

#### General Meeting Rules of Order

#### **Prologue:**

General Meetings are to occur the last Thursday of each month and will occur in each district on a rotating basis in Kawehno:ke, Kana:takon, and Tsi Snaihne.

The exception to this is with the General Meeting Cancellation Protocol: MCR 2015/2016 - #260 In the unfortunate circumstance where a community member passes in one of the three districts, the meeting will occur as regularly scheduled in the other two districts where the member did not reside. A moment of silence will also be taken in their memory.

The General Meetings are an opportunity for Community Members to hear information from Council and assist Council with issues that affect the community.

The following General Meeting Rules were originally developed at a community General Meeting in July of 2006. The principles for 'General Meeting Rules' is based on respect for each other, and all attendees are expected to behave respectfully and professionally at all times.

#### **General Meeting Rules:**

- 1. Meetings will start at 6:00 p.m. and proceed to a maximum of 8:00 p.m. at which point the community will be asked if they choose to continue past 8:00 p.m.
- 2. Personal issues will not be dealt with in a public forum/General Meetings. Personal items can be dealt with on an individual basis with Council Members (or by appointment through the Mohawk Government Office).
- 3. If you have questions or comments during the meeting raise your hand and wait to be acknowledged by the Chairperson. The Chairperson will keep note of the order that community members indicate to be acknowledged.
- 4. Please keep the questions and comments relevant to the point of order within the agenda and be considerate of the time used.
- 5. A list will be made of issues you wish to address to Council and if the answer cannot be provided at the current meeting, the issue will be taken back to Council table for further discussion and follow-up.

# The Jay Treaty, Rights to Border Crossing and UNDRIP

APRIL 27, 2023

### United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP)

- Sets the MINIMUM STANDARD for how Indigenous Rights should be recognized
- 49 Articles
- Passed by the UN General Assembly in September 2007
- ➤ 3 Countries with held signing onto UNDRIP in 2007
  - ► New Zealand (2010)
  - Canada (2010)
  - United States (2010)

### Canadian - UNDRIPA

- In 2021 the Government of Canada passed the Implementing the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act.
- Developed a funding program to engage Indigenous peoples in Canada on how to best do that.
- The fund provided funding to Indigenous Nations and organizations to undertake projects that would provide recommendations on how Canada could implement UNDRIP.
- Canada would then use these recommendations to further pursue activities to implement UNDRIP based on the recommendations provided.
- Mohawk Council of Akwesasne received a grant to engage in dialogue related to Border Crossing Rights and the Jay Treaty.

### Project Background

- ➤ 3 Akwesasne community meetings
- ▶ 1 meeting with First Nations from Ontario
- 1 meeting with First Nations across Canada
- 2 meetings with Jay Treaty Border Alliance Milwaukee, Vancouver

### Focus on 2 Key Themes

- ► The Jay Treaty and Recognizing Rights to Cross the Border
- Who should benefit from these Rights?

### Jay Treaty Key Points to Consider

- ▶ The Jay Treaty is not a Treaty where any other First/Native Nation is a signatory. It is an agreement between the United States and the British Crown.
- ▶ It contains 28 articles, which mostly concern navigation and trade. The first 10 articles were permanent, however the remaining were limited to 12 years after the ratification of the treaty (October 28, 1795)
- Article 3 is the only one that explicitly mentions "Indians".
- ▶ Upon the ratification of the Jay Treaty, the legislature of Lower Canada adopted a law to essentially implement the Jay Treaty. This law specifically referred to "the Indians dwelling on either side of the boundary line between the said Province of Lower-Canada and the said United States", leading one to consider if border rights as recognized under the Jay Treaty extend to all Indigenous peoples in Canada.
- ▶ The Jay Treaty has been subject of debate within the Justice Systems in the US and in Canada, and whether the Jay Treaty was annulled due to the Declaration of the War of 1812.

### Highlights

- Grants the right to "freely" cross the boundary by land or water to "the Indians" to carry on trade and commerce.
- Extends the right of entry to "goods and merchandise" however parties can exercise their sovereign power to 'entirely prohibit' the importation of specified goods and merchandise as is the right to impose duties on the entry of goods. "Freely" does not mean "Duty Free" or "Without the ability to regulate goods".
- "Indians" were exempt from paying duties, however, if "Indians" were to transport goods in bulk for settler traders, the goods would be dutiable as ordinary goods in trade. Similarly, if "Indians" were to transport goods in commercial bulk the goods (except furs) would be dutiable.

what we heard

The recommendations made in the report are done so without prejudice to individual First Nation border agreements and treaties and should be viewed as a minimum standard of implementing border rights.

To be clear, the recommendations are a directive of how <u>Canada</u> can recognize and implement First Nations Border Rights within their own legislative framework. These legislative changes do not supersede or diminish First Nation ceremonies, protocols or laws related to recognizing traditional territories and boundaries.

### **OVERVIEW**

**Nation-to-Nation Relationship**: There needs to be systemic change in border relations and it needs to include First Nations.

**Exercising the Right**: The Right is inherent, it existed prior to the the Jay Treaty. It needs to be recognized beyond a right to entry. It needs to acknowledge the right to conduct trade, pursue employment opportunities, reside, hunting, fishing, food sovereignty and travel by all modes (not just by land).

**Experience**: How First Nations experience crossing the border is a continual reminder of the relationship Canada/Canadians have with First Nations.

**Education**: There needs to be consistent education related to First Nations Border Crossing Rights.

"People always say that prior to settlers coming we didn't have borders. We did, but we had protocols in place to respect them." - BC Participant

### Nation-to-Nation Relationship

- First Nations have historically had protocols and ceremonies in place to recognize territories, shared and otherwise.
- These relationships were built on mutual respect, reciprocity and the collective good.
- Systemic and multi-pronged approaches are needed to make meaningful change in order to meaningfully implement border crossing rights.

### **EXERCISING THE RIGHT**

- The Rights are Inherent
- The Right to Self-determine who has the right
- The Right of Entry and Residency
- The Right to Employment and Education
- The Right to Trade and Commerce
- The Right to Traditional Practices
- The Right to be Indigenous, and NOT Immigrants

### **EXPERIENCE**

- It was generally understood that security measures can be a benefit to all residents of North America (Turtle Island), however First Nations often experienced paternalism, stereotypes and outright racism, when crossing the border. Border Crossing experiences should not be dehumanizing.
- The experience was inconsistent between agents, borders and regions.
- There was a hesitancy to report 'bad agent behaviour' due to future 'flagging' and repercussions.
- Remote locations are unsafe for travellers due to the fact that they are required to stay in place until a border agent from other locations call them back. Some travellers have been stuck for hours waiting for a returned check in call.
- It was suggested that First Nations have a specialized lane similar to a nexus lane.

### **EDUCATION**

- Border Agents are inconsistently educated on Indigenous Rights and Indigenous Peoples.
- First Nations citizens also need to have access to accurate information on their border crossing rights.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1) Continue to enhance the High Level, Governance and Technical Tables border crossing tables established in Ontario with border adjacent First nations and expand to include First Nations across Canada, to make the systemic change needed to implement the right.
- 2) The Canadian government should use their diplomatic relationship with the U.S. to ensure that these rights are being recognized equally regardless of which way the rightsholder is travelling.
- 3) Canada needs to recognize First Nations ability to recognize their own members and determine who is entitled to rights of entry, residence, employment, education, trade, hunting, fishing, gathering and commerce.
- 4) A First Nations Border Rights Commission should be formed and funded to review border related policy and procedures, oversee the development of CBSA cultural competency training and review rights recognition disputes on a case-by-case basis.
- 5) As a short-term solution, Canada should recognize U.S. tribal membership on par as Canadian Status Indians, in relation to the Right of Entry, Rights of Residence, Right to Employment and Right to Education in Canada.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

- 6) As a long-term solution, Canada should recognize First Nations ability to determine members and the rights upheld with that member.
- 7) Canada should work with First Nations to develop material in the protocols for border agents on how to best work with travellers with sacred items and traditional plants.
- 8) As a short-term mechanism, Canada should amend the language in the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act to create equity by recognizing citizens or members of an officially Indian Nation or Tribe, as having the right to enter and remain in Canada.
- 9) As a long-term solution, Canada should remove references to First Nations rights from the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act, and develop dedicated legislation and accompanying policy that upholds their obligations to recognize First Nations border crossing rights.

### Recommendations

- 10) CBSA needs to work with local First Nations to develop regional cultural competency training to better understand those cultures, languages, ceremonies, and protocols that they may experience while working at that border crossing. If they move to a new location, agents will be expected to take the cultural competency training associated with that region.
- 11) CBSA needs to develop a repository of information for Border Agents to quickly access information on Status Cards, Tribal Cards, Haudenosaunee Passports, and other First Nations identification.
- 12) Canada should develop a reporting app in collaboration with First Nations to allow citizens to report negative border experiences safely and confidentially without fear of repercussion. CBSA can utilize the data collected to track consistent negative border experiences for awareness, further training or correction.
- 13) CBSA should develop a First Nations specific lane, where border agents have specialized cultural competency training to work with First Nations citizens. This training should extend beyond the standard single day cultural competency training to include a more thorough understanding of the history, traumas, cultural practices, and worldviews of First Nations peoples in their region and in Canada.
- 14) Canada needs to work with First Nations to employ efficient check in processes and alternative technology for unmanned remote crossing locations.

### Recommendations

- 15) Canada should, in collaboration with First Nation, develop a training program for all federal staff to educate them on Indigenous Rights, Indigenous People, UNDRIP and how Canada is recognizing Indigenous Rights through the implementation of UNDRIP.
- 16) The First Nations Border Commission should develop a knowledge portal for First Nations travellers to access accurate information on their Rights to border crossing.

