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COUNCIL HOSTS COMMUNITY HOLIDAY DINNERS



The holiday spirit was in full swing at the recreation centers for MCA's annual Community Holiday Dinners. Community members enjoyed a delicious traditional meal served by Council and a visit by Santa! Read more on page 3.

UPCOMING MCA MEETINGS & SPECIAL DATES:

MCA HOLIDAY OFFICE CLOSURE

December 25, 2023 - January 1, 2024

Please be reminded that the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne's offices will be closed for the holidays from December 25, 2023 - January 1, 2024. Essential services and 24-hour care facilities will remain operational.

Offices will resume normal business hours on Tuesday, January 2.

MCA wishes you a healthy and happy holiday season!

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

Administration

Theresa (Tessa) Jocko A/Executive Director

Heather Phillips Director Dept. of Finance & Administration

Leslie Papineau Director Dept. of Infrastructure, Housing & Environment

Cactus Cook Sunday Director Dept. of Justice

Joseph Morin-Lauzon Director Dept. of Community & Social Services

Amber Montour Director Department of Health

Donna Lahache Director Ahkwesahsne Mohawk Board of Education

Shawn Dulude Chief of Police/Director Dept. of Public Safety

Kylee Tarbell Director Dept. of Economic Development

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:

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date! Sign up by visiting www.akwesasne. Council contact information. ca/signup.

Social Media: Visit us on Facebook, Twitter, mation in Akwesasne's long-serving local Instagram and Snapchat!

Contact: If you have any questions about Mobile/Cell Text Alerts: Receive urgent MCA departments and services, please or important messages right to your cell email info@akwesasne.ca or call 613-575- phone. Sign up by visiting www.akwesasne.ca/textalerts.

E-newsletter: Register for a weekly e- Website: News and general information newsletter delivered straight to your email can be found on our website at www.akinbox. It's a great way to quickly stay up to wesasne.ca. This includes job postings and

> Local Media: Find our news and informedia, CKON 97.3 Radio and Indian Time Newspaper.

-VETHINGS

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



ACFS is hosting a wrapping party on Thursday, December 21 at the Tsi Snaihne Recreation Center from 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Stop in and get your wrapping paper done while enjoying great food, music and learn some creative wrapping techniques.



MCA's Department of Economic Development encourages community members to shop local this holiday season! View page 22 for a list of small businesses you can support!



Wrap up your holiday shopping at the St. Regis Recreation Center on Saturday, December 23 for their Eve of Christmas Eve Night Market! Stop in from 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. to check out a variety of local vendors selling crafts, jewelry, home decor, vintage clothing and much more!



lakhihsohtha Lodge will be ringing in the New Year with a masquerade themed New Year's Eve dinner at 5:00 p.m. followed by a ball drop at 7:30 p.m. The residents are looking forward to the festivities!



The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne will be hosting the next General Meeting in January 2024. Stay tuned to our Facebook page for upcoming meeting dates. There will be no District Meeting for the month of December.

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COUNCIL HOSTS ANNUAL COMMUNITY HOLIDAY DINNERS

welcome families to the community holiday dinners anyone along the way who took part in anyway. hosted this year in the spirit of the holidays and New Year. The dinners were held at the recreation centers Council and our team at MCA would like to wish the in all three districts. It was our pleasure to serve community a very happy holiday season and New community members and visit face to face.

Council would like to express its gratitude to those who attended any of the three dinners, and especially those who helped plan and host the meals, including our staff, and the three caterers: Island Girlz, Latoya Rourke, and TnT Deli, along with Kelly Back who provided dinner rolls for all three meals. Nia:wen also to KB Entertainment for the photo booth that added to each night's festivities, and to Santa Jack for devoting three nights to visit with Akwesasne families for the 5th year. Nia:wen also to those

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne was pleased to who volunteered to assist Council with serving, and













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MOHAWK COUNCIL OF AKWESASNE GENERAL ELECTION

Pursuant to the Akwesasne Election Law 2019/2020 - The four (4) candidates receiving the highest number of #212, Tessa Jocko, Acting Executive Director (formerly votes in a district for the position of District Chief shall known as the Chief Administrative Officer) for the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne, is announcing the date of the next Mohawk Council of Akwesasne General Election.

Election Law, Section 3.(12), that states: "The Chief Administrative Officer [Executive Director] is responsible for notification to the general public of the General Election or By-Election."

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne shall be comprised the Akwesasne Justice Department. of one Grand Chief and twelve District Chiefs, consisting of four (4) District Chiefs from each district.

The candidate for the position of Grand Chief receiving Acting Executive Director the highest number of votes from all three districts shall be declared elected.

be declared elected.

The position of Grand Chief and District Chiefs shall be determined at the General Election. Therefore, the Executive Director is announcing the General Election for This announcement is in accordance with the Akwesasne the positions of Grand Chief and District Chiefs will be held on **June 29, 2024**.

> A copy of the Akwesasne Election Law can be found on the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne website at www.akwesasne.ca/legislation, and it can also be requested from

For more information, contact:

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Mohawk Council of Akwesasne

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OFFICIAL AKWESASNE ELECTION LAW AMENDMENTS **REFERENDUM RESULTS**

Per notice of the Chief Electoral officer, the following are the official results of the Akwesasne Election Law Amendments referendum held on December 9, 2023.

BALLOT QUESTION #1	
Kana:takon – Yes: 27	No: 18
Kawehno:ke – Yes: 36	No: 15
Tsi Snaihne – Yes: 35	No: 52
Total - Vest 98 Not 8	5

Iotal – Yes: 98 No: 85

BALLOT QUESTION #2

Kana:takon – Yes: 25 No 20 Kawehno:ke – Yes: 30 No: 23 Tsi Snaihne: Yes: 23 No: 64

Total - Yes: 78 No: 107

BALLOT QUESTION #3

No: 21 Kana:takon – Yes: 24 Kawehno:ke – Yes: 30 No: 23 Tsi Snaihne – Yes: 23 No: 62

Total – Yes: 77 No: 106

BALLOT QUESTION #4

Kana:takon – Yes: 22 No: 23 Kawehno:ke - Yes: 31 No: 22 Tsi Snaihne – Yes: 26 No: 62 **Total – Yes: 79 No: 107**

BALLOT QUESTION #5

Kana:takon – Yes: 23 No: 20 Kawehno:ke – Yes: 23 No: 30 Tsi Snaihne – Yes: 21 No: 64

Total - Yes: 67 No: 114

BALLOT QUESTION #6

Kana:takon – Yes: 22 No: 21 Kawehno:ke – Yes: 27 No: 26 Tsi Snaihne – Yes: 15 No: 68 Total – Yes: 64 No: 115

To view ballot questions, please visit www.akwesasne.ca/unofficial-akwesasne-election-law-amendments

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2023 MCA HOLIDAY CLOSURE RESOURCES AND INFORMATION

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne's (MCA) Department during the holiday closure, please call 613-575-1160. of Community & Social Services and Department of Health is providing the community with resources and information for services available during MCA's December holiday closure, scheduled for December 25th - 29th. Most of MCA's programs will be closed, with the exception of 24-hour facilities. The Ahkwehsasne Mohawk Board of Education (AMBE) schools and services will also be closed for the holiday week during this time.

