



## GENERAL MEETING

Onerahtohko:wa/May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Kanatakon Recreation Center/Zoom Video Conference

6:00 pm

### AGENDA

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
  - A. Council Attendance
  - B. Moment of silence
2. **COUNCIL AGENDA ACCEPTANCE**
3. **RULES OF ORDER**
4. **FOLLOW UP** | Onerahtokha/April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023 General Meeting Action Items
5. **PRESENTATION** | Hydro Quebec
6. **PRESENTATION** | Community Watch
7. **UPDATE** | Department of Health (DOH) Detox Center
8. **BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR**
9. **RESOLUTION**
  - A. General Meeting Minutes dated Onerahtokha/April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023
10. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**
  - A. June General Meeting
11. **ADJOURNMENT**

**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.



## 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.



PRESENTATION TO THE COMMUNITY OF AKWESASNE

# Presentation to the community of Akwesasne

*May 25, 2023*

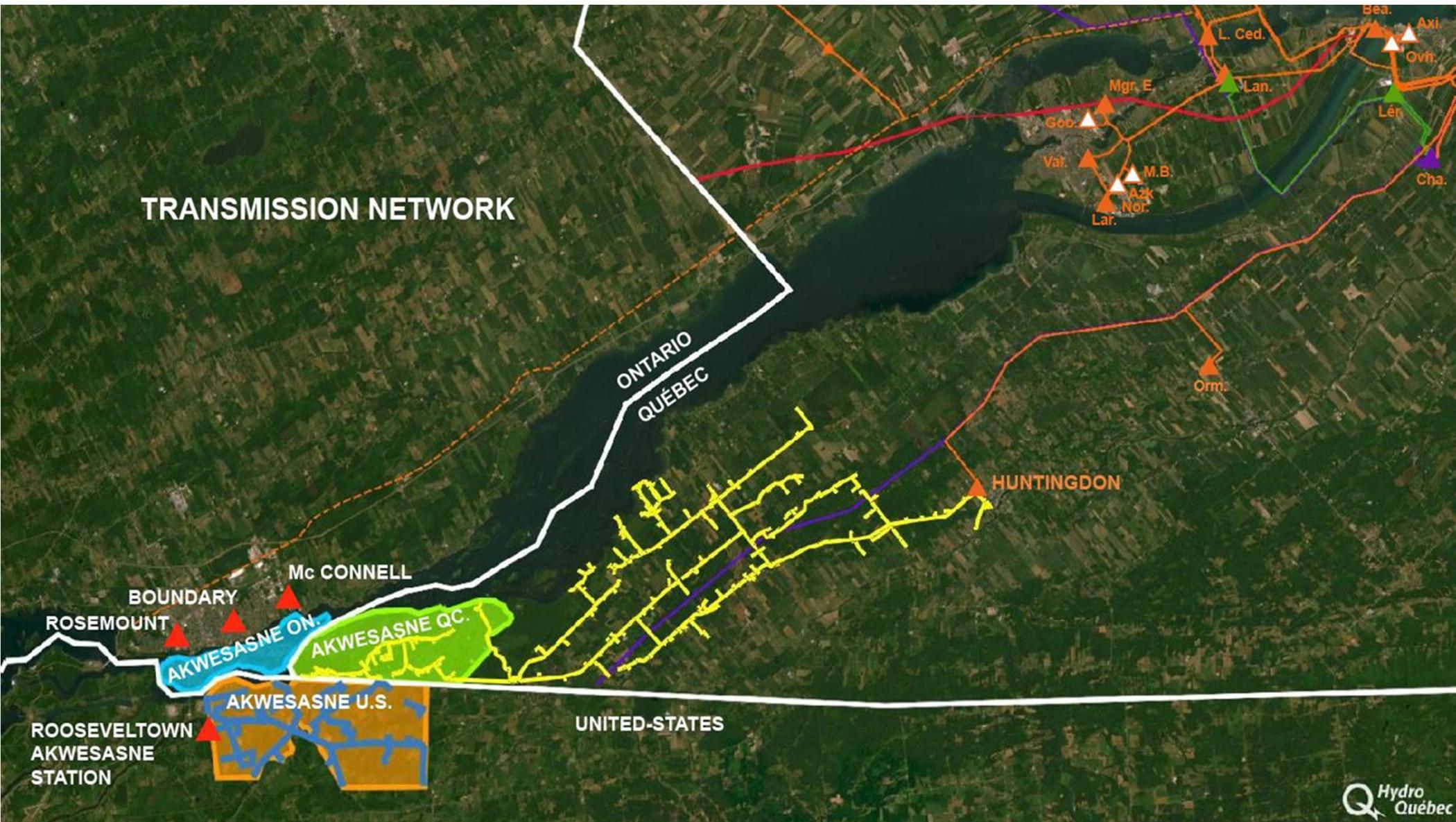
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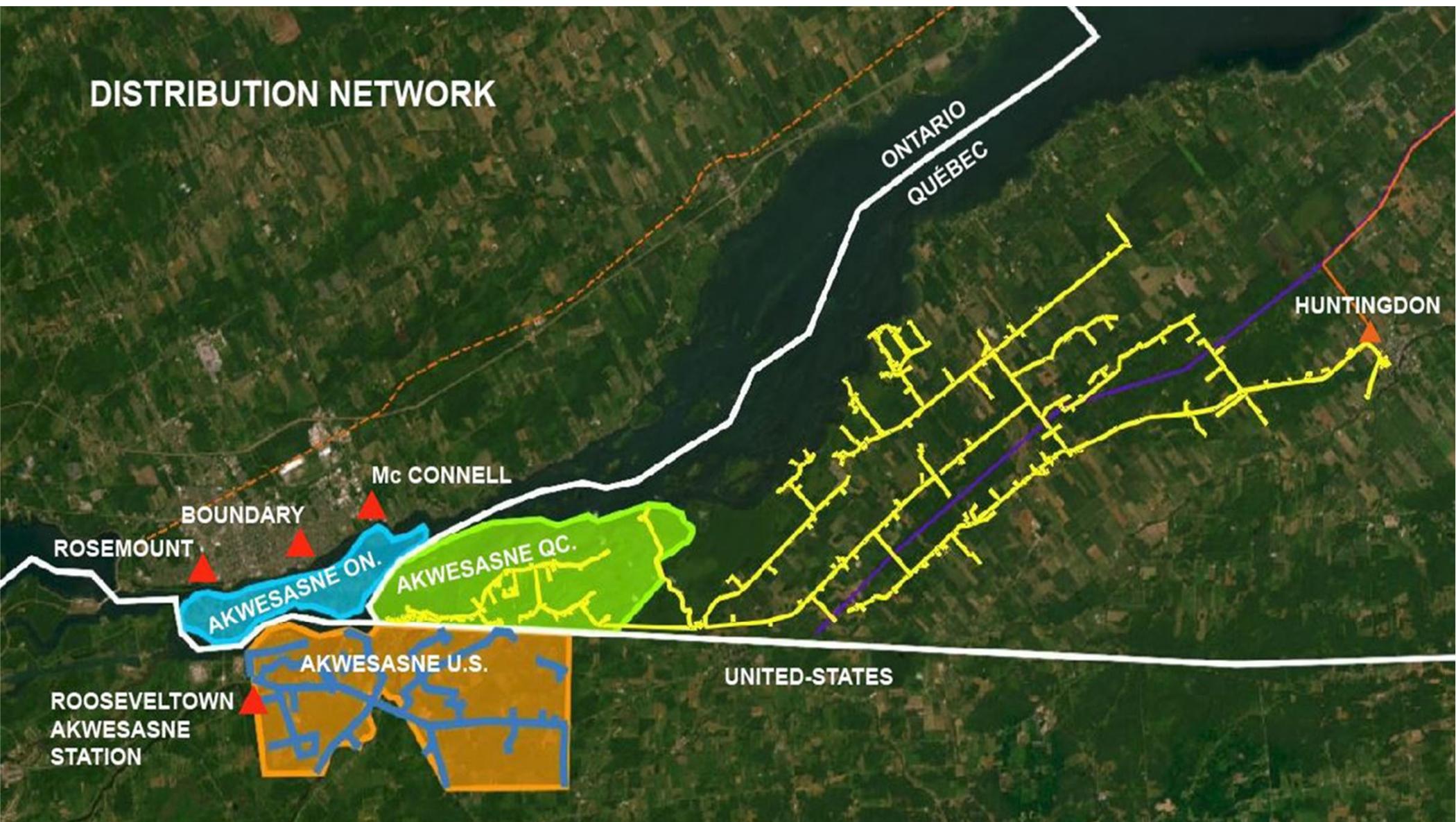
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# TRANSMISSION NETWORK



