2, 2021 at 6 p.m.

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

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

MOHAWK COUNCIL OF AKWESASNE 2021-2024

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Abram Benedict

Kana:takon District

Chief Cindy Francis-Mitchell

Chief Ryan Jacobs

Chief Julie Phillips-Jacobs

Chief Tim Thompson

Kawehno:ke District

Chief Vanessa Adams

Chief Jackie Benedict

Chief Edward Roundpoint

Chief Vince Thompson

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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

1

The Ontario government has released a plan to safely reopen and manage COVID-19 long-term. Read the public health and workplace safety measures on page 3.

2

If you need to utilize the Community in Quarantine Program, please call 613-936-1548 ext. 1300 (during regular business hours) or 800-480-4208 (after hours or weekends). For more information, please see page 9.

3

The Akwesasne Heating Assistance Program is once again offered for the 2021-2022 winter months. To see if you are eligible, see page 10.

4

If you need to get tested for COVID-19, there are a variety of testing access points in Akwesasne and the surrounding areas. For more information, see page 27.

5

The next COVID-19 vaccine clinic is on November 10 by appointment only. To register, please call Community Health at 613-575-2341 ext. 3220 or see page 30 for more information.

ONTARIO RELEASES PLAN TO SAFELY REOPEN ONTARIO AND MANAGE COVID-19 FOR THE LONG TERM

The Ontario government, in consultation with the Chief Medical Officer of Health, has released a Plan to Safely Reopen Ontario and Manage COVID-19 for the Long-Term. The plan outlines the province's gradual approach to lifting remaining public health and workplace safety measures by March 2022. The plan will be guided by the ongoing assessment of key public health and health care indicators; rollout is effective as of October 25, 2021.

Ontario will slowly and incrementally lift all remaining public health and workplace safety measures, including the provincial requirement for proof of vaccination and wearing of face masks/coverings in indoor public settings over the next six months. Ontario will be rolling out this plan in phases, guided by the ongoing assessment and monitoring of key public health and health care indicators, such as the identification of any new COVID-19 variants, increases in hospitalizations, ICU occupancy, and rapid increases in transmission. All measures are to ensure that public health and workplace safety measures are lifted safely.

Public health and workplace safety measures will be lifted based on the proposed following milestones: **October 25, 2021:**

Due to improved key indicators, including ongoing stability in the province's hospitals, Ontario will lift capacity limits in the vast majority of settings where proof of vaccination is required, such as restaurants, bars, and other food/drink establishments; Indoor areas of sports and recreational facilities such as gyms and where personal physical fitness trainers provide instruction; casinos, bingo halls, and other gaming establishments; indoor meetings and event spaces. Limits will be lifted in certain outdoor settings.

At this time, the government will also allow other settings to lift capacity limits and physical distancing requirements if they choose to require proof of vaccination, including:

- Personal care services (barbershops, salons, body art)
- Indoor areas of museums, galleries, aquariums, zoos, science centers, landmarks, historic sites, botanical gardens, and similar attractions
- Indoor areas of amusement parks
- Indoor areas of fairs, rural exhibitions, festivals
- Indoor tour and guide services
- Boat tours
- Indoor areas of marinas and boating clubs
- Indoor clubhouses at outdoor recreational amenities
- Open house events provided by real estate agencies
- Indoor areas of photography studios and services

Locations where a wedding, funeral or religious service, rite, or ceremony takes place may also implement proof of vaccination requirements for services, rites, or ceremonies at the location.

This will not apply to settings where people receive medical care, food from grocery stores, and medical supplies.

November 15, 2021:

The government intends to lift capacity limits in the remaining higher-risk settings where proof of vaccination is required, including food or drink establishments with dance facilities (e.g., nightclubs, wedding receptions in meeting/event spaces where there is dancing).

January 17, 2022:

In the absence of concerning trends in public health and

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health care following the winter holiday months and after students returned to in-class learning, the province intends to begin gradually lifting capacity limits in settings where proof of vaccination is not required. Proof of vaccination requirements may also begin to be gradually lifted at this time, including for restaurants, bars, sports and recreational facilities, casinos, bingo halls, and gaming establishments.

February 7, 2022:

The government intends to lift proof of vaccination requirements in high-risk settings.

March 28, 2022:

At this time, it is intended that remaining public health and workplace safety measures will be lifted, including

wearing face coverings in indoor public settings. Recommendations may be released for specific settings, if appropriate.

To manage COVID-19 over the long term, local and regional responses by public health units will be deployed based on local context and conditions. Public health measures that may be applied locally could include re-introducing capacity limits and/or physical distancing, reducing gathering limits, and adding settings where proof of vaccination is required, among others. Public health measures would be implemented provincially in exceptional circumstances, such as when the province's health care system capacity is at risk of becoming overwhelmed or if a vaccine-resistant COVID-19 variant is identified in the province.

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INUK SINGER SUSAN AGLUKARK VISITS THE AHKWESAHSNE MOHAWK SCHOOL

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne and Ahkwesahsne Mohawk Board of Education would like to extend appreciation and thanks to award-winning Inuk singer Susan Aglukark for making a stop at the Ahkwesahsne Mohawk School today.

On October 14, the talented artist spoke about her career and performed several songs for the 6-8th grades in a socially distanced gymnasium. One class which was

in quarantine was able to watch via live stream.

Grand Chief Abram Benedict presented Ms. Aglukark with a sweetgrass basket.

We hope Ms Aglukark can visit again in the future when we have fewer COVID-19 restrictions. Nia:wenkowa to Ms. Aglukark for sharing her inspiration with our children.



Grand Chief Abram Benedict presenting Susan Aglukark with a sweet grass basket.



(left to right) Tsi Snaihne District Chief Sarah Lee Diabo, Susan Aglukark, Director of AMBE Donna Lahace, Grand Chief Abram Benedict.



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MCA EMPLOYMENT CALL OUT

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne is currently seeking staff to fill several positions and areas in need throughout the Department of Health and the Department of Infrastructure, Housing, & Environment.

Staff are currently sought for the following areas/positions: Nurses, Laundry Workers, RPNs, Housekeepers, PSWs, Dietary Aides, Caretakers, and Administrative Assistants.

Interested applicants can forward their resume to jobs@akwesasne.ca or drop it off at the Admin. 3 Building in Kana:takon (10 Akwesasne Street).

If you have any questions, please call the MCA Human Resources Office at 613-575-2250.



WE'RE HIRING!

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CALLOUT FOR FINANCE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne is currently filling **four (4) vacant seats on the Finance Committee:**

- One (1) vacant seat for the district of Kana:takon, with a term of not less than three (3) years
- One (1) vacant seat for the district of Kawehno:ke, with a term of not less than three (3) years
- One (1) vacant seat for the district of Tsi Snaihne, with a term of not less than three (3) years
- One (1) vacant seat for a member at large, with a term of not less than three (3) years

The Finance Committee is established to provide Council with advice and recommendations in order to support Council's decision-making process respecting the Financial Administration of Akwesasne. In the spirit of transparency, accountability and integrity, the Finance Committee shall assist Council with safeguarding community assets by ensuring compliance with all relevant laws and regulations.

The Honorarium rate for this position is determined by Council's Honorarium Policy, which is \$25-hourly for meetings, and training-related sessions.

Interested candidates are required to complete an MCA Finance Committee Application, which is available at the Executive Services office (Administration 1 Building, Kana:takon). Candidates are also required to submit a letter of interest on how they meet the criteria established in the Finance Committee Charter.

All interested individuals are asked to submit a completed package no later than Friday, November 5 at 4:00 p.m.

If you have any questions regarding the application or submission process, please contact:

Executive Services
Executive Director, Heather Phillips
613-575-2250 ext. 2120

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AKWESASNE COMMUNITY HEALING FUND CALL OUT FOR FUNDING APPLICATIONS



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The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne (MCA) is pleased to announce that applications to receive funding from the **Akwesasne Community Healing Fund** are now available.

