

# ONKWE'TA:KE

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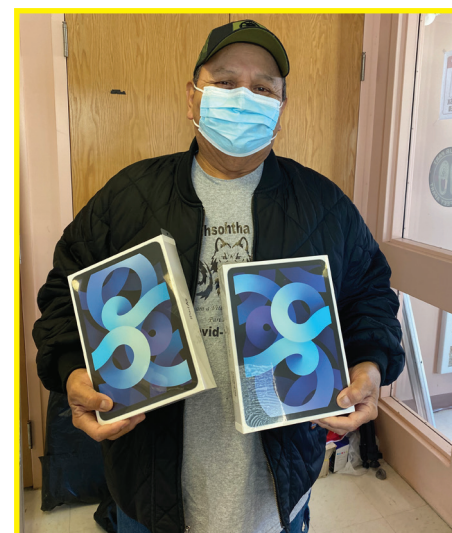
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## POSITIVITY CAMPAIGN INSPIRES THE SPIRIT



The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne's Positivity Campaign was held throughout the month of February with the intent being to spread some joy throughout Akwesasne. We received hundreds of entries to our three events, and it has been truly inspiring to see the enthusiasm and happiness in your posts and entries. We wish to thank all of you for your participation and for helping to spread happiness in the community. One small act, for your own well-being or for others, goes a long way. We encourage you to continue making positivity a priority!

All participants were entered in drawings for prizes, and those who participated in the Pay it Forward campaign received DOUBLE prizes in order to pay one prize forward to any non-relative. Nia:wenkowa to Shannon Adams (pictured), winner of a Jay Peak Resort \$1000 getaway, who paid the second prize forward to Diane Lazore & Family. Nia:wenkowa also to Joni Toulouse-Buckshot who was the winner of a \$200 Akwesasne Minimart Gift Card. Her family (pictured) chose to pay forward the extra prize to Barbara Seymour. Finally, thank you to Tim Sunday (pictured), winner of an Apple iPad Air, who donated his extra iPad prize to a friend. See the full winners list on Page 17.

## UPCOMING MCA MEETINGS & SPECIAL DATES:

### GENERAL MEETING

The April General Meeting will be held as a hybrid meeting (in person and via Zoom) on April 28, 2022 at 6 p.m. at the Kana:takon Recreation. All in-person attendees must show proof of vaccination.

Please send an e-mail to [meetings@akwesasne.ca](mailto:meetings@akwesasne.ca) to receive a link to watch the meeting.

Community members may send any questions in advance to [meetings@akwesasne.ca](mailto:meetings@akwesasne.ca).

# MOHAWK COUNCIL OF AKWESASNE 2021-2024

## **Grand Chief**

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

## **Tsi Snaihne District**

Chief April Adams-Phillips

Chief Sarah Lee Sunday-Diabo

Chief JoAnn Swamp

Chief Dwayne Thomas

## **Administration**

Ann Seymour

*Executive Director*

Heather Phillips

*Department of Finance and  
Administration*

Leslie Papineau

*A/Director,*

*Department of Infrastructure,  
Housing & Environment*

Joyce King

*Director,*

*Akwesasne Justice Department*

Joseph Morin-Lauzon

*Director,*

*Department of  
Community and Social Services*

Amber Montour

*Director,*

*Department of Health*

Donna Lahache

*Director,*

*Ahkwasasne Mohawk Board  
of Education*

Shawn Dulude

*Chief of Police,*

*Akwesasne Mohawk Police  
Service*

Kylee Tarbell

*Director,*

*Department of Economic  
Development*

# WAT'KWANONHWERA:TON/GREETINGS

She:kon/Wat'kwanonhwera:ton,

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

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

## FIVE THINGS

OUR MONTHLY LIST OF FACTS, REMINDERS &  
IMPORTANT MESSAGES

1

MCA is continuing to require masks in MCA buildings and facilities. See page 6 for more information.

2

Please be reminded that the Seaway International Bridge Corporation has resumed verifying bridge passes as per SIBC's regular protocol. They will continue practicing COVID-19 sanitation practices already in place.

3

If you have any questions regarding Akwesasne Court, see page 30 for frequently asked questions as well as upcoming court dates!

4

Please be advised that Fibre-to-the-home deadlines are rapidly approaching. The Tsi Snaihne and Kana:takon deadline is April 30 and Kawehno:ke deadline is May 31. See page 32 for more information.

5

Check out [akwesasne.ca/employment](https://akwesasne.ca/employment) for an up-to-date listing of all programs that are hiring in the organization!



# NEWS

## INDIGENOUS SERVICES CANADA ISSUES ADVISORY ON NEW COVID-19 VARIANT WAVE

Dr. James Brooks, MD, FRCPC, of Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) has issued an advisory that the new variant of COVID-19, BA.2, is quickly becoming the dominant strain among new infections across Ontario and First Nations communities. Despite having the tools to address the ongoing pandemic, the COVID-19 virus continues to surprise health officials and experts with its ability to change and find ways to transmit more efficiently.

BA.2 is part of the Omicron family and shares most of the same characteristics as the current BA.1 Omicron variant. The most important distinction is that BA.2 is more transmissible than BA.1, meaning that it will infect more people, faster. Current information indicates that the disease is not more severe with BA.2 infection. While re-infection is rare, it is possible with BA.2 after a BA.1 infection.

During the BA.2 wave, we ask community members to continue to follow public health guidelines and take steps to avoid infection, such as wearing a mask, social distancing when gathering with non-household members, and consider receiving the COVID-19 vaccine. If you are demonstrating any symptoms of COVID-19, stay home and use testing measures appropriately. Please note that a positive rapid antigen test is considered a positive case of COVID-19 and no longer requires a confirmatory PCR test.

Vaccination against COVID-19 continues to be the most effective form of prevention against severe illness and serious outcomes of COVID-19 infection. Please consider receiving your first, second, third, or fourth (where indicated) dose of the COVID-19 vaccine. To schedule an appointment to receive your COVID-19 vaccine, please contact the Community Health Program at 613-575-2341 ext. 3220.

## ISC ISSUES ADVISORY ON NEW COVID-19 VARIANT WAVE



# NEWS

## MCA WELCOMES EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne is pleased to welcome Ann Seymour to the organization as Executive Director for a 1-year term, effective March 14, 2022. During this timeframe, the position will be formally posted.

Ms. Seymour is Ojibway and a registered member of Wikwemikong Unceded Territory. She shares that she is married to Travis Seymour of Akwesasne and they are the parents of four young adults.

Ms. Seymour has a Master's degree in Social Work (McGill), a Master's in Business Administration (Simon Fraser University), and is currently working on a PhD. Her research interests include mental health and wellness, suicide prevention, and reconnecting to the land

to promote wellness. She is also a Registered Social Worker (RSW), and Certified First Nations Health Manager (CFNHM).

Please join us in welcoming Ann Seymour!



## U.S. DISTRICT COURT RULES FAVOURABLY ON AKWESASNE BOUNDARY

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne is pleased to share that a positive ruling has been received related to the New York State land claim. On March 14, 2022, U.S. District Court Judge Lawrence Kahn ruled in a summary judgement that the boundary of Akwesasne set in the 1796 Treaty – ratified by the U.S. Congress that same year – are still the valid boundaries of Akwesasne, and the State's illegal taking of Akwesasne land in the 19th century did not affect its treaty-guaranteed boundaries.

The immediate next steps with regard to the New York State land claim are not immediately defined; however, the court ruling supports Akwesasne's decades long claim that land was taken illegally from our community members.

The main New York State land claim was filed in two

cases in 1982 by the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne (named St. Regis Mohawk Band of Indians, at the time). In 1989 the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe and Mohawk Nation Council of Chiefs filed a claim as well. In 1992 a federal judge combined the three cases and the three councils have worked together in the pursuit of land claim resolutions since.

"For decades, leadership and staff have worked together to pursue this land claim and voice our common position that Akwesasne lands were taken illegally," said MCA Grand Chief Abram Benedict. "This ruling is a very promising step as it sends a message to New York State and county courts that our land claim has validity. We acknowledge that this is the result of years of hard work by our staff including the late Salli Benedict."



SIBC TOLL PLAZA TO RESUME HANDLING BRIDGE PASSES

The Seaway International Bridge Corporation would like to inform the community that as of March 1, 2022, Toll Attendants have resumed verifying bridge passes as per SIBC’s regular protocol.

SIBC has prepared signage that will be installed near the booth in both directions and a flyer with the same message will be distributed to travelers and community members informing them of the upcoming change.

In order to continue to protect travelers, community members, and SIBC staff, Toll Attendants will continue to practice their COVID-19 sanitation practices that are already in place, as well as wipe down bridge passes before returning them to their customers.





