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DCSS DONATES FUNDS TO AKWESASNE BOYS & GIRLS CLUB AND OTHER LOCAL COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS



Representatives and staff from the Akwesasne Boys and Girls Club (ABGC) proudly accepting their donation of \$1 million from MCA's Department of Community and Social Services. ABGC was one of six recipients who received funds to assist in their programming and operations. Full article on page 20.

UPCOMING MCA MEETINGS & SPECIAL DATES:

MAY GENERAL MEETING

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne's next General Meeting will take place on May 25, 2023 at the Kana:takon Recreation Center 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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Kana:takon District

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Kawehno:ke District

Chief Vanessa Adams Chief Jackie Benedict Chief Edward Roundpoint Chief Vince Thompson

Tsi Snaihne 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 exonnected in other ways, the following channels are provided:

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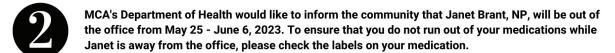
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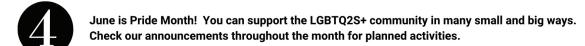
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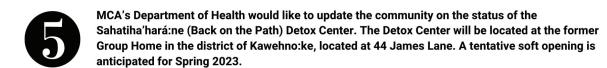
OUR MONTHLY LIST OF FACTS, REMINDERS & **IMPORTANT MESSAGES**











NEWS

MCA RECOGNIZES AND CELEBRATES ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne recognized their wonderful administrative team for National Administrative Professionals' Day!

On April 26, MCA recognized the work of secretaries, administrative assistants, receptionists, and other administrative support professionals. Central to any organization, these professionals keep an office organized and efficient. Their hard work and dedication does not go unnoticed!



Kanonhkwa'tsheri:io administrative professionals





Tanner Thompson



McDonald



Stevie Bomberry





Karrie Benedict



Kayla Cameron



Shannon Sunday & Karen Loran







Heather Jacobs & Kallie Diabo





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NEWS

MCA WELCOMES NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

previous roles as Superintendent and Principal in the Ann Seymour's recent departure. Upper Canada District School Board.

Tim is a skilled and experienced senior executive Council of Akwesasne! with over 20 years of leadership experience in the delivery of public services, education, and community infrastructure. His diverse experience and emphasis on supporting and developing people position him well to lead MCA's Administration.

Tim has always placed family and community as top priorities in his life. His devotion to community is clear from his decades of volunteering with local community organizations such as the Boys and Girls Club, United Way, and the Cornwall Tourism Development Fund, among many others.

Tim was selected following a thorough, national search process which resulted in a field of exceptional candidates. Our Council believes that Tim's experience in infrastructure and public services, his

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne is pleased commitment to learning and innovation, and his mix to announce the appointment of Tim Mills to the of skills and leadership qualities position him for position of Executive Director, as of May 1, 2023. Tim success in leading our organization forward. MCA is a familiar face to many in our community, both as a would like to congratulate Tim on his new role and partner in his past role as the Senior Administrative extend our deepest gratitude to Donna Roundpoint Officer of the Township of South Glengarry and in his for her leadership as Interim Executive Director since

Please join us in welcoming Tim Mills to the Mohawk





NEWS

IOHAHI: IO STUDENTS COMLETE PRE-TRADES PROGRAM

Iohahi:io Akwesasne Education & Training Program had a great group of students who completed the General Arts & Science Pre-Trades Program, earning a 1-year college certificate.

Students in the Pre-Trades program completed core Arts & Science courses in conjunction with a series of hands-on trades labs including: carpentry, bricklaying, masonry, plumbing, electrical and welding. Congratulations to the students and best of luck in your future endeavours!

For questions or more information about upcoming programs, please contact lohahi:io at info.iohahiio@ambe.ca or 613-575-2754.



Pictured Left-Right: Alaina Oakes, Tori Gray, Welding Instructor Philip Riel, Ivana Adams, Benjamin Peters, Dallas White, Philip Roundpoint and Kobryn Pierce.

CONGRATULATIONS CAREY TERRANCE JR AND TEAM USA - GOLD MEDAL CHAMPIONS!



The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne would like to congratulate Akwesasne resident Carey Terrance, Jr, age 17, for his outstanding GOLD medal win at the U18 Men's World Championship in Switzerland! Carey represented Team USA and scored the gametying goal with 3 minutes left in play to send his Team into overtime, and onto the championship win!

Akwesasne is so proud of you Carey!



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COUNCIL AND MOHAWK GOVERNMENT

COUNCIL WEEKLY MEETING REPORT

SUBMITTED BY GRAND CHIEF ABRAM BENEDICT



APRIL 17, 2023

• MCR's passed: Approval of (2) amendment to Akwesasne Canada funding agreement; Approval of Revenues and Expenditures Schedule for MCA Canada funding agreement; Approval of Phase 4 for Akwesasne Cannabis Law; Approval of rescind upgrade loan (no longer needed); Approval of (3) upgrade loans to community member; Approval of Correction Service Canada Program development agreement; Approval of contract renewal with Dr. Marie-France Levac; Approval of lease agreement with Rogers Telecommunications; Approval to downgrade MCA's COVID-19 Emergency Declaration; Approval of agreement with Ontario for probation services; Approval of (2) land transfers to community member (loan paid off); Approval of legal service contract for Nation Building program; Approval of representative on implementation committee.