## Questions & Comments amylickers@allconsulting.ca

### Mohawk Council of Akwesasne April 27, 2023 General Meeting Update



### JAY TREATY BORDER ALLIANCE

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TO PROTECT OUR TREATY RIGHTS

### JAY TREATY BORDER ALLIANCE

Formerly named the Northern Tribal Border Alliance, the Jay Treaty Border Alliance (JTBA) was formed in 2017 by tribal governments and First Nations communities to collaborate on our efforts to protect our rights preserved in the Jay Treaty, create effective working relationships with the United States Customs and Border Protection and Canada Border Services Agency, and address issues that are unique to the United States-Canadian border.



The JTBA hosts annual summits in tribal communities along the United States-Canadian border, fly-ins to Washington D.C., and virtual meetings to advocate for the inherent right to cross the border.

2023

January Milwaukee Conference & Consultation

January-February Vancouver & the Lummi Nation Summit

2022

June Windsor/Detroit Summit

April Ottawa Fly-In

2021

January Virtual Summit

2020

May Summit - POSTPONED DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

2019

May Niagara Falls Summit

July Washington, D.C. Fly-in

2018

May Akwesasne Summit

July Washington, D.C. Fly-in

2017

**August Shakopee Summit** 



### UNITED STATES LOBBY EFFORTS

In 1952, Congress enacted Pub. L. 82-414, the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA), to govern immigration and citizenship in the United States. Section 289 of the INA (8 U.S.C. § 1359) provides that the right of American Indians born in Canada to enter the United States "shall extend only to persons who possess at least 50 per centum of blood of the American Indian race." Under the statute, American Indians residing in Canada who choose to exercise their Jay Treaty rights must not only provide proof of tribal enrollment but demonstrate that they possess 50 percent blood quantum when they wish to cross to work, live, or visit family living just across the border.

"shall extend only to persons who possess at least 50 per centum of blood of the American Indian race."



### CANADIAN LOBBY EFFORTS

### **Immigration and Refugee Protection Act**

Right of entry of citizens and Indians



•19 (1) Every Canadian citizen within the meaning of the <u>Citizenship Act</u> and every person registered as an Indian under the <u>Indian Act</u> has the right to enter and remain in Canada in accordance with this Act, and an officer shall allow the person to enter Canada if satisfied following an examination on their entry that the person is a citizen or registered Indian.

i. Every Canadian citizen within the meaning of the Citizenship Act, and every person registered as an Indian under the Indian Act, and every person recognized as a citizen or member of an Indian nation or tribe officially recognized by the United States government has the right to enter and remain in Canada in accordance with this Act, and an officer shall allow the person to enter Canada if satisfied following an examination on their entry that the person is a citizen, or registered Indian, or American Indian.

### CANADIAN LOBBY APRIL 2022





### Jay Treaty Border Alliance Collaboration Initiative – Proposed Governance Framework

### High Table

Provides oversight & guidance to JT - BCI

Approval body for actions raised through the Governance Circle

Membership: JTBA Senior Leadership (TBC) and Minister PS, Minister IRCC, Minister CIRNA (possibly others)

### **Governance Table**

Leads the governance, monitoring and reporting functions for the JT-BCI

Provides structure and direction to implement the direction of the Leaders' Circle to the Technical Working Groups

Membership: Selected JTBA Leaders; Director-level representation from CBSA/PS, IRCC, CIRNA

### **Technical Tables**

**Examples only** 

Border Crossing Experience

Section 19 of IRPA

Entry of Goods

Identification /
Travel
Documents

Membership: JTBA technical leads & leads from respective departments

Note: For the federal officials representing on the Governance Circle, there is an acknowledgment that good coordination between all implicated departments will be required at director, director general, assistant deputy minister and deputy minister levels.



#### **ELECTION LAW AMENDMENT SUMMARY**

#### Legislative Enactment Procedural Regulations: Phase III Development

#### Introduction:

The Oversight Committee on Legislative Development was approved by MCR #2021/2022-#055 dated June 2021. The Oversight Committee can implement Working Task Groups (WTG) to develop legislation for the Akwesasne Community. The mandate for both the Oversight Committee and the WTG's is to develop three laws annually. The Akwesasne Election Law Amendments is one of the laws.

#### **Summary of the Election Law Amendments WTG Activities:**

WTG Members for the Election Law Amendment: Justice Coordinator, OSC Community Members; Jennine Hall, Tesha Rourke, Technical Support: Chief Electoral Officer, Chair of Appeal Board, Executive Director, Assistant Executive Director, Mohawk Government Support Manager.

Meetings were conducted from January 18<sup>th</sup> to June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022, where the law was reviewed, lengthy, indepth discussion focused on the following areas: Term of Council, Composition of Council, Eligibility of Candidate, Propositional Voting, Eligibility of Voters. There were also changes to titles, department names, and document names to reflect current language.

On July 7<sup>th</sup> the document was forwarded for legal review, it was returned on September 6, 2022. The WTG began their review of the Legal Review on September 14<sup>th</sup> concluding on January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023. The Line by Ling Review with Council was conducted on February 16<sup>TH</sup> and March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023 completed Phase I of the LEPR. The Council Accepted In Principle" the Akwesasne Election Law Amendments on March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023 by MCR #2022/2023 – #330 completing Phase II. The WTG is preparing for community consultation sessions scheduled for May 1<sup>st</sup> Kawehnoke Recreation, May 2<sup>nd</sup> Kanatakon Recreation and May 3<sup>rd</sup> Tsi Snaihne Recreation all for 6:00-8:30pm.

#### **Recommended Potential Amendments:**

**Preamble:** added Whereas clause: MCR 2019/2020-#212 Akwesasne Election Law replacing Akwesasne Election Regulations. Deleted Whereas clause: Amend regulations with Akwesasne Election Law.

#### Section 2 - Definitions:

"Chief Administrative Officer": Changed CAO to Executive Director.

"CEO", "DEO" & "USP": Moved these acronyms to existing definitions.

"District Chief": Changed Working Conditions Regulations to Political Service Agreement.

"Staggered Terms" definition was added.

"Territory of Akwesasne" was also redefined to the definition Council approved in the Law Templates, standard definitions.

#### Section 3 - General Provisions:

**3. (1) Term of Council:** Discussion held on considering "staggered terms" with an annual election. Elected seats will continue to be for a three-year term once the implementation phase is completed. The WTG

was in favor of staggered terms. The first election would require 1-, 2-, and 3-year terms to implement the staggered terms, not all seats will be three-year terms, however after two annual elections all seats will be three-year terms.

- **3. (2) Composition of Council:** Discussion to consider nine (9) District Chiefs, three (3) per district. The WTG agreed to amend the composition of Council by reducing the number of District Chiefs per district to three (3) from four (4).
- 3. (6) Implements the "staggered term" elections. One (1) chief per district is to be elected each year.
- 8.(1) Eligibility of Candidates: The changes reflect the following:
  - must be a resident in the territory of Akwesasne (grand chief) and the district (district chief) they
    are to be nominated in for at least twelve (12) consecutive months immediately prior to their
    nomination;
  - must not have been dismissed or resigned from Council in the last term prior to their nomination;
  - must consent and provide a Criminal Police Records Check in Canada and Background Check from the United States;
  - must not have been convicted of an indictable offence in Canada or felony in the United States.
     Within ten (10) years prior to their election unless the conviction is in defense of aboriginal and treaty rights;
- 8.(2) and 8.(3) are both deleted as they are now incorporated into 8.1.

#### Section 7 – Eligibility of Voter

New b) be a resident in the district where they or their parent(s) have or has resided for voting;.

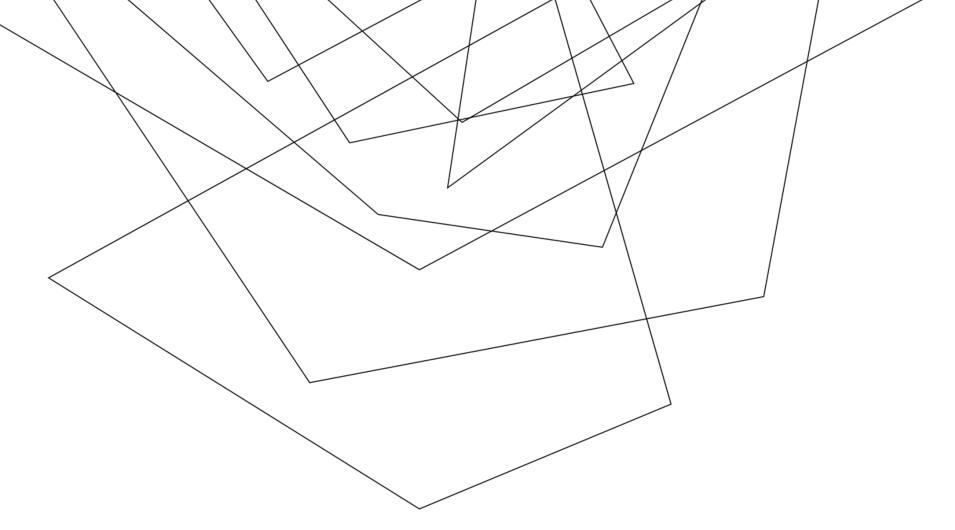
c) In the event that a member has not resided in any district the voter will vote in the district of their eligible parent's last residency;

#### Section 14 - Appeals Procedure

14.(2) (d) change "Akwesasne Mohawk Police Station" to "Executive Services Offices located at Administration Building #1 by 5:00pm no later than the fifth day following the Election". Suggested by the WTG.