# NEWS

## ONTARIO LIFTS MASK MANDATES IN MOST PUBLIC SPACES, SCHOOLS *MCA, AMBE CONTINUE MASK MANDATE*

The Ontario government has lifted the mask mandate for schools, retail settings, and most other indoor public spaces, as of March 21st. The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne (MCA) will be extending their mask mandate for MCA buildings, facilities, and healthcare settings until April 4th, after which MCA will reassess the mask mandate. The mask mandate will not apply to businesses or organizations outside of MCA.

Settings such as long-term care homes, healthcare facilities, and public transportation systems will keep mask mandates in place until the end of April. All remaining public health rules are expected to come to an end at the end of April as public health indicators have improved enough throughout Ontario to remove masks and other rules associated with the COVID-19 pandemic.

AMBE schools will continue masking and will reassess

the mask mandate in the beginning of April. AMBE is going to utilize a slow process in removing the mask mandate within the schools; if COVID-19 case numbers continue to be low, masks will be worn when students are on the bus and in common areas. Students will be able to remove their masks when seated at their desks.

The protection of MCA staff, AMBE students, and community members, particularly our vulnerable populations, are our utmost priority. MCA and AMBE will provide the community with notice when its mask mandates will be ending.

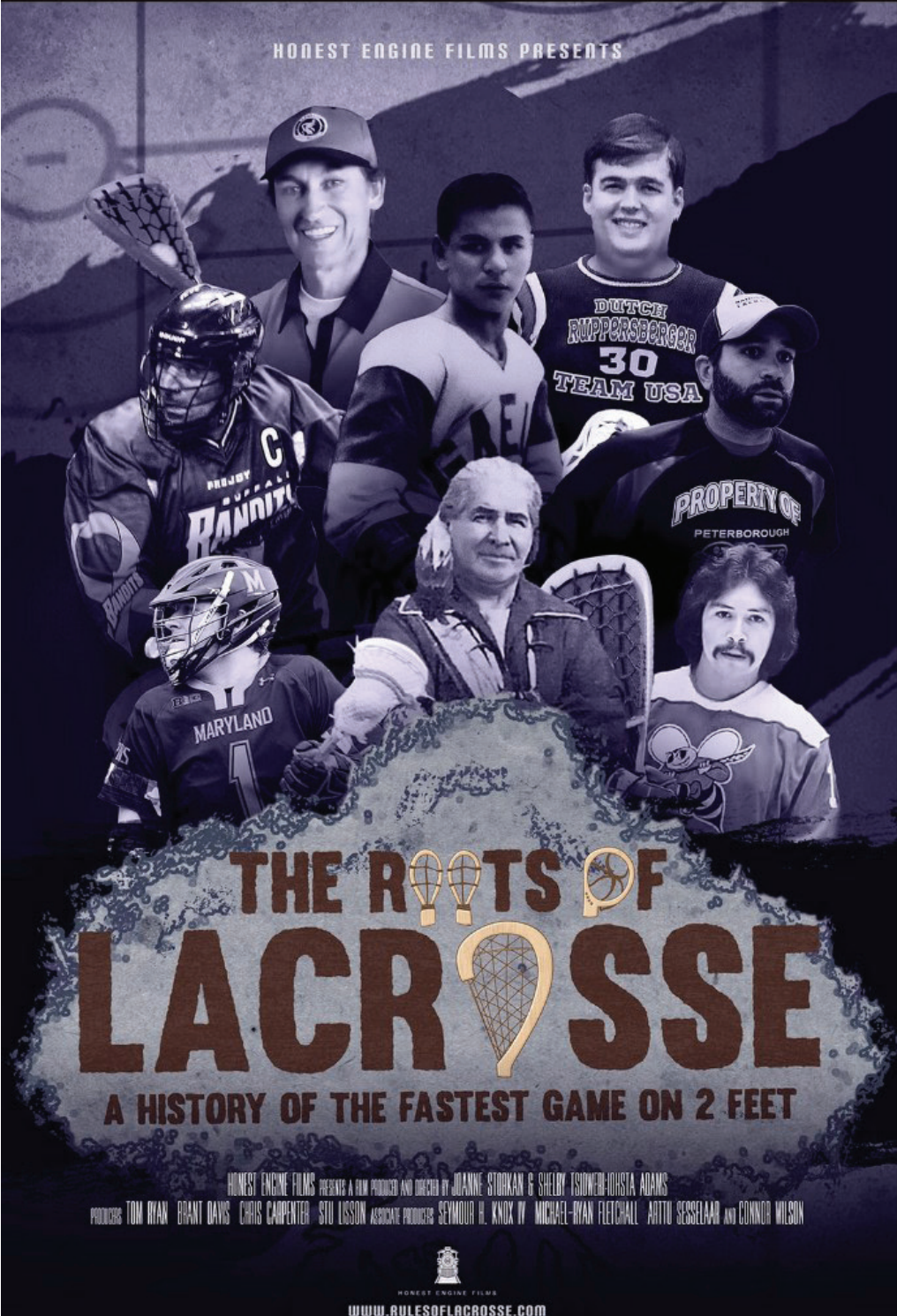
To view Ontario's Chief Medical Officer of Health's statement on the ending of the mask mandate in Ontario, please visit the Eastern Ontario Health Unit's website at [www.eohu.ca](http://www.eohu.ca).





# ROOTS OF LACROSSE WINS NEW YORK EMMY

LOVE IS LACROSSE



Congratulations to Shelby Mitchell-Adams, Brant Davis, and the entire team behind the Roots of Lacrosse documentary, which recently won a New York Emmy for Best Sports Documentary!

The film was co-directed and co-written by Mitchell-Adams and Joanne Storkan of Honest Engine Films, and was a collaboration between Dreamcatcher Studio, Real Mohawk Entertainment and Honest Engine Films.

Keep inspiring and mentoring others in the film and arts industries. Akwesasne is proud!





# NEWS

## MCA RESCINDS PROOF OF VACCINATION MCR

*PUBLIC HEALTH MEASURES REMAIN ACTIVE*

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne (MCA) is informing the community that they have rescinded MCR 2021 / 2022 - #183, removing "proof of vaccination" requirements for any public event held within a Mohawk Council of Akwesasne facility. Public health measures will remain in place, such as wearing a mask, social distancing, sanitizing and disinfecting. MCA's Department of Health (DOH) and Emergency Operations Center (EOC) will continue to monitor any impacts COVID-19 has on the community during this reopening period.

With the removal of the proof of vaccination requirement, community recreation facilities are able to open under normal capacity (100%) for patrons, spectators, volunteers, and workers. Proof of vaccination will no

longer be required to access and utilize MCA facilities and recreation centers. Event plans will no longer be required to be submitted to the EOC. Recreation centers will have to continue to enforce public health measures which includes mask wearing when accessing the recreation centers, screening for COVID-19 symptoms for those entering the facilities, sanitizing and disinfecting, and social distancing (except for couples of families from the same household/family unit).

For any questions or concerns, please contact the Emergency Operations Center at 613-575-5005 or 613-575-2331.

# MCA RESCINDS PROOF OF VACCINATION MCR

*PUBLIC HEALTH MEASURES REMAIN ACTIVE*



# NEWS



## **Call Out for 2 Trust Overseers**



The Trust Overseers are also looking for a YOUTH Representative between the age of 18-30

**Due date for applications:**

Friday, April 8, 2022 @ 4:00pm

**Applications will be taken from interested Members to serve as Trust Overseer to advise the Community Trustee as part of the Akwesasne Community Settlement Trust**

### **CANDIDATES MUST DEMONSTRATE:**

- Knowledge of the Kanienkehaka culture and the Akwesasne community
- A commitment to learning, or enriching his/her knowledge of, the Kanienkeha language
- Knowledge, understanding and commitment to the role of Trust Overseer
- Honesty, integrity, ethical conduct and common sense
- The ability to maintain objectivity, fairness, accountability and operational transparency
- Knowledge of issues and needs within the community of Akwesasne

### **CRITERIA FOR OVERSEERS:**

- Be at least eighteen (18) years of age.
- Have been a resident in the Mohawk Territory of Akwesasne for at least ten (10) years and within the last fifteen (15) years .
- Have demonstrable knowledge and life experience of the Mohawks of Akwesasne.
- Be willing to put the collective, best interest of the Mohawks of Akwesasne before personal interest.
- Not be an elected official of either the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne or the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe.
- Not be a member of the Technical Working Committee of the Akwesasne Community Trust
- Never have been convicted of an offense under Akwesasne Law, an indictable offense in Canada or a felony in the United States.
- Not have been convicted of an offense under Akwesasne Law, a summary conviction in Canada or a misdemeanor in the United States in the past five (5) years.

