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MCA's Department of Infrastructure, Housing and Environment (DIHE) Associate Director Charmaine Caldwell presented a cheque to Fort Garry Fire Trucks for the manufacturing and delivery of a brand new fire engine to the HAVFD. Read more on page 25.

UPCOMING MCA MEETINGS & SPECIAL DATES:

AKWESASNE MEMBERSHIP BOARD ELECTIONS

Saturday, October 7, 2023 – 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Kawehno:ke – Tri-District Elders Lodge Tsi Snaihne – Tsi Snaihne Recreation Center

AKWESASNE CANNABIS LAW AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT LAW REFERENDUM

Saturday, October 21, 2023 – 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Kana:takon – Kana:takon Recreation Center Kawehno:ke – Tri-District Elders Lodge Tsi Snaihne – Tsi Snaihne Recreation Center

OCTOBER GENERAL MEETING

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne's next General Meeting will take place on October 26, 2023 at the Tsi Snaihne 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

Grand Chief Abram Benedict

Kana:takon District

Chief Fallon David Chief Cindy Francis-Mitchell Chief Julie Phillips-Jacobs Chief Tim Thompson

Kawehno:ke District

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

Tsi Snaihne District

Chief April Adams-Phillips Chief Sarah Lee Sunday-Diabo Chief JoAnn Swamp Chief Dwayne Thomas

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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 connected in other ways, the following channels are provided:

2250.

E-newsletter: Register for a weekly e- Website: News and general information inbox. It's a great way to quickly stay up to wesasne.ca. This includes job postings and date! Sign up by visiting www.akwesasne. Council contact information. ca/signup.

Instagram and Snapchat!

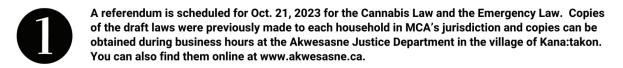
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newsletter delivered straight to your email can be found on our website at www.ak-

Local Media: Find our news and infor-Social Media: Visit us on Facebook, Twitter, mation in Akwesasne's long-serving local media, CKON 97.3 Radio and Indian Time Newspaper.

FVETHINGS

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



The Akwesasne Membership Board will hold an election on Oct. 7, 2023 for several seats. See page 5 for voting information.

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Keep an eye on MCA announcements for any events or activities you can participate in. Or visit https://cancer.ca/en/get-involved/our-events for more ways to raise awareness.

On September 28, 2023, MCA held its September General Meeting. All MCA General Meetings can be viewed on our YouTube channel: www.youtube.com/mcakwesasne.

The Community Health Program will soon be rolling out its fall vaccination schedule and recommends both flu and COVID-19 vaccines. Visit www.akwesasne.ca/eohu-provides-update-oncovid-19-and-other-seasonal-vaccines for more COVID-19 information/updates and keep an eye out for an announcement when the vaccines are available.

NEWS



TSIIONKWANONHSO:TE CELEBRATES 29TH ANNIVERSARY

The Tsiionkwanonhso:te Long-Term Care (LTC) facility celebrated its 29th anniversary on August 17, 2023. 29 years ago, the LTC opened its doors to residents in need of long-term and daily medical care.

with several events throughout the week, such as:

- A performance by the local band, Crosswinds
- An ice cream truck on-site for residents and their families
- Entertainer Johnny M.
- Little Ray's Reptile Zoo
- Tota Bingo with the residents, their families, and community members
- Traditional teachings, storytelling, songs, and dances with the Native North American Travelling College
- An outdoor carnival with games, prizes, a dunk tank, and lots of food
- A week-long Mohawk Auction with proceeds benefiting the LTC resident's holiday activity fund





Tsiionkwanonhso:te would like to extend its sincere gratitude to all those who assisted in celebrating 29 years of caring and service. Your support and participation is greatly appreciated. The LTC would also like to thank their dedicated and caring staff The LTC had a week-long anniversary celebration for planning and implementing the many activities hosted throughout the week.







Tsi Snaihne District Chief Dwayne Thomas volunteered to go in the dunk tank during the carnival





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NEWS

SWEARING-IN CEREMONY HELD FOR KAWEHNO:KE DISTRICT CHIEF VINCE THOMPSON

of Akwesasne (MCA) held a swearing-in ceremony Chief Vince Thompson — we look forward to the for Vince Thompson, the re-elected District Chief of continuation of your good work for the community! Kawehno:ke. Chief Thompson was elected through a by-election held on September 2, 2023 for the Niawenhkó:wa to all those who shared in the district of Kawehno:ke.

Chief Thompson was sworn in by Justice of the Peace Alexandra David at the Kawehno:ke Recreation Center with family, Council and community members. His return was celebrated through speeches given by Acting Executive Director Tessa Jocko, Kana:takon District Chief Julie Phillips-Jacobs, and Kawehno:ke District Chief Edward Roundpoint.



On Thursday, September 14, the Mohawk Council Congratulations and welcome back, District

celebration and ceremony.





OFFICIAL RESULTS OF SEAWAY CLAIM REFERENDUM

"As a Voter of the Mohawks of Akwesasne, do you agree to and approve the terms and conditions of the Seaway Claim Settlement Agreement initialed by the negotiators for the Mohawks of Akwesasne, Canada, the Federal Bridge Corporation Limited, and the Seaway International Bridge Corporation Ltd. Which settles and releases the Seaway Claim?"

> **YES: 170** NO: 275

No appeal was filed by the deadline of Thursday, August 31, at 1:00 p.m.

NEWS

MCA GRAND CHIEF ATTENDS IROQUOIS CAUCUS IN KAHNAWA:KE

In early August, MCA's Grand Chief Abram Benedict travelled to Kahnawà:ke, Québec to attend the regular Iroquois Caucus meeting. This forum provided an opportunity for elected Councils to discuss and strategize political matters that affect our communities. Assembly of First Nations Québec-Labrador (AFNQL) Regional Chief Ghislain Picard and Ontario Regional Chief Glen Hare attended the session to discuss formalizing a relationship between the Iroquois Caucus and the two regions. The leadership also extensively discussed Canada's proposed legislation on Métis Self-Government Recognition with the Regional Chiefs. It's always a pleasure to meet and engage in dialogue with our fellow elected Iroquois leaders.