#### Section 17 - By-Elections

This section was cleaned up with CPIC becoming Criminal Records Check and included that new check/backgrounds would be necessary. Added a new b) third highest will be offered the district chief position if the second highest declines, both decline a by-election will be held.



### AKWESASNE FTTH

**Economic Development** 

### UPDATES AS OF APRIL 2023

Akwesasne FTTH Project has been working within all three districts of Akwesasne in preparation for Open Access Fiber Optic Internet, throughout the Norther portion of Akwesasne.

Project start Date January 2021.

Project completion date September 30, 2023

### Three Districts

### Tsi Snaihne

- Drilling 100% Complete
- Peds/Cabinets 100% Complete
- Fibre Cable 100% Complete
- Splicing 100% Complete
- Homes Connected with conduit— 90%

### Kanatakon

- Drilling 100% Complete
- Vaults 100% Complete
- Fibre Cable 95% Installed
- Splicing 95%
- Connected –10 %

### Kawehno:ke

- Drilling 85% Complete
- Peds/Cabinets 75%
- Fibre Cable 20%
- Splicing 10%
- Connected 0%

## THE FTTH TEAM HAS WORKED CLOSELY WITH THE FUNDING AGENCIES TO HAVE THE COMPLETION DATE EXTENDED TO SEPT 30TH.

This was No Easy Task!!!

### Encountered numerous delays due to Covid-19

- Manufacturing companies in Canada shut down and had to get special designation as "essential" to operate. We were fortunate that our contractors had established relationships with the manufacturers to advocate on behalf of the community.
- Due to the Connectivity Programs across Canada, Akwesasne was in competition getting into queue in the manufacturing line for new equipment.
- Inclement weather continued to play a factor in work schedules.



Current Delay: The backhaul connection to Toronto is undergoing upgrades. We are not able to turn on our connection until this is completed. This is out of our control.

Once the Network is connected, there will be a couple weeks testing required to ensure the backhaul upgrade can accommodate our speeds.

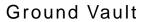
## Houses yet to be connected within Tsisnaihne

Locations without runs from the road to the house are still under review for driveway crossings and possible requirements for further horizontal drilling.

Landscaping will resume as grounds dry up in all three districts

## WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE







Medium Pedestal



CO Cabinet



Incomplete Area

Akwesasne was engaged by Rogers through the Eastern Ontario Regional Network (EORN) Project.

Three Community Sessions were conducted to Tsi Snaihne residents and at a General Meeting all via Zoom;

Aug 2021- Collaboration with FTTH Update to Tsi Snaihne Residents, Sept 2021-General meeting, Dec 2021 – Collaboration with FTTH Update to Tsi Snaihne Residents. An information flyer was mailed out to all residents of Tsi Snaihne.

Negotiations

The Ecdev Office worked with Rogers to complete negotiations of the contract.

Final MCR Submission- Monday April 17th, 2023 the MCR

ROGERS TOWER

MCR Approval

was passed for the signing of the Lease Agreement. MCA and Rogers are currently undergoing the implementation plan. No anticipated date of completion until material and equipment is ordered by Rogers.



# GRAND CHIEF MONTHLY REPORT MARCH / ENNISKO:WA 2023

#### MARCH 1, 2023, HEALTH CANADA

On March 1, 2023, I hosted a call with the Manager for Indigenous Affairs in the Controlled Substance and Cannabis Branch at Health Canada. The manager had reached out to me to discuss the current engagement happening with the cannabis expert panel and the need for First Nations to participate in the engagement. On the call on March 1, 2023, I informed the manager that Akwesasne's position on cannabis has already been submitted in writing, but I offered to facilitate a presentation to the Chiefs of Ontario Leadership Council and the expected panel.

#### MARCH 1, 2023, NEW YORK STATE CLAIM

On the afternoon of March 1, 2023, our MCA New York Land Claim team met with our legal counsel to receive an update from our lawyer on the status of the negotiations. Over the last year, we have been working with the Mohawk plaintiffs to negotiate a settlement with the state and counties. Our legal counsel has been participating in conference calls with the other lawyers and provided us with an update.

#### MARCH 2, 2023, SEAWAY CLAIM INTERNAL

On March 2, 2023, I hosted a call with our Manager for the Aboriginal Rights and Research Office and our legal counsel to discuss the draft settlement agreement of the settlement of the Seaway claim. On the call of March 2, 2023, we discussed some potential dates for the referendum on the settlement offer and agreed that we would move forward with a presentation of the claim to Council and then put forward a resolution to Council to call for a referendum.

#### MARCH 2, 2023, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

On March 2, 2023, members of our MCA Executive Committee met with our consultant from Orbis Risk Consulting to receive an update on the recruitment processes for the MCA's Executive Director. On the call of March 2, the committee received an overview of the proposed interview process and how the questions would relate to the job assessment that each candidate had to complete. The committee agreed to the process for the

#### MARCH 2, 2023, UNDRIP JAY TREATY ENGAGEMENT

On March 2, 2023, I hosted a call with our consultants from All Professional Consulting Services regarding our Jay Treaty engagement. I received an update on the key points heard from previous engagement sessions with other First Nations from the consultations. We agreed that because we received an extension on our reporting deadline, we would host another session at the upcoming Assembly of First Nations (AFN) Special Chiefs Assembly. At the upcoming AFN meeting, we will present the preliminary findings to the participants. A presentation at the April 2023 MCA General Meeting is also scheduled.

## MARCH 2, 2023, BGIS NATIONAL DIRECTOR, INDIGENOUS ENGAGEMENT

On the afternoon of March 2, 2023, I met with Wade Griffin and Vanessa Dreckmann from BGIS. BGIS is a property management company that provides a wide range of services for building management and maintenance. At the meeting on March 2, Wade described to me that BGIS would like to procure more services, goods from First Nations and would like to collaborate more with First Nations on major projects. Wade explained that given the variety of services BGIS provides to its clients, there are various possibilities where First Nations can become vendors or employees of BGIS. We agreed that we would arrange for BGIS to collaborate with the MCA to present to the community opportunities with BGIS.

#### MARCH 3, 2023, HEALTH RECRUITMENT STRATEGIC PLANNING



On the morning of March 3, 2023, I attended a Health Recruitment Strategic Planning session at the Townhall for South Stormont in Long Sault. The session was hosted by the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry and the Social Development Council of Cornwall and Area. I provided the 40-50 participants with welcoming remarks and commended them for their work

in the healthcare sector. Over the course of the day, the participants developed a draft plan to recruit more health professionals to the region. Unfortunately, I was unable to stay for the session due to

having other commitments but other District Chiefs were able to attend long with MCA health personnel.

#### MARCH 3, 2023, CANADA BORDER SERVICE AGENCY



On March 3, 2023, following my welcoming remarks at the health strategic planning, I attended the Canada Border (CBSA) Service Agency Cornwall Port of Entry to meet Kelly Acton, Vice-President for Strategic Policy. Kelly recently appointed the Indigenous Champion at CBSA, which means she will lead the Indigenous Affairs unit and the work Akwesasne is doing. I spent the morning touring Kelly around Akwesasne explaining her the to

complexity the border creates on the community, our service delivery, and the MCA. I also expressed to Kelly the continued need for the Cornwall Port of Entry to bring more staff to the port to mitigate the wait times.

#### MARCH 6, 2023, COUNCIL MEETING UPDATE

• The Oversight Committee on Legislative Development presented to Council the recommended changes to the draft Akwesasne Election Law and will recommend the law for acceptance in principal for community consultation.

- A representative from Clarkson University presented a proposed wind turbine project and outlined the partnership opportunities for Akwesasne. A further presentation was provided on possible business and trade opportunities with various minority groups within Puerto Rico and the Dominican Republic. Further follow-up will be done and reported back.
- A concern with MCA phone extension and back of proper voicemail was raised with administration for follow up considerations.
- MCRs passed: Approval of grant application for design expansion to A'nowara'ko:wa Arena, Approval for Akwesasne Justice Department to proceed with the request for legal services for council's consideration; Approval of waste coordinator service agreement with Indigenous Services Canada; Approval of International Joint Commission fish consumption framework advisory agreement; Approval of allocation of Least Disruptive Measures surplus; Approval of allocation of funds of Least Disruptive Measures surplus.

#### MARCH 6, 2023, ONTARIO HEALTH

On the afternoon of March 6, 2023, I stopped into the Kana:takon Recreation to provide some welcoming remarks to many representatives from Ontario Health. Dr. Paul Roumeliotis, the Medical Officer of Health accompanies several individuals from the Ontario Ministry of Health to tour Akwesasne and to share information about their inclusion and addictions programs. The Director of Health and several other Mohawk Council of Akwesasne staff personnel participated in the information-sharing session. I expressed to the guest my appreciation to them for touring Akwesasne and learning more about the services the MCA provides and experiencing the border and the challenges faced by the international and provincial borders. Due to other commitments, I

was unable to stay the entire afternoon, but portfolio chiefs attended the remainder of the session.

#### MARCH 6, 2023, CORNWALL ART HIVE



On the afternoon of March 6, 2023, I met Yafa Goawily of Cornwall Art Hive at the Native North American Travelling College (NNATC). I met Yafa a few months back and she expressed to me her desire to host an art hive in Akwesasne. On March 6, 2023, I welcomed Yafa to the NNATC

where we together received a tour of the facility. Following the tour of the museum, Yafa discussed with the NNATC staff the possibility of hosting an art hive at their museum. An art hive was scheduled for April 8, 2023. Additional and future art hives can be found on the Cornwall Art Hive Facebook page.

