

GENERAL MEETING

Onerahtohko:wa/May 2nd, 2024

TsiSnaihne Recreation Center

6:00 pm

AGENDA

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
 - A. Council Attendance
 - B. Moment of silence
2. **COUNCIL AGENDA ACCEPTANCE**
3. **RULES OF ORDER**
4. **FOLLOW UP** | Enniska/February 29th General Meeting Action Items and Onerahtokha/April 11th, 2024 Special General Meeting Action Items.
5. **PRESENTATION** | Tsikaristisere/Dundee Trust
6. **PRESENTATION**| Special Needs and Jordans Principle
7. **BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR**
8. **RESOLUTION**
 - A. General Meeting Minutes dated Enniska/February 29th, 2024
 - B. Special General Meeting Minutes dated Onerahtokha/April 11th, 2024
9. **ADJOURNMENT**

General Meeting Cancellation Protocol:
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General Meeting Rules of Order

Prologue:

General Meetings are to occur the last Thursday of each month and will occur in each district on a rotating basis in Kawehno:ke, Kana:takon, and Tsi Snaihne.

The exception to this is with the General Meeting Cancellation Protocol: MCR 2015/2016 - #260 *In the unfortunate circumstance where a community member passes in one of the three districts, the meeting will occur as regularly scheduled in the other two districts where the member did not reside. A moment of silence will also be taken in their memory.*

The General Meetings are an opportunity for Community Members to hear information from Council and assist Council with issues that affect the community.

The following General Meeting Rules were originally developed at a community General Meeting in July of 2006. The principles for 'General Meeting Rules' is based on respect for each other, and all attendees are expected to behave respectfully and professionally at all times.

General Meeting Rules:

1. Meetings will start at 6:00 p.m. and proceed to a maximum of 8:00 p.m. at which point the community will be asked if they choose to continue past 8:00 p.m.
2. Personal issues will not be dealt with in a public forum/General Meetings. Personal items can be dealt with on an individual basis with Council Members (or by appointment through the Mohawk Government Office).
3. If you have questions or comments during the meeting – raise your hand and wait to be acknowledged by the Chairperson. The Chairperson will keep note of the order that community members indicate to be acknowledged.
4. Please keep the questions and comments relevant to the point of order within the agenda and be considerate of the time used.
5. A list will be made of issues you wish to address to Council and if the answer cannot be provided at the current meeting, the issue will be taken back to Council table for further discussion and follow-up.



April 2024
Monthly Report
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Portfolio: DCSS (Dept. of Community & Social Services), DIHE (Dept. of Infrastructure, Housing and Environment), Government Secretariat, Nation Building (Entewataawi)

Committees: OVS (Office of Vital Statistics), YECL (Youth, Elders, Culture, Language), Hydro QC Residency Law Amendments, COO Women Chiefs (Chiefs of Ontario), POM (Partnership with OPG and MCA),

Monthly Notables:

Special General Meeting was held on April 11, 2024 in the district of Kawehnoke. 42 people attended along with Staff and Chiefs. The regular general meeting will be held in May.

Budget presentation by A/Executive Director and Director of DFA.

Discussion around the Census for Akwesasne, Property Acquisition Team, Block I lands given back to community members, Cannabis reserves – restricted, why? Seaway Claim offer of 45 million off the table, next negotiation probably will offer 4 to 5 million, Community Fund, DIHE Capital Projects; posting for an engineer is out in the community;

A question Why the directors aren't giving their budget reports; DFA Director stated it was never a requirement part of their job;

Service standards in the workplace and etiquette was discussed; a list of the acronyms used in the budget people don't understand what they are; Beach in Kanatakon; is there monies for this project?

Public Safety and Youth engagement; New building design for fire hall completed: public consultation will be going out; Why is the Arena on the island always broke; Admin is too top heavy; when can a walk in clinic be opened again; Snye district has asked A/ED to attend meeting and doesn't show;

TsiSnaihne District Meeting:

Action Items to follow up on: paperwork in regards to right of way

: pharmacy: dishing out medications that's not needed.

Discussions

- meetings being postponed and not cancelled.
- fix hydro road
- ditching in Snye
- fire hydrants are not being checked
- mobile vehicle for blood work

Committees/Working Groups

This section will provide the community with other activities, projects and initiatives that are still under development or in progress. It will also serve as an informative update on where items are and what is being advanced for the community.

Housing Authority Meeting

Updates were given on new builds and renovations loans that have been given out. Looking to different institutions for mortgages CIBC, Desjardin, Peace Hill Trust, RBC etc.

DIHE Monthly Meetings

Iohahiiio Multi Trades Building. Updates were given on this project and also a walk through of the building. The project is near its finishing stages.

Regular meeting updates; tender ready projects, AC's for the schools will be completed this summer, salt building will be demolished, Iohahiiio roof replacement, Kitchen renovations at Iahkihsoshta, Kanatakon salt dome, Kanatakon Beach project, Iohahiiio gazebo longhouse. Hamilton Island Healing Centre, Community rental properties, Washrooms at Kawehnoke Court, Road RFP, New fire station; waiting for survey to go out. New org chart was passed, Engineer job description is being evaluated,

Housing update: 11 units along with the rest of the units will be occupied by May 1/24. Section 95 homes, Sweetgrass Manor and KRA have been approved for renovations. Discussion on apartments near Freshco.

YECL Committee

The YECL committee finally met after a year.

Working on the following: Committee Coordinator Position. Zoom meeting to be held with Funding agency.

Language programs – research on how many programs there is in Akwesasne doing Mohawk language and the goal is to apply for funding.

Terms of Reference needs to be worked on the YECL committee.

The committee also did a call out for youth representation to this committee.

Environment Meeting

Nation Building – Entewatatawi

Negotiation Prep Session was held. AMBE director was invited as the topic was on Childcare.

Environmental issues were also discussed due to the ships going through and all the erosion it is causing.

Other topic of discussion was Reparian rights, divestment, Ramsar sights.

Political Protocol Agreement meeting with CIRNA, ISC etc. Discussion on RAMSAR jurisdiction; Lake St. Francis on the south shore; protecting wetlands. ISC to run the next steps by their management team. Future meetings was also discussed.

A prep meeting was scheduled for April 30/24 and discussed Early Childhood and Childcare, Environmental Issues, Application of Laws, Akwesasne identified areas of interest on divestment, Canadas duty to consult, legal technical review

Department of Community and Social Service (DCSS)

Missed this meeting as I was out of town for a conference on Water Symposium.

Government Secretariat

Chiefs and Directors gave updates. Items to work on was the policy for Government Secretariat and its purpose. Also the position of Community Coordinator Advisor for a youth and elder series. It is a two-year project. ARRO needs an update on the Inherent Right and Indian Act.

OVS Monthly Meeting

Appraisal presentation to Council from Frank Pace has been set up. Staff Updates, Membership Officer reported, Hamilton Island Appraisal, New lease templates by ISC, Inquiry about Membership Code being exempt for ACFS. Discussion took place and no one is exempt from the Membership Code.

OVS scheduled a Dundee Trust Presentation with Cam Cameron and Joshua Shoemaker (Gowlings WLG) along with Alan Gravelle.

Council Meetings for the Month.

Council meetings are held every Monday morning to go through MCR's and updates. Presentations are also scheduled at this time. At the last Council meeting a debrief was asked to happen after a general meeting.

Other Community Meetings

Helping community members with issues. Also doing support letters for Jordans Principle. Attended a meeting with OVS lands and estates regarding a land issue with a community member.

Attended the JTBA (Joint Treaty Border Alliance) which was held at the Tsi Snaihne Recreation. Ministers were to attend but the snowstorm of the day held them back. Some of the Ministers were on the zoom platform. Discussions centered around the border crossing and the problems the local residents have going through the border.

Attended the Water Symposium that was held April 15-18/24. This was held in Gatineau Quebec. Was very interesting on what the wastewater management team have to do for the community to have clean water to drink and to dispose of the dirty water. Pat David from Akwesasne was also announced employee of the year at a gathering up north.



Monthly Report



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Monthly Report for March 2024

**Portfolio: DCSS, Justice, Economic Development, & Entewatatha:wi –
Nation Building, Government Secretariat**

Monthly Notables:

- Ongoing Kaniienkeha lessons with Edith McDonald @12-1pm, M, W &T of week, I am grateful I have had the opportunity to continue to learn about our culture and language.
- Attended the 2nd Annual Emergency Management Forum March 5-7 in Gatineau, Floods, Wildfires, Severe Storms, and Pandemic Are First Nations Ready?
- District Meeting lots of discussion on road, garbage dumping, compliance and safety overall for community members.

March 1/24 - Ec Dev Portfolio: Kylee Tarbell/Director -zoom at 10-12.

Updates: Thompson Island Water Taxi, Black Ash Tree project, FTTH project funding, Mohawk Networks, Trade Show, Arena upcoming schedules.

March 4/24 - All Council Meeting – Council Chambers 9am – 12noon.

MCRS: Decolonizing Riparian Wetlands, Kawehnoke Recreation Generator, Roads Subsidy Submission additional funding; IIF 1V Norther Landscapes, IIF 1V-Thompson Farm

Discussion: Point Road, Hydro Quebec Notice of interruptions, Enforcement Symposium, District Meeting Privacy, NY Claim Update, ED update, next meeting Chair.

March 5-7/24 -2nd National Emergency Management Conference- Hilton Lac Leamy, Gatineau

Opening Ceremonies & Welcome : Presentations by Canada, indigenous services, public health agency, Emergency Management Directorate, Address by Cindy Woodhouse , National Chief, Emergency Management overview, presentation by Government of Canada – Are We Ready, Accessibility Legislation & resource planning for First Nations with Disabilities, Relationship Protocol & Supporting FN, Governance & Legislation in Emergency Management, Sources of Strength when help never comes, building capacity and resilience in face of wildfires and floods, preparing our home First Nations Youth in Emergency Management, Out of the Ashes: Rebuilding Lytton First Nations, Holistic Emergency Preparedness & Response, Canadian Red Cross.

March 6/24 - Co-Owners Meeting: via zoom 3pm – Cornwall Library

Agenda: Opening & Acknowledgement, Meeting Minutes of Nov 16/23, report on Harbor Master Service Agreement Renewal, Update on Sign for Portland's, RFQ submission Project Management, Environmental Report early 2025, Strategic Planning Review, Financial Management schedule, next meeting dates.

March 8/24 - Akwesasne Heating Assistance Program Update: Gary Cole & Chiefs jb/cfm - 10am

Provided updates on hydro and heating assistance, discussion around guidelines, program costs/budget allocation, application processes, boundaries, community members with an abundance of credit on hydro, request to have Statistics on programs, and any recommendation that come out of the information would be helpful in planning for future programming.

March 11/24 - All Council Meeting: Council chambers 9am –12noon

Mcrs; CSP Income Assistance Basic Needs & Shelter cost increase for Client support, EC DEV. FTTH funding, Procurement Canada, Thomspen Island Certification of Water Taxi, ISC funding amendment, Aspire Screening & Assessment Project, Iakwa'shatse Youth Fitness

Discussion: Solar Eclipse, Haudenosaunee National Fund request, Akwesasne Animal Society, Justice Case, Illegal Aliens

Presentations: Jordans Principle Lyndia Jones/Kevin Buckshot

March 12/24 - Entewatathawi Self Government Main Table Akwesasne/Canada - via zoom 10am –1:30pm

Agenda: Childcare Act; International Border Matters, Periodic Review Chapter, Divestment & Consultation,

March 18/24 - Council Meeting 9am-12noon – Council Chambers:

Mcrs: Ec Dev FTTH, Housing Upgrade, Permit Lot 1 Drummond Island, Dr Contract Renewal, Kahwenoke Rec Generator Installation, Prosecutorial Services Funding, Review Commission Members:

Discussion: RoundTable all Council, General Meeting, Council Meeting March 25, April 1, Akwesasne Justice Program,

Presentation: J.L. White, Plant Manufacturing, Application Request from Justice for intervenor Case, Left meeting early had Dentist appt @ 11am.

