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## ORANGE SHIRT DAY EVENT HONOURS RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL SURVIVORS AND VICTIMS



Neighbouring communities came together at Lamoureux Park on Saturday, September 30th to show support for Orange Shirt Day. It was a day of reflection while honouring residential school survivors, allowing attendee's the opportunity to learn about the history and impacts of residential schools. Read more on page 3.

## UPCOMING MCA MEETINGS & SPECIAL DATES:

### OCTOBER GENERAL MEETING

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne's next General Meeting will take place on November 2, 2023 at the Tsi Snaihne School 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](mailto:meetings@akwesasne.ca).



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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:

- Contact:** If you have any questions about MCA departments and services, please email [info@akwesasne.ca](mailto:info@akwesasne.ca) or call 613-575-2250.
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- Local Media:** Find our news and information in Akwesasne's long-serving local media, CKON 97.3 Radio and Indian Time Newspaper.

FIVE THINGS OUR MONTHLY LIST OF FACTS, REMINDERS & IMPORTANT MESSAGES

- 1 MCA's Community Support Program is currently accepting applications for the 2023-2024 Heating Assistance Program. Final application deadline is Friday, December 15, 2023 and all individuals must reapply. For more information, please visit [www.akwesasne.ca](http://www.akwesasne.ca).
- 2 The Akwesasne Family Wellness Program is proud to present the 23rd annual Celebration of Life Conference, designed to provide information and support to frontline workers. Join us November 2 & 3, 2023 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Please contact AFWP at [afwpoutreach@akwesasne.ca](mailto:afwpoutreach@akwesasne.ca) for questions.
- 3 The Akwesasne Community Justice Program will be temporarily moving to a new location starting November 6, 2023. ACJP will be temporarily located at 55 Water Street, Cornwall, Ontario. For more information please contact ACJP at 613-575-2250.
- 4 Mark your calendars! Snye Recreation will be hosting their 19th annual Christmas Enchantment from Thursday, November 9-12, 2023. Over 30 themed trees will be on display for the raffle and also local craft vendors. Please visit Snye Recreation Christmas Enchantment on Facebook for more information.
- 5 Construction work will be done at CBSA resulting in temporary lane changes and closures. The Domestic Lane will be temporarily moved to 1. Each set of lanes will be closed for a duration of 2.5 weeks for an anticipated overall project duration of 8 weeks. For more information, please visit [www.akwesasne.ca](http://www.akwesasne.ca).

NEWS

ORANGE SHIRT DAY EVENT HONOURS RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL SURVIVORS AND VICTIMS

A sea of orange shirts filled the park Saturday, September 30, 2023, for a joint event planned by Akwesasne and Cornwall organizations to honour residential school survivors. Orange Shirt Day now coincides with Canada's National Day for Truth & Reconciliation on September 30th every year.

The event at Cornwall's Lamoureux Park featured Akwesasne speakers, residential school survivor presentations, Indigenous songs and dance, art, and traditional food samples, to name a few of the event's agenda items.

Doug George – Kanentiio – provided a powerful presentation on his personal experience at a residential school. He is part of a larger group of survivors who are sharing the important and difficult stories behind residential schools that need to be heard.

We would like to thank the City of Cornwall for the assistance in planning, coordination, and use of Lamoureux Park. We also thank the group of organizers, agencies, and the many volunteers. Special thanks to all the schools who submitted beautiful banners for display and those who attended to assist. Thank you to the demonstrators, artists, speakers, and performers.

To all those who attended, niawenhkó:wa for your commitment to Orange Shirt Day and to truth & reconciliation.



Doug George - Kanentiio Inuit Throat Singers

Despite the somber memories and the reality of what residential schools caused, the event was a symbol of healing and friendship. Residents of Akwesasne, Cornwall, and surrounding towns gathered to share a mutual intent to be a part of the healing that is needed.

The event was a true collaboration between the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne's departments,



A few of the Orange Shirt Day event committee members!



## NEWS

### BRAVE BERO

When you first meet Dennis Bero Jr., he is a normal, rambunctious three year old: excited to play with his bat and ball and slightly shy and bashful when approached. But recently, this little man stepped up in a big way.

Falan Bero, who is the mother of Dennis, had been feeling unwell, but didn't think there was any cause for concern. Her husband, Dennis Bero Sr., was at work in his position as a dispatcher for the Akwesasne Mohawk Police Service (AMPS), and she had her two children at home with her. After a coughing spell, Falan went into the bathroom, and that is the last thing she remembers. Falan fainted and was unconscious for a period of time, but young Dennis sprang into action to help out his mother.

Falan noted that she had saved the AMPS number in her phone and in the past has gone over with Dennis Jr. that if anything ever happened to her, his father or sister that he could "call this number to get help."

Dennis Jr. swiftly contacted the AMPS dispatcher. Although Dennis Sr. was working at the time, he did not answer that particular phone call. Dennis Jr. told the dispatcher that his "mommy had fell and was laying on the floor." Although the call was disconnected, Dennis Jr. continued to make quick-thinking decisions

and Facetimed his father's phone. After the young boy told his father what had happened (and showed him via video that his mother was laying on the floor), the ambulance and police were dispatched to check on Falan. While the First Responders were on their way, Dennis Jr., being a protective older brother, held his younger sister until they arrived.

Falan has made a full recovery, but three-year-old Dennis Jr. truly needs to be commended. His brave and quick-thinking actions made a difference and in any emergency, every second is precious. Great job and nia:wen to Dennis Bero Jr. who is truly a little hero!





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## NEWS

### MCA DONATES \$500,000 TO AKWESASNE FREEDOM SCHOOL



The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne presented a check for \$500,000 to the Akwesasne Freedom School on September 25, 2023. Friends of the Akwesasne Freedom School (FOAFS) had made a request to the MCA for assistance for the construction of a new school.

The Akwesasne Freedom School is the Akwesasne community's only private full-Mohawk immersion school. It began as a grassroots effort in 1979 and continues to provide our children with language and culture-based instruction. The school's mission reads, "Through our language, the Akwesasne Freedom School will support and encourage a process for each child to learn their roles and responsibilities as Haudenosaunee through an understanding of the Ohen:ton Kariwahtekwen as the core of their learning experience."

Operating within aging buildings, the school has begun construction of a new facility that will allow

them to continue providing students with valuable education.

"It is our pleasure to support the Akwesasne Freedom School as they provide a priceless service to our community," said Grand Chief Abram Benedict. "The preservation of our language and culture is a priority for MCA and we applaud the efforts of the school and staff, including its many volunteers, who are unwavering in their commitment to pass on our Haudenosaunee traditions and Mohawk language. We look forward to the celebration of a new school building and how it will positively impact the students and their education."

