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WINTER FUN: FREE FAMILY SKATE PARTIES HOSTED BY ACFS



Children and families enjoyed a series of four free family skate sessions throughout the past month hosted by the Akwesasne Child & Family Services Program at the A'nowara'ko:wa Arena. See additional photos on Page 19.

UPCOMING MCA MEETINGS & SPECIAL DATES:

FEBRUARY GENERAL MEETING

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne's next General Meeting will take place on February 23, 2023 at the Kana:takon Recreation Centre at 6 p.m.

The MCA General Meeting will be a hybrid event (in-person and virtual).

To receive the Zoom link or submit your questions for Council, please email meetings@akwesasne.ca.

MOHAWK COUNCIL OF AKWESASNE 2021-2024

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Chief Larry King

Chief Julie Phillips-Jacobs

Chief Tim Thompson

Kawehno:ke District

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WAT'KWANONHWERA:TON/GREETINGS

She:kon and welcome to the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne's community newsletter, Onkwe'ta:ke, which means "For the people." The primary goal of this publication is to deliver MCA's news and updates straight into the hands of community members. Should you wish to stay cconnected in other ways, the following channels are provided:

E-mail: If you have any questions about MCA departments and services, please email info@akwesasne.ca or call 613-575-2250.

E-newsletter: Register for a weekly e-newsletter delivered straight to your email inbox. It's a great way to quickly stay up to date! Sign up by visiting www.akwesasne.ca/sign-up.

Mobile/Cell Text Alerts: Receive urgent or important messages right to your cell phone. Sign up by visiting www.akwesasne.ca/text-alerts.

Social Media: Visit us Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and Snapchat!

Website: News and general information can be found on our website at www.akwesasne.ca. This includes job postings and Council contact information.

Local Media: Find our news and information in Akwesasne's long-serving local media, CKON 97.3 Radio and Indian Time Newspaper.

FIVE THINGS

A list of five important announcements and valuable pieces of information!

- 1 If you wish to submit a comment or concern to Hydro-Quebec, you may do so by visiting <https://www.hydroquebec.com/contact-us/#residential>. This page will provide you with several options to submit your feedback, including a chat option. You may also reach them by phone at 1-888-385-7252.
- 2 The Water/Wastewater Program is currently asking residents of Tsi Snaihne & Kana:takon to conserve water while crews work to locate a leak in the waterline. Please refrain from leaving water running or using treated household water to fill ice rinks. We thank you for your cooperation.
- 3 Akwesasne Child & Family Services is in great need of foster families. Will you consider being a foster parent? If you have any questions about this role please contact the ACFS Intake Worker at 613-575-5020.
- 4 Monthly district meetings are ONLY held in person and not virtually. MCA's monthly General Meeting is held in person AND virtually via Zoom. To receive a link to connect virtually to the next General Meeting, please email meetings@akwesasne.ca.
- 5 During the pandemic, MCA made some physical/building relocations that you may not be aware of. Council (Chiefs) & Mohawk Government offices are now located at the Admin 1 Building (A-Frame) in Kana:takon along with the Executive Director. Human Resources is no longer located at Admin 1 as they've moved directly next door to the Admin 3 building (formerly home of Information Services, which is now located at the Peace Tree Trade Centre.)

NEWS

CANADA PASSES BILL DECLARING JANUARY 4TH "NATIONAL RIBBON SKIRT DAY"

On December 20, 2022, Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations Marc Miller announced that Bill S-219, an Act respecting a National Ribbon Skirt Day, had received Royal Assent and was accepted as an Act of Parliament.

Canada's press release stated, "Every year on January 4, National Ribbon Skirt Day will provide an opportunity for everyone in Canada to recognize, learn about, and celebrate the importance of Indigenous traditions and expressions of culture. The Ribbon Skirt is one such tradition."

This Bill was passed thanks to the commitment and leadership of Isabella Kulak, her family, Chief George Cote of the Cote First Nation, Treaty 4 Territory in Saskatchewan, Senator Mary Jane McCallum, and

Jenica Atwin, Member of Parliament for Fredericton, who began advocating for this day after Isabella was shamed for wearing her Ribbon Skirt to school.

"On National Ribbon Skirt Day, we can learn from Isabella's experience. We can combat racism and discrimination against Indigenous Peoples by raising awareness of, and celebrating, Indigenous ways of knowing and being."

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne has always supported and encouraged the wearing of traditional clothes and will continue to do so. On January 4th, we joined other First Nations across the continent and proudly wore traditional ribbon skirts, celebrating our beautiful culture and traditions.



Staff from the Department of Economic Development and staff/resident of Iakhihsoktha Lodge proudly wearing their beautiful ribbon skirts.

NEWS

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

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne recognized the hardship faced by community members in the districts of Kana:takon and Tsi Snaihne during the Hydro Québec power outage of January 5 & 6, 2023. On January 18, 2023, MCA distributed \$200 cheques to every household impacted by the Hydro Québec power outage.

These funds were 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.

HYDRO QUÉBEC COMPLAINTS

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

NIAWENHKÓ:WA

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.



NEWS

JAY TREATY BORDER ALLIANCE MEETING

In mid-January, Grand Chief Abram Benedict and Kawehno:ke District Chief Edward Roundpoint attended the Jay Treaty Border Alliance meeting, hosted by the Forest County Potawatomi in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Discussions were held on the lobbying strategy in Canada and Washington to change legislation and to recognize our right to cross the International border freely as outlined in the Jay Treaty.

On day two, an engagement session was held on the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples in relation to the border and the Jay Treaty.

MCA council leaders continue to work with other communities to lobby the governments to recognize our existing rights as Indigenous peoples and make the border experience less burdensome.



TOM PORTER VISITED AND SPOKE WITH INDIGENOUS STUDENTS AT CCVS

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne Department of Health's Land-Based Healing Program was proud to sponsor a discussion with indigenous high school students at CCVS and renowned speaker and cultural historian, Tom Porter. Mr. Porter spoke to a group of more than 60 students.

his life experiences with heartfelt stories, connecting with the students and staff who were in attendance. Mr. Porter's discussion with the students was a great success, with a series of return visits being planned for Mr. Porter to CCVS.

Mr. Porter led a discussion about self-identity and self-care using traditional longhouse teachings. He shared

Thank you/Niawenhkó:wa to Tom Porter for taking the time to visit with our indigenous students and share your knowledge.



COUNCIL AND MOHAWK GOVERNMENT

COUNCIL WEEKLY MEETING REPORT

SUBMITTED BY GRAND CHIEF ABRAM BENEDICT



DECEMBER 19, 2022

• Representatives from Quebec Aboriginal Affairs introduced themselves to Council and explained their role within the ministry. The representatives explained the Aboriginal Initiative Fund (AIF) and the funding available for community

development and business.

• Council discussed the recent prolonged power outage. Administration will follow up with Emergency Measures, and Council will follow up with Quebec and Quebec Hydro.

• **MCRs passed:** Approval to use reserves to purchase portable units for Iohahi:io expansion; Approval of appointment of community member represent Tsi Snaihne on the Akwesasne Mohawk Police Commission; Approval of an amendment to Ontario Transfer Payment agreement for Gladue Writer, Approval of an amendment

to the organizational chart to OVS; Approval of updated job description for the position of Executive Director; Approval of application to Aboriginal Initiative Fund for church steeple repair; Approval of an amendment to MCA honorarium policy; Approval of 2021/22 audit for Akwesasne Mohawk Police; Approval of 2021/22 audit of AMPS Joint Investigative; Approval of 2021/22 audit AMPS SAVE Team; Approval of 2021/22 audit OFNLP; Approval of amendment to Akwesasne Canada funding agreement; Approval of agreement with Indigenous Services for navigator position.