Pictured L-R: Chief R. Don Maracle (Tyendinaga), Grand Chief Victor Bonspille (Kahnesatake), Québec Regional Chief Ghislain Picard, Grand Chief Kahsennehawe Sky-Deer (Kahnawake), Ontario Regional Chief Glen Hare, Grand Chief Mark Hill (Six Nations) & Grand Chief Abram Benedict (MCA)

OFFICIAL NOMINATION RESULTS FOR AKWESASNE MEMBERSHIP BOARD

An election will be held on Saturday, October 7, 2023 for the Akwesasne Membership Board in the Districts of Kawehno:ke (4-year Term) and Tsi Snaihne (2-year Term) from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the following locations:

Tsi Snaihne — Tsi Snaihne Recreation Kawehno:ke — Tri-District Elders Lodge

Advance polls will be held on Wednesday, September 27, 2023 and Monday, October 2, 2023 by appointment only. To make an appointment, please call 613-575-2250 ext. 2406.

The Voters List will be posted on Kawehno:ke at Bank of Montreal (BMO) and Express Gas; Tsi Snaihne's will be posted at Iohahi:io and Snye Life Convenience Store.

OFFICIAL NOMINATION RESULTS		
District of Kawehno:ke (2-Year Board Member)	Donna Delormier (Acclaimed)	
District of Kawehno:ke (4-Year Board Member)	Joanne Jocko Ruth Seymour	
District of Tsi Snaihne (2-Year Board Member)	Theresa Thompson Shannon L. Lazore	
District of Tsi Snaihne (4-Year Board Member)	Darlene Adams (Acclaimed)	
District of Kana:takon (2-Year Board Member)	No Nomination	
District of Kana:takon (4-Year Board Member)	Nomination forms undeliver- able by the deadline of Monday, September 18 at 12 p.m. (James Hemlock)	
Chairperson (4-Year Term)	Esther Jock (Acclaimed)	

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COUNCIL AND MOHAWK GOVERNMENT

COUNCIL WEEKLY MEETING REPORT

SUBMITTED BY GRAND CHIEF ABRAM BENEDICT



AUGUST 14, 2023

- Representatives from the Native North American Traveling College (NNATC) presented to Council on the current programming being offered by NNATC. They expressed a willingness to work with Council on future programs.
- The Border Collaborative Initiative (BCI) Preclearance Working Group provided Council with an • MCR's: Approval of rescind (2)

- overview of the working groups scope of work for the upcoming
- Council received a briefing on a recent request from Kanesatake meet regarding police services.
- A request for financial assistance from the Akwesasne Thunder Lacrosse team was discussed. Council approved a \$5,000 contribution.
- Council discussed the current structure of the Public Safety Department and agreed Grand Chief will follow up on possible assistance in a review of organization options.
- Council discussed the current Akwesasne Election Law amendment process.

resolutions for repairs loans; Approval of (2) Upgrade loans; Approval of (2) new construction loans; Approval of funding application for Community Emergency Measures; Approval of funding application for Community Fire-Smart Plan; Approval to request funding to host First Nations CEMC Conference; Approval of amendment to Canada Akwesasne funding agreement; Approval of 21/22 MAG Vulnerable Persons Report; Approval to proceed with planning for using planning for Sunday Warehouse; Approval to proceed with design preparation for shovel ready projects; Approval of contribution to Akwesasne Freedom School building fund; Approval of transfer payment for MCA Environment Program.

AUGUST 21, 2023

- Representatives from Ontario Power Generation (OPG) provided the Council with an overview of the company's Reconciliation Action Plan and explained how they intend to collaborate with their partners to bring the plan to fruition.
- The Committee on Legislative Development provided Council with an overview of the latest changes to the draft amendment of the Akwesasne Election

- Law. Council will determine the means of acceptance at next weeks meeting.
- A briefing note regarding a possible partnership with the City of Cornwall for housing was discussed and reviewed. Council requested the director responsible to present to Council on the request.
- Chief Tim Thompson was identified as the Council liaison with the Akwesasne Shonataten:ron group.
- Council reviewed the agenda for the upcoming meeting with the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe and agreed to add the New York claim and the Border Collaborative Initiative to the agenda.
- A concern about a sign located within the roadway easement was discussed, and administration will follow up on this matter.
 - MCRs passed: Approval of increase to MCA Fishing and Hunting Permit Fees; Approval of agreement for Preserving

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Akwesasne Native Biodiversity agreement; Approval of Fish Identification Nearshore Survey Project Agreement with OPG; Approval to Proceed with Water Treatment Plant upgrades; Ap-

proval of application to Canada Mortgage Housing Corporation (CMHC) Housing Accelerator Fund; Approval of Commercial Lease between Community Members; Approval to Request

Additions to Reserve for Cairn Island; Approval of amendment to MCR for spelling error; Approval to rescind MCR for decline of a

AUGUST 28, 2023

- Dr. Brittany Jock presented background information on two projects she is involved in: "Integrated Indigenous Knowledge System into Health Research" and "Indigenous Community Mobilization within the context of COVID-19." Dr. Jock requested support from the Council and asked the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne (MCA) to participate. The Council agreed to provide support and have the MCA participate.
- Council reviewed material from Ratiweras Goup and agreed to provide a letter of support for the project and its funding submission.
- A request to explore the setting up a financial literacy day for community members was discussed and will be explore and with community financial partners.
- Council discussed the current draft of the Akwesasne Election Law and requested a special session with legal counsel to review.
- A request for support for First . Environment program, further information will be sought.

- Council agreed that due to next Monday's holiday, no Council meeting will occur.
- A request was made to follow up with a community contractor on restoration of the water front in Kana:takon, follow up will also be done with environment and compliance on shoreline damages.
- Council discussed the community watch program and agreed to organize a joint meeting with MCA department to discuss program responsibilities.
- A request for donation was discussed and was referred to Executive Services for processing.
- Council discussed the current schedule to meet with the Akwesasne Mohawk Police Commission and agreed to move the meeting to quarterly.
- A request for the continued exploration and expansion of financial support for adults to attend Mohawk language courses was discussed and will be explored by Youth, Elders, Culture and Language Committee.
- Council received and acknowledged the referendum results from this weekend vote. Further

- information will be shared once options are reviewed and considered.
- A request for assistance from the Tsi Snaihne Recreation was discussed. More information will be gathered regarding this request.
- MCRs passed: Approval of 21/22 Long-Term Care Annual Report; Approval of amendment to Akwesasne Canada funding agreement; Approval of Notice of Budget Amendment to Akwesasne Canada funding agreement; Approval of final draft of Akwesasne Emergency Management Law to proceed to referendum; Approval of final draft of Akwesasne Cannabis Law to proceed to referendum; Approval of agreement and MOU for Cairn Island; Approval of additional HIV/AIDS prevention funding; Approval to participate in Indigenous Methodologies Study, Approval to participate in Indigenous Community Mobilization/ COVID-19 Study.



