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# MCA'S CHILD & FAMILY SERVICES DONATES \$974,000 TO AKWESASNE BOYS & GIRLS CLUB



The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne and the Akwesasne Child & Family Services Program proudly presented a check to the Akwesasne Boys & Girls Club for over \$974,000. These funds were provided by Indigenous Services Canada (Least Disruptive Measures Prevention Surplus) through ACFS and are designed to ensure the health, safety, and security of our children, youth, and their families. This donation will assist the ABGC in providing after-school services, along with a summer prevention program for kids! The ABGC summer program includes daily programming plus a calendar of field trips throughout the summer.

# **UPCOMING MCA MEETINGS & SPECIAL DATES:**

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne's next General Meeting will take place in the month of September on Kawehno:ke. Council wishes you all a safe, happy and healthy summer break.

Should you need to reach Council during this hiatus, your district chiefs will continue to be available.

### MOHAWK COUNCIL OF AKWESASNE 2021-2024

Grand Chief Abram Benedict

Kana:takon District Chief Tim Thompson Chief Julie Phillips-Jacobs Chief Ryan Jacobs Chief Cindy Francis-Mitchell

Kawehno:ke District Chief Edward Thompson Chief Jackie Benedict Chief Vince Thompson Chief Vanessa Adams

**Tsi Snaihne District** Chief April Adams-Phillips Chief JoAnn Swamp Chief Sarah Sunday-Diabo Chief Dwayne Thomas

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

> Joyce King Director Justice Department

Joseph Morin-Lauzon Director Dept. of Community & Social Services

> Amber Montour Director Department of Health

Donna Lahache Director Ahkwesahsne Mohawk Board of Education

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

Kylee Tarbell Director Dept. of Economic Development

# WAT'KWANONWERATON/GREETINGS

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

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

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



The Dept. of Infrastructure, Housing & Environment have announced that generators will be provided to elders in the community. See more information on page 6.



There will be no general meetings held during the summer months. The next general meeting will be held in September.



Community members can pick up free rapid COVID-19 tests anytime during business hours at ADMIN 1 in Kana:takon.



Community members in need of recovery-related health and wellness services can access the mobile recovery clinic at the A'nowara'kowa Arena, currently scheduled for Thursdays. See page 19 for more details.



The Ahkwesahsne Mohawk Board of Education invites families to learn Mohawk through the iMohawk website: iMohawk.AMBE.ca. Password: Skah123

# **NEWS**

### MCA STAFF AND COUNCIL WEAR RED TO COMMEMORATE NATIONAL MMIW/G DAY

Mohawk Council of Akwesasne staff and members of Council commemorated National Missing & Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls Day (MMIW/G) on May 5th, This day marks the national day of awareness of MMIW/G and it is a movement that was enacted across Canada and the US to raise awareness of the outsized levels of violence against indigenous people, particularly women and girls.

Akwesasne Family Wellness Program staff participated in an awareness march with the Three Sisters Program, and staff throughout the organization raised awareness by wearing red.



Members of Council and staff at Admin 1 proudly wearing red to take part in the recognition of National MMIW/G Day.



A march honoured those we have lost or who remain missing.



Staff of the Akwesasne Family Wellness Program recognize and bring attention to the missing and murdered indigenous women/girls, not just on this commemorative day but in their activities all year long.

JUNE 2022

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# **NEWS**

### PC PARTY'S MPP CANDIDATE NOLAN QUINN MEETS WITH COUNCIL



Front row left to right: Chief Vince Thompson, Grand Chief Abram Benedict, MPP Nolan Quinn, Chief Ryan Jacobs. Back row left to right: Chief Jackie Benedict, Chief Vanessa Adams, Chief Edward Roundpoint, Chief Julie Phillips-Jacobs, Chief April Adams-Phillips, and Chief Cindy Francis-Mitchell.

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne welcomed Ontar- Council and Mr. Quinn focused much of their discusio's Progressive Conservative (PC) Party candidate Nolan Quinn to Akwesasne in May to discuss issues and goals for the future should he win his bid for MPP in Ontario's Provincial Election on June 2nd. Mr Quinn was the successful candidate and we congratulate him on his new position.

Mr. Quinn is representing Stormont-Dundas-South Glengarry, and succeeds the retiring MPP Jim McDonnell.

sion on mental health needs in Akwesasne and S, D & G, the cross-jurisdictional challenges Akwesasne experiences, and how we can work together to recover from the pandemic.

We thank Mr. Quinn for taking the time to visit Akwesasne and meet with our leadership and look forward to working with him.



### MCA STAFF, COUNCIL PARTICIPATE IN BEAR WITNESS DAY

Mohawk Council of Akwesasne staff and Council members participated in Jordan's Principle "Bear Witness Day." Jordan's Principle is a child-first and legal rule named after Jordan River Anderson that ensures First Nations children receive the same standard of health, social, and educational services as the rest of the Canadian population.

May 10th marks "Bear Witness Day," a day dedicated to raising the awareness of the Jordan's Principle Program in communities across Canada.



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# **NEWS**

### MCA'S DEPT OF DIHE PROVIDING GENERATORS TO ELDERS

The MCA Dept. of Infrastructure, Housing & Environment would like to inform the community that the Generators for Elders Program is available to community members over the age of 65.

The goal of the Generators for Elders Program is to provide elders with an auto-switch generator for their homes. Priority will be given to households located on the Quebec portion that have a medical need (oxygen, dialysis, etc).

For further information or to apply, please visit the MCA Housing office at CIA #3 or contact the following: Charmaine Caldwell, Associate Director 613-575-2250 ext. 1053 Gina Jones-Thompson, Housing Services Manager 613-575-2250 ext. 1051



An example of an auto-switch generator.