JANUARY 9, 2023

• Council discussed the recent power outage under Hydro-Quebec and outlined several of follow-ups with various organizations and Governments. Council passed a motion for administration to examine a possible subsidy to the community to support food replenishment during the power outage.

• A briefing was provided on the Department of Health's intention to

support and work with a community organization affected by the recovered graves and residential school survivors.

• Council reviewed the MCA 2022-2026 Strategic Plan in preparation for a two-day strategic planning session with Council and administration.

• A request from the Social Development Council for an

Akwesasne representative to sit on the board was discussed. Council agree to Chief Vanessa Adams being the representative.

• Council reviewed a funding request from a community language group and referred the request to the Youth, Elders, Culture and Language committee.

• A request for access to trust

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COUNCIL WEEKLY MEETING REPORT

money for interest-free loads was discussed. Council determined that the Akwesasne Community Settlement Trust is responsible for funds and will refer the request to the trustees.

• Council discussed a response from the SIBC Board of Directors on an offer to meet. Council identified Chief Thompson and King to accompany Grand Chief in attending the meeting.

• Council discussed and agreed to identify a male elder to represent Akwesasne for Chiefs of Ontario.

• **MCRs passed:** Approval to proceed and award the contract for the replacement of HVAC unit at Iohahi:io; Approval of funding agreement for work on Areas of Concern; Approval of allotment of land to community member; Declaration of National Ribbon Skirt and Ribbon Shirt Day; Approval of new organization chart for Executive Services; Approval for Executive Director to sign grant agreement for AMBE; Approval of amendment to Akwesasne Canada funding agreement; Approval of tuition agreement between AMBE and Akwesasne Freedom School;

Approval of Indigenous Language grant for AMBE; Approval of Quebec grant for languages for AMBE; Approval of Ministry of Community Social annual reconciliation report.

JANUARY 10, 2023 — Emergency Council Meeting

• **MCRs passed:** Approval to process with the distribution of emergency subsidy to support Tsi Snaihne and Kana:takon residents affected by prolonged Quebec Hydro outage.

JANUARY 16, 2023

• A representative from Procurement Assistance Canada presented to Council on the mandate of the government program and described how they can assist Akwesasne businesses to submit bids on Government of Canada procurement.

• Council set the agenda for the upcoming General Meeting set for January 26 at the Kawehno:ke Recreation.

• A concern regarding an incident

that occurred regarding illegal aliens was discussed. Council will follow up with a meeting with the Akwesasne Mohawk Police Commission.

• Council discussed the current recommendation on moving forward with a trust development for the use of Dundee settlement proceeds. Formal recommendation via MCR forthcoming.

• An overview was provided for an upcoming communications and portfolio session and Council

was asked to consider portfolio selections.

• **MCRs passed:** Approval to allocate additional resources to Elders Emergency Fund; Approval of funding agreement with Indigenous Services for mental health programming; Approval of funding agreement with Indigenous Services for Jordan's Principal Emergency Funding; Approval of allocation of surplus to support arena ground improvements and ACFS program.

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COUNCIL WEEKLY MEETING REPORT

JANUARY 23, 2023

- A representative from Greener Homes Initiative presented to Council the process of applying for and obtaining a home energy assessment to apply for a program rebate.
- Council identified Chief Sarah Diabo as next week's council meeting chair in the absents of the Grand Chief.
- An overview was provided on a resolution received from the district meeting. A response will be drafted for review, and an information presentation will be created to update the community on the current work underway to stabilize Quebec Hydro electricity.
- Council discussed a request for an update and advancement to replace the Tsi Snaihne HAVFD Fire Hall. A report and presentation will be provided to Council by the administration on the status of the project.
- The Executive Director provided an overview of an upcoming Council exercise to map political and administrative responsibilities.
- A briefing was provided on a forthcoming request for support for an Iroquois hunting legal file.
- The Council discussed and debriefed from the recent subsidy distribution and instructed the government manager to present a recommendation for mitigation on those who were missed.
- MCR's passed: Approval of allotment of land Cornwall Island (mortgage paid) to community member; Approval of (3) allotment of land Chenail Range (mortgage paid) to community member; Approval of appendix to 2023 leases; Approval of assignment of lease Pilon Island; Approval of amendments to leases for 2023; Approval of amendments to leases Appendix A.

Contact Us!



MOHAWK GOVERNMENT

To reach a member of Council, call the Mohawk Government Office:
613-575-2250

Or, find phone numbers and email addresses for all Council members online:

akwesasne.ca/contact-chiefs 🔍

PROTECT YOURSELF IN EXTREMELY COLD WEATHER

AT HOME



Check heating source. If you rely on fuel, oil, propane or wood, make sure that you have enough to last you through cold temperatures. Check on levels for elders you know as well.



Keep water flowing. If your indoor faucets may freeze, set your faucets to slow drip when the temperature is bitter cold.



Maintain your thermostat. To ensure your thermostat runs continuously, keep spare batteries on hand.



IN THE CAR

Have at least a half of tank to prevent gas line freeze-up.

Have an emergency kit including jumper cables, a phone charger, a shovel, an ice scraper, first aid kit, blankets, warm clothes and water.

KNOW THE SIGNS OF FROSTBITE

- 1 Ice crystals on skin.
- 2 Lasting pain and skin turns blue, grey or black.
- 3 Skin feels warm before it defrosts.
- 4 Skin looks waxy and pale, white or red.

OUTSIDE



Wear long underwear under clothes and have three layers on your upper body.



Wear insulated gloves, boots, hat and a scarf.



Avoid alcohol and caffeine as they constrict the blood vessels, limiting circulation.



Never leave pets outside for an extended period of time when its cold and wipe them off once inside.



If you notice signs of frostbite, move inside and warm yourself.



Know signs of hypothermia: feeling tired, slurred speech, disorientation, uncontrollable shivering.

SOCIAL MEDIA CONNECTION

FACEBOOK STATS



Facebook Posts with the Most Likes in January

1. MCA condolences for family, friends of Diane King
2. Free family skating hosted by ACFS
3. MCA food allowance cheque distribution day in Kana:takon and Tsi Snaihne
4. Missing Person Update – Located and no longer a concern for whereabouts
5. MCA providing one-time food allowances to Kana:takon and Tsi Snaihne Households


Facebook Posts with the Highest Reach in January

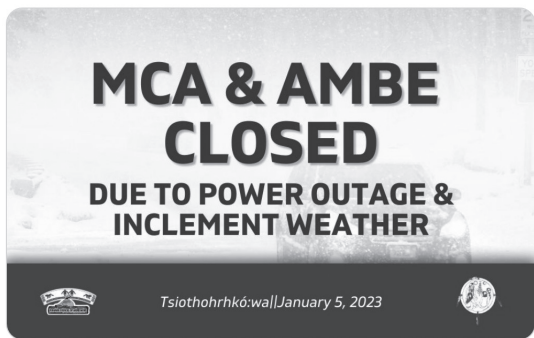
1. Free family skating hosted by ACFS — 9,663 reached
2. Mohawk Council of Akwesasne is hiring Emergency Medical Technicians — 7,151 reached
3. MCA condolences for family, friends of Diane King — 6,368 reached
4. MCA & AMBE on 2-Hour delay — 4,969 reached
5. Elder care package giveaway — 4,714 reached

TWITTER STATS

Top Tweet in January



 **Mohawk Council of Akwesasne** @MCAkwesasne · Jan 5
Due to a Hydro Quebec power outage as well as icy conditions, MCA and all AMBE schools are closed today. Warming shelter is opening at 9 am at Kana:takon School.