Kanatakon District Meeting: 6pm – 8pm - Chiefs CFM, FD, JPJ,

Discussion items: road repairs to sweetgrass manor, garbage dumping by no community residents, garbage along roadsides, compliance issue, discussion on laws, banishment law application process, alien smuggling activity in village, community wants to know what options are there available if these laws are not ever going to be enforced or changed.

March 19/24: OPG Partnership Meeting: OPG Visitors Site 1:30 – 3pm

Opening, welcome, review of agenda; Minutes of Jan 12/24, Outstanding Action Items, Akwesasne & OPG Community Updates, Employment Contracting Update, Corporate Citizenship Activity, Capacity Building Funding, Reconciliation Action Plan Update, Visitor Centre usage, other business

March 20/24 - Justice Portfolio: Cactus Cook Sunday Director 1:30pm – Admin 1

Agenda: Strategic Planning, Human Resource needs, Legislative Committee, Space needs, ACCRL update, Program Updates.

March 21-26 – Out of office

March 27/24 - In office working on emails and review of budget presentation.

March 28/24 - DCSS Portfolio: I was unavailable to attend however received meeting minutes as update.

March 28/24 - Emergency Council Meeting – 1:30pm Council Chambers -

MCR – Resignation of Chief Dwayne Thomas



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Monthly Report for April 2024

Portfolio: DCSS, Justice, Economic Development, & Entewatatha:wi – Nation Building, Government Secretariat

Monthly Notables:

- Opportunity to sit in on Jay Treaty Border Alliance, a lot of great information shared with counterparts from across the country and good- open dialogue with Canada Ministers present.
- Ongoing Kanienkeha Classes T-W at 12noon-1pm each week.
- Got to witness one of life's truly amazing events, the Eclipse on April 8/24
- Assisted at the shelters during Hydro Quebec power outage on April 22/24, assist some community members getting access to generators.
- Community member requesting action from AMPS regarding the ongoing drug dealing within Kanatakon
- Coordination and follow up with Mohawk Govt Manager Fallon Jacobs regarding signage, garbage dumpster allocation & pick up, tree trimming all are ongoing.
- Nia:wen to all our Admin & Executive Assistants for all the hard work and dedication they put in everyday, you are appreciated.

April 1/24 - Easter Monday Holiday

April 2/24 - work in office, on Monthly Reports, answering messages, community requests.

April 3/24 -Nation Building Prep Session: Rachel Lazare PM 1:30pm-

Discussion areas on Childcare update, Briefing note on Environmental issues, divestment, next meeting dates.

April 4, 24 - Jay Treaty Border Alliance - Grand Chief/ Snye Recreation 10:30am in person/zoom option. Minister's D. Leblanc, Marc Miller, & Anandasangaree and their technical advisors were available. Welcome & opening remarks, Update from technical tables, Path to

legislative change, risks and mitigation, Assignment follow up tasks, Determination of future meeting schedule

Roundtable. It was a very informative meeting, so much commonality in border crossing across the country, appreciative we had the opportunity to sit in and listen to where they have been and how they are making excellent stives in closing the gaps on border issues. Nia;wen Closing remarks & Lunch provided at Snye Recreation.

April 5/24 -in office working on Reports & Follow up.

April 8/24 - All Council Meeting: Eclipse Day – 9am-12noon.

Mcrs: Acceptance of AEL Amendments Referendum, CMHC Loan Renewal Ref # 19 322 353 007, Housing- Upgrade Application A. David, Renewal of Legal Counsel Service Agreement, Multipurpose Cultural Facility Funding Proposal, Transfer Payment Agreement for LBS Program, ABGC Funding Agreement, – 6 Month Extension, Org Chart for DIHE, Dr. Janine Scott Contract Renewal 2024-2025, Dr. Peter Ladd Contract Renewal 2024-2025, Dr. Amy Daradich Contract 2024-2025. Dr. Marsha Wysote Contract Renewal 2024-2025, Dr. Kent Saylor Contract Renewal 2024-2025

DISCUSSION ITEMS: Indian Time Newspaper, Akwesasne Review Commission Letter, Social Media, Firemen Years of Service, General Meeting Agenda, AEDA Proposal.

April 9/24 - Bereavement – Funeral of Family member

April 10/24 – In office work

April 11/24 - In office work, contact community members regarding housing issues outside of territory.

**Special General Meeting 6-8:30pm @ Kahwenoke Rec – All Council
2024/24 Budget Presentation – DFA/ED.**

April 15/24 All Council Meeting: @9am-12noon Admin 1

MCRs, Trust Distribution- 2024 Projects, Allotment – Lot A/63-1 Chenail Range RSO 5528R, Allotment- Lot 218 Cornwall Island CLSR 109936, Allotment- Lot 44-3 Cornwall Island CLSR 98596, Allotment- Lot 21B Cornwall Island CLSR 63202, ,2024 Appraisal Hamilton Island- (tabled)

DISCUSSION ITEMS, General Meeting Agenda, Social Media

BMO- Financial Update 1:15pm: GC, Peter Lunney & Bridgette Bicknell, Chiefs CFM & JPJ

Update front the Bank of Montreal on what they provide to us for areas of financial accountability, credit apps, mortgage, and other areas they have worked with MCA on.

Kanatakon District Meeting: 6pm St. Regis Recreation

Road issues, Garbage collection and clean up, Lighting issue, use of old Admin @ area for green space for kids, stop signages, elder voiced comments on use of foul language at meetings,

April 16/24 - In office working on follow-up

April 17/24 Preclearance Working Circle – 1pm-2pm Location: CIA 3 boardroom on Kawehnoke Chiefs VT, AAP & CFM

actions items follow up from January 18/24, MCA to provide a general update on community feedback on Preclearance Working Circle, discuss Status of Roosevelt town Feasibility Study, engage in Trilateral meeting SRMT, MCC,

Working Circle session., Tabletop Exercises: MCA Chiefs to consider potential scenarios or issues that could be good candidates for future tabletop discussions (e.g. commercial processing, traffic management and emergency vehicles, transportation of firearms, etc.).

April 18/24 - DCSS Portfolio – Joey Morin Lauzon-Director 10am-

Administration update on meetings attended, collaboration with AMBE for a Multicultural Learning Centre 85% completed, New secure doors are being installed at the health facility, Special needs policy is going to be added to the “kitchen table talks , & presentation at General Meeting, installation of a generator at Tsiio -LTC Facility, compensation settlement, renovations to home for elders, follow up on Hydro Quebec liaison, ABGC update on report , RFP process ongoing, **CSP**- low-income policy has been in initial stages of change, **ACFS** – Redmane project for the design phase, the ministry and finance for integration into the ministry database and the finance system internally, 3-5 camp registration, collaboration with ACFS, **AFWP**- reno project 90% complete, change management plan to transition staff back into the main shelter building and transition clients back.

Co-Owners Port Meeting: 3pm Cornwall Council Chambers:

Attended meeting will be rescheduled due to lack of Quorum, next meeting date tbd.

April 23/24: Emergency Special Council Meeting 1;30pm Council Small Boardroom. MCR'S -physicians' contracts;

April 21 & 22/24 - MCA Closed for the day due to Hydro Quebec outage in the territory of TsiSnaihne & Kanatakon since 10am on Sunday. Warming Shelter was open in the Senior Centre in Hogansburg from 9am-1pm. Breakfast & lunch were takeout for community members. Kanatakon school was opened for warming shelter, DOH (Department of Health) & Staff, Council Members mand the stations and delivered meals and walk-ins for supper, closed Shelters after 7pm once all meals had been delivered. Nia:wen for the awesome coordination of meals and set up.

April 24/24 - MCA/CBSA Border Collaboration Initiative –Dundee POE Working Circle.

Opening remarks, review of record of decision from Jana 24/24, Prioritizing Matrix updates such as mohawk greetings, compliance issues with reporting, culture & sensitivity training, MOU for Medical Transportation issues, Karios Blanket Exercise for staff ongoing, invite to others to sit in. Remission order discussion on the previous one and areas that need amendment, advised that its a Dept of Finance, Canada table now, and is ongoing movement of this working with parties.

April 26/24 - Work in office on reports, read up on presentations on Tsikarastisere Trust Agreement.

April 29/24 - All Council Meeting 9am Kahwenoke Recreation – 9am

Presentation on Tsikaristisere Dundee Trust Settlement from Gowling WLG Cam Camerone & Joshau Shoemaker. Recieved update on

MCR'S - Allotment – Lot C3 Chenail Range CLSR 58354, Justice Quebec Financial Assistance 2023-2026, Tsi Snaihne Recreation Walking Trail Addition, Tsiionkwanonsothe LTC Generator, Road Subsidy Submission for Additional Funding, MCA DOH Compensation Policy, Cancellation of AEDF Agreements, Tsikaristisere Trust, Council Meeting Minutes – January 8th, 2024, Council Meeting Minutes- January 15th, 2024, Council Meeting Minutes- January 22nd, 2024 , **DISCUSSION ITEMS: Remission** Order, Arena Sign, Housing/DOH, Request for Indian Status, Community Policing, Iroquois Nationals, 50th Anniversary NAATC, Beaver issue

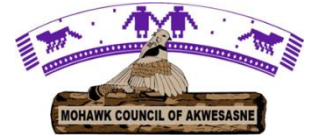
April 30/24: out sick – follow up on scheduled meeting held –ECDEV –Cannabis & Nation Bldg next report.



Monthly Report

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Portfolios: Justice, Public Safety, Department of Community and Social Services

Committees/Circles: CBSA, Dundee Port of Entry, YECL

Monthly Notables

- I attended an Emergency Measures Conference March 5-7, 2024, in Gatineau, Quebec. A lot of valuable information was discussed on how to prepare our community in the event of a natural disaster or another pandemic etc.
- I joined the YECL Committee (Youth Elder Culture and Language) we recently had a call out for members for our youth council and we received several applicants. With these new members the Youth Council will be resuming in the very near future.
- I was part of the executive committee and took part in the interview process for the Executive Director. After conducting interviews, a successful candidate was chosen and accepted the position. The new Executive Director will begin in early May.
- I helped address concerns that were brought forward to me by community members and helped direct them through the proper channels. I also wrote Jordans Principle support letters to assist community members with their applications that come my way. I have also addressed community members concerns with issues with CBSA Border agents and forwarded the concerns to the proper channels
- I have attended all Monday Council meetings, District meetings and General Meetings
- I joined as a representative of Akwesasne for the Social Development Council of Cornwall and Area. I took part in an orientation as to how the council works. What is the Social Development Council? “An organization that focuses on building a more vibrant community for all residents in Cornwall, Akwesasne, Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry”.

Kana:takon District Meeting- took place March 18, 2024 four community members were in attendance. Issues regarding garbage pick up and if there will be a spring cleanup. The last garbage pickup up of every month has been designated for larger item pick up. Also, a spring cleanup is in the works to take place towards the end of May where there will be dumpsters and

designated location so that district members can dispose of larger items. There was also discussion surrounding the illegal aliens that are continuously being let off in the Village and this has become a safety concern. Also issues with road conditions in the Village were addressed.

Dundee Port Working Circle- It was noted that there were 30 participants in the Cultural Sensitivity training that was held in December. Another Cultural Sensitivity training was held March 7, 2024 at the Tsi Snaihne Recreation Center I was in attendance and spoke to the new Border Service agents on our community concerns. I spoke of some of the complaints that our community members have regarding the treatment from the border service agents. These trainings will take place twice a year. MOUs need to be established for medical transport. Improvements have been made with Border Service Agents not just speaking in French they are making an effort to speak English; this needs to be made a priority. Better information sharing with the Dundee Port and MCA also needs to be made a priority and this is being worked on. Remission Order is being discussed for the Dundee POE. A separate circle will be established for the remission order.