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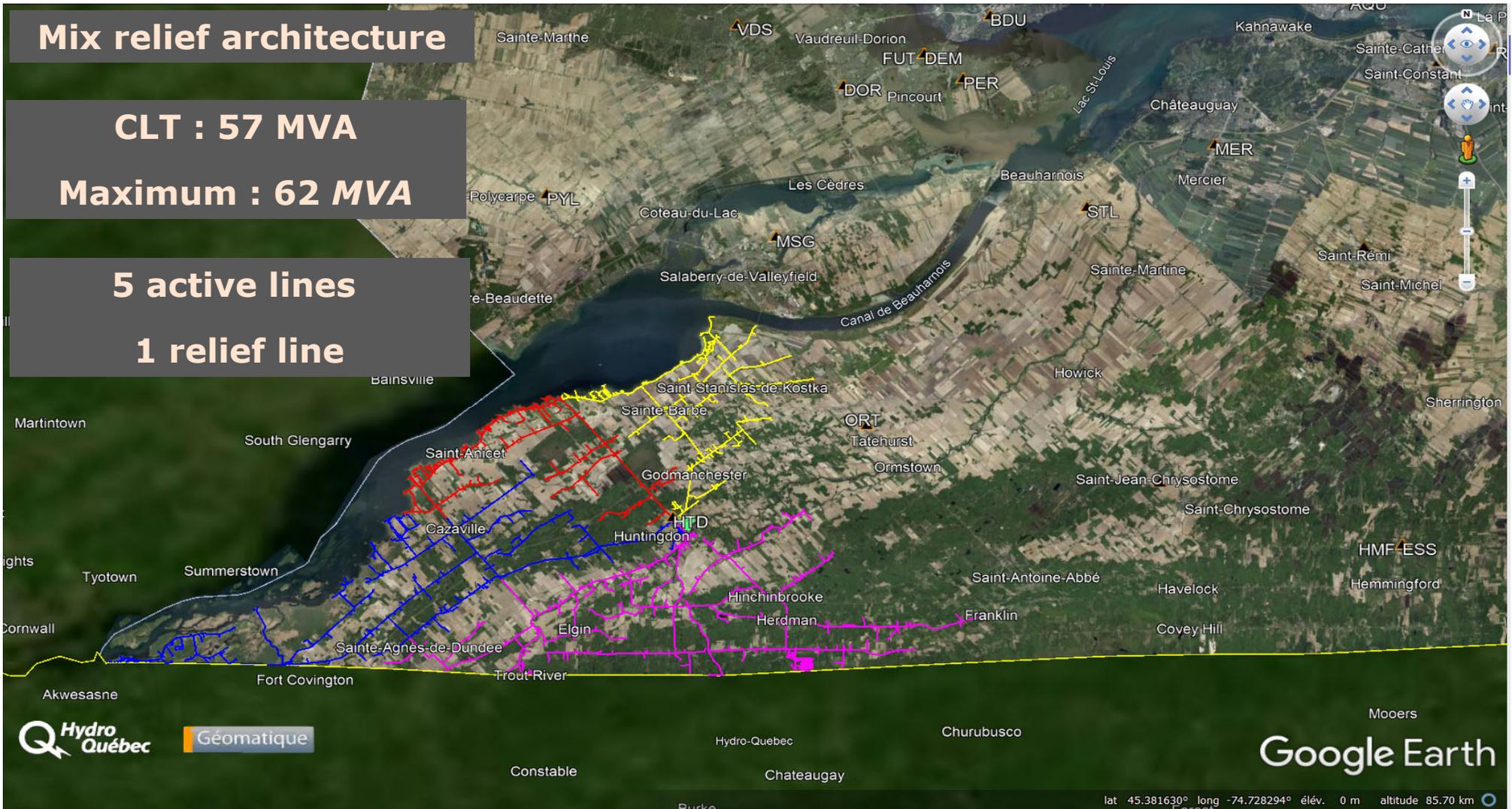
**Mix relief architecture**

**CLT : 57 MVA**

**Maximum : 62 MVA**

**5 active lines**

**1 relief line**



Géomatique

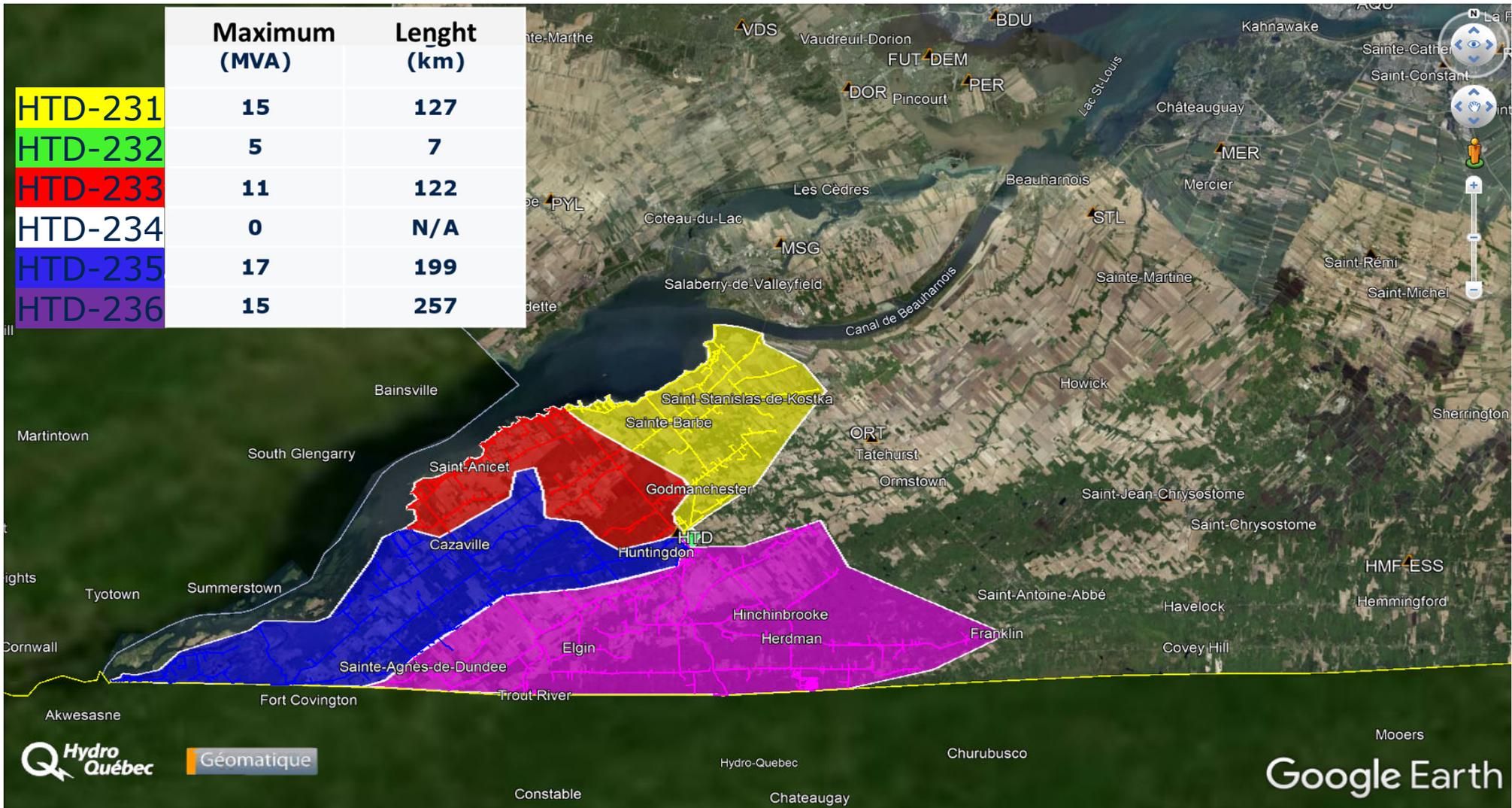
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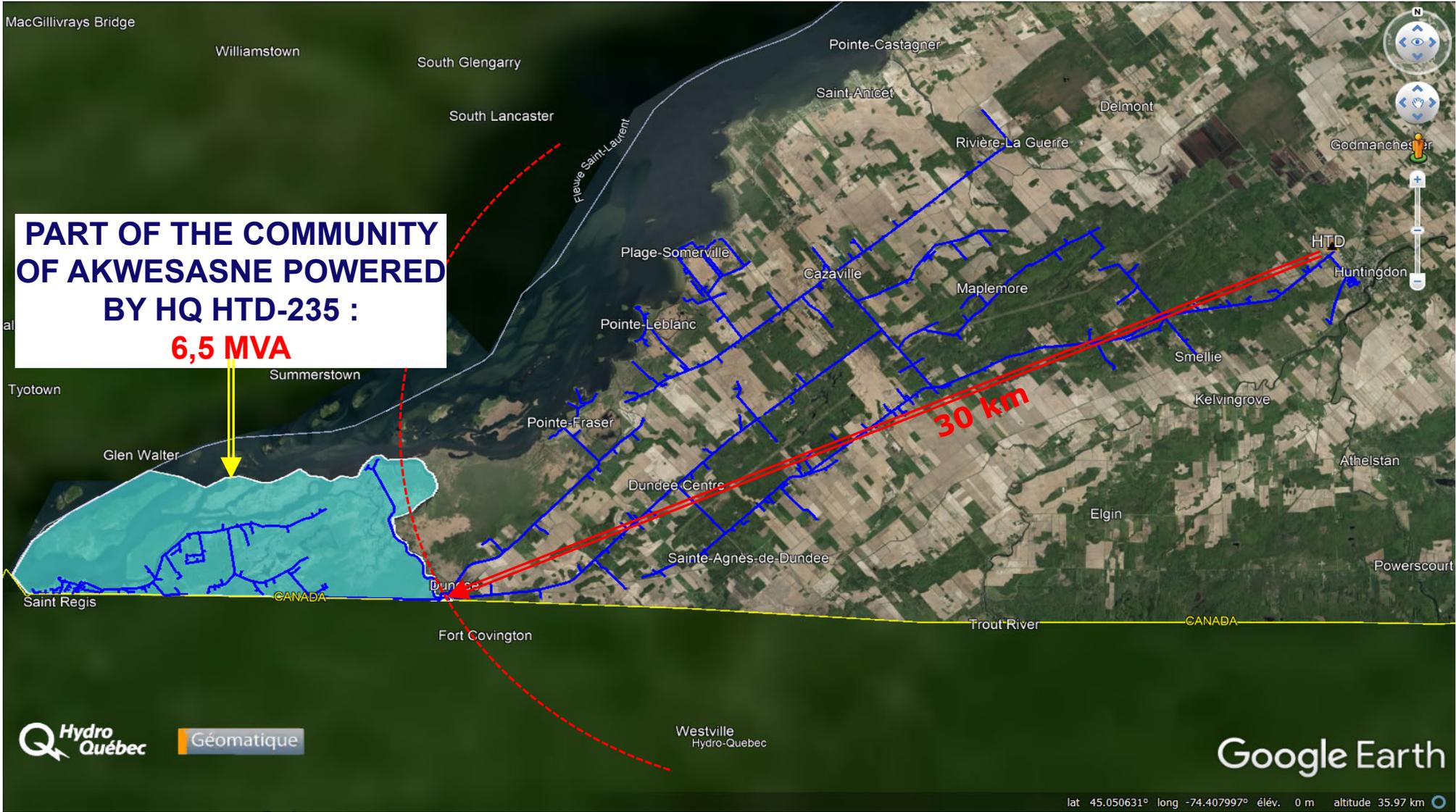
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Google Earth