The request for a contribution was approved by Council on August 14, 2023 following a presentation on the school building project by the FOAFS. MCA's donation is derived from the Ontario Lottery Gaming (OLG) reserve fund.



# COUNCIL AND MOHAWK GOVERNMENT

## COUNCIL WEEKLY MEETING REPORT

SUBMITTED BY GRAND CHIEF ABRAM BENEDICT



### September 11, 2023

- The Director of Community and Social Services provided an overview and background of a proposed MOU with Cornwall Housing for five units. Council determined that we will not pursue the MOU at this time.
- Council discussed the possible relocation of the Mohawk Government space to accommodate organiza-

- tional needs. Further assessments and research will be done by administration to examine options for consideration.
- A briefing was provided on the recruitment status for the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne's Executive Director position.
- Council set the General Meeting agenda for the upcoming General Meeting of September 28, 2023.
- A request to explore other events throughout the week to support September 30 National Day of Truth and Reconciliation was discussed and will be followed up on by administration.
- Council discussed the upcoming 2023 Christmas Holiday and requested additional information from administration on implications and costs for an extended closure.

- A briefing was provided on recent events at the Kana:takon point regarding community safety and concerns.
- Council discussed the creation of an information pamphlet for visitors purchasing products on Kawehno:ke in relation to Canada customs. The CBSA working group will follow up on the development.
- A concern with MCA check signing protocol was discussed. Chair and Co-Chair of Finance Committee will be recommending changes to Council.
- **MCRs passed:** Acceptance of land lease with SRMT for parking lot; Approval of assignment of lease Pilon Island; Approval of permit on Clark Island.

### September 18, 2023

- Representatives of the Friends of the National Wildlife Area of Lake Saint Francis presented an overview of their organization and their mandate to Council. They also extended the offer of a Board of Directors seat for an Akwesasne member.
- Council received an update on the development of a Community Safety Plan and requested a presentation.
- An overview was provided on the cost implications of an extended holiday closure; a recommendation will be forthcoming.
- Council discussed the 2023/24 MCA Heating Assistance Program and requested a recommendation for the allotment amount.

- A request for Council to set aside two days for joint training with the SRMT was discussed. A presentation will be provided on the elements of the training prior to any commitment being made.
- Council received an overview of the upcoming demonstration in Ottawa against Bill C-53 and agreed to endorse the attendance of MCA employees.
- An overview was provided on a recent incident at CBSA; follow up will take place with management.
- **MCRs passed:** Approval of assignment of lease Pilon Island; Approval of lease relinquishment Ross Island; Approval of relinquishment of lease Thompson Island; Approval of MOU

with Québec Regional Chief Attorney and Akwesasne Community Justice Program; Approval of 20/21 audit for Ministry of Education, Approval 21/22 audit for Ministry of Education; Approval to proceed with Chiefs of Ontario Regional Health Survey; Approval of tender award for Structural Readiness Implementation; Approval to rescind MCR for error; Approval of Legal Service Contract; Approval of Duty Counsel Agreement; Approval of Prosecutor Agreement; Approval of lease renewal with BMO for Peace Tree Mall; Approval of proposed amendment to Akwesasne Election Law to proceed through enactment regulation.

# COUNCIL AND MOHAWK GOVERNMENT

## September 25, 2023

- The Acting Director of the Department of Infrastructure, Housing and Environment (DIHE) presented to Council the MCA Capital Plan and providing an overview of the current project on the plan.
- Ahkwesahsne Mohawk Board of Education (AMBE) Director of Education provided Council with an update an overview of the AMBE structural

- readiness initiatives and described the work under way to support modernizing AMBE.
- Council received an overview of proposed Lateral Kindness Training proposed for SRMT and MCA leadership. A training date will be scheduled.
- A request for DIHE to assess and repair community streetlights was

- made and will be followed up on by administration.
- Council received a briefing of an ongoing right of way dispute.
- **MCRs passed:** Approval of increase to 2023/24 Akwesasne Heating Assistance Program; Approval of ICCG-GP Grant Transfer Payment Agreement.

## CBSA BORDER COLLABORATION INITIATIVE MEETING

On September 18, members of the Canada Border Service Agency (CBSA) Border Collaboration Initiative (BCI) met to receive an update on BCI's progress and to approve next year's working plan. Over the past year, our working groups have been diligently advancing joint initiatives to enhance the experience at the Cornwall Port of Entry. Members of these working groups, including representatives from our Council, consistently bring community feedback to both the working groups and senior leadership to develop improvements and solutions.



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## KANA:TAKON DISTRICT CHIEF JULIE PHILLIPS-JACOBS UPDATES



**Monthly Report:**  
September 2023

### Portfolios:

Ahkwasasne Mohawk Board of Education, Department of Justice and Department of Public Safety

### Selected Committees:

Finance, Special Needs Committee, CBSA/MCA Border Collaboration Working Circles

### PORTFOLIO UPDATES:

**AMBE** – The Ahkwasasne Board of Education welcomed students back for the 2023-24 school year. The Board of Trustees meets on the third Tuesday of the month. Supply staff are needed for all schools.

**Justice** – Portfolio met to discuss various issues and updates for Justice. The acting Director gave updates on legislative developments, Community Justice program, ARAP, and the

Akwesasne Court. The Cannabis and Emergency Management draft laws will be going to referendum October 21 in all three districts. Election law is the next law that will be scheduled to be voted on. The Child Rights and Responsibility law is the drafting stage. Community Justice will be bringing back a familiar face to replace Chief Fallon while she is on Council. ARAP co-hosted the Truth and reconciliation event at the Lamoureux Park.

**Public Safety** – Attended the Police Commission meeting, Acting Executive Director attended to introduce herself to the commission. Kelly Francis presented the next steps in developing the Community Safety Action Plan. Prioritizing three goals and writing the plan. Presentations will be made soon to the community for input. The Chief of Police gave his report. The council members present shared their concern with an MCR (Mohawk Council Resolution) concerning the new Police substation on the island. Plans and contracts with the facility owner have not been solidified or approved, and notification to the community has not been provided, so Council sent the MCR back for re-wording.

### COMMITTEE UPDATES:

**PAT (Property Acquisition Team) Meeting** – While a fellow District Chief was off, I stepped in as a representative on this Committee. Terms of reference for the committee are being worked on and will be reviewed at the next meeting. A proposal was submitted by a community member for the sale of a new house and land lot. The committee agreed to send it to DIHE (Department of Infrastructure, Housing, and Environment) to see if Housing is interested. Updates were given from previous land offers. Next meeting will be October 4th. This was my last meeting.