Special Needs: On March 22, 2024 I participated in a meeting with Minister Lafreniere and expressed my concerns over Akwesasne's dire need for Speech, Occupational and Physical Therapy. We have large numbers of children who are on waiting lists and this needs to be addressed. As we have children on the Quebec portion of Akwesasne who cannot receive any services in Cornwall due to their Quebec health coverage and we need to look into an arrangement to rectify this important issue. I have also asked for more information to be put out on the Special Needs fund so community members are aware of who can access this fund. This fund is assessable to community members of all ages who have a special need and need assistance. More information will be presented on this at an upcoming General Meeting.

Justice Portfolio- There have been some changes that have taken place within the Justice Department. The Akwesasne Community Justice Program has moved to 55 Water St. due to health and safety issues with the Angus Mitchell Memorial Building. The Administrative part of the Justice Department will be moving to Johnson rd. to the old Tickets Store building. Office space continues to be a concern while waiting for a permanent location at the Sunday Warehouse in Tsi Snaihne.

Department Of Community and Social Services- ACFS is currently already beginning preparations with Thompson Island for Summer programming. They will be providing cultural and traditional programming for the youth. The following events were put on by ACFS in the month throughout the winter months, Konterenno'tha young girls singing group, Tetewata'theri:ke "We are filling our baskets" young women programing: Beaded Earrings with Apryl Thompson, Tetewata'theri:ke "We are filling our baskets" young women programing: Hair Braiding with Chazy Cook, Tetewata'theri:ke "We are filling our baskets" young women programing: Moccasin Making with Colleen Nolan, Tetewata'theri:ke "We are filling our baskets" young women programing: Closing of the Circle Learn to Skate (6 weeks)- 20 participants registered. Family Skate will also Take place throughout the winter months they are expected to have 120-150 participants. The Akwesasne Family Wellness Center has almost completed their kitchen renovations. Also, the Redmane Software system is scheduled to go live April 2025. We were also briefed on the First Nations Child Welfare Settlement a 23 billion dollar settlement agreement was reached to compensate First Nations Children and families.

Who is eligible for this settlement are children who were removed from their homes under the First Nations Child and Family Services program between April 1, 1991 and March 31, 2022, Children who were impacted by the government's narrow definition of Jordan's Principle between December 12, 2007 and November 2, 2017, Children who did not receive or were delayed in receiving an essential public service or product between April 1, 1991 and December 11, 2007, Caregiving parents or caregiving grandparents of the children above may also be eligible for compensation

Public Safety- A new member has been selected and sworn into the Akwesasne Police Commission to replace the vacant spot for Cornwall Island. Portfolio expressed the concerns over loose dogs and dog complaints also extreme growing concerns over the frequent presence of illegal aliens in the village. Currently there is still only one Compliance Officer pending additional funding a Job posting will be put out to hire more Compliance Officers. The Akwesasne Police Commission held a Community Meeting on March 13, 2024. This meeting was attended by approximately 20 community members at the Kana:takon Recreation Center. Many community concerns were addressed, and the Police commission will be looking into these concerns and will schedule another community meeting for the fall. It was told to Portfolio that the AMPS are in need of a new building as there current building is unable to house all the officer. AMPS has grown immensely since the current building was built.



Kana:takon District Chief
Julie Phillips Jacobs
Monthly Report

REPORT START DATE:	March 2024	REPORT END DATE:	April 2024
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Portfolios	Information
AMBE (Ahkwesahsne Mohawk Board of Education)	<p>In reviewing the agenda/minutes from these meetings, the following items were discussed: a student appeal, term expiration dates for Trustee members, community meetings and childcare program policies and procedures. A review of the AMBE budget for 2024-2025 was presented to trustees at the April meeting. Two resolutions for the purchase of 2 new buses and a lease agreement were approved by the board. The email for the AMBE trustees is boardoftrustees@ambe.ca</p> <p>Next meeting is May 16th location to be determined. <i>AMBE is having a traditional clothing drive for the months of April and May!</i> You may donate your gently used traditional clothing to the front desks of Iohahi:io, AMS (Ahkwesahsne Mohawk School), Tsi Snaihne & Kana:takon School. You may also drop off at the AMBE Board office (behind the Peace Tree Mall). Items of all sizes are welcome!</p>
Justice	<p>The past few months our Director of Justice has been dealing with an ailing family member. During this time, those of us in this position offered the utmost empathy and understanding. With the strong qualities of the Justice department employees, the work carried on. A portfolio meeting was held in April, but I was unable to attend. I send my condolences to the Cook family.</p>
Public Safety	<p>A meeting with the Police Commission members and the community was held in March. Commission members present went through their roles and responsibilities and answered questions from the community. This meeting went well and as the commission members get familiar with their duties, future meetings will be scheduled.</p> <p>A letter of concern was received and will be followed up on by portfolio and the Commission.</p>

Portfolios	Information
Committees-WTG	Brief Updates
Special Needs	During a meeting with the Director of Social we discussed the upcoming General meeting. The Policy on the special needs fund will be presented at the May 2 nd meeting. Social will work on the PowerPoint that the Council will present. A meeting to review the strategic plan will be rescheduled for later.
Beautification	With the help of the Government Support Manager, the individual came down for the district signs to be ordered and placed in the community. He looked at the identified areas for the signs and took measurements. In Kana:takon the sign will be placed under the electronic sign as you enter the village. Kawehno:ke will replace the sign coming off the international south channel bridge. Signs in Tsi Snaihne will be placed at the entrance roads to Tsi Snaihne.
Finance Committee	The next Finance Committee Meeting will be held on May 16 th at 5 pm. A Special General Meeting was held on April 11, 2024 to present the 2024-2025 budgets to the community. The presentation was presented by the Acting Executive Director and the Director of Finance with all the Council in attendance. This was done in compliance with the Akwesasne Financial Administration law.

Portfolios

Information

Meetings Attended

March 5th

Borders Partners

Meeting on Zoom. I chaired this meeting. CBSA (Canada Border Services Agency) reported that 90 percent of their staff have gone through the cultural awareness training. The next one will take place March 6 and 7 at the Tsi Snaihne Recreation Center. Renovations to the CBSA building will be taking place for the next 4 to 6 weeks (about 1 and a half months) but will not affect traffic. With the closure of a main road that refugees were utilizing there has been an increase in those trying to get into the United States and a rise in those trying to get into Canada from the United States. When these situations happen, they stop border officers from being available to work at the booths. MCA (Mohawk Council of Akwesasne) asked if CBSA would have more officers available on April 8th, the day of the eclipse. The MCA and the Tribe are working together to prepare for this day. All our schools will be closed as our area is a zone for full view of the eclipse and our students will be on buses as this occurs. CBSA will make note of this and have more officers on this day.

March 18th/April 15th

Kana:takon District Meetings

March- Community members present brought up concerns for the road to sweetgrass manor. There was a request for the number to call for Akwesasne Crime stoppers. The unsightly conditions of some yards in the village of Kana:takon was discussed. We told the members present that we are seeking quotes for a smaller-scale spring cleanup for each district. We had a good discussion on laws and regulations for keeping our yards clean and free of garbage especially because there is free garbage pick-up weekly. A concern was raised on the pile of dirt left in the yard at sweet grass manor. DIHE (Department of Infrastructure, Housing & Environment) will be notified to have it removed or spread out. April- Concerns raised included the need for a stop sign at 3rd street and Johnson Road, A cap for the water or sewer system is overturned and sharp on Cherry Street. Streetlight is out on the corner of Kateri Tekakwitha Street and 3rd Street. Inquiries were made on what the plans are for the vacant lot at the former admin 2 site. Members would like to see a basketball court and a pickle ball court. Something for the youth to do. A sound barrier wall like on highways was also suggested to help with the noise for those nearby. The St. Regis Recreation went over plans for the lacrosse box and that included adding basketball nets as well. Speeding in the village, especially on Park Street, was discussed and cars not stopping at stop signs.

March 20th

Finance Committee Meeting

A zoom meeting was held to discuss two allocations from the Ontario Lottery Generation fund. At our meeting in February decisions were made and committee members were in conflict. It was decided that the members who are not in conflict would review the decisions and make the final recommendation on what would be presented to the Council. For future meetings, we will identify potential conflicts at the beginning.

Portfolios	Information
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March 26th – April 1st	I was away from the office and community from March 26 th to April 1 st .
April 18th	I attended the INDSPIRE awards as a guest with Watson and Parojcic, our pension company. It was very inspiring, and I am hopeful that we will see Akwesasronon on that stage in the near future. The awards will air on television on June 18 th at 8pm.
April 22nd – 26th	<p>First Nation Health and Social Emergency Training</p> <p>The theme of this year's conference was supporting front line workers. This was an excellent training session. It focused on the mental health and well-being of front-line workers. Here is an outline of some of the presentations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opening remarks Elder Olive Elm and Elder Dave Root • Discussions/Presentations followed on Youth Perspectives in Crisis Community Experiences Best Practices and Insights, Mental Health and Wellness, Emergency Planning and & response. • ISC (Indigenous Services Canada) Emergency Management and Support Resources • Naloxone Training • Cultural Understanding of Grieving • Point of Care Harm Reduction • Community Round Table • Emcee/ Presenters Diane Hill/Emmy Lazore Mitchell/Carol Hopkins/Asha Frost/Tehahenteh Frank Miller/Joe Pitawanakwat Creators Garden • Youth Elder reflections

Upcoming Events

SAVE THE DATE!
 The AMBE Cultural Celebration is coming on May 23rd - Childcare- Grade 3 and May 30th - Gr. 4-8
 The families of AMBE students are invited to attend.
 MCA Grand Chief and District Chief nominations May 18th
 MCA General Election June 29th

Any questions feel free to call

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Kawehno:ke District Chief

Vanessa Adams

Monthly Report

REPORT START DATE:	March 2024	REPORT END DATE:	April 2024
Portfolios/Attendance		Meeting Date/Updates	
Department of Health (DOH)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> April 11, 2024 	
Department of Community & Social Services (DCSS)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> March 28, 2024/April 18, 2024 	
Public Safety		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> March 6, 2024 March 13, 2024, AMPC Community Meeting April 10, 2024, AMPC Portfolio April 11, 2024, canceled April 30, 2024 	
Economic Development (Ec Dev)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> March 20, 2024, canceled. April 9, 2024/ April 30, 2024 	
Committees/WTG		Brief Updates	
Cannabis Working Task Group		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting April 30, 2024 	
AFN Child Welfare Compensation Zoom meeting March 27, 2024		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overview of Claims Process for compensation The First Nations Child and Family Services and Jordan's Principle (FNCFSJP) Settlement Approved by the Federal Court on October 24, 2023. The Claims Process will explain who can make a claim, how claims are to be made, The timing for claims, how the Administrator will review claims for eligibility, and distribution of compensation. 	