The Proxim Pharmacy, located in the Kanonhkwa'tsheri:io Health Facility (KHF) will remain open during the holiday closure (December 26th - December 29th) for prescription refills. Proxim Pharmacy will be closed on December 25th and January 1st in observance of the Christmas and New Year's Holidays. Any questions on Proxim Pharmacy hours or services

Wholistic Health & Wellness' Mental Health therapists will be available for on-call mental health crisis/distress services December 25th - December 29th, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Contact the Akwesasne Mohawk Police Services (AMPS) non-emergency line at 613-575-2340 to be transferred to an on-call mental health service provider.

If you, or your immediate family, are experiencing hardship of any kind during the holiday closure, and are in need of assistance, please contact the Akwesasne Child & Family Services on-call number at 613-575-5020 or 1-833-575-5020. Should your emergency be unrelated to a child and family services matter, please contact AMPS Dispatch at 613-575-2000.

Mental Health Resources

Mental Health Crisis Hotline: 1-866-996-0991

NYS Mental Health Crisis Line: 315-265-2422

Suicide Crisis Services Canada: 833-456-4566

Hope for Wellness: 855-242-3310

St. Lawrence Psychiatric Center (Ogdensburg): 315-541-2001

One Stop Talk: 1-855-416-8255

Monday - Friday 12 - 8 p.m., Saturday 12 - 4 p.m.

Mobile Crisis Team: 1-877-377-7775 (Child, youth, and family crisis line)

LGBT Youthline: (Crisis Text Line) 647-694-4275

(Link to Chat): www.youthline.ca/get-support/ways-we-sup-

port (Office Phone) 416-962-2232

Trevor Project 24/7 Suicide Hotline for LGBTQ Youth: 1-866-488-7386

Suicide Awareness: 9-8-8 (similar to 9-1-1; this line is dedicated for anyone in need of mental health assistance of any kind)

Emergency Telephone Numbers

Akwesasne Mohawk Ambulance: 613-575-2000

Akwesasne Mohawk Police Services (AMPS): 613-575-2000

Akwesasne Child & Family Services: 613-575-5020/

1-833-575-5020

Saint Regis Mohawk Tribal Police: 518-358-9200

Massena Memorial Hospital: 315-764-1711

Kid Help Line: 800-668-6868

Akwesasne Family Wellness Program (24-Hour Domestic

Violence Hotline): 613-937-4322

Emergency Operations Center: 613-575-5005, 613-575-2331,

613-577-6556, 613-551-9973

Telehealth Ontario: 866-797-0000 or 866-797-0007 (toll free)

Canadian Human Trafficking Hotline 1-833-900-1010

The holidays can be a tough time for some community members. Let's check in on one another and take care of each other during the holiday season.

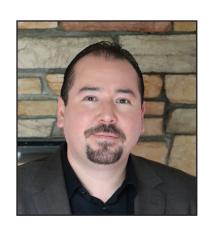
The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne's Department of Health and Department of Community & Social Services would like to wish you all a safe, happy holiday!

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COUNCIL AND MOHAWK GOVERNMENT

COUNCIL WEEKLY MEETING REPORT

SUBMITTED BY GRAND CHIEF ABRAM BENEDICT



November 6, 2023

- The Director of Finance and Administration presented to Council a proposed update to the ADP platform to assist the MCA Human Resource program.
- A briefing was provided on a recent engagement regarding a proposed battery storage facility.
- Council discussed the concept of an

- Akwesasne census and the need to have a data management strategy for the MCA.
- An overview was provided on recent correspondence with the United Way of SDG and Akwesasne on efforts to assist the homeless. A follow-up call with be scheduled.
- Council received a report and recommendation from the Executive Committee on the need to increase the salary range for the Executive Director position.
- An overview of process was provided regarding a recent ethics complaint against the Grand Chief.
- Council discussed the governance documents that are currently online and the need to update the documents.
- A request for quorum check for up-

- coming Council meetings was made and will be followed up on.
- Council received financial reports and will review for next weeks meet-
- MCRs passed: Approval of assignment of lease Hamilton Island; Approval of assignment of lease Pilon Island; Approval of assignment of lease Thompson Island; Approval of allocation for purchase of new portable radios for Akwesasne Mohawk Police; Acceptance of referendum results for Cannabis Law: Acceptance of referendum results for Emergency Management Law; Approval of contract for ADP comprehensive services; Approval of service agreement with lakwas'shatste Youth Fitness; Approval of increase to Executive Director position salary range.

November 13, 2023

- Legal Counsel provided an overview of the status of the New York State Claim and outlined recommended next steps for the final internal and settlement agreement.
- An overview of the Stepping Stone Project was provided to Council and the efforts of the MCA to support the homelessness project.
- Council reviewed a financial report on legal and consulting, and tasked finance committee to update and bring back with acceptance MCR.
- An update was provided on the current efforts underway by MCA Water and Waste Water Program to

identify a water leak in the system.

- Council discussed a request to have alternate benefits for the Akwesasne Heating Assistance Program. The program will remain status quo for this year.
- The monthly General Meeting was discussed and Council agreed that the next meeting will occur in Janu-
- MCRs passed: Approval to process with lakhihsohtha Lodge Kitchen Renovations; Approval of a Community Member to MCA Finance Committee; Approval of Financial Allocation to Support the Generators for

Elders Program; Approval of 22/23 MOHLTC Home Care Report; Approval of Department of Finance and Administration Organization Chart; Approval of 22/23 Audit MOHLTC-IHWS Revenue and Expenditures Report; Approval of 22/23 ISC Revenue and Expenditures Report; Approval of 22/23 Audit MOHLTC-ASRER; Approval of 22/23 Audit for Ministry of Children and Youth; Approval of (2) Amendments to Akwesasne Canada Funding Agreement; Approval of Funding Agreement for Community Coordinator; Approval of (10) Council Meeting Minutes.