**Border Call** – CBSA (Canada Border Service Agency), USB, SRMT and MCA (Mohawk Council of Akwesasne) participate in a call on the first Tuesday of the month. CBSA updated that they have eight more recruits coming in by December. There will be construction starting October 10th to install permanent speed bumps. This will cause delays to travelers and lanes will be switched to accommodate lines. November will be the next cultural training session. US (United States) Customs reported regular traffic

# COUNCIL AND MOHAWK GOVERNMENT

## KANA:TAKON DISTRICT CHIEF JULIE PHILLIPS-JACOBS UPDATES

back to pre-Covid numbers. The Casino will send the scheduled events to CBSA and US Border. The Tribe and MCA had no new updates.

**Indigenous Fire Marshall** – Public safety portfolio met with members of the Indigenous Fire Marshalls Service. This was an introductory meeting. An overview of our three districts and our role as public safety was discussed. The gentlemen stopped in on their way back from a National Conference in Ottawa. Grand Chief had reached out to them to see what services they offered but was unavailable to meet when they stopped in. A future meeting on Zoom is being planned.

**Finance Committee** – Finance Committee did not meet in September and the next scheduled meeting is October 19, 2023. Two applications were received from

community members. These will be discussed at next meeting and an MCR will be forthcoming for Councils consideration.

### MEETINGS ATTENDED:

**Mohawk Nation Meeting** – Our Council met with members of the Mohawk Nation Chiefs. Agenda items included the N.Y. State Land Claim and a regular meeting schedule. Discussion was held around the need to be on the same page, difficulties in achieving approvals and the willingness to present together to the community. Next meeting will be in November.

**BCI (Border Collaboration Initiative) Leadership Meeting** – As part of the BCI working tables, there is a Leadership table that meets quarterly. This table includes the Grand Chief and President of CBSA. Our communications manager, who is an integral part

of these working circles, gave an update on the Four Tables, Point of Entry Cornwall, Point of Entry Dundee, Preclearance and Domestic Lane Table. With the Domestic Lane being permanent this table will now be closed. Matters relating to the Domestic Lane will be referred to the POE (Port of Entry) Cornwall table. MCA made it clear that although the Domestic Lane table is done, and the lane is permanent this does not mean that we agree on the type of questioning that is currently happening. The next cultural training for CBSA employees will take place on October 23, 2023.

**Justice Director Interviews** – Participated in the interviews for a new Justice Director. A candidate was successful, and an announcement will be forthcoming once they accept the position.



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# SOCIAL MEDIA CONNECTION



## FACEBOOK STATS

### Facebook Posts with the Most Likes in September

- 1. Brave Bero
- 2. Land-Based Healing Launches First Women’s Sunrise Paddle Event
- 3. Mohawk Council Announces Opening of New Housing Units
- 4. Wholistic Health and Wellness Welcomes New Addictions Specialist
- 5. AMBE & MCA Message of Condolence for Lynda Brown

### Facebook Posts with the Highest Reach in September

- 1. Brave Bero – 47,487 Reached
- 2. Housing’s Ben Benedict Earns Construction Pioneering Award – 24,148 Reached
- 3. Update Provided by the Great Lakes St. Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation Regarding NACC Argonaut Ship – 20,390 Reached
- 4. Cottage For Sale by OVS – 18,298 Reached
- 5. Land-Based Healing Launches First Women’s Sunrise Paddle Event – 13,209 Reached



## TWITTER STATS

### Top Tweet in September



## YOUTUBE STATS

### Highest Viewed Video on the MCA YouTube Channel for September

- 1. MCA Career Fair 2023



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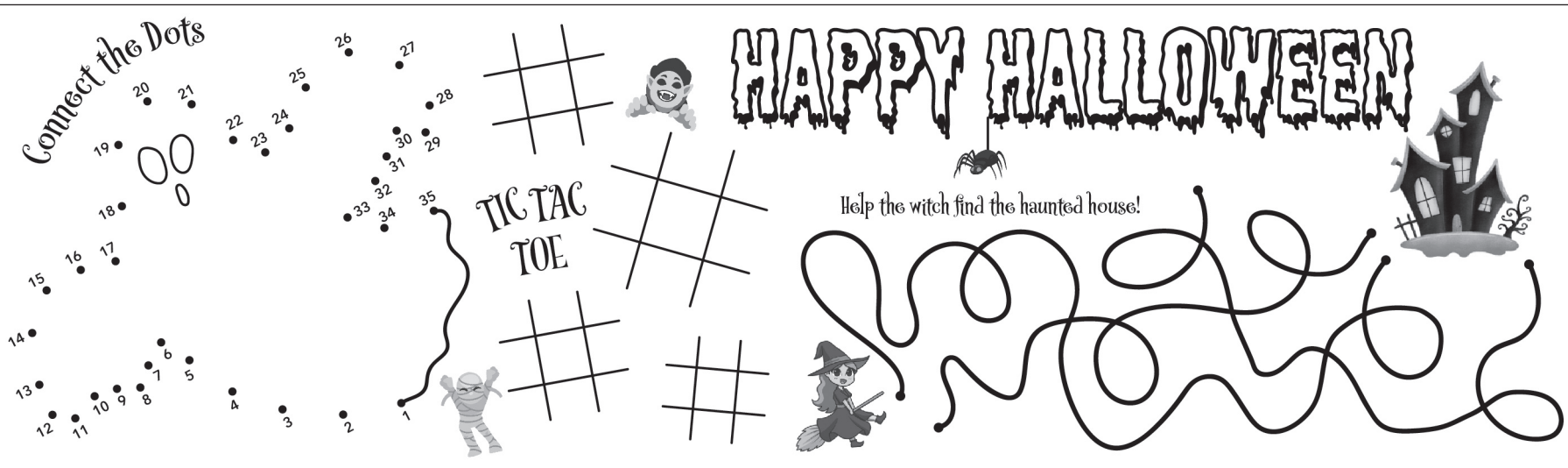
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HALLOWEEN  
BROOM  
WITCH

SPOOKY  
TRICK  
TREAT

## COLOR THE PUMPKIN!



## YOU’VE GOT TO BE KIDDING ME!

What is a zombie's favorite cereal?  
Rice Creamies.

How do you fix a damaged jack-o-lantern?  
You use a pumpkin patch.

How do ghosts search the web?  
They use ghoul-gle!