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne will allocate one hundred and fifty thousand (\$150,000) from the Department of Community and Social Services, Akwesasne Child and Family Services (ACFS) surplus for 2020/21 to support the Akwesasne Community Healing Fund; These dollars are designed to assist individuals and families in mitigating risks and providing healing support services to Akwesasneronon who are in need of help, recovery and support to become healthy and whole.

A total of \$150,000 is available for distribution in the 2021-22 fiscal year.

For applicants to be considered eligible, the following criteria apply:

- Must be established and/or operate in the northern portion of Akwesasne, with proof of a physical address within the jurisdiction of the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne;
- Must be community-based and not for profit;
- Must not have an outstanding report or other obligation from any previous Akwesasne Community Fund call out;
- Must have one contact person for an application—contact person must be a Member of the Mohawks of Akwesasne and their operations must be located in Akwesasne. Applicant must be in Good Standing with MCA; and
- Proof of an established Canadian bank account in the applicants name must be provided.

Akwesasne Community Healing Fund guidelines and application forms may be picked up at MCA Administration Building 1 (the “A-frame”), which is located at 12 Akwesasne Street in the District of Kana:takon. These documents are also available on MCA’s website at www.akwesasne.ca and can be easily found by typing ‘Akwesasne Community Healing Fund’ into the search bar.

FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information concerning the Akwesasne Community Fund guidelines, criteria, or application form do not hesitate to contact:

Chelsea Francis—Government Support Manager
MCA Administration 1 Building
12 Akwesasne Street
Akwesasne, Quebec H0M 1A0
613-575-2250 ext. 2164
chelsea.francis@akwesasne.ca

DEADLINE: Monday, November 15, 2021 at 2:00 pm. Late submissions will not be accepted. NO EXCEPTIONS will be made!

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COMMUNITY IN QUARANTINE PROGRAM CONTACT INFORMATION

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne is providing the community with the Community in Quarantine Program contact information. The Community in Quarantine Program was established to assist community members who have been directed by a healthcare provider to quarantine due to an exposure to a COVID-19 positive person, or they have tested positive for COVID-19.

To receive a box of essential food supplies, please call 613-936-1548 ext. 1300 during regular business hours (Monday to Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.), or 800-480-4208 during after-hours or on weekends. If staff are unavailable at either phone number, please leave a voice-mail, and staff will get back to you as soon as possible. Delivery or pick up directions will be provided to you by staff.

COMMUNITY IN QUARANTINE CONTACT INFORMATION

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(MONDAY-FRIDAY, 8AM - 5PM)

800-480-4208
(AFTER-HOURS & WEEKENDS)



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2021-2022 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 2021-2022 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.

If you are age 59 and under, the heating assistance amount will be \$500.00 per eligible household. If you are an elder age 60 years and older, the amount will be \$800.00 dollars per eligible household.

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

The final deadline for applications will be Friday, December 10th, 2021. There will be no exceptions after the deadline date, as the fuel distribution will commence at that time.

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DEADLINE:
FRIDAY,
DECEMBER 10



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ENHANCED COVID-19 VACCINE CERTIFICATE QR AND VERIFY APP AVAILABLE FOR DOWNLOAD

Ahead of the October 22nd rollout for the “Verify Ontario” app, an enhanced vaccine certificate with QR code, the Ontario government is making the app available for download. The purpose of the enhanced certificate app is to make an easier, more secure, and convenient form of verifying proof of COVID-19 vaccination status for individuals, businesses, and organizations.

The initial early download availability was rolled out over three days (October 15, 16, and 17) according to birth months at the COVID-19 vaccination portal website (covid-19.ontario.ca). As of October 18th, at 6 a.m., the portal was open for any individual to download their enhanced vaccine certificate, regardless of their birth month. Individuals can also call the Provincial Vaccine Contact Center at 1-833-943-3900 to have their enhanced vaccine certificate emailed or mailed to them directly.

People are able to save the electronic version of their vaccine certificate with a QR code on their phone or

have a printed paper copy to present as proof. Businesses must accept both electronic and paper copies at this time. While the current vaccine receipt is still a valid form of verification, the province is encouraging individuals to download their enhanced proof of vaccination.

Businesses and organizations are now able to download the free Verify Ontario app from the Apple App and Google Play stores. The app was made available ahead of the October 22nd rollout date.

The Verify Ontario app will only scan and ready official, government-issued QR codes, such as Ontario’s vaccine certificate and those SMART Health Codes from other provinces, including Quebec, British Columbia, and Yukon Territory.

If you have any questions regarding the Verify Ontario app, or to obtain your enhanced vaccine certificate, please call the Provincial Vaccine Contact Center at 1-833-943-3900, or download your enhanced vaccine certificate at covid-19.ontario.ca.



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

**For the latest COVID-19 news visit
www.akwesasne.ca**

COUNCIL AND MOHAWK GOVERNMENT

COUNCIL WEEKLY MEETING REPORT

SUBMITTED BY GRAND CHIEF ABRAM BENEDICT



SEPTEMBER 20, 2021

- Council discussed the current decision to have district meetings online and determined that for the time being, they will continue to be held virtually.
- A briefing was provided on a

- proposal to allocate resources to support community-based healing; additional research will be done for Council's consideration.
- Council discussed the proposed update to the MCA traffic study and requested that the Department of Infrastructure, Housing, and Environment provide Council with an overview of the existing study and the proposed update.
- The concept of a community census was discussed, and Council created a Chiefs committee to examine the possibility of con-

- ducting a community census.
- MCA Executive Director provided Council with an update on the Kana:takon shoreline cleanup.
- **MCR's passed:** Approval of contract with Jp2G for consultant services, Approval of 5-year building lease with G & L Service, Approval of application to Ontario Trillium Community Building Fund; Appointment of Council member to Akwesasne Harbour Development Corporation, Approval of Council Member to Akweks:kowa Corporation.

SEPTEMBER 27, 2021

- The Director of Education provided Council with an overview of the funding agreement with Indigenous Services Canada and an update on the proposed funding agreement with the Akwesasne Freedom School (AFS). Council agreed the current proposed agreement will remain as the proposal to AFS.
- A briefing was provided by the Program Manager for MCA's Community Support Program on the ongoing update and revisions to the program policies.
- Council agreed that the planning for the 2021 Holiday Dinners will begin, a Chiefs committee will examine options for the venue

- and distribution.
- Mohawk Government Manager provided Council with an overview of the shared calendar and the importance of ensure meetings are on the calendar.
- Council discussed possible new communication strategies to communicate the importance of vaccination.
- A request for in person district meeting was presented and will be reconsidered in two weeks.
- **MCR's passed:** Approval of issuance of retail cannabis license; Acceptance of Salary and Honoraria Schedule for Directors; Acceptance of Salary and Honoraria Schedule for Chiefs; Approval of COVID-19 policy; Approval of

MOU with Ontario Native Literacy Coalition; Approval of contract with a2z for structural readiness implementation; Approval of permit with Community Member and Bell Canada; Approval of medical director service agreement for Akwesasne Mohawk Ambulance; Approval of Funding agreement with Parks Canada; Approval of (upgrade loan(s) to community member.

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OCTOBER 4, 2021

- Representatives from a2z Consulting Services provided Council with an overview and proposal of the MCA 2021 – 2024 strategic plan for Council’s consideration.
- A briefing was provided on MCA job posting terminology whereby “permanent” has been removed and replaced with “indefinite hire”.
- Council was briefed on a concern with dead trees around Hydro Quebec powerlines, MCA Quebec Liaison will follow up with hydro on mitigation options.
- A request was discussed on the need to identify an individual(s) to assist with tobacco burning and Ohenten Kariwatekewen Thanksgiving Address for MCA functions.
- Council agreed that the weekly Council Meeting will not take place next Monday due to the holiday.
- **MCR’s passed:** Approval of contribution agreement with First Nations Confederacy of Cultural Education Centers to support environment program; Approval of contribution agreement with Ministry of Children and Youth for Healing and Wellness Strategy; Approval of funding from Enabling Accessibility Fund for improvements to CIA; Approval of Council 2021-2024 committee listings.