### MCA CONTINUES MASK MANDATE WILL REASSESS MANDATE ON JUNE 30TH

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne (MCA) is inform- Ahkwesahsne Mohawk Board of Education (AMBE) ing the community that the mask mandate has been extended to June 30th, 2022. The mask mandate, the MCA COVID-19 Immunization Policy, and the Emergency Operation Center (EOC) status will also be reassessed on June 30th. The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne has opted to continue the mask mandate in an effort to protect our community members and our vulnerable populations, most importantly our elders and immunocompromised populations. Masks continue to be an effective way to prevent and/or limit COVID-19 transmission.

Masks will remain mandatory in all indoor MCA settings, such as office spaces, healthcare settings, and MCA facilities. This extension is in alignment with the

mask mandate extension. AMBE has chosen to extend their mask mandate to the end of the school year.

Masks must be worn properly to be fully effective. Masks must be worn over the mouth, nose, and chin when you are in the indoor area of any MCA facility or building.

Rapid Antigen Test (RAT) kits are available for pick-up in the Kanonhkwa'tsheri:io entrance, Admin. 1 Building front desk, and with the Community Health Program. The Community Health Program can be reached at 613-575-2341 ext. 3220.



### MAY 2, 2022

- The Executive Directors for the Social Development Council of Cornwall and the Cornwall United Way presented to Council the Cornwall and Area Vibrant Communities Safety and Well-being
   plan. Council passed a motion supporting the plan.
- Council debriefed from the recent General Meeting and pro vided feedback on the hybrid model for consideration.

### **COUNCIL WEEKLY MEETING REPORT**

### SUBMITTED BY GRAND CHIEF ABRAM BENEDICT

- A letter of request for support for the St. Kateri Tekakwitha Heritage Fund was discussed. Further clarification will be sought on the total project costs.
- Council discussed the current efforts to expand and finalize the three district walking trails. Portfolio will follow up on clarification on total costs for all projects.
- A request was made for MCA legal counsel to review and provide Council with an update on the public sale of a home in Kana:takon.
- Council was provided with an update on the current requirements for non-Akwesasronon crossing the international border.
- A briefing was provided on an offer to tour Ottawa smart homes being constructed by Devcore

Group. Tour date will be set up.

- A request was made for an update on the Cornwall Akwesasne Harbor development.
- MCRs PASSED: Approval of the issuance of Cannabis retail license to community members; Approval of term extension for commission members on the Akwesasne Mohawk Police Commission; Approval of assignment of leases on Hamilton Island; Approval (2) of allotment of land for a mortgage paid off; Approval of MCA Department of Health CO-VID-19 policy for long-term care; Acknowledgement of Ontario decision to revoke provincial directives; Approval of 2022 Akwesasne Community Settlement Trust Proceeds

### MAY 9, 2022

- A representative from the First
   Nations Fiscal Management Board (FMB) provided an overview of services provided and available to Akwesasne.
- Council discussed the need to recognize individual accomplishments within the community and requested the committee on lonkwakwe`:nion Book of Recog nition meet to begin planning.
- Chief Edward Roundpoint was identified as next week's chair in

the absence of Grand Chief.

- Council identified Chiefs to work with community partners on planning for September 30, National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.
- An overview was provided on concerns raised with a current MCA housing development, the Executive Director and Grand Chief will follow up.
- Council was reminded of proper email etiquette and protocols for
   responding.
- A request was made for an up-

date call with Indigenous Services Canada regarding funding for Wade Lafrance Memorial Road, a call will be set up with the portfolio and Canada.

- The Executive Director provided Council with an update on the current status of the conversation with the Akwesasne Powwow. Continued updates will be provided.
- MCRs passed: Approval of tuition agreement with Catholic District School Board of Eastern

### **COUNCIL WEEKLY MEETING REPORT**

Ontario; Approval of allocation of DCSS surplus funds to the Akwesasne Boys and Girls Club; Approval of agreement and funding for DCSS, ACESS and Iohahiio for trades program; Approval of update to MCR reference tool 2022; Approval of funding from MTO for the detailed design of Hamilton Island Bridge; Approval of (3) amendments to Akwesasne Canada funding agreements.

### MAY 30, 2022

- MCA Legal Counsel provided a report on the status of the public
   sale of a repossessed home and outlined claims made against the property. Council agreed to proceed with the sale based on the legal report.
- A briefing was provided to Council on the implications of Quebec Bill 96 and the exemption built into the bill.
- MCA Department of Infrastructure, Housing and Environment representatives provided Coun cil with an overview of an MCA housing project development and the proposed action plan to
   have an archaeologist survey the

property to preserve any burial sites.

- Council discussed the deteriorating state of the Jake Fire Ice statue in Kana:takon and agreed to the formation of a Chiefs committee to examine a replacement but also to recommend an Akwesasne beautification project.
- Grand Chief provided council with an update and overview on recent and upcoming meetings with various stakeholders and partners.
- Council was reminded of the importance of confidentiality and the implication of breaches.
- MCRs PASSED: Approval of reallocation of community callout

funds from the previous year to Akwesasne Healing Fund; Approval of (2) band transfer to Mohawks of Akwesasne; Approval of Indigenous primary health care funding agreement; Approval of funding for Community Justice Program; Approval of Transitional and Housing Support funding agreement; Approval to proceed with MCA strategic plan community engagement; Approval of (2) Council Meeting Minutes.