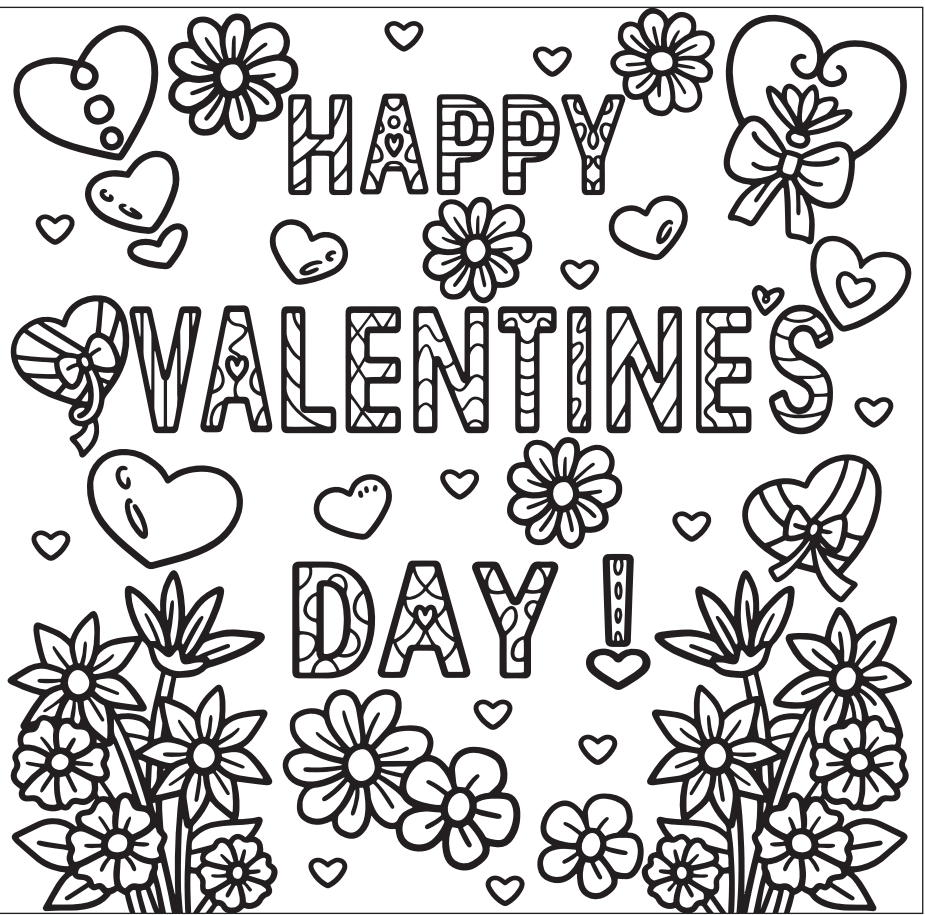
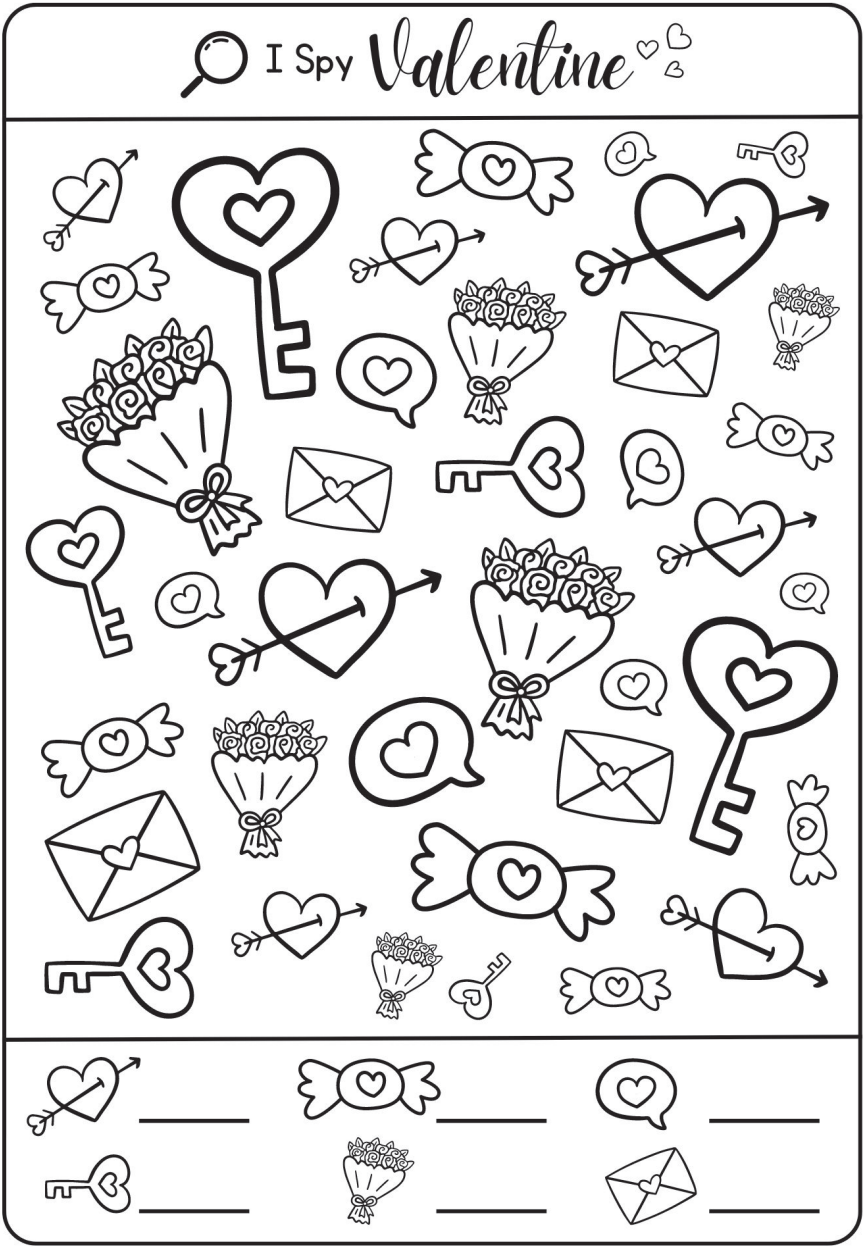
YOUTUBE STATS



Highest Viewed Video on the MCA YouTube Channel for January

1. Hide Tanning Workshop with Angela Ferguson

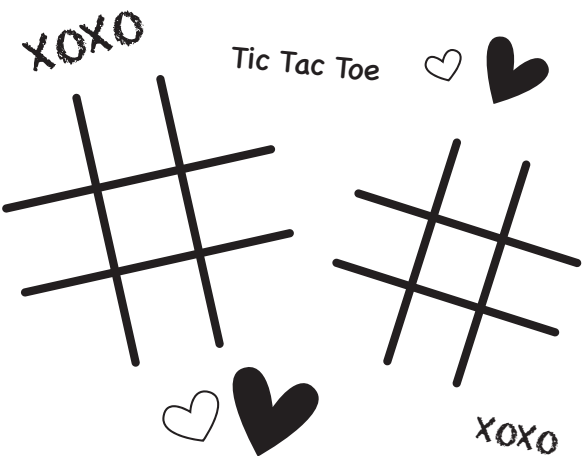
CHILDREN'S PAGE



YOU'VE GOT TO BE KIDDING ME!