lat 45.381630° long -74.728294° élév. 0 m altitude 85.70 km

	Maximum (MVA)	Length (km)
HTD-231	15	127
HTD-232	5	7
HTD-233	11	122
HTD-234	0	N/A
HTD-235	17	199
HTD-236	15	257





# Architecture / Solutions

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## Action in progress



## Next step





# Maintenance

# ELECTRICAL INSPECTIONS OF LINE HTD-235

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**Inspection performed in november 2021, repairs were done in 2022**

- **Approximately 30 anomalies were identified for the entire line during this inspection and seven have been identified as having a potential outage effect and were already corrected.**

**New inspection performed in February 2023 on the line along the border.**

- **Dangerous trees were identified and will be cut down.**

**New inspection performed in the community on March 31st 2023**

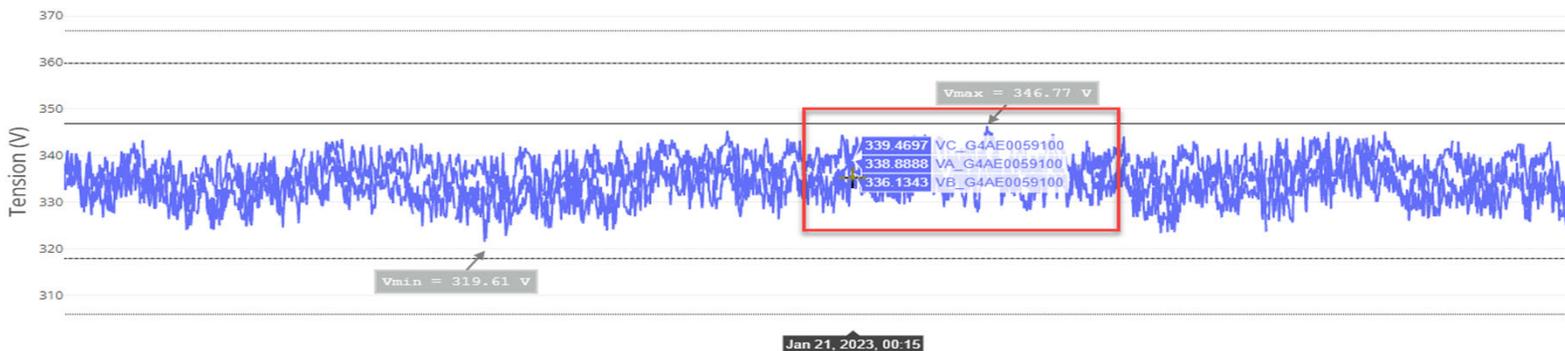
- **A few more anomalies were detected and 6 will be corrected this week. (broken insulators, stripped conductor, burnt pole)**

**Out of these anomalies, seven have been identified as having a "potential outage effect"**

# VOLTAGE IMBALANCE / THREE-PHASE CUSTOMERS

## Conducted in December 2022

- In previous meetings with the community, a voltage imbalance issue was flagged.
- To correct the situation, we rebalanced the loads on the line HTD-235. The voltages are therefore “closer” and the voltage imbalance has been reduced to below the 2% threshold.
- The voltages for a three-phase customer in the community on January 21, 2023, were A: 338 V, B: 336 V and C: 339 V. This difference in the voltages represents an imbalance of 0.5% which is normal.





# Vegetation Control Activities

# UPDATE OF THE ACTIVITY

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**The activity is still ongoing and should be completed by mid June**

- **Pruning start date: Week of March 20**
- **Felling and clearing start date: Week of April 10**
- **8 tree pruners, including 4 Mohawk contractors**
- **The whole activity lasted more than 2 months**

**35% of outages in HTD-235 are caused by vegetation**

# How Hydro-Québec clears vegetation near power lines



## Pruning

Pruning involves cutting tree branches to ensure safe clearance around medium-voltage lines.