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November 27, 2023

- Council discussed a request for assistance from a community business receiving correspondence from Canada Revenue Agency (CRA). Further information will be sought on the re-
- A briefing and overview of the next steps was provided to Council on the ethics complaint against the Grand Chief.
- Council agreed that due to the upcoming AFN assembly, no council meeting will be held next week.

- An update was provided on the status of the NY State Land Claim in preparation for an upcoming meeting with the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe.
- Council discussed the recent increase in MCA mortgage amounts and the possibility of extending the increase to newly approved applicants. Follow-up will be done with the MCA housing program.
- A briefing was provided on the status of Carbon Tax being collected on First Nation Reserves and the upcoming steps to take legal action.

MCR's passed: Approval of contract award for the reconstruction of Hawthorne Road; Approval of contract award for 23/24 fuel purchase; Approval of upgrade loan to community member; Approval of allocation of ISC housing subsidy; Approval of 22/23 Ministry of Long-Term Care Schedule and Revenue; Approval of 22/23 Approval of directors salary and expense report; Approval of 22/23 Approval of Chief's salary and expense report; Approval of amendment to Canada Akwesasne funding agreement.

CHIEFS OF ONTARIO FALL CHIEFS ASSEMBLY

From November 21-23, 2023, MCA Grand Chief Abram Benedict and Kana:takon District Chief Tim Thompson, Kawehno:ke District Chief Vanessa Adams attended the Chiefs of Ontario Fall Assembly in the city of Toronto. Over the few days, discussions of several pressing matters affecting Ontario First Nations were made, including Canada's Bill C-53 and the recognition of Metis governments, Child Welfare Reform, and Safe Drinking Water Legislation. The candidates for AFN National Chief introduced themselves and outlined their priorities if elected in December.

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne was recognized by the Indigenous Primary Health Care Council (IPHCC) as one of ten original Aboriginal Health Access Centres (AHAC) in Ontario. The AHACs have been in existence for over 25 years. On behalf of the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne, MCA Grand Chief Abram Benedict accepted a beautiful beaded medallion.

Niawenhkó:wa to the IPHCC for the acknowledgment and to our committed staff within the MCA Department of Health; congratulations on 25 years of leading the way.



District Chiefs Tim Thompson. Vanessa Adams, and Grand Chief Abram Benedict with National Chief candidate Dean Sayers.



As a Data Champion Advisory Committee member, Grand Chief Abram Benedict provides regular updates to the Chiefs in Assembly.



MCA Grand Chief Abram Benedict with the original Aboriginal Health Access Centres in Ontario who also received beaded medallions.

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KAWEHNO:KE DISTRICT CHIEF EDWARD ROUNDPOINT UPDATES



Monthly Report: November 2023

Portfolios:

Ahkwesahsne Mohawk Board of Education, Government Secretariat, Nation Building, Dept of Economic Development

Selected Committees:

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

MONTHLY NOTABLES:

Zero-Emissions Workshop

jointly between Canada and the Unit- loque.

tions installed every 50 miles from Kalamazoo, Michigan to Quebec City (including Highway 401). This initiative is part of the decarbonization program in efforts towards green energy and reducing carbon emissions into the atmosphere. Akwesasne discussed the International Bridge Crossing and the importance of inclusion in this project.

Additional discussion led to the separate meeting regarding the St. Lawrence Seaway talks on decarbonization of inland shipping vessels and the work being done there. In addition, Indigenous Clean Energy (ICE) held a presentation to discuss the programs they currently offer.

Property Acquisition Team (PAT)

Attended a site visit to Campeau to view potential property offered by Infrastructure Ontario (IO). As this site is no longer in use, it will be scheduled for disposition by Infrastructure Ontario.

Business Development Canada (BDC) Indigenous Trade Show

In September, I attended the Zero- Attended meeting with Federal Gov-Emissions Workshop in Kalamazoo, ernment departments to discuss their Michigan. During the meeting, dis-procurement process and other areas cussions were held on future proof- of interest. There is a partial undering of the electrical grid with Trans- standing of the Indigenous content, port Canada and the US Department but many are not sure where or how of Transportation regarding the Zero to start. It's a new learning curve for Finance Policy to prepare for ratifica-Emissions Vehicle (ZEV) programs. many but they're putting forth the These programs will be rolled out effort to reach out and start the dia-

ed States with vehicle charging sta- Membership Review Committee Meetina

In September I attended the membership review committee meeting to review the general regulation, membership board regulation and the council of elders regulation, as part of a periodic review.

Ontario Power Generation (OPG)

A meeting was held on Thompson Island with representative from Ontario Power Generation and council members to discuss updates on work and employment opportunities with OPG. They had expressed interest in supporting Thompson Island by whatever means, i.e., financially, capacity or asset contribution. These meetings are held quarterly with MCA and Norman Peters had the opportunity to provide a presentation of Thompson Island Cultural Camp (TICC) discussing the programs and workshops

Independent First Nations (IFN)

An Audit Review was presented by Welch LLP. Financial statements of all funding sources were presented and discussed the on-going issue of staff shortages within the organization. The Executive Committee agreed to begin the review process for the Executive Committee's Terms of Reference (TOR) in addition to the tion at the next quarterly meeting in 2024. Preparation of interviews done for job postings that closed and sal-

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KAWEHNO:KE DISTRICT CHIEF EDWARD ROUNDPOINT UPDATES

ary reviews were completed and presented to Chiefs for ratification.

TC Energy Presentation

Economic Development portfolio holders were given a presentation by TC Energy at the A'nowara'ko:wa Arena. TC Energy representatives LCC to facilitate the workshop and he provided an overview of their background, including scope of work they do in accordance with the battery storage needs that the federal government puts out to tender. Following the presentation, an agreement was made to being relationship building and working towards a future partnership with MCA's Department of Economic Development.