### COVID-19 RAPID TEST KITS AVAILABLE AT ADMIN 1

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne is reminding the community that free COVID-19 Rapid Antigen Test Kits are available at the Admin. 1 front reception. These tests are leftover from previous giveaways and we encourage you to take what you need for your family. Admin 1 (the A-frame in Kana:takon) is open Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

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### **TSI SNAIHNE DISTRICT CHIEF SARAH L. DIABO UPDATES**



Portfolios: AMBE, DOH and Justice Department

Wa'tkwanonkwera:ton/Greetings,

After a long winter we are finally get some warm weather. Hope you had a safe and healthy winter. Here is my May monthly report.

I had the honor to participate in the Gathering of Medicines Graduation ceremony held at our newly • renovated Traveling College. If you have not been please make the • worthwhile trip. There were 5 MCA staff members who participated and completed the online zoom training from February to May. The graduates will focus on assisting community members dealing with addictions and assisting community members to access services.

My portfolio reports are the following:

Justice Oversight Committee:

Currently working on the law development of 3 laws: Emergency Response Law, Cannabis Law, and Election Law.

We will be doing a legislative development survey for community input of new laws to be developed, laws that are currently in draft form, and laws that need to be amended/revised/rescinded.

Discussed the Child Right's Law also known as the Child Welfare Act, the strengths and weaknesses of the law. Legal counsel involved from start to finish.

Ahkwesahsne Mohawk Board of Education:

- Will be moving the Building Blocks back into the schools, the intention was not to segregate the students.
- Parent meeting to address concerns
- Various Training sessions for staff well-being. such as:

\* Education and Leadership training

- \* Assessment and numeracy coach ongoing
- \* Jim Munoa training session Chief Sarah for childcare and principal **TsiSnaihne**
- \* Strategic planning and train-

ing sessions for project charters Department of Health

- COVID updates:
- \* Masks will continue till the end of the school year
- \* EOHU's positive COVID number is decreasing
- \* Will continue to hand out rapid kits
- Mobile clinic is out in operation
- Free Children's eye exam and eyeglasses were a success.
- Participated in the Indigenous Services Canada of Ontario CO-VID updates:
  - \* Discussed Money Pox cases in the City of Montreal
  - \* Covid numbers are declining in Ontario

I was out of the office for the following days: May 4-13th, as we took our annual family vacation to Myrtle Beach. We all need to take care of ourselves and spend quality time with our loved ones. COVID-19 has taught us family matters more than we realized, self-care is not self-indulgence and loneliness affects our well-being.

In closing I would like to wish you a safe and happy summer.

Niawen, Chief Sarah **TsiSnaihne District Chief** 

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### **KAWEHNO: KE DISTRICT CHIEF JACKIE BENEDICT UPDATES**



**Portfolios:** 

Department of Community and Social Services, Department of Infrastructure, Housing and Environment, and Government Secretariat

Monthly Notables:

Justice:

• Updates were given by the Director and Managers. Survey on law priorities was discussed, hopefully there will be a healthy response from community members on three priority laws to be worked on this year.

Leadership meeting with Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe and Mohawk Nation Council:

• This was a preliminary meeting Additional meetings: with a limited agenda for intromeetings will be scheduled with issues that are mutually beneficial

to the Akwesasne community.

**Government Secretariat:** 

Monthly portfolio meeting for updates from department managers/directors. Change of the meeting format was discussed after review of a charter and/or terms of reference.

Strategic Planning:

Review of the plan so far, discussion on community consultation in the future.

- Housing
- ductions and updates. Future Dept. of Community & Social Services
- the goal of working together on Environment Earth Day at Generations Park

### INDIAN RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS DAY SCHOLARS SETTLEMENT

MCA would like to inform all Akwesasronon about the upcoming Gottfriedson et al. v. Canada Class Action. This is regarding any students who attended an Indian Residential School but went home at night. The Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc Indian Band and the Sechelt Indian Band have filed a lawsuit against Canada for loss of culture and indigenous language. Band Councils and Indigenous Nations that had at least one community member attend residential school as a day scholar or had a residential school in their community are asked to opt-in by May 31, 2022.

This class action is not directly related to the Indian Day School Settlement, the Indian Residential School Settlement, or the Sixties Scoop Settlement.

Any Akwesasronon who believe that they were a Day Scholar are asked to contact the Aboriginal Rights & Research Office at:





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



Monthly Notables:

- Attended All Council & Portfolio meetings in person and via zoom platform.
- Entewatatha:wi Self Government Session with Canada & MCA. A lot Works in Progress: of good movement on areas that have been addressed.
- Nation Building Portfolio & Grand Chief met with Minister Marc Miller in Ottawa for Entewatatha:wi Self **Government Session**
- SD&G Area, Nolan Quinn, PC, Jackline Milner, Green Party, & Wendy Stephen, NDP.
- Kanatakon District meeting was cancelled due to the passing of community members. My heartfelt condolences to all community members that have lost loved ones.
- Attended the Gathering of Medicines Graduate Ceremony, at the Travelling College, congratulations

to all the team members for all their hard work and dedication to our

community. •

- Participated in Acknowledgement DCSS: • of Jordan Principle Day.
- Met with community members to • discuss the stop signs that disappear in Kana:takon, they have since been replaced. Nia: wen to roads crew.
- Community members would like to see the sign in Kana:takon replaced or repaired. This is an ongoing project as well as the beautification aspect of the village.
- Nia:wen Johanne J. for tending to the flower garden in Kana:takon it looks awesome.

Entewatatha:wi Nation Building: May Prep Session with PM, Rachel Lazare May 3/22 - Review of documents, agenda and action items.