For more information, call Chelsea Francis at the Mohawk Government Office, or Email [chelsea.francis@akwesasne.ca](mailto:chelsea.francis@akwesasne.ca). Applications can be picked up at the MCA Administration Building #1 at 12 Akwesasne Street in Kanatakon, or download at [www.akwesasne.ca](http://www.akwesasne.ca). Completed applications along with a Letter of Interest must be delivered electronically or in person to the addresses listed in the application package no later than the date indicated above.

**Incomplete applications will not be considered**



## HAZARD HELP SHEET

### TEN COMMANDMENTS OF SAFETY

**Construction Season is here!**  
**Please lead by example by following these 10 rules for safety.**

1

**LEARN** the safe way to do your job before you start.

4

**WEAR** personal protective equipment and clothing appropriate for the work performed, job site hazards and weather conditions

8

**ADVISE** your supervisor promptly of any unsafe working conditions, practices or potential hazards / risks at your worksite.

2

**THINK, ACT & PERFORM** with safety at all times.

5

**CONDUCT** yourself properly at all times. Horseplay and freelancing is strictly prohibited.

9

**REPORT** any injury to your superior immediately!

3

**OBEY** health, safety rules and regulations – they are there for **YOUR** protection.

6

**OPERATE** only the equipment you are authorized to use, have received proper training for and can conduct safely.

10

**SUPPORT** your health and safety program and take an active role in your health and safety daily.

7

**INSPECT** tools and equipment for safe conditions before starting and after work.





# ENTEWATATHÁ:WI - "WE WILL GOVERN"

## FAREWELL MESSAGE FROM ENTEWATATHA:WI PROGRAM MANAGER, PETER GARROW

I sometimes feel as if I am as old as the Indian Act and feel the wounds of this oppressive piece of legislation placed on all of us, without our consent. Well, I have tried hard in over 45 years of public service to point out the negative aspects of living and operating under the Indian Act and now it is time to pass on this quest to younger minds with more energy and hopefully with the same passion as I have demonstrated. I pass this on with the knowledge that there are a number of social actions currently underway to make substantive changes for the betterment of First Nations People which includes Akwesasronon. One of these is Self Government negotiations with Canada to establish a new legislative relationship with Canada that will guide Akwesasne into the future.

This has been a great opportunity for me to be part of a great team within MCA working on this important project that will encompass many, if not, all MCA departments. I have stated to others that this has been the most important work I have been engaged in because it is visionary, with a defined purpose, to control and manage our affairs, which we are more than capable of doing, while protecting our rights and forfeiting absolutely nothing.

I would like to thank my present Nation Building team – Cheavee Willie, Rachel Lazare, Joanna Jesmer, and now our newest addition Jacey Rourke for their commitment to me and more importantly to the project. As well I would like to thank Mavis Williamson, Peter J. Herne, Isaac White, Erin Cole, Sawentanon Skidders, Patty Francis and Nolan Mitchell for their support, skills, and their professionalism that each brought to the project.

Gratitude also goes out to Donna Roundpoint, Micha

Menczer, Grand Chief Abram Benedict, and Portfolio Chiefs, past and present, for being a major contributor to self government negotiations with Canada. Thanks also goes out to those MCA Managers and Directors that also participated in Negotiations and at our working tables. I would be amiss if I don't express my sincere appreciation and guidance I received from the community members, Elders and youth who participated in all of our Nation Building working tables. I wish all of MCA could have witnessed and heard and participated in the dialogues and exchanges that occurred especially in our Entewatatha:wi Advisory Committee (EAC) meetings. EAC, the History Summit and progress made on the Entewatatha:wi Self Government Agreement hold a special place in my long career. My one regret is not having History Summit 2.

Continue doing the great work you are engaged in and always do your work and in life with kindness towards others.

As "Chuckles the Clown" said on the Mary Tyler Moore Show – "A little song, a little dance – a little seltzer down your pants."

Or my statement to all "As I leave, I offer this last piece of advice, pull down your pants and slide on the ice."

-Peter Garrow



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## COUNCIL WEEKLY MEETING REPORT

SUBMITTED BY GRAND CHIEF ABRAM BENEDICT



### FEBRUARY 28, 2022

- Representatives from Proteus and Gowling along with MCA Aboriginal Rights Manager presented to Council an overview of the community trusts and limited partnership investment models for consideration.
- Council affirmed that the Property Acquisition Team (PAT) will lead the Transport Canada and Canada Lands Company (CLC) file on behalf of Council.
- Chief Tim Thompson was identified as the meeting chair for the upcoming Council meetings in absence of the Grand Chief.
- Council identified Chiefs Adams-Phillips, Phillips-Jacobs, and Francis-Mitchell to lead the Book of Recognition work.
- Chief Tim Thompson was identified as the MCA representation to the Ex-Officio Director seat for the Akwesasne Boys and Girls Club.
- Economic Development portfolio agreed to follow up with Economic Development on possible garden/seed/tree planning/initiatives.
- A briefing was provided on the Iroquois Caucus Nuclear Waste file and confirmed Chief Jacobs' participation as the MCA lead.
- Council discussed the need to ensure the community is updated on operational shortages that will affect MCA's ability to respond and deliver services. Administration will follow up with the respective program to develop a notice to the community.
- A concern for unified MCA closures was discussed, MCA administration will continue to work on process and protocol.
- Council discussed a request to revisit the BMO mortgage amount cap. This will be discussed at the next housing portfolio number.
- A briefing was provided on the efforts to open a clinic in Snyc, item will be deferred to health portfolio.
- **MCR's passed:** Approval of mortgage renewal with Canada Mortgage Housing Corporation (CMHC); Approval of mortgage guarantee with BMO; Approval of Letter of Agreement with Watershed Canada; Approval of funding for FN Mobile Crisis Response Team fund; Approval of an amendment to Akwesasne funding agreement for police service; Approval of (2) 20/21 audit for AMPS, Approval of 20/21 audit for OFNLP; Approval of 20/21 audit for CMHC; Approval to offer a contract to a candidate for the position of Executive Director; Approval of revision to organization chart for AMBE; Approval of revision to organization chart for Iohahi:io; Approval of an amendment to MCA General Personnel Policy.

### MARCH 14, 2022

- A representative from the Eastern Ontario Health Unit provided Council with an overview and update on the 2021 living wage for the region. Council acknowledged the 2021 living wage for the purpose of publication.
- The Director of Economic Development provided Council with an update on the financial resourcing efforts to build a skate park at the A'nowara'ko:wa Arena and outlined next steps for the procurement of a contractor.

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## COUNCIL WEEKLY MEETING REPORT

- Council set the agenda for the upcoming General Meeting of March 24, 2022.
- An overview was provided on recent discussion of Council regarding the need to have two draft laws reviewed by legal counsel to satisfy the law enactment process. Council confirmed the need to have the legal review completed.
- The Government Support Manager provided Council with an overview of a new process for the set dates for check signing at Mohawk Government.
- **MCR's passed:** Approval of contribution agreement with Quebec for Fibre to the Home project; Approval of appointment of community member to the Oversight Committee on Legislative Development; Acceptance of resignation of Akwesasne Community Settlement Trust Overseer; Approval of contribution agreement with ACCESS for welding course; Approval of extension to Akwesasne Ontario Long Term Care agreement; Approval of contract with Dr. Sailor; Approval of contract with Dr. Levac; Approval of contract with Chiroprapist; Approval of (3) contract with traditional medicine healer; Approval of (3) amendments to Akwesasne – Canada contribution agreement.



**WE'RE  
HIRING!**

**FOR MORE  
INFORMATION:**

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



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## KANA:TAKON DISTRICT CHIEF CINDY FRANCIS-MITCHELL UPDATES



Portfolio Selections: DCSS, Government Secretariat, Justice, Economic Development, & Entewatatha:wi – Nation Building

### **February Monthly Notables:**

- Attended all Council Meetings, District as required. All meetings attended are on either Teams/Zoom apps.
- Participated in Council's Strategic Plan planning sessions hosted by A2Z Consultants. We worked in teams to discuss the main pillars and themes of the plan and ensure we are capturing what's most needed and developing specific goals to strive toward. Additional planning meetings will continue.
- Surface Pro Exchanging with IS (Information Services). All of Council received new computers, we switched out and returned the other devices.
- Portfolio Meeting Review: Council amended the MCR (Mohawk Council Resolution) for Portfolio listings. I have removed myself from DIHE (Department of Infrastructure

Housing and Environment). Council continued previous discussion regarding conflict-of-interest information.