April 24, 2023

- Council received a briefing from a recent finance committee meeting whereby the committee is recommending a Mohawk Council Resolution be rescinded for procedural errors and reconsidered after financial due diligence is completed.
- A request for a two-hour presentation at the next Council meeting was made. One hour at next weeks and one hour at the following will be allotted for the presenters.
- Council discussed the continued lines at Canada Border Service Agency (CBSA). A briefing was provided on CBSA's efforts to put more staff at the Cornwall Port of Entry. A follow up letter will be sent to CBSA President on the impact of border wait times at Cornwall. A request will be made to Transport Canada to look at facility / lane improvement to facilitate traffic and mitigate wait times.
- A request was made for garbage bins for spring garbage be made available in each district. Portfolio will follow up on viability and costs and report back.
- Council agreed to provide a letter of support to the Akwesasne Boys and Girls Club to accompany their funding submissions.
- A request to film within the community was discussed and will

- be followed up on by the Grand Chief.
- Council agreed that the U-13 Cornwall Girls Hockey Team will be honored at this week's General Meeting.
- A request for additional tree debris and clean up was discussed, options for consideration will be researched and reported back.
- Council agreed that request to a local wood carver will be made for the Jake Saiowisakeron Ice statue to assessed.
- MCR's passed: Approval of revised organization chart for ARRO; Approval of contract for Hamilton Island bridge design, Approval of (4) allot of lands – block one; Approval of contract renewal with Dr. Wysote, Approval of contract renewal with Dr. Scott; Approval of (2) contract renewal for mental health services; Approval to rescind MCR related to COVID-19 measure in long term care facilities; Approval of funding agreement for Glaude writer; Approval to rescind MCR for procedural errors.



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CELEBRATION OF MOHAWK LANGUAGE ON PARLIAMENT HILL WITH SENATOR BERNADETTE CLEMENT





SENATE

Oniatarí:io



On Friday, April 21, Senator Bernadette Clement hosted an Akwesasne delegation on Parliament Hill to celebrate the importance of Mohawk Language and unveiled her office plaque written in three languages. Written on the plaque is the phrase "lerihwakétskwas," which translates to "she raises matters."

Senator Clement stated, "This is about ally-ship. It's about a modern Canada that can manage the complexity of Indigenous languages and official languages in a respectful way. And though it's taken nearly two years to get here, I am elated to have made this small step towards progress."

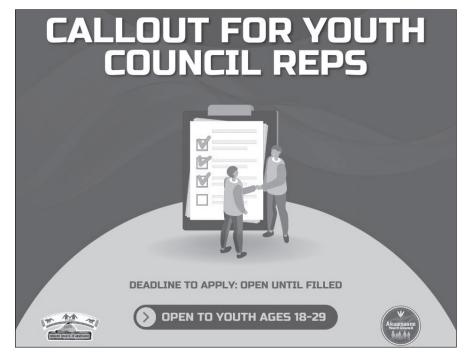
We are so proud of the work Senator Clement is doing to promote reconciliation. Niawenhkó:wa for your continued support!

CALLOUT FOR YOUTH COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne would like to appoint six (6) youth council representatives (two per district), to represent the community of Akwesasne.

Interested individuals are invited to submit their letter of interest and resume to Zarah Pimentel at zarah.pimentel@akwesasne.ca by mail/in person to the Mohawk Government Offices located in the Admin. 1 Building at 12 Akwesasne St., Akwesasne, QC H0M 1A0. This posting is open until filled.

For further information or if you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Mohawk Government offices at (613) 575-2250 ext. 2160.



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KAWEHNO:KE DISTRICT CHIEF VANESSA ADAMS UPDATES



Monthly Report: April 1 - May 1, 2023

Portfolios:

Department of Community & Social Services, Health, Public Safety, Economic Development

Selected Committees/WTG:

Akwesasne Child Rights & Responsibilities Law, Emergency Management Law WTG-EML, Ionkwakwen:nion Book of Accomplishments, Cannabis Law Working Task Group-ACL, CBSA/MCA Border Collaboration Working Circles

PORTFOLIO UPDATES:

Department of Community & Social Services (**DCSS**) – May 1, 2023 (will include update in next report).

Department of Health – February 16, 2023 (attended), March 16, 2023 (cancelled).

Public Safety – April 11, 2023

Economic Development – March 15, 2023 (attended).

COMMITTEE/WTG UPDATES:

Akwesasne Child Rights & Responsibilities Law (ACRRL) – Review of Table of Contents: Federal, Provincial, and First Nations Laws; from these topics what items belong in the ACRRL. Review of data collected at the input sessions and MCA Open House where comments fit in the sections of the law. Next meeting April 25, 2023.

Emergency Management Law WTG (EML) - Entering Phase 3 meeting, April 20, 2023.

Ionkwakwé:nion Book of Accomplishments-ACL – Recognition to include the U13 Cornwall Typhoons Hockey Team. Great job and congratulations to our U13A Cornwall Typhoons! You filled the cup and won \$100,000 for Beyond 21.

Cannabis Law Working Task Group (ACL) – Council approved final draft line by line entering next Phase 4 enactment of law to be accepted by council and voted on via referendum.

CBSA/MCA Border Collaboration Working Circles – 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 January 30 - February 3, 2023

Attended Jay Treaty Border Alliance meetings in Ottawa, ON – JTBA Akwesasne and JTBA introductory meeting on border experiences. Please email your border crossing concerns and experiences directly to me at chief.vanessa. adams@akwesasne.ca.

The JTBA is working on the Tribal Border Crossing Parity Act to supply an update on the efforts underway in the United States to remove the 50% blood quantum requirement for entry into the U.S. All professional consultants gave a presentation to the participants on the background of the Jay Treaty, the legal status of the treaty and the current discrepancies between Canada and the Unites States. As a result of my participation, I work as Co-Convener along with CBSA Cynthia Pye the CBSA borders experience table.