REMEMBRANCE DAY

NOVEMBER 11, 2021

WE HONOR THOSE THAT HAVE SERVED IN
MILITARY SERVICES IN TIMES OF WAR,
MILITARY CONFLICT AND PEACE.



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KAWEHNO:KE DISTRICT CHIEF VANESSA ADAMS UPDATES



Portfolios: Department of Health, Department of Community Social Services, Public Safety, Economic Development

Monthly Notables:

1. Attended US & Them Homeless Action Film presentation at the Port Theatre and participated in panel discussion with Chief April Adams-Phillips and Catherine Leveille.
2. Attended IDP Group in Chester-ville: <https://idpgroup.ca>
3. Participated in planning holiday activities for December 2021. Details to follow.
4. Introductory meeting with MP Eric Duncan and members of Council on October 25, 2021.
5. Attended Change of Command Ceremony for Cornwall Community Police; provided welcoming speech to Chief Shawna Spowart. The official ceremony was livestreamed on October 22, 2021 via the CPS Facebook Page.
6. Attended AFOA Leadership, Na-

tion Building, Strategic Planning and Finance Training.

7. Attended all Council Meetings, General Meetings and District Meetings on virtual platform.

Work in Progress:

Public Safety

1. Street Lights need to be operational – in the Districts for Kawehno:ke please make note of the location and pole # and contact myself 613-363-3891 or Cornwall Electric 613-932-0123 directly.
2. Participate in bi-weekly meeting with MCA/SRMT Leadership and Executive Director and EOC.
3. Participate in MCA/SRMT EOC Covid-19 Update call to provide and receive Covid -19 updates from various stakeholders in Akwesasne including area schools.
4. Participate in Monthly Border Partners Zoom Meeting with SRMT Leadership, US Border and CBSA.

Economic Development

1. Attended monthly Portfolio Meeting on October 20th.
2. If you have not registered for FTTH please email ftth@akwesasne.ca and provide your street address, phone & email – free modems for first 500 registrants.
3. Watch for more presentations and mailers from Akwesasne

Economic Development.

DCSS Portfolio

1. Participate in First Nations Technical Table – IFN Dept. of Social Committee Member.
2. Akwesasne Healing Centre not yet open due to permitting issues.
3. Participated in various building tours in Cornwall – possible uses for Care Center/Transitional space.

Department of Health

1. Monthly Portfolio Meeting October 27, 2021-Vaccine Information PowerPoint to be presented at virtual General Meeting on October 28, 2021 6pm-8pm.
2. Meeting and toured IDP Group in Chesterville for new Clinic Space for our Doctors/Nurses in Akwesasne.
3. Please watch for updates and PSA via CKON radio for upcoming vaccine clinics, and updated covid-19 information.

CBSA Internal Working Group

1. Plan and assignments of issues based on design thinking plan. We continue working together in the best interests of Akwesasne.
2. Domestic Lane pilot project continues.
3. This collaboration is to improve border crossing experiences at

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KAWEHNO:KE DISTRICT CHIEF VANESSA ADAMS UPDATES

the Port of Cornwall with respect for our Akwesasne community members. The initiative was on hold due to pending election.

Collaborative Opportunities

1. Attended Habitat for Humanity groundbreaking ceremony for new Akwesasronon home to be built in Cornwall.
2. Invited to speak on the topic of homelessness and effects on Akwesasronon for the Rotary Club

of Cornwall.

3. Attended Kidney Foundation of Canada meeting October 5th – Virtual support groups for Akwesasne.
4. Participating in MCA Strategic Planning Steering Committee with a2z Strategic Consulting.

Financial Status/Lobbying Progress

1. Space needs ongoing permit issues for Akwesasne Healing Cen-

tre Programs and Services.

2. Urgent need for clinic space for our Doctors/Nurses in Akwesasne- Kawehno:ke and Tsi Snaihne.
3. Need for Akwesasne Healing Centre to become open and operational before cold weather months.

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KANA:TAKON DISTRICT CHIEF CINDY FRANCIS-MITCHELL



Portfolios: Department of Health, Department of Community Social Services, Public Safety, Economic Development

Monthly Notables:

- Attended Monday Council Meetings, General Meeting, & District Meeting all via Zoom platform.
- A2Z Presentation on Strategic Planning: very comprehensive approach and proposal, they have been quite successful in working with AMBE and providing their plan.
- Halloween Committee Discussion in each district, agreed to follow up. Meeting scheduled for October to ensure we get information out there for community on safety and protocols.
- Holiday Dinner Planning Meeting: discussion on what happened last year, with gift cards, packets of info that went out, delivering issues and the help that was needed to get it done for this year. Planning is

ongoing.

- Attended Habitat for Humanity Groundbreaking Ceremony in Cornwall for Akwesasne Recipient. Awesome job to past & present Council for seeing this project to completion.
- Introduction to Conservative Party Elect Eric Duncan.
- Forwarded the Kanatakon Beach Environmental Assessment from Scott Peters & Abraham Francis to Kanatakon Recreation Committee.
- Introduction to Service Canada Representatives and team members that have been working on files for community.
- Nia:wen to our Mohawk Government staff for keeping us new Council members in check with meeting schedules, training, reports, briefings, it's greatly appreciated.

Committees/Working Groups Governance Secretariat:

OPG- Reconciliation Plan Review (RAP) sent via Email.

- OPG accepts the Truth and Reconciliation Commission Call to Action urging all levels of government and non governmental organizations to work together to repair the hardship caused by residential schools and to advance reconciliation.
- **Review of Plan:** Consists of Five

Pillars that have specific timelines and objectives to meet their goals as presented, ranging from ongoing to 2031.

Pillar#1: Leadership—Commit to reconciliation as a journey and track progress on accountability with metrics and targets around commitments.

Pillar#2: Relationships—Build positive and mutually beneficial relationships with Indigenous communities and peoples based on respect and understanding.

Pillar #3 People—Create an engaged and inclusive workforce that reflects the broad diversity of Indigenous communities and peoples across our company.

Pillar#4 Economic Empowerment—Advance economic reconciliation with Indigenous communities and businesses through meaningful engagement, collaboration, and partnership.

Pillar# 5 Environmental Stewardship—Be a trusted partner in environmental stewardship and an ally in addressing climate change.

Justice:

Justice Portfolio Meeting: Joyce King, Director

- Introduction to Justice Programs, Authorities, Boards, Commissions, Tribunals, Akwesasne Court Programs and Services that are available to the commu-

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KANA:TAKON DISTRICT CHIEF CINDY FRANCIS-MITCHELL

nity.

- Program updates provided for each of the programs, addressing ongoing needs and collaboration work needed with Council.
- Information provided on Federal Case on Tribunal for Child Welfare-Cindy Blackstock
- Information on the upcoming Chiefs Justice Conference for November in Vancouver.
- Review of Oversight Committee information received from Connie Lazore, Justice Coordinator.

DCSS:

Fuel Allotment Discussion with Dan Bruyere, PM/Community Support Program

- Update on fuel allotment coming out for next heating season as community members have been inquiring about , information has been posted on website.
- Discussion on areas within programming, check signing, office update, COVID-19 protocols in place for staff.

Akwesasne Healing Centre:

- Ongoing updates with PM on issues with permits should be advised by end of October, schedules provided on programming and number of occupants.

DIHE:

Bi-Weekly Kanatakon Road Con-

struction Project

- Meeting update on progress on construction and any ongoing issues for the residents.
- Any ongoing issues may be directed to Mike Gray (613-930-3295).
- Road construction moving along well, hoping to have the phase completed within time frame of November 5.