CBSA Cultural Awareness Translations

CBSA provides their staff the opportunity to enhance cultural awareness through training. We have been working on providing Mohawk word translations and audio recordings for the training modules on cultural aware-

EllisDon Construction Ottawa

Attended my first meeting with preconstruction managers to discuss relationship building and partnership in the areas of capacity and supply. Ellis-Don Construction has committed to providing their job posting to Akwesasne once they become available in the areas of Ottawa and Southeastern Ontario. We agreed on monthly meetings to discuss any new opportunities that may arise and a future site visit to Akwesasne will be planned to

gain familiarity with the area.

Lateral Kindness Initiative

In November 2023, I participated in a lateral kindness workshop with Council and the A/Executive Director. We welcomed Don Lyons of Indigenise provided a new perspective on how to switch your focus on handling negative behaviours and issues while celebrating the positive. We learned the differences between lateral violence and lateral kindness and the positive effect it can provide in the workplace.

Chiefs of Ontario (COO)

Attended a meeting with Chiefs of Ontario to continue discussion regarding Canada's New Procurement Program Initiative. Further work sessions are planned for December.

Nation Building

Attended a prep session with Nation Building to review and discuss certain sections of the Draft Self-Government Agreement, where Akwesasne's comments needed a response from Canada.

AFN Chiefs Committee on Economic Development

We held our first meeting since 2019. We were provided updates by each region and identified certain followup action items that were outstanding. Health Canada held a presentation on cannabis regarding the current legislative review along with the report of the expert panel that engaged with First Nations on what worked and what didn't from a com-

munity perspective. Additional presentations included banking and finance by First Nations Bank of Canada. The committee received insight on the economic outlooks and future capital raises that will be coming soon. The subject matter of a First Nation Pension Fund was raised by the Chair, follow-up discussions on this subject will occur in 2024. The topic of gaming was discussed regarding Bill S-268 amendment to Section 207 of the criminal code. This is reference to gaming in First Nations communities as well as revenue sharing, which is not in all provinces. The question raised was if First Nations provided comment in the House Senate Committee hearings. Lastly, the Economic Reconciliation and Federal Commitment as mentioned in Budget 2023 were discussed.

Chiefs of Ontario Fall Assembly

The Chiefs of Ontario Fall Assembly was held in Toronto, ON from November 21-23, 2023. The Chiefs Committee on Economic Development met with Minister Greg Rickford from Indigenous Affairs Ontario to discuss the Economic Funding announcement from 2022/2023 and where improvements and increase in funding is needed. Also, the fall economic statement and what it means for First Nations.

Work in other areas not presented but identified in my portfolios are being addressed daily/weekly and do not go unnoticed.

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SOCIAL MEDIA CONNECTION

FACEBOOK STATS



Facebook Posts with the Most Likes in November

- 1. Non-Insured Health Benefits Welcomes New Medical Transporation Driver
- 2. MCA Welcomes New Director of Infrastructure, Housing & Environment (DIHE)
- 3. MCA Welcomes New Director of Justice
- 4. Akwesasne Medical Clinic Welcomes New Part-Time Family Physician
- 5. Department of Health Ackowledges Nurse Practitioner Janet Brant for National Nurse Practitioners' Week

Facebook Posts with the Highest Reach in November

- 1. Akwesasne Medical Clinic Welcomes New Part-Time Family Physician 6,399 Reached
- 2. National Children's Day Carnival (Video) 4,924 Reached
- 3. Children's Ribbon Skirt Making Class (Video) 4,869 Reached
- 4. Tsiionkwanonhso:te Long-Term Care Facility Employment Call-Out 4,365 Reached
- 5. Help Turn Tsiionkwanonhso:te Into a Winter Wonderland 4,307 Reached



TWITTER STATS

Top Post in November



YOUTUBE STATS

Highest Viewed Video on the MCA
YouTube Channel for November

MCA General Meeting - November 2, 2023



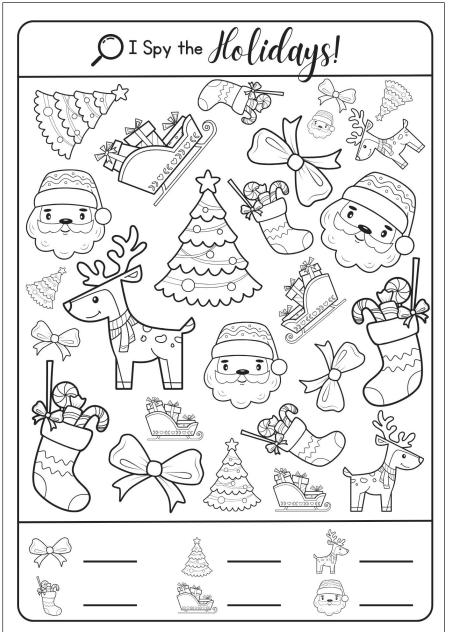
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CHILDREN'S PAGE





COLOUR THE GINGERBREAD HOUSE!



YOU'VE GOT TO BE KIDDING ME!

What do Santa's elves learn in school? The elf-abet.

What do snowmen eat for dessert? Ice Crispies.

Why do reindeer like Beyoncé so much? She sleighs!

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AKWESASNE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT

MCA WELCOMES NEW DIRECTOR OF JUSTICE



Justice Department. Ms.

Director Joyce King earlier this year.

administration, including law development, as well Justice Program.

researcher with the Akwesasne Rights & Research Office (ARRO) in 2005. She then served as Ms. Sunday's priorities with the Akwesasne Justice for 12 years.

and defending the rights of Akwesasronon will serve and preservation of our inherent rights.

The Mohawk Council of the community well as she takes on this new role Akwesasne is pleased in justice," said Grand Chief Abram Benedict. "Her to announce that Cactus dedicated work in land claims and other legal pursuits Cook Sunday has been made her a strong candidate and we are confident named the new director she will continue to advocate passionately for the the Akwesasne community's best interests."

Sunday has been acting Ms. Sunday holds a Master's degree in Education from in the position since the St. Lawrence University, and a Bachelor's degree (with retirement of longtime honors) in Literature from the University of Ottawa.

Along with her experience at MCA, she has also sat The Akwesasne Justice Department oversees justice as representative on the National Claims Research Directors of Canada, and she completed a seminar as the Akwesasne Court and Akwesasne Community on the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples under Dr. Elsa Stamatopoulou - one of the original drafters and Director of the Ms. Sunday brings nearly 20 years of experience Indigenous Peoples Rights Program at the Institute at MCA alone, having joined the organization as a for the Study of Human Rights at Columbia University.