Kawehno:ke District Meeting April 17, 2023

The April district meeting was cancelled out of respect for a Kawehno:ke community member passing. Our condolences to the family.

Meeting of the AFNQL Elected Women's Council March 29-31, 2023

- The Political involvement of Indigenous women in Québec – summary of report of July 2022.
- Overview provided by research team Heloise Maertens and Suzy Basile. Although Indigenous women did not obtain the right to vote or hold political office until 1951, this does not mean they did not have other forms of participation in the governance of their community or nation before that year. The research document examines the past and present political involvement of Indigenous women in Québec. Also, AFN National Chief Roseanne Archibald addressed the elected women and participated in a robust fireside chat and Q&A session. Participated in Working Session Action Plan - Engaged Together for Inspiring Leadership. Discussion on Lateral Violence and participants shared firsthand experiences in leadership and community circles. As two-thirds of our community reside in Québec, I take every opportunity to maintain valuable contacts and connections in the province of Québec.

AFN Special Chiefs Assembly April 3-6, 2023 Ottawa, ON

Attended the AFN SCA. The Chiefs of Ontario Caucus Sessions during the Assembly of First Nations Special Chiefs Assembly on April 3-6, 2023. IFN Chiefs Meeting April 3, 2023. Additional meetings at AFN-SCA included the following:

- Economic Development presentation from construction company via Zoom.
- Jay Treaty Akwesasne Border presentation with approximately 74 attendees from across Canada.
- Child Welfare update on Final Settlement Agreement OKT Law.
- Introductory Jay Treaty/CBSA Border Crossing Experience Table Meeting Hybrid.
- Met and spoke briefly with Dr. Cindy Blackstock and Honoree Jully Black.
- COO Chiefs Committee on Health Update-Updates-DBIHL information session various questions on input sessions. Provinces –

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KAWEHNO:KE DISTRICT CHIEF VANESSA ADAMS UPDATES

federal legislation, for more information see the ISC what we heard report online.

MCA/SRMT Leadership Meeting

Cancelled due to lack of quorum (MCA).

Border Collaboration Initiative Working Circle - Cornwall POE (Every 6 weeks)

- Discussions included pre-clearance, Domestic Lane, Staffing increases in 2023-2024 information on recruitment and Port specific orientation. Youth Engagement, Artwork, CBSA Cultural Awareness training is ongoing. Next dates were April 3-4, with 20 available spots (filled) this is encouraging as this training is vital to our daily encounters with CBSA officers on PIL.
- Next meeting May 8, 2023.

Department of Health

Doctor/Provider contract & service contract renewals. COVID-19 restriction changes as per presentation at GM April 27, 2023, changes in restrictions include proof of vaccination, asymptomatic screening, COVID-19 testing measures, new hires, supports and accommodations for COVID-19 vaccinations, outdoor masking, LTC resident/visitor screening and daily testing, visitors during an outbreak, activities/physical distancing, COVID-19 Vaccinations.

Niawenhkó:wa to DOH & DCSS

Our appreciation to the DCSS and DOH for their community support providing condolence fire, meals for first responders, volunteers, community members, and recognizing the efforts of the following programs:

- » Land Based Healing
- » Traditional Support
- » Mental Health
- » Traditional Medicine
- » Mental Health Therapists available on site

Niawenhkó:wa, your quick response and continued support is appreciated.

Department of Social Services

- Niawenhkó:wa to the staff for the coordination and distribution of the community sustainability checks.
- Niawenhkó:wa for your efforts during the

recent power outages.

• Portfolio meeting May 1, 2023 – updates will be included in next report.

Public Safety Portfolio

- Discussed continuous work needed with SRMTP regarding recent increase in illegal entries within our community (PSA), Race Against Drugs Program, Emergency Operations, Succession Planning, Social Navigator.
- Compliance currently 1 hiring process underway.
- Community Safety Planning Training April 24-25, 2023.

Economic Development Portfolio

- Updates received on the following -Indigenous Initiatives Fund IV. Indigenous Community Capital Grant Program. Akwesasne Economic Development Fund. RFP Growing Containers. FTTH Rogers tower. A'nowara'kowa Arena – turf, splash pad playground structure construction throughout summer months.
- Food procurement during power outages Niawenhkó:wa.

Border Partners MCA, SRMT, USCBP, CBSA (First Tuesday, Monthly)

- Border wait times, staffing updates COVID
 -19 status and restrictions.
- Upcoming information/events that may affect traffic flow.
- Community questions and concerns from both Councils were reviewed.

Beautification Committee Akwesasne Waterways

 Recurring meetings to begin as soon as possible. Work currently includes John Fire/Ice statue safety concerns and repair/ replacement in the village of Kana:takon.

EXTERNAL INITIATIVES AND WORKING COMMITTEES:

 Jay Treaty Border Alliance- Co-convener CBSA Border Experience table with CBSA representative 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.

OTHER:

- Niawenhkó:wa to our First Responders for their efforts in recovering those lost to the river. Your tireless and stressful work is appreciated.
- Niawenhkó:wa to the many staff and volunteers who continue to assist during power outages.
- Sending my heartfelt condolences to all Akwesasro:non 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.