Ministry of Transportation: DIHE Portfolio

- Introductions and Opening Statements, MCA Interest, MTO projects, roundtable
- General Discussion of Mohawk Council of Akwesasne Interests
- Overview of active MTO Projects
 - o Upcoming East Transportation Plan
- Upcoming Regional Round Table
- Action Items/Next Steps , Conclusion

Delivered Fibre to the Home pamphlets to Kanatakon members:

- To increase the numbers in the village as the sign ups are low and to answer questions regarding the project. A lot of good feedback. Sign Up Kanatakon!

DIHE: Chief of Ontario-Housing Sovereignty Summit:

- Discussion and presentation from keynote speakers, addressing First Nations strategies, who reviews the budget submissions, and why the long wait to hear

back from anyone.

- Gathering of Data on Housing, Ontario high rate of surveys returned for housing needs.

Economic Development:

FTTH

- Fibre to the Homes update with Economic Development. Excellent presentation provided by the team.
- Background info, project timelines, certified technicians.
- Discussion on ownership of fibre vs internet providers such as Bell/Telus/Rogers etc.

Economic Development

- Portfolio Meeting -Kylee Tarbell, Director
- Overview of presentation provided for orientation, program structure, ongoing activities, grant application and Cannabis License Review.

Port Land -Co-Owners Committee Meeting:

- Introduction & Welcoming for new Council to the Co-Owners Committee on the Port Lands held at the Civic Complex with Partners for Akwesasne & Cornwall Harbour Development.
- Review previous action items and scheduling of upcoming meetings.

Entewatatha:wi – Nation Building

Entewatatha:wi Self Government

COUNCIL AND MOHAWK GOVERNMENT

KANA:TAKON DISTRICT CHIEF CINDY FRANCIS-MITCHELL

Agreement "ESGA" Portfolio Meeting

- Orientation Follow-up, portfolio scheduling of upcoming meetings
- Review of Delegation of Jurisdiction ESGA 6.15 (a) (iii), discussion around briefing document and clarity of issue and current status and recommendation to bring forward to Council for consideration
- Review of Micha Menzer report dated September 29/21, Work on Entewatatha:wi Self Government Agreement "ESGA", Resumption of negotiation of agreement, review of boards, commissions, and tribunals, Governance Code & Land Review .

Collaborative Opportunities:

MCA/SRMT/EOC/DOH

- We continue to meet on a bi-weekly basis on the COVID response and update with MCA/ST. Regis Mohawk Tribe on active cases, mutual responses, vaccination rates, variants, vaccine clinics and update on overall numbers.
- Updates received from each of our Emergency Operations
- Update on Long Term Care 3rd dose vaccination are all completed.
- Need for Drivers in Medical Transportation program

- AMBE Schools and child care centres open.
- Flu vaccination dates posted in each district for month of October & November: protect your loved ones, take the shot!
- Vaccine videos went out, thank you to all that participated in "Why I Got Vaccinated" collaboration with MCA/Tribe.
- Cornwall and surrounding areas are at high levels of Covid 19.
- Vaccination is not high enough in some areas, we need to continue to push the messaging to those not vaccinated, in the hopes they will get the vaccine.
- Health Authorities are predicting that they are coming out of the 4th wave now.
- U.S. Border opening up, and proof of vaccination at the border will most likely hamper movement for travelers across the area. Be prepared for longer wait times.
- Concern over the hospitals in our areas, patients are being released earlier due to higher numbers of cases. Please check on your elders and those that are not feeling well.
- SRMT is doing their Trunk or Treat as planned at Margaret Terrance Way.
- Events planned for commu-

nity will be posted in Special Onkweta:ke focusing on the safety of Halloween. Nia:wen to Communications Unit for the awesome work!

- Joint messaging to be sent out with MCA/TRIBE on importance of safety first for all Halloween Activities.
- Update provided on Optometrist fee differential from Ontario vs Quebec. Will have significant impact as providers from Ontario as they are not seeing patients with OHIP.

Financial Status/Lobbying Progress

Finance Committee Meeting:

- Introductions & review of FAL, terms of reference for committee
- Review of committee members call out to go out Monday
- Update on Audit and its presentation for November General Meeting
- Request to review Variance Reporting to be scheduled.
- Participate with Finance Staff to ensure check signing at Finance office is completed on a weekly basis.
- Ongoing lobbying efforts for permit requirement for the Akwesasne Care Center.
- No travel schedule to date, as most sessions are being offered via Zoom platform.

COUNCIL AND MOHAWK GOVERNMENT

KANA:TAKON DISTRICT CHIEF JULIE PHILLIPS-JACOBS UPDATES



Portfolios: Justice, Public Safety, AMBE

Committees: Finance; Green Team; Youth, Elders and Language Committee; Special Needs Committee.

Monthly Updates:

- Council concludes Governance Training with AFOA. We covered elements of traditional and contemporary governance from a historical context with elements of the Constitution Act of 1882, treaties, self-governance and land claim processes. The last session was on developing strategies, learning objectives and process of community planning. This session will help us when we do our strategic planning in November. We already have much of the ground work done for taking a look at our strategic plan for example our comprehensive community plan.
- Ahkwesasne Board of Education Trustees held their monthly meeting. Trustees for the 2021-

2022 school year are Kathleen Papineau, Belinda Koostachin, Shelia Adams, Josephine Herne, Shealene Gibson, and Cecelia King. During this first meeting of the school year the Chair and Co-chair were elected. Kathleen Papineau is the Chair and Josephine Herne is the co-chair.

- Council participated in a two-day training with AFOA on Demystifying Finance. This training went over financial statements and what they mean, Budgets, and how to find important information when reviewing variances. The importance of Audits and the roles and responsibilities of auditors, council and finance teams.
- No one from the community joined this district meeting. Kanatakon Chiefs had an opportunity to meet and discuss the Kanatakon Corner idea for Onkwetake. We have had reports that people are having a hard time with getting on the Zoom platform. Requests can be made for the link up to 5 o'clock. The email is meetings@akwesasne.ca. Send an email and they will send you the link.
- General meetings can be viewed on our akwesasne.ca website. To get the agenda, chief reports and the link for the meeting send an email to meeting@akwesasne.ca
- Council handed out orange T-

shirts in each district in honor of the survivors of residential schools and those that never made it home. T-shirts were given to residents of Tsiionkwanonhso:te, Iakhihsohtha and Sweet Grass Manor. Shout out to Emily Tarbell for her assistance with handing out shirts at Sweet Grass Manor. Niawenhko:wa Emily.

- Breakfast sandwiches, a drink and fruit were handed out in each district to community members to spread awareness and appreciation for our elders that endured residential schools and the generations that suffered as a result.
- National Truth and Reconciliation Day started bright and early at the Port Lands in Cornwall. We were warmed by the rising sun and the words from the Thanksgiving Address. It was a time to come together and reflect on the wrong doings that happened to our people and to begin to feel those feelings of anger and sadness but also to help put us on a path to healing. Chief Vanessa and I accompanied Chief Tim to Morrisburg where we were invited to raise an orange Every Child Matters flag, acknowledging and honoring the children of residential schools. Following this we joined a tobacco burning and Thanksgiving Address at the Justice building. The Community

COUNCIL AND MOHAWK GOVERNMENT



KANA:TAKON DISTRICT CHIEF JULIE PHILLIPS-JACOBS UPDATES

- Justice Program had arranged a virtual tobacco burning on zoom. The St. Regis Church also had a mass to bring together the community leaders, traditional, Catholic and Christian to give thanks and an opportunity to begin healing and although a lot of work needs to be done it was nice to see everyone together.
- Council handed out traditional meals to the community in each district to end the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation. We hoped everyone enjoyed the meal.
 - With a rise in positive COVID 19 cases Council formed a working committee to address what precautions should be in place for this year's Halloween. It was decided that we would encourage our community members to stay in their districts much like last year. A special addition of Onkwetake would be produced to remind community members how to be safe this Halloween with COVID 19 still being around. Mohawk Government would also sponsor a candy shoot and house decorating draw.
 - Finance Committee Chiefs met and a Chair and Co chair were chosen. Chief Cindy Francis Mitchell will be the chair and I will be the Co-Chair. A call out for Community representation would go out as soon as possible. A review of Council's roles and responsibilities was completed and the next meeting date was set for Finance Chiefs and admin for November 2.
 - Justice Portfolio met and agreed that we would meet the second Thursday of each month. An update was given on each program within Justice. The legislative Coordinator went over the new design for developing laws. A call out was done for community member to be part of the new concept. There would be a chief and community member assigned to each law development as well as experts in the area of the law that needs to be developed. An oversight committee that consists of the portfolio Chiefs, legislative coordinator would ensure that the laws are moving and would provide updates to the laws so the Portfolio can give updates to Council on progress being made. Oversight meeting will begin with orientation by the end of October. Laws being worked on are Election Law (no portfolio will be assigned), Cannabis and Emergency Law.