## Clearing

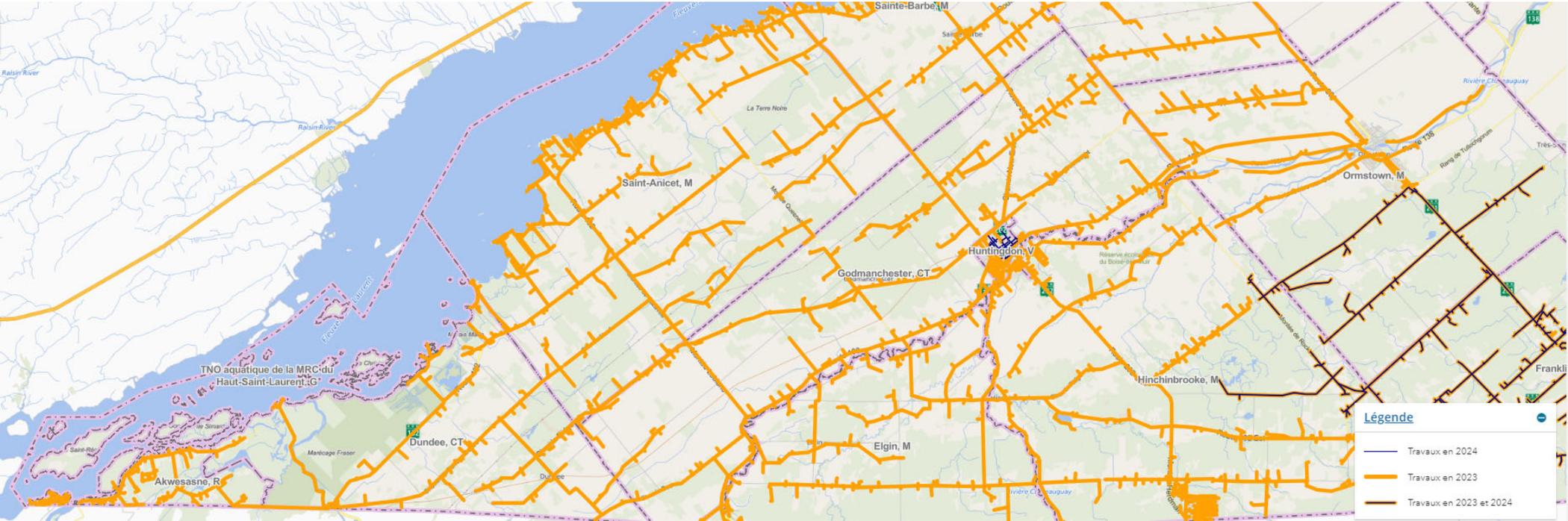
Clearing is a process that involves cutting taller trees down to ground level while maintaining low-growing vegetation that will not encroach on medium-voltage lines.



## Felling weakened trees

Trees that show signs of structural weakness (partially uprooted trees, trees damaged in a storm, etc.) and are in danger of falling on distribution lines are cut down (felled).

# Vegetation control activities 2023



<https://www.hydroquebec.com/securite/lignes-distribution/degagement-fils-moyenne-tension.html>



# Microgrid Analysis

# Microgrid



## What is a microgrid?

A smaller version of a typical power system

### Main goals

- Reduce greenhouse gas emissions
- Improve energy resilience and independence (against weather conditions, among other things)

### Three key elements

- Local generation of energy
- Energy storage (electrochemical, thermal, etc.)
- Smart load management

## What does it take to integrate a microgrid?

- **Defined boundaries** (enclosing a few km<sup>2</sup> at most, or service quality suffers)
  - No backup line
  - Outages due to events **upstream of defined boundaries**
- Average outage 15 minutes to 6 hours at most (**with an outage of less than 15 minutes, the microgrid would not be able to correct the problem given the time required to restart the microgrid**)
- **Little vegetation** near distribution lines within the defined boundaries
  - Load within defined boundaries = **1 to 3 MW**

# THE AKWESASNE GRID

- **The analysis covered the entire area of the Québec part of the community (22 km<sup>2</sup>) and a load of 6 MW.** Given the large area and the significant load, a microgrid would require a considerable investment. Ideal conditions for a microgrid are a small area (about 5 km<sup>2</sup>) and an electric load of 1 to 3 MW.
- **For the microgrid to help improve system quality,** outages must be infrequent within the area of the microgrid if they are to be covered by it. A study of outages over the last 10 years shows that a significant number of outages took place within the area of the community.
- An analysis of outages over the last three years demonstrates that of the **184 service interruptions** during this time only **23 (outages lasting more than 15 minutes and less than 6 hours) could have been avoided with the help of a microgrid.**
- **A microgrid is not a good solution: the characteristics of the target area (22 km<sup>2</sup> and a load of 6 MW) are far from ideal; and it would not dramatically improve service quality.**

# Thanks to those who have made this project possible :



## **Caroline Tremblay**

Dir. Opération et maintenance

## **Benoit Delourme**

Directeur Conception integ.&optim

## **Patric Frigon**

Chef · Relations avec les Autochtones

## **Marie-France Émard**

Conseillère - Relations avec les Autochtones

## **Benoit Pasqualetto**

Ingénieur

## **Marc Alain Andoh**

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**Questions /  
Concerns?**

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**SAHATIHAHARA'INE  
DETOX CENTER**

# **AGENDA**

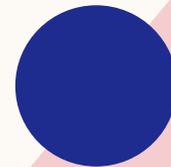
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Primary Goals

Areas of Growth

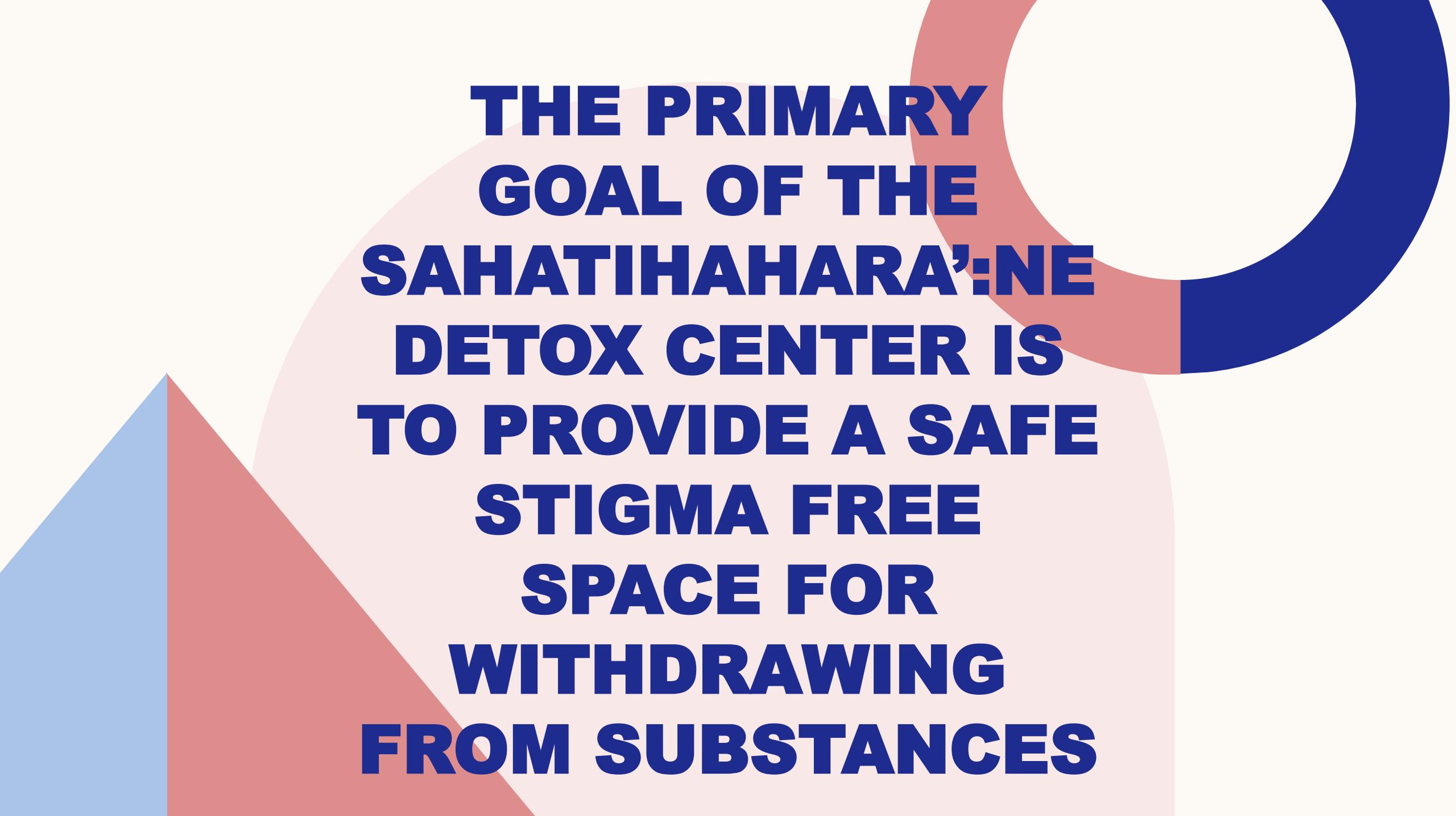
Timeline

Summary



# INTRODUCTION

At Sahatihahara':ne Detox Center, we want to foster recovery thinking to further drive wellness and embrace options to live sober. By utilizing harm reduction, options for opiate replacement therapies and substance recovery frameworks, we help our community and foster a substance-free mindset.