What do squirrels give for Valentine's Day?
Forget me nuts.

How do snakes sign their Valentine's Day cards?
With hugs and hisses!

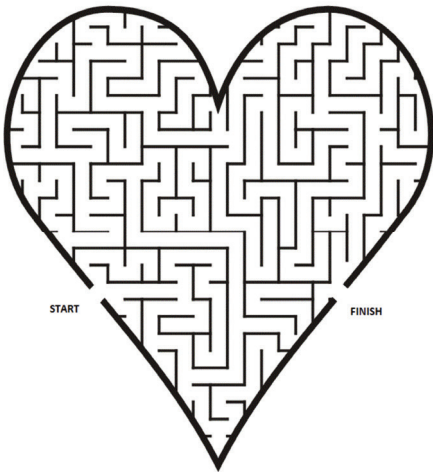


WORD SEARCH

V E D E E M A D R C
F A T C L Y Y N O K
K R L R V O Q B S I
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O W H E N C V E S S
H F E M N T U D X E
U O A E O D I P T S
G Z R N T Q S N I V
S M T A I J O Y E D
W T G C A N D Y V Z



WORD BANK: ♥
ROSES CANDY
HEART VALENTINE
SWEET FRIENDS
KISSES CUPID
HUGS LOVE



AHKWESAHSNE MOHAWK BOARD OF EDUCATION

AMS READING HOMEWORK INCENTIVE COMMITTEE CONGRATULATES VERY IMPORTANT READER CLUB STUDENTS

The AMS Reading Homework Incentive Committee recognized students part of the Very Important Reader (VIR) Club. Students who complete all reading homework for the month become members of the VIR Club and treated like VIP. Each month, different awards will be given for their reading achievements by meeting the monthly goal.

Nia:wen parents and caregivers for your assistance in getting your student into the VIR Club and congratulations to the students for all your hard work!





AHKWESAHSNE MOHAWK BOARD OF EDUCATION

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Tsi Snaihne School
613-575-2291

Kana:takon School
613-575-2323

Iohahi:io Akwesasne Education & Training Institute 613-575-2754 or 613-575-2250 ext. 4100



Contact Us!

EXECUTIVE SERVICES

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION FOR BLOCK 1 LANDS: SOUTH SHORE WEST, SOUTH SHORE CENTRAL, SOUTH SHORE EAST

The Mohawks of Akwesasne have an ongoing claim against Canada in connection with the St. Lawrence Seaway and Power Project. In 2000, the Seaway agreed to settle one specific issue in this proceeding by returning certain Block 1 lands to Akwesasne. On November 25, 2020, the Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations added the Block 1 Lands to reserve by Order.

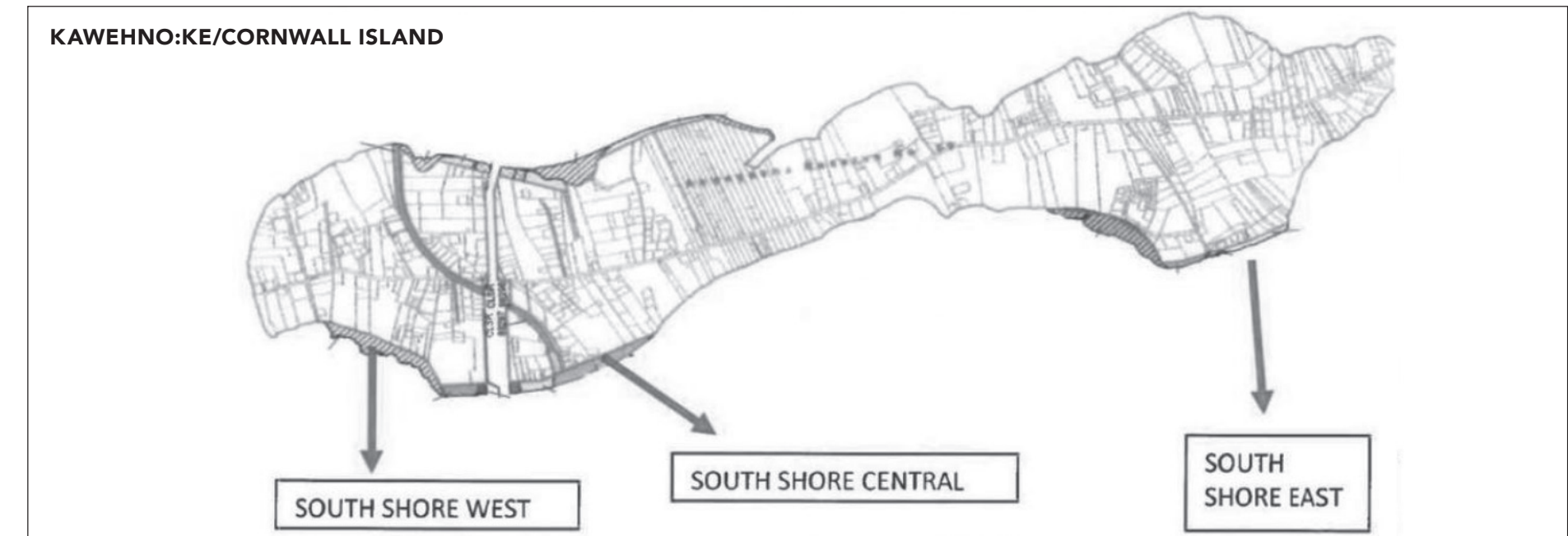
The Block 1 Lands consist of 108 parcels of land on Kawehno:ke, located in 8 various areas throughout the district. These parcels represent lands that were previously expropriated or man-made during the construction of the Seaway.

It is the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne's intention to allot these lands to affected landowners where it is possible to do so. Over the next six months, the Office of Vital Statistics (OVS) will be conducting a controlled public review and comment period for lots located

in one specific area at a time. Community members will have 30 days to obtain information and provide comments prior to any allotments taking place.

Effective January 9, 2023, the South Shore West, South Shore Central, and South Shore East (which consists of Lots 252-285) on Kawehno:ke are open for public review and comment. These lots are identified by the arrows on the map below (Island Road West, lots near/off Recreation Road, and Lighthouse Road on the East End). Community members will have until February 21, 2023 to obtain lot information and/or provide their comments on these lands. No lots located outside of the identified areas will be discussed until they are publicized for comment.

If you have any questions or require further information, please contact Fawn Cole at 613-575-2250 ext. 1030 or at fawn.cole@akwesasne.ca.



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

IAKHIHSOHTHA NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATION

On December 31, 2022, Iakhihsohta Lodge hosted a Casino Night-themed New Year's Eve celebration for residents and their family members, to ring in 2023. A memorable evening filled with good company, laughter and fun to start off the New Year. Nia:wen to all the staff for your continuous hard work and creating memorable events for the Totas to enjoy!



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

IAKWA'SHATSTE YOUTH FITNESS AND MCA WHOLISTIC
HEALTH & WELLNESS PROGRAM PRESENT

Sweetheart Couples Challenge

FEBRUARY 10 2023
OBSTACLE COURSE RACE

5PM REGISTRATION/CHECK IN
LIMITED TO FIRST 10 COUPLES TO REGISTER
AWARDS & PRIZES GIVEN ONCE
COMPLETED



For more information or to register contact
AnnieCree at Acree@iakwashatste.com or Kyle Thompson at
Kyle.thompson@akwesasne.ca

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

MCA Community Health Program- Diabetes Prevention Presents:

BOOT CAMP FITNESS

Boot Camp is a free fitness class designed to get your heart pumping, increase metabolism, and burn calories.