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KAWEHNO:KE DISTRICT CHIEF JACKIE BENEDICT UPDATES



Monthly Report: August 2023

Portfolios:

Department of Community & Social Services (DCSS), Department of Infrastructure, Housing & Environment (DIHE), Government Secretariat, Department of Justice

Working Task Groups: Green Team, Governance, Hydro

Québec

She:kon all. Here is an overview of different projects and areas that I have been involved with.

JUSTICE PORTFOLIO

I am a member of the Justice Portfolio and in addition to our portfolio meetings, I sit on several committees. Below is an overview of some of the committees and working groups I sit on.

OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

On the Oversight Committee, we meet once a month to receive updates on the laws that are being developed. We plan for the communication and consultation that takes place. In the month of September, members of the Oversight Committee will be on CKON's

Emergency Management Law. Keep an each household to help you make your decision for the referendums.

RESIDENCY LAW REVIEW

Our working group has been reviewing the Residency Law and making changes to update the Law as it is very outdated. Lafrance Road was repaved. The Hilltop It was developed in the late 80s, so a lot of the wording needs to be updated. All the laws that are being worked on have community members on the working group. I also attended a Legal Drafting Workshop in Ottawa last fall with several community members who are on the Oversight Committee.

ELECTION LAW REVIEW

The Election Law Working Task Group includes the Justice Coordinator and several community members. Council had a line-by-line reading of the Election Law at the beginning of the review, and there have been updates on it periodically. According to the Law Enactment Procedural Regulations, the consultation/comment period for the Election Law has passed. However, as a member of Council I have heard many comments from community members requesting that the Election Law be amended. Council had a meeting with Nathan Richards regarding the proposed amendments to date.

DEPARTMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE, HOUSING AND ENVIRONMENT (DIHE) PORTFOLIO

Infrastructure Development

Tetewatharon to discuss the upcoming In addition to the regular Portfolio

referendums for Cannabis Law and the meetings, I also attend regular meetings for Infrastructure development. These eye out as the Laws will be mailed out to meetings include the contractors and DIHE Director and staff. Discussions are made for the priority areas in the community, and we are provided with updates on the phases we are at for construction.

> In the Spring/Summer 2023, Wade Road construction also took place. Great job to those involved. Soon, the Hawthorne Road Tender is going to be submitted for construction, anticipated to begin in 2024. This will extend the road and lead to an area which will allow for the construction of additional rental units.

Environment Sector

I was involved in the planning for the Great St. Lawrence Cleanup. Great job to all the attendees and participants of this event and for keeping our rivers clean.

Unfortunately I was not able to attend the washing or release of the baby turtles in August, but I would like to say great effort and work done by those that participated.

Recently, at the Iroquois Caucus meetings, a concern was raised about the Ontario Wetlands Evaluation System. The proposed changes to legislation would make it easier to develop on wetlands and that they could be filled in for building developments. This is a huge concern for me as wetlands are so important to our ecosystems, so I invited the Environment Program Manager to attend the next meeting in November 2023.

Housing Sector

At the Housing Authority meetings, we

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approved recommendations to Council on Housing Loan Applications. We also discussed housing issues and received reports on housing developments and construction, renovations and applications for funding. We are looking forward to the creation of additional rental units in Tsi Snaihne with the Hawthorne Road extension.

AKWESASNE MOHAWK POLICE COMMISSION/AMPS/COUNCIL

I have attended the Akwesasne Mohawk Police Commission and Council meetings. Most of the meetings are regarding community issues that have been raised with Council or with the AMPS. Some of the issues we have discussed are fentanyl use and overdose problems. At a recent presentation, an officer discussed the increase of overdoses in the community, due to the high potency of fentanyl. There are a lot of people who have sadly lost a loved one in the community. Please make sure the people and youth in your life know drug use is dangerous; people can get addicted or overdose from just trying it once. This is not something to I have been visiting the Tri-District experiment with and trying it just one time can kill you. I encourage community

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with AMPS or other programs within MCA or the SRMT. I attended the walk on August 31 for Overdose Awareness Day at Generations Park in memory of those we have lost to overdose.

Another area we discussed was how community members need to follow the speed limits in the community. We have looked at different ways to keep community members safe and secure, lowered speed limits, ordered new signs, and the purchase of cameras for each district is being researched.

OTHER AREAS OF IMPORTANCE

It was brought up at a district meeting in Kawehno:ke, that there is no one in charge of the cemetery upkeep. I arranged a meeting with Chief Sarah and Chief Cindy along with community members that are interested in recording plots and the maintenance of the cemeteries. Previously, there was some work done by the Genealogy Society and a summer student, so there are some records to

Elders on Kawehno:ke to be available for community members to raise questions

members to attend the Narcan trainings and concerns. I am usually there on Wednesdays during lunchtime when my schedule allows. I enjoy having lunch with our elder community members.

> MCA has been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, in that we are short-staffed in many areas, and this greatly affects our services. There are numerous job postings, and I encourage Akwesasronon to apply for the positions.

As a member of Council, I hear often comments/complaints/suggestions from community members. I do my best to bring forward questions and concerns, and to find answers/solutions. There are issues that are administrative and not political, and we report those to our administrative staff.

There is a Service Complaints process, and the forms to file a service complaint can be found on the website at www. akwesasne.ca under Policies > MCA Service Complaint Policy.