- Participated with other Council members and staff in the Quebec Valleyfield Port Dock Meeting to review their reconstruction project that has been ongoing since 2015. They provided, as a consultation courtesy, information on environmental impact in that area.
- Participated in the Hydro Quebec Power Outage Meeting.
- Hosted Kana:takon District Meeting, which was changed to accommodate Family Day. No community members were present; however the Kana:takon District Chiefs discussed the "Kana:takon Korner" report that will be reported quarterly.
- Participated in Zoom Meeting with Elders at Sweetgrass Manor to discuss current issues they have encountered.
- Participated in my first discussion at the table with Canada for Entewatathawi (Nation Building) Team.
- Participated in By-Law Compliance Officer discussion with Canada/Ontario.
- Participated in debrief meeting regarding protest @ Cornwall CBSA site with Council, EOC, AMPS & Communications. We discussed areas that could have been im-

proved and how we can be better prepared for unexpected events. Thankfully the protest ended quickly enough without closure to traffic.

### **Committees/Working Groups**

#### **JUSTICE Portfolio: Joyce King, Director**

- Community engagement session on Akwesasne Restoration & Justice Strategy
- Restorative Justice is putting things back in perspective
- Family Courts: Working on issues with parental visitation in Akwesasne.
- Elder Abuse discussion
- Justice Review: understaffed, they worked hard to get everything in place, there was nothing when it started.
- How does it fit with Nation Building and their goals and workplans?

#### **Cannabis Law Review: Connie Lazore, Justice Coordinator**

- Quick overview of the draft #4, phase 1 document that was worked on with the Cannabis Law Review team
- Last review before it gets sent to the overview committee for movement.
- Final will come back to oversight committee for review, and Council. Legal review, then consul-

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tation process with community will commence.

## **Oversight Committee: Connie Lazore**

- Call out made for TsiSnaihne Rep
- February 22 - The meeting was postponed due to power outage and freezing rain.
- Next Meeting schedule for March 29, April 26 confirmed. Prep Meeting was held to prepare for Compliance Officer Meeting with Ontario

## **Chief of Ontario: Federal Policing Legislation:**

- COO (Chiefs of Ontario) is an advocacy forum and secretariat for collective decision making and action for Ontario's First Nations, 3 key elements: Co-development, public safety engagement, regional input.
- Discussed upcoming Legislation engagement processes that are happening across First Nations
- Federal Policing Legislation review of what is being proposed, key issues and opportunities presented by Kent Elson

## **Entewatatha:wi Self Government: -Peter Garrow, Program Manager**

Table Negotiations held Feb 1, 2022:

- Ongoing discussion for the ta-

ble: Administration of Justice – Reference to Common Assault (ESGA 8.23), Update ESGA 8.23 & 8.24, Update on Entewatatha:wi Fiscal Working Group.

- Ongoing discussion for the table on United Nation's Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) Chapter 26: Access to Information, Privacy & Chapter 28: Ratification & Implementation Phases.

## **DCSS Monthly Portfolio: Joey Morin-Lauzon, Director**

Updates provided on:

- Covid-19 Management
- Staffing | Human Resources (for information purposes only)
- Akwesasne Healing Centre
- Detox Centre Partnership
- CSP Covid relief funds
- Organizational Charts
- Transportation Program and Food Security
- ACFS Surplus Dollars
- Living Wage Project
- Special Needs Project

## **Finance Committee Meeting:**

- Notes provided by Chief Julie Phillips-Jacobs – I was absent due to medical app in Ottawa.
- Positions reviewed for CBSA, allocation on dollars are needed.
- Overview of honorariums, finance policy, Audit is on website.
- Chiefs' salaries will go up as

well.

## **Co-Owners Meeting:**

- Presentation: David Quartermain – Director, Real Property Management, Air, Marine and Environmental Programs, Transport Canada
- Project Manager Update
- Financial Update: CAO Maureen Adams

## **Governance Committee: Chelsea Francis**

- Review of the Portfolio Survey Results
- A common theme to have it done in a week's time? Pretty unrealistic timeline given the amount of information we need to review. Government Secretariat Portfolio Update:
- Updates provided ARRO, Communications, Quebec/OPG liaison, Nation Building, Health, and Government Support.

## **CBSA (Canada Border Service Agency) Joint Committee Meeting (Internal):**

- Discussion on the MCA joint work planning tables
- Overview of what was done in the previous Council, fill the vacancies where required

## **Political Protocol Review of Agreements: ED, VA, JPJ, CFM, Chelsea – via Zoom**

- Review the political agree-

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ment line by line -agreement is due to expire in May 2022. Familiarize everyone with the contents and what is needed to move on renewing.

- Review the tripartite agreement review, due to expire in 2025.
- We recommend that we ask for an extension for one year and letter to be drafted by GC for the agreement that is due to expire in May 2022 to Canada so we may renegotiate.

## **Ec Dev Portfolio: Kylee Tarbell, Director:**

- Tobacco law review
- Charge station update
- Flooding to Dave Sunday building
- Grants approval
- Arena reopens – March 14
- The Director will set up a time to review the funding packages applications so we may familiarize ourselves with the process

## **DIHE Portfolio Update: Leslie Papineau, Acting Director**

Hydro Quebec Meeting Update.

- Power Supply Outages update:
  - o PM of Water/Wastewater has been in contact to discuss the recent power surges causing malfunction of plant operations.
  - o Data Analysis done to ensure it is not going to occur in future
  - o Power generators are an issue and will follow-up with JA.

- o 2 teams will be sent during the week of Feb 21- to access the vegetation issues causing some of the outages around the territory of Akwesasne

- o Trees to be cut down and scheduled accordingly
- o Remote control switch will be done by summer. This will reduce the power outages
- o Discussion on training our own to be able to repair in future, emergency maintenance training can be done online, qualification process involved, they will send us information
- o How did Kahnawake become a partner in this line, discussion started in 2010, they just started this process up again as the station is just next to territory.

## **Collaborative Opportunities:**

### **MCA/SRMT Biweekly COVID-19 Updates:**

- Updates on statistics, testing, vaccination sites and overall numbers
- Watching the COVID-10 numbers, DOH (Department of Health) will review prior to lifting the 50% capacity
- Booster is mandatory for all staff at SRMT.
- PCR test not required, you can use a rapid test
- Follow up on meeting to be scheduled to start discussion on issues within the community with

both tables.

Indigenous Service Canada: Covid Update:

- 3 key messages: protect yourself, vaccination (3 doses are key), wear a mask, avoid large # of gatherings.
- Overview of treatment options
- Ongoing campaign: "It's never too late"
- Border crossing issues for AR-RIVECan app for many FN communities

## **EOHU Updates with Dr Paul:**

- Rates of hospitalization discussed
- Daily averages and numbers presented
- Shifting from pandemic to change in regulations will be coming
- Antiviral will be approved for use
- Living with Covid will become a reality soon.

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

- Consultations with Cumberland Strategies to discuss lobbying efforts and strategies on within the government access and adequate resources.



# COMMUNICATIONS

## MCA POSITIVITY CAMPAIGN WINNERS LIST

...Continued from Front Page.

For our 28 Days of Positivity event, the prize winners are:

- 1. Greenhouse: Vienna Thompson (Troy Thompson)
- 2. Talking Turtle Pack Basket: Kahnekenhawi Thompson
- 3. Makeover: Kevin Buckshot

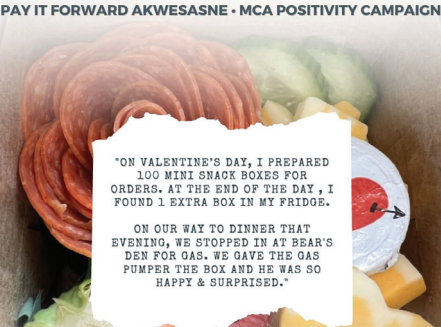
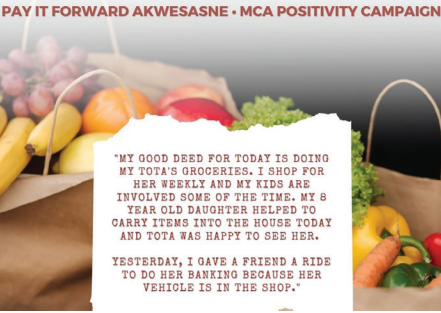
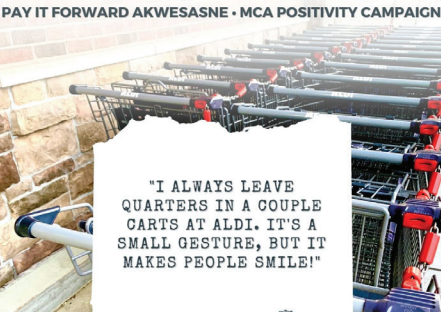
For our Let's Laugh, Akwesasne joke event, the prize winners are:

- 1. \$1000 Visa Gift Card: Braydie (Laura Thompson)
- 2. \$500 Titus Mountain Gift Card: Sara McDonald
- 3. Nintendo Switch: Declan Tarbell (Brianna Tarbell)

For our Pay it Forward event, the prize winners are:

- 1. \$1000 Jay Peak Resort Gift Card: Shannon Adams
- 2. \$200 Akwesasne Minimart Gift Card: Joni Toulouse-Buckshot
- 3. Apple iPad Air: Tim Sunday

Once again, niawenhkó:wa to all who took part. We look forward to sharing your positive submissions and inspiring others.