Start Date: Feb 1st, 2023
End Date: March 29th, 2023

Every Monday & Wednesday

Monday: Kawehnoke Recreation Centre
@ 5:00pm-5:45pm
Wednesday: Kanatakon Recreation Centre
@ 4:30pm-5:15pm

All fitness levels welcome
Ages: 14+ * No drop offs
Exercises can be modified

Bring clean indoor sneakers & water

Masks are optional
If you are feeling unwell, please stay home!

For more Information contact:
Krista Lee Oakes: (613) 575-2341 ext. 3239
Email: kristalee.oakes@akwesasne.ca




MCA COMMUNITY HEALTH PROGRAM
DIABETES PREVENTION SERVICES PRESENTS:

INDOOR WALKING STRONG

A WALKING PROGRAM TO INCREASE CARDIOVASCULAR HEALTH AND STRENGTH WITH WEIGHTS AND STEPS

2 LOCATIONS

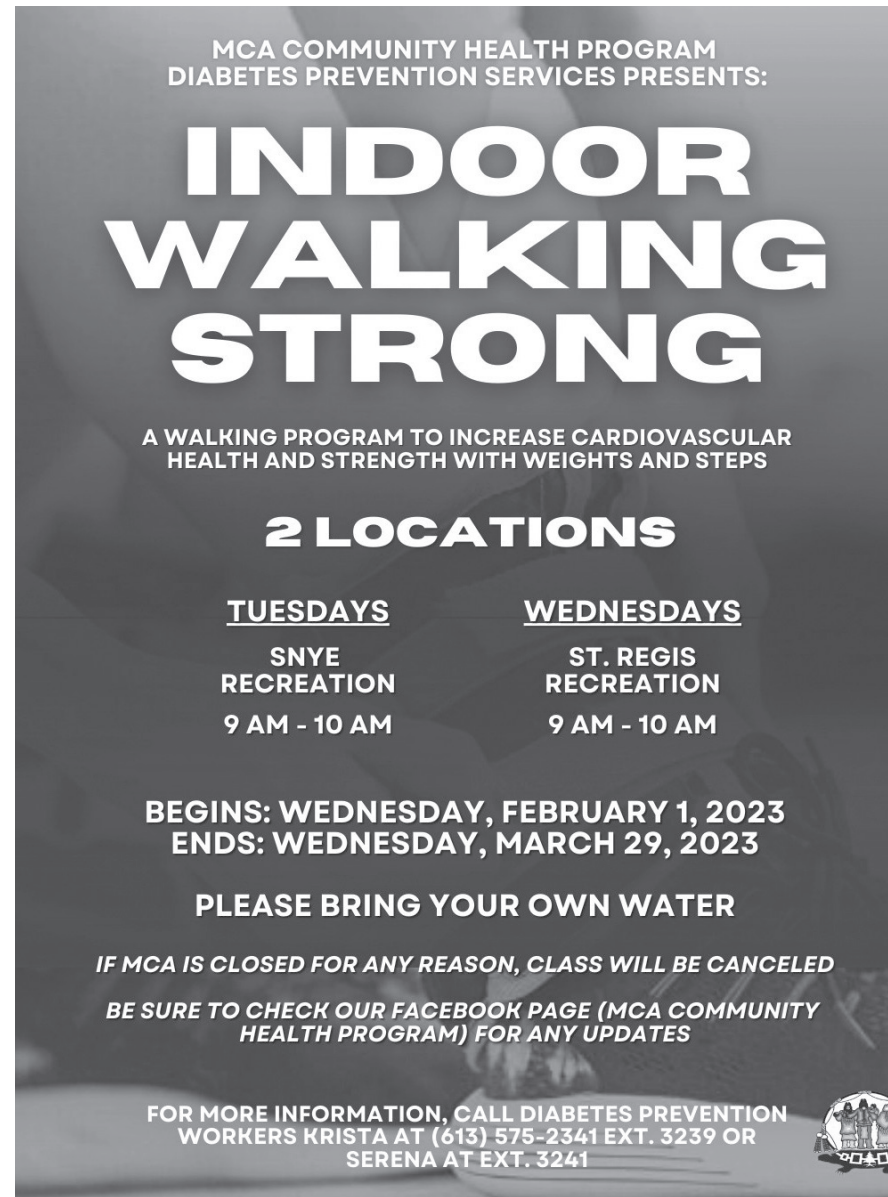

TUESDAYS	WEDNESDAYS
SNYE RECREATION	ST. REGIS RECREATION
9 AM - 10 AM	9 AM - 10 AM

BEGINS: WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2023
ENDS: WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29, 2023

PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN WATER

IF MCA IS CLOSED FOR ANY REASON, CLASS WILL BE CANCELED
BE SURE TO CHECK OUR FACEBOOK PAGE (MCA COMMUNITY HEALTH PROGRAM) FOR ANY UPDATES

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL DIABETES PREVENTION WORKERS KRISTA AT (613) 575-2341 EXT. 3239 OR SERENA AT EXT. 3241

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Akwesasne Non-Insured Health Benefits:

613-575-2341 ext. 3340

Community Health:

613-575-2341 ext. 3220

Wholistic Health and Wellness:

613-575-2341 ext. 3115

Home Care Home Support:

613-936-1548

Iakhihsohtha Lodge:

613-575-2507

Tsiikwanonhso:te Long-Term Care Facility:

613-932-1409



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

COMMUNITY HEALTH PROGRAM CONGRATULATES AMANDA GARROW



The MCA Community Health Program would like to take a moment to celebrate and acknowledge CHP's Amanda Garrow, RN, CLC, as she has achieved her Master's in Community Health from SUNY Potsdam!

Congratulations Amanda, your dedication to reaching your goal during a global pandemic is inspiring!



COMMUNITY HEALTH PROGRAM OBSERVES PASSING OF FORMER COLLEAGUE DIANE KING

With sadness, the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne announces the passing of long-time employee Diane King. Diane started her career as a nurse in 1984 and has worked for the past 25 years as a Community Health Nurse with the MCA Department of Health.

Throughout her years with the Department of Health, Diane was instrumental in various program initiatives, such as Big Bike for Heart & Stroke, Akwesasne Cancer Support Group, Mammogram Days, Tobacco Prevention/Cessation, and numerous health fairs. Diane was passionate about women's health and was also a valuable resource for many programs and agencies in the area of Infection Prevention and Control.

Diane could always be seen serving our community with a smile; that care and compassion also extended to her colleagues, who could always count on Diane for a listening ear or gentle encouragement in hard times.

The Community Health Program is home to a special article of clothing known as "Diane's Sweater" — this sweater has been around and utilized by CHP staff for many years. It will continue to hang and be worn in the Community Health office, a pleasant reminder of the warmth and comfort provided by Diane.

We extend our sincere condolences to her family, friends, and our staff who mourn her loss.



DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY & SOCIAL SERVICES

AFWP SPREADING AWARENESS ON HUMAN TRAFFICKING

MCA's Akwesasne Family Wellness Program (AFWP) have been working diligently by educating communities and creating conversations on human trafficking awareness. In December, the Anti-Human Trafficking Liaisons, Patrick Dussault and Shyla Oakes presented this important topic at the Rotary Club of Cornwall.

Sex Trafficking 101 will be their next event, in partnership with the Akwesasne Mohawk Police Service. Topics of discussion include, indicators of sex trafficking and the dangers of social media, including fake 'apps' used by

young people to go undetected. This free event will be held at the Akwesasne Mohawk Casino Resort on February 22 and open to all community members. The same presentation will be shown during two sessions, from 1-4 p.m. or 5-8 p.m. Seating is on a first come, first serve basis with 125 seats available.