Communications Manager briefly before becoming Department include working toward the full the ARRO manager in 2011 and serving in that role recognition and administration the Akwesasne Justice system, including the Akwesasne Court and Akwesasne laws, and to continue the efforts of those "The extensive experience Cactus has researching who preceded her in the pursuit of self-government

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE



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ENTEWATATHÁ:WI - "WE WILL GOVERN"

ENTEWATATHÁ:WI PROJECT GOAL

the Government of Canada (Canada) are currently Mohawks of Akwesasne along with the ESGA to entering in the latter stages of negotiating the agreed ensure continuity of critical government functions subject areas to exercise governance, jurisdiction, that will move Akwesasne outside most of the Indian and authority by the Mohawks of Akwesasne Act provisions as soon as the Agreement comes into pursuant to the Akwesasne-Canada Governance and force. They are: Relationship Agreement-in-Principle.

The parties agree that best efforts are to move toward the completion of the Akwesasne-Canada Entewatathá:wi Self-Government Agreement (ESGA), Implementation Plan, Fiscal Relationship Agreement (FRA), and any other legal instruments required.

The parties recognize the Akwesasne is geographically unique due to the location of the Canada and United States International border. Nothing in the 2. The Akwesasne Land Code, which will set out "work plan" precludes the parties from undertaking additional activities to those set out below to respond to issues that may arise as a result of Akwesasne being a "border" community.

Entewatathá:wi **Self-Government** Agreement

Agreement with Canada that will recognize Akwesasne's jurisdiction and authority.

Fiscal Relationship Agreement Imprementation Plan

Akwesasne-Canada

Akwesasne **Land Code**

The Akwesasne Land Code which will set out the principles, basic rules, and administrative structures that apply to Akwesasne Lands.

Akwesasne

Contact Entewatatha:wil

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The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne (MCA) and Two legal instruments must be finalized by the

- 1. The Fiscal Relationship Agreement will address the funding of Mohawk governance to carry out the exercise of jurisdiction and administrative authority described in the ESGA. The principles guiding the negotiation of the FRA will be negotiated based on the ESGA fiscal chapter, which is intended to reference the "real cost of Mohawk government" under the ESGA.
- the principles, basic rules, and administrative structures that apply to Akwesasne Lands. The Land Code will address Sections 18 to 41 (see chart below) of the Indian Act, and these sections will no longer apply to the Mohawks of Akwesasne.

Indian Act Sections 18-41		
Reserves	Section 18(1)-19(C)	
Possession of Lands in Reserves	Section 20(1)-29	
Trespass on Reserves	Section 30-31(3)	
Roads and Bridges	Section 34(1)-34(2)	
Lands Taken for Public Purposes	Section 35(1)-35(4)	
Special Reserves	Section 36-36.1	
Surrenders and Designations	Section 37(1)-41	

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KANA:TAKON SCHOOL WELCOMES HARVEST SEASON

On November 20, students and staff at Kana:takon School gathered in the gymnasium for a harvest social, sporting their beautiful ribbon shirts and ribbon skirts. Students enjoyed a great morning of singing, dancing and a delicious meal together.

Niawenhkó:wa to the Ahkwesahsne Ratirennenhawi Singing Group for providing a great performance and celebrating our culture with the children.



















AMBE SCHOOLS COMPETE IN CORNWALL VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT **AMS Wins B Championship**

On December 6, Students from all three Ahkwesahsne the B Championship trophy win. Mohawk Board of Education schools attended total competed.

After playing eight games each, the top 4 teams moved on to the A & B finals, with AMS earning Also thank you to the tournament organizers for a spot in the B final with a 5-3 record. In their inviting AMBE and providing students with an championship battle the AMS team pulled together opportunity to play volleyball. and demonstrated both skill and teamwork to clinch

the Upper Canada School Board Junior Volleyball Congratulations to all three AMBE teams, Kana:takon Tournament, held annually in the city of Cornwall. School, Tsi Snaihne School and the Ahkwesahsne Teams of students in grades 4, 5 and 6 are given the Mohawk School, for their participation. Many opportunity to play volleyball while interacting with students were trying volleyball for the first time, other students their age from the area. Ten teams in with no time for team practices, and we hope they will continue to try new things and take part in their school's sports and activities.













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AHKWESAHSNE MOHAWK BOARD OF EDUCATION

AKWESASNE ZERO 2 SIX HOSTS CELEBRATION OF FAMILIES

On December 1, the Akwesasne Zero 2 Six Program painting, cookie decorating and an area for infants/ hosted the fun and festive, "Celebration of Families" event at the Kana:takon Recreation Center. Akwesasronon were invited to come out to celebrate Niawenhkó:wa to the families who attended and the another year of programming in the community.

Attendees were treated to a delicious traditional meal, variety of crafts including ornament decorating,





toddlers to play on the climbing set.

Akwesasne Zero 2 Six staff for hosting this great event! Be sure to follow their Facebook page to stay in the loop of upcoming programming and events for you and your little ones!





Contact Us!







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Office: 613-933-0409 or 613-575-2250 ext. 1400

Ahkwesahsne Mohawk School 613-932-3366

Tsi Snaihne School 613-575-2291

Kana:takon School 613-575-2323

Iohahi:io Akwesasne Education & Training Institute 613-575-2754 or 613-575-2250 ext. 4100

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH ACKNOWLEDGES NURSE PRACTITIONER JANET BRANT FOR NATIONAL NURSE PRACTITIONERS' WEEK



Janet Brant, and wish her a Happy National Nurse Practitioner Week

caring Nurse Practitioners across the country.

National Nurse Practitioners' Week is being celebrated November 12 - 18, 2023. This special week is held annually and offers a time to acknowledge and recognize the role of the Nurse Practitioner (NP). This week raises awareness of the exceptional care and compassion for her patients and families in NPs provide to communities across Canada.

consistently goes above and beyond in providing Practitioners' Week! medical care to every client, from newborns to elders. The DOH is privileged to have her as part of *NP information courtesy of ona.org. their team and is proud to acknowledge her during this year's National Nurse Practitioners' Week."

The Mohawk Council of NPs receive extended education and provide Akwesasne's Department comprehensive primary care, including the ability to of Health (DOH) would diagnose, assess, prescribe medications, monitor, to acknowledge and educate their patients on managing chronic our Nurse Practitioner, illness and a host of other issues.