# EXECUTIVE SERVICES

## COMPLIMENTS AND APPRECIATIONS

Thank you goes out to the Food Security Program.

My family was in isolation in February. We were pleasantly surprised and appreciative of the Food Security Program. The program delivered groceries to my home.

I had six people in quarantine at my home. I used the food boxes first to see how long the food lasted. It was quite enough with some left over!

The canned vegetables and meat were used for soups and stews, including shepard's pie, chicken n dump-  
lings, hangover soup with fried bread, grilled cheese sandwiches, pork chops with stuffing and hash with  
SOS gravy. The pasta and sauces were used for spaghetti and macaroni tuna salad. We were able to make  
rice pudding, oatmeal cookies and peanut butter cake from the material supplied. (I had spices and other  
ingredients already on hand). The food supplied to us was very well thought out.

So thank you to the program and to the delivery: The food did last; the products were diverse and many  
meals were easily be prepared.

Iakwa'shatste Youth Fitness sent out a niawen to the Thompson Island Culture Camp for inviting them to be  
part of their Land Camp Series for March Break and MCA Wholistic Health and Wellness Program for provid-  
ing outdoor gear, lunch and some information on valuable resources they provide to our community.



# SOCIAL MEDIA CONNECTION

## FACEBOOK STATS



### Facebook Posts with the Most Likes in March

1. Congratulations to Timothy Sunday on His Retirement
2. Roots of Lacrosse Wins New York Emmy
3. MCA Celebrates the Construction of a New Skatepark Supported by Canadian Tire & Jumpstart
4. U.S. District Court Rules Favourably on Akwesasne Boundary
5. MCA Positivity Campaign 2022: Prize Winners

### Facebook Posts with the Highest Reach in March

1. Police Seek Public's Assistance in Attempted Robbery — 8,780 reached
2. Snowmobiles Go Through Ice Off Cornwall Island — 5,203 reached
3. U.S. District Court Rules Favourably on Akwesasne Boundary — 3,948 reached
4. MCA Celebrates the Construction of a New Skatepark Supported by Canadian Tire & Jumpstart — 3,702 reached
5. MCA Welcomes Acting Executive Director — 2,460 reached

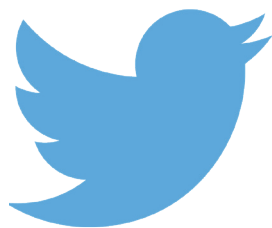
## TWITTER STATS

### Top Tweet in March

 Mohawk Council of Akwesasne  
@MCAkwesasne

Join the ACJP from March 23-24, 2022 for virtual sessions on human trafficking prevention, elder safety, cultural support, local services/resources, & more!

For more info & to register: [bit.ly/3i8P9Ch](https://bit.ly/3i8P9Ch)



## YOUTUBE STATS



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

1. Let's Laugh, Akwesasne!
2. MCA General Meeting — February 25, 2022
3. MCA Positivity Campaign 2022: Prize Winners



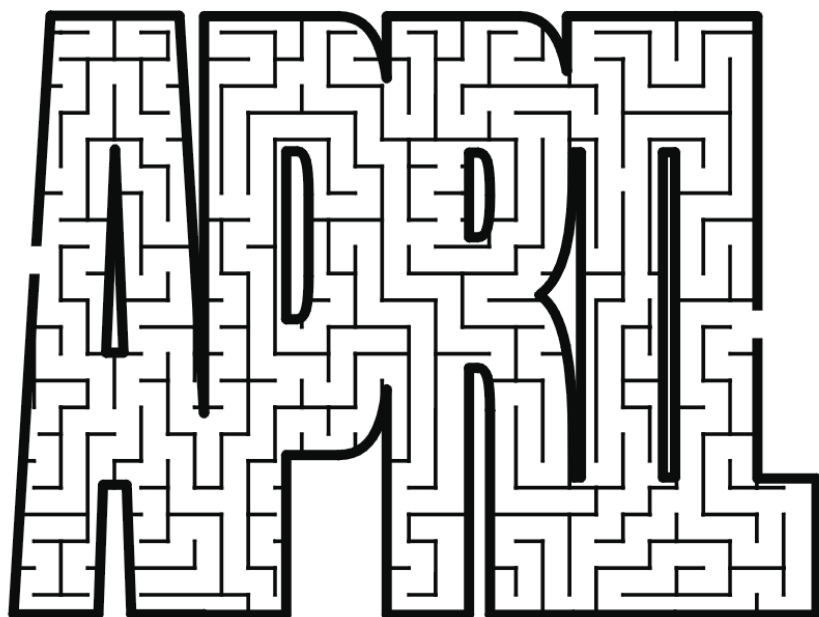
# CHILDREN'S PAGE

## SPRING WORDSEARCH



## SIMPLY A-MAZE-ING

Find your way out of the April Maze!



## YOU'VE GOT TO BE KIDDING ME!

Which day of the year do monkey's like best?  
**The First of Ape-ril!**

How do trees go online?  
**They log in!**

What kind of gardens do bakers grow?  
**Flour gardens!**

What did April Fool's Day say after it won an award?  
**Prank you!**

# AHKWESAHSNE MOHAWK BOARD OF EDUCATION

## STOP FOR SCHOOL BUSES — IT’S THE LAW

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne is reminding drivers that stopping for a school bus with its light flashing is required by law.

stop for their safe exit and crossing.

In addition to risking traffic tickets, our children and future generations are placed at risk when you fail to

Please be aware of your surroundings while driving and be on alert for school buses.



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*Please be aware of your surroundings while driving and be on alert for school buses.*



### Reminder

Please be mindful of the No Parking signs at each of our District Schools. These areas are reserved as Bus Drop off Zones.

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

Ahkwesahsne Mohawk School  
(613) 932-3366

**CONTACT US!**  
Tsi Snaihne School  
(613) 575-2291  
Kana:takon School  
(613) 575-2323

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



# AHKWESAHSNE MOHAWK BOARD OF EDUCATION

## BOOKS DONATED TO EVERY AMBE STUDENT

Nia:wen to Kahwatsiraien:ton for their generous donation. They provided an age appropriate book for every AMBE student from Head Start to Grade 8. They also donated thousands of face masks for students. Nia:wen for thinking of us, Kahwatsiraien:ton!

## TSI SNAIHNE SCHOOL CELEBRATES KINDNESS

Tsi Snaihne School celebrated kindness in February. Akwesasne Child & Family Services generously donated prizes for students who demonstrated kindness.

Ms. Bruinsma's grade 2 class won the Kindness BINGO challenge and was awarded a prize basket filled with games, books and trinkets.

Mrs. Cook and Mrs. Point's Head Start class won a movie package filled with fancy popcorn and drinks. Mr. LaMoy's class earned a kinetic construction set by winning the Kahoot! Kindness challenge.