Niawenhkó:wa

Chief Vanessa Adams 613-363-3891 chief.vanessa.adams@akwesasne.ca



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SOCIAL MEDIA CONNECTION

FACEBOOK STATS



Facebook Posts with the Most Likes in April

- 1. AMPS Investigating after Police Officer Discharged Firearm at Suspect Vehicle
- 2. AMPS Missing Person Update April 6, 2023
- 3. DCSS Donates Funds to Local Community & Youth Organizations
- 4. Portion of River Road Closed Due to Hanging Power Line
- 5. Lasagna, Pizza and Other Snacks Now Available at Senior's Center for Anyone Without Power

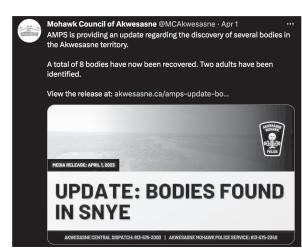
Facebook Posts with the Highest Reach in April

- 1. Kana:takon School has Plenty of Lasagna, Pizza and Sandwiches Free for Anyone Without Power 27,589 reached
- 2. Portion of River Road Closed Due to Hanging Power Line 22,524 reached
- 3. AMPS Missing Person Update: April 6, 2023 15,381 reached
- 4. Whoville House Has Run Out of Meals 14,704 reached
- 5. AMPS Investigating After Police Officer Discharged Firearm at Suspect Vehicle 11,599 reached



TWITTER STATS

Top Tweet in April



YOUTUBE STATS

Highest Viewed Video on the MCA YouTube Channel for April

1. MCA General Meeting – March 30, 2023

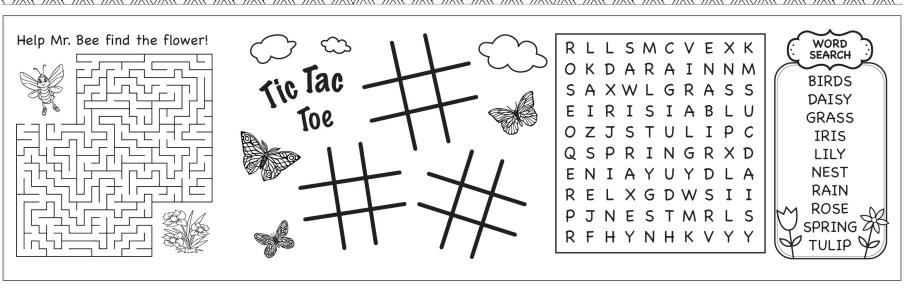


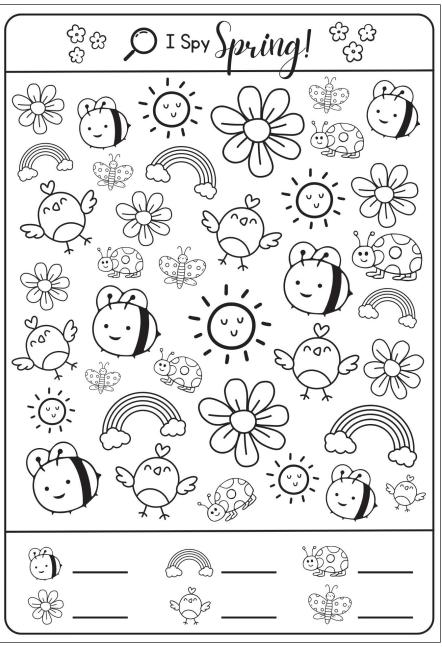
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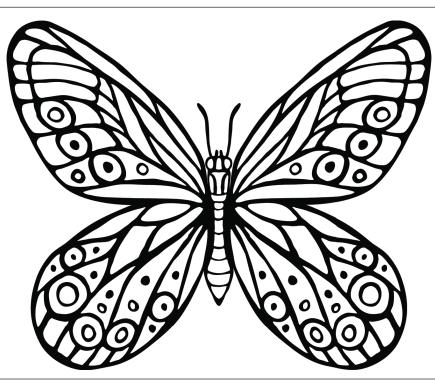
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CHILDREN'S PAGE





COLOR THE BUTTERFLY



YOU'VE GOT TO BE KIDDING ME!

What is a rabbit's favorite type of music? Hip Hop.

Why did the chicken cross the playground? To get to the other slide!

Why did the scarecrow win an award? It was outstanding in the field.

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AHKWESAHSNE MOHAWK BOARD OF EDUCATION

EARLY YEARS SCIENCE FAIR FUN AT A.M.S.

On April 21, the Ahkwesahsne Mohawk School held their 2023 Early Years Science Fair. The theme for this year was "Spring and New Beginnings," showcasing a variety of creative and unique projects. The students enjoyed exploring the nature-based discovery stations setup throughout the science fair and parents/families could view the wonderful projects. Keep up the great work!













AHKWESAHSNE MOHAWK BOARD OF EDUCATION

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STORY OF JOHN SAIOWISAKERON FIRE

was governed by Community Life Chiefs. These Life Chiefs were known as the Rotinonkwiseres, which means "They Have younger brother, John Saiowisakeron Fire. Saiowisakeron, Long Hair." These men were chosen by the Clanmothers, as which translates to "The Ice That Floats By," lived with his is tradition among the Haudenosaunee. This was the way the community of Akwesasne had decided to choose their leaders. The new government of Canada had a plan, and a law, that were meant to change the way the Mohawks, and all Natives, governed themselves. In an attempt to get rid of the Life Chief system, the Department of Indian Affairs of Canada created the Indian Act, which made it the law that elections

could be the only way to choose leaders within Reserves. The Department sent Indian Agent's to every Reserve to make sure that the natives started to hold elections for their leaders. In the past, Indian Agents were assigned to each Reserve by the Department of Indian Affairs to communicate between the Natives and the Federal Government, though some of these Indian Agents did not like the Natives, and took advantage of their trust. The different Native communities were not pleased with the Indian Act, and vowed to fight it. Many Clanmothers and elders began by writing letters to the different officials in the Canadian Department of Indian Affairs. When these were ignored, the Clanmothers and Life Chiefs attempted to have meetings with officials to discuss these elections. None of the officials in the government of Canada would meet with them, and eventually enough time passed that the Akwesasne community thought that Ottawa had simply given up and dropped the matter of elections. Sadly, they were wrong.