For more information or to view upcoming events, please visit the AFWP Facebook page www.facebook.com/mca.afwp or by calling the AFWP office at 613-937-4322.



AFWP Anti-Human Trafficking Liasons, Shyla Oakes and Patrick Dussault.

AKWESASNE FAMILY WELLNESS PROGRAM

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www.facebook.com/mca.afwp

SEX TRAFFICKING 101

FEBRUARY 22, 2023

Location: Akwesasne Mohawk Casino Resort

Topics will include indicators of sex trafficking and the dangers of social media, including fake "apps" used by our young people to go undetected.

Open to all community members. This is a free event.

AFTERNOON SESSION
1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

EVENING SESSION
5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.



HOSTED BY:
AKWESASNE FAMILY WELLNESS PROGRAM



IN PARTNERSHIP WITH:
AKWESASNE MOHAWK POLICE SERVICE

The same presentation will be shown at both sessions.

125 seats available per session, on a first come first serve basis.

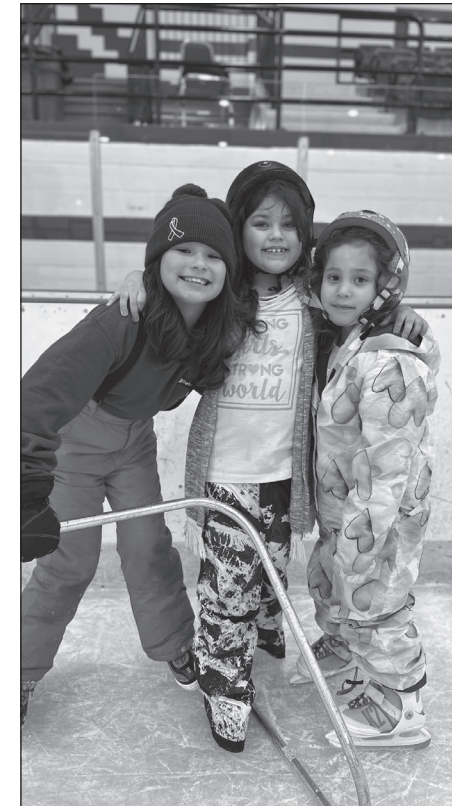
SNACKS AND REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY & SOCIAL SERVICES

ACFS HOSTS 'FAMILY SKATE' FOR COMMUNITY

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MCA's Akwesasne Child and Family Services hosted four days of free Family Skating for community members to enjoy. This was a great opportunity for families and friends to get together, lace up their skates and have fun on the ice. The arena was filled with excitement and smiling faces from beginner to seasoned skaters. Nia:wen to the ACFS staff for hosting this great winter event and for your continued dedication to the community.



DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY & SOCIAL SERVICES

Akwesasne Family Wellness Program: 613-937-4322

DCSS Administration: 613-575-2341 ext. 3305

Community Support Program: 613-575-2341 ext. 3262

Akwesasne Child and Family Services: 613-575-2341 ext. 3139

AKWESASNE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT

AKWESASNE CHILD'S RIGHTS & RESPONSIBILITIES LAW UPDATE

The Working Task Group (WTG) for the Akwesasne Child's Rights & Responsibility Law would like to provide the community with a brief update regarding the progress of the law development.

Phase I of the Akwesasne Legislative Enactment Procedural Regulations (ALEPR) is "Development of a Proposed Law". This includes introducing the law to the community.

Our initial input sessions with the community provided us with the opportunity to gain input and feedback from our own community members as to what were the key elements the law should include.

The Akwesasne Justice Department has now secured a Legislative Drafter to draft the law in collaboration with the WTG, which will later require further consultation with both the community and Council. We are currently in the drafting phase.

Once the draft is completed it will be presented to Council in a Line-by-Line read initiating Phase 2 of the ALEPR: Acceptance in Principle. Once the law has been accepted in principle, Phase 3: Community Consultation, will commence.

While the draft is being written, we continue to welcome questions regarding the development of the law. Please email the Akwesasne Child's Rights & Responsibility Law Working Task Group at childlaw@akwesasne.ca if you would like to comment or have questions.



Attention Community of Akwesasne:

Akwesasne Child & Family Services needs YOUR help!

There is an urgent need 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 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

TICC HOSTS HIDE TANNING WORKSHOP

The Thompson Island Cultural Camp recently held a successful hide tanning workshop, conducted by Angie Ferguson. This was a 5-day intensive workshop where participants learned how to utilize proper tools to flesh meat, fat and membrane from the hide, learn the de-hair process and more.

TICC's language consultant, Tyler Laffin, provided a Kanien'kéha language lesson for participants to learn specific words/phrases related to the work done during the workshop.

Thank you/Niawenhkó:wa to the participants and their commitment to learning these important lessons. Also, nia:wen to the MCA Environment Program for donating three hides, Freeman "Boss" Bucktooth for donating a moose hide, Louise and Vince Herne for providing the space, and Angie Ferguson for leading the workshop.



DEER BUTCHERING WORD LIST

Oskénón:ton – Deer	Awé:ri – Heart
Okahróhsta – Guts	Ahserí:ie – String
À:share – Knife	Ken'tahsà:ke' – Its tail
Ohnanéhon – Hide	Kahsinà:ke' – Its leg
Ohnakénhsa – Membrane	Kanontsi:ne – On its head
O'wà:ron – Meat	Wahonhtà:ke' – Its ears
O'tónsera – Fat	Karonhkwe'nà:ke' – On its back
Orahso:teri – Ankle tendon	Kana'karà:ke' – Horns/Antlers
Otsinonhiáhton – Tendon	Kanawirà:ke' – Its teeth
Kaniarà:ke' – On its neck	Katsinonhiahtakwe'niiò:ke' – On its artery/its artery
Othwénhsa – Liver	Kahnenhsà:ke' – On its shoulder

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



ARENA ICE *Rental*

Book your ice time at the
A'nowara'ko:wa Arena today!

Perfect for local program events, birthday parties,
and more! Call us if you have any questions
about pricing or availability.



COST:
\$200 per hour

CONTACT:
arena@akwesasne.ca

613-936-1583
(ext. 1)

*Last day of ice rentals
is anticipated to be
March 3, 2023.*

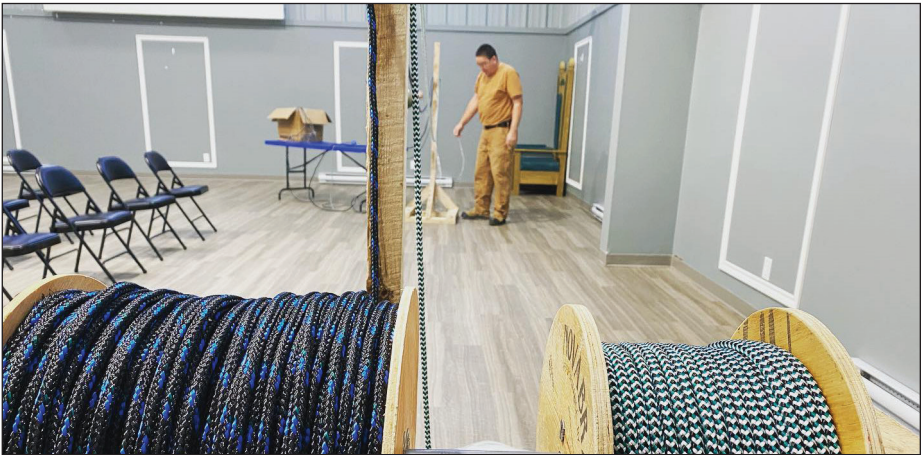
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DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

FISH NET-MAKING DEMO WITH NORMAN PETERS

The community was welcome to attend a traditional fish net making demonstration with Norman Peters at the Kawehno:ke Recreation Center from January 31-February 2. This three-day demonstration was held by MCA's Thompson Island Cultural Camp. Community members had a chance to listen to stories, eat and learn about the traditional way of making fish nets.