COMPLIMENTS AND APPRECIATIONS

I would like to send a huge niawenhko:wa to Marie Thompson and Mike Buckshot, the care takers at lonk-wanikonriio Thompson Island Cultural Camp.

They provide the maintenance and repairs to the camp facilities. Before each camp, they clean and sanitize the cabins and bunks to provide a safe place to sleep.

Marie does the food shopping and writes up the menus for the camp meals. The meals are excellent. Mike does the major repairs and carpentry. He also provides skilled boat operation transporting supplies and guests and instructors back and forth during a camp.

Marie and Mike are valuable employees of the Thompson Island Cultural Camp.

COUNCIL AND MOHAWK GOVERNMENT

KANA:TAKON CORNER

A COLLABORATIVE UPDATE FROM YOUR KANA:TAKON CHIEFS



Kana:takon District Chiefs (left to right): Tim "Dooley" Thompson, Cindy Francis-Mitchell, Julie Phillips-Jacobs, Ryan Jacobs.

District Meeting Discussion Items: Special Needs update

- Strategic plan is under review.
- Training on 'How to deal with individuals with special needs in the workplace'.
- Working with ACCESS.

3rd Dose of Vaccine

- Residents of long term care facilities and employees completed.
- Waiting for updates on the availability for the rest of the community.
- Information for essential staff on third dose (pending).

Unvaccinated Staff

- Looking at the Federal Govern-

ment passing legislation.

- Training Module for those that aren't vaccinated for correct information.
- MCR passed on the ability to have in person events at MCA facilities (Fully Vaccinated).

Hill Top Construction

- Questions and concerns about the finishing of the project and the aftercare.

ACFS Home Renovation

- Is it still taking applications? DIHE Housing can update on the status

Student Meal Plan at School

- Meal plan at school doesn't have any options on Diet restrictions (Gluten Allergen).
- Students On-campus do not receive a stipend for alternative meal options.

Kana:takon Follow-up Action Items

- Fibre to the Home (FTTH) registration for install.
- Kana:takon Recreation Environmental Assessment completed.
- Hilltop Construction near completion (Mike Gray Contact info 6139303295).
- Admin 2 Parking lot plans request of input.

SOCIAL MEDIA CONNECTION

FACEBOOK STATS



Facebook Posts with the Most Likes in October

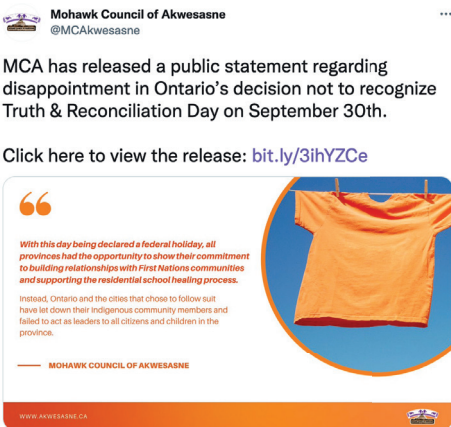
1. Susan Aglukark visits AMBE
2. Mark Miller, Minister of Indigenous Services Canada Visits Akwesasne for National Day of Truth of Reconciliation
3. Iakhihsotha Spooktacular Dance
4. Mohawk Council Participates in Groundbreaking Ceremony with Cornwall Habitat for Humanity
5. Skatepark Concept on Kawehno:ke

Facebook Posts with the Highest Reach in October

1. AMA Seeking Ambulance Drivers—5,270 reached
2. Akwesasne Mohawk Police Seize over 11 lbs. of Cannabis—4,119 reached
3. Iakhihsotha Spooktacular Dance—3,966 reached
4. Susan Aglukark visits AMBE—3,886 reached
5. 2021-2022 Akwesasne Heating Assistance Program—3,790 reached

TWITTER STATS

Top Tweet in October



YOUTUBE STATS



Highest Viewed Videos on the MCA Youtube Channel for October

1. MCA Leadership: Why I Got Vaccinated Against COVID-19
2. Mohawk Council of Akwesasne Monthly General Meeting - October 28, 2021
3. Halloween Video

CHILDREN'S PAGE

SPOT THE DIFFERENCES!

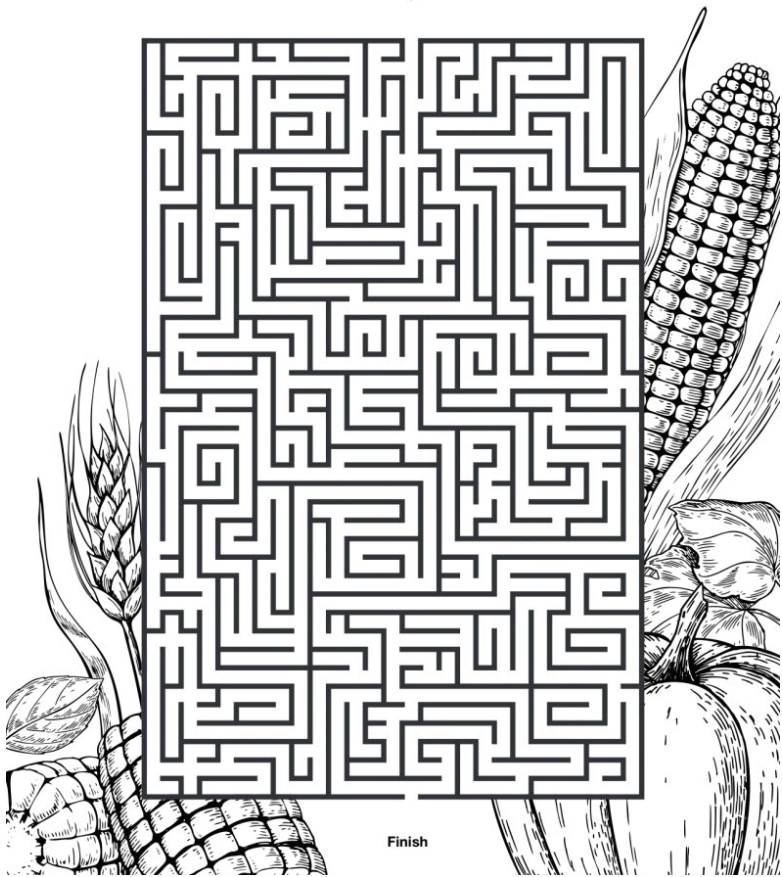
Can you spot the 5 differences in the two pictures of the children playing in leaves?



1. Top Yellow leaf on left side is missing. 2. Extra red leaf above girls head on right. 3. Boy's Zipper is missing. 4. Girl on left has different colored cheeks. 5. Girl on right has different colored scarf.

SIMPLY A-MAZE-ING

Can you get out of the cornfield?



YOU'VE GOT TO BE KIDDING ME!

What is smarter than a talking worm?



A talking bee!

Why do trees hate tests?

They get stumped by questions!



What is an elephant's favorite veggie?

Squash!



How do trees get on the internet?



They log in!