Entewatatha:wi May Session with Meeting with candidates running in Canada/MCA June 4/22 - Review of documents, agenda and action items. Akwesasne's Undertakings: Identify representatives for sub-tables (International Border Matters, United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples - UNDRIP, Implementation Working Group. Suggested planning meeting date May 20, 2021, Administration of Justice, Establishment of Boards.

Discussed Canada's response April

27, 2022, Fred Caron Farewell Email, New Business, & Upcoming Meetings.

- Special Needs Strategic Plan Review: DCSS Portfolio & Director Joey Morin -Lauzon - May 12/22. Director of DCSS Joey Morin Lauzon discussed the need to review the plan and look at areas that are currently missing like onboarding. We need a plan of action to implement as many community members are asking what happened to the plan and why they have not seen it yet. We need to go back and consult with parents on the plan
- Discussion on Access and the status of the employee opportunities program.
- Special Needs Policy Review: Joey Morin-Lauzon, Director DCSS, -Amber Montour, Director DOH. -May 13/22. Discussion on how the policy came to be, the need to have it amended to ages 0-99 inclusive of all community members that require services that cannot be accessed through any other entity. Terms of reference discussion, Review of the current committee that sits, review of the current needs and how they should tie in with the Special Needs Strategic Plan, and Next Steps. Directors will recommend that the age limit be changed which will require an MCR.

Monthly DCSS Portfolio: Joey Morin Lauzon, Director - May 26/22. Review of Submitted/ up and coming MCR'S, Detox Centre Update, ACFS- Customary Care Joint meeting, Lacrosse memberships, AIP-CHRT, Special needs fund, Child Rights and Responsibilities Law, Questions and Concerns from the Portfolio Chief

- Justice Portfolio: Joyce King Director – May 12/22. Program Updates: Boater registration is going well with community, ATV registration some issues with old licenses and they are currently working on it, SRMT Court Protocols, Dates of Events to Chiefs, Quebec Probation, Legislative Priorities, Propositional Voting, Akwesasne Court Negotiations.
- Justice Portfolio: Oversight Committee – Connie Lazore – May 24/22. Follow up on recent reviews that have been completed for Cannabis Law, Emergency Response Law, & Elections. They are all at Legal and expect to be back within the next week, meetings scheduled to keep the momentum going to complete.
- Government Secretariat: May 10/22. Government Secretariat Function and Objectives. Tri-Council Political Protocol. Documents are still in process of recovering for history on this area by ARRO team.

Ontario, Quebec discussed what areas we need to build off, including what should be in annex attachments. We need to include a Annex A that is normally attached to those outline ar- • eas.

Canada Political Protocol – 6-month • extension was granted, another session must be done.

Committees/Working Groups:

Finance Committee: Grand Chief, Chief RJ, CFM, JJP- Finance Team Agenda: May 5/22

- Review of BMO Agreement, & Nesbitt Burns Presentations, Community Fund that does a call out to community. Mental Health Fund, · Canoe Procurement · Buying group • that works with municipalities on purchasing anything a government would buy
- Enterprise Fleet Management -Working with P. Valiquet for the last couple months on options, Walking trail, social responsibility fund, Trust Position & Conflict of interest form completion.
- Next meeting - June 2nd 10:00 am

Partnership with OPG (Ontario Power Generation) & MCA - May 10/22 \* Unavailable to attend due to attending wake, Nia; wen to Natalie Jacobs for CBSA/MCA Domestic Lane Working providing notes:

- Review Agenda Review and Ac- cept Minutes from March 8, 2022, **Review Outstanding Action Items**
- **OPG Updates: Crisis management**

information center closed, and emergency status is no longer in place. There are still some requirements for masking

- The Visitor Centre will be opening again on June 1 for tourist traffic.
- Navigational gates are open once again and recreational boats can pass through the Iroquois dam once again, Completed work on refurbishment of transformers.
- An additional 800 KN-95 provided to Akwesasne through the Indigenous Relations group.
- Working with the Native North • American Travelling College to provide programming during the summer. 1 event a month from July -September.
- Employment/Contracting update on those that will be returning, security position to be posted.
- Phase II of the Visitor Centre Gar-٠ den kicked off today and is expected to be completed by the end of the summer. Northern Landscape is working on the original butterfly garden items.
- Working to identify an artist for work on the signs for the butterfly garden. 3 artists were all interviewed by the project manager and provided portfolios.

Circle:

Introduced new members to circle and discussed previous accomplishments. Discussed domestic lane pilot and review.

- Discussed Reporting Relief pilot: project to be reviewed by MCA Le-• gal, department.
- Discussed connecting with ISC (Indigenous Services Canada) to have an in-person intake session, for MRZ enabled status cards.

Book of Recognition Meeting: Chiefs MCA/SRMT Monthly meeting: May 27-VA. AAP, CFM, JJP & EA Tesha Rourke 22 - May 13/22

Review of previous achievements that were celebrated prior to Covid Review of current activities to recognize students that are currently graduating, and those that are currently Valedictorian, Salutatorian, go back 3 • years to recognize them all.

Cornwall Harbour Co-Owners Meeting: MCA /CORNWALL -Civic Complex – May 26/22.

- Project Manager Update Report: Legal Survey, Report: Fence Removal RFQ, Report: Port Lands Work Plan 2022, Port Lands Summer 2022 Events verbal update, HST Partnership discussion
- Committee Updates, Elaine Mac-Donald, Sign Committee, Communications & Next Meeting date

MCA Covid Updates May 11/22

- MCA provided updates on programs and services, mask mandates, changes to policy.
- EOHU: Municipal Officials & First **Responders Update**
- Dr. Paul Update on COVID-19 and current downward trends for the

province.