Scan the QR code to access the Service **Complaint Process** online:



MOHAWK GOVERNMENT

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

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

akwesasne.ca/contact-chiefs Q

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SOCIAL MEDIA CONNECTION

FACEBOOK STATS



Facebook Posts with the Most Likes in August

- 1. Elvis Impersonator Performed for Iakhihsohtha Lodge Residents and their Families
- 2. Tsiionkwanonhso:te Announces Retirement of Lorna Francis
- 3. HAVFD Receives New Fire Truck Honouring MMIWG
- 4. Ottawa Redblacks and University of Ottawa Gee-Gee's Host Football Camp at A'nowara'ko:wa Arena
- 5. AMPS Media Release: Youth Curfew Remains in Effect

Facebook Posts with the Highest Reach in August

- 1. Tsiionkwanonhso:te Dunk Tank Challenge (Graphic) 22,758 Reached
- 2. Elvis Impersonator Performed for Iakhihsohtha Lodge Residents and their Families 14,222 Reached
- 3. AMPS Media Release: Youth Curfew Remains in Effect 6,056 Reached
- 4. Congratulations and Good Luck Akwesasne Junior B Thunder! (Graphic) 5,675 Reached
- 5. Tsiionkwanonhso:te Announces Retirement of Lorna Francis 5,257 Reached



TWITTER STATS

Top Tweet in August



YOUTUBE STATS

Highest Viewed Video on the MCA YouTube
Channel for August

1. Elvis Visits lakhihsohtha Lodge



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CHILDREN'S PAGE

Color by Number 1-Light Blue 4-Brown 7-Blue 2-Violet 5-Yellow 8-Green 3-Purple 6-Orange 9-Tan

WORD SCRAMBLE

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PUMPKIN	THANKSGIVING	ACORN
LEAVES	ORANGE	HOT CHOCOLATE

YOU'VE GOT TO BE KIDDING ME!

What did the Mama cow say to the calf? It's pasture bedtime!

Why did the cookie go to the nurse? Because he felt crummy.

Why was 6 afraid of 7? Because 7, 8, 9!

SPOT THE DIFFERENCES





1. Crow hat 2. Left straw hand 3. Top left overall button 4. Left patch stitching 5. Two rocks left side 6. Three straw on hat 7. Two cults on shirt 8. Tree bushes right side 9. Line on pumpkin stem

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WENTANORON (ARIANA) ROUNDPOINT VISITS KAWEHNO:KE CHILD CARE

kids. Besides the obvious benefit of learning to read, journey, Bean and Grandma's Weekend is a charming this fun and important skill can teach and expose tale that takes place between a grandmother and your children to a multitude of things. Reading can grandson Bean. This book bridges a generational build language skills, teach them about the world, gap, and sparks a conversation amongst readers and can even help build empathy to teach children about why it is vital to remember where we came how to handle their feelings. It is also a great way to from. For those who purchase the book, which is slow down and connect with each other.

Recently, two young authors from Akwesasne— Wentanoron (Ariana) Roundpoint and Arihhonni Nia:wen to Wentanoron for visiting the Kawehno:ke are delighted when these local authors are able to Never stop reading and dreaming! make an appearance in Akwesasne, and on August 28th, the Kawehno:ke Child Care was elated to have a special visitor, Wentanoron Roundpoint!

Wentanoron brought in her book Bean and Grandma's Weekend and provided a book reading to the preschoolers (as well as the infant and toddlers). Wentanoron, with her soft-spoken yet commanding voice, kept the youth engaged and asking questions. She also taught them to pronounce certain Kanienkeha words that are included throughout the book.

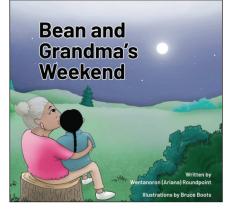


Parents often hear that it is important to read to their For those who would like to embark on a magical available on amazon.ca, there is a QR code that will permit you to listen to Wentanoron read her story.

(Honni) David— released imaginative children's Child care and also for providing each of our families books which both have a tie to the culture and with a signed copy of Bean and Grandma's Weekend! heritage of Akwesasronon. Community members We encourage everyone to read this captivating tale.

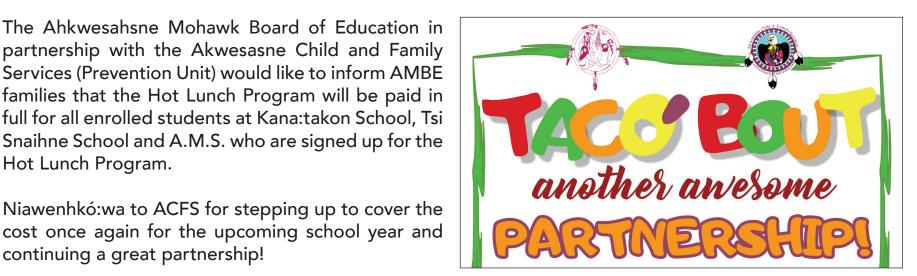


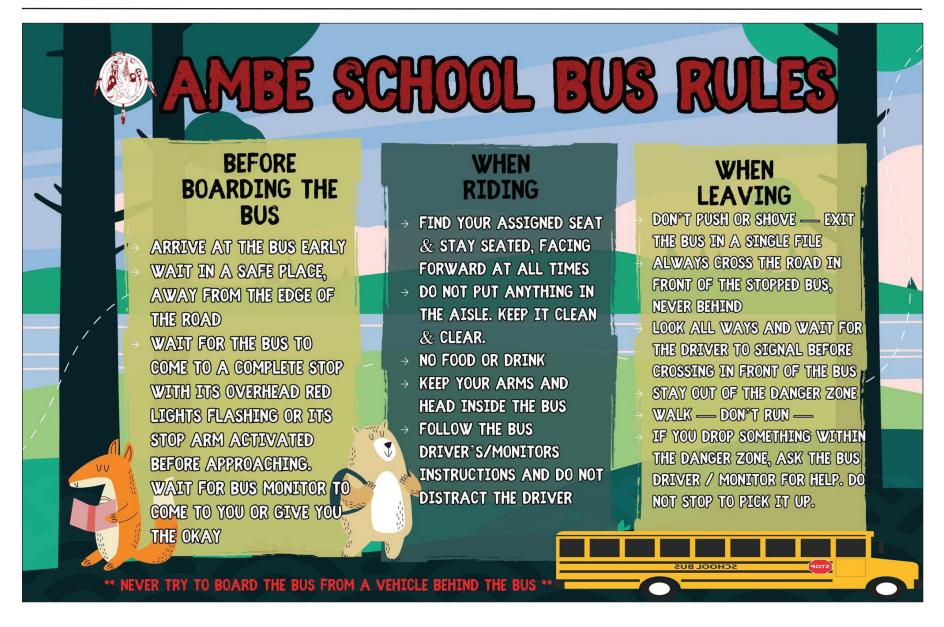




partnership with the Akwesasne Child and Family Services (Prevention Unit) would like to inform AMBE families that the Hot Lunch Program will be paid in full for all enrolled students at Kana:takon School, Tsi Snaihne School and A.M.S. who are signed up for the Hot Lunch Program.