**THE PRIMARY  
GOAL OF THE  
SAHATIHAHARA'S  
DETOX CENTER IS  
TO PROVIDE A SAFE  
STIGMA FREE  
SPACE FOR  
WITHDRAWING  
FROM SUBSTANCES**

## **WHY DETOX?**

**DETOX IS THE FIRST STEP IN  
ADDICTION CARE AND PROVIDES  
IMMEDIATE ACCESS TO  
TREATMENT.**

# MEET OUR EXTENDED TEAM



**BONNIE BRADLEY**  
Program Manager



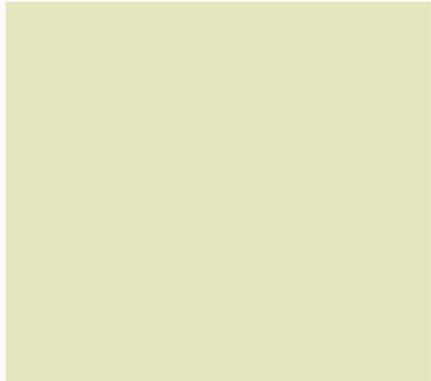
**CARLEE KING**  
Female Withdrawal Specialist



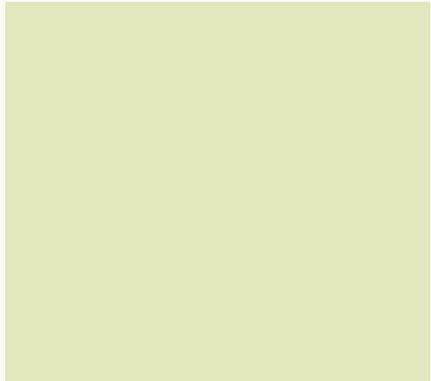
**WAYLON SQUARE**  
Male Withdrawal Specialist



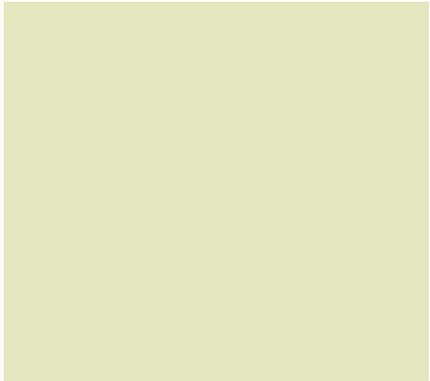
**RENNA LEAF**  
Cook



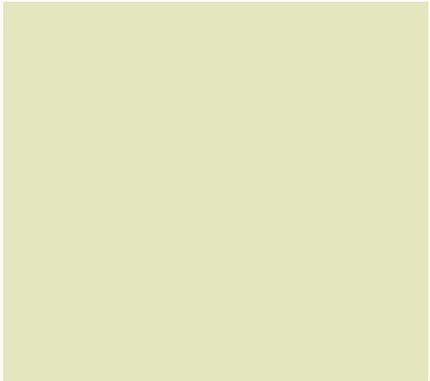
**JENNIFER COOK**  
Housekeeper



Registered Nurse



Registered Practical Nurse



Registered Practical Nurse

# TIMELINE



# AREAS OF FOCUS

## SAHATIAHARA':NE DETOX CENTER

- Provides a stigma free environment to begin the recovery process
- Services are implemented in a trauma informed manner
- Immediate, low barrier access to treatment

## OPPORTUNITIES TO BEGIN RECOVERY

- Introduce options for substance recovery
- Establish a framework for substance use recovery with referral to treatment options and options for Harm Reduction

# SUMMARY

As per the Eastern Ontario Drug Awareness Group in the monthly Drug and Poisoning or Overdose Monitoring Report: April 2023

## Suspected Drug Related Deaths EOHU Territory

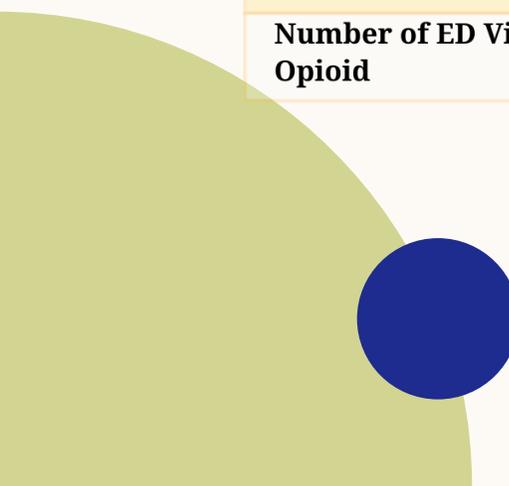
Year	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023 (Jan-Apr)
<b>Number of Suspected Drug Related Deaths</b>	15	18	31	39	40	19*

\*Data is preliminary and subject to change

Source: Office of the Chief Coroner for Ontario

## Total Emergency Department (ED) Visits for Opioid Poisonings or Overdoses EOHU Territory

Year/Month	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023 Jan.	2023 Feb.	2023 Mar.	2023 Apr.
<b>Number of ED Visits Opioid</b>	56	65	79	34	86	143	129*	10*	9*	13*	Error



# THANK YOU

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## **GRAND CHIEF MONTHLY REPORT**

### **APRIL / ONERAHTOHKHA**

### **2023**

#### **APRIL 2, 2023, CHIEFS OF ONTARIO LEADERSHIP COUNCIL**

On the evening of April 2, 2023, I traveled to Ottawa to participate in a Chiefs of Ontario (COO) Leadership Council meeting at the Westin Hotel. The meeting was held ahead of the upcoming Assembly of First Nations (AFN) Special Chiefs Assembly on the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. The Ontario Regional Chief provided the Leadership Council with an update from a recent AFN Executive Committee meeting and reported that the investigation report on the workplace investigation against the Nation Chief was not completed. The Regional Chief explained the challenges and delays being faced by the investigator but reported the final would be ready in May. The Leadership Council received a briefing from the COO secretariat on the upcoming resolutions coming to the Chiefs in Assembly at the AFN. The leadership council discussed concerns with few resolutions coming forward to the AFN and agreed to work to resolve the concerns ahead of the resolutions being voted on.

## **APRIL 3, 4, 5, 2023, ASSEMBLY OF FIRST NATIONS SPECIAL CHIEFS ASSEMBLY**

On April 3, 4, 5, 2023, I travelled to Ottawa to participate in the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) Special Chiefs Assembly (SCA). The AFN had called for SCA on the United Nations Declaration National Action Plan. Several resolutions had not been considered by the Chiefs at the Assembly in December were considered by the Chiefs over the three days. A significant amount of time was spent on the resolutions and the Chiefs debated each one. A series of plenary dialogue sessions took place on the United Nations Declaration and the National Action plan being proposed by the Government of Canada. Several of the Chiefs spoke in favor of the action plan, and a several of Chiefs spoke against the action plan. Unfortunately, due to a prolonged power outage in Akwesasne I was unable to attend the last day of the assembly.

## **APRIL 3, 2023, TREATY BORDER ALLIANCE**

On the afternoon of April 3, 2023, I participated in the Jay Treaty Border Alliance (JTBA) Governance Circle Quarterly meeting at the Canada Border Service Agency (CBSA) office in Ottawa. Recently, Kelly Atcon the Vice President of Strategic Policy was named the Indigenous champion for CBSA and the co-convenor for the governance circle. At the April 3, 2023, meeting the co-convenors for the right of entry technical table provided an update on the work and investigation they have been doing on legislative amendment options. At the meeting it was announced that the border crossing experience technical table would be hosting its inaugural meeting in the coming weeks. The governance table discussed the possibility of the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne submitting a funding proposal to support the coordination of the JTBA tables. – The representatives

from Canada provided an overview of upcoming engagement the government is going to undertake related to the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People (UNDRIP), the international border and Indigenous People. The representatives agreed that a high-level table between the Chiefs and the ministers would be scheduled in the next two – three months.