Portfolios/Attendance	Meeting Date/Updates
<p>JTBA (Jay Treaty Border Alliance) Collaboration Initiative (Co-convenor with Cynthia Pye CBSA)</p> <p>This is a national table with members from across Canada border FN Communities represented.</p> <p>April 4, 2024, Tsi Tsnaihne</p>	<p>JTBA- CI Governance table virtual meeting April 30, 2024</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presented an update on work the Border Experiences Table is doing at the JTBA Leadership Circle for Chiefs and Gov't Partners • JTBA-CI Border Crossing Experience Technical Table 12/12/2023 • Border Crossing Experience Technical Table Border Crossing Issues include but not limited to: Adverse impact on family and cultural connections, Acceptability of identity documents at ports of entry, issues with treatment by CBSA officers, Restrictions on trade and personal goods, Location of Ports of Entry, United States Customs and Border Protection (US CBP) • JTBA Collaborative Initiative High table action items including accelerating work of the tech tables, Right of Entry, • These meetings coincide with COO/AFN gatherings for in person and occur virtually (online) as needed to meet the mandates of the Collaboration.
<p>MCA-CBSA Border Collaboration Working Circles</p> <p>Port of Cornwall, Leadership, Economic Development</p>	<p>Discussions included pre-clearance, Domestic Lane, Staffing increases in 2023-24 information on recruitment and Port specific orientation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CBSA Cultural Awareness training is ongoing next dates April 3-4 20 available spots (filled) this is encouraging as this training is vital to our daily encounters with CBSA officers on PIL. • operational updates -After hours availability • Commitment and mutual expectations towards Lines of communications • Domestic Lane questioning • Complaints about increased secondary examinations and declaration verifications are being reported. CBSA stated adjustments and certain themes are being responded to in relation to Akwesasne Resident Remission Order and declaration verifications these complaints have been brought to the Port specific table by Chief Julie Phillips Jacobs and myself for practical solutions. CBSA has committed to providing officers with an ARRO information Blitz meaning providing education concerning the Remission order, limited risks when it comes to declarations made under the remission order. For more information, please see the Akwesasne Remission order. *In the meantime, if you feel that the actions of the Customs Inspector are inappropriate, please make note of the time and the lane and make your way inside to speak to the Superintendent on duty to make that supervisor aware of

Portfolios/Attendance	Meeting Date/Updates
<p>MCA-CBSA Border Collaboration Working Circles (cont'd)</p> <p>Chiefs of Ontario First Nations Community Wellness Conference</p> <p>Health Conference March 18-22, 2024</p> <p>Department of Health (DOH) January 2024 Portfolio Update</p>  <p>Amber Montour ext. 3101</p>	<p>the situation. So that it can be immediately taken care of. Also contact the CBSA Regional Indigenous Advisor Joh Bay @ 613-330-3692 Go Online to complete and submit complaints or seek assistance with the online complaints process with John Bay</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community relationship building continues to be a part of this working table. • Making the shift to intergenerational healing: building the bundle to create wellness for ourselves. Recognizing that there are so many factors that broadly contribute to the health and well-being of our First Nations • Discussions on the challenges of navigating the social determinants of Health on all levels – justice, policing, housing, education, social services, environment, culture, and language. With four rounds of workshops, plenary discussions, panels, and presentations evening presentations tradeshow the opportunities were endless to learn share and speak with FN from across Ontario. • Key initiatives and activities within the department, including departmental reorganization, completion of accreditation, strategic planning, regional health survey rollout, and communications initiatives such as the organization of radio talk shows focused on topics like Mental Health, Primary Care, and Home and Community Care. In the coming month, we will focus on the following topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Department wide meeting • New Quebec Family Physician Dr Amy Daradich • DOH Priorities survey May 9, 2024 • Health Fair May 9th • Nurses Week May 6-10th • Paperless Project transitioning to a fully digital format for our forms and documents Adobe accessible for individuals with visual impairments. The scope of forms and documents include but not limited to intake, referral, consent to release and other health related documents. • Posting for all acting positions • Addressing immediate challenges/concerns – admissions at LTC • RedMane- seeking funding. • Land based lease agreement. • A2z Contract • Accreditation

Portfolios/Attendance

Meeting Date/Updates

Department of Social Services

Nov 2, 2023



Joseph Morin Lauzon ext.3307

- DCSS has been meeting with Redmane often for decision making, project management, and risk mitigation after the design meetings with staff and supervisors are completed. Go live date is still April 2025.
- A list of capital projects has been created and a letter of intent will be sent to ISC to make them aware of the ongoing need for capital funding for years to come in Akwesasne.
- We also discussed with capital available for purchases of housing for categories such as “Family reunification homes, parent model homes, crisis homes, and transitional housing the idea of a Social Housing Program within DCSS with the intent to assist our community members who are transient or who are under housed to be assisted through this program to obtain stable housing.
- AFWP welcomed New PM, Shara Francis-Herne, and new Outreach Supervisor, Chantal Vachon. The Celebration of life took place at the Akwesasne Mohawk Casino in early November.

Special Needs Meeting

April 16, 2024

- Discussed need for community special needs fund policy presentation this will take place on May 2, 2024, strategic plan review (scheduled all day) to be rescheduled at the Department of Social’s request.

**First Nations Health & Social
Emergency Training Conference**

April 23-26, 2024

- Opening remarks Elder Olive Elm and Elder Dave Root
- Discussions/Presentations followed on Youth Perspectives in Crisis Community Experiences Best Practices and Insights, Mental Health and Wellness, Emergency Planning and & response.
- ISC Emergency Management and Support Resources
- Naloxone Training
- Cultural Understanding of Grieving
- Point of Care Harm Reduction
- Community Round Table
- Emcee/ Presenters Diane Hill/Emmy Lazore Mitchell/Carol Hopkins/Asha Frost/Tehahenteh Frank Miller/Joe Pitawanakwat Creators Garden
- Youth Elder reflections

**Dundee Trust Meeting
Presentation @ council meeting**

- Tsikaristisere Trust Agreement Trust overview with Cam Cameron and Joshua Shoemaker- Presentation provided an overview of the Trust, Operating Structure, Interpretation, Creation, Purpose, Responsibilities, Permitted Uses, Conflict of Interest, Transparency.

Portfolios/Attendance	Meeting Date/Updates
<p>Public Safety Portfolio Mtg</p> <p>May 2, 2024</p> <p>Economic Development Portfolio</p> <p>Kylee Tarbell ext. 1800</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting and Community tour with Minister of Public Safety @ Iohahio • Met with Innovating Aerial Intelligence Volatus Aerospace a drone company. Youth STEAM programs, Search and rescue, Recovery, Prevention and Search for lost hunters/individuals, • Regional Lobbying Strategy Re; SIBC and Customs Local Chambers of Commerce Cornwall Ec Dev revive round table to work on certain initiatives and develop strategies to benefit Economic Development and local businesses round table meetings to commence in May/June 2024 • FTTH questions concerns updates please email ffth@akwesasne.ca EV Ambassadors evteam@akwesasne.ca Business inquiries economic development ecdev@akwesasne.ca or call 613-575-2250 ext. 1802
<p>Border Partners MCA SRMT USCBP-CBSA</p> <p>April 2, 2024</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Border wait times, staffing updates Covid Status and restrictions. • Upcoming information/events that may affect traffic flow. • Community impact- questions and concerns from both Councils construction causing delays.
External Initiatives and Working Committees	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jay Treaty Border Alliance- Co-convener CBSA Border Experience table with CBSA Cynthia Pye • Final Settlement Agreement Chiefs Advisory-FSA Committee on Social – Working Group Member • COO Chiefs Committee on Social IFN Representative • Independent First Nations Executive Committee Member • MCA-CBSA Border Collaboration Initiative Working Circles- Port of Cornwall, Leadership, Economic Development <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May 5th MMIW • May 10th Jordan’s Principle Bear Witness Day • Attended Indspire Awards Ottawa Shaw Centre April 18, 2024 • Special General Meeting April 11, 2024 • Kawehno:ke District Meeting April 15, 2024 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Sending my heartfelt condolences to all Akwesasronon experiencing and mourning the loss of loved ones.</i> <p>If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out and we can schedule a time to discuss any of the items. I have reported on.</p> <p><i>Niawen: kowa Chief Vanessa Adams</i> 613-363-3891 chief.vanessa.adams@akwesasne.ca</p>	

Monthly Report

Chief Vince Thompson

Monthly Report for March- April 2024



Portfolio: Department of Infrastructure, Housing and Environment, OVS, Economic Development

Selected Committees: Chiefs Committee on Housing and Infrastructure, Iroquois Caucus Harvest Working Task Group (ICHWG), Property Acquisition Team (PAT), the Youth and Elders Cultural Committee.

I attended most of my chiefs and council's mandatory meetings when it wasn't conflicting with travel.

Attended the Kawehno:ke District Meeting. Topics of Discussions were:

- Natural Gas Update and is MCA interested in pursuing this for Kawehno:ke to consider.
- Cleanliness of AMS
- Update on State of Emergency Law
- AFN Quarterly meetings attended by Chiefs.
- Clinic on Kawehno:ke and the protocols they follow.
- Justice Department operating out of Cornwall.
- Seasonal Work Projects

Attended Chief and Council Weekly meeting.

- Presentation provided by the Akwesasne Animal Society.
- Haudenosaunee Iroquois Nationals Lacrosse Program on their path to the Olympics (men and women teams)

Attended an Environment Strategy meeting with Environment Manager pertaining to collecting information on the propose of hydrogen gas facility that is being proposed along grass rive in Massena. A release is scheduled after the information is collected.

Received a phone call from Keesee Koose First Nation from Saskatchewan concerning issues occurring in their community.

Attended the Entewatathá:wi Nation Building preparation meeting. Topics included:

- Childcare February Federal proposal review
- Akwesasne Lands Definition
- Access to Lands by way of water

Attended the Economic Development meeting. Topics included:

- Thompson Island water taxi
- Thompson Island to receive Black Ash tree in support of cultural workshops.
- Fifth licensing agreement with SIBC
- Arena operation update
- Pending projects playground, splash pad, outdoor fitness station

Attended the Chief and Council weekly meeting. Topics included:

- Shack placement on MCA purchased property.
- Hydro Quebec notice of power interruption and power disconnection to community members
- Akwesasne society proposal looking for funding support.
- New York state land claim

Attended the Chiefs committee on Housing and Infrastructure, follow up meeting to the lobbying efforts that occurred in December 4-5, 2023 in Ottawa.

Akwesasne Interest:

- Grant system supporting Housing
- Multi-year arrangements
- Rent subsidy
- Lot readiness monies
- Retrofitting old homes
- Mult-floor builds

Attended the Multi-Trades Building Project update meeting

- Construction updates were provided
- Project within estimated timeline for completion

Attended the CBSA Cultural Sensitivity Workshop

- The workshop consists of discussion and educating the CBSA officers on cultural, spiritual and ceremonial items
- History of CBSA and relations with Akwesasne and the Kawehno:ke community

Attended the Entewatathá:wi Self Government Negotiations with Canada. Items discussed:

- Childcare
- Early Childhood Education
- International Border Matters

- Divestment of Lands
- Consultation Protocols

Attended an Iroquois Caucus Harvest Working Group meeting in Tyendinaga. Items discussed:

- Catherine Gibson report (History of Tyendinaga
- Harvest activity working schedule.
- Overlapping harvesting boundary and Larose Forest
- 1701 One Dish, One Spoon Harvesting Treaty
- Ministry of Natural Resources interim policy
- Report on hunting issues that are in the courts.
- When to support or not support hunting case that may arise

Attended the Infrastructure Canada MCA Meeting. Infrastructure Canada did presentation to council on funding opportunities and processes to be able to access these funds. The funds are criteria and priority based. This presentation is being reviewed by the MCA Dept. of Infrastructure, Housing and Environment.

Attended the Mohawk Council 2024-2025 Budget Presentation Meeting by Department directors. MCR was passed accepting the 2024-2025 budget as it was presented following the presentation.

Attended a special emergency meeting accepting the resignation of Tsi Snaihne District Chief Dwayne Thomas by way of MCR.

Attended the Kawehno:ke District meeting. Topics discussed:

- District Chiefs provided reports on their activities and updates on ongoing files.
- Indigenous Liaison Officer John Bay was in attendance to provide background information on his role and responsibility at CBSA. He educated the community on complaints process. He is designated to work with leadership and CBSA to address any issue that may arise when traveling to the port of entries in our region. He was well received by the community.

Attended Economic Development Portfolio Meeting. Agenda items:

- Presentation of Innovating Aerial Intelligence which is a drone company.
- Updates on FTTH project
- Rogers Cell Phone tower in Snye
- Social Responsibility Fees and Compliance (cannabis)

Attended the Mohawk Councils Special General Meeting on 2024-2025 MCA Budget presentation to community.

Attended the Preclearance Working Circle. Discussed a workplan and update was provided on the preclearance pilot launch in the fall of 2023 at Covy Hill Port of Entry in Quebec which is a small 5 year old facility.

Attended the OVS Committee Meeting.