Stay in the loop and follow the Thompson Island Cultural Camp's Facebook page for upcoming events or workshops.



DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The office of Economic Development is located at:
167 International Road Unit #3 - Peace Tree Trade Centre
Phone: 613-575-2250 ext. 1802 Email: ecdev@akwesasne.ca



DEPARTMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE AND HOUSING

DECEMBER 2022

HOUSING SECTOR

WINTER

HOME MAINTENANCE CHECKLIST



IMPROVEMENT ADVICE

- Cover or take out air conditioners
- Check basements for leaks during thaws
- Vacuum bathroom exhaust fan
- Vacuum refrigerator and freezer coils
- Empty and clean drip trays in fridge
- Clean and deodorize sinks, tubs, showers and dishwashers
- Re-caulk the windows
- Always do a roof inspection
- Test your sump pump before flooding season
- Reverse ceiling fans to stay warm
- Protect your floors with an entry mat from salt & grime
- Prepare de-ice solutions for walkways
- Make space for bulky winter clothes & boots
- Update emergency kits
- Get ready for winter storms

ITEMS YOU SHOULD NOT PLUG INTO A POWER STRIP OR EXTENSION CORD

- | | |
|--------------------|--|
| • Refrigerators | • Generators |
| • Freezers | • Sump Pumps |
| • Washing Machines | • Air Compressors |
| • Microwaves | • Hair Dryers |
| • Coffee Makers | • Curling Wands |
| • Toasters | • Straighteners |
| • Slow Cookers | • Air Conditioner |
| • Hot Plates | (only on a heavy duty properly rated extension cord) |
| • Space Heaters | |

MONTHLY CHECKLIST

- ☐ Clean or replace the filter to the furnace and/or HRV
- ☐ Clean faucets and shower heads from mineral buildup
- ☐ Inspect all drains for debris; unclog if necessary
- ☐ Test smoke alarms
- ☐ Vacuum heat registers and heat vents
- ☐ Check indoor and outdoor air vents are not blocked

DEPARTMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE, HOUSING & ENVIRONMENT

ADMINISTRATION:
613-575-2250 ext. 1003

MAINTENANCE PROGRAM: 613-575-2250 EXT. 1022
HOUSING: 613-575-2250 EXT. 2300
ENVIRONMENT: 613-575-2250 EXT. 1038
ROADS DEPARTMENT CENTRAL DISPATCH: 613-575-2340 OR 613-938-5476
WATER/WASTEWATER INFRASTRUCTURE EMERGENCY: 613-575-2000
AFTER HOURS PAGER: 518-404-3352
OFFICE HOURS: MONDAY – FRIDAY 8AM-4PM 613-933-4924
SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT (GARBAGE AND RECYCLING): 613-575-2250 ext. 1002

ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM

You're Invited!

FEBRUARY 15 5:00PM-8:00PM

Akwesasne Housing Authority
378 NY-37 A, Akwesasne, NY



RIVER STRATEGY

Let us gather to envision a beautiful and healthy
Kaniatarowanenneh
(The Big River/ St Lawrence River).

The River Strategy will facilitate inclusive and equitable, communication and collaboration along the Upper St. Lawrence River to achieve the shared goal of a beautiful and healthy St. Lawrence River for all through collective impact.

Join the MCA Environment Program and River Institute's River Strategy team for a hearty meal, door prizes and discussions about the draft framework of the St Lawrence River Strategy.

Free to attend!

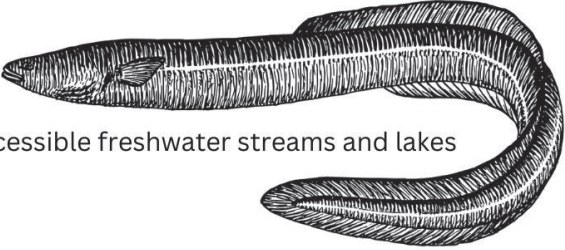
This event is open to Akwesasne Community members only.

Britney.Bourdages@akwesasne.ca
Kayla.Sunday@akwesasne.ca



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range: all accessible freshwater streams and lakes



Caring About Our Waste Initiative

Repair / Restore / Refurbish
Waste Minimization & Diversion



• Try to fix or revamp anything that may be broken or old: before throwing away an item and purchasing a new one, find a way to mend broken pieces, restore to a better condition, or update it with a new look, software (for electronics), etc.

• Think about making wiser purchases: buy things that are good quality and made to last, and that can be revived, refinished, etc. to extend their lifespan before being recycled or sent to a landfill.

Environment Program Contact:
Phone: (613) 575-2250 Ext. 1038
Fax: (613) 938-6760



TRASH TALK TIPS

DID YOU KNOW? – Let's explore some of the 5 R's in more detail and begin to put them in action in our every day lives. Let's look at **REPAIR, RESTORE & REFURBISH**. Very similar to reusing or repurposing something, but these involve fixing something and returning it to working order.

How do you, or will you, put these R's into practice?

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

AMA THANKS COMMUNITY FOR SUCCESSFUL DOLL DRIVE

The Akwesasne Mohawk Ambulance (AMA) service would like to thank the community for the donations to their “Dolls for Tota’s” initiative. AMA received over 30 doll donations.

Throughout the month of December, AMA staff were collecting donations of baby dolls which would go to local nursing homes (Iakhihsotha Lodge and Tsiionkwanonhso:te Long-Term Care Facility) for elders with Dementia/Alzheimer’s. AMA delivered the dolls to the elder care facilities before Christmas Day.

AMA thanks the community for their generosity and caring during the holiday season.



EMT Channele Smoke from the Akwesasne Mohawk Ambulance shown with the generous donations of dolls for Totas by community members.

PRESENTATIONS FOR

Elders & Seniors

The Akwesasne Mohawk Police Services will be hosting a series of informative presentations to educate elders and seniors within the community.

LOCATION: SRMT Office for the Aging Senior Center	LOCATION: Tri-District Elders Lodge (Kawehno:ke)
January 23 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Elder Abuse Awareness	January 18 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Elder Abuse Awareness
January 30 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Scams	January 25 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Scams
February 6 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Home Safety	February 1 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Home Safety
February 27 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Cannabis Awareness	February 8 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Cannabis Awareness
March 6 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Vaping Awareness	March 1 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Vaping Awareness
March 13 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Opioid Awareness	March 8 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Opioid Awareness
March 20 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Naloxone Training	March 15 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Naloxone Training

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT NORMAN KING: 613-575-2340

AKWESASNE MOHAWK POLICE SERVICE

➤ Non-Emergency Phone: **613-575-2250**
➤ Emergency Phone: **613-575-2000**
➤ Email: info.amps@akwesasne.ca

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

AKWESASNE MOHAWK POLICE WELCOME FIVE NEW CADETS

The Akwesasne Mohawk Police Service welcome the hiring of five Cadets and one direct hire. Good luck to the Cadets who are currently completing basic constable training at the Ontario Police College in Alymer, Ontario.