### **APRIL 5, 2023, UNITED NATIONS DECLARATION ON THE RIGHTS OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES**

On the evening of April 5, 2023, the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne (MCA) hosted a presentation, consultation session at the Westin Hotel. Over the last eight months the MCA had been hosting a series of engagement session on the Jay Treaty and the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People. On the evening of April 5, 2023, we presented the preliminary finds from the engagements session. The participants of the evening session provided additional input on their views of the Jay Treaty and border crossing rights. The participants also asked several questions related to what we heard on the engagement sessions.

### **APRIL 11 TO 17, 2023, OUT OF OFFICE**

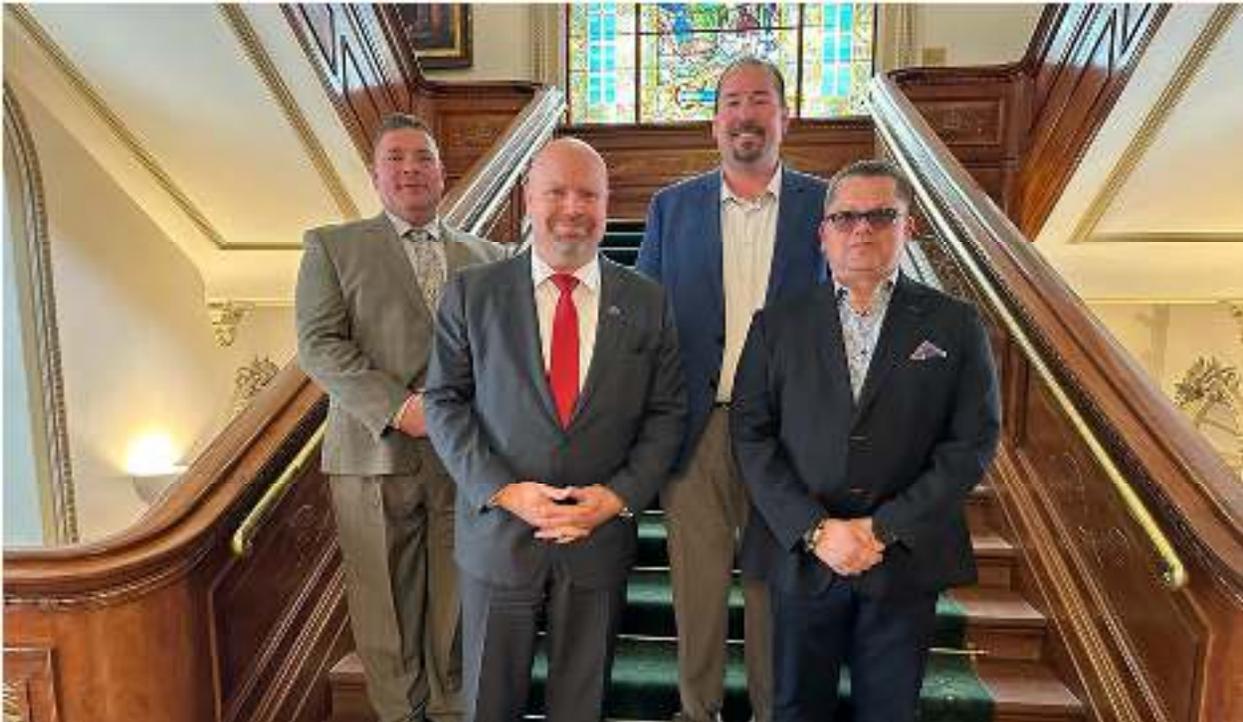
From April 11 to April 17, 2023, I was out of the office spending some time with my family.

### **APRIL 17, 2023, COUNCIL MEETING**

MCRs PASSED: Approval of (2) amendments 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 18, 2023, MINISTER LAFRENIERE**



On April 18, 2023, I travelled to Quebec City to meet Minister Ian Lafrenière at the Quebec National Assembly. Minister Lafrenière had invited the Akwesasne Mohawk Police Chief, Chief Edward and myself to the national assembly for lunch and to observe question period. The minister joined us for lunch at the dinner hall inside the national assembly prior to us observing the question period.

Following the question period, we accompanied the Minister to his Ministerial office to discuss a number of initiatives the minister was working on. At the meeting of April 18, 2023, we discussed the current licensing barriers related to French language and our licensed professional in Akwesasne. The minister informed us that recently his ministry was conducted a series of engagement session to discuss the possibility of him introducing an Indigenous language and culture act for Quebec. We also discussed the recent increase of illegal immigrants crossing through Akwesasne. The minister committed to continuing to work to find solutions for Akwesasne.

#### **APRIL 18, 19, 2023, ASSEMBLY OF FIRST NATIONS QUEBEC AND LABRADOR**



On April 18 and 19, 2023, Chief Edward and I participated in the Assembly of First Nations Quebec and Labrador (AFNQL) Chiefs General Assembly in Quebec City. On the morning of the 18th, Regional Chief Ghislain Picard provided the chiefs with an update on the ongoing meetings with Quebec and described the challenges

working with the Quebec government. The theme for the Chiefs Assembly was Governance and Self-Determination so the chiefs focused the discussion on building capacity among each nation to support one another. The chiefs also discussed the proposed Quebec Indigenous Culture and Language Law. The common concern with the proposed law was Quebec actions around the Bill 96, which was an amendment to the Quebec Language Law. The chiefs felt that Quebec was nonresponsive to their concerns and were not certain that Quebec would listen to their concerns around a Quebec Indigenous Culture and Language Law. The Chiefs received a number of updates from the various organizations that support the AFNQL in education, economic development, and social service. Chief Edward and I were only able to participate in the morning session on the first day because of our meeting with Minister Lafrenière. On the second day of the assembly of the Chiefs received a presentation from the Chiefs of Mashteuiatsh, Essipit and Nutashkuan on a project titled Petapan Treaty Project. The chiefs described the project which is a land claim settlement over the three nations traditional territory, and if settled would be like a modern self-government agreement. The chiefs in assembly asked several questions regarding the claim and expressed concern with overlap and the impacts to their communities. Following the presentation, the Chiefs received updates from the various portfolio holders for the AFNQL and considered some support resolutions. The Chiefs also received a presentation on upcoming class action lawsuit on non-Indigenous day schools.

## APRIL 21, 2023, SENATOR BERNADETTE CLEMENT



Following our participation at the AFNQL, Chief Edward and I travelled to Ottawa on April 21, 2023, to participate in a dialogue session with Senator Bernadette Clement on Indigenous Languages. Senator Clement invited a number of individuals from Akwesasne to participate in the session. The session was hosted at the Senate of Canada, where we were provided with a tour of the upper chamber. Following the tour, we were joined by Senator Brian Francis who is the Chair for the Senate Committee on Indigenous People. The invited participants engaged with the two senators on the importance of our Mohawk language but also shared their individual perspectives on Canada's Indigenous Language Act. Following our dialogue session with the Senators we accompanied Senator Clement to her East block

office for the unveiling of office plaque in three languages, English, French and Mohawk.

### **April 22, 2023, ANAF VETERAN'S PROVINCIAL CONVENTION**

On the morning of April 22, 2023, I provided the opening and welcoming remarks at the 2023 ANAF Veteran's Provincial Convention at the Best Western. Senator Clement, Mayor Towndale and MPP Nolan Quinn also provided welcoming remarks to the Veterans and other ANAF delegates to convention, Cornwall, and area.

### **APRIL 24, 2023, COUNCIL MEETING UPDATE**

- 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.

### **APRIL 24, 2023, NEW YORK LAND CLAIM**

On the afternoon of April 24, 2023, members of our internal MCA internal New York land claim met with our legal counsel to receive an update on the negotiations. Over the last several months our lawyer had been working with the other parties to arrive at a final settlement of the claim.

### **April 25, 2023, CHECK PRESENTATION**

On the afternoon of April 25, 2023, I participated in a check presentation ceremony at Kanonhkwa'tsheri:io. Recently Council approved the allocation of resources from the Department of Community & Social Services (DCSS) to assist community program that support children and families. Checks were presented to the Akwesasne Boys & Girls Club for \$1,000,000, Generations Park \$100,000, Kana:takon Recreation Center \$100,000.