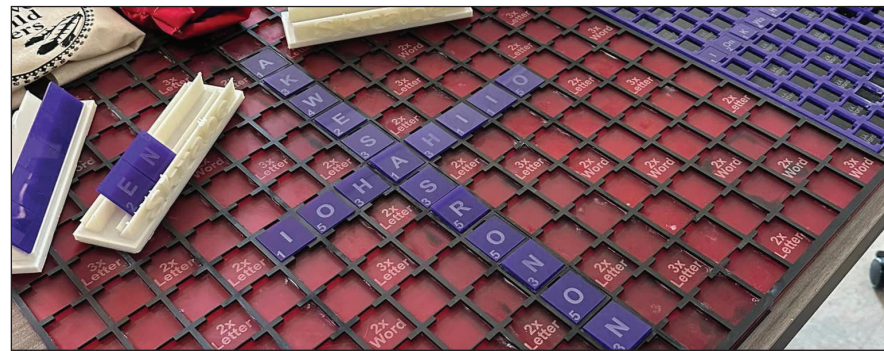
# AHKWESAHSNE MOHAWK BOARD OF EDUCATION

## IOHAHI:IO CELEBRATES AKWESASNE FABLAB GRADUATES

In September, Iohahi:io Akwesasne Education and Training Institute held a graduation ceremony for 12 students who completed the second cohort of the Akwesasne FabLab Training program. The FabLab students final projects were on display to showcase the multiple skills they learned through out the program.

The FabLab Training program is a 16-week paid training program that provides students the opportunity to learn a variety of skills and techniques using digital fabrication technologies. Some of the technologies include vinyl cutting, 3D-printing, laser cutting and engraving, digital milling and embroidery.

Be sure to follow Iohahi:io Akwesasne Education and Training Institutes Facebook page to be in the loop on future FabLab sign ups and information.





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# AHKWESAHSNE MOHAWK BOARD OF EDUCATION

## AMBE & MCA MESSAGE OF CONDOLENCE FOR LYNDA BROWN

It is with heavy hearts that the Ahkwasasne Mohawk Board of Education and Mohawk Council of Akwesasne shares the sad news of Lynda Brown's passing.

As a long-serving principal in Akwesasne, our community, our teachers and school staff, and especially our students will greatly miss Lynda, for her passion, her caring, and her kindness.

Lynda was an integral part of the Ahkwasasne Mohawk Board of Education since 2006. She served as Principal at the Ahkwasasne Mohawk School in 2006 and later took on the role at Tsi Snaihne School from 2010 until 2019. Lynda's dedication to education and her impact on the Akwesasne community will forever be remembered.

Our thoughts are with her loved ones during this difficult time, and we extend our condolences to

all who are grieving this loss. Lynda leaves behind a legacy that will continue to inspire others for years to come.



## AMBE WELCOMES NEW STUDENT SAFETY OFFICER AT AMS

The Ahkwasasne Mohawk Board of Education would like to welcome Mandie Diabo to the team as the new Student Safety Officer at AMS.

Mandie is a dedicated professional who plays a crucial role in ensuring the safety and well-being of AMS students and staff. As the Student Safety Officer, she takes on the responsibility of safeguarding students, staff and AMS property. With her vigilant eye and proactive approach, Mandie works tirelessly to create a secure environment where everyone can thrive.

With a strong background in safety protocols and emergency response procedures, Mandie brings a wealth of knowledge to her role. Her commitment to

the welfare of the school is evident in her thorough planning and implementation of safety measures.

Mandie's approachable nature and excellent communication skills make her a trusted point of contact for any safety concerns or questions.

AMBE is excited to have Mandie join the team, and look forward to working together.





# AHKWESAHSNE MOHAWK BOARD OF EDUCATION

## AMBE HOSTS TRADITIONAL SOCIAL FOR STUDENTS

The Ahkwesahsne Mohawk Board of Education school year has begun! Staff and students from Child Care, K3 and up to Grade 8 gathered at the Kana:takon School on three separate dates to enjoy a traditional social together. It was a great fall week filled with sunshine, smiles and dancing. Niawenhkó:wa to the Ahkwesahsne Ratirennenhawi Singing Group for a great performance!



# AKWESASNE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT

## MCA OFFICIAL REFERENDUM RESULTS

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne held two referendum votes on Saturday, October 21, 2023 for the Akwesasne Emergency Management Law and the Akwesasne Cannabis Law. The following official results have been provided by the Chief Electoral Officer.

### AKWESASNE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT LAW OFFICIAL RESULTS:

District of Kana:takon  
Yes – 14 No – 24

District of Kawehno:ke  
Yes – 13 No – 26

District of Tsi Snaihne  
Yes – 23 No – 41

**Total:**  
Yes: 50 No: 91

### AKWESASNE CANNABIS LAW OFFICIAL RESULTS:

District of Kana:takon  
Yes – 8 No – 30

District of Kawehno:ke  
Yes – 11 No – 27

District of Tsi Snaihne  
Yes – 19 No – 46

**Total:**  
Yes: 38 No: 103

## AKWESASNE MEMBERSHIP BOARD ELECTION OFFICIAL RESULTS

An Election was held on Saturday, October 7, 2023 for the Akwesasne Membership Board in the Districts of Kawehno:ke and Tsi Snaihne. No appeals were received by the deadline of October 12, 2023 at 2 p.m.

### OFFICAL ELECTION RESULTS:

District of Kawehno:ke (4-year term)  
Joanne Jocko: 19 votes  
Ruth Seymour: 29 votes

District of Tsi Snaihne (2-year term)  
Shannon L. Lazore: 11 votes  
Theresa Thompson: 5 votes

The following candidates have been officially declared: Shannon L. Lazore and Ruth Seymour.

AKWESASNE MEMBERSHIP BOARD	
District of Kana:takon	
Vacant 2-year term	Vacant 4-year term
District of Tsi Snaihne	
Shannon L. Lazore 2-year term	Darlene Adams 4-year term
District of Kawehno:ke	
Donna Delormier 2-year term	Ruth Seymour 4-year term
Chairperson	
Esther Jock 4-year term	



# AKWESASNE RIGHTS & RESEARCH OFFICE

## ARRO UPDATES PROGRAM NAME

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne would like to inform the community that ARRO has updated their program name. Formerly known as the Aboriginal Rights & Research Office, ARRO now stands for the Akwesasne Rights & Research Office.

As we move into a period where correct terminology and political correctness is at the forefront of society, ARRO wanted to reflect on both how they are represented within the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne and how they are portrayed to outside government entities.