- Vaccination and hospital rates.
- What is next for the province in coming months? We continue to see the downward trend of CO-VID-19 and hopefully have a great start to summer months.

- Covid update provided by MCA/ SRMT
- MCA Maintains mask mandates up until end of school year and will reassess as numbers tend to fluctuate.
- SRMT has not removed their emergency declaration, however it will be coming soon.

Indigenous Services Canada Update; Minister Anne Scotten – May 19/22

- Covid update, Vaccine updates, Update on rising cases of STDs in FN communities, Monkey Pox & Housing Initiatives among the discussion.
- Financial Status/Lobbying Progress
- To update on any lobbying initia-• tives, positive outcomes or financial goals.
  - Met with Minister Marc Miller in Ottawa to discuss the movement of Entewathawi ESGA agreement and issues that need to be addressed.
  - Ongoing discussion with Nation building on Lobbying Strategies.

# SOCIAL MEDIA CONNECTION

### FACEBOOK STATS

### Facebook Posts with the Highest Reach in May

1. DOH Welcomes New Wholistic Health & Wellness Program Manager — 5,205 reached

- 2. DCSS Offers Condolences to Family, Friends of Pat Boots 4,142 reached
- 3. Happy Nurses Appreciation Week to Our Nurses at the AMC 3,847 reached
- 4. MCA Staff & Council Wear Red to Commemorate National MMIW/G Day 2,641 reached
- 5. MCA Donates \$974K to Akwesasne Boys & Girls Club 1,565 reached

### Facebook Posts with the Most Reactions in May

- 1. DOH Welcomes New Wholistic Health & Wellness Program Manager
- 2. DCSS Offers Condolences to Family, Friends of Pat Boots
- 3. Happy Nurses Appreciation Week to Our Nurses at the AMC
- 4. Congratulations to Nicki King on Her Retirement
- 5. EMS Recognition Day 2022

TWITTER STATS Top Tweet for May	
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YOUTUBE STATS	



**Highest Viewed Videos for May** MCA General Meeting — April 28, 2022



# **CHILDREN'S PAGE**

### **SPOT THE DIFFERENCES!**



Differences: 1: Purple shell missing. 2. Pink flower in corner missing. 3. Bird in tree missing. 4. Fish in water missing. 5. Leaf on island missing.





Steps

Step 6

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### COVID-19 Rapid Antigen Tests: How to Collect a Sample

To collect a sample for a rapid antigen test (RATs), users should follow the instructions described in the kit insert. In addition to the collection method option approved by Health Canada (as described in the kit insert), users may choose to perform combined oral and nasal sampling as it may increase test sensitivity.

The following highlights general steps for collecting a sample using either the combined oral and nasal method or the nasal method.

### If swabbing your mouth and nose (combined oral and nasal method)

- 1. Do NOT eat, drink, chew gum, smoke, or vape for at least 30 minutes before collecting the sample.
- 2. If you have access to a facial tissue, blow your nose before the test.
- 3. Wash your hands and only hold the end of the swab opposite the soft swab tip
- 4. Insert the soft swab tip between both inner cheeks and lower gums and turn the swab a few times.5. Then, rub the soft swab tip on your tongue as far back in your throat as you feel comfortable.
- Optional: Instead of swabbing your inner cheeks and tongue, you may choose to swab the back of your throat and tonsils. You can use a mirror to help see where to rub your swab.
  6. Tilt your head back and fully insert the soft swab tip straight back (not up) into your nose until you
- hit resistance (up to 2.5 cm). Make sure the soft swab tip is fully inside the nose.Rotate the swab several times against the wall of the nose and let it sit for a few seconds to absorb nasal secretions.
- 8. Remove the swab from your nose and using the same swab, repeat for the other nostril.
- 9. Immediately place the swab into the test tube following the kit instructions.

### If only swabbing your nose (nasal method)

- 1. If you have access to a facial tissue, blow your nose before the test.
- 2. Wash your hands and only hold the end of the swab opposite the soft swab tip
- Tilt your head back and fully insert the soft swab tip straight back (not up) into your nose until you hit resistance (up to 2.5 cm). Make sure the soft swab tip is fully inside the nose.
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# How to Count Self-Isolation Days If You Have COVID-19



If fully vaccinated or 11 years or younger: Self-isolate for 5 days.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	DAY 0 first day of symptoms	<b>DAY 1</b>	<b>DAY 2</b> <sup>2</sup>	<b>DAY 3</b> <sup>3</sup>	DAY 4	DAY 5 last day of isolation
DAY 6 self-isolation is over	7	8 or finish af	9 ter 10 days, if	10 required	DAY 11 <sup>11</sup>	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19

 You can finish self-isolation after the end of your last day & symptoms are improving for 24 hours (or 48 hours if nausea/vomiting/diarrhea).
 Testing negative does not clear you from self-isolation early.

• Continue to wear a mask in public settings after your self-isolation period.

If you cannot safely isolate from others, find out if you qualify for the Toronto Voluntary Isolation Centre at 416-338-7600.

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If 12 + years & not fully vaccinated,

or a weak

immune system:

Self-isolate

for 10 days.

ONKWE'TA:KE

### DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH WELCOMES NEW WHOLISTIC HEALTH & WELLNESS PROGRAM MANAGER



The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne's (MCA) Department of Health is pleased to announce the Wholistic Health & Wellness Program's new Program Manager, Delia McDonald.

Delia has been a life-long member of the Akwesasne community and dedicated her studies and service to the health and wellness of Akwesasronon. Delia graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from the University of Ottawa and will be completing her Master's of Science in Nursing in June 2022. She will also be completing her First Nations Health Manager training. Delia started with MCA in 2019 with the Community

Health Program, starting as a Diabetes Nurse Educator - Foot Care to Diabetes Services Supervisor before being the successful candidate for the Wholistic Health & Wellness Program Manager position.