On May 1, 1899, in the village of Kanatakon, Dominion Police officers led by Lieutenant-Colonel Percy Sherwood met with Indian Agent, George Long with a plan to force the Life Chiefs to allow elections to occur, upon the threat of arrest. The Indian Agent spread word that he wanted the Chiefs and some other men to meet at his office about the possibility of work.

Before there were elections in Akwesasne, the community One of the men who were asked was a Community Life Chief named Jacob Ohnehtotake Fire. Ohnehtotake had a small family - his wife Teioshirake and their daughter, Sarah. Jake Ohnehtotake Fire is sometimes confused with his elder brother, John Saiowisakeron Fire. Friends nicknamed the two "Jake Ice" & "Jake Fire," playing on the English translation of Saiowisakeron's name.

> Ohnehtotake went to the Indian agent's office, not knowing the police were waiting to arrest him and his fellow

Chiefs for preventing the Indian Act elections from taking place. After entering the office, and noticing the officers, shouts were exchanged, and word of the ruckus spread quickly around the village. Saiowisakeron heard that his brother was involved, and went to the Indian agent's office to see for himself. Probably startled by the large, loud Mohawk man entering the small office, Officer Sherwood fired his gun twice, killing Saiowisakeron.

Akwesasne as a community, and the Mohawk as a nation, have continued to exist as distinct, powerful and culturally rich. Saiowisakeron was one man in the history of this struggle, but became symbolic of the strength and commitment of all native nations on May 1, 1899 when he gave his life for his community.

Akwesasne has chosen to celebrate the life of Saiowisakeron because he represented exactly that which has kept the community strong and vibrant since his death, and that which will continue to do so for generations to come - pride and resilience.

Saiowisakeron was a man of integrity, honour and cultural pride.

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne observes and celebrates this day because it supports community self-government - the right of the people to choose the style of government and laws for their own community.

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ENTEWATATHÁ:WI - "WE WILL GOVERN"

Stepping Stones to Entewatathá:wi

Ratification requires a comprehensive understanding of the ESGA by the members of Akwesasne. Ultimately, the membership of Akwesasne will vote for or against the ESGA via referendum.

Educating the community on the Entewatathá:wi project and involving community members to ensure that question and concerns are understood and considered prior to the ratification of the ESGA. In September 2022, a Communications Working Group has been established to develop a communication plan to educate and engage the community.

Akwesasne and Canada to negotiate the Fiscal Chapter and Fiscal Relationship Agreement that is sustainable and meets the financial obligations based on Akwesasne's expanded jurisdiction. This Agreement will establish how funds will flow to MCA programs and services.

The Governance and Relationship Agreement and the Land and Estate Sectoral Agreement expanded into a Sectoral Agreement is now known as the Akwesasne-Canada Entewatathá:wi Self Government Agreement (ESGA).

In March 2015 the Land and Estate Sectoral Agreement (LESA) was expanded. This expansion led to two additional jurisdictions in the agreement, they are Administration of Justice and Education.

Scheduled meetings between Akwesasne and Canada to negotiate language and terms of the Final Agreements. Negotiations began once the Agreement-In-Principle was signed.

This is the initial framework of the Final Agreements. The Governance and Relationship Agreement in Principle was signed on May 30, 2012 and the Lands and Estate Sectoral Agreement-in-Principle was signed on November 4, 2013.

This established the agenda, time frame and scope of negotiations between Akwesasne and Canada towards an Agreement-In-Principle, a Sectoral Agreement and the Final Agreement.

Established the process necessary to address Akwesasne's unique circumstances and to support the negotiations and the implementation of the new arrangement between Akwesasne and Canada. The Protocol has two objectives: expand jurisdiction and social and economic development.

To Be Determined
Ratification

ONGOING
Community
Engagement & Education

2023
Fiscal Relationship
Negotiations

2019 Amalgamated into one Agreement

2015
Expansion of LESA into a
Sectoral Agreement

ONGOING
Final Agreement Negotiations

2012-2013 Akwesasne / Canada Agreement-In-Principles

2005
Process and Schedule Agreement

1999 Political Protocol



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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

LAND-BASED HEALING PROGRAM PROVIDES CCVS STUDENTS WITH DRUM

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne's Land-Based Healing Program, a program within the Department of Health (DOH), provided a drum to the students at Cornwall Collegiate & Vocational School (CCVS) in April. Land-Based Healing Program Coordinator, Brandon David, and Akwesasne Child & Family Services (ACFS) Traditional Support staff member, Allen Smoke, had been working with CCVS students who established and participated in their own traditional singing group, bringing guest speakers and cultural workshops to the school's faculty and students.

The singing group had requested a big drum for their group in order to offer more cultural activities within CCVS. The indigenous students at CCVS have hosted several cultural events and programs for the school's faculty and students to participate, such as socials and traditional dance exhibitions. With the big drum, the group will be able to offer more cultural activities and events for the school.

Nia:wen/Thank you to the CCVS students for sharing our cultural knowledge, songs, and dances with your fellow students and school.





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SAFE ZONE COMMITTEE HOSTS BOWLING NIGHT AT LUCKY STRIKE LANES

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

On Friday, April 21, the MCA Wholistic Health & local 2SLGBTQQIA+ community as well as a meet Wellness Program Prevention Staff, along with the Safe Zone Committee (which creates a safe space for those that identify as 2SLGTBQIA+ and their allies) spent a fun evening bowling amongst family, friends, and staff. There were lots of laughs, and friendly competition. Everyone agreed, the night was right up their alley.