"Aboriginal" has been an umbrella term used by Canadian people, institutions, and the government for convenience. It is used to categorize all Indigenous peoples from across Canada as one big, homogenized group. "Aboriginal" is an oversimplification that hides more meaning than it conveys.

Replacing the word "Aboriginal" in ARRO to "Akwesasne" not only gives ARRO's mandate more meaning; it also conveys our position as the original people of this land. This change more accurately reflects what the ARRO office does, which is research and education of the "Inherent Treaty Rights for the

Mohawks of Akwesasne within the political, legal, social and economic environments in which they are affected." While ARRO does not work for all Indigenous peoples throughout Canada, our program remains an ally and educated on mandates, policies, and reforms that affect all Indigenous peoples. ARRO works on behalf of the Mohawks of Akwesasne's inherent rights regardless of the "border" forced upon our community; therefore, Akwesasne Rights and Research Office (ARRO) seems fitting.

As we continue to recognize our rights and lay claim to our traditional territory, we need to think about the words we use. Language is important, and it not only frames the ways in which we think about ourselves but also how government entities view us. By ridding ourselves of the antiquated language, we can encourage the Crown, the Government, and the Euro-Canadian citizens to consider ways in which they see Akwesasne Mohawk Territory and all Indigenous peoples throughout Turtle Island.

If you have any questions or would like to contact the Akwesasne Rights & Research Office, please call 613-575-2250 ext. 2133 or email arro@akwesasne.ca.



# DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

## MCA OPENS NEW DETOX CENTER: SAHATIHA'HARÁ:NE

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne's Department of Health began accepting clients at its new detox center, Sahatiha'hará:ne, on October 2, 2023. The 4-bed/4-client center is located on Kawehno:ke and fills a need in healthcare and addictions services that our medical teams are committed to providing.

"This is a major milestone for our healthcare services," said District Chief Sarah Sunday-Diabo, a health portfolio chief. "We have heard from our clients and their family members that this service is greatly needed. No one has to fight addiction alone; our medical and mental health staff are trained and dedicated to help every step of the way."

District Chief Vanessa Adams, also a health portfolio chief, added, "This is an answer to our community's prayers and the result of so much hard work and dedication on behalf of the Department of Health."

The detox center's name, Sahatiha'hará:ne, means "back on the path." It is located at the former group home facility on James Lane, Cornwall Island. The building has undergone renovations throughout the past year to fit the needs of detox clients, and staff positions have now been filled.

"We are excited to begin services for our community members," said Bonnie Bradley, Sahatiha'hará:ne Detox Center Program Manager. "We will be providing a safe, stigma-free environment for our clients who are taking the first step in their healing journey."

The attending physician for the detox center will be Dr. Cory Scott. Intake/pre-screenings have begun as of September 28, 2023.

For more information, or to schedule a pre-admission/intake screening, please contact the Sahatiha'hará:ne Detox Center at 613-932-5050.



Pictured L-R: Attending Physician Dr. Cory Scott, Program Manager Bonnie Bradley, Male Withdrawal Management Specialist Waylon Square, Female Withdrawal Management Specialist Carlee King, Food Prep/Cook Renna Leaf.



Sahatiha'hará:ne Detox Center is located at the former group home facility at 44 James Lane, Cornwall Island.



# DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

## ELDER ENRICHMENT EXPERIENCE — VISIT TO OLD MONTREAL

Did you know that the MCA Wholistic Health & Wellness Program hosts monthly events and activities for elders in our community? Did you also know that regular participation in life enrichment programs increases brain health? It aids in the prevention of health problems connected with isolation and loneliness, such as type 2 diabetes, heart disease, depression, and others. With the Elder Enrichment Program, WHW aims to promote physical, emotional, cognitive and social wellness for Akwesasronon seniors.

Recently, the WHW Prevention team brought some elders on a visit to Old Montreal! Check out the testimonial from one of our participants, Rosemary Bonaparte:

“The Elder Enrichment Program of MCA sponsored a trip to Old Montreal this week. I was fortunate to go. Once we got to Montreal, we were in with six lanes of traffic all stopped; then we just inched along. Good thing everybody was in good spirits, looking for interesting things along the way, including the trucker that flirted with our van driver.

When we got out of the van the first thing we noticed was the zipline. They strap the rider into a seat and send them off through the air on a wire. Barbara Lazore and Donna Delormier were daring enough to try. They said it was exhilarating and only got a little scary when they reached the end and it felt like it wasn't going to stop.

There was a lot of walking along cobblestone streets but we headed for an outside restaurant and ate while we watched the birds hopping around, looking for anything that dropped off the tables. I was all right with that but I got nervous when a bee came buzzing around and almost went into my ear. There were a lot of interesting shops and many of them were very touristy. We saw a lot of Indian art, painting and carving and, some of that

was really beautiful. My favorite was the Canadian fur clothing store. I wanted to try on a black fur coat until I saw the price tag of \$6,000.00. It was mink!

As we walked along we noticed a bride and groom posing between two buildings. There was an archway made of red roses and as I looked down the alley-way there was a lot of flowers which will make the pictures they took lovely. Then as we saw them walking away the bride gathered up her beautiful gown and revealed her tennis shoes.

We all enjoyed this trip and we are looking forward to an Apple Picnic on Tuesday the 19th of September, which will be in an apple orchard behind the Akwesasne Library on Route 37. The following Tuesday on September 26th, there will be a “Lunch and Learn” at the Tri-District Elders on Cornwall Island. The MCA Mental Health Team will be there. You have to register with the Wholistic Health and Wellness Program of MCA for both of these events.”

Nia:wen for sharing your experience, Rosemary! Wholistic Health & Wellness looks forward to many more fun events such as this one.

If you have any questions about the Elder Enrichment Program or future workshops, contact WHW at 613-575-2341 ext. 3115 or at [wholistichealth@akwesasne.ca](mailto:wholistichealth@akwesasne.ca).



# DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND CORNWALL COMMUNITY HOSPITAL ANNOUNCE NEW INDIGENOUS PATIENT NAVIGATOR

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne's Department of Health (DOH) and Cornwall Community Hospital (CCH) welcome new Indigenous Patient Navigator, April White. The Indigenous Patient Navigator role was created from a partnership between MCA's Department of Health and Cornwall Community Hospital to better meet the needs of indigenous patients and clients who are seeking healthcare in CCH.

April has been a registered nurse for more than 37 years and brings a wealth of knowledge to the role, having worked for many years with MCA and CCH. April brings a deep understanding of healthcare to the local indigenous patient population and the unique challenges they face. April will play a vital role in ensuring indigenous patients receive the care they need in a culturally respectful and sensitive manner. April has been serving in her new role since this past spring.