"My goal as Wholistic Health & Wellness Program Manager is to strive to provide the best care possible for the community through an interprofessional wholistic approach to health," Delia said.

Please join the Department of Health in welcoming Delia to the Wholistic Health & Wellness Program!

ONKWE'TA:KE

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### THANK YOU TO OUR PERSONAL SUPPORT WORKERS

May 19th was Personal Support Worker (PSW) Appreciation Day. During the pandemic, our PSWs were hard at work through difficult and emotional times. They showed up and they gave their patients the care they needed and deserved. PSWs put others before themselves, and they are extremely important not only to their patients but to our organization, and most importantly, our community. Thank you for the love you show. Happy PSW Appreciation Day.

Pictured: PSWs from lakhihsohtha. Many other PSWs work in our facilities and programs as well (not pictured).





### DOH RECOGNIZES NURSES APPRECIATION WEEK

Throughout our medical clinics, offices, and long term every day. It is a selfless choice one makes to become a tients, or behind the scenes applying medical knowl- Week! edge to planning and operations, we rely on our nurses

care facilities, nurses are working to ensure that the nurse, and we are lucky to have so many kind-hearted, best healthcare is being provided to our community hard-working, and care-giving nurses in our organizamembers. Whether they are hands on treating pa- tion. Nia:wenkowa and Happy Nurses Appreciation



HAPPY NURSES APPRECIATION WEEK!



OUR NURSES AT THE IAKHIHSOHTHA LODGE MAKE A DIFFERENCE, EVERY DAY.

THANK YOU/NIA:WEN FOR YOUR HARD WORK AND DEDICATION.

WE ARE LUCKY TO HAVE YOU ON OUR TEAM!















**Happy Nurses** Appreciation Week to an **Amazing Nurse!** 

Nia:wen/Thank You for putting so much heart into everything you do!

The Kawehno:ke **Medical Clinic is** so appreciative of all your years of service and dedication.



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### DOH RECOGNIZES STAFF FOR NATIONAL EMS WEEK

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne would like to recognize the emergency medical staff of the Akwesasne Mohawk Ambulance. We count on them when our lives depend on it, and they respond in a flash, applying their skills and knowledge even in difficult situations. Their commitment to helping others is honourable. Nia:wenkowa for the important job you all do.



ONKWE'TA:KE

# AHKWESAHSNE MOHAWK BOARD OF EDUCATION

### AMBE INVITES FAMILIES TO ACCESS LANGUAGE WEBSITE

Looking for kanien'ke:ha resources online? Check out the AMBE iMohawk website.



### Ahkwesahsne Mohawk Board of Education

### SCHOOL'S OUT FOR SUMMER!

The staff of the Ahkwesahsne Mohawk School and all of AMBE wish you all an enjoyable summer!



# **DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

### THOMPSON ISLAND RECRUITS VOLUNTEERS FOR STINGING NETTLE HARVEST

Niawenkowa to all those who volunteered for the stinging nettle harvest at Thompson Island. The crew was taught how to preserve the nettles for freezing and the rest will be dried for tea.

The volunteers were a great help, as the process would have taken one person several days. They were rewarded with a traditional food lunch of moose meet and corn bread from locally grown corn, along with fiddle heads and strawberry drink.







### MCA DEPARTMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE HOUSING & ENVIRONMENT UPDATE MAY 2022

MCA Department of Infrastructure Housing & Environment (DIHE) – Major Capital Projects:

Park Street & Hilltop Drive Reconstruction Project:

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne Department of Infrastructure Housing & Environment (DIHE) with the contractor –Lazore's Construction has now commenced construction for Phase 2 [yellow highlight] of the Park Street & Hilltop Drive Reconstruction Project. The scope of work includes full road reconstruction and infrastructure upgrades and improvements for Park Street and the remainder of Hilltop Drive in Kana:takon (St. Regis). –including completion of works from phase 1 on Hilltop.

The work outlined includes: granular base removal, existing asphalt surface removed and repaved and sections of watermain to be removed and replaced. During upgrades the contractor will provide temporary water service and sanitary connections to allow work to continue with the existing sanitary sewer main removal and replacement, and sections of stormwater sewer installation.

The 2022 schedule has the bulk of the work planned from May through the end of November 2022 with the finish grade of Hilltop Drive [Phase 1, pink highlight] being completed together with Park St.

There will be traffic control devices and distance offsets marked with flagmen controlling both traffic and pedestrians through the work zones.

There may be times when detours will be in place to get to the Kanonkwatsherrio Health Facility Building. The community is asked to use the entrances from Hilltop or the back drive entrance going towards the CKON radio building and health facility parking lot and

to NOT use the Akwesasne Ambulance area exit and parking. Further communication on detours will be reported on this as work progresses in these areas.

If you would like more information about the project, please go to the MCA's 'akwesasne.ca' website, or call the Department of Infrastructure Housing & Environment at 613-575-2250 Ext. 1003 for general inquiries.

Phase 2 Wade LaFrance Memorial Road Reconstruction Project:

This Capital Project for phase 1 construction is complete. Phase 2 detail design drawings were completed and sent out to Tender on May 24th. The closing date for tenders is 11:00 a.m. on June 9th, 2022.

The work consists of existing asphalt removal, addition of granular A' road base, culvert replacements, ditch grubbing, and repaving of Wade Lafrance Memorial Road; from McDonald Road Intersection to Chapman Road Intersection. Whoville Road and Hawthorne Road will also be surfaced which consists of scarifying existing granular surface, addition of new granular A', and asphalt paving.