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH



**Call the Community Health Program at
613-575-2341 ext. 3220**

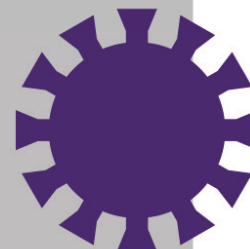
or

**Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe Vaccine Clinic
at 518-333-0230
to receive your vaccine.**

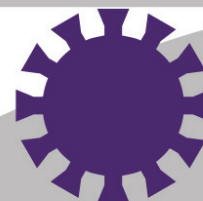
STOP THE SPREAD!

THE DELTA VARIANT:

- Is more transmissible
- Causes more severe disease
- Results in more hospitalization and death than any other strain



**Protect our vulnerable populations. Get
the shot. Get vaccinated.**



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

HESITANT TO RECEIVE THE COVID-19 VACCINE?



**MCA'S DR. HORN ADVISES AKWESASRONON
TO RECEIVE THE COVID-19 VACCINE.**

"If you had a choice between the short-term, short-acting response to the COVID-19 vaccine vs. the long-term effects of COVID-19, it's a lot safer to take care of symptoms from the vaccine than the unknown long-term effects of the virus."

**TO SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT TO RECEIVE
YOUR COVID-19 VACCINE, CONTACT:**

**MCA COMMUNITY HEALTH PROGRAM
613-575-2341 EXT. 3220**

**SRMT VACCINE CLINIC
518-333-0230**



COVID-19



THE DELTA VARIANT

The new COVID-19 Delta variant is spreading rapidly, especially in the unvaccinated population.

The Delta variant is a reason to get vaccinated!

This is your shot!

Schedule an appointment to receive your vaccine by contacting:

- MCA Community Health Program | 613-575-2341 ext. 3220
- SRMT Vaccine Clinic | 518-333-0230

Protect our vulnerable populations. Get vaccinated.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

COMMUNITY HEALTH PROVIDES THE COMMUNITY WITH COVID-19 TESTING ACCESS POINTS

The MCA Community Health Program is providing the community with COVID-19 testing access points. The following sites can be accessed to receive your COVID-19 test. As a reminder, community members who have been exposed to a positive case of COVID-19 are encouraged to wait until at least the seventh day of exposure to receive their COVID-19 test.

MCA COMMUNITY HEALTH PROGRAM

Kanonhkwa'tsheri:io Health Facility, Kana:takon
613-575-2341 ext. 3220
(Call to schedule an appointment for available days and times)

SAINT REGIS MOHAWK TRIBE COVID-19 TESTING CLINIC

404 State Route 37 — 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
(Please use the road across from McGee Road and fol-

low the signs to the testing garage.)

MOUNTAIN MEDICAL URGENT CARE (MALONE)

3372 State Route 11
518-521-3322

URGENT CARE MOUNTAIN MEDICAL (MASSENA)

2 Hospital Drive
315-705-0700

CORNWALL ASSESSMENT CENTER (CORNWALL)

850 McConnell Ave
343-475-0160

Please be patient when contacting or scheduling your COVID-19 test. Many local resources are experiencing staff shortages, and are working to the best of their capacity to meet community testing demands.

COVID-19 TESTING ACCESS POINTS



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

COVID-19 Vaccine Fact Sheet

Information provided by Health Canada

WHAT IS COVID-19?

COVID-19 is an infection caused by the coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2). It is passed from an infected person who coughs, breathes, sings, or talks (droplets from the mouth).

It is possible to have no symptoms and still spread the COVID-19 infection (asymptomatic).

HOW DOES THE COVID-19 VACCINES PROTECT AGAINST THE VIRUS?

The vaccine works by presenting your body with something that looks like the infection so that your immune system can learn how to produce its own natural protection.

This natural protection prevents infection if you come in contact with an individual who has COVID-19.

WHO CAN RECEIVE THE VACCINE?

The Pfizer BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine is approved for individuals 12 years of age and up.

The Moderna COVID-19 vaccine is approved for individuals 18 years of age and up.

A discussion with your primary healthcare provider can assist in the prevention of any complications from the vaccine.

HOW IS THE VACCINE ADMINISTERED?

The COVID-19 vaccine is administered via injection in two doses, given 21-28 days apart.

After receiving your first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine, you will be provided with a follow up appointment for your second dose.

WHAT ARE THE SIDE EFFECTS OF THE VACCINE?

The most commonly reported side effects are pain at the injection site, tiredness, headache, fatigue, chills, joint pain, and mild fever.

These side effects typically subside after 1-2 days after injection.

MY SIDE EFFECTS AREN'T GOING AWAY. NOW WHAT?

If your side effects haven't subsided after a few days, contact your healthcare provider.

Contact emergency services if you experience any adverse reactions such as:

- Hives
- Swelling of the face/mouth
- High fever
- Serious drowsiness
- Convulsions or seizure
- Numbness/"pins and needles"

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

Take your shot! Get the vaccine.



COVID-19 Age 12-17 Fact Sheet

What is COVID-19?

COVID-19 is an infection caused by the coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2), and is mainly passed from an infected person through coughing, sneezing, talking, breathing, or singing.

What are the symptoms of COVID-19?

Cough, shortness of breath, fever, chills, body aches, tiredness, loss of taste or smell. An infected person can also have no symptoms at all (asymptomatic).

How does the vaccine protect me from COVID-19?

The vaccine works by presenting something to your body that looks like the infection, causing your body to produce its own natural protection. The natural protection helps prevent infection if you come in contact with an individual who has COVID-19.

Who can receive the COVID-19 vaccine?

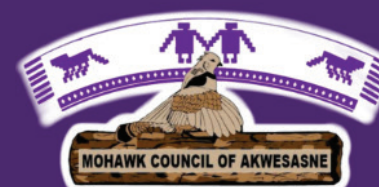
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Take your shot!
Contact the Community
Health Program if you're
interested in receiving the
COVID-19 vaccine at
613-575-2341 x3220.



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

COVID-19 TESTING & VACCINE CLINICS

The MCA Community Health Program has upcoming COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics, available by appointment only:

- November 10, 2021 — Pfizer
- November 24, 2021 — Moderna

The vaccine clinics will be held from 10AM - 12PM at

the Kanonhkwa'tsheri:io Health Facility in Kana:takon.

Please be reminded that COVID-19 testing is also available by appointment. To schedule an appointment for testing or to receive the COVID-19 vaccine, please call Community Health at 613-575-2341 ext. 3220.

COVID-19 VACCINE CLINICS

KANONHKWA'TSHERI:IO HEALTH FACILITY

NOVEMBER 10
NOVEMBER 24

**CALL MCA TO BOOK YOUR
APPOINTMENT TODAY!**



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

FINDING RELEVANT & RELIABLE INFORMATION DURING COVID-19

In a time when an online search for “COVID-19 information” produces an astonishing 5 billion hits, deciding where to get your facts from can feel overwhelming.
Whose news can you trust?

When you factor in misinformation, it gets harder to wade through and know what resources you can rely on...it can also cost lives. Here's a list of sources that provide factual information to help manage the *infodemic*.

RELIABLE SOURCES

- Mohawk Council of Akwesasne (MCA)
- Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe (SRMT)
- Eastern Ontario Health Unit (EOHU)
- Public Health Agency of Canada
- Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC)
- World Health Organization (WHO)
- Johns Hopkins Coronavirus Resource Center
- Your licensed healthcare provider



UNRELIABLE SOURCES

- Blog platforms/websites
- Hyperpartisan sites
- YouTube (*unless posted by a verified, reliable source*)
- Conspiracy theorists
- Satire websites
- Word of mouth/gossip



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

AMA SEEKING AMBULANCE DRIVERS & EMTS

The Akwesasne Mohawk Ambulance Unit is looking for Ambulance Drivers and Emergency Medical Technicians to join their team! The positions have an immediate start date and will be open until filled.

All interested applicants, please contact Leah Tarbell below for an application package:
Leah Tarbell, Program Manager

Kanonhkwa'tsheri:io Health Facility
Akwesasne, Quebec
H0M 1A0
(613) 575-2341 ext. 3122
E-mail: leah.tarbell.ama@akwesasne.ca

To view the job posting, please visit www.akwesasne.ca/employment.