- OVS Staff provided updates.
- Introduction of new employee
- Request from Chiefs to have a presentation on new Hamilton Island lease appraisals for 2024 season
- Update on surveying Block One Lands. Lands that are being released, priority based.
- Community need to call OVS for answers

Attended the MCA/CBSA Border Collaboration Initiative Dundee Port of Entry working table. Topics discussed:

- Kairos Blanket Exercise which is an Indigenous relations exercise that provides reality and awareness to CBSA POE officers
- MCA raised concerns of profiling that can occur in the future once community members start settling in Dundee
- Greeting at the port in all 3 languages
- Communication Working Table to communicate to the community for reporting requirements of Dundee Port of Entry.
- MOU for medical transport to include both Cornwall and Dundee Ports of Entry
- Exemptions on restrictions
- Remission order a priority, review, amend, and implement at Dundee.

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

Nia:wen.



Chief Edward Roundpoint

January/February Monthly Report



Portfolio: AMBE, Govt Secretariat, Nation Building, Economic Development

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

Monthly Notables:

January

- Attended the Finance Committee meeting.
 - Discussed Applicant for finance committee and recommend proceeding with applicant.
 - The Rates for the Deputy Electoral Officer and Chief Electoral Officer were discussed as it hasn't been reviewed for quite some time.
 - Signing Authority was confirmed and in accordance with the Akwesasne Financial Administration Law.
- Leadership meeting with SRMT and MCA.
- Meeting with ISC on the Tender Policy Engagement.
- Participated in the Assembly of First Nations Engagement with Expert Panel on the review of the Cannabis Legislation. (A final report will be published in March 2024).
- Meeting with the Chiefs of Ontario Technical Committee on the Rights Assertion (Formerly known as Committee on Metis Issue).
 - Updates were given by the Wabun Tribal Council and Temagami First Nation on the issues they faced with regarding the trespassing of the Metis people of Ontario.
 - A study of Bill C-53 was recapped for those that have just joined the committee.
 - The committee discussed on the invitation to participate in the Identity Fraud Summit being hosted by the Manitoba Metis Federation.
- Nation Building Main Table Preparation.
- Strategic Planning with the Co-Owners of the Port Lands Group.
- Independent First Nation Executive Administrative Committee.
 - Began the review of the Terms of Reference and Personnel Policy.
 - Update given by the Director of Intergovernmental Affairs on outstanding matters and seeking direction from the committee.
- Legal update on the New York Land Claim.
- Indigenous Services Canada Ontario Region update on the New Fiscal Relationship. (Zoom).
- Akwesasne Community Settlement Trust meeting at Ontario Power Generation (OPG)

- Presentations were given on the projects that were funded by the trust as well as financial update.

February

- Meeting with the new Director Marc Chenier at the Seaway International Bridge Corporation office.
- Meeting with Jody Wheeler Manager at the Seaway International Bridge to discuss the accessibility of the conduit under the North Span Bridge from Cornwall to Kawehnoke to run the fiber cable that will connect MCA's broadband infrastructure to the mainland (Cornwall). An agreement with MCR is forthcoming.
- Attended the Cornwall Chamber of Commerce Business Awards Dinner to support one of our local businesses, Fire Loom Creations who were nominated for an award in the young professional's division.
- Nation Building Portfolio Meeting, updating on our working files and the program managers update on activities.
- Teams Meeting with VIA Rail High Frequency Project, preparing for the upcoming meeting with bidders of the project.
- Attended the AFN Wellness Gathering for Residential School Survivors.
 - Key topic was the recent announcement by Canada of the discontinuation of funding for the Indian Residential School (IRS) Resolution Health Support Program (RHSP). This program has helped many of the survivors and the programs that were created for them by them. They requested all leadership to start advocating for the continuance of the funding for this program.
- VIA Rail High Frequency Rail (HFR) project
 - Meeting with the 3 bidders individually that have met the qualifications to bid on this project.
 - This was a pre project step that VIA had taken so that First Nation Communities can be approached to become part of the project at the beginning phases. The bidders presented to the First Nation Communities present and got to understand what the communities have as far as products for potential procurement for supply and services such as construction and trades, as well as other service areas where Akwesasne has capacity.
 - Follow up meetings with the VIA HFR team will be scheduled with Akwesasne independently.
- Attended luncheon with the president of the VIA Rail HFR project to provide update on the current progress of the project.
- Finance Committee meeting.
 - Discussed the upcoming budget presentation and scheduling for the presentation to council and community.
- Chaired the Chiefs of Ontario (COO) Prosperity Table

- Deputy Minister Shawn Batise and Assistant Deputy Minister Rebecca Ramsarran in attendance along with their support staff
- Ministry of Finance and the Ontario Securities Commission
- Updates were provided by the support staff on the current financial commitment from the provincial government where the funds were directed to Indigenous financial institutions (IFI), Ontario First Nations Economic Development Association (OFNEDA) and Training Centers for capacity development.
- Presentation was given by the Ontario Securities Commission on the introduction of Capital Markets. This was introductory and future meetings will be scheduled to continue dialogue.
- Independent First Nation (IFN) Executive Administrative Committee (EAC) meeting to prepare for the IFN Quarterly meeting with the 12 First Nation Community Leadership.
- IFN Quarterly meeting to present on political, social, educational, health and economic matters.

Work in other areas not presented but identified in my portfolios are being addressed daily and weekly so as not to go unnoticed.

Niawenkowa,

Edward Roundpoint



DUNDEE TRUST

**COMMUNITY CONSULTATION
SESSIONS**

Final Report

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INTRODUCTION

This report is being adapted with the information gathered by the Claims Settlement Coordinator from the community consultation sessions in July 2023. The Claims Settlement Coordinator's consultations focused namely on the following sections of the Tsikaristisere/Dundee Claims Settlement Agreement:

3.0 MANAGEMENT AND USE OF THE COMPENSATION BALANCE

3.1 The Compensation Balance will be used for the benefit of the Mohawks of Akwesasne.

3.2 A priority for the use of the Compensation Balance is the purchase of land that will be Acquired Land to be set apart as reserve land of the Mohawks of Akwesasne pursuant to Article 5.0.3.3 Other priorities for the benefit of the Mohawks of Akwesasne shall be established by the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne after consultation with the Mohawks of Akwesasne and before the Compensation Balance is transferred to any entity as per Article 3.4.

3.4 After the Compensation Balance has been paid in accordance with Article 20, it will thereafter be transferred by the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne to one or more entities to manage and use the Compensation Balance for the benefit of the Mohawks of Akwesasne, after consultation with the Mohawks of Akwesasne.

3.5 An entity contemplated in Article 3.4 could be, but is not restricted to, a limited partnership or a trust.

3.6 An entity contemplated in Article 3.4 will adopt the principles and priorities enunciated in Article 3.0 for the use of the Compensation Balance subject to any change in such priorities established by the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne after consultation with the Mohawks of Akwesasne.

3.7 Until the Compensation Balance is transferred by the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne to an entity or entities pursuant to Article 3.4, the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne, after consultation with a Financial Advisor, shall invest the Compensation Balance in authorized investments listed in Schedule 6 and shall not be permitted to otherwise invest, manage or use the Compensation Balance or any revenue derived therefrom.

This report shall demonstrate the five (5) community consultation sessions held where the Internal Technical Team and Advisors engaged with the Akwesasne community inclusive of the three Districts, the southern portion of Akwesasne and the Akwesasne members living in the City of Cornwall, with all sessions held during the month of July 2023.

STANDARD CONSULTATION AGENDA

Each community consultation session included the following agenda items:

1. Introduction of the Internal Technical team and Advisors
2. History of the Tsikaristisere/Dundee Claim
3. Gowlings WLG Community Presentation on the Trust Fund proposed Agreement.
4. Community Consultation on the use of Trust Interest
5. Community Questions/Comments/ Recommendations and Open Discussion

TEAM MEMBERS

The community consultation team was comprised of the following members:

- ✓ Cheryl Jacobs, Mohawk Council of Akwesasne – Claims Settlement Coordinator
- ✓ Donna Roundpoint, Mohawk Council of Akwesasne - A/Executive Director
- ✓ Edward Roundpoint, Mohawk Council of Akwesasne – District Chief
- ✓ Cactus Cook-Sunday, Mohawk Council of Akwesasne - A/Director of Justice
- ✓ Cheyenne Lazore, Mohawk Council of Akwesasne - A/Manager, Akwesasne Rights and Research Office
- ✓ Heather Phillips, Mohawk Council of Akwesasne – Director of Finance and Administration
- ✓ Al Gravel, Welch LLC
- ✓ Cam Cameron, Gowlings WLG
- ✓ Joshua Shoemaker, Gowlings WLG

CONSULTATION MEETINGS HELD

The following table displays the details of all if the community consultation meetings held:

Meeting Location	Date	Start Time	End Time	Attendance	ITT
St. Regis Recreation Center	July 10, 2023	6:10	8:45	8	CJ, CL Gowlings Welch
Tsi Snaihne Recreation Center	July 12, 2023	6:05	9:30	25	CJ, CL Gowlings Welch
AHA- HUD Training Center	July 17, 2023	6:23 pm	8:20 pm	8	CJ, CL, HP Gowlings
OPG Visitor’s Center Auditorium	July 20, 2023	6:12 PM	8:30 PM	6	CJ, HP, Gowlings Welch
Kawehnoke Recreation Centre	July 26, 2023	6:01 pm	8:45 pm	28	CJ, HP, CL, CER Gowlings Welch

REPORT FINDINGS

Community members present during the consultation process stated they would like to see the Community Settlement Coordinators final report and Gowlings's presentations made available to the community. It will be determined by Council how the consultation report is shared with community members.

It was also conveyed to the community that the Dundee Trust Agreement being drafted by Gowlings will require a Mohawk Council's Resolution for final approval to complete the Trust and continue implementation. Community Settlement Coordinator provided recommendations on at the end of this report and provided the following quotes to consider this as this process continues:

No experience is wasted unless you choose not to learn from it.

–so, there is plenty of room to learn from this first round of consultations

Don't seek to erase errors of the past; learn from them instead.

- the errors of the past, leave us the opportunity to not make the same mistake twice.

PROGRESS

A review of the Community Settlement Coordinator report with the Internal Technical Team, Advisors and Chief Roundpoint was held to formally review areas relevant to the written Trust Agreement document.

The consultation findings were provided to full Council for their review and usage.

FURTHER CONSULTATION CONSIDERATIONS

- Consultation will occur annually by a consultant to gain community priorities for the Trust after the Trust is established.
- Plans also include the development of an online survey with the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne Communications Unit for the priorities that have communicated in consultation thus far

TRUST IMPLEMENTATION

1. Paragraph by paragraph Trust Agreement review with the Internal Technical Team and Advisors to consider community comments and Council's input or on the comments presented at community consultation meetings.
2. Complete a report or review with Council on any inclusions from the Internal Technical Team into the Trust Agreement from community Questions, Comments and Recommendation's.
3. Finalize the Trust Agreement and obtain council approval via MCR to proceed with Trust implementation.

4. Selection of qualified Trust Trainer –followed with a contract of training timelines to be completed.
5. Coordination of the Internal Technical Team Trust Training – development of scope of training work to be done
6. Application development for interested community members.
7. Call out for interested Community Members for training purposes.
8. Establishment of the procedures on the vetting process for trust committee members, and selection criteria.
9. Training timeframe for community members will need to be coordinated and set.
10. Update and present at the General Meeting on the progress made thus far.

APPENDIX

KANATAKON RESULTS

Questions

1. What were the Dundee referendum results?

The Tsikaristisere/Dundee Claim Settlement Agreement Special Referendum results are pursuant to the Chief Referendum Officer's Statement of Results approved by Mohawk Council Resolution MCR# 2019/2020 - #302, dated January 13, 2020, as per Appendix A:

APPENDIX A

Tsikaristisere/Dundee Claim Settlement Agreement Special Referendum Regulation (the "Regulation")

Chief Referendum Officer's Statement of Results (Section 17.1 of the Regulation)

Number of Eligible Referendum Voters who Voted: 2,198

Number of VOID ballots: 3

Number of DECLINED ballots: 0

Number of REJECTED ballots: 1.

Number of DISALLOWED ballots: 0

Total number of Eligible Referendum Voters who cast valid ballots: 2,197.