Pictured left to right: Hanan Fraser, Joey Brisson, Ahwennaseh Mitchell, Danai Delorme, and Kahettonni Mitchell

JANUARY STATISTICS

2	061 Bail Violations	2	1023 MVC - Non-Reportable	1	716 Drive MV Prohibited (CCC)
2	063 Disturb The Peace	2	1028 Probation Orders	3	717 Fail to Stop / Remain (HTA)
3	072 Mischief (Prop. Damage) Under \$5000	5	1029 Suspicious Persons	1	720 Traffic - Federal Statutes
5	100 Immigration Act	5	1030 Suspicious Vehicles	36	721 Traffic - Provincial Statutes
9	1001 Alarms	10	1031 Suspicious Circumstances	2	723 Traffic - Parking Violations
1	1002 Alerts	4	1036 Warrant - Bench/First	2	726 PD MVC Over \$1000 (Prop. Damage)
5	1003 Assist Other Agencies - Ambulance	2	1037 Warrant - Search	5	Incident Type Not Listed
3	1003 Assist Other Agencies - Cornwall PS	3	1041 Mental Health Act		
2	1003 Assist Other Agencies - OPP	1	1050 Youth Complaint		
10	1003 Assist Other Agencies - Other	4	1056 Hazardous Conditions		
3	1003 Assist Other Agencies - Tribal PD	22	106 Provincial Statutes - Other		
58	1004 Assist Public	2	1063 Marine Patrol		
3	1008 By-Law - Dogs	2	1070 Sex Offender Registry		
1	101 Firearms Act	3	205 Assault - Level 1		
1	1011 By-Law - Other	1	206 Assault Weapon/CBH - Level 2		
2	1012 Civil Disputes	1	212 Assaults - Other		
33	1013 Community Services	1	3030 Admin - Assist Other Agency		
9	1014 Crime Prevention	3	6666 Assist Other Departments - Fire		
1	1016 Domestic Dispute (Non-violent)	1	705 Dangerous Operation MV		
3	1018 Escorts - Prisoner	1	711 Impaired Operation MV		
14	1023 Judge's Order (Court)	3	715 Fail to Stop/Remain (CCC)		





MOHAWK COUNCIL OF AKWESASNE

POWER OUTAGE PREPAREDNESS

Power outages are never expected but we can all benefit from being prepared for them. Make plans today for your safety, warmth and security during any future outages.



EMERGENCY KIT

KEEP THE FOLLOWING ITEMS IN A LOCATION YOU CAN ACCESS EASILY:

- Flashlight(s)
- Battery-operated radio
- Batteries
- Candles
- Lighters
- Emergency contacts
- First Aid Kit
- Appliance thermometer
- Coolers
- Food thermometer
- Water
- External battery packs for cell phones/smart devices
- Canned/non-perishable food
- Can opener
- Cash
- Extra blankets
- Medication and prescription information
- Contact information for friends, neighbours, elders you may need to check on



GENERATOR SAFETY TIPS

- Always have a working carbon monoxide alarm, but especially when you are operating a generator.
- Ensure the generator has been installed by a qualified person, is properly grounded, and is rated for the power you need.
- Never run the generator in an enclosed space, such as a garage or enclosed porch.
- Always set up/run the generator at least 20 feet from the home, vents, doors or windows.
- Aim the generator so exhaust blows away from the home.
- Turn off a gas-powered generator before refueling. Gas on a hot engine can ignite. Cooling the engine will also help prevent burns.

POWER OUTAGE DO'S & DON'TS

DO'S

- ✓ **INVESTIGATE & REPORT THE POWER OUTAGE**
Power companies need to know when your service has been interrupted, and the sooner the better. Keep your power company's contact information handy or use their apps/website to confirm the outage is reported.
- ✓ **PUT TOGETHER AN EMERGENCY KIT & KEEP IT HANDY**
See our list of emergency kit items in next section.
- ✓ **KEEP A LIST OF EMERGENCY CONTACT & PERSONAL INFORMATION**
Emergency numbers should include police/ambulance/fire, your power company, family members and neighbours. Don't rely on your cell phone to store these for you in case you lose battery power. Also consider keeping your medicine/prescription information and banking information in a place you can easily access.
- ✓ **TURN OFF OR UNPLUG SENSITIVE ELECTRICAL DEVICES**
This is to safeguard them from power surges that may occur during the restoration process.
- ✓ **CHECK ON YOUR NEIGHBOURS & FRIENDS**
Ensure that everyone is safe and warm, and help them find shelter if needed.
- ✓ **SIGN UP FOR MCA MOBILE TEXT ALERTS**
Receive emergency information straight to your phone. Sign up at www.akwesasne.ca/textalerts.

DON'TS

- ✗ **OPERATE A GENERATOR INSIDE YOUR HOME**
Generators should never be used in a home, garage or enclosed space as this can lead to carbon monoxide poisoning or death.
- ✗ **DEPEND ON CANDLES AS YOUR ONLY LIGHT SOURCE**
While candles can be useful during an outage, they are not the most efficient light source and could potentially cause a house fire. Sticking to a bright lantern is a safer solution.
- ✗ **OPEN THE FRIDGE FREQUENTLY**
If your outage is expected to last for an extended period, keep your refrigerator and freezer closed to preserve food for as long as possible. Consider purchasing bags of ice or filling up bottles of water and placing them in the freezer to help save perishable food.
- ✗ **KEEP SPOILED FOOD OR MEDICINE**
Throw away any food that has been exposed to temperatures higher than 40° F (4° C) for 2 hours or more or that has an unusual odor, color or texture. If food in the freezer is colder than 40° F and has ice crystals on it, you can refreeze it. When in doubt, throw it out! Consider keeping an appliance thermometer in your appliance to get a better indication of the temperature.
- ✗ **HESITATE TO FIND SHELTER**
While most power outages are fairly short, sometimes they can last for days. Do not "wait it out" in colder weather. Make a plan for warmer shelter including making arrangements for pets so that you can get to a warm place.



CARBON MONOXIDE ALARMS

- Store extra gasoline for the generator, but ensure it is stored away from any potential heat or fire sources.
- Connecting directly to the generator is the safest option. However, if you have to use an extension cord, ensure it is safe for the electrical load and free of any cuts/damage.
- Generators should be protected from the elements, without confining them too closely. Ensure any coverings are not touching/too close the generator and that there is space for ventilation.
- It is best to have a professional install the generator who can ensure all safety requirements are adhered to.

Operating generators and other gas appliances creates a risk for carbon monoxide poisoning. Carbon monoxide is odorless, colorless, and tasteless, but can kill you within 5 minutes.

During recent power outages, our local police and fire department responded to several instances of carbon monoxide in homes. Thankfully, detectors were in working order and alerted the residents of the home.

Always be sure to have a working carbon monoxide detector. It can save your life.

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION:

Central Dispatch:
613-575-2000

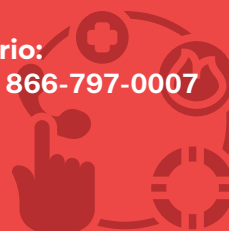
Akwesasne Mohawk Police Services
Akwesasne Mohawk Ambulance
Hogansburg Akwesasne Volunteer Fire Department

Wholistic Health & Wellness Mental Health Services:
613-575-2250 Ext. 1302
After hours, please contact Central Dispatch

Mental Health Crisis Hotline:
1-866-996-0991

Telehealth Ontario:
866-797-0000 or 866-797-0007

Kids Help Line:
800-668-6868



MCA MOBILE ALERTS

Receive important MCA updates by registering to receive alerts via text message (free of charge).

To register, please visit:
www.akwesasne.ca/textalerts