This gathering was the 3rd event by the Safe Zone Committee over the past year. In Fall 2022, a community outdoor picnic was held to celebrate the



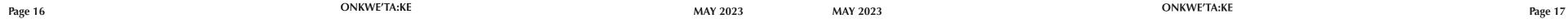












DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

TRADITIONAL MEDICINES HOSTS MEDICINAL SEEDS WORKSHOP

generously shining down and the gentle breeze and generally will not sprout until this dormancy is blowing off of the St. Lawrence River, attendees of broken. In the stratified seeds station, participants the Medicinal Seeds workshop enjoyed the outdoor, put the seeds in a baggie with peat moss and a spray informative class presented from Jasmine Jimerson, of water where they will then go into the freezer for Cultural Practitioner from the MCA Traditional a month or more, and afterwards will be capable of Medicines Program.

variety of medicinal plants, including their primary uses to combat colds, coughs, burns, and everything The atmosphere was light and welcoming, and all that were not native to the area. Commonalities medicine walks with Jasmine. from all of the plants reviewed included: they were all pollinators (helpful for bees and butterflies); all For any woman that has a desire or interest in bloomed.

Jasmine Jimerson, who has been providing the class possible! women's group monthly workshops on traditional medicines since October 2022, noted that "all of the medicinal plants (discussed) would be perfect for a tea garden."

After the presentation of the plants concluded, and a delicious and organic moose chili was consumed, attendees were able to become fully immersed with planting and truly got their hands dirty. There were two stations that included seeds needed to be stratified and those that could be directly planted. In horticulture, stratification is a process of treating seeds to simulate natural conditions that the seeds must experience before germination can occur. Many

On Thursday, April 13, with the bright sunlight seed species have an embryonic dormancy phase being planted. The second station included seeds that were capable of being directly planted into the Attendees were provided with an overview of a cells, and could later be transplanted into the garden.

in between. The majority of the plants were perennials those who attended the class enjoyed participating (meaning they come back every year) and native to and bringing home their planted seeds. In upcoming North America, although there were a few that were months, there will be classes that include how to self-sowing perennial flowers, and annual flowers preserve and save the seeds and also potential

could be used as a tea and were edible; and that all medicinal plants, how to care or prepare plants, or produced beautiful and fragrant flowers when they just to talk about their uses, this was an informative and fun class that you should be sure to attend in the future! Nia:wen to all that attended and made this



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

DOH PROVIDES THE COMMUNITY WITH UPDATE ON DETOX CENTER

of Health (DOH) is providing the community with an opioid antidote that can be administered nasally update on the status of the Sahatiha'hará:ne (Back (inhalant) to revive an unresponsive person who is on the Path) Detox Center. The Detox Center will be overdosing. located at the former Group Home in the district of Kawehno:ke, located at 44 James Lane.

treatment process. This facility will provide a safe Bradley, at 613-932-5050 ext. 1303. space for withdrawal management.

DOH administration is working closely with the Detox Center Program Manager, Bonnie Bradley, on moving the project forward as quickly, and efficiently, as possible. The Detox Center is currently undergoing renovations to accommodate the requirements for a detox facility. A tentative soft opening is anticipated for Spring 2023. A communication will follow notifying the community when the detox center is able to accept clients.

The Detox Facility will have fentanyl testing strips and naloxone kits available for anyone interested, based on a first come, first served basis, while supplies last. Fentanyl testing strips (FTS) are an effective method of helping prevent drug overdoses and reducing harm. FTS are small strips of paper that can detect the presence of fentanyl in various kinds of drugs.



The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne's Department Naloxone kits are portable pouches containing an

If you would like more information, or to pick up fentanyl testing strips and naloxone kits, please A detox facility is the first step in the substance use contact Sahatihahará:ne Program Manager, Bonnie





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DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY & SOCIAL SERVICES

DCSS DONATES FUNDS TO LOCAL COMMUNITY & YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS

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On Tuesday, April 25, representatives from the Organizations that received funds from DCSS today Mohawk Council of Akwesasne presented cheques are as follows: to several community non-profit organizations. The • Akwesasne Boys & Girls Club (ABGC) funds were donated by the Dept. of Community & Social Services (DCSS) to assist in the creation of • Generations Park - \$100,000 programming for children and families, as well as • Kana:takon Recreation Center - \$100,000 ongoing operations of their respective facilities. Each • Tsi Snaihne Recreation Center - \$100,000 organization is frequently accessed by Akwesasne • Kawehno:ke Recreation Center - \$100,000 community members.

throughout the summer to children in all districts of non-profit organizations offer year-round activities and continuing to enrich the community." facilities that support a healthy community with diverse opportunities. Thank you to these organizations for all the work that they do for Akwesasne."



Generations Park and St. Regis Mohawk Tribe representatives.

- \$1,000,000

- lakwa'shatste Youth Fitness \$131,000

"These donations represent an effort by MCA to "On behalf of the Dept. of Community & Social services, uplift and support organizations that work hard, we would like to extend our appreciation to these often through volunteerism, to benefit our entire organizations that have proven to be very valuable community," said Grand Chief Abram Benedict. "The in promoting healthy families in the community," said Akwesasne Boys & Girls Club has continued to offer Director of DCSS Joseph Morin-Lauzon. "Each of positive and enriching programs after school and these organizations provides facilities, activities and programs that support prevention in youth which Akwesasne and we are happy to continue supporting builds strong Akwesasne families and futures. We them. Likewise, our recreational committees and other look forward to seeing their programs and services



lakwa'shatste Youth Fitness representative Tristan Thomas.