#### MARCH 7, 2023, ONTARIO HYDRO

Earlier in February I received notification from Hydro One regarding some upcoming work being done on the large transmission lines over the St. Lawrence River to the United States. On March 7, 2023, I hosted a call with representatives from Hydro One who described the project to me. The representatives explained that a lightning shield on top of the actual transmission lines was going to be replaced. It was explained that this was a rather simple project where a new shield would be dragged from the substation on Power Dam Drive Cornwall to the US side of the lines. I had requested additional information on the project to assess if Akwesasne could benefit from the project, unfortunately, it's a very specialized project.

#### MARCH 7, 2023, BORDERS PARTNERS CALL

Every month MCA's Public Safety Portfolio Chiefs, representatives from the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe and I participate in monthly calls with the Port Directors for the Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) and the United States Customs and Border Protection (USCBP). The calls now occur on the first Tuesday of the month on the Zoom platform. These calls are designed for Akwesasne to receive regular updates from the Port Directors on current traffic volumes, any issues with local travelers, and reports of COVID-related issues at the port if any. These meetings also allow our local governments to provide relevant updates to the CBSA and USCBP representatives.

#### MARCH 9, 2023, DATA CHAMPION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

On March 9, 2023, I participated in a Chiefs of Ontario Data Champion Advisory Committee meeting in Niagara Falls. The committee received an update from the Director of Research and Data Management on the funding that had been received from the First Nations Information Governance Centre (FNIGC). The committee discussed the current action plan being provided by the FNIGC and how the advisory committee and Ontario will fit into the National Plan. The committee discussed the ongoing efforts to hire a project lead. The committee received an update from a recently hired consultant who has been engaged to move along with the action plan implementation in Ontario. The committee agreed that the director would provide an update at the upcoming Chiefs of Ontario Chiefs Assembly in June 2023.

#### MARCH 13, 2023, COUNCIL MEETING UPDATE

- Representatives from Infrastructure Ontario (IO) Indigenous Relations introduced themselves to Council and explained their role at Infrastructure Ontario.
- MCA Legal Counsel and a representative from Aboriginal Rights and Research presented an overview of the draft plain language

settlement agreement being prepared for community-wide distribution leading up to a community referendum in the summer of 2023.

- An overview was provided on the process that ethical conduct complaints go through and what role council has in the process.
- The agenda for an upcoming meeting with the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe was discussed and set.
- Council agreed that the upcoming General Meeting will have one agenda item, the MCA 2023/24 operational budget.
- A request for the use of MCA-owned land was discussed and will be replied to by the Grand Chief.
- A briefing was provided on the history and background of the Akwesasne International Powwow and the resources and planning needed to ensure its operation and success.
- Council discussed a request from the Iroquois Caucus on the recruitment of a new coordinator and agreed to proceed with interviews.
- MCRs passed: Acceptance in principle of draft Akwesasne Election Law for next phase community consultation; Approval of Indigenous Court worker contribution agreement; Approval of allocation to Akwesasne Boys and Girls for new club construction; Approval of allocation and acceptance of scope of work for Redmane Technologies; Approval of (2) amendment to Akwesasne Canada contribution agreement; Approval of appointment of Acting Executive Director; Approval of amendment to MCA Executive Committee Terms of Reference.

#### MARCH 14, 2023, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

On the afternoon of March 14, 2023, our Mohawk Council of Akwesasne (MCA) Executive Committee met with our consultant from Orbis Risk Consulting to review and prepare for the upcoming scheduled interviews for the position of Executive Director for the MCA. The Executive Committee previously agreed that five applicants

would be extended the opportunity to interview. The interviews are scheduled for March 21, 2023.

#### MARCH 14, 2023, ACC FUTURES

On March 14, 2023, I met with the Executive Director for ACC Futures and the Mayor of the City of Cornwall. The Executive Director provided the Mayor and I with an update on the finance framework being developed for the Cornwall Harbor, as well as an update on a proposed conceptual use presentation for the committee's consideration. An update was also provided on the current efforts to acquire additional land from Transport Canada to complement the existing lands.

## MARCH 14, 2023, INTERNAL RIGHT OF ENTRY TECHNICAL TABLE

On the afternoon of March 14, 2023, I participated in an internal Jay Treaty Border Alliance Right of Entry technical table update call. The participants discussed the current status of the technical table and the recent documents received from Canada. The committee discussed strategies for the upcoming meeting with Canada.

#### MARCH 15, 2023, INDEPENDENT FIRST NATION

On the afternoon of March 15, 2023, I participated in a call with the Independent First Nation (IFN) Intergovernmental Liaison regarding the status of funding available to the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne. We also discussed the current outstanding reports due to the IFN. The IFN receives money from various government departments and transfers the monies to the 12 communities they represent including Akwesasne. We also discussed new initiatives being considered by the IFN.

#### MARCH 15, 2023, HEALTH CANADA

On the morning of March 15, 2023, I hosted a follow-up call with a representative from the Health Canada Cannabis division regarding a presentation to the Chief of Ontario Leadership Council. Earlier in the month I had offered to facilitate a presentation to the leadership council, but due to a scheduling conflict, I asked Chief Roundpoint to attend the upcoming leadership meeting on my behalf. On the call on March 15, I introduced Chief Roundpoint to the Health Canada representative who would be presenting the Chief of Ontario Leadership Council the following week.

#### MARCH 16, 2023, JAY TREATY PRESENTATION

On the morning of March 16, 2023, I participated in a Haudenosaunee Boarder Crossing Rights presentation at Cornell University. As part of the ongoing engagement work, we have been doing on the United Nations Rights of Indigenous Peoples and the Jay treaty we presented our engagement to the participants of the session. I also shared insight into the realities in Akwesasne and the implications of the international border on our community. I also described to the participants the current work that the Jay Treaty Border Alliance is doing to lobby Canada to change Canadian law to recognize American-born Indians have the right of entry into Canada.

#### MARCH 30, 2023, SAINT REGIS MOHAWK TRIBE

On the afternoon of March 20, 2023, members of our Council met with the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribal Council as part of our reestablished regular meetings with the tribe. The agenda for the joint council meeting included a discussion on homelessness in Akwesasne, human trafficking, joint training, green cards, NYS hunting and fishing permits, and MCA parking lot lease. Following the official meeting, our New York land claim Chiefs discussed with Tribal Council the status of the New York claim settlement discussions.

#### MARCH 20, 2023, COUNCIL MEETING UPDATE

- Council discussed a received proposed resolution regarding Quebec electrical reliability.
- A concern regarding the Akwesasne Fibre to the Home project was discussed.
- Council discussed the current space requirements of Mohawk Government and agreed to examine the reallocation of office space to accommodate government.
- An overview was provided on the MCA emergency declaration, administration was tasked to garner feedback from EOC and Health on downgrading the emergency declaration.
- Council agreed that Mohawk Government staff attending Council Meetings is no longer needed.
- MCRs passed: Approval of (3) amendments to Akwesasne Canada funding agreement; Approval of funding agreement for Sturgeon Study; Approval of creation of power outage committee.

#### MARCH 21, 2023, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR INTERVIEW

On March 21, 2023, the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne Executive Committee hosted a full day of interviews for the position of Executive Director for the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne.

## MARCH 22, 23, & 24, 2023, FIRST NATIONS AND MUNICIPALITIES SUMMIT ON RECONCILIATION



On March 22, 23, and 24, 2023 I attended the 3rd Summit of First Nations and Municipalities on Reconciliation in Gatineau Quebec. This summit designed to bring First Nations together with Quebec Municipalities to discuss areas of commonality opportunity. The summit was jointly by hosted the community of Kitigan Zibi and

the City of Gatineau. Over the course of two and a half days, a series of panels took place between First Nations and city or township representatives to discuss their existing partnership, initiatives and ongoing relationship with each other. The participants were able to ask questions and learn best practices for their consideration. The Minister of Indigenous Crown Relations and the Minister of Quebec Indigenous Affairs attended for a few hours on the first day of the summit.

#### MARCH 23, 2023, INDIGENOUS SERVICE CANADA

On the afternoon of March 23, 2023, I hosted a call with Sunil Bajaj, Development Officer at Indigenous Service Canada regarding business loans. I discussed what programs are available from Indigenous Service to community businesses. Sunil explained to me that Aboriginal Impact Capital provided funding opportunities to community business, and they also administer some grant programs for businesses.

#### MARCH 27, 2023, COUNCIL MEETING UPDATE

- The Cannabis Law working task group presented the draft Cannabis Law and reviewed the recent changes. Council agreed to move the law forward to acceptance in principal and set a date for community acceptance.
- Council received additional information on the status of the Akwesasne International Powwow.
- A briefing was provided on the status of the New York State land claim.
- Council debriefed from a recent meeting with the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe and agreed to follow up on action items from the meeting.
- An overview was provided on the recent accomplishment of the Cornwall Girls U13 Hockey Team. The Ionkwakwé:nion committee will begin the planning for the recognition of the team and the Akwesasne players on the team.
- Council agreed that a call out will be conducted for interested youth to sit on the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne Youth Council.
- MCRs passed: Approval of transfer payment agreement for Literacy Basic Skills Program; Approval of training agreement with ACESS; Approval of Indigenous Institute Virtual Learning Grant; Approval of amendment to Indigenous Institute Mental Health Grant agreement; Approval of amendment to Akwesasne Canada Quad-Partite funding agreement; Approval of amendment to funding agreement for Organized Crime Initiative; Approval of agreement with Coast Guard to support liaison position; Approval of grant application to Indigenous Initiative Fund to support Akwesasne business; Approval of amendments to Akwesasne Legislative Enactment Procedural Regulations; Approval of template for development of a law; Approval of contract for solid waste curbside pick-up services; Approval of Executive Committee recommendation to offer position of Executive Director to successful candidate.