Some of the key responsibilities of April's role include:

- Serving as a cultural liaison between patients and healthcare providers and bridging cultural gaps.
- Advocating for indigenous patients and ensuring their unique needs and preferences are respected and integrated into their short-term and long-term healthcare goals.
- Offering education to both patients and hospital staff on indigenous health practices, cultural traditions, and

the importance of cultural competence in healthcare delivery.

- Assisting patients in accessing community resources, social services, and health programs that can support their health and well-being.
- Providing compassion, emotional support, and empowerment to indigenous patients, helping them navigate the healthcare system with comfort and confidence.

The Department of Health welcomes April to her new role as the Indigenous Patient Navigator and looks forward to the great work and service she will provide to the community. The DOH also expresses sincere gratitude to Cornwall Community Hospital in agreeing to partner in this new position.



April White, Indigenous Patient Navigator

## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

### Akwesasne Non-Insured Health Benefits:

613-575-2341 ext. 3340

### Community Health:

613-575-2341 ext. 3220

### Jordan's Principle:

613-575-2341 ext. 2650

### Wholistic Health and Wellness:

613-575-2341 ext. 3115

### Home Care Home Support:

613-936-1548

### Iakhihsohtha Lodge:

613-575-2507

### Sahatiha'hará:ne Detox Center:

613-932-5050

### Tsiokwanonhso:te Long-Term Care Facility:

613-932-1409





## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

### LAND-BASED HEALING LAUNCHES FIRST WOMEN'S SUNRISE PADDLE EVENT

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne's Land-Based Healing Program (LBH) launched its first Women's Sunrise Paddle event. The Women's Sunrise Paddle was hosted by Land-Based Healing Specialist Steevi King, along with Traditional Medicines' Arisawe Lazore, and singer/songwriter Bear Fox.

The Women's Sunrise Paddle met at 6:00 a.m., had welcoming words from Arisawe Lazore and Bear Fox,

a meditation session, then launched their kayaks and enjoyed a relaxing paddle along the banks of the St. Regis River. The participants were provided with a light breakfast after the paddle was complete.

For more information on the Women's Sunrise Paddle, or other Land-Based Healing program events, please contact Steevi King at [steevi.king@akwesasne.ca](mailto:steevi.king@akwesasne.ca).



### ENSURE YOUR HEALTH INSURANCE IS UP-TO-DATE!

RAMQ administers the Québec Health Insurance Plan. Ontario Health Insurance Plan (OHIP) administers the health insurance plans within Ontario.

Eligible persons who are registered are covered for various health benefits.

Various medical and health services are covered under RAMQ and OHIP, such as:

- Consultations & Examinations
- Diagnostics and therapeutic procedures
- Surgeries
- Referrals to specialists
- Various hospital procedures

If your health insurance has expired or lapsed, and you haven't renewed your RAMQ or OHIP card, and are no longer covered, you could be required to pay out of pocket for health services!

NIHB may cover some uninsured costs, but not all.

For more information on any health card procedures, please contact NIHB at 613-575-2341 ext. 3340.

For assistance in renewing your insurance card, please contact the Community Health Program at 613-575-2341 ext. 3220.

## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

### ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

#### AKWESASNE

- Akwesasne Family Wellness Program
  - 613-937-4322
  - [afwpoutreach@akwesasne.ca](mailto:afwpoutreach@akwesasne.ca)
- Akwesasne Child & Family Services
  - 613-575-2341 ext. 3139
- Akwesasne Mohawk Police Service
  - Emergency: 613-575-2000
  - Non-Emergency: 613-575-2340
- Akwesasne Community Justice Program
  - General: 613-575-5000
  - Victim Support Worker: 613-575-2340 ext. 3353 or 613-360-8897
- Seven Dancers Coalition
  - 518-358-2916
- Saint Regis Mohawk Tribal Police
  - 518-358-9200
- SRMT Mental Health
  - 518-358-3141, or 1-800-647-7839
- Office of the Victim/Family Advocate
  - 518-358-2272 ext. 2402

#### ONLINE RESOURCES

- Canadian Bullying Resources Online  
[www.osstf.on.ca](http://www.osstf.on.ca)
- PREVNet - Promoting Relationships & Eliminating Violence Network  
[www.prevnet.ca](http://www.prevnet.ca)
- Government of Canada - Bullying Prevention Tips  
[www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/bullying.html](http://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/bullying.html)
- Pacer National Bullying Prevention Center  
[www.pacer.org/bullying](http://www.pacer.org/bullying)

#### HOTLINE RESOURCES

- Kids Help Phone (After Hours Hotline)  
1-800-668-6868
- Youth & Family Helpline  
1-877-377-7775
- Crisis Line (Ages 16 and Up)  
1-866-966-0991



**WE CARE  
ABOUT YOU.**

**WE SUPPORT  
YOU.**

**WE STAND  
TOGETHER.**

**NOBODY DESERVES TO BE BULLIED. TAKE A STAND. SPEAK OUT.**

**CONTACT THE MCA WHOLISTIC HEALTH & WELLNESS PROGRAM TO SPEAK TO ONE OF OUR TRAINED MENTAL HEALTH THERAPISTS.**

**YOUR INFORMATION WILL BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL.**

**☎ 613-575-2341 ext. 3115    ✉ [mentalhealth@akwesasne.ca](mailto:mentalhealth@akwesasne.ca)**



# DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

## THOMPSON ISLAND CULTURAL CAMP HOSTS TRADITIONAL FISHING TECHNIQUES CAMP

In September, Thompson Island Cultural Camp (TICC) hosted a weekend class on traditional fishing techniques. The TICC team was joined by experienced fisherman, Gordon Sunday. They demonstrated fishing techniques, including how to set a nightline, gill-net and seine net.

It was a great weekend on the water, filled with hands-on learning, providing participants the opportunity to pair their own nightlines and set them before sunset. During the morning, they were excited to pull up the nightlines where they caught shiners and sturgeon. The sturgeon was then cleaned, smoked and everyone shared a meal together.

Niawenhko:wa to the Thompson Island Cultural Camp for hosting this event and Gordon Sunday for sharing your expertise and knowledge of fishing.



## DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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



# DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY & SOCIAL SERVICES

## ACFS HOSTS WITCH AND WARLOCK WALK AT BLACK POND

On October 8, witches and warlocks joined lakwa'shatste and Akwesasne Child & Family Services on an adventure around the perimeter of Black Pond. A little rain did not damper the mood. It only added to the fun!