Tsi Snaihne Recreation representative Mae Green.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY & SOCIAL SERVICES

ACFS DEVELOPING INDIGENOUS-LED SOFTWARE SYSTEM

Child and Family Services (ACFS) and Information as this project progresses. Services (IS) worked with RedMane, an Indigenousled software solutions and system integration firm, to commence a two-day kick-off of ACFS's new, Indigenous-led software system.

This new and innovative software will be utilized by ACFS for record keeping and to report statistics to the Ministry of Community and Social Services, Indigenous Services Canada and other funders. In addition, it will be able to generate statistics for ACFS to utilize when advocating for additional/increased funding for new and existing programs/services for Akwesasne children and families. The software will incorporate the Kanienke:ha language, culture, values, and beliefs throughout the software and will have the ability to analyze all the data to evaluate the services that Akwesasne Child and Family Services provides to the community.

Over the course of two days, the amazing team of ACFS and IS worked with the RedMane Technologies Implementation team to enter in the design phase of the "to-be-named" software system. Following this initial training, ACFS will continue the development work. After the design phase concludes, a two-year implementation plan with continued work from the ACFS team will follow.

On April 20th and 21st, the staff of MCA's Akwesasne Community members will be provided with an update





DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY & SOCIAL SERVICES

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

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

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DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL: LEGAL COUNSEL SERVICES

The Akwesasne Justice Department (AJD) is requesting interested candidates to submit a proposal for legal services. Interested candidates must be a member of the Law Society of Ontario, Le Barreau of Québec. The AJD has a mandate to provide a comprehensive justice system, inclusive of legal services.

If you have any questions regarding the request for proposal (RFP), please contact:

Joyce King, AJD Director 613-575-5000 ext. 2404 joyce.king@akwesasne.ca

Connie Lazore, Justice Coordinator 613-575-2250 ext. 2403 connie.lazore@akwesasne.ca

Deadline to submit: May 26, 2023 at 12 p.m.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE Contact Us! Angus Mitchell Memorial Building, 15 Akwesasne St., Akwesasne, QC H0M 1A0 Phone: 613-575-2250 ext. 2400 Fax: 613-575-1726 AKWESASNE MOHAWK COURT CIA #3. 101 Tewesateni Rd., Akwesasne, ON K6H 5R7 Phone: 613-575-2250 ext. 1026

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT



WAHESON LAZORE

Social Media Editor, Communications Unit

How long have you been with MCA? 6 years

What does your job entail?

Manage and monitor MCA's social media pages, update MCA website with most recent news and information, help create and share community releases, record and edit video content and assist communications officers with any projects or tasks to be completed.

What is the best part of your job?

My co-workers! I have a solid team of hardworking people I genuinely enjoy being around and we are pretty funny.

What accomplishment makes you the most proud?

I wish it was more profound or academic based, but my proudest accomplishment was going to a Silk Sonic show for their Las Vegas residency.

What is your secret talent?

I have this really cool talent where I unintentionally pick the slowest lane at CBSA Cornwall Port of Entry almost every time.

What are your hobbies outside of work?

My favourite thing to do is sleep, but when I'm not doing that I enjoy going on adventures, hanging out with my family (especially if there's food involved), building lego sets, watching ASMR videos on YouTube and curating the perfect playlist on Spotify.

What advice would you give to someone pursuing a position in your field?

Confidence definitely comes with time and experience and it's okay to not know everything in the beginning. Also, multi-tasking and flexibility are definitely some beneficial skills to have.

Nia:wen for taking the time to learn more about Waheson and MCA! Don't forget to follow us on Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, Snapchat and Instagram.

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DEPARTMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE AND HOUSING

FINAL PHASE OF KANA: TAKON ROAD PAVING PROJECT BEGINS

Lazore's Construction has started the final phase of at 613-936-1548 ext. 1005 or email leslie.papineau@ the Park Street/Hilltop Road Project in Kana:takon akwesasne.ca. (St. Regis). They will begin curbing formwork at the end of Park St. (near the cemetery) and will make their way west towards the corner bend.

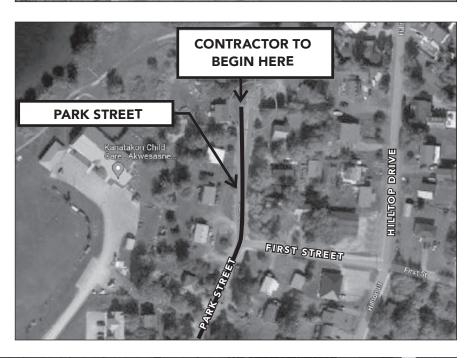
To accommodate the proposed construction, various lane reductions and alternating traffic and/or detours can be expected. Access to the recreation and other facilities and private properties will be maintained throughout the construction period. Access for pedestrians and cyclists will also be maintained. Traffic control personnel will direct traffic through the site.

The anticipated completion date for this project is June 2023.

The contractor will take every precaution to minimize interruptions but there may be some inconvenience during construction. We would like to thank you in advance for your patience and co-operation.

For further information on this project, please contact Lazore's Construction at (518)358-3017, lazoreconstruction@yahoo.com or the Deptarment of Infrastructure, Housing and Environment (DIHE)







613-575-2250 ext. 1003

MAINTENANCE PROGRAM: 613-575-2250 EXT. 1022

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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

PARTY FOR THE PLANET EARTH DAY CELEBRATION



On April 21, MCA's Environment Program participated in this year's, "Party for the Planet" Earth Day celebration, hosted by the SRMT Environment. Attendees could view the educational tables, participate in games and have a chance to win some eco-friendly prizes while learning how to make our planet great!