#### MARCH 29, 2023, EMERGENCY COUNCIL MEETING

• MCRs passed: Approval of funding agreement with Public Safety Canada for Equipment, Supplies, and Materials; Approval of agreement with Public Safety Quebec for training.

#### MARCH 27, 2023, MCA FINANCE COMMITTEE

On the afternoon of March 27, 2023, I participated in an MCA finance committee meeting. Over the last couple of weeks, the committee met to finalize the MCA 2023/2023 operating budget. At the meeting of March 27, 2023, the committee received a presentation from the Director of Finance and Administration on the budget presentation that is going to be provided at the upcoming General Meeting the following Thursday. Following the budget presentation, the committee received another presentation from the Director of Finance and Administration on a recent analysis of a resolution passed by the Council without following the proper due diligence and financial reviews. The committee agreed that they would recommend to the Council the resolution be rescinded and reconsidered after the proper process had been followed.

#### MARCH 30, 2023, NATION BUILDING PORTFOLIO

On the morning of March 30, 2023, I met with the Nation Building portfolio chiefs to discuss the upcoming Canada Akwesasne self-government negotiations. Over the last several months our portfolio and I have been working on two outstanding issues in the self-government file. At the meeting on March 30, we discussed strategy and messaging for the upcoming session.

#### MARCH 30, 2023, AKWESASNE CANADA SELF GOVERNMENT

On the morning of March 30, 2023, I participated in the Canada Akwesasne self-government negotiations. I welcomed the participants from Canada and commended our team and portfolio for continuing to move forward with the negotiations. I also updated the

teams on the recent meeting with Minister Marc Miller regarding our self-government file. Following my welcoming remarks, the teams reviewed the undertaken from the previous meeting and reviewed the current outstanding proposals from Akwesasne to Canada on draft language in the agreement. We discussed in detail several draft provisions in the draft agreement. Due to time, I was only able to participate in the negotiations for the morning.

#### MARCH 30, 2023, GENERAL MEETING

On the evening of March 30, 2023, our council hosted our monthly General Meeting at the Tsi Sniahne Recreation Center. The entire meeting agenda was a presentation of the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne 2023/2024 operating budget. Over the course of the evening, each department director presented their priority areas for the upcoming year and presented their department's budget. Following the presentation, the community was able to ask questions about the presentation. Once the budget presentation was complete, we took the business from the floor, where the community was able to ask various things of council and present suggestions, comments, and ideas to council. The entire recording of the General Meeting can be found at: <a href="https://youtu.be/BsXtvvUS3xg">https://youtu.be/BsXtvvUS3xg</a>

#### MARCH 31, 2023, HYDRO-QUEBEC

On the morning of March 31, 2023, members of our council hosted representatives from Hydro-Quebec. Over a month ago the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne wrote to the CEO of Hydro-Quebec regarding our continued electrical reliability issues in Akwesasne. At the meeting on March 31, 2023, the representatives provided a PowerPoint presentation on current status of vegetation mitigation, line preparation, and alternate line configuration including the exploration of power from National Grid. We pressed upon the representative the urgency to find an immediate solution to the long-

term outages. The representatives agree to make a prethe community and to answer questions.	esentation to
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#### **Monthly Report**



#### **Chief Edward Roundpoint**

#### Monthly Report for March/April 2023

Portfolio: AMBE, Govt Secretariat, Nation Building, Economic Development

**External Committees:** Chiefs of Ontario Committee on Economic Development (CCoED), Independent First Nations (IFN) Executive Chair, AFN Committee on Economic Development

#### **Monthly Notables:**

- March
  - Chiefs of Ontario Meeting on Rights Assertion
    - Update on recent developments regarding the Canada-Metis Nation of Ontario (MNO) Self Government Agreement
    - Response from Crown Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC) to First Nations Leadership on the formal letter sent regarding the concerns of Canada's acknowledgment of the MNO.
    - Discussion on the MNO Plebiscite and the concerns around it. It was found to be very unorthodox (Powley Test) when compared to the test established by the court to prove Indigenous Rights for First Nations (Van der Peet)
    - Review of the correspondence from the Manitoba Metis Federation on their view of the MNO.
  - o Jay Treaty Border Alliance Meeting
    - Presentation at Cornell University on the work undertaken and the progress to date. Faculty from the Law department sat in as well as students participating in dialogue from different perspectives.
  - Active Threat Response Training
    - Areas identified in this course were.
      - Mental Health in Communities
      - Identifying Mental Health Challenges
      - De-Escalation of Persons in Crisis
      - CRISIS Framework
      - Pathways from violence to care

- End of training provided a true overall perspective of the awareness throughout the community and organization.
- Nation Building
  - Prep Session for upcoming main table negotiations
  - Review of the application of the Indian Act in reference to the draft selfgovernment agreement (ESGA).
  - Main table negotiations with Canada (2 Days)
- Cannabis Working Task Group
  - Final Draft review
  - Line by line review with Council
  - New edits from council review, working task group to make amendments and confirm new line by line with council.
- SRMT/MCA meeting
  - Topics of discussion included:
    - Meeting Expectations
    - Homelessness in Akwesasne
    - Human Trafficking
    - Collaborating on workforce development, training, education, and resource management.
    - Green Cards/ Creation of Record
    - History of New York hunting and fishing permits
    - New York State land claims
- o Chiefs of Ontario Leadership Council Meeting
  - Update from Regional Chief
  - Secretariat update
  - Cannabis Legislation update from Health Canada
  - Mental Health and Wellness Report
- First Nations and Municipalities Summit on Reconciliation in Gatineau
  - Panel discussion on working relationships with First Nations and their neighboring cities. Success and challenges identified and how they worked through the challenges.
  - Introductions with different Mayors from areas close to Akwesasne.

#### • April

- Assembly of First Nations Special Chiefs Assembly.
  - Chiefs of Ontario Committee on Economic Development caucus on banking and finance resolution brought forward to assembly.
  - Independent First Nations Executive Committee meeting.
  - Chiefs of Ontario Caucus meetings update by Regional Chief prior to assembly start.

- Cannabis Working Task Group meeting on final draft law review and line by line with Council. Final draft approved and printed for mailout to community.
- o AFNQL General Assembly
  - Discussion on Governance and Self Determination of First Nations in Ouebec
  - Collective vision of governance and self determination
    - Economic Development
    - Education
    - Health and Social Services
    - Sustainable Development
- Meeting with Minister of Aboriginal Affairs Ian Lafreniere
  - Attended the National Assembly of Quebec
  - Meeting in Ministers office to discuss language barriers, public safety, and electrical sustainability.
- o Meeting with Senator Bernadette Clement
  - Senator Clement hosted an Akwesasne delegation on Parliament Hill to present her role and responsibilities as Senator and how she can assist Akwesasne.
  - Introduced Senator Brian Francis who is from Lennox Island First Nation (Mi'kmaw) who participated in the discussion of First Nation Languages
  - Senator Clement unveiled her plaque in three languages, one of them being Kanienkeha (Mohawk). This represents her alliance to Kanienkehaka peoples.
- o Property Acquisition Team
  - Reviewed potential properties on file and began due diligence.
  - Discussed a review of the Terms of Reference and will commence at next meeting.

Work in other areas not presented but identified in my portfolios are being addressed daily and weekly so as not to go unnoticed.

Niawenkowa,

**Edward Roundpoint** 

#### March-April 2023



#### **Chief Vince Thompson**



**Portfolio:** Department of Infrastructure, Housing and Environment, OVS, Economic Development

**Selected Committees:** Chiefs Committee on Housing and Infrastructure, Iroquois Caucus Harvest Working Task Group, Property Acquisition Team (PAT), the Youth and Elders Cultural Committee.

- Attended most, if not all my Chief and Council mandatory meeting
- Attended OVS committee, where updates were provided with announcement of new department positions.
  - OVS was informed of issues with MRZ card intake, signatures were lacking on the applications and certain phots were not accepted. Rest assured OVS staff is moving forward with correcting these issues.
- Attended the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe (SRMT) and Mohawk Council of Akwesasne (MCA) meeting,
  - o Agenda items:
    - Meeting expectations
    - Kanonhkwa'tsheriio health facility park lot lease agreement
    - Homelessness in Akwesasne
    - Emergency housing
    - Human trafficking
    - Drug preventative measures campaign
    - Green card request from state Federal Departments
    - Akwesasne power utility
    - History of N.Y.S hunting and fishing licenses
- Attended a border collaboration initiative meeting.
- Attended a nation building negotiations prep meeting.
  - o Main discussion was on Akwesasne self governing land registry.
- Attended a YECL committee meeting.
  - o Discussion on language programming in Akwesasne.