Just as the sun went down, the bewitching coven took a stroll by moonlight (and flashlight) along the paths dressed in their best hats and capes. At times all you could see amongst the dark forest was the glow from the witches parading through the night. Alas, the witches mighty cackle also reverberated throughout the woods to let you know they were present.

The spook-tacular crew roasted their foe's hearts... errr, marshmallows on an open fire. A few of the witches also cast a "spell" upon the fire (with some fire-changing powder) and making it cast a blue, green and purple glow along the waters edge.

Some of the brave souls also told some eerie-sistible tales for all to enjoy (although the younger witches were not as impressed).

A delicious meal, snacks and beverages were provided, along with some treats and a headlamp to ensure all the witches and warlocks made it safely back to their brooms.

Nia:wen to all that made this frighteningly fun night possible—witching you a Happy Halloween!





# DEPARTMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE AND HOUSING

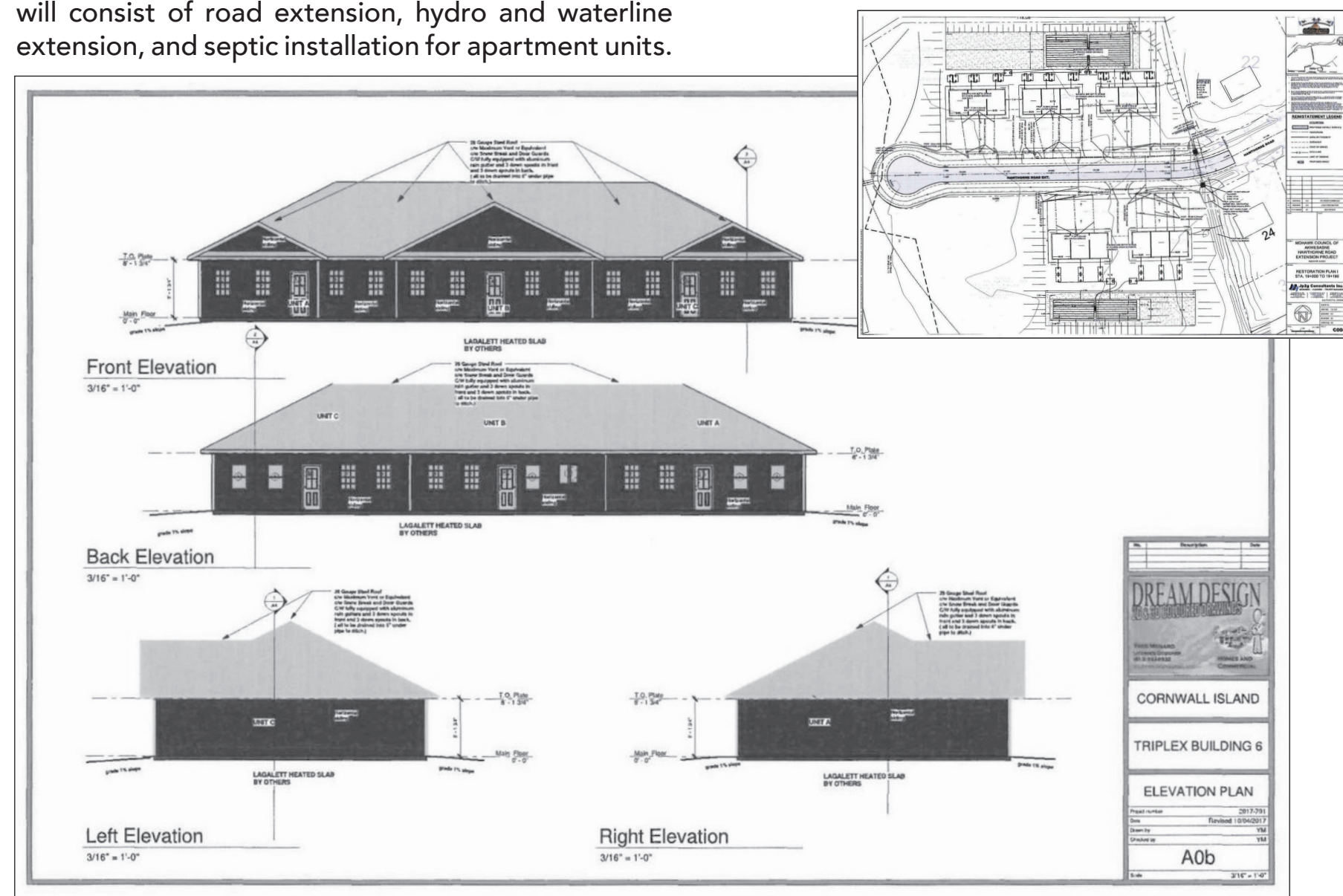
## DIHE ANNOUNCES HAWTHORNE ROAD INFRASTRUCTURE & HOUSING PROJECT

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne Department of Infrastructure, Housing and Environment (DIHE) is pleased to announce a new infrastructure and housing project for 2023-2024.

Infrastructure and site prep will begin in October 2023 on Hawthorne Road in Tsi Snaihne. The project will consist of road extension, hydro and waterline extension, and septic installation for apartment units.

Five 3-bedroom triplexes will be constructed in the following years after the infrastructure and site prep is completed.

For more information on this project, please contact Charmaine Caldwell at 613-575-2250 ext. 1053.



Five 3-bedroom triplexes will be constructed in the following years after infrastructure and site prep are complete. The 15 apartment rental units will be approximately 1070 sq. ft., 3 bedroom 1 bathroom, insulated slab on grade with an electric air handler, which provides heat and air conditioning in each unit. All apartments will have Legallet thermal floor and wall system, with R-40 value on floor, R-48 value on walls, R-65 value in attic and triple plane windows to provide mor energy efficiency for units.

# DEPARTMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE AND HOUSING

OCTOBER 2023



HOUSING SECTOR

## Home Maintenance Checklist

TIPS + TRICKS

### IMPROVEMENT ADVICE

- Organize the junk drawer
- Be fire ready – check your extinguisher and have an escape plan
- Insulate outdoor pipes
- Cover and store outdoor furniture
- Winterize perennials and clean out annuals
- Mulch leaves when you mow for the last time
- Deep clean the bathroom to prevent mold
- Seal outdoor surfaces like porch & stairs
- Stow away the hose
- Wash the curtains, dust the blinds, remove the screen & wash the windows
- Aerate & feed your lawn
- Inspect the gutters and downspouts
- Deep clean the carpets
- Inspect home for entry ways for critters to get in and repair to keep them out
- Trim any and low hanging tree branches or brushes
- Clean out the dryer vent
- Declutter and organize the garage or shed
- Check for drafts
- Cover AC Unit
- Vacuum bathroom fan
- Clean drains for sinks, tubs, showers and dishwashers
- Stock up on sidewalk salt & ice melt
- Repair or replace caulking around windows, doors & mechanicals
- Turn off AC breaker

### NATURAL PEST CONTROL

- Coffee grinds for garden bugs
- Banana peels for aphids
- Apple cider vinegar for fruit flies
- Cornmeal for ants
- White vinegar for ants trail & spiders
- Rosemary or sage for mosquitos
- Eucalyptus, lavender, clove or peppermint oils for dust mites
- Basil for flies
- Onions for spiders
- Cloves for ladybugs
- Peppermint oil for mice
- Bay leaves for flies, roaches & ants
- Chives for Japanese beetles, carrot flies, aphids, mites & rabbits
- Dill for spider mites, squash bugs, and aphids
- Chrysanthemums mites, beetles, ants, bed bugs, roaches & fleas
- Citronella oil & witch hazel spray for small bugs
- Fresh or dried herbs: mint, basil, rosemary, marigolds & lavender for critters
- Mint for mosquitoes

### MONTHLY CHECKLIST



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| <input type="checkbox"/> Clean or replace the filter to the furnace and/or HRV | <input type="checkbox"/> Inspect all drains for debris; unclog if necessary | <input type="checkbox"/> Vacuum heat registers and heat vents               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Clean faucets and shower heads from mineral buildup   | <input type="checkbox"/> Test smoke alarms                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Check indoor and outdoor air vents are not blocked |



# DEPARTMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE AND HOUSING

## HOUSING SECTOR PROVIDES TOUR OF NEW BUILDS TO FIRST NATION HOUSING PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION

The DIHE Housing Sector was pleased to welcome attendees of the First Nation Housing Professional Association (FNHPA) conference to Akwesasne on September 13 & 14. The FNHPA is a national, professional association exclusively serving the needs of individuals working for or aspiring to positions in housing with First Nations organizations.

Charmaine Caldwell, the Associate Director of the DIHE, along with Ben Benedict, Tenant and Maintenance Manager, brought guests to the new rental units on Whoville Road and the Section 95 rent-to-own subdivision, both located in Tsi Snaihne.



### 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 PUBLIC SAFETY

## NATIONAL POLICE WOMAN'S DAY

National Police Woman's Day, celebrated on September 12th, is a day that celebrates and recognizes the contributions and achievements of women in law enforcement.

We commend the dedication and commitment of the female officers at the Akwesasne Mohawk Police Service who serve and protect our community. Thank you for all that you do!



## AKWESASNE MOHAWK POLICE SERVICE

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



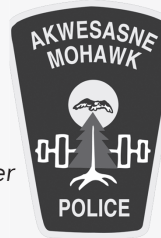
## AKWESASNE MOHAWK AMBULANCE



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

## SEPTEMBER STATISTICS

299 September	8 1008 By-Law - Dogs	1 1052 Shooting Complaint
1 041 Possession Stolen Property	1 1010 By-Law - Parking Occurences	1 1056 Hazardous Conditions
1 045 Frauds - Other	3 1012 Civil Disputes	4 106 Provincial Statutes - Other
3 061 Bail Violations	32 1013 Community Services	13 1063 Marine Patrol
1 063 Disturb The Peace	1 1014 Crime Prevention	2 1070 Sex Offender Registry
4 072 Mischief (Prop. Damage) Under \$5,000	2 1016 Domestic Dispute (Non-violent)	2 204 Sexual Assault
1 073 Criminal Code - Other	5 1018 Escorts - Prisoner	1 205 Assault - Level 1
1 083 Other Drugs - Possession	5 1023 Judge's Order (Court)	2 206 Assault Weapon/CBH - Level 2
1 084 Other Drugs - Trafficking	1 1023 MVC - Non-Reportable	2 212 Assaults - Other
3 100 Immigration Act	2 1027 Property - Found	2 3030 Admin - Assist Other Agency
1 1000 Abandoned Vehicles	4 1028 Probation Orders	1 711 Impaired Operation MV
8 1001 Alarms	5 1029 Suspicious Persons	1 713 Fail/ Refuse Breath Sample
8 1003 Assist Other Agencies - Ambulance	6 1030 Suspicious Vehicles	1 715 Fail to Stop/Remain (CCC)
1 1003 Assist Other Agencies - Cornwall PS	27 1031 Suspicious Circumstances	1 717 Fail to Stop / Remain (HTA)
2 1003 Assist Other Agencies - OPP	5 1036 Warrant - Bench/First	1 718 Careless Driving (HTA)
5 1003 Assist Other Agencies - Other	1 1037 Warrant - Search	26 721 Traffic - Provincial Statutes
4 1003 Assist Other Agencies - Tribal PD	1 1040 Traffic Complaint	1 725 PI MVC (Personal Injury)
70 1004 Assist Public	5 1041 Mental Health Act	1 726 PD MVC Over \$1,000 (Prop. Damage)
1 1007 Breach of Probation	4 1050 Youth Complaint	2 Incident Type Not Listed





# HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS

Many people enjoy transforming their homes into eerie scenes. Be sure to keep the path leading up to your door free of obstacles for the little ones, especially those with masks who might have trouble seeing in dim light.

Keep pets indoors on Halloween to protect them from hazards and preventing them from being aggressive to visitors.

## CHILDREN SAFETY SUGGESTIONS

- Wear pale colours with reflective bands.
- Bring a flashlight to see clearly and become more visible.
- Glow sticks are also an excellent method to increase a child's visibility.
- Have a trick-or-treating route planned in advance and share it with parents.
- Ring doorbells or knock on doors in groups and always wait outside a house.
- Stay away from animals you are not familiar with.
- Limit running from one side to the street to the other and only do so at intersections.
- Check with parents if candy collected is safe.

**HAVE A SAFE AND GHOULISHLY GOOD HALLOWEEN!**



## 2023-2024

# AKWESASNE HEATING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Open to Akwesasronon who reside under the jurisdiction of Mohawk Council of Akwesasne in any one of the three northern districts, or within the City of Cornwall boundary.

**OPENS: OCTOBER 16, 2023**

**DEADLINE: DECEMBER 15, 2023**

*All individuals MUST reapply, submit a new application, and provide a copy of your most recent heating bill for the heating source that you would like paid.*

Questions?  
Contact the MCA Community Support Program:

**613-575-2341 ext. 3262**

Scan QR code for  
more information!