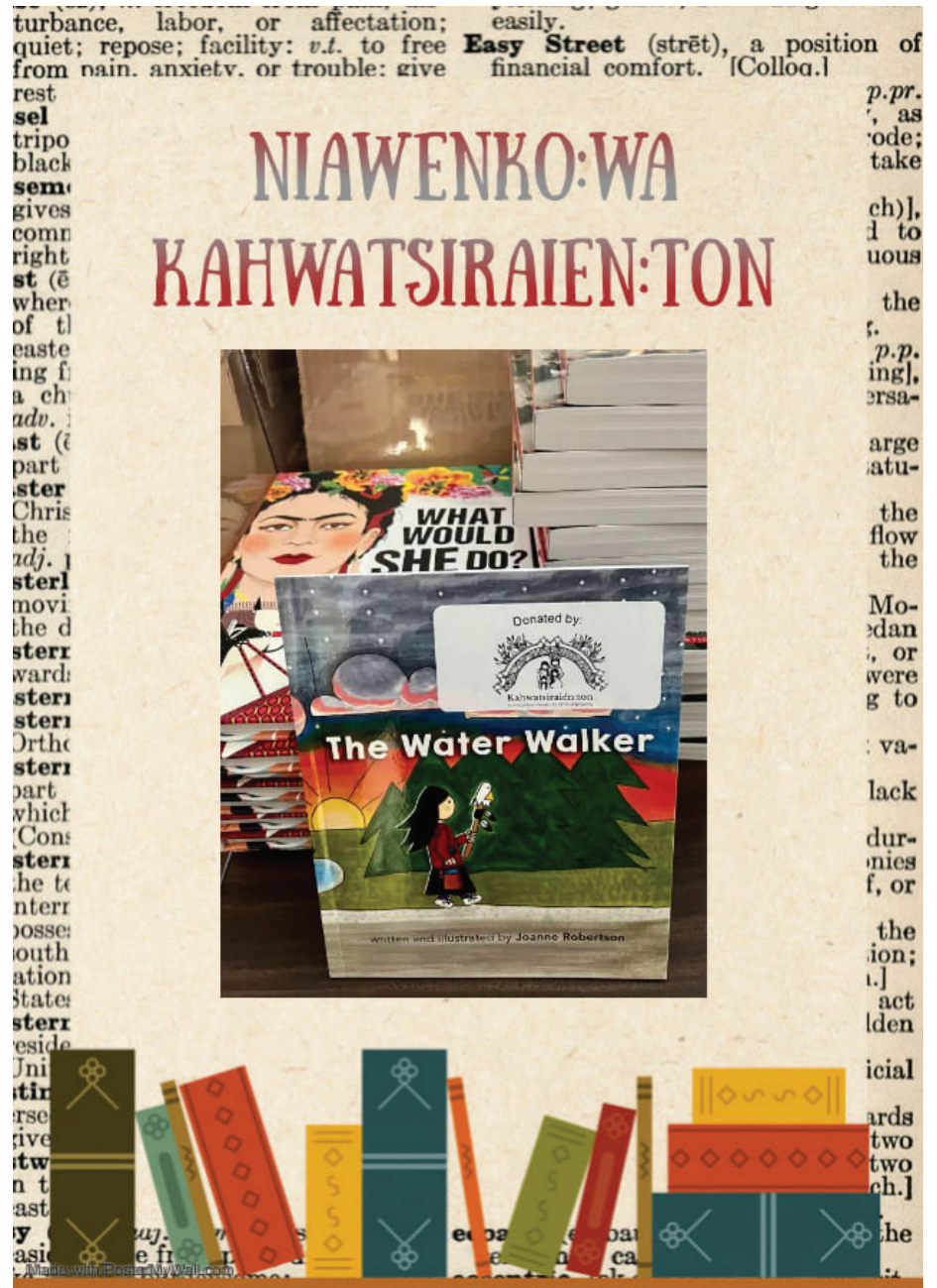
### Nia:wen ACFS

Akwesasne Child & Family Services donated prizes to be won during Kindness Week at Tsi Snaihne School.



The Head Start class won a Movie Package consisting of drinks and fancy popcorn.

Ms. Bruinsma's grade 2 class won a Prize Basket full of games, trinkets, and toys.



### AMBE IS LOOKING TO FILL THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS:

➡ BUS MONITORS

➡ TUTORS FOR MATH & READING (GRADE 3-8)

Please contact Shayleen Thompson, HR Generalist at 613-933-0409 for more information.



# 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**





# DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

## DOH ANNOUNCES UPDATES TO LTC COVID-19 VISITATION POLICIES (MARCH 14)

The Department of Health is informing the community on updates to the COVID-19 Visitation Policies for the Iakhihsohtha Lodge and the Tsiionkwanonhso:te Long-term Care Facility. The Ministry of Long-Term Care has provided the following updates to the Visitation Policies:

- Masks will continue to be required at all times when in the LTC facilities. Eating and drinking is not permitted except where a home is able to provide a designated space.
  - Up to four visitors (including designated caregivers) per resident at a time (unless in outbreak or quarantine status)
  - Visitors are expected to follow the individual home's vaccination policies
  - There will be a maximum of four (4) designated caregivers (unless previously designated) per resident
- When a home, lodge, or LTC is in non-outbreak status, the following visitation policies are in effect:
- Physical distancing with the resident is not required
  - Visitors may support the resident in the dining room and join in planned activities
  - Visitors must be screened and tested to enter the home, lodge, or LTC

When a home, lodge, or LTC is identified to be in outbreak status, the following visitation policies are in effect:

- Only one designated caregiver per visitor may provide support in the residents' room or quarantine room
- General visitation is not permitted, unless visiting a resident receiving end-of-life care

The following resident absences are permitted when the home, lodge, or LTC is in non-outbreak status (medical masks are required when residents are out of the facility tending to matters away from the home/

lodge/LTC):

- Medical, Compassionate, or Palliative care
- Short-term essential (less than 24 hours)
- Short-term social (less than 24 hours); permitted for residents regardless of vaccination status
- Temporary social (2+ days or overnight); permitted for residents regardless of vaccination status
- Organized events or social gatherings; no cohorting required; limited capacity in a room; social group activities should be in small groups
- Communal dining: cohorting of residents and physical distancing not required; physical distance between dining tables as much as possible; buffet and family-style permitted; caregivers and visitors may join residents while remaining masked at all times

The following absences are not permitted when the home, lodge, or LTC is in outbreak status:

- Short-term social (less than 24 hours)
- Temporary social (2+ days or overnight)
- Organized events or social gatherings (permission will be based on the advice of the public health unit)
- Communal dining (in-suite dining will be permitted)

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



# DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

## MEDICAL CLINIC STAFF REMINDS COMMUNITY TO CALL IF UNABLE TO MAKE APPOINTMENTS

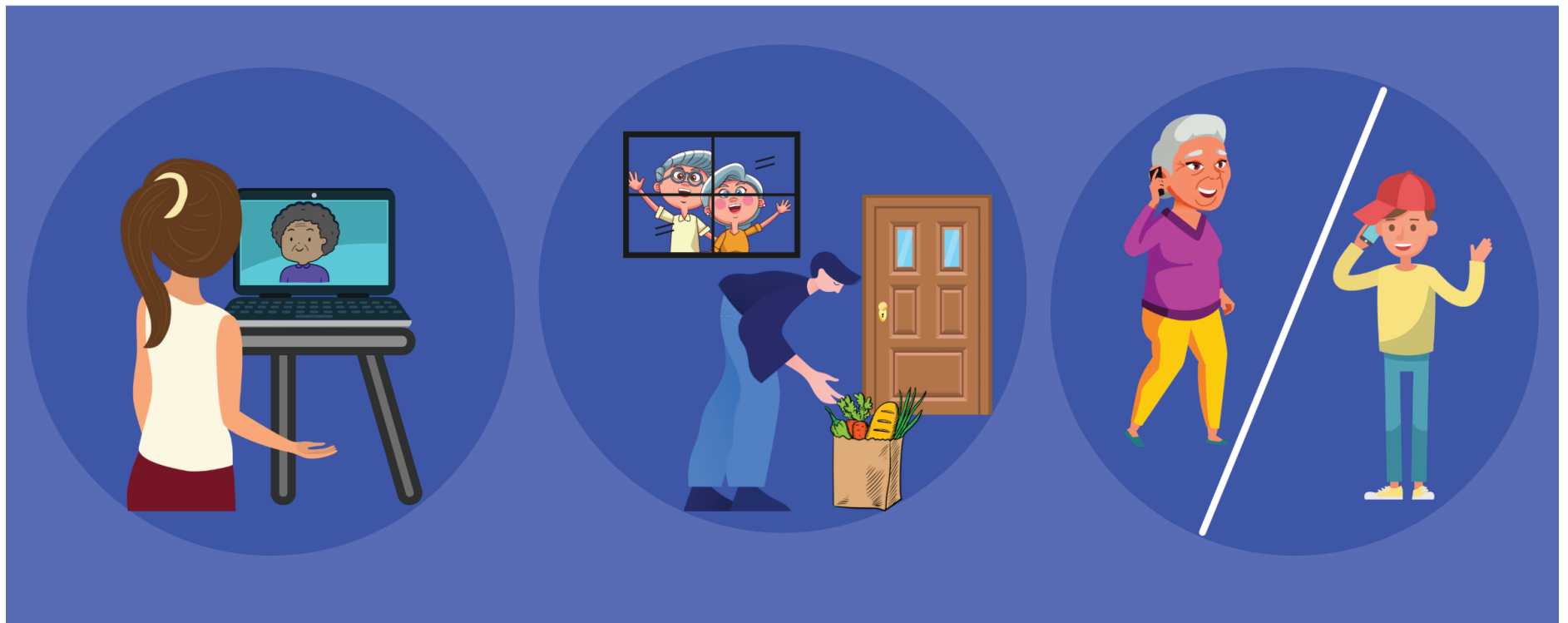
The Akwesasne Medical Clinic (AMC) and Kawehno:ke Medical Clinic (KMC) staff are reminding community members who utilize their healthcare services that if you are unable to make your scheduled appointment to please call and notify clinic staff. Clinic staff understands that there are situations that are unavoidable, making it impossible to attend your scheduled appointments.