"Janet is a vital part of our team here in the Wholistic Practitioner Health & Wellness Program's Medical Clinic," said Week. National Nurse Delia McDonald, Program Manager for the Wholistic is Health & Wellness Program. "She can be counted a national week of on to provide exceptional care to our community acknowledgment for all hardworking, dedicated, and members in a kind, caring, and culturally competent manner. I commend her for always taking that extra step to provide the best care possible."

> "I would like to say niawenhkó:wa to Janet Brant, NP, for going above and beyond for Akwesasronon and for being a source of quality healthcare, kindness, Akwesasne," said Chief Vanessa Adams.

"Janet Brant's exceptional service and care towards Pleasejointhe Department of Healthin acknowledging community members are recognized and celebrated and celebrating the kind, caring, and nurturing care by the Department of Health," said Amber Montour, that Janet Brant has provided to the community of Director of the Department of Health. "She Akwesasne, and wish her a Happy National Nurse



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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

AKWESASNE MEDICAL CLINIC WELCOMES NEW PART-TIME FAMILY PHYSICIAN



Health Facility.

The Department of Health Dr. Robinson received her Bachelor of Arts, with would like to extend a Honors, in Fresh from the Saskatchewan Indian warm welcome to our new Federated College at the University of Regina, in part-time Family Physician, Saskatchewan. She has also received a Masters in Dr. Jennifer Robinson. Dr. Public Health at Simon Fraser University in British Robinson will be seeing Columbia and her Medical Degree from McGill patients at the Akwesasne University. At McGill, she is the Director of the Medical Clinic, located in Quebec First Nations and Inuit Faculties of Medicine the Kanonhkwa'tsheri:io Program. Dr. Robinson is delighted and excited to be a family doctor in the community of Akwesasne.

and Addictions, Chronic Disease Management, and 613-575-2341 ext. 3215. Maternal Child Health, which inspired her to become a family doctor.

Dr. Robinson is Anishinaabe (Algonquin) from Please join us in giving Dr. Robinson a warm welcome Timiskaming First Nation in Quebec. She has worked to the community of Akwesasne. Community with First Nations communities over the past 20 members can schedule appointments with Dr. years in Public Health in the areas of Mental Health Robinson, beginning on December 7, 2023, by calling

NON-INSURED HEALTH BENEFITS WELCOMES NEW MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION DRIVER

warm welcome to our new Medical Transportation Insured Health Benefits Program as their new Driver, Cody David. Cody began transporting clients Medical Transportation Driver. He looks forward to on November 28, 2023.

Cody has been a life-long resident of the District know them during their of Kana:takon. He attended Iohahi:io to complete transportation routes. his General Education Diploma and also completed other courses and trainings. Cody has prior work Join us in welcoming experience in transportation, manufacturing, and Cody David to the NIHB shipping with the Walmart Distribution Center in Medical Transportation Cornwall, Ontario. He also worked as a caretaker for team. his grandparents and thoroughly enjoys working with elders in the community.

The Department of Health would like to extend a Cody is excited to be working with the Non-

interacting with all the clients and getting to



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WAYS TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF COVID-19

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1. Get vaccinated (or your boosters) if eligible.

In emerging data, it is showing that people with two shots and a booster may have 25 times more protection against the COVID-19 virus. Call Community Health to book an appointment, 613-575-2341 ext. 3220, or to discuss your eligibility for the booster shot.

2. Practice respiratory etiquette.

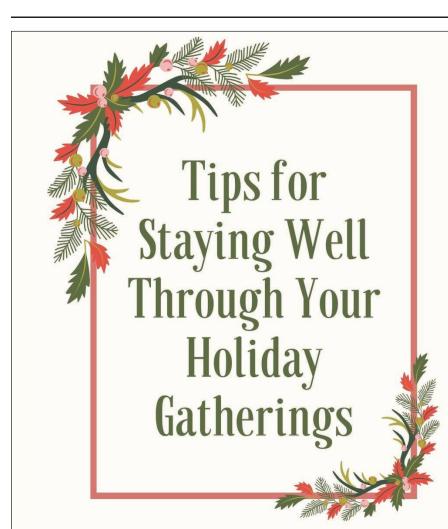
Cover your coughs and sneezes with a tissue, or into your elbow. Throw tissue away to prevent the spreading of germs. Then immediately wash or sanitize your hands.

3. Limit contact with others.

We understand the difficulty during the holiday season, but it is best to limit contact with others and avoid large gatherings. Choose outdoors over indoors whenever possible. If inside, limit amount of people, make sure there is good ventilation, wear a mask, disinfect surfaces and if possible, give yourself a rapid test a few hours before the party.

4. Practice COVID-19 safety measures.

Make sure that you maintain 6 feet distance from others, wash and sanitize hands regularly, wear a mask when out in public, and stay home if you are sick.



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- · Make sure your immunizations are up to date, including COVID-19, pneumonia and influenza.
- Watch for signs of illness and stay home if you are sick, even if you test COVID-19 negative.
- · Wear a well-fitted medical mask or KN95 in crowded indoor settings.
- · Keep a supply of masks on-hand at all times, especially if you will be around babies, elders and/or immunocompromised people.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your upper sleeve when coughing and sneezing.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water or alcohol-based hand rub.
- · Keep highly touched surfaces clean (ie. door handles, phones, light switches, etc.)

Stay up to date with the most recent COVID-19 recommendations: www.ontario.ca/page/covid-19-coronavirus

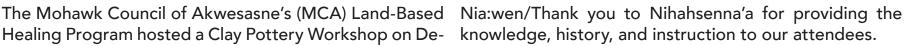
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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

MCA LAND-BASED HEALING PROGRAM HOSTS CLAY POTTERY WORKSHOP

Healing Program hosted a Clay Pottery Workshop on De-knowledge, history, and instruction to our attendees. cember 6, 2023. The workshop was hosted by Akwesasronon potter Nihahsenna'a Peters.

Workshop attendees were provided with clay, tools, and akwesasne.ca. instruction on how to design their clay pots. Nihahsenna'a also provided the attendees with the historical significance of clay pots to Haudenosaunee culture. Attendees were also treated to a lunch of traditional corn soup and fry bread, provided by local caterer, Donna "Turk" Rockwell.



For more information on Land-Based Healing programs and workshops, please email Steevi King at steevi.king@









COMMUNITY HEALTH PROGRAM WELCOMES NEW HEALTHY BABIES, HEALTHY CHILDREN RN



medical field to the CHP team.