CALL OUT FOR AMBULANCE DRIVERS

JOIN THE AKWESASNE MOHAWK AMBULANCE • APPLY TODAY!

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

GAMBLING TOO MUCH?

If you or someone you know needs help, please reach out. Help is here for you.

Contact the MCA Wholistic Health & Wellness Program's Addictions Services at 613-575-2341 ext. 3115.

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ADDICTIONS SERVICES AT **613-575-2341 EXT. 3115**



GAMBLING STATISTICS



FAMILIES WHERE A PARENT GAMBLES COMPULSIVELY ARE **MORE LIKELY** TO EXPERIENCE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, INCLUDING CHILD ABUSE



1/2 OF COMPULSIVE GAMBLERS COMMIT CRIMES



OVER **80%** OF PROBLEM GAMBLERS WERE AT RISK FOR ALCOHOL OR DRUG USE/DEPENDENCY



MORE THAN **60%** OF PEOPLE REPORTED WANTING HELP BUT **ONLY 25%** SOUGHT ASSISTANCE

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

UPDATED VACCINATION POLICY FOR LTC FACILITIES

The Department of Health is informing the community that, per the Associate Deputy Minister of Long-Term Care, there has been an update to the vaccination policy at the Tsiionkwanonhso:te Long-Term Care (LTC) Facility and the lakhihsohtha Lodge.

All staff members, students, and volunteers at Tsiionkwanonhso:te and lakhihsohtha will be required to be fully vaccinated against the COVID-19 virus by November 15, 2021, unless they have a valid medical exemption, or experienced an adverse reaction to the first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine. Proof of medical exemption from a doctor or nurse practitioner must be provided to your supervisor.

Existing staff, students, and volunteers, as well as support workers who currently attend the LTC/Lodge must provide proof of vaccination by November 15, 2021. Any new staff, support workers, students, and volun-

teers must provide proof of vaccination before they begin working, undertaking placement, or volunteering in the LTC/Lodge.

Staff, support workers, students, or volunteers who choose not to provide proof of vaccination, or proof of medical exemption by the required date, will not be able to attend a long-term care home to work, undertake a student placement, or volunteer.

An individual is considered “fully vaccinated” if they have received both doses of the COVID-19 vaccine authorized by Health Canada, or any combination of such vaccines.

If you are in need of receiving your COVID-19 vaccine, please contact the Community Health Program at 613-575-2341 ext. 3220 to register for the next available COVID-19 vaccine clinic.

UPDATED VACCINATION POLICY FOR LTC FACILITIES

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

CCH TO REQUIRE PROOF OF COVID-19 VACCINATION FOR VISITORS (OCTOBER 25)

For the protection of staff, physicians, and vulnerable patients, Cornwall Community Hospital (CCH) will require visitors and essential care partners to provide proof of full vaccination against COVID-19 to enter the hospital starting November 1, 2021. This will not apply to patients.

By implementing this direction, CCH joins other hospitals in the Champlain region who have already started or will begin requiring proof of COVID-19 vaccination for visitors and essential care partners in the coming weeks.

“From the onset of the pandemic, we made a commitment to our staff, physicians, and community to do everything we can to ensure their safety. To do so we have taken guidance from trusted public health authorities and have received clear direction that vaccination is one of the most effective ways to control the transmission of COVID-19 and to reduce the severity of the illness,” said Jeanette Despatie, President and CEO.

In August, CCH announced a mandatory COVID-19 vaccination policy for its staff and physicians following direction from the provincial government. According to the policy, anyone working or learning onsite at CCH had to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 by October 15. Approximately 98% of 1151 active employees and all physicians at CCH provided proof of full vaccination by the October 15 deadline.

“Our staff and physicians have stepped up to be vaccinated against COVID-19 for their own protection and that of our patients. We now expect visitors to provide that same level of protection for our staff and vulnerable patients at risk,” added Despatie.

CCH recognizes that exceptions may have to be granted for compassionate reasons, which is why the hospital will be providing exceptions for certain circumstances which may require family presence.

Residents are still urged to get vaccinated against COVID-19 as these exceptions will be limited to exceptional circumstances and also because Cornwall has been experiencing uniquely high rates of infections and hospitalizations in Ontario due to the city’s lagging vaccination numbers.

Recently the hospital announced it would again be temporarily closing operating rooms and postponing elective surgeries due the strain that the pandemic was having on its resources.

“It’s all the more reason why we need to implement this direction as soon as possible to protect our staff, physicians and vulnerable patients who may be at increased risk for severe illness from COVID-19, even if they are vaccinated,” noted Despatie.

If you are coming to the hospital and are not a patient, please ensure that you have proof of vaccination and a piece of government-issued photo identification readily available.

For more information on CCH’s current visitation restrictions, proof of vaccination requirements and exceptions, please visit: www.cornwallhospital.ca/en/VisitingHours.



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

*Schedule your vaccine
today by calling
613-575-2341 ext. 3220
or 518-333-0230.*



**Protect our most
vulnerable from
COVID-19**

Get vaccinated!



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

PROTECT OUR ELDERS FROM COVID-19

**Akwesasne has recently lost elders to COVID-19.
PLEASE, assist the elders in your family with making
appointments for vaccination and keep them safe
and protected.**

Call the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne Community Health Program at 613-575-
2341 Ext. 3220 to make a COVID-19 vaccine appointment.



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



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DAY OF EXPOSURE

If you have been exposed to
someone with COVID-19, begin
your 14-day quarantine.
Schedule your COVID-19 test
through MCA Community Health at
613-575-2341 ext. 3220.

TESTING PERIOD

Most accurate
testing window. This is the
ideal time to take
your COVID-19 test.

RECEIVE TEST RESULTS

If you receive a negative test
result, on day 14 you can end
your quarantine. If you are
positive, you must follow advice
from your health care provider.

QUARANTINE PERIOD

You must quarantine for full 14 days even
if you receive a negative COVID-19 test.



AKWESASNE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT

AKWESASNE LEGAL AID CLINIC PILOT PROJECT

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne has received funding from the Ministry of the Attorney General to establish a Legal Aid Clinic Pilot Project. The project will provide assistance to victims of crime & their families in areas which are not provided for locally.

A legal aid coordinator will work with other agencies and programs, on and off-reserve, to establish a list of resources, programs and services for community

members. This may include outside agencies which assist victims of crimes; appointments with legal counsel and/or assisting with processing Skennen (Peace) Orders within the community of Akwesasne.

The clinic will be held every Wednesday starting October 13, 2021 through March 2022. If you have any questions, please contact the Akwesasne Legal Aid Clinic at 613-575-2250 ext. 1028.

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CLINIC DATES:

EVERY WEDNESDAY

(OCTOBER 2021 - MARCH 2022)

QUESTIONS?

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NATIONAL CHILD'S DAY 2021

This National Child's Day, what better opportunity to use the day, November 20th, 2021 to celebrate one of our most precious resources, our children. A day designed to remember and recognize that in order for children to grow to their full capacity and potential, they require love and respect. It is a day to highlight all of their spectacular qualities and celebrate the unique values that they have to offer. A day to commemorate the family unit and the role that the family plays in raising children into strong and respectable adults.

National Child's Day was proclaimed on March 19, 1993, when the Government of Canada declared dedication to a day to observe two important historical events for Children: the adoption of the United Nations Declaration on the rights of the Child (1959) and the UN adoption of the Convention on the Rights of the Child (1989). The United Nations Convention of Rights of the Child is a landmark human rights treaty in terms of ensuring the safety and security of Children, worldwide. As citizens of this community, it should be our commitment to uphold the rights of the child.

These two landmark documents provide principles and spell out the basic human rights, in which

every child is entitled. More information on these documents can be found at www.unicef.ca or the Canada.ca website. The purpose of this day is to promote awareness about the Convention of the Rights of the Child for communities across Canada.