Calling and notifying clinic staff you won't be attend-

ing your appointment will clear up the schedule, providing an opportunity for another community member to seek healthcare services within AMC or KMC. If you are aware that you will be unable to attend your scheduled appointment with the AMC or KMC, please contact that respective clinics' reception staff to cancel or reschedule. Reception staff can then contact other community members who are awaiting appointments.



## KEEP OUR ELDERS SAFE.



## DON'T VISIT IF YOU HAVE SYMPTOMS.



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

IAKHIHSOHTHA CELEBRATES INTERNATIONAL WOMENS DAY!

On March 8, residents and staff of Iakhihsohta Lodge celebrated International Women’s Day with fun photos and lots of smiles. Nia:wen to all the staff that does their best to make everyday fun for our Totas. Hope every-one had a wonderful International Women’s Day!





# DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

## IAKHIHSOHTHA CELEBRATES INTERNATIONAL WOMENS DAY!





# DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

## HEALTH CANADA WARNS AGAINST INGESTING RAPID ANTIGEN TEST SOLUTION

After 50 calls had been received at poison control in Canada, Health Canada has issued a warning regarding the ingesting or skin exposure to the rapid antigen testing solution. No one has been seriously injured by the misuse of the rapid tests, and only minor health outcomes have resulted in the poison control calls to date.

Health Canada has advised individuals who are using the rapid antigen tests to follow the instructions provided carefully. The testing kits have been deemed safe and effective when used as intended.

If you have a household with young children or pets, ensure the test kits are kept in a safe, cool, and dry place. When using the test, ensure no children or pets can freely access the testing solution or the testing kit while in use and awaiting the results. After using the kit, wash your hands thoroughly. If the test kit solution spills, rinse well with water.

In the event of ingestion/contamination, please contact your local poison control center.

# DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY & SOCIAL SERVICES

## STICK TOGETHER AGAINST BULLYING

On March 3, the Akwesasne Child and Family Services hosted the “Stick Together Against Bullying” Event with 28 Lacrosse.

Niawen to 28 Lacrosse and to all the participants and families that showed up. It was good to see the excitement to play and the children working together.

Let’s continue to work together to make Akwesasne





# DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY & SOCIAL SERVICES

## DCSS PRESENTS FUNDS TO RECREATION CENTRES

On Wednesday, March 30, 2022, the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne, Department of Community & Social Services, and Akwesasne Child & Family Services proudly presented \$100,000 checks to each district recreation center. The funds were provided by Indigenous Services Canada (Prevention/Least Disruptive Measures) and will allow recipients to further upgrade and advance their facility's infrastructure.

This contribution will help ensure that each recreation center can continue to provide a safe, accessible environment for Akwesasronon; MCA looks forward to the expansion of community programming and initiatives that will be offered to our youth and families!



*Kawehno:ke Recreation Committee Member Kuy Chaussi accepting the donation from Grand Chief Abram Benedict, Director of DCSS Joey Morin-Lauzon, and Ass. Director Valerie Cree-Cook.*



*Kana:takon Recreation Committee Member Laura Thompson accepting the donation.*



*Tsi Snaihne Recreation Committee Members accepting the donation.*



# AKWESASNE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT

## AKWESASNE COURT—FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Here are some frequently asked questions that many community members have made regarding Akwesasne Court. Please be advised that if you are unable to cross the border, you can now attend traffic court in the District of Tsi Snaihne at lohahi:io.

### How can I pay my fine?

In person, if you pay before the court date, you don't have to pay the court surcharge;

Over the phone, by a credit card. Call Tricia at the MCA Finance Department at 613-575-2250 ext. 2168; Sending a cheque or money order to Akwesasne Court, Attention Akwesasne Court Clerk, CIA#3, Tewesateni Road, Akwesasne, ON K6H 0G5;

Sending a check or money order to Akwesasne Court, Attention Akwesasne Court Clerk, PO Box 489 Akwesasne, NY 13655.

### Do I need a lawyer?

No, you don't need a lawyer, we encourage you can contact Duty Counsel, Gilbert Terrance prior to your court date. He will help guide you to a favorable resolution.

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

If you don't pay your fine and you need services provide by Mohawk Council of Akwesasne, you may not be able to access those services if you are unable pass the Good Standing Policy.

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

You can look it up on the Court website at [www.akwesasne.ca/justice/akwesasne-court/docket](http://www.akwesasne.ca/justice/akwesasne-court/docket)

Or call the Akwesasne Court at 613-575-2250 ext. 2026/2025.



## COURT DATES

April 13, 2022 at CIA #3

May 11, 2022 at lohahi:io

June 8, 2022 at CIA #3

July 13, 2022 at lohahi:io



September 14, 2022 at lohahi:io

October 12, 2022 at CIA #3

November 9, 2022 at lohahi:io

December 14, 2022 at CIA #3

# DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

## THE MOHAWK COUNCIL OF AKWESASNE CELEBRATES THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW SKATEPARK SUPPORTED BY CANADIAN TIRE AND JUMPSTART

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne is celebrating support from Canadian Tire and Canadian Tire Jumpstart Charities (Jumpstart) towards the construction of a 9,600 square-foot concrete skatepark in Akwesasne beginning in July 2022.

Canadian Tire and Jumpstart provided \$241,000 towards the Akwesasne Skatepark Project, which will help pay for construction, landscaping, and five LED lampposts.

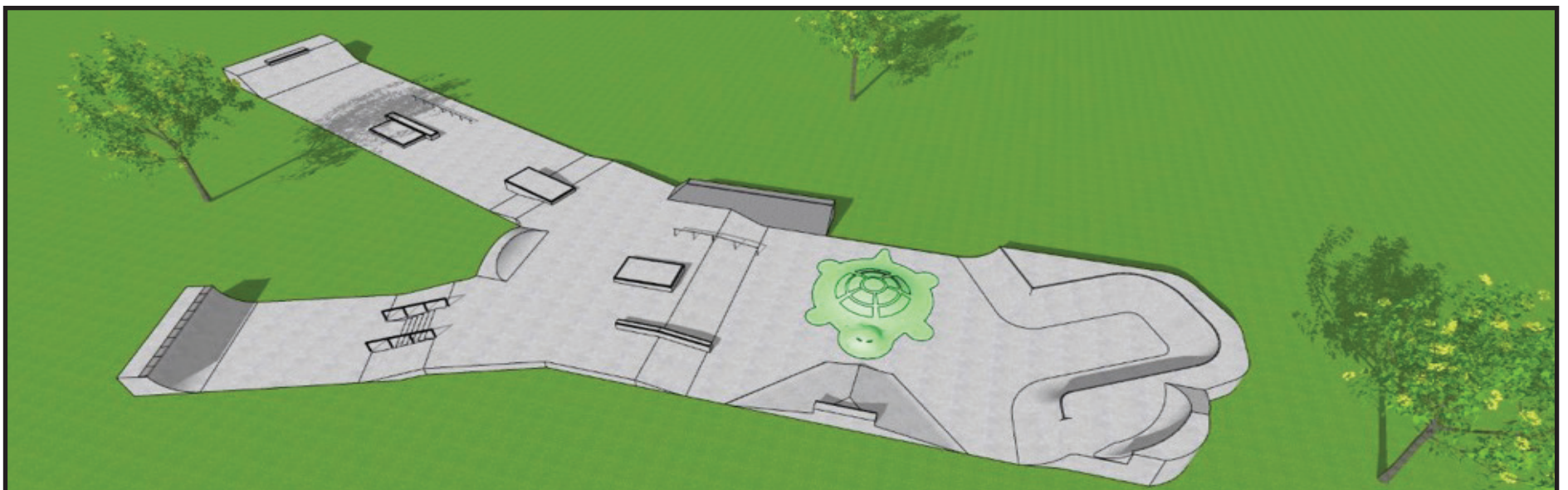
The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne (MCA) is grateful for the support from Canadian Tire and Jumpstart to build a superior skatepark that will provide many benefits to the residents of Akwesasne, Cornwall, and surrounding areas, including an outlet to prevent rising physical and mental health issues, the creation of new jobs and a boost to local tourism.

"We are very excited to announce that we will be constructing our very own skatepark in Akwesasne," said MCA Chief Edward Roundpoint. "Due to COVID-19, the need to support the physical and mental health of our community has never been greater. Our youth, along with our neighbours, will be able to skate and so-

cialize to promote overall well-being in a safe location. "I would like to extend a gracious thank you to Jumpstart for honouring Truth and Reconciliation and partnering with Akwesasne on this great initiative. I would also like to express my gratitude to the team at MCA Economic Development, with a special acknowledgment to Troy Thompson, Business Service Officer, who made this vision a reality."