We can continue to make strides in making our world a happier, healthier place to live.



GREAT RIVER CLEANUP LOGO WINNER

The Great River Cleanup is back for 2023 and MCA's Environment Program held a logo contest in April, including a variety of submissions from Indigenous artists. Congratulations, Jordan Salinas on the winning logo design! His design will be featured on t-shirts, advertisements and other media to promote the initiative.

Niawenhko:wa/Thank you to all the artists and community for participating. Stay tuned to the MCA Environment Program's Facebook Page for more updates regarding the Great River Cleanup.



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AKWESASNE MOHAWK POLICE SERVICE

AMPS PARTICIPATING IN NEW 'PROJECT LIFESAVER' TO HELP PREVENT DEMENTIA SUFFERERS FROM BEING LOST

AMPS in collaboration with the Alzheimer Society of Cornwall & District, the OPP and Cornwall Police launched the newest initiative called Project Lifesaver, to protect and quickly locate those living with dementia who get lost. The launch date was April 26, 2023 and is now available to residents living in Akwesasne. Project Lifesaver uses technology to assist in the search and rescue efforts of those who wander and get lost. It has been proven to reduce the search time for police significantly- this timely response can prevent your loved one from harm. Those at high risk of getting lost receive a bracelet Project Lifesaver equipment requires daily monitoring transmitter with a unique frequency. When they get unique frequency.

For eligibility, participants must:

- Have a confirmed or suspected diagnosis of dementia or related disorder:
- Be at high risk for wandering;
- Have daily contact with a caregiver or family member;
- Be restricted from operating a motor vehicle; and
- Live in the 5 districts of Cornwall, SD&G, Hawkesbury, Russell and Akwesasne.

by a care partner. Regular visits by an Alzheimer lost, a locator housed with Police Services finds that Society worker for equipment maintenance will be included in the program.



Pictured Left-Right: George Knezevic from Cornwall Police Service, Cornwall Mayor Justin Townsdale, AMPS Staff Sergeant Ranatiiostha Swamp and Marc Hemmerick from O.P.P.

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AKWESASNE MOHAWK POLICE SERVICE

AMPS COLLABORATE IN PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE BACK EVENT

On Saturday, April 22, the Akwesasne Mohawk Police disposal to help keep yourself and your family safe. Service and the MCA Wholistic Health & Wellness If you missed the Drug Take Back, similar events Program Prevention Staff hosted their annual are hosted throughout the year, or you can contact Prescription Drug Take Back. Representatives were AMPS or the WHWP Prevention Staff directly on stationed in the parking lots of the AMPS police how to safely dispose of your expired or unwanted station in Kana:takon, at the AMPS sub-station in Tsi medications. Snaihne, and across from the Peacetree Mall entrance on the Island. In addition, representatives from the In addition, there is also Naloxone (NARCAN) Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe were set up at the SRMT training for those that are interested. The Layperson tribal police station.

During the course of the day, over 70 pounds of and administer the opioid overdose reversal drug prescription medication was collected from the four Naloxone. site locations.

bring awareness on how to dispose of unwanted safe by properly disposing of unwanted medications. prescription drugs/medications for safe and proper

Naloxone (NARCAN) training course will teach you how to recognize the signs of an opioid overdose

Nia:wen to all who organized this event and to those These programs have been consistently trying to who participated. Help keep yourself and your family

APRIL STATISTICS

2 1010 By-Law - Parking Occurences

1016 Domestic Dispute (Non-violent)

1012 Civil Disputes

32 1013 Community Services

1014 Crime Prevention

1018 Escorts - Prisoner

10 1023 Judge's Order (Court)

1 1027 Property – Found

10 1029 Suspicious Persons

8 1030 Suspicious Vehicles

3 1036 Warrant - Bench/First

18 1031 Suspicious Circumstances

1034 Trespassing (Prov. Statute)

- 1 038 Theft Under \$5000 From Motor Vehicle
- 040 Theft Under \$5000 Other
- 2 061 Bail Violations
- 063 Disturb the Peace
- 072 Mischief (Prop. Damage) Under \$5000
- 3 073 Criminal Code Other
- 100 Immigration Act
- 1001 Alarms
- 1002 Alerts
- 1003 Assist Other Agencies Ambulance
- 1003 Assist Other Agencies Cornwall PS
- 1003 Assist Other Agencies Other
- 1003 Assist Other Agencies Tribal PD
- 44 1004 Assist Public
- 1006 Document Service
- 1007 Breach of Probation
- 3 1009 By-Law Noise
- 4 1008 By-Law Dogs
- 1 1038 Missing Persons 1 104 Liquor Acts
- 1040 Traffic Complaint
- 1041 Mental Health Act
- 1 1047 Firearms Permit/FAC
- 1 1049 Medical Aid

- 1 1050 Youth Complaint
- 1052 Shooting Complaint
- 1056 Hazardous Conditions
- 15 106 Provincial Statutes Other
- 13 1063 Marine Patrol
- 2 1070 Sex Offender Registry
- 2 204 Sexual Assault
- 2 205 Assault Level 1
- 210 Assault Police
- 2 705 Dangerous Operation MV
- 1 711 Impaired Operation MV
- 3 715 Fail to Stop/Remain (CCC)
- 1 717 Fail to Stop/Remain (HTA)
- 18 721 Traffic Provincial Statutes
- 1 722 Traffic Municipal By-Laws
- 1 726 PD MVC Over \$1000 (Prop. Damage)
- 4 Incident Type Not Listed

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Mational Foster Care Month



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