Because of children's vulnerability, they require special safeguards and

care and must rely on adults for the nurture, protection and guidance needed to grow towards independence. It is our responsibility as adults to ensure that all children know their rights. All Children and youth have inherent rights, which can be defined as the basic needs considered necessary to live, grow and prosper with dignity as thriving human beings. Children reserve the



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right to a supportive family, adequate food, clothing, housing, education and protection from all forms of harm.

These rights include, but are not limited to the following:

1. Non-discrimination- Every child deserves the right to equal treatment.
2. Family- Every child has the right to live with their family. Families can come in all shapes and forms but a family should instill a sense of belonging and provide a loving and nurturing environment.
3. Health- Every child has the right to be alive. Children deserve the best possible health care, nutritious food, clothing, clean water, electricity and safe housing.
4. Protection From Harm- Every child deserves freedom from abuse and they have the right to seek legal or medical help if they are abused.
5. Identity- Children have the right to be registered when they are born and the right to obtain an identity throughout their lifetime.
6. Education- Every child reserves the right to their education, that being the highest level of education available to them.
7. Freedom of Thought- Children have the right to speak, express and share what they learn, think and feel. Parents should teach their children to express themselves

and respect the opinion of others.

8. Access to Information- Children reserve the right to transmit and receive information through the internet, radio, phone, television and books. It is an adult's responsibility to ensure that the information children are receiving is not harmful for them.

9. Privacy- The law must protect a child's privacy in all areas and by all means.

10. The Arts- Every child reserves the right to engage in cultural and creative activities.

11. Reparation- If a child is a victim of trauma or separation from parents the child should receive reparation and rehabilitation so they can regain their health, dignity and identity.

12. Government Responsibility- Governments must do everything possible to ensure that children enjoy their rights and develop in a society which is safe and free. Gov-

ernments must also prioritize the rights of a child when considering any major policy. It is also the responsibility of the government to inform children of their inherent rights.

November 20th also marks World Children's day, a day to honor children around the world. A day to celebrate the important and vital roles that our children play in our communities. As well as a day to continue to raise awareness each year by honoring the protection of the Rights of the Child. When it comes to our children, I am very proud to say that we come from a community that values and places great emphasis on the love and protection of our children, for seven generations to come. Because all children deserve the opportunity to grow and prosper in a healthy and loving environment, not only on National Child's Day, but everyday of the year!



ENVIRONMENT

THOMPSON ISLAND STEM CAMP

We had an amazing weekend at our 2-weekend Thompson Island STEM camp! Connecting Indigenous knowledge with western science.

During the first weekend on Day 1, we had French language lessons by Denise Markham, Kanienkeha lessons by Otsitsia Sunday and Enhakanhoton Norton and social songs around the fire with Enhakanhoton again. On Day 2, the St. Lawrence River Institute's Kate Schwartz and Matt Windle presented on nature journaling and fish identification. Norman Peter's did a Sturgeon night line presentation. Lexy Harquail pre-

sented on rocks and minerals, and we learned how to identify them based on their characteristics. Cleaning Perch with Norman Peter's. Jessica Shenandoah, Audrey Herne and Marie Thompson did a traditional food demonstration where participants helped cook all the food for our dinner. To wrap up the evening we had more Kanienkeha and French language lessons. On Day 3 we made Black Ash sweetgrass bookmarks with Levi Herne.

During the second weekend, all the campers had a great time once again!



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On Day 1, we welcomed everyone to camp, ate dinner and had Kanien'keha language lesson by Teyunkwa Jimerson. On Day 2, we had nature journaling by St. Lawrence River Institute's Kate Schwartz. A discussion with the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe's Environment about their Native Plant Nursery and the Emerald Ash Borer (Jessica Raspitha, Norman Genier, and Sam). Fishing talk with Norman Peter's. Story telling around the fire with Darrell Thompson. Water Testing with Emilie DeRochie from SLRIES. A speed tournament (cards), charades, talking around the fire and we celebrated a birthday!! (Don't worry,

she didn't blow on the candles). On Day 3, a Kanienkeha version escape room with Teyunkwa Jimerson and Otsitsia Sunday. The rest of the day consisted of straightening up the cabins, lunch, playing volleyball, stacking wood and cleaning medicine!!

Niawenkowa to everyone for making this possible!!

This camp was made possible by the Government of Quebec- Secretariat aux affaires autochtones.



AKWESASNE MOHAWK POLICE SERVICE

AMPS PREPARES FOR CRIME PREVENTION WEEK

The Akwesasne Mohawk Police Service are kicking off Crime Prevention Week from November 7-13, 2021. The goal of Crime Prevention Week is to promote safety in our community and learn to avoid becoming a victim of crime. The COVID-19 pandemic has taught us the value of making sure our homes, neighbourhoods, schools, and places of businesses are safe.

The Akwesasne Mohawk Police Service will be promoting the Lock it or Lose it Campaign throughout the Canadian portion of Akwesasne. Police officers will examine parked vehicles to confirm they are locked and no valuables have been left in plain view. Police will place a notice on the vehicle indicating what safety precautions were neglected and offer simple prevention tips for drivers to protect their vehicles against theft. The notices also congratulate drivers who have secured their vehicle and documents properly.

The Akwesasne Mohawk Police Service will also be dropping off gift bags at our local Senior Centers with important information on Frauds, and Elders Abuse Awareness.

SEPTEMBER 2021 STATISTICS

Total: 293					
1	024 Break & Enter-Residence	1	1008 By-Law-Dogs	1	1052 Shooting Complaint
1	027 Theft-Automobiles	1	101 Firearms Act	21	106 Provincial Statutes-Other
2	030 Theft-Other Motor Vehicles	1	1011 By-Law-Other	11	1063 Marine Patrol
1	035 Theft Over \$5,000-Other	1	101 Firearms Act	1	1070 Sex Offender Registry
2	040 Theft Under \$5,000-Other	2	1011 By-Law-Other	2	204 Sexual Assault
1	041 Possession Stolen Property	2	1012 Civil Disputes	1	205 Assault-Level 1
2	045 Frauds-Other	22	1013 Community Services	2	206 Assault Weapon/CBH-Level 2
1	058 Offensive Weapons-Other	15	1014 Crime Prevention	2	705 Dangerous Operation MV
5	061 Bail Violations	1	1015 Committal Warrants	2	711 Impaired Operation MV
1	063 Disturb the Peace	2	1018 Escorts-Prisoner	1	714 Fail/Refuse Breath Sample
1	068 Obstruct Peace Officer	7	102 Other Federal Statute Offences	4	715 Fail to Stop/Remain (CCC)
3	072 Mischief (prop. damage) under \$5,000	3	1023 Judge's Order (court)	5	717 Fail to Stop/Remain (HTA)
2	073 Criminal Code-Other	1	1024 Phone Calls	15	721 Traffic-Provincial Statutes
2	080 Cocaine-Trafficking	1	1026 Property-Lost	1	723 Traffic-Parking Violations
1	083 Other Drugs-Possession	4	1027 Property-Found	2	Incident Type not listed
6	100 Immigration Act	5	1029 Suspicious Persons		
1	1000 Abandoned Vehicles	5	1030 Suspicious Vehicles		
9	1001 Alarms	20	1031 Suspicious Circumstances		
8	1003 Assist Other Agencies-Ambulance	1	1032 Sudden Death		
4	1003 Assist Other Agencies-Cornwall PS	1	1034 Trespassing (Prov. Statute)		
9	1003 Assist Other Agencies-Other	1	1035 Warrant Committal		
45	1004 Assist Public	3	1036 Warrant-Bench/First		
2	1007 Breach of Probation	1	1039 Property-Recovered		
		3	1040 Traffic Complaint		
		2	1041 Mental Health Act		
		1	1049 Medical Aid		
		1	1050 Youth Complaint		



RESPECT. WE ALL DESERVE IT.

“Enhserihwakweniéhste”(Respect)

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

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

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

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