The Akwesasne Skatepark will be situated at the A'nowara'ko:wa Arena riverfront facing the City of Cornwall on Kawehno:ke (Cornwall Island), and is expected to have a grand opening in September 2022.

"Jumpstart is proud to support the construction of the Akwesasne skatepark to help kids in the area come together and stay active when it is safe to do so," said Marco Di Buono, Associate Vice President of Operations & Programs at Canadian Tire Jumpstart Charities. "COVID-19 has had a profound impact on kids' participation in sports and organized play, and Jumpstart is committed to helping create spaces across Canada where kids can reap the many benefits of outdoor physical activity."





# DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

## FIBER-TO-THE-HOME DEADLINES

The deadline for sign-ups for the Fiber to the Home project are almost here, if you would like to sign-up or confirm you are on the list you can call us at (613)-575-2250 ext 1802 or email [ftth@akwesasne.ca](mailto:ftth@akwesasne.ca).

**In Tsi Snaihne and Kana:takon, the deadline date is April 30th.**

**On Kawehno:ke, the deadline date is May 31st.**

Don't miss your chance to take advantage of a free Fiber line to your home!

Registrations are also open to Businesses!

If you haven't yet be sure to send in your info to us so we can get you on our list, we will need the following:

- Business name
- Civic Address
- Phone Number
- Contact person

Information can be sent to [ftth@akwesasne.ca](mailto:ftth@akwesasne.ca) or call

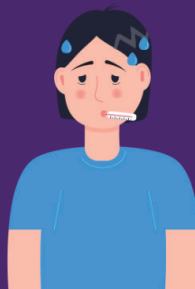
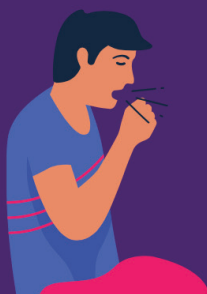
us at 613-575-2250 ext 1802

Keep in mind we are still working on a limited number of modems per district so be sure to get your info in to us before all the modems are spoken for.

If you have any questions or would like more information you can email anytime or call us Monday – Friday 8 am to 4 pm.



## FEELING SICK?



# STAY HOME & KEEP OTHERS SAFE.

# DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

## THOMPSON ISLAND CULTURAL CAMP HOSTS MCA EMPLOYEE LANGUAGE CLASSES

Beginning on January 10th and concluding at the end of March, Thompson Island Cultural Camp hosted an MCA Employee Language Class. The Onkwehonnehá class typically averaged approximately 18 students who attended more than 40, one-hour classes.

Classes were held each day from 9am to 10am where students studied the Root-Word Method. Course objectives were to have students able to introduce themselves, as well as others, all while learning the various linguistic principles behind how a Mohawk speaker conjugates words. Students learned how to conjugate each word into the 15 different Mohawk pronouns to be able to speak about not only themselves but others

as well.

Throughout the students learning, they have touched base on Mohawk subjective and objective prefixes across five Noun-Root stems, as well as grammatical features such as the partative prefix, the cislocative prefix, and many Verb-Roots and locative suffixes. Nia:wen to all of the participants and all who made this class possible.

This class was funded by the Government of Canada through a grant with the Canadian heritage and the First Nations confederacy of cultural education centers.



Nia:wen to all of the students who attended the daily class. Although this image is missing some of the students, the instructor does provide recordings and class notes to all the students at the end of the week.




# DEPARTMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE AND HOUSING

## 2022 HALF LOAD ROAD RESTRICTIONS FOR TRUCKERS & SHIPPERS

Please be advised that all roadways under the jurisdiction of the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne will have a posted weight limit of five (5) tonnes per axle (also known as “Half Loads”), effective Wednesday, March 9th, 2022 through May 13th, 2022. This is to protect the road system during the spring thaw.

The Akwesasne Mohawk Police will be monitoring vehicle traffic and enforcing the weight restrictions while they remain in place.  
For more information, please contact:  
Department of Infrastructure, Housing & Environment (DIHE)  
Mohawk Council of Akwesasne  
101 Tewesateni Road  
Akwesasne, Ontario K6H-0G5  
Roads Program Tel: (613) 938-5476  
DIHE Admin Office Tel: (613) 575-2250 ext. 1005



### PICK-UP SCHEDULE

TUESDAY	RECYCLING
WEDNESDAY	MCA FACILITIES
THURSDAY	TSI SNAIHNE
FRIDAY	KAWEHNO:KE
SATURDAY	KANA:TAKON

CONTACT D&R DISPOSAL: 613-932-4588

## NEW ROADS MANAGER—STANLEY JACOBS

The Department of Infrastructure Housing and Environment is pleased to announce Stanley Jacobs as the new Roads Program Manager. Stanley accepted the job offer after competing for the position through the MCA’s Recruitment and Selection process.

He officially started in the position Monday March 14th and is in the process of orientation to the MCA organization and the Roads Program. He can be reached through email at: stanley.jacobs@akwesasne.ca, or by telephone at the Kawehno:ke Roads Garage at: 613-938-5476.

DIHE A/Director, Associate Director and Staff welcome Stanley to our team and look forward to working with

him within the Roads Program!

Stanley has over 30 years experience operating heavy equipment with 5 years experience of heavy construction operating. He also has 10 years of road maintenance experience with Ontario Good Roads Associates Training and 14 years of facility management. Welcome Stanley!



Stanley Jacobs, Roads Manager.

# AKWESASNE MOHAWK POLICE SERVICE

## SPRING CLEANING

Spring cleaning is right around the corner and Akwesasne Mohawk Police Service would like to remind the community to be aware of some hidden dangers that you may encounter while cleaning in your neighborhood.

1. Hypodermic Needles and Syringes: If you located a syringe or hypodermic needles please do not touch it and contact your local law enforcement agency. Officers are trained to deal with this type of biohazard.

2. Suspicious Powders or Pills: Fentanyl is a powerful synthetic opioid. This drug is 50 to 100 times stronger than morphine, even a tiny bit can be fatal. Fentanyl can be absorbed into the body via inhalation, oral exposure or ingestion, and skin contact. If you observed suspicious powders or pills contact your local law enforcement agency immediately and do not attempt to move or transport these substances.

3. Suspicious bottles containing fluids: Methamphetamine (Meth) is a central nervous system stimulant. It affects chemicals in the brain and nerves that contribute to hyperactivity and impulse control. Bottles and cans are now being used as makeshift drug labs to produce meth. These chemicals used to produce meth may cause toxic fumes or even explosions when mixed together.

If you observe something that you believe is suspicious contact your local police service immediately. If you come in contact with any of these dangerous substances, please seek medical attention immediately. For more information or training on how to detect suspicious substance please contact your local law enforcement agency or call the Akwesasne Mohawk Police Service at (613) 575-2340.

## FEBRUARY STATISTICS

1	027 Theft Automobiles	2	1014 Crime Prevention	1	719 Drive Disqualified/License Suspended
1	045 Frauds-Other	1	1015 Committal Warrants	5	721 Traffic/Provincial Statutes
5	061 Bail Violations	2	1016 Domestic Dispute (Non-Violent)	1	723 Traffic-Parking Violations
1	072 Mischief (prop damage) under \$5,000	6	1016 Escorts-Prisoner		
1	084 Other Drugs-Trafficking	9	1029 Suspicious Persons		
1	088 Cannabis-Trafficking	7	1030 Suspicious Vehicles		
3	100 Immigration Act	10	1031 Suspicious Circumstances		
3	1000 Abandoned Vehicles	1	1032 Sudden Death		
4	1001 Alarms	4	1036 Warrant-Bench/First		
7	1003 Assist Other Agencies-Ambulance	3	1041 Mental Health Act		
5	1003 Assist Other Agencies-Cornwall PS	2	106 Provincial Statutes-Other		
7	1003 Assist Other Agencies-Other	1	107 Municipal By-Laws		
2	1003 Assist Other Agencies-Tribal PD	1	204 Sexual Assault		
30	1004 Assist Public	1	205 Assault-Level 1		
1	1007 Breach of Probation	1	206 Assault Weapon/CBH Level 2		
7	1008 By-Laws-Dogs	1	212 Assaults-Others		
4	101 Firearms Act	1	6666 Assist Other Departments-Fire		
2	1012 Civil Disputes	1	705 Dangerous Operation MV		
10	1013 Community Services	1	711 Impaired Operation MV		
		1	713 Fail/Refuse Breath Sample		
		2	715 Fail to Stop/Remain		
		1	718 Careless Driving (HTA)		





# JOIN OUR TEAM!

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne is hiring for the following positions:

- Emergency Medical Technicians •
- Personal Support Worker •
- Nurse Practitioner •
- Dietary Aide •
- Kitchen Aide •
- Cook •
- Food Service Supervisor •
- Navigator •
- Prevention Service Supervisor •
- Laundry Worker •



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