Jacqueline started her career in the Emergency Room at Please join the Community Health Program in welcoming to serve remote communities in a Nursing Station, where at 613-575-2341. she was often the only medical care provider in the

The MCA Community community for all health needs. Jacqueline then returned Health Program (CHP) home to work in community home care, long-term care would like to welcome and palliative care. When the COVID-19 pandemic hit, she Jacqueline Ouderkirk to discovered Public Health and became the lead nurse for the team as the Healthy mass COVID-19 clinics. As the demand for mass clinics Babies, Healthy Children declined, Jacqueline obtained her Nursing License for Registered Nurse (RN). British Columbia, and used her knowledge and skills to Jacqueline brings 10 support remote First Nations communities to develop years of experience in the and execute their Public Health campaigns based on regional needs.

her local hospital, where she obtained experience in the Jacqueline to our team. She will be located at the medical field. From there, she went to Northern Ontario Kanonhkwa'tsheri:io Health Facility and can be reached

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

WHOLISTIC HEALTH & WELLNESS PROVIDE RESOURCES TO PREVENT SUBSTANCE USE/ABUSE DURING THE HOLIDAY SEASON

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne's (MCA) Wholis- • Consider being a designated driver for the night tic Health & Wellness Program (WHW) is providing the community with information and resources to prevent substance use/abuse during the holiday season. The holidays can be a very stressful, and triggering, time for many people. Below are some tips and resources to assist with coping with the holiday stress.

- Recognize your triggers and then try to limit them (stress, environment, or certain people).
- Take care of your basic needs first (food, sleep, mood) in order to manage your triggers.
- Schedule time to review mental and physical health issues that could be exacerbated during the holiday season.
- Prepare to respond to family talk that typically trigger feelings of shame or hurt.
- Understand you have the right to say no to any party invitation, even to sober parties and family For more information on Addictions Services, please outings.
- Avoid any activity that puts recovery at risk.
- Have an exit plan during the holiday season, especially during early recovery from addiction.

to avoid the pressure of being offered drinks.

If you are experiencing a mental health crisis, and your substance use/addiction or mental health needs are a medical emergency, please contact Central Dispatch at 613-575-2000, or go to your nearest hospital emergency department. You can also contact the crisis lines listed below:

- For adults (age 16+): 24/7 Mental Health Crisis Line at 1-866-996-0991 or 613-722-6914.
- For youth (under age 16): Child, Youth, and Family Crisis Line for Eastern Ontario at 1-877-377-7775.

Wholistic Health & Wellness' Mental Health Service will be available during the holiday closure (December 25th - December 29th) for on-call crisis/distress services by calling the Akwesasne Mohawk Police Services (AMPS) non-emergency line at 613-575-

call Tara Garrow-Keysis, Addictions Specialist, at 613-575-2341 ext. 3112.

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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 & Community Care: 613-575-2341 ext. 1618

lakhihsohtha Lodge: 613-575-2507

Sahatiha'hará:ne Detox Center: 613-932-5050

Tsiiokwanonhso:te Long-Term Care Facility:

613-932-1409



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DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



Shop here:

Hummingbird Gift Shop

Talon's Popcorn & More

Okwaho Creations

Kaiahtenhtas Creations

Dinelle Custom Designs

Poptronic

Small Feather Empire

Hot Mama Catering + Private Dining

Auntie Vibes

Niawen Skincare

Snye Life Convenience Store

Anowara Gifts

Talking Turtle Baskets

Express Gas

Jock's Kwik Stop

Athre's Convenience Store

Tacklebox Marina

Treats By Rara

Bobanna's Balloons

Northern Lights Trading

And other Akwesasne businesses!

Support local businesses!



DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY & SOCIAL SERVICES

ACFS HOSTS NATIONAL CHILDREN'S DAY CARNIVAL

On November 19, the Akwesasne Child & Family Services (ACFS) hosted a free carnival at the St. Regis Mohawk School in honour of National Children's Day.

Community members came out for a fun-filled day of carnival themed activities for all to enjoy. A few activities included ring toss, a fun outdoor activity, photo booth, dance party and face paintings by Belly Buttons the Clown! Attendees received swag bags filled with creations by local artisans and had a chance to win some great prizes! A variety of amazing food vendors were also in attendance to ensure everyone was well fed.

Niawenhkó:wa to our community members who came out for a fun-filled day. Also, to the ACFS staff, volunteers, and all those who contributed to the activities. Everyone pulled together to make the carnival a great success!



- Sports Package Winner: Clara Thomas
- Family Game Night Winner: Sloane Francis
- Parc Omega Winner: Ryla Oakes
- Galaxy Cinemas Package: Jemniah Thompson
- Birthday Party Package: Joe Square



Face painting by Belly Buttons.



Fun and interactive activities



Ring toss activity by the team at Akwesasne Zero 2 Six.



Swag bags attendees received.





Children's rights are human rights. Kids need to know that their rights are met so that they can thrive.

Check out this video by scanning the QR code to learn about children's rights and responsibilities!



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DEPARTMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE AND HOUSING

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Home Maintenance Checklist



HOUSING SECTOR

IMPROVEMENT ADVICE

- Check attic insulation
- Install weather stripping to windows and doors
- Disconnect and drain garden hoses
- Winterize outdoor faucets
- Repair and hang lights
- Improve entryway for winter
- Create gift wrapping station for less stress
- Decorate with winter festive plants and lights
- Secure handrails, stairs, and walkways
- Lend a helping hand to someone in need
- Prepare for the New Year

- Cover central air unit from fallen ice or snow
- Check condition of snow shovels and scoops
- Keep an eye on roof vents from snow damming
- Turn fans into clockwise direction to reduce heating loss
- Always check on your sump pump and discharge
- Check exhaust fans for effectiveness
- Check condition of extension cords and power bars
- Keep an eye on low hanging branches and trees
- · Have the chimney cleaned

BEST PEST PROOFING

- · Repair gaps and tears in screens
- Seal openings and cracks around foundation, windows, doors and soffits with chicken wire or deterrent
- Remove clutter and debris from around hose
- Use pest resistant trash receptacles
- · Do regular checks for signs of pests
- Store food in tightly sealed containers
- · Place traps near potential entry points
- Use natural repellents like Diatomaceous Earth

- · Vinegar effectively keeps raccoons away
- Ammonia soaked rags keeps skunks away
- Install motion detecting lights
- · Leave radio on in areas
- Remove food source and keep yard clean of trash and bird seeds





MONTHLY CHECKLIST

- Clean or replace the filter to the furnace and/or HRV
- Clean faucets and shower neads from mineral buildup
- Inspect all drains for debris; unclog if neccessary
- Test smoke alarms
- Vacuum heat registers and
- Check indoor and outdoor air vents are not blocked

ENVIRONMENT

HELP KEEP OUR COMMUNITY CLEAN

community members to properly dispose yard Officer at 613-575-2250 ext. 1047 or 613-930-3267. waste in order to maintain a clean environment. An abundant amount of yard waste has been illegally piled up in areas within the District of Kana:takon.