Niawenhkó:wa to ACFS for stepping up to cover the cost once again for the upcoming school year and continuing a great partnership!





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ACFS COVERS THE COST OF AMBE STUDENTS HOT LUNCH

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AKWESASNE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT

MCA CONGRATULATES JOYCE KING ON RETIREMENT

retirement!

rights. In 2008, Joyce joined the Mohawk Council opportunities yet to come!" of Akwesasne as the Director of the Akwesasne Justice Department. As Director, Joyce oversaw the We are very grateful for Joyce's continuous hard Referendum, which was the first to utilize online Joyce and enjoy your well-deserved retirement! voting in the community; assisted with the enactment of the Akwesasne Court Law, the first court in Canada to operate under an independent Indigenous legal system; was instrumental in the Technical Working Group on the Administration of Justice between MCA, Canada, Ontario, and Québec; and worked with the Canadian Institute for the Administration of Justice (CIAJ) to develop a training program unique to Akwesasne, which led to the confirmation and appointment of four new Justices. Along with holding her own federal appointment as a Justice of the Peace, Joyce has also served as the Director of the Haudenosaunee Environmental Task Force, tackling environmental degradation and restoration in our communities.

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne would like "Joyce was a true professional that led by example." to extend congratulations and appreciation to She was always ready to stand up for our people and longtime employee Joyce Tekahnawijaks King on her for the recognition of our laws and court system," said Kana:takon District Chief Julie Phillips-Jacobs. "Joyce's work ethic and character will be missed, Joyce has served the community of Akwesasne in but we will celebrate her legacy of achievements many capacities, from working with the Mohawk and commitment that she left behind and continue Nation Council of Chiefs to managing Indian her fight to uphold the rights of our people. Time newspaper to defending our environmental Congratulations on your retirement and all the new

latathróna Raotiientáhtsera Couples Property Law work through her 15 years at MCA. Congratulations



DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE



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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH



- PSWs
- Dietary Aides
- Meals on Wheels Delivery Drivers (Casual/Part-Time)
- Cook (Casual)

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH PROVIDES INFORMATION ON THE MEALS ON WHEELS PROGRAM

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne's Department Criteria for the Meals on Wheels Program are of Health (DOH) is providing the community with as follows: information on the Meals on Wheels Program. The Meals on Wheels Program delivers freshly prepared meals, Monday to Friday, for its registered clients. The meals are delivered directly to community members homes within the three districts of Kana:takon, Tsi Snaihne, and Kawehno:ke.

Laundry Workers

• RPNs

The Meals on Wheels Program delivers nutritious meals, as well as providing well-being checks and social visits to clients each weekday, Monday to Friday. Clients of the Meals on Wheels Program are seniors or adults with disabilities who are primarily homebound and unable to manage meal preparation. Delivery of meals can be expected between 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Deliveries are hot meals that are easily heated up by the clients upon delivery to their home. For more information on the Meals on Wheels

- Be a homebound person
- Have impaired mobility and/or incapacitated due to accident, illness, or frailty
- Lack of support from family members or neighbours
- Unable to prepare meals because of lack of facilities such as refrigeration, stove, etc.
- Inability to shop and cook for self
- Inability to safely prepare meals or lack of knowledge and skills

Client assessments and a 6-month follow-up assessment are required to be eligible for the Meals on Wheels Program.

Program, or to register, please contact Leah Mitchell, Acting Health Management Coordinator, via email at leah.mitchell@akwesasne.ca.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

TSIIONKWANONHSO:TE ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT OF LORNA FRANCIS

her many years of service to our residents!

Lorna has dedicated 16 years of service to the elders Please join us in wishing Lorna congratulations on residing at Tsiionkwanonhso:te, providing kindness, her well-deserved retirement! care, and support. Lorna served as the Finance Clerk for her entire career at Tsiionkwanonhso:te. Lorna has been the go-to person for any staff member who needed assistance with their time for payroll. Residents' families would consult Lorna during the emotional and stressful time of Admission of their loved ones to the LTC. Lorna really was amazing in her role.

"We are really going to miss Lorna," said Vincent "Barry" Lazore, Administrator of Tsiionkwanonhso:te.

The Tsiionkwanonhso:te Long-Term Care Facility is "It is a great comfort knowing that Lorna is going to announcing the retirement of Lorna Francis. The LTC enjoy her retirement, healthy and happy, and we hope and the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne would like to that she realizes what a great asset she has been to extend congratulations and appreciation to Lorna for the staff and residents of Tsiionkwanonhso:te. We will miss her dearly!"



ASSOCIATE MINISTER & MPP VISIT AKWESASNE TO HAVE HEALTH & ADDICTIONS DISCUSSIONS

Friday, August 11, 2023. Associate Minister Tibollo and for mental health and addictions. MPP Quinn's visit was specific to continuing to build a relationship between the Ontario Government and Akwesasne in regard to Mental Health & Addictions.

A tour of Akwesasne was provided, as well as presentations from the Sahatihahará:ne Detox Center, the Mental Health Program, Dr. Ojistoh Horn on behalf of Wholistic Health & Wellness, and the Department of Health's Land-Based Healing Program.

Associate Minister of Mental Health & Addictions We thank Associate Minister Tibollo and MPP Quinn Michael Tibollo, and Member of Provincial Parliament for their time and look forward to continuing to work (MPP) Nolan Quinn, paid a visit to Akwesasne on together on improving services within Akwesasne



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

ELVIS VISITS IAKHIHSOHTHA LODGE

On August 16, residents of lakhihsohtha Lodge Nia: wen to all that made this event possible, including and their families were all shook up by an amazing the staff at lakhihsohtha and sponsors Dank Bank and performance by Elvis impersonator Sylvain Leduc!