Total number of valid 'YES' votes: 1,749

Total number of valid 'NO' votes: 448

The total number of Eligible Referendum Voters who cast valid ballots is 2,197, representing 28.1 % of the 7,818 Eligible Referendum Voters.

The total number of valid "YES" votes is 1,749, representing 79.6% of the valid ballots cast.

The total number of valid "NO" votes is 448, representing 20.4%, of the valid ballots cast.

Signed this 10 th day of December 2018 (signed by Chief Electoral Officer Leona Benedict)

2. Why is there a Chief from Council on the Internal Technical Team?

He serves as the link between the ITT/Advisors and the Council.

3. Where is the money now?

The Dundee monies currently sit in an investment account, the current amount is \$245,000 million.

4. Did you consider combing the old trust with the new trust?

No, the council chose to use a new trust model.

5. How can the community access the funds?

The Council will predominantly control how the interest is spent based on Council community priorities.

6. Is Council the only one's to use the money?

'Yes' –but nothing prohibits the Council from putting monies aside for a community call-out.

7. Posting the Dundee Settlement Agreement on the MCA Website.

The Mohawks of Akwesasne Tsikaristisere/Dundee Claim Settlement Agreement is already posted on the MCA website.

8. Is Mohawk Council of Akwesasne credit worthy?

Yes.

9. Trust Committee: Is 2x's/year enough to report back to the community?

Yes twice a year is sufficient.

10. How much money does Canada give to address these areas?

11. How much money will we need to address this on new land purchases and development?

This amount varies and depends on where the land is purchased and what the land will be used for.

12. Is there a possibility that this could be written into the trust agreement that the trust guarantees loans for community projects?

Yes, there is a possibility to provide loan guarantees for MCA community projects.

13. Community bucket list of proposals –how do they access \$\$\$?

Council will access the funds through proposals for community priorities and it will be council's discretion to do community managed projects.

14. Will there be a call-out for Trustees?
Yes.

15. What will be in place for outside of the sports realm, like theatre arts, and for post secondary education funding?

Priorities will be defined in the community consultation annually for the Trust

Comments

- Suggest including Dundee referendum results in the presentation.
- Trust composition – 5 recommended – odd # preferred.
- The goal is to always preserve the principal of the trust money in perpetuity.
- Community Member concerned that this is a land mine waiting to go off, if only Council can determine how the monies are spent.
- Sole source on the logo – don't get caught up in having to pay everyone or doing a contest. – Advised we will be looking to sole source the logo for the Trust Committee.
- Housing needs are high but no land.
- Bridge Financing – Bridge financing, often in the form of a bridge loan, is an interim financing option used by companies and other entities to solidify their short-term position until a long-term financing option can be arranged. Bridge financing normally comes from an investment bank or venture capital firm in the form of a loan or equity investment.
- Land Acquisition: Development and Management, infrastructure will also be needed.
- Perhaps put into your presentation to show the community, what we get now for these areas.
- Financial Advisors are a part of this, investments are plus (+) or minus (-) per year based on the economy.
- Community Survey –seek Nation Building input.
- Remove Mohawk Council of Akwesasne in the reporting relationship**
- The Investment Manager handles the day-to-day investments.
- Trustees will be under the Ontario Trustees Act

Recommendations

- Determine if we should put the entire Dundee settlement agreement on the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne Website where community and committee can find it?
- Request Dundee Trust Committee Report be available to Community Members reporting on where the money is being invested.

- Investment ethics – ensure something is in place and land control mechanisms.
- Provide a snapshot of the current community needs to include:
 - Where is money coming in from to address our current needs?
 - Where is the current funding's available from the gov't or other resources being spent?
 - What are the true community needs.
- Ensure a CPIC for the Trustees is done on both sides of the border.
- Community Comprehensive Plan should be looked at by Council and used.
- Include an obligations on Council clause or section, to ensure monies are used accordingly.
- Set up booths where Community Members can stop by and speak to Internal Technical Team and Council with their ideas.

Recommended Priorities

- New Fire Hall
- Bridge from St. to Tsi Snaihne
- Reliable power source
- Native North American Travelling College – needs to become a priority with some funding.
- Culture and Language Preservation
- Powwow needs support.
- Elders – Sweetgrass Manor could use some love on the building.
- Youth – Educational opportunities

Recommended Priorities (paper submission)

- Sustainable land use planning and development
- Protection and conversation of ecologically and culturally significant areas
- Sustainable energy sovereignty – development and management
- Language, culture, heritage revitalization and return to land-based learning and living
- Mental Health, spirituality and connections to traditional values and our natural environment

TSI SNAIHNE RESULTS

Questions

- 1. *Where is Council, why aren't they here?***
It had been earlier explained to those in attendance that there was one member of Council on the ITT, however he was not available to attend tonight's session.
- 2. *Are there any handouts?***
Not currently.
- 3. *Can you provide a handout?***
Not at this time, we will work on getting out something soon as the PPT presentation is being modified, we will work to get it to the community.
- 4. *Sec. 3.1 Settlement Agreement requirements –compensation balance –what does that mean?***
We had to pay back the loans to Canada during the negotiations, the new balance became \$237 Million approximately.
- 5. *Is it only the interest that can be used?***
Yes, but some of the principal can be used to purchase land.
- 6. *What are the costs for infrastructure?***
Not currently available

7. ***Will there be an opportunity to use this money for Community Members to purchase land?***
There will be opportunity for the Trust to set aside some of the interest monies for the Property Acquisition Team (TEAM) to acquire lands for community use.
8. ***Is the Trust Administrator a paid position?***
Yes
9. ***Where will the monies come from?***
From the interest of the Trust annual budget.
10. ***Why can't we get the Additions to Reserve done quicker, someone needs to investigate this?***
11. ***Does Mohawk Council of Akwesasne have to pass an MCR to approve spending?***
Yes
12. ***What law is applicable to this trust?***
Ontario Trust Law
13. ***Why is the money in Ont. and not in Que., the land is in Que.?***
The money is with a Canadian Investment Firm.
14. ***Can a clause be written into the Trust Agreement regarding: the Trust Committee policy and procedures, where the community beneficiaries have a say in these internal Policy and Procedures?***
Not likely.
15. ***Why are we paying taxes?***
We are making every effort to minimize any type of tax burden.
16. ***What adjustment is made when we lose money?***
You lost value. Any adjustment made would be at the advice of your advisor.
17. ***Can we make it for only purchasing Que. Lands?***
No, the Dundee Settlement Agreement outlines the Ontario and Quebec Selection Areas.
18. ***Why can't Mohawk Council of Akwesasne buy lands from within Akwesasne, so we could use to build housing?***
The Dundee Settlement Agreement allows new purchases within the claims area, which it puts it into the Additions to Reserve process.
19. ***Can we ensure that under qualifications or when the checks and balances are done on the Trustees that 'Nefarious origins' is investigated.***
The Trustees must meet strict requirements before being appointed.
20. ***Can we bridge finance a loan for our new fire hall?***
No, Trustee decision will need to determine if that is possible.
21. ***Can the 1st year of interest be spent on community priorities?***
Yes.
22. ***How can we put mechanisms in place that it is not all Council's disbursements?***
The funds flow through the MCA for projects that align with community priorities.
23. ***How is Mohawk Council of Akwesasne going to solicit Community Consultation on the process of all of this in establishing priorities?***
MCA will hire a consultant to do community consultations on community priorities, annually.
24. ***Land purchases – capital used to buy?***
Land purchases can utilize capital of the Trust.
25. ***Will ATIPP apply to Community Member's who want to obtain information on the Trust reports?***
It depends on what reports are being requested.
26. ***What if Council doesn't spend the money as designated for?***

Community Members see the annual audit of Trust Allocations which should reflect the spending.

27. What if they don't report on the expenditures?

This trust audit will be posted annually on the Members portal (in development).

28. Can the capital be spent on Land Purchases?
Yes

29. Can the money be applied for mega infrastructure like a low-level bridge between St.-Tsi Snaihne-Yellow Island?

The agreement could allow for various funding opportunities for a variety of projects.

Comments

- It was expressed by Community Member that there is disappointment in the current Akwesasne Settlement Trust and how it is run.
- Length of term on this trust needs to be looked at.
- Compensation is an issue, considering the current Trust in place, Community Settlement Trust.
- Community Member does not agree with the 5 Trustee number .
- Look at 15% of interest to be used for bridge financing projects.
- Provide for one Trustee to be approved by the community.
- The money should be more people oriented.
- When the market is down building the principal in where no % is reinvested.
- Residency on the Trust Committee – what do we want to see?
- The Internal Technical Team will be part of the selection process.

Recommendations

- Create a trust for elders to put monies aside.
- Bridge financing be built into this agreement so that we can assist with the Fire Department.
- That the 5 Trustees are from the Canadian side.
- That the Trust Administrator be paid from Council's monies.
- Suggested a Community Appointment process.
- Survey the use of the land and development.
- The Trustees compensation needs to be addressed and approved by Council.
- That the 'Trustees' be an elected position by community.
- Give the money to the community to culture and language.
- Show the percentage to add to the bottom line to be invested –we must continue to grow the principal.
- That Mohawk Council of Akwesasne is not allowed to use the money.
- Equal distribution on priorities and projects.

Recommended Priorities

- Fire Hall, one Community Member even asked by show of hands how many wanted the new Fire Hall to be the priority.
- Culture and Language
- Power-Electrical (Substation)
- Road from Chapman with a bridge to Quebec.
- Buy land in Quebec.
- Staffing for the 3 community Recreation Centers, so we can get activities other than sports, like the Arts and Theatre.
- Youth Services and Mental Health
- Assign a percentage to the priorities based on need.
- Like 5-10 or 20% will be assigned to_____
- Emergency Measures
- Infrastructure here on the reservation needs to be looked at to expand.
- Multi Medical Unit –hospital and ambulance

SOUTHERN PORTION - RESULTS

Questions

1. **Why did they include past Ormstown?**
2. **How often will the Trust Committee reports come out to the community?**
The Trustees will report to the community twice a year on the general status of the Trust.
3. **Can the Trust Committee include in their annual report if they are getting pressured by the political body? (question unclear – need more context)**
4. **Does infrastructure include roads?**
Yes
5. **Has there been a thought given to solar energy?**
Yes, it falls under the Green Energy Priority.
6. **We have a lot of homelessness, where does that fall under?**
Both social welfare and housing.
7. **Are all the meetings the same?**
As we've gone along, we've made minor tweaks to the presentations, all comments, questions, recommendations are being recorded and will be included in report to ITT/Advisors and Council.
8. **Who should determine what a long-term benefit is? The Trustees or the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne –Council?**
It will be a collaborative effort based on community priorities.
9. **Are there any restrictions on this trust committee communicating with the current Community Settlement Trust Committee**
They are two separate entities.
10. **If a Trustee takes ill, is there a replacement?**
The Trust Agreement manages the subject of a vacancy by appointment of an interim Trustee.
11. **Will the Trust be for all – no borders?**
The Trust will manage the funds for the benefit of the Mohawks of Akwesasne, as per the Dundee Settlement Agreement.
12. **Will the funding allocation be the interest?**
Yes
13. **Who is responsible for the infrastructure on any new lands purchased in the Dundee area?**
Mohawk Council of Akwesasne will be responsible for any new lands purchased and the infrastructure.
14. **What are the current tax assessments on the properties in Quebec?**
15. **Are we responsible for taxes?**
Lands purchased off reserve are not tax exempt.
16. **Will the trust be available to all Akwesasne?**
The Trust will manage the funds for the benefit of the Mohawks of Akwesasne, as per the Dundee Settlement Agreement.
17. **How much will it cost to establish and know our priorities?**
It depends on the consulting costs to do the community consultation on community priorities.

Comments

- Clarification on the Gowlings presentation slide page 20: bullet: Has not been convicted of an indictable offence; will be adding: “or charged”, if a trustee has been charged while serving, they will be asked to step down until they are cleared, if the person is cleared, he/she can return to being on the Trust Committee.
- Other income threshold should be considered for home solar energy needs, they use on the southern portion.
- Include a box for Alternate Energy Sources
- Dundee will be an operational burden on Council.
- The Comprehensive Community Plan (CCP) needs to be looked at, used, and updated.
- Outstanding obligations in the development of the priority list –perhaps we should hold off for a bit until we know our priorities. **Because we need a good plan in place when we start buying up lands!!**
- Ensure if community survey is done, there is multiple ways for the community to complete the survey.