Plans, specifications, and tender forms may be obtained from the Dept. of Infrastructure, Housing and Environment (DIHE) office in person at CIA#3, 101 Tewesateni Road, Akwesasne ON, or by email to: leslie.papineau@ akwesasne.ca

For more information, please visit http://www.akwesasne.ca/052422-tender-notice-phase-2-of-wade-lafrance-memorial-road-reconstruction/.

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### Street Lighting:

DIHE Administration is reviewing street lighting throughout all three Districts to identify need in various public locations. The goal is to install new LED lighting and LED replacements of lighting, with consideration of using solar LED lighting for areas that have limited access to hydroelectricity.

There is a current LED Street Light project planned to occur this summer on McCumber Road, Kawehno:ke. This span of project is made possible by grant funding through the Mohawks of Akwesasne Community Settlement Trust, and DIHE is grateful for this support. The project will aid in the health and safety needs for the community who travel on McCumber Road.

Community Street Light Maintenance Requests: District and Community Members can help with identifying existing street lights in need of repair and reporting outages.

District Members on Kawehno:ke can directly report outages to Cornwall Electric/Fortis. Individuals are to identify the pole tag number (see photo example) and call Cornwall Electric at: (613) 932-0123. Doing this will aide in expedited service by Cornwall Electric.

With Hydro Quebec, the contact for the agent assigned to Akwesasne for streetlights maintenance and repair is Adriana Stanescu: Phone number: 1-800-463-9900, Access code: 8845 or Email address: Affaires@hydro. qc.ca.

Should you need to contact Department of Infrastructure Housing and Environment about this information, please call 613-575-2250 Ext 1003. Please be prepared to provide the utility pole number for our reference.

Hydro Quebec Tree Trimming/Vegetation Control:

In Mid-May, Hydro Quebec forestry technicians started doing inventory of trees and overgrowth along the hydro lines leading up to and through the MCA Districts of Tsi Snaihne and Kana:takon. This is planned service done in a regular cycle to reduce power outages due to tree limbs falling or tall brush impacting the power lines during severe storms. Once the inventory is done, there are two different companies that will perform the service. The two companies contracted by Hydro Quebec are 'Asplundh Canada' and 'Forestech'. These companies are interested in hiring workers from Akwesasne and will be providing more information on this process once the inventory work is completed. If there are Akwesasne companies interested in doing procurement with Hydro Quebec in the future, the companies will have to 'Qualify' in advance of bidding on a project with Hydro Quebec. Reference Search: 'Hydro Quebec Procurement'.

### Road Assessments:

DIHE Administration is working with the Roads Manager to prepare a five-year plan for roads in need of construction or reconstruction. The goal is to have projects for at least two road projects per year for the next five years, during which time, detailed design for roads and project planning will continuously occur in tandem.

Our department is in the process of preparing an interactive map to be placed on the MCA 'akwesasne.ca' website that will show the locations and schedule of future road work. There will also be similar information related to annual and monthly road servicing on the website to update and inform the community in advance of work scheduled to be done. DIHE continues to work toward a more efficient communication strategy and information exchange with our community members for all districts.

KANATAKON PARK STREET & HILLTOP DRIVE WATERMAIN AND ROAD RECONSTRUCTION

This is to advise the community and residents who reside on Hilltop and Park Street in Kanatakon on the continuation of Phase I & Phase II road reconstruction and infrastructure upgrades and improvements, which began on May 9th.

In anticipation of the release of the May 15th half load restriction deadline, the contractor Lazore's Construction has agreed to start with mobilization to the site and will begin to survey and layout curbstop and property markers from the week of May 9th to the 15th. Lazore's Construction will be distributing an information pamphlet to those residents who reside on the identified streets.

Over the course of construction Hilltop and Park Streets will be closed at sections and detours will be put in

place for outside traffic. This work includes to complete the reminder of phase I work from the corner of Hilltop road and Park Street to the intersection of First Street and Hilltop. Phase II includes existing asphalt surface removed and repaved and sections of watermain to be removed and replaced. During upgrades the contractor will provide temporary water service and sanitary connections to allow work to continue with the existing sanitary sewer main removal and replacement, and sections of stormwater sewer installation.

We thank you in advance for your patience during the construction period. If you have any questions, please contact Leslie Papineau, A/Director, Mohawk Council of Akwesasne, Department of Infrastructure, Housing and Environment, at 936-1548. Ext. 1005



### SHORELINE EROSION PROJECT BEGINNING SPRING 2022

The St. Lawrence River Institute of Environmental Sciences (River Institute), in partnership with the Great River Network, is pleased to announce a study beginning Spring 2022 to evaluate the ecological impact of waves and shoreline erosion on nearshore habitat in the St Lawrence River.

This two-year project will provide new knowledge to understand the relationships between wave cycle science, shoreline erosion, and aquatic habitat quality. This collaboration is between the River Institute, the University of Ottawa, the Great River Network (a local volunteer group), South Nation Conservation, Raisin Region Conservation Authority, and the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne.

Starting in May 2022, the project team will be installing two wave loggers at three sites and will be monitored monthly for the remainder of the 2022 open water season. Of the three sites, two are located in the Akwesasne Islands outlying Lake St. Francis. Another site is

in the vicinity of Canada Island in Lake St. Lawrence, Morrisburg, ON. The wave loggers will be placed on the riverbed to measure the turbidity of the water and wave height from both commercial vessels and recreational boaters. To ensure the accuracy of this study, we kindly ask that if you happen to come upon one of these wave loggers please do not touch, alter or try to move the instruments.