All those in attendance couldn't help but fall in love with this family-friendly event that was enjoyed by all. The show, which was a "Blue Hawaii" theme, enticed guests to have a little less conversation and a lot more dancing, smiles and fun!



Higher Ground. Thank you. Thank you very much.























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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH WELCOMES NEW LAND-BASED HEALING SPECIALIST

The Department of Health's Land-Based Healing work with community members of all ages. Steevi Land-Based Healing Specialist will assist the Program venture within the Department of Health. Coordinator in working with community members and MCA programs to conduct small condolence Please join the Department of Health in welcoming fires, meditation, connection to the land, healing Steevi to the Department of Health team. concepts and practices, and assisting with the Canoe Journeys Program.

Steevi was born and raised in the District of Kana:takon, where she continues to reside and raise her family. She is an advocate of healthy living and helping the community achieve a healthy lifestyle in all areas of their lives: physical, mental, and spiritual. Her passion for fitness, healthy living, and cultural practices have provided her with opportunities to

Program would like to extend a warm welcome to the is excited to use her 20+ years of experience in the new Land-Based Healing Specialist, Steevi King. The health, fitness, and environment fields in her new



HOME CARE/HOME SUPPORT PROGRAM OFFICES NOW LOCATED IN ALL THREE NORTHERN DISTRICTS OF AKWESASNE

Home Support (HCHS) Program is providing the services, etc. community with an update on their transition period. HCHS has now completed their transition from For any questions, concerns, or for more information clients and to the Akwesasne community.

HCHS has offices located at lakhihsohtha Lodge, For any referrals to the Home Care/Home Support Tsiionkwanonhso:te Long-Term Care Facility. HCHS 933-2076. will be resuming its regular program operations and services, such as home visits, Home Medical

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne's Home Care/ Equipment deliveries, referral services, transportation

offices on Kawehno:ke to occupying office spaces in regarding Home Care/Home Support, please contact all three districts of Akwesasne. This transition was Program Manager Chelsy Plante, Program Manager, enacted to maximize the services accessible to their at 613-575-2341 ext. 3229, or Sabrina Jacobs, Administrative Assistant, at 613-575-2341 ext. 1618.

Kanonhkwa'tsheri:io Health Facility, and the Program, please fax completed requisitions to 613-

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

DR. BAIER TO CONTINUE MEDICAL SERVICES AT KAWEHNO:KE **MEDICAL CLINIC UNTIL DECEMBER 26TH**

of Health (DOH) would like to inform the community has chosen to continue to provide healthcare services that Dr. Baier will be continuing her placement in to the community of Akwesasne. We look forward the Kawehno:ke Medical Clinic (KMC), located in the to her continuing to provide high-quality care to our District of Kawehno:ke, until December 26, 2023. Dr. community members. Please join us in welcoming Baier will also continue to assist with the Home Care/ Dr. Baier to the Akwesasne community. To schedule Home Support Program.

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne's Department The Department of Health is overjoyed that Dr. Baier an appointment with Dr. Baier, please contact the Kawehno:ke Medical Clinic at 613-932-5808.

Are you pregnant or have a newborn baby?



HEALTHY GENERATIONS

- The months before the birth of your baby is a great time to learn about what to expect during pregnancy.
- Regular visits to your health care provider are important for your health and your baby's health.
- It is important to learn about what services are available for pregnant women and families with newborns.

THE MCA COMMUNITY HEALTH PROGRAM OFFERS THE FOLLOWING SERVICES JUST FOR YOU:

- One-to-one sessions to learn "what to expect" during pregnancy.
- Referral to Tahonata'karita'kie Healthy Arrivals Program, which provides food vouchers throughout your pregnancy.
- Referral to the Indigenous Healthy Babies/Healthy Children home visiting service.
- One-to-one sessions to help you prepare for labor and delivery.
- Breastfeeding education sessions and in-home support after the birth of your baby.



HEALTHY TIPS FOR A HEALTHY PREGNANCY

- Keep your body strong. Exercise and stay active.
- Have a good mind. Think positively.
- · Rest when needed.
- Early and regular prenatal visit.
- Food is medicine. Healthy food choices will help your baby grow
- · Making healthy choices during your pregnancy can help protect you and your baby.





MCA Community Health Program (613) 575-2341 ext. 3220

Ask for a Community Health Nurse!

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY & SOCIAL SERVICES

ACFS HOSTS KIDS CREATIVITY CLUB

In August, the Akwesasne Child & Family Services Niawenhkó:wa to all the families that participated in (ACFS) held a creativity club for kids and their families each class. It was wonderful to see everyone working to come out and learn how to make traditional crafts together and we hope to see you at future events! at Generations Park. During the course of four days, Please stay tuned on the ACFS Facebook page to see participants had the opportunity to learn how to make upcoming events and activities. beaded medallions, medicine pouches, cornhusk dolls and braid sweetgrass.











DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY & SOCIAL SERVICES

Akwesasne Family Wellness Program: 613-937-4322

DCSS Administration: 613-575-2341 ext. 3305

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

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

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

WALKING TRAIL NOW OPEN AT A'NOWARA'KO:WA ARENA

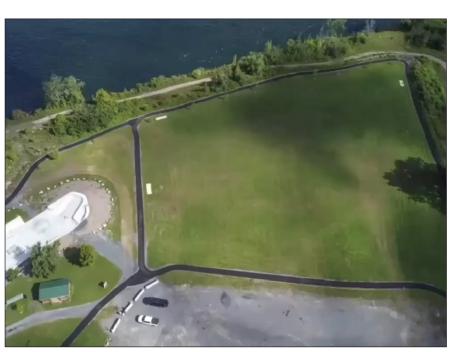
The Department of Economic Development is pleased to announce the walking trail at the A'nowara'ko:wa Arena has been completed! Community members are welcome to come and enjoy the newly paved trail.

Trail Distances:

Outer Loop – .59 Miles Small Loop - .25 Miles

Big Loop - .43 Miles

REMINDER: ATVs, dirt bikes, side-by-sides (UTVs), etc. are strictly prohibited on the arena grounds. We have been working hard on upgrading the arena grounds for the community and we ask that it please be respected.