- Attended a meeting concerning the possibility of a partnership in housing manufacturing.
  - o ACCESS, Economic Development (EcDev) and our sister community Kahnawake were in attendance.
- Attended a presentation by EcDev concerning Empire General Contracting and possible Housing initiative off territory.
- Attended an emergency meeting concerning the power outage in Akwesasne.
  - As Portfolio Chief with DIHE we were tasked with installation and distributing generations and pump out flooded basements.
  - o Staff were called from DIHE, Environment, Housing and EOC.
    - Staff included trades peoples i.e., electricians, plumbers, EOC personal and 20 MCA staff.
  - Worked with a 83 day rotating schedule, which was flexible to staff needs.
  - o All in all, we set up 21 generators and pumped out more than 10 basements.
  - At one location the crew had to remove a fallen tree which was hindering access to the basement.
  - o Emergency crew worked over 24 hours including follow ups after power was restored.
  - O I would like to thank everyone involved in this emergency response team, you did a great job, showing commitment and dedication by helping in a time of need. Niawenkowa!
  - Special note of appreciation to Frank Thompson from Kawehnoke for buying breakfast for the team. Niawenkowa!
- Attended a YECL committee meeting, items discussed:
  - o Drafting of letters for political support.
  - Mohawk language revitalisation initiative.
  - o Draft letter to heritage ministry for language funding.
  - o YECL recommending the bundle and multi year strategy approach moving forward.
- Attended a Property Acquisition Team (PAT) meeting, items discussed:
  - o Land interest to sell.
  - o Timelines for review and response.
- Attended the Iroquois Caucas general meeting.
  - o 6 communities were present.
  - o Met with Minister Mark Miller to address concerns. Items discussed were:
    - Metis rights assertions.
    - Algonquin land claim.
    - Housing shortage for first nation.
    - Bill C-21 new gun regulations.
- Attended a EcDev portfolio meeting.
  - o Information and project updates were provided along with follow ups on possible initiative.
- Attended a Entewatathe:wi portfolio meeting.
  - Sections of the Indian Act were discussed.
- Attended an Environment portfolio meeting.

o Pı	roject updates were provided to	portfolio chiefs.	
This is all I have to	o report on at this time. If I forgot	or left out any details, perha	ps my chiefs can provide
additional informa		, <sub>F</sub>	F F
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#### Kawehno:ke District Chief

## Vanessa Adams Monthly Report

REPORT START DATE:	April 1, 202	3	REPORT END DATE:	May 1, 2023
Portfolios		Information		
Department of Health DOH		February 16 <sup>th</sup> , 2023 (attended) March 16, 2023 (cancelled)		
Department of Community & Social Services DCSS		Monday May 1, 2023 (will include update in next report)		
Public Safety		• April 11, 2023		
Economic Development Ec Dev		March 15,	2023 (attended)	
Committees-WTG			Brief Up	dates
Child Rights and Responsibilities Law- ACRRL		Laws; fr	om these topics what ited of data collected at the ir	eral, Provincial, and First Nations ms belong in the ACRRL. nput sessions and MCA Open House ns of the law Next meeting April 25,
Emergency Management Law WTG- EML		• Entering Pl	nase 3 meeting April 20, 2	023
Ionkwakwennion Book of Accomplishments		Congratula	tions and great job- Cong	wall Typhoons Hockey Team rats to our U13A Cornwall on \$100,000.00 for Beyond 21
Cannabis Law Working Task Group- ACL		• •	of law to be accepted by	ine entering next phase 4 council and voted on via
MCA-CBSA Border Collaboration Working Circles Port of Cornwall, Leadership, Economic Development		I take part in the following tables. Port of Cornwall, Leadership, Economic Development. Happy to report we will be participating in person once again this enables fluid dialogue, improved communications, and participation.		
		Meetings	Attended	
Jay Treaty Border Alliance Summit Jan 30-February 3, 2023	<ul> <li>Attended Jay Treaty Border Alliance Meetings in Ottawa ON – JTBA Akwesasne and JTBA introductory meeting on Border Experiences please email me directly your concerns and Border crossing Experiences @ <a href="mailto:chief.vanessa.adams@akwesasne.ca">chief.vanessa.adams@akwesasne.ca</a> The JTBA is working on the Tribal Border Crossing Parity Act supply an update on the efforts underway in the US to remove</li> </ul>			

Portfolios		Information
	Prof back discr part	50% blood quantum requirement for entry into the United States. All essional Consultants gave a presentation to the participants on the ground of the Jay Treaty, the legal status of the treaty and the current repancies between Canada and the Unites States. As a result of my icipation, I work as Co-convener along with CBSA Cynthia Pye the CBSA lers experience table.
Kawehno:ke District Meeting	•	District meeting was cancelled out of respect for a Kawehno:ke community obser passing. Our condolences to the family.
Meeting of the AFNQL Elected Women's Council		Political involvement of Indigenous women in Quebec – summary of report of 2022
AFN Special Chiefs Assembly - April 3-6, 2023, Ottawa	Over Indig 1953 gove dock work elections resident control of the Attention of the Atte	review provided by research team Heloise Maertens and Suzy Basile Although genous women did not obtain the right to vote or hold political office until L, this does not mean they did not have other forms of participation in the granace of their community or nation before that year. The research ament examines the past and present political involvement of Indigenous nen in Quebec. Also, AFN National Chief Roseanne Archibald addressed the ted women and participated in a robust fireside chat and Q&A session. In it is in Working Session Action Plan — Engaged Together for Inspiring Idership. Discussion on Lateral Violence and participants shared firsthand periences in leadership and community circles. As two-thirds of our community die in Quebec, I take every opportunity to maintain valuable contacts and nections in the province of QC.  Indeed the AFN SCA as well as: The Chiefs of Ontario Caucus Sessions during Assembly of First Nations Special Chiefs Assembly on April 3-6, 2023. IFN fis Meeting April 3, 2023. Additional meetings at AFN-SCA included the wing:
	<ul><li>Jay 1 from</li><li>Child</li><li>Intro</li><li>Met</li><li>COO</li><li>vario</li></ul>	reaty Akwesasne Border presentation with approx. seventy-four attendees a across Canada d Welfare update on Final Settlement Agreement OKT Law oductory Jay Treaty/CBSA Border Crossing Experience Table Meeting Hybrid and spoke briefly with Dr Cindy Blackstock and Honoree Jully Black Chiefs Committee on Health Update- Updates- DBIHL information session ous questions on input sessions. Provinces – federal legislation, for more remation see the ISC what we heard report online.
MCA- SRMT Leadership Meeting		celed due to lack of quorum (MCA)
Border Collaboration Initiative Working Circle – Cornwall POE	info	ussions included pre-clearance, Domestic Lane, Staffing increases in 2023-24 mation on recruitment and Port specific orientation. Youth Engagement, ork, CBSA Cultural Awareness training is ongoing next dates April 3-4; 20

Portfolios		Information
Every 6 weeks		able spots (filled) this is encouraging as this training is vital to our daily unters with CBSA officers on PIL.
	• Next	meeting May 8, 2023
Department of Health	as po vacc Supp resic	or/Provider contract & service contract renewals. Covid restriction changes or presentation at GM April 27, 2023, changes in restrictions include proof of ination, Asymptomatic screening, Covid-19 testing measures, New Hires, ports and accommodations for Covid-19 vaccinations, outdoor masking, LTC lent/visitor screening and daily testing, visitors during an outbreak, vities/physical distancing, Covid-19 Vaccinations
Niawen:kowa to DOH & DCSS	cond mem • Land • Trad • Men • Trad • Men	appreciation to the DCSS and DOH for their community support providing dolence fire, providing meals for volunteers, first responders and community obsers recognizing the efforts of the following programs:  I based Healing itional Support tal Health itional Medicine tal Health Therapists available on site ven:kowa your quick response and continued support is appreciated.
Department of Social Services	susta • Niaw	ven:kowa to the staff for the coordination and distribution of the community ainability checks, ven:kowa for your efforts during the recent power outages folio meeting May 1, 2023 – updates will be included in next report.
Public Safety Portfolio	worl Succ • Com	ent increase in illegal entries to our community (psa) discussed continuous c
Economic Development Portfolio	Com Grov	ates received on the following - Indigenous Initiatives Fund IV. Indigenous munity Capital Grant Program. Akwesasne Economic Development Fund. RFP ving Containers. FTTH Rogers tower. Anowarakowa Arena – turf, splash pad ground structure construction throughout summer months
	• Food	d procurement during power outages – Niawen:kowa

Portfolios		Information
Border Partners MCA SRMT USCBP-CBSA – First Tuesday - Monthly	<ul> <li>Upcomi</li> </ul>	wait times, staffing updates Covid Status and restrictions. ing information/events that may affect traffic flow. inity impact- questions and concerns from both Councils
Beautification Committee  Akwesasne Waterways	safe	ccurring meetings to begin asap. Work currently includes Jake Fire/Ice statue ty concerns and repair/replacement in the village of Kanatakon. fs and technicians

#### External Initiatives and Working Committees

- Jay Treaty Border Alliance- Co-convener CBSA Border Experience table with CBSA Cynthia Pye March 30, 2023
- Final Settlement Agreement Chiefs Advisory-FSA Committee on Social Working Group Member
- IFN Chiefs Committee on Health Committee Member
- Ontario Chiefs Committee on Health -OCCOH participant
- AFN Chiefs Committee on Health IFN Representative
- IFN Executive Committee Member
- MCA-CBSA Border Collaboration Working Circles Port of Cornwall, Leadership, Economic Development
- Vibrant Communities Social Development Council of Cornwall and Area Board Member

#### **Upcoming Events**

- MAY 1-5, 2023, FIRST NATIONS CLIMATE LEADERSHIP NATIONAL MEETINGS
- MAY 5<sup>TH</sup> 2023 RED DRESS DAY HONORS THE THOUSANDS OF MISSING AND MURDERED INDIGENOUS WOMEN, GIRLS, 2 SPIRIT AND GENDER DIVERSE PEOPLES IN CANADA. THIS DAY ENCOURAGES LEARNING AND BUILDS AWARENESS TO END VIOLENCE AGAINST INDIGENOUS WOMEN, GIRLS, 2 SPIRIT, AND GENDER DIVERSE PEOPLE. PLEASE WATCH FOR AND PARTICIPATE IN LOCAL EVENTS
- Niawen:kowa to our First Responders for their efforts in recovering those lost to the river. Your tireless and stressful work is appreciated.
- Niawen:kowa to the many staff and volunteers who continue to assist during power outages.
- Sending my heartfelt condolences to all Akwesasronon experiencing and mourning the loss of loved ones.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out and we can schedule a time to discuss any of the items. I have reported on.