Your support in this shoreline erosion project is greatly appreciated. The Great River Community asks for your assistance in ensuring a successful project. Please contact one of the partners below if you have any questions or concerns:

St. Lawrence River Institute of Environmental Sciences Phone: 613-936-6620 Email: info@riverinstitute.ca MCA Environment Program Phone: 613-575-2250 ext. 1038 Email: environmentprogram@akwesasne.ca





# Attention Community of Akwesasne:

# Akwesasne Child & Family Services needs YOUR help!

There is an **<u>urgent need</u>** for kinship/foster/customary care homes.

If you, or anyone you know, may be in a position to open your home to either temporary or long-term fostering, please call **613-575-5020** and speak to an intake worker to submit your information. A Resource Development Worker will be in contact with you.



# **DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY & SOCIAL SERVICES**

### DOH, DCSS CELEBRATE STAFF GRADUATING FROM "GATHERING OUR MEDICINE" TRAINING

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne's Department of Health (DOH) and the Department of Community and Social Services (DCSS) held a celebration for staff members that completed the "Gathering Our Medicine" training program.

Staff members working in the fields of addictions, social services, health, and staff who work directly with community youth were able to participate in the program. Gathering Our Medicine is a cross-cultural model intended to facilitate the restoration of care of indigenous youth to the kinship circle, led by traditional indigenous wisdom while being informed by the attachment theory, restores the kinship circle as the answer in the lives of indigenous youth, and restores dignity to the role of caring most naturally situated within families and communities.

Eleven MCA staff members participated and completed the Gathering Our Medicines Training, which was held via Zoom sessions beginning in February, and finishing in May. Staff members who completed the training will be encouraged to work together as a unit, addressing and assisting community members dealing with addictions/substance abuse issues, assisting community members and families to access services that meet their needs, and encouraging healing from trauma for the entire family unit.

Congratulations to the staff members that completed the Gathering Our Medicines training program! We look forward to the good work and collaborations that will develop in the near future.



Pictured: Training participants Brandon David, Eddie Cajigas, Allen Smoke, Bonnie Bradley and Joey David.

# **AKWESASNE MOHAWK POLICE SERVICE**

### THREE NEW CADETS HIRED BY AMPS

AMPS would like congratulate the hiring of three new cadets. Good luck and safe travels to Ontario Police College.



AMPS participated in a week-long celebration of Police Week which included events with the community. Teaming up with lakwa'shatste Youth Fitness, they hosted a kickball & family activity day.



### **APRIL POLICE STATISTICS**

<ol> <li>2 024 Break &amp; Enter – Residence</li> <li>1 030 Theft – Other Motor Vehicles</li> <li>1 040 Theft Under \$5000 - Other</li> <li>1 045 Frauds - Other</li> <li>1 058 Offensive Weapons - Other</li> </ol>	
1 045 Frauds - Other	
1 058 Offensive Weapons - Other	
1 060 Arson	
1 061 Bail Violations	
1 084 Other Drugs – Trafficking	
1 088 Cannabis – Trafficking	
3 100 Immigration Act	
2 1000 Abandoned Vehicles	
12 1001 Alarms	
7 1003 Assist Other Agencies - Ambulance	
5 1003 Assist Other Agencies – Cornwall PS	
1 1003 Assist Other Agencies - OPP	
9 1003 Assist Other Agencies - Other	
3 1003 Assist Other Agencies – Tribal PD	
46 1004 Assist Public	
1 1006 Document Service	
8 1008 By-Law - Dogs	
1 101 Fire Arms Act	
1 1012 Civil Disputes	
20 1013 Community Services	
5 1014 Crime Prevention	
1 1016 Domestic Dispute (Non-Violent)	

1018 Escorts - Prisoner
1023 Judge's Order (Court)
MVC – Non-Reportable
1025 Property - Seized
1029 Suspicious Persons
1030 Suspicious Vehicles
1031 Suspicious Circumstances
1036 Warrant – Bench/First
1037 Warrant – Search
1040 Traffic Complaint
1046 Crisis Intervention
1047 Firearms Permit/FAC
1049 Medical Act
1050 Youth Complaint
1052 Shooting Complaint
106 Provincial Statues - Other
1063 Marine Patrol
107 Municipal By-Laws
1070 Sex Offender Registry
204 Sexual Assault
205 Assault – Level 1
210 Assault Police
212 Assaults - Other
6666 Assist Other Departments - Fi
705 Dangerous Operation MV

711 Impaired Operation MV

- 715 Fail to Stop/Remain (CCC)
- 717 Fail to Stop/Remain (HTA)
- 718 Careless Driving (HTA)

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- 721 Traffic Provincial Statues
- 725 PI MVC (Personal Injury)
- 726 PD MVC Over \$1000 (Prop. Damage)
- Incident Type Not Listed









# FIBER TO THE HOME UPDATE **MAY/JUNE 2022**

Mohawk Council of Akwesasne will only be providing the infrastructure of Fiber to the Home. MCA will not be the internet service provider.

# **TSI SNAIHNE**

# **KANATA:KON**

- 83% of homes and businesses signed up
- Home kit delivery has begun
   Home kits ordered
- Connection to homes and businesses are now in process
- Running smaller conduit from road to home and businesses
- 53% of homes and businesses signed up
- Awaiting delivery of vaults. Splicing will begin when vaults arrive

# **KAWEHNO:KE**

- 66% of homes and businesses signed up
- Equipment and materials ordered
- Main road and side road construction completed

# FOR MORE INFORMATION.

(613) 575-2250 EXT 1802



FTTH@AKWESASNE.CA