Interested in starting a small business?

We can help!

Economic Development offers the Small Business Grant, Training Funds, and the Indigenous Initiative Fund (IIF), a matching grant through Quebec.

Questions? Please contact Troy Thompson 613-575-2250 ext. 1803

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DEPARTMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE AND HOUSING

SEPTEMBER 2023

Home Maintenance Checklist

HOUSING SECTOR

TRICKS

IMPROVEMENT ADVICE -

- Prepare for back to school: supplies, clothes, backpacks
- Create family communication board for the school year
- Clean and store summer beach gear and toss broken
- Clean counters, cupboards, fridge, freezer and dishwasher
- Deep clean floors, baseboards, and carpets
- Clean vehicle interiors
- Organize closet space
- **Check roof and siding for any damage, now is the time** to repair or replace
- Inspect home for pests and prevent infestation entrances
- Clean and organize garage
- Finish outdoor projects
- Host a back to school party
- Organize summertime photos

- Create a fall inspired wreath
- Clean bathroom exhaust fan
- Maintain the furnace
- Power-wash the deck
- Clean the gutters
- Replace weather-stripping
- Inspect and clean windows
- Clean dryer vents
- Clean and seal tile grout
- Prune trees and bushes
- Check spigots for leaks
- Examine exterior for cracks and seal them with caulk or weather-stripping
- Flush your hot water heater
- Feed your lawn before the frost
- Sweet chiminey before first use

MOLD PREVENTION

- Keep everything dry
- Ventilation
- · Clean regularly
- Keep AC filters clean
- Monitor attic and basement
- Use mold resistant paints
- Increase air circulation
- Inspect gutters and repair any damage
- Use caulking around windows
- Check roof regularly

MONTHLY CHECKLIST

- Clean or replace the filter to the furnace and/or HRV
- Clean faucets and shower neads from mineral buildup

Remove wet materials

· Do not leave areas wet for long

- Use most resistant dry wall
- Replace any cracked windows
- Keep water away from home
- Fix drainage or slope from home
- Use a dehumidifier

Inspect all drains for debris;

unclog if neccessary

Test smoke alarms

- Clean and replace bathroom vents regularly
- Invest in mold killing products
 - Vacuum heat registers and heat vents
 - Check indoor and outdoor air

ENVIRONMENT

SNAPPING TURTLE RELEASE PARTY

ment Program's turtle release party on August 24th! were ready to return to their home.

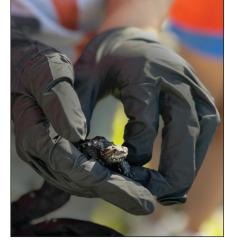
Our program found this turtle clutch and relocated it natural habitat!

It was a turtle-y awesome time at the MCA Environ- to an incubator, where they successfully hatched and

Snapping turtles are an at-risk species and the Envi- Nia:wen/Thank you to all the community members ronment team works hard to protect eggs from vul- who joined us as we celebrated our conservation efnerable nests and enhance hatchling survival rates. forts and released our turtle friends back into their



















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DEPARTMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE AND HOUSING

HOUSING'S BEN BENEDICT EARNS CONSTRUCTION PIONEERING AWARD

On Wednesday, September 6, 2023, a special lun-building projects in the Akwesasne community." cheon was held by Legalett Canada Inc. for Construction Pioneering Award recipients. MCA's DIHE (Housing Sector) Tenant and Maintenance Manager Ben Benedict was presented with the award and a jacket by Legalett National Sales Manager Ken Williams.

"The Construction Pioneering Award recognizes extraordinary achievements in the field of Energy Efficient building construction using Legalett's high performance building envelope solutions.

The individual or company that receives this award will have moved beyond the boundaries of the standard building code and been the first to successfully use cutting edge innovative equipment, building materials or building systems in their area and conform to either LEED, PH, NZE, R-200 or similar high-performance standard.

They would have freely shared their experience with anyone that asked, and the project will have been so successful that others would follow in their path to build projects of a similar type, having learned from the experiences of the "Construction Pioneer".

This award, with much appreciation was presented to Ben Benedict for his foresight and the outstanding successful achievements of many energy efficient Ben Benedict and Joshua Teixeira from HSP Engineering.

Congratulations Ben on this great achievement! Keep up the great work, as it will influence and pave the way for others to follow.



Pictured is DIHE (Housing Sector) Tenant and Maintenance Manager

DEPARTMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE, **HOUSING & ENVIRONMENT**

ADMINISTRATION: 613-575-2250 ext. 1003 **MAINTENANCE PROGRAM:** 613-575-2250 EXT. 1022

HOUSING: 613-575-2250 EXT. 1056

ENVIRONMENT: 613-575-2250 EXT. 1038

ROADS DEPARTMENT CENTRAL DISPATCH: 613-575-2340 OR 613-938-5476

WATER/WASTEWATER INFRASTRUCTURE EMERGENCY: 613-575-2000

AFTER HOURS PAGER: 518-404-3352

OFFICE HOURS: MONDAY - FRIDAY 8AM-4PM 613-933-4924

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT (GARBAGE AND RECYCLING):

613-575-2250 ext. 1002

DEPARTMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE AND HOUSING

HAVFD RECEIVES NEW FIRE TRUCK HONOURING MMIWG

On Wednesday, August 23, the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne's Department of Infrastructure, Housing and Environment (DIHE) presented a cheque to Fort Garry Fire Trucks for the manufacturing and delivery of a brand new fire engine to the Hogansburg Akwesasne Volunteer Fire Department.

Fire Chief Issac McDonald accepted the beautiful new truck on behalf of HAVFD and Station #3. The fire engine is adorned with imagery to raise awareness and show support of Missing & Murdered Indigenous Women & Girls (#MMIWG).

MCA would like to extend a big nia:wen/thank you Fort Garry Fire Trucks, Wraptors Decals, Joe King, and Long Graphics for all of their work on this venture.

This project was made possible through funding by Indigenous Services Canada.



Pictured L-R: DIHE Associate Director Charmaine Caldwell, Peter Somerton and Barry Carpenter of Fort Garry Fire Trucks, HAVFD Fire Chief Issac McDonald, Kawehno:ke District Chief Jackie Benedict, DIHE Executive Assistant Theresa Jacobs.