These actions can cause harm to the environment by contributing to the spread of plant diseases and invasive species, which can be severely detrimental to our community.

Additionally, yard waste does not compost without the proper conditions. It can be easily reused as compost or wood chips to help provide nutrients to your garden or yard. Check out the yard waste tips graphic for more ideas on how to dispose your yard waste.

We encourage community members to keep these spaces clear and help keep Akwesasne clean. If you have any questions or would like to report illegal

The MCA Environment Program encourages dumping, please contact the MCA Conservation



ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM IS EXPANDING!

Do you want a career in environment?

We are hiring the following positions:

Science Officer

Field Technicians

Marine Liaison

- Project Aid
- Environmental Educator

For more information, please contact: kayla.sunday@akwesasne.ca







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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY



WINTER DRIVING

Winter travel by automobile can be serious business. Be prepared. If you do a lot of winter driving in isolated regions, you might want to consider keeping your car radio tuned into a local weather channel. Along with colder temperatures, snow, and tire traction on roads and heavy or blowing snow can make visibility poor.

WINTER TIRES

If you haven't already, please take the time to get your winter tires on your vehicle. If your vehicle is registered in Quebec, it's the law.

SLOW DOWN

Fog, black ice, slush or snow-covered roads can make driving dangerous. Drive slowly and leave plenty of distance between your vehicle and those vehicles in front of you. If the roads are icy, slushy or slippery, please avoid passing other vehicles.

SEE AND BE SEEN

Clear all snow from the hood, roof, windows and lights. Clear all windows of fog or ice. If visibility becomes poor, find a place to safely pull off the road as soon as possible.

STAY ON THE MAIN ROADS

If you must stop your vehicle, pull over at a rest/text stop. Use a bright distress flag or your hazard lights to draw attention to your

AAA/CAA

If you are a member of AAA or CAA, you're in luck. These memberships have various benefits for helping their members when they are in most need and some costs are still reimbursable.

EMERGENCIES

Should you find yourself in an emergency situation, call 9-1-1 and request emergency assistance.

KEEP CONTROL OF YOUR VEHICLE TO AVOID COLLISIONS

Winter collisions can occur when your vehicle skids. Remember that not all vehicles respond in the same way to icy, slippery roads. You must know how to handle your vehicle and how it responds in various weather conditions. Review your owner's manual and familiarize yourself with your vehicle's braking system and tire traction. You may also consider attending a safety driving course.

IF YOU ARE TRAPPED

Clear your tail pipe and run your engine and heater for ten (10) minutes every hour. Open your window slightly. However, during night hours, keep the dome light on in your car so rescue crews can see your vehicle

AKWESASNE ICE BRIDGE

The 'ice bridge' that connects Kana:takon to Tsi Snaihne (and to Kawehno:ke) is **NEVER** the safest route. Though it may be convenient and time saving, please avoid using this model of travel. Keep your family safe and avoid using the ice bridge.

Brought to you by: MCA's Emergency Measures Program



For more information, please visit: www.GetPrepared.ca

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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

SPREADING HOLIDAY CHEER AT CHRISTMAS ENCHANTMENT

The Tsi Snaihne Recreation Center kicked off their 19th Annual Christmas Enchantment with a luncheon with elders, followed by a previewing of the trees on Thursday, November 9. The holiday spirit was in full swing with the Akwesasne Mohawk Ambulance staff and local law enforcement officers serving a delicious lunch to the tota's and providing good company. Niawenhkó: wa to the Tsi Snaihne Recreation committee putting together this spectacular event every year and to the officers and EMT's for dedicating your time to our elders. Wishing everyone a safe and happy holiday season!



Members of the Akwesasne Mohawk Police Service, St. Regis Mohawk Tribal Police, Akwesasne Mohawk Ambulance and the Emergency Operations Center helped serve lunch to the elders during Christmas Enchantment in Tsi Snaihne.

NOVEMBER STATISTICS

- 337 November
- 2 049 Prostitution Other
- 061 Bail Violations
- 072 Mischief (Prop. Damage) Under \$5000
- 073 Criminal Code Other
- 2 100 Immigration Act
- 5 1001 Alarms
- 1003 Assist Other Agencies Ambulance
- 1003 Assist Other Agencies Cornwall PS
- 1003 Assist Other Agencies Other
- 1003 Assist Other Agencies Tribal PD
- 59 1004 Assist Public
- 1007 Breach of Probation
- 4 1008 By-Law Dogs
- 2 1012 Civil Disputes
- 1009 By-Law Noise

- 28 1013 Community Services
- 12 1014 Crime Prevention
- 1 1016 Domestic Dispute (Non-violent)
- 36 1023 Judge's Order (Court)
- 1023 MVC Non-Reportable
- 1027 Property Found
- 1029 Suspicious Persons
- 1030 Suspicious Vehicles 24 1031 Suspicious Circumstances
- 3 1035 Warrant Committal
- 1036 Warrant Bench/First
- 1040 Traffic Complaint
- 2 1041 Mental Health Act
- 1049 Medical Aid
- 1050 Youth Complaint
- 1 1052 Shooting Complaint

- 1 1056 Hazardous Conditions
- 14 106 Provincial Statutes Other
- 15 1063 Marine Patrol
- 1 204 Sexual Assault
- 3 205 Assault Level 1
- 1 206 Assault Weapon/CBH Level 2
- 1 3030 Admin Assist Other Agency
- 1 711 Impaired Operation MV
- 2 713 Fail/Refuse Breath Sample
- 1 715 Fail to Stop/Remain (CCC)
- 2 719 Drive Disqualified/Licence Suspended
- 49 721 Traffic Provincial Statutes
- 1 726 PD MVC Over \$1000 (Prop. Damage)
- 3 Incident Type Not Listed

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