



COMMUNITY NOTICE

For Immediate Release:

Tsiothohrkó:wa/January 17, 2023

MCA PROVIDING ONE-TIME FOOD ALLOWANCES TO KANA:TAKON & TSI SNAIHNE HOUSEHOLDS

FOOD ALLOWANCES

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne recognizes the hardship faced by community members in the districts of Kana:takon and Tsi Snaihne during the Hydro Quebec power outage of January 5 & 6, 2023. MCA will be providing \$200 to every household impacted by the Hydro Quebec power outage.

These funds are a **one-time only** allowance to help families recover from food loss or added fuel expenses experienced during the power outage, especially as food prices are presently so high. The overall health, safety and wellness of you and your family is our priority and remained our concern throughout the outage.

The \$200 allowance will be distributed in the form of a cheque made out to the head of household listed in the MCA Heating Assistance applications. Cheques will be distributed to Kana:takon and Tsi Snaihne districts only.

FOOD ALLOWANCE CHEQUE PICK UP TIMES/LOCATIONS

Wednesday, Jan. 18, 2023

Kana:takon Residents: 4-7 p.m. at the St. Regis Recreation

Tsi Snaihne Residents: 4-7 p.m. at the Snye Homemakers

ID & signatures will be required. Alternate household members may pick up cheques with ID & signature.

All remaining cheques will be available for pickup beginning on Thursday, Jan. 19, 2023 at the Mohawk Government/Admin 1 Building in Kana:takon. *ID & signatures will be required.* Please be mindful that this assistance is a one-time allowance and may not be available following future power outages.

HYDRO QUEBEC COMPLAINTS

We encourage community members to utilize Hydro Quebec's complaints and comments process by visiting <https://www.hydroquebec.com/contact-us/#residential> or by calling 1-888-385-7252. The website also has a chat option available, and you may also message Hydro Quebec via social media.

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We would like to commend our team for their commitment to serving the community during the power outage through door-to-door checkups, distribution of carbon monoxide detectors, food boxes, and hot meals to our elders and vulnerable, arrangement of emergency shelter for vulnerable families, warming shelters, meeting healthcare and wellness needs, and overall ensuring the community's safety. We are continuing to plan for future emergencies and power outages.

We would also like to thank the hospitality of the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe for ensuring the northern residents of Akwesasne were cared for in our time of need, and thank you as well to the Red Cross for their commitment to provide assistance.

Finally, we would especially like to thank our community members who helped one another, offered shelter, loaned generators, checked in on elders or neighbors, and shared information.