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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

OVERDOSE AWARENESS WALK

On August 31st, the SRMT Alcoholism/Chemical Generations Park as community members honoured Dependency Program, MCA Wholistic Health & their loved ones lost to overdosing and raised Wellness Program, and Akwesasne Mohawk Police awareness of the opioid epidemic. Nia:wen/Thank Service teamed up for their annual event in honour you to everyone that attended and showed support of International Overdose Awareness Day.

Luminaries lit up the Tewathahita Walking Trail at and #EndOverdoseAkwesasne.





to all those who have been affected by drug-related

deaths. Together, we can work to reduce the stigma













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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

AKWESASNE MOHAWK POLICE SERVICE LAUNCHING ELECTRIC POLICE FORCE VEHICLES

informing the community that they are adding two 7Gen and Cyberkar to be adding our first electric electric vehicles to their fleet. The AMPS have been vehicles to our fleet. Reducing our emissions starts working with partners 7Gen and Cyberkar to equip with minor changes like this one." the electric police vehicles. AMPS will be one of the first police forces in Ontario in Quebec, as well as the Note that AMPS' funding for these vehicles is first Indigenous police force that will operate electric earmarked for equipment only and cannot be used or vehicles within their fleet.

was made to reduce emissions, and the AMPS hopes that other organizations will follow suit to make eco- For more information, you can contact AMPS at 613friendly changes for the environment. Deputy Chief 575-2340.

The Akwesasne Mohawk Police Service (AMPS) is O'Brien states "We are excited to be working with

transferred to any other program in Mohawk Council. The Akwesasne Mohawk Police are anticipating An important effort to transition to electric vehicles launching their new e-vehicles in the fall of 2023.

AUGUST STATISTICS

- 336 August
- 1 024 Break & Enter Residence
- 1 027 Theft Automobiles
- 037 Theft Under \$5000 Bicycles
- 040 Theft Under \$5000 Other
- 061 Bail Violations
- 063 Disturb The Peace
- 072 Mischief (Prop. Damage) Under \$5000
- 073 Criminal Code Other
- 100 Immigration Act
- 1001 Alarms
- 1003 Assist Other Agencies Ambulance
- 1003 Assist Other Agencies Cornwall PS
- 1003 Assist Other Agencies Other
- 1003 Assist Other Agencies Tribal PD
- 1004 Assist Public
- 1008 By-Law Dogs
- 1009 By-Law Noise 1 1010 By-Law - Parking Occurences

- 2 1011 By-Law Other
- 5 1012 Civil Disputes
- 18 1013 Community Services
- 9 1014 Crime Prevention
- 1016 Domestic Dispute (Non-violent)
- 1018 Escorts Prisoner
- 102 Other Federal Statute Offences
- 1023 Judge's Order (Court)
- 1023 MVC Non-Reportable
- 1027 Property Found
- 1029 Suspicious Persons
- 1030 Suspicious Vehicles
- 16 1031 Suspicious Circumstances
- 2 1032 Sudden Death
- 1034 Trespassing (Prov. Statute)
- 1 1035 Warrant Committal
 - 1036 Warrant Bench/First
- 1040 Traffic Complaint
- 3 1041 Mental Health Act

> Emergency Phone: **613-575-2000**

- 1 1045 Attempt Suicide
- 1046 Crisis Intervention
- 1050 Youth Complaint
- 1052 Shooting Complaint
- 1056 Hazardous Conditions
- 106 Provincial Statutes Other
- 16 1063 Marine Patrol
- 6 205 Assault Level 1
- 3 206 Assault Weapon/CBH Level 2
- 1 210 Assault Police
- 2 212 Assaults Other
- 1 3030 Admin Assist Other Agency
- 1 705 Dangerous Operation MV
- 2 711 Impaired Operation MV
- 4 715 Fail to Stop/Remain (CCC)
- 1 717 Fail to Stop / Remain (HTA)
- 33 721 Traffic Provincial Statutes
- 6 Incident Type Not Listed



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Wholistic Health & Wellness Prevention Program

MENTAL ILLNESS AWARENESS WEEK

October 1-7, 2023 is Mental Illness Awareness Week and the Wholistic Health & Wellness Program will be hosting some fun activities throughout the week!



Wellness BINGO Activity

MONDAY - FRIDAY

Participate in a Wellness BINGO Activity throughout the work week Monday - Friday to help improve our health!
(BINGO sheet will be shared on social media and via email)



Wear GREEN Day

ALL DAY

Wear green to show your support and bring awareness to Mental Illness Week 2023 and help break the stigma!



Elder Enrichment Program

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Personalized Hand Embroidered Corner Bookmark making class! Open to elders ages 55+



Mental Illness Awareness Walk

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Join us for a walk at the Generations Park Walking Trail.

Program stations will be present to share information and resources.



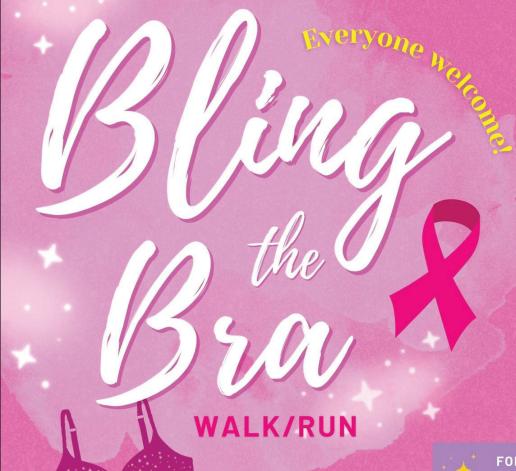
CKON Radio Tetewatha:ren Talk Show

10:15 AN

Listen to 97.3 FM and get more information on our events for Mental Illness Awareness Week, open on-air discussions, and program information regarding our mental health.







Wednesday, October 11

Tewathahita Walking Trail 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Show off your design skills and raise awareness about breast cancer. Showcase your designs during the run/walk!

Prizes

For the top 3 decorated bras! (Clothing must be worn underneath your bra)

Be creative, Remember pink, Add a catchy slogan





Amanda Garrow at the Community Health Program