Tsi Snaihne Recreation Center \$100,000, Kawehno:ke Recreation Center \$100,000 and Iakwa'shatste Youth Fitness for \$131,000.

### **APRIL 25, 2023, JTBA - TREATY BORDER ALLIANCE RIGHT OF ENTRY**

On the afternoon of April 25, 2023, I participated in a Jay Treaty Border Alliance Right of Entry working group meeting. At the meeting representatives from Immigration Refugee Citizenship Canada (IRCC) presented several scenarios to the participants on situation where American Border Natives are refused entry into Canada. The table discussed possible amendments and considerations for legislative amendment. The tables received a summary report to the governance table and discussed other agenda items for the table to review. The participants discussed at length the diverse options that would address the various scenarios.

### **APRIL 26, 2023, AKWESASNE MOHAWK POLICE COMMISSION**

On the evening of April 26, 2023, members of our Council hosted a meeting with the Akwesasne Mohawk Police Commission. We discussed the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne prescription drug strategy and the need to continue to collaborate on the awareness of program available and the need to report suspicious activities.

Council agreed that they would identify leads to work on the research of previous documents on MCA's strategy and to follow up with the commission. A discussion was held on the community watch program, and it was agreed that a presentation would be provided on the progress of the program. Our council also discussed with the commission the Akwesasne residency law and the enforcement of the law and greater presents of police in the district of Tsi Snaihne.

### **APRIL 26, 2023, CANOBI AGTECH**



On the morning of April 26, 2023 I traveled to Maxville Ontario to tour the Canobi AgTech farm. Robert Vincent the founder of Canobi welcomed me to the farm and provided me with background on his company and product. Robert explained to me that his vertical grown system has been designed to be operated by a software program that is preprogramed to grow specific plants. We tour his facility where I was able to see the product and learn more about which vegetables are being tested on vertical grow tracks.

### **APRIL 27, 2023, BELL MOBILITY**

On the afternoon of April 27, 2023, I hosted a call with a representative from Bell Mobility. The call was to touch base with the representatives ahead of our lease's renewals with Bell Mobility. The representatives committee to renewing the lease and the community

contribution agreement they have with the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne.

### **APRIL 27, 2023, GENERAL MEETING**

On the evening of April 27, 2023, our Council hosted our monthly General Meeting at the Akwesasne Mohawk School (AMS) in the hybrid format using zoom. The agenda included a presentation on the Jay Treaty Border Alliance, Information on the Akwesasne Election Law amendments, update on Quebec Hydro, update on the MCA pandemic status downgrade, update on Fiber to the Home project and an update on the Rogers tower. The entire recording of the General Meeting can be found at: <https://youtu.be/3c4KW1FqoH4>. The next General Meeting will take place on May 25, 2023, at the Kana:takon Recreation Center and online.

### **APRIL 27, 2023, CANADA BORDER SERVICE AGENCY**

On the morning of April 27, 2023, I hosted a call with the President of Canada Border Service Agency (CBSA) to discuss the increase in border wait times at the Cornwall Port of Entry. I explained to the President that the increase in wait times adds anxiety on not only Akwesasne but the border service officers. I let her know that staff shortages is one of the main reasons the wait times have increased and that I would be following up with a letter to her on our concern. The president acknowledged my concern and committed to responding to my letter and outline the actions being taken by CBSA to mitigate the wait times.

### **APRIL 28, 2023, CHIEF OF ONTARIO LEADERSHIP COUNCIL**

On the morning of April 28, 2023, I participated in a Chiefs of Ontario Leadership Council meeting. The Ontario Regional Chief has called for

an in-camera call with the leadership council to provide us with an update from the recent Assembly of First Nations (AFN) Executive Committee meeting and to seek the approval from the Leadership Council to call for an emergency Chiefs Assembly to provide them with the same update.

#### **APRIL 28, 2023, ST. LAWRENCE COLLEGE AUDITOR**

On the morning of April 28, 2023, I participated in a call with the auditors for the St. Lawrence College. The purpose of the call was for the auditor to provide me with an overview of their audit and risk mitigations and provide me with an opportunity to provide any information on risks within the college. As the Chair for the college board, I am required to participate in the annual call. I shared with the auditor that I did not foresee any risks for the college.

#### **APRIL 28, 2023, ONTARIO CANNABIS SECRETARIAT**

On the afternoon of April 28, 2023, our internal Mohawk Council of Akwesasne Cannabis Committee hosted a call with representatives from the Ontario Cannabis Secretariat. The representatives had requested a call with us to provide us with an update on the ongoing review of Ontario Cannabis system and to provide us with an opportunity to provide our input and insight into the Ontario system. On the call of April 28, 2023, we reiterated to the Ontario representatives that Akwesasne has taken its own approach to regulating the industry in Akwesasne and we would not be examining an Ontario Akwesasne co-licensing system.



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## Monthly Report



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### District of Tsi Snaihne

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

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### Monthly Notables:

- Was on vacation from April 27 to May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023, for my families annual Myrtle Beach vacation.
- Attended a Land Management Indigenous Conference in Mont Tremblant from May 9-11, 2023, left early due to the day 2 and 3 was geared toward the technicians.
- Attended Clarkson University Cultural Ceremony along with Saint Regis Mohawk Tribal Sub-Chief Benjamin Herne on May 12, 2023, there was 1 Akwesasneron:on who received their bachelor's degree. Many of the graduates wore their traditional attire.
- Attended the North Country Community College Graduation Ceremony, there were 9 Akwesasneron:on who received their degree.
- Participated in the initial meeting for Akwesasne Mental Health agencies, private and public sectors in Akwesasne on May 19, 2023.
- Attended the MCA (Mohawk Council of Akwesasne) and SRMT (Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe) Leadership meeting discussed collaborative communication initiative for joint messaging strategies.

*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
- Participated in the Oversight Committee on Legislative Development
- Worked on recording for CKON's Tetewatharen the legislative development on new, amended and revised laws that will be ready for vote. The spots will be aired twice a week for 4 weeks.
- A survey was conducted in the Community from March 20 to April 14<sup>th</sup> for priorities of new law, law in draft form and law to amended. The results were for fiscal year 2023/2024 were the following:
  - Language Law
  - Building code/housing law
  - Ethical Conduct law
- The following 2 laws should be ready to be voted on by summer are Cannabis and Emergency Management law.

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

- Attended the monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees on May 16, 2023, discussed the following:
  - Grade 8 Graduation will be all together, more traditional and at one location to be determined.
  - New Buses were delivered
  - 4 Contractors for the new 2023/24 school year
  - Pathways manager secured funding to offer the following courses: Building systems Maintenance, Carpentry and landscaping
  - Met Dr. Shurr from Queens University to discuss potential training for teachers on Universal design for learning.
  - Early Childhood will be hosting parent engagement sessions such moccasin making, ribbon skirt/shirt making, painting and beading classes.
  - Discussed the priorities for the next month, new positions, special education and vision and planning steps and contracts for students' services.

## **Department of Health**

- Attended the monthly DOH Portfolio meeting. The following topics were discussed:
  - Dr Yatimbin will start at the end of the summer; he is Ontario Certified and will be reinstating his Quebec certification.
  - Currently there is a call out for community members to sit on the MCA Health Board, submit a letter of interest and resume to the Director of Health.
  - Hired a new Patient Navigator, will be spending part time at CCH and part time at Kanonhkwa'tsheri:io Health Facility. The Patient navigator role will be to guide and support patients and families on their healthcare journey. They will aim to enhance and improve the healthcare needs of Akwesasneronon.
  - Update software for the non-insured benefits.
  - Land Base healing had its own office space and received a grant from ISC for equipment and hiring more staff.
  - Physio has returned to Tsiionkwanonhso:te and will be seeing patients.
  - Working on Department of Health Strategic Plan for 10-, 15- and 20-year goals and visions.