Priorities Paper Submissions

- Solar power (energy) for all
- Water/sewage
- Transportation for buses for community members
- Tax assessment if we buy back land.

CORNWALL – RESULTS

Questions

- 1. *Other than land purchases, you can't use for anything else?***
Other priorities are allowed besides land purchase, including the community priorities.
- 2. *How do you define consultation?***
- 3. *What do you think of a number or percentage being set on consultation?***
A threshold will not be set at this time.
- 4. *Will membership proposals go to Council for consideration? Like for a fire truck or fire house?***
Community priorities are defined every year through community consultation and the Mohawk Council of Awkesasne can do a callout for proposals if it chooses.
- 5. *Is that the final categories?***
More or less
- 6. *Do the Trustees have to live on reserve?***
No
- 7. *The slide with the 's, does it create for another department within Mohawk Council of Akwesasne to deal with this?***
No
- 8. *Who selects the Trustees?***
The Internal Technical Team will review and recommend to Council, Council will then appoint.
- 9. *Which is the status card list?***
- 10. *Who determines what a long-term benefit is? The Trustees or Council?***
The purpose of the trust is identified by the projects, initiatives and programs that benefit the Beneficiaries of the Trust and are long term in nature.

Comments

- We need a community exercise to be presented on the current money coming into Council and how it is being spent.
- Don't let Council off on their fiduciary responsibilities the monies go above what we get from the government.
- Capacity in the context of the Trust Agreement
- A consultation standard needs to be balanced.
- Communications: there are different methods of consultations, meetings are good, but you need other ways to consult.
- Social media, survey, other mediums like the Tribes members only portal, only members can participate.
- Define 'member' in this Trust Agreement.
- Should vary the hours of these presentations, like in the day and afternoon, earlier.
- You need to get the younger 30-year-olds, use FB live, you tube, Akwesasne TV, do a live streaming session.
- Considered doing a video to also help with the survey.

Priorities to Consider

- Housing with sustainable materials.
- Help the elders with their affairs, like wills.
- Electricity issues, consider green energy.
- With the energy projects, consider doing incentives for community members to buy into it.
- Infrastructure

Cornwall - Paper submissions:

- Tsi Snaihne– Fire Hall
- What part of the funds can be used for community improvement? Housing, parks, sidewalks are desperately needed.
- Infrastructure: roads, streetlights, recreation development-youth, expand and new Sr. facilities, subdivision development, enhance the arena.
- Health facilities: Office campus, equipment
- Environment: Area development/parks/water
- Education: facilities, busses, garage
- Land Reinvestments
- Church and program development
- Friendship center/program development – Cornwall
- Housing for the natives in Cornwall

KAWEHNOKE – RESULTS

Questions

- 1. Where will your report go?**
The report will go to Council.
- 2. Has a review of the Community Settlement Trust (CST) been done? Can an annual report on expenditures on proposals submitted be done?**
It is not for the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne or the Internal Technical Team to answer on the management of the Akwesasne Community Settlement Trust.
- 3. Who will maintain the land, you will have taxes to pay and development costs?**
Mohawk Council of Akwesasne
- 4. Can you add a box for agriculture?**
It could go under the categories of environment, culture, and economic development.
- 5. Who is on the Internal Technical Team?**
The Internal Technical Team is comprised of: the Claims Settlement Coordinator, Heather

Phillips, Director of Department of Finance and Administration, Cheyenne Lazore, Acting manager of ARRO, Cactus Sunday, Director of Justice, Donna Roundpoint, Acting Executive Director and Chief Edward Roundpoint as the liaison, with the Advisors.

6. Was the 2016 community consultation plan used?

Yes

7. Will those boxes turn political? Referring to the slide that shows the boxes of where the monies could be prioritized under.

8. How do we keep the internal business of Council of ethics in check?

9. How do we prevent Council from changing a proposal, ex: New cars needed for a program, they need a pinto but get a caddy?

10. Whose idea is it to reinvent the wheel?

Council presented the option with this money at the Tsi Snaihne General meeting, they then followed up at the Council table with the decision to go with the trust.

11. What is the current interest rate that this money is getting?

That is hard to say as there are 60-80 investments, and it depends on what they are in.

12. Why can't this money be put into the current Trust?

Council made a decision a decision to create a new trust.

13. Will have the Trustees have any power if something is not getting funded?

14. How long will it take to fix the issues with Hydro Quebec? Not applicable.

15. Who 'drafts' the report that must be done by Mohawk Council of Akwesasne?

A consultant will be hired by Mohawk Council of Akwesasne to do community consultation

on community priorities annually. A report will be drafted and submitted to council.

16. How much money do we put into education, language?

This question is more relevant to the MCA annual budget presentation.

17. The box that was removed with Rights based issues needs to be put back.

Indigenous rights is on the list of purposes of the Trust.

18. How many land claims need to be filed still?

15 potentially are waiting to be filed.

19. Please clarify the point of the Trustee Committee is to watch Mohawk Council of Akwesasne.

The Trustees are to administer the Trust Funds.

20. Can a clause be put into the document to give trustees/Council to move investments from risky or loss to a safer investment when it begins to lose value rapidly?

Any adjustment made would be at the advice of the investment advisor.

21. Ex. If investment loses \$500,000 in a 6-month period, then can move to a safer investment to prevent depletion of trust.

Any adjustment made would be at the advice of the investment advisor.

22. What safety is built in to prevent, say 10% lose within a year?

Any adjustment made would be at the advice of the investment advisor.

23. Is Dundee settlement worded so that only principle from trust can be used to purchase land to enter Additions to Reserve? Or can community members use own money to purchase Dundee land and enter Additions to Reserve?

The MCA has the ability to access the income or capital of the trust to purchase land.

24. ***In Tsi Snaihne when discussing principle in trust, a loan was mentioned to build fire house and not paying for it all at once, but rather borrow with loans and use interest earned from the trust to secure a loan.***
25. ***Has the current Trust been reviewed? Any consideration to put the Dundee into the current Trust?***
The MCA has chosen to create a new Trust for the proceeds of the Dundee Settlement Agreement.
26. ***What other options exist besides a trust?***
Limited Liability Partnership (LLP).
27. ***Who owns land when enter Additions to Reserve, who pays the property taxes?***
The MCA purchases the land on behalf of the members and enters the land into the Additions to Reserve Process.
28. ***What happens to land in Dundee, once purchased by the Trust?***
The MCA must purchase the land utilizing the income or capital of the Trust Property.
29. ***Does the land become a Trust asset?***
No, the land is an MCA owned property, which may enter the Addition to Reserve process.
30. ***Will the money go into the existing Community Settlement Trust?***
No.
31. ***How will Dundee money be used to fully benefit the community?***
Community consultation will be done annually to identify community priorities.
32. ***Does the Trust Agreement have to comply with the FAL?***
Yes, we built some references into the Trust Agreement under certain provisions.
33. ***When the Trust Committee is set up, who creates their policies?***
34. ***Trust Administrator with the Investment Management advisors.***
35. ***How old do you need to be a Trustee?***
18 years and over.
36. ***What mechanism is put in place to meet the 25%? MRP met the 25%, leave it at 25%.***
This not applicable to the Trust.
37. ***Is this the standard law in the Trust Agreement terms?***
Yes, the lawyer answered as they work on Trust Agreement documents.
38. ***How do we know if they're doing a good job on policy?***
Accountabilities are put into the Trust Agreement.
39. ***Are we working on our own Akwesasne Additions to Reserve process?***
Yes

Comments

- Create our own real estate office – develop one for ourselves.
- The Additions to Reserve sue Canada if they don't work w/us and get the Additions to Reserve done in 2 years.
- Community Questions/Comments/Recommendations and Open Discussion
- Create a better process on the land.
- 2008 OPG/Cairn Island is in progress since then for Additions to Reserve. The Block 1 took 22 years.
- Seaway claim includes Stanley Island, which the Additions to Reserve has not started, it's not completed yet.
- Need to begin to think globally.

- The 25% you mentioned of all ‘eligible members’ is that realistic to obtain. The membership Code is being looked at to use the proper wording.
- Community Settlement Trust, they are still Mohawk Council of Akwesasne Council proposals that are still funded.
- An Ombudsman could help in this area.
- Community Long Term Plan
- The electrical infrastructure is impacted and will only get worse. We need to take control of our own electrical, create a community owned electrical co-op, \$30 million get set aside/self fund.
- Solar farms –Economic Development 1000 acres = ___ megawatts, connect to the community.
- Use to leverage other funds.
- Amendments to the Agreement 5 years is a long time to wait, no flexibility on the trust interest.
- Why so conservative
- 25% you’ll never get it. It’s too high, you need to think about this!
- Housing is a real problem here, build homes for people, build a senior’s residence, apartments.
- All energy projects need to be looked at.
- We need to make sure there is equality, example language getting funded.
- The box should say: The Advancement of Language/Culture/Heritage - money is needed here.
- The Community Settlement Trust request for proposals is driven based on the community priorities set via communications with the community.
- The Arena needs to be upgraded and the seats put back in, sick of sitting on the hard concrete.
- The 25% is unrealistic on ‘eligible voters’, consider using an actual number or lower the threshold. ‘Eligible voters’ off reserve can’t participate, use the term ‘registered member’ under the Membership Code.
- Support to our non-profit cultural organizations need to be given.
- Invest in our people, our younger ones too.

Recommendations

- Set a priority under language/culture, the Internal Technical Team needs to consider this be written into the Trust Agreement.
- Make sure you have a microphone at the next meeting, elders’ comment.

Written submissions

- Don’t add Dundee monies into the other community trust. The other trust can only be accessed if you know how to write a proposal. Dundee land trust should spend the money that benefits us by giving our opinions and needs into account by consultation and vote.
- Land acquisition should be the focus with trust interest funds.
- Buying land, educate/train own members in real estate, land surveyors, and anything that helps us meet the main goal of buying land.
- Make a priority of buying land and speed up the Additions to Reserve process.
- Like to see progress each year toward main priority of buying land and Additions to Reserve.
- Housing is still a great need despite other funding. Let’s not fund things that are already funded by other trust fund. No housing like apartments is being built in Akwesasne today. Members must move off the rez. Current home loans are not enough to build. More and increased amount of loans is needed.
- I’d like to see medical services be offered on territory. Medical facility that offers dialysis, x-rays, ultrasound. Medical services that take us currently a year to get done (sometimes).
- Use interest funds towards other outstanding land claims, train and hire our own people.
- The money set aside for future cost analysis of a 4th District and infrastructure and services required for the next 50-100 years. Ability to

ensure hard working families and individuals are given priority for land purchase versus rich millionaire/billionaires/smugglers/dealers.

- Would like to see a budget for housing created from Trust for septic's to be paid for all new houses, along with water connection – Tribe, does it?! Also, money to housing for loans for houses!
- Preservation of language, culture, and heritage. Funding support of the Native North American Travelling College. Showcase culture, provide space for traditional activities, arts, crafts, dances, songs and language preservation and story telling for future generations. A place for community gatherings and engagement. Foster and strengthen a sense of community, interactions provide opportunities for networking, sharing life experiences and exchange knowledge from generation to generation.
- Education programs, workshops to teach history to raise awareness and appreciation on Indigenous culture.

- Economic opportunities to showcase our local artists, crafts, and products to generate income.
- Healing and Wellness, traditional ceremonies, healing practices (song) (dance) promote a healthy community.
- Native North American Travelling College is a known place for culture, travelling troupe, museum. It is a not for profit and desperately needs community support rightfully for now and future generations.
- Elder email received: I would like to add that we need to invest in our people to go to university to become health professionals and doctors. We need to establish our top rate health facility that can be responsive and active in our community with all the diseases and illnesses that have developed. Right now, people are waiting for long-term to get testing results in treatment. Some of this has caused fatalities due to delays of treatment.