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## Onerahto':wa / April 2023 Monthly Report



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#### District of Tsi Snaihne

Portfolio: Ahkwesasahne Board of Education, Department of Health and Department of Justice

This monthly report is provided as part of Council's aim towards providing a transparent and efficient governing system, which will also provide information to members of the community on updates of Mohawk Government, Portfolios, and Monthly Activities.

#### **Monthly Notables:**

- Due to the ice storm that occurred on April 5, 2023, TsiSnaihne and Kanatakon districts were without power from April 5<sup>th</sup> to April 7<sup>th</sup>. Warming centers were set-up, cooked meals were distributed to families that were affected, task force was deployed to pump out basements and generators were provided to the most vulnerable population.
- Attended the Assembly of First Nations Special Chiefs Assembly in Ottawa from April 3-6<sup>th</sup>, left a day early to assist with the power outage.
- Attended two-day training on April 12<sup>th</sup> & 13 topic was Overcoming Poverty with Jim Munoa at Best Western in Cornwall
- Attended Iroquois Caucus in Ottawa on April 17 & 18<sup>th</sup>.
- Participated in the Akwesasne Mohawk Police and Council of Chiefs meeting on April 26<sup>th</sup>

This section will provide the community with other activities, projects and initiatives that are still under development or in progress. It will also serve as an informative update on where items are and what is being advanced for the community.

#### **Committees/Working Groups**

#### Akwesasne Mohawk Justice

- Participated in the Emergency Management Working Task Group on April 25<sup>th</sup>.
- Participate in the Oversight Committee for the Legislative Development for the 3 community laws- Cannabis Law, Emergency Management Law and Election Law phase II Community Consultation on April 24<sup>th</sup>
- The Oversight Committee will be seeking community input through surveys on new laws, laws in draft and laws to be amended beginning March 20 to April 14<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Akwesasne Mohawk Board of Education**

• Scheduling conflict with another meeting was not able to attend the monthly board meeting.

#### **Department of Health**

• Attended Remote and Rural medicine conference in Niagara Falls, Ont. to recruit physician to practice in Akwesasne with Chief D. Thomas and the Program Manager from Wholistic Health on April 19-22.

#### Financial Status/Lobby Progress

• Continue to sign EFTs and checks on a weekly basis or as needed.



## Ennisko:wa / March 2023 Monthly Report

### Chief JoAnn Swamp

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Housing and Environment), Government Secretariat, Nation Building (Entewatatawi)

Committees: OVS (Office of Vital Statistics), YECL (Youth, Elders, Culture, Language), Hydro QC

Residency Law Amendments, COO Women Chiefs (Chiefs of Ontario), POM

(Partnership with OPG and MCA),

#### Monthly Notables:

- Participated in the COO Womens Leadership Conference on March 6,7,8/23 in Toronto,
  Ontario. Chief Cindy, Chief Sarah and myself attended with our Govt. Support Manager,
  Chelsea, our EA, Taylor and Natalie our QC rep. This was a nice experience as we thanked all
  past Women Chiefs and Grand Chiefs in our respected districts and Nations. Discussed
  obstacles that Women Chiefs face while on Council and how we can improve and work on the
  tasks set for us. It was also nice to see the women in person and not on zoom.
- Meeting on March 20/23 with St. Regis Mohawk Tribal Chiefs. Updated each other on what
  we are working on and how we can work together. Discussed homelessness, Human
  Trafficking, Protocols, Collaborating workforce development, Green Cards, Akwesasne Power
  Utility, New York State fishing and permits,
- March 21/23 Chiefs Dwayne, Chief Cindy, Chief Sarah met with Don Lyons on Lateral Kindness Next Steps. Discussed relationship building, Possibly a two day workshop in July. Unify our goals possibly. Phase I Strat Plan. 1<sup>st</sup> step, get request in there to see who is interested, Kick off some planning calls in April, schedule something for the summer months.

#### Committees/Working Groups

This section will provide the community with other activities, projects and initiatives that are still under development or in progress. It will also serve as an informative update on where items are and what is being advanced for the community.

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#### Hydro Quebec

 March 31, 2023 met with Hydro Quebec at Iohahiio. There were five technicians from Hydro Quebec that came down and explained the power outage situation. They also explained the pros and cons about getting power from the US into Tsi Snaihne and discussed wind turbines etc.

Some issues they can do to alleviate power outages:

Inspection of lines, clean vegetation, tree cutting.

Also looking at levying up some of the surrounding lines and hook to TsiSnaihne. This is something they are going to be doing this year.

Training is also something they can do.

Work on joint communication for our community

#### **YECL**

• List of language providers, AEDA, AFS, Peters Girls, ACR, Alice King, Discuss what are the community needs. The Committee needs to get a strategy framework first. The goal to provide more language speakers in our community. Then we can prepare documents to apply for funding with Heritage Canada, Indigenous Languages and Culture.

#### <u>DCSS</u>

 Oversight Committee to be established and looking to community members. Honorarium will be given. Director working on a criteria and terms of reference.

#### Residency Law

• Working on residency law amendments and will be going to the community.

#### Nation Building - Entewatatawi

March 30/23 a Meeting with Nation Building portfolios and Grand Chief.

Discussed minor and major aspects that need to be dealt with. Also the topic of mapping and how does it affect Justice, Expropriation, Political Protocol

Had our Nation Building meeting with Canada and Akwesasne. Main Table Discussions.

#### Community Meetings:

#### TsiSnaihne District Meeting

March 27/23 had a District meeting. Chiefs Dwayne, Chief Sarah and Chief JoAnn were present. There were nine community members present.

Questions on right of ways, other source of heating, fixing manholes, Arena, Portlands and having ACC futures reporting on what MCA is going to do with the Portlands, and why another cultural centre is needed when there is the Travelling College. Fibre to the Home - Ec. Development not giving any updates on the fibre to the home, Rogers Tower was asked about, language barriers for nurses and PSWs, Audit, this should have been done already and why isn't the AFAL being followed, street lights w/cameras, flood plains mapping, Fixing of roads (Iohahiio and Sunday Drive) how come surplus monies weren't used for these roads, members talked about forensic audit to be done at MCA, How many times has MCA been sued?

#### General Meeting

The General Meeting was held in Tsi Snaihne on March 30, 2023. 35 members were present. Directors of MCA gave their report on their budgets. Some of the highlights and discussion.

- Community wants the public safety director position posted. COP should not be doing two positions, he should be concentrating on the safety of our community.
- Capital Projects were discussed such as: the New Fire Hall, Kawehnoke Recreation needs a
  new building, Ambulance Bay. Discussion on why can't Dundee Land Claim monies be used or
  Enbridge monies for this.
- Powwow issue came up by a community member. Discussion on why can't the MCA support the Powwow. Another community member asked how to go about doing a petition for support from MCA for this powwow. Grand Chief explained the procedures for a petition.
- AMA also needs equipment and an ambulance; Community resident raised an issue of why
  would ambulance be put under public safety and not under health?
- Concern about asbestos contamination with the Park Street Hill Top Road and the effects it
  will have on children. Something needs to be done to protect the people in the village when
  it comes to road construction.
- Travel Reports from the Chiefs. Is this being done. GC stated that would be on the Chiefs to do and he will remind them.

I make myself available to go in the office on my scheduled time. I also go in the office for meetings, signing checks, and make myself available for phone calls and meetings with community members. Niawen tanon Skennen Sewakwekon.



#### Chief April Adams-Phillips March/April 2023 Monthly Report



<u>Portfolio</u>: DIHE, Social, Health <u>Committee/Working Groups</u>: Public Safety, YECL, PAT, AFN Language, Finance Committee

#### Monthly Notables

- Weekly Council Meeting
- Border partners every first Tuesday of the month
- DCSS (Department of Community & Social Services) Sustainability Cheques Distribution April 3-5<sup>th</sup>, Donations to Boys and Girls club, Iakwa'shatste youth fitness, Recreation Committee's and Generation's Park.
- DOH (Department of Health) March 17<sup>th</sup> portfolio cancelled. Posting for Advisory Board Reps 7 community needed for the 2023-2025 2 members from each and 1 for student youth rep Deadline is April 30<sup>th</sup>, for more information please 613-575-2341 x 3300 Bowling for Elders May 3<sup>rd</sup> please contact Kyle Thompson at 613-575-2341 x 3107
- DIHE (Department of Infrastructure, Housing and Environment)
- Border Collaboration Initiative Governance Circle
- Finance Committee
- YECL (Youth, Elder, Culture and Language)
- Public Safety portfolio meeting, National prescription take back of unwanted prescription drugs/medications for safe and proper disposal. Community, Community Safety Plan
- Akwesasne Mohawk Police Commission (AMPC) on April 26<sup>th</sup>
- SMRT/MCA
- Dundee Port working group
- District meeting on April 17<sup>th</sup>
- General Meeting
- Travel Quebec City, QC on March 29-31 Assembly of First Nation Quebec Labrador (AFNQL) Women's Council
- Travel Ottawa, on April 3-6 Assembly of First Nations (AFN) Special Chiefs Assembly



#### **Monthly Report**



#### **Chief Dwayne Thomas**

#### **Monthly Report for March 2023**

Portfolios: Health, Economic Development, Governance

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This monthly report is provided as part of the Council's aim towards providing a transparent and efficient governing system, which will also provide information to members of the community on updates of Mohawk Government, Portfolios, and Monthly Activities. Every Monday Council Meetings 9 a.m.,