## **Financial Status/ Lobby Progress**

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

# May 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.

- First and foremost, I attended all my mandatory council and portfolio meetings.
- Attended the Entewatatha:wi nation building application of the Indian Act meeting. \* A review of section #83 was reviewed and discussed.
- Attended a preliminary meeting to discuss community cleanup for all three districts with DIHE.
- Attended a CBSA Border Collaboration Initiative meeting with the Dundee P.O.E working circle.
- Attended the Chief Committee on Housing and Infrastructure (CCOHI) meeting.
  - Topics of discussion:
    - Greener homes
    - CMHC Housing Accelerator fund
    - New housing approvals for First Nation communities
- Attended the April monthly general meeting.
- Attended a meeting where Virus Partners presented on development of electrical infrastructure within First Nation communities.
- Attended AMBE structure readiness presentation.
- Attended numerous Entewatatha:wi negotiations prep meeting.
  - Items discussed:
    - Restriction on mortgages
    - Properties deemed to be situated on Akwesasne lands.
    - Income tax status
    - Cultural property

- Attended the DIHE Park Street and Hill Top Drives Project restart meeting.
  - Date of restart and date of completion were scheduled with the project contractor.
- Attended a DIHE presentation on the status of the fire department's new build.
- Attended an ECDIV meeting with Falcon structures (Housing manufacturing).
- Attended a follow up meeting with Steven Steinwooll of Falcon Structures.
- Attended YECL- language priority meeting.
  - Strategy discussion on the bundle approach, to seek funding from Heritage Canada.
- Attended a Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe and Mohawk Council of Akwesasne Leadership meeting.
  - Topics discussed:
    - Land Lease Agreement.
    - Police Commission working together.
    - Communication strategy (See something, say something)
    - Human Smuggling Issue
    - SRMT – provided an update on the US land claim.
- Attended the Kawehnoke District meeting.
  - Updates were provided on language restoration initiative, road projects, CCOHI proposal for Lot readiness fund, Dundee P.O.E talks and Domestic Lane Questioning @ Cornwall's P.O.E.
- Attended a business presentation on wholesaling of cannabis within the territory of Akwesasne. Also discussed was the project planning – review and structure within ECDIV.
- Attended a follow up meeting for the Hill Top and Park Street Project, the second lift of the pavement and concrete curbing timelines were discussed and confirmed.
- Attended breakfast with City Mayor and Council, along with the Warden of SDNG.
  - Opening remarks of acknowledgement of the event taking place in the traditional lands of the Mohawks of Akwesasne, was pleasing to hear.

This is all I have to report on at this time. If I forgot or left out any details, perhaps my chiefs can provide additional information.

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# April 2023 Monthly Report

## Chief April Adams-Phillips



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

- Weekly Council Meeting
- SRMT/MCA monthly meeting
- District Meeting
- Monthly the Border Partners Call via Zoom MCA Public Safety Chiefs and Representative's from SRMT, Port Directors from CBSA, USCBP, update on current traffic volumes any issues with travelers and we provide relevant updates to CBSA and USCBP
- DCSS-Community Support Policy Review underway, oversight committee terms of reference still in the works, Special Needs special projects person transferred in-house, second behavioral facilitator will be implemented.
- DIHE Hamilton Island Bridge, Hilltop drive construction continuation, AHVFD new build, org chart review, budget,
- Health, Detox Centre, Recruitment, contracts, software
- Ionkwakwennion
- Finance budget overview
- AMPC
- Border Collaboration Initiative Dundee POE
- Border Collaboration Initiative Governance
- Cultural Agreement

### Travel

March 29-31 Quebec City, AFNQL Elected Women's Council

April 3-6 Ottawa, AFN Special Chiefs Assembly

April 24<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> Thunder Bay, Association of Native and Family Services Agencies of Ontario



# Monthly Report

Chief Dwayne Thomas



## Monthly Report for April 2023

**Portfolios: Health, Economic Development, Governance**

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### Monthly Notables:

1. April 3-6 – AFN General Assembly, Ottawa ON
2. April 6 – At Whoville House to assist with food distribution during power outage
3. April 7 – At Senior Center to assist with food distribution during power outage
4. April 11 – Government Secretariat Meeting
5. April 13 – Finance Committee Meeting
6. April 16-18 – Iroquois Caucus Meeting, Ottawa ON
7. April 19-22 – Rural Physicians Recruitment, Niagara Falls, ON
8. April 24 – Meeting with Snye Chiefs and Snye Community member
9. April 26 – MCA and AMPC meeting
10. April 27 – General Meeting

### 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-weekly 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 and Healing

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

VIA Rail Canada-Employment and Procurement opportunities

Scheduled day in office Friday.



Kawehno:ke District Chief

*Vanessa Adams*

*Monthly Report*

<b>REPORT START DATE:</b>	May 1, 2023	<b>REPORT END DATE:</b>	May 25, 2023
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Portfolios	Information
Department of Health DOH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023 (attended) March 16, 2023 (cancelled)</li> </ul>
Department of Community & Social Services DCSS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monday May 1, 2023, meeting cancelled due to Council meeting</li> </ul>
Public Safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>May 11, 2023</li> </ul>
Economic Development Ec Dev	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>May 17, 2023, unavailable</li> </ul>

Committees-WTG	Brief Updates
<b>Child Rights and Responsibilities Law- ACRRL</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review of topics what items belong in the ACRRL.</li> <li>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</li> </ul>
<b>Emergency Management Law WTG- EML</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Entering Phase 3 meeting April 20, 2023</li> </ul>
<b>Ionkwakwennion Book of Accomplishments</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at 6:30 pm at the Benson center in Cornwall ON Recognition to include the U13 Cornwall Typhoons Hockey Team Congratulations and great job- Congrats to our U13A Cornwall Typhoons! You filled the cup and won \$100,000.00 for Beyond 21</li> </ul>
<b>Cannabis Law Working Task Group- ACL</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>phase 4 enactment of law to be accepted by council and voted on via referendum</li> </ul>
<b>MCA-CBSA Border Collaboration Working Circles</b> Port of Cornwall, Leadership, Economic Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> </ul>

Meetings Attended	
<b>ECCC First Nations Climate Leadership National Meeting</b> May 1-5, 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Indigenous Climate Leadership (ICL) and the First Nations Climate Leadership details on mandate, objectives and intent, current climate change program, policy and engagement landscape. Machinery of Government- federal decision-making process and governance. Climate change adaptation and mitigation. Scope and linkages to other policy areas, follow up meeting July 2023</li> </ul>

Portfolios	Information
<p><b>Kawehno:ke District Meeting</b></p> <p><b>Meeting with Minister Mendicino Public Safety</b></p> <p>May 25, 2023</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• May District meeting discussions included updates on Recreation funds timeline (DCSS), Meals on Wheels to serve Kawehno:ke from Kawehno:ke, CBSA Border Line Ups, wait times and inconsistent questioning. Request for Enbridge presentation for District Meeting. Walking Trail and Lacrosse Box at AMS</li> <li>• The agenda included tour of Community</li> <li>• Border wait times – Kawehno:ke residents tend with being part of a gated community. Health &amp; Safety Concerns of the long lines and wait times, Inconsistent line of questioning, Low Staffing on behalf of CBSA continues to be the excuse provided although Minister has stated the hiring of 15 new CBSA Inspectors will happen. The importance of Cultural Training to occur in Akwesasne and continued events to provide opportunity for community to share space and become familiar with one another. Elders present shared concerns and questions for the minister on long lines, uneasy criminalized feelings, lanes and logistics, moving CBSA and improving communications. Niawen:knowa to all in attendance.</li> </ul>
<p><b>AFN First Nations Emergency Responders National Gathering</b></p> <p>May 17-19, 2023, Ottawa</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attended the AFN First Nations Emergency Responders National Gathering</li> <li>• Spoke to representatives from various Fire Departments across Canada</li> <li>• Presentations on Fire Risks Increasing and Volunteerism decreasing</li> <li>• The Fire Service – Levels of Service</li> <li>• Community Safety Goals</li> <li>• 6 pillars of First Nations Fire Protection Strategy 2022-2027</li> </ul>
<p><b>Border Collaboration Initiative Working Circle – Cornwall POE</b></p> <p>Every 6 weeks</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussions included pre-clearance, Domestic Lane, Staffing increases in 2023-24 information on recruitment and Port specific orientation. Youth Engagement, Artwork, CBSA Cultural Awareness training is ongoing this is encouraging as this training is vital to our daily encounters with CBSA officers on PIL.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Department of Health</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Detox Center renovations completed watch for opening announcements. Discussion about data base for Non-insured</li> <li>• Land based Healing</li> <li>• Mental Health Possibility of New Physician hiring</li> </ul>