#### **Monthly Notables:**

- 1. March 1-2- Chiefs of Ontario Health Forum, Toronto Ontario
- 2. March 6- Ontario Health meet and greet
- 3. March 8- Via Rail discussion
- 4. March 9- Eastern Ontario Agricultural Network meeting
- 5. March 14- Government Secretariat meeting
- 6. March 15- Economic Development Portfolio meeting
- 7. March 16- Department of Health Portfolio meeting
- 8. March 20- MCA (Mohawk Council of Akwesasne) and SRMT Leadership meeting
- 9. March 21- Lateral Kindness next steps meeting
- 10. March 21- OPG/MCA Meeting
- 11. March 22- Meeting with Queens University, David Taylor
- 12. March 22- Strategy Meeting with Delia McDonald and Sarah Sunday
- 13. March 23- FAM Tour at Port lands
- 14. March 24- Meeting with SRMT Chief Michael Conners Jr. Green Card/ Creation of Record
- 15. March 27- Finance meeting committee
- 16. March 27- District Meeting
- 17. March 28 Consultation on Language, protection, and preservation
- 18. March 30 Eastern Ontario Agricultural meeting
- 19. March 30 General Meeting
- 20. March 31 Hydro Quebec Meeting and Tour

#### **Works in Progress:**

1. Ongoing work with Clarkson University

- 2. Quebec Hydro Grants and Sponsorships
- 3. OPG (ONTARIO POWER GENERATION) Corporate Social Responsibility
- 4. Eastern Ontario Agricultural Committee
- 5. Wellness for Staff and Community with Indigenize LLC.
- 6. Funding with First Nations Inuit Health Board
- 7. Ongoing work with Queens University

#### **Collaborative Opportunities:**

Bi-Monthly meeting with the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribal Chiefs, EOC, Executive Directors. Discuss issues in Akwesasne.

Clarkson University- Co-create opportunities for programming in Akwesasne

OPG- Create partnerships, sponsorships, job opportunities and job creation in Akwesasne and at OPG.

Quebec Hydro- Sponsorships and Grants for organizations, entrepreneurs, and social endeavors.

Queens University- Potential partnerships with Department of Health for Grant and Policy Writers, Doctors, Nurses, and Research

First Nations Inuit Health Board- Funding opportunities for Health and Mental Wellness, Land Based Learning

Procurement Assistance Canada- Opportunities for Akwesasne Business community to secure government contracts.

VIA Rail Canada-Employment and Procurement opportunities

Scheduled day in office Friday.





#### **Monthly Report**

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**Monthly Report for April 2023** 

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

Monthly Notables:

Attend Council & General Meetings, District meetings and scheduled portfolios.

- A Heartfelt Thank You goes out to all the Emergency First Responders & Staff who have helped in the recent river tragedy and power outage, we are fortunate to have such a caring community that pulls together to work towards a common goal of healing, support, safety of all involved.
- Attended Easter activities at the St. Regis Recreation, Easter Egg Hunt on April 2, loved seeing all the kids of all ages have a great time.
- Attended Totas Easter Dinner on April 10, enjoyed the company of our Elders, and delivered to some that could not make it out to visit. We had a delicious meal as well, Nia:wen to the "Big Russes" for cooking and St. Regis Rec for always bringing joy to the community.
- Assist with the power outages once again in Kanatakon, Shelter and delivering meals to the elderly and sick clients and getting information to the EOC on issues with basement flooding and generators, seems as though we cannot get a holiday in without power going out.
- Follow up with local artists regarding the Jake Fire Statue, getting quotes and ideas on how this could be done to improve, as well as quotes for the replacement of signs. One artists feel like the statue should not be torn down but rather repaired.

#### Monthly Activities:

April 4/23 - Economic Development - 10am - zoom meeting - Director Kylee Tarbell & Portfolio;

• Local Contractor presented a proposal and initiative to address housing needs for the community, opportunities are available in Cornwall and a local contractor is looking to work with the Council on this initiative.

**April 5-6, &/23- Power Outages in Snye/Kanatakon**– Attend Kanatakon to set up Shelter and assist with food delivery and needs of the community. There were quite a few basements flooding, the weather was not too bad but still not an acceptable circumstance for our community to have to deal with for the 3<sup>rd</sup> time this year.

April 6/23 - April 7/23 - MCA Closed - Good Friday Holiday

April 10/23 - MCA Closed – Easter Monday Holiday

April 11/23 - Government Secretariat: Council Chambers 9am

• The meeting was cancelled due to lack of portfolio and team members unavailable.

April 12& 13/23 - Workshop - "A Framework to Understanding Poverty" with Jim Manoa @ Best Western Cornwall, 9am- 4pm each day.

- Day 1 workshop on the how crucial conversations have an impact into everyday dealings with community, staff and coworkers, facts first, based on timelines, story second, questions, intention, make clean, explanations, establish mutual respect, create safe place boundaries, DISC behavioral personality review.
- Framework for understanding poverty, research and language, knowledge, hidden rules among classes, support systems, creating changes, impacts, on race, health.
- There should be a training that is mandatory for all Council/Staff.

## April 14/23: PCH – Heritage Canada Quebec Meeting: Chief Cindy & Chief Sarah 10am zoom

- Review of Heritage Canada applications and what is available, introduction to key contacts with heritage program.
- Discussion on monuments, cultural activities such as children's Pow-Wow, cultural centers access for funding for building purposes
- As well discussion on whether or not AMBE is accessing any funding for their language programs.
- Provided information to contact person at Travelling College.

#### April 17 /23 - Council Meeting: 9am – 12noon

• MCRSs approval, discussion on General Meeting topics, agree to move discussion items until next Monday's meeting.

#### April 18/23: Entewatatha:wi - Fiscal Working Group - Akwesasne/Canada- 10am - 4pm

• Fiscal Brand presenting Fiscal Elements PowerPoint (Canadas Collaborative Self Government Fiscal Policy) dated April 18/23: provided overview of Fiscal Relationship, Principles, definitions, collaborative process, expenditure methodology, governance and administration, incremental drivers for ongoing process, startup funding, next steps, fiscal capacity consideration and working group.

#### April 19/23 - Economic Development Portfolio: Kylee Tarbell, Director @ Arena 10am

- Company Presentations, Englobe, Warrior Engineering, ISC & Hydro One, Indigenous Initiatives Fund IV.
- Updates on Growing Containers, Rogers Update, Thompson Island, Strategic Plan Implementation.

#### April 20/23 - Entewatatha:wi - Portfolio - Rachel Lazare -PM - 10am-12- zoom

- Application of the Indian Act; Review section 83, 84, 86, 90,
- Review Akwesasne's Proposal Regarding Divestment
- April 2023 Calendar 4. Upcoming Meeting Friday April 21, 2023

#### ACCRL WGT Group: 4-6pm – unavailable for meeting update provided by C. Lazore.

- The team review where they were at with drafts and text that had been presented by Legal,
- Lots of great comments and discussion that is moving the process along the way.

## April 21/23 - Entewatatha:wi- Self Government -Application of Indian Act - Akwesasne & Canada @ 10am - 12noon @zoom

• Application of the Indian Act, Review sections 83, 84,86,90

#### April 24/23 - All Council Meeting 9am – 1pm @ Council Chambers

## Justice: Connie Lazore /Coordinator - Oversight Committee Meeting —4pm-6pm — Council Chambers

- Review of existing documents that the committees have been working on to date;
- Emergency Management Law discussion on when a state of emergency is called would be the only time this law comes into effect.
- Cannabis Law is in its final phase of voting community in mid-summer.
- Election law amendments: accepted in principle, phase 3 community consultation, 6-8pm in each district upcoming May 1, 3, 5.
- ACCRL- Childs rights law, draft have more input into the document ongoing work.
- Residency Law review ongoing, discussion on Occupancy Licenses.
- Communication strategies discussed, CKON talk shows, and getting more information out to the community is needed to get input on these laws.

#### Kanatakon District Meeting – 6pm - 8pmSt. Regis Recreation: Chiefs Cindy, Larry & Julie

- Discussion on bike pike plans for youth in the community, majority of those present did not want it in the central location of Kanatakon, safety concerns, noise, afterhours vandalism some issues stated, they like the idea of it more to be located at the recreation.
- Jake Fire Statue was mentioned and the safety of it, advised we are working on this.
- Replacement of Signs in Kanatakon, advised we are working on this as well.
- Fruit Tree planting at Recreation, Council was not advised of this, issues with planting, maintaining etc.
- Suggest reviewing CPP to see what has actual been done and what is outstanding
- Pow Wow discussion was brought to the table for funding increases.
- Restructuring of Chiefs offices will be moving back into Council chambers once renovations are completed, this will house all 12 Chiefs.
- Community would like to see more Police presence, speeding cars, out of state vehicle, fear for safety of community, waterways, and alien issue ongoing, as well as installation of a stop sign on 3<sup>rd</sup> street for safety.
- Asking for Cleaning up the community, down trees, abandoned buildings needs to get done.

#### April 25/23 - Beautification Committee – 9am @ Council Chambers

• Meeting cancelled due to unavailability of committee.

#### April 26/23 - Border Collaboration Initiative - Dundee Port Working Circle 9am - 10:30am

 Review Record of Decision – March 22, 2023, Finalize Terms of Reference, Complete Initiatives Tracker/Prioritization Matrix, Roundtable Discussion, Next meeting dates discussed to be onsite or local area.

#### Akwesasne Mohawk Police Commission & All Council: 6pm-8pm – St. Regis Recreation.

 Discussion updates: Overdose Opioid Update, Community Watch Program Update, Residency Law, Presence at Snye Sub-Station, Drug Strategies, Aliens, next steps, other discussion or additions.

**Upcoming Meetings:** 

April 27/23 - General Meeting @ Akwesasne Mohawk School, 6pm - 8pm

April 28/23 - Falcon Manufacturing Site Visit, & MCK @ Lasalle Quebec 8am-4pm

First Nations Cannabis Engagement Session – 2-3pm.