Mohawk Council of Akwesasne

PRESENTS

The Special Needs Fund
Policy

ABOUT US

The AMBE “At Risk Committee” recognized a need for Special Needs support within the community, This lead to the establishment of the Special Needs Committee. This committee subsequently devised and put into action the policy enabling Akwesasne Families to access the Special Needs Fund implemented by MCR #2005/06-223 (January 10, 2006).

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne (MCA) established a Special Needs Fund in response to a growing demand from community members who have family members with special needs. The fund was initially used for financial assistance to purchase special needs devices. These devices were those who had congenital birth defects, acquired disabilities and people who needed adaptive living devices.

On February 12, 2008, Council ratified MCR #2007/08-303, appointing membership of the Special Needs Committee, their mandate, and a process for individuals and families to apply for funding.

By April 2009, the limit on contribution for any one individual increased from \$5,000.00 to \$75,000.00 due to the nature and costs of devices and services.

By February 2010, the number and reasons for funding requests had become more than what the funding was able to cover. The Committee decided to review these requests and re-consider the process.

Since the fund was established, it was assumed and expected that all other sources of funding for special needs had been exhausted. However, a consulting report showed that families did not know where else to go for funding. Furthermore, MCA employees were not aware of all the sources available.

May 29, 2023 - MCR 2023/2024 # 103 was approved and replaced the MCR #2019-2020 #152 - This would change the age limit 0-30 years of age to 0-death and the addition of consent to apply for funding through Jordan’s Principle where appropriate.

June 5, 2023 - implemented the change of the age limit and consent to access the Special Needs Fund.

PROCESS

1

- READ THE POLICY
- FILL OUT THE APPLICATION
- SUBMIT WITH SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS (IF APPLICABLE)

2

- COMMITTEE WILL REVIEW (SHOULD THE APPLICATIONS REQUEST BE APPROVED POLICY EXPENSES)
- COMMITTEE WILL APPROVE OR DENY APPLICATION
- COMMITTEE WILL SEND AN ACCEPTANCE OR DENIAL LETTER

3

IF APPLICANT IS ACCEPTED:

- PAPERWORK IS SUBMITTED TO FINANCE FOR REVIEW (please note: this is at least a two week wait period)

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- COMMITTEE UPDATES THE APPLICANT VIA PHONE OR EMAIL IF PREFERRED

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- COMMITTEE NOTIFIES APPLICANT OF CHECK PICK UP OR EFT SENT

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- APPLICATION IS FILED AWAY

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

COSTS	ANNUAL MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE, PENDING FUND AVAILABILITY
ASSISTED DEVICES	
EQUIPMENT/REPAIR	100% TO A MAXIMUM OF \$15,000.00
SERVICES	
THERAPEUTIC EDUCATION (O/T, P/T)	100% TO A MAXIMUM OF \$5,000.00
ASSESSMENT	100% TO A MAXIMUM OF \$5,000.00
RESPITE CARE	100% TO A MAXIMUM OF \$20,000.00
TRAINING FOR CAREGIVERS	90% REGISTRATION COST UP TO A MAXIMUM OF \$1,000.00

***ALL FUNDS WILL BE PROVIDED OR PAID IN CANADIAN CURRENCY**

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE CON'T

SERVICES con't	
SUPPORT IN THE HOME	NOT COVERED
DRUG & ALCOHOL REHABILITATION	NOT COVERED
SUPPORTS	
MEALS	NOT COVERED
MEDICATIONS	NOT COVERED
SPECIAL DIETS	NOT COVERED
SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES	
*HOME ADAPTATION	75% OF COSTS UP TO A MAXIMUM OF \$25,000.00
*VEHICLE ADAPTION	75% OF COSTS UP TO A MAXIMUM OF \$10,000.00

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HOW TO APEAL:

The Special Needs Committee denies requests based on policy or lack of funds. Appeals to challenge the denial of benefits based on the applicant's belief that they, or the recipient they represent, require Special Needs benefits not covered.

Appeals will be received in the following areas;

- Assistive Devices | Services | Supports

Fund Appeal Procedure:

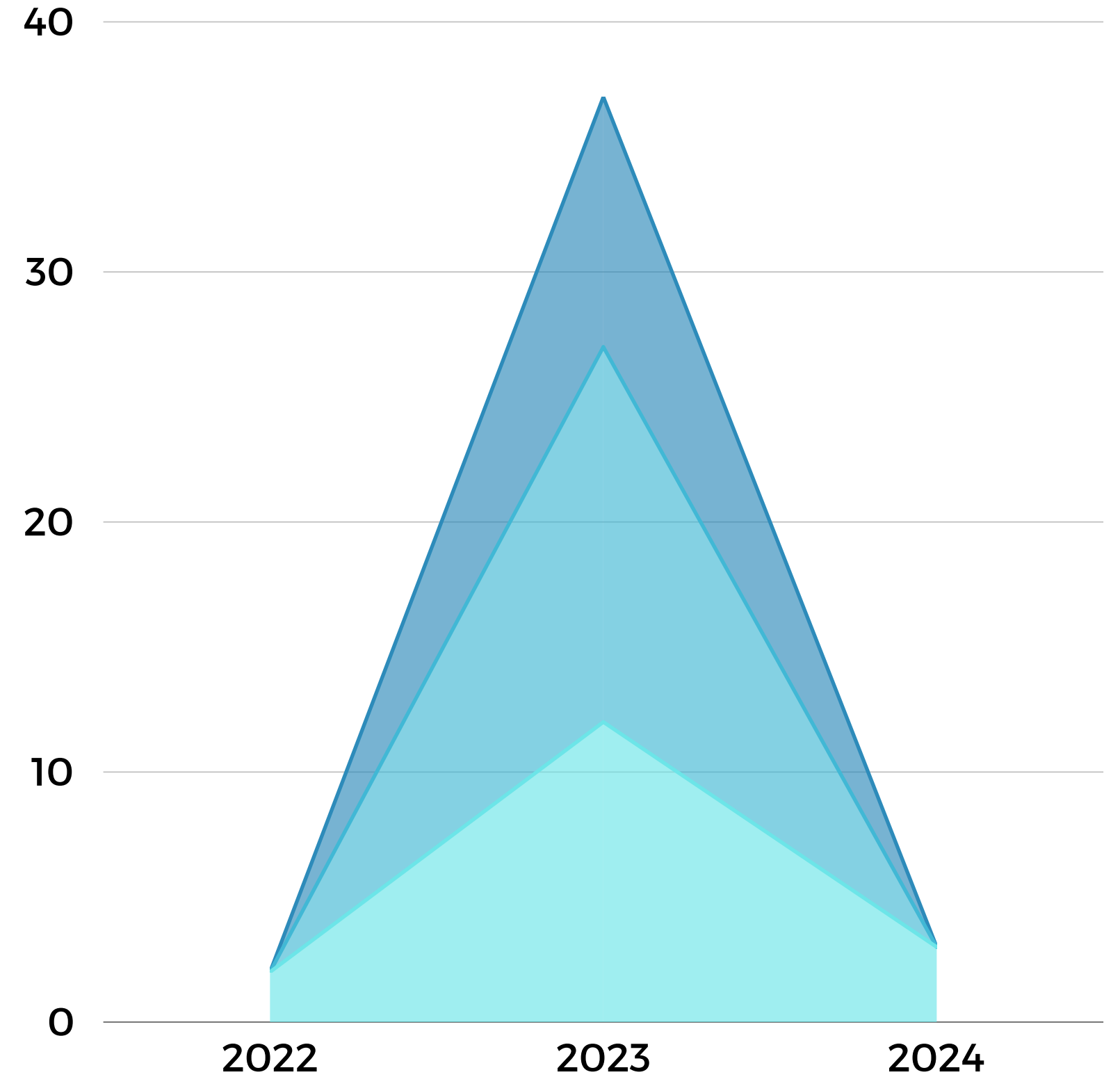
- Applicant completes for (SN Appeal-2011) All other necessary documentation should be in order and attached with the appeal.
- Appeal form (SN02-2011) is available through the Kanonhkwatsheri:io Receptionist or through the Department of Health (DOH) Administration Assistant.
- Submission of the appeal and appropriate documents can be delivered;
 - By hand: to DCSS Administration or to the DCSS Director of Community and Social Services
 - By Mail: addressed to DCSS Administration or DCSS Director, PO BOX 90, Akwesasne, QC H0M 1A0. In an envelope marked "Personal and Confidential"
- DCSS Administration will prepare appeal package and forward to DOH to present to Health Board for review and decision.
- The Department of Health will contact the applicant and Health Board members, by email, to arrange a meeting date. Privacy protection of records is the responsibility of the Director, Department of Health.
- DOH will inform the applicant and the Special Needs Committee of the Appeal Board's decision.
- The decision of the Appeal Board is final and conclusive.
- All discussions and facts relevant to the case will be documented and placed in the case files in the DCSS Office. All correspondence to the parties in the Appeal will be kept on record.

APPLICATION SUBMITTED

2022 - 2 approvals

2023 - 37 approvals | 5 denials

2024 - 3 approvals





CONNECT WITH US

July 2024

Special Needs Committee will be participating in the “Kitchen Table Discussions” in conjunction with the Department of Health.

- Exact date will be sent out on MCA facebook page

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The Department of Health

Our vision is to shape a healthier future through reciprocity with our community.

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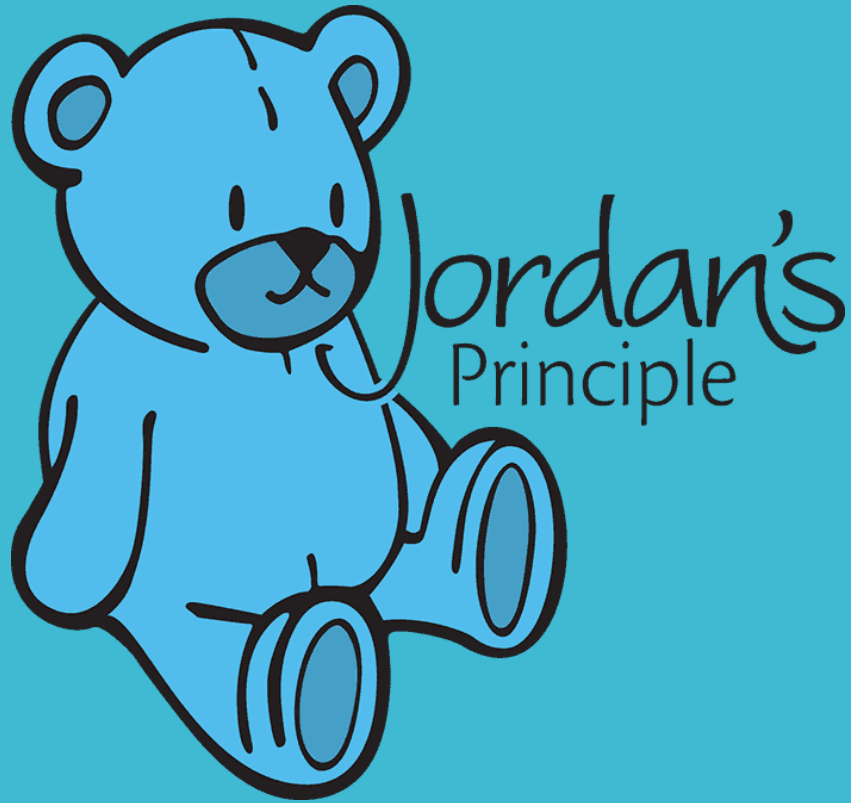
Chief Vanessa Adams

Chief Julie Phillips-Jacobs



Mission

The Department of Health believes the community is essential to health; emphasizing that the people themselves are the medicine that is vital for our collective well-being. We value all perspectives by encouraging open communication and active listening. By respecting elders and planning for our youth, we recognize everyone's role in achieving health goals. We are dedicated to supporting those in need, embracing our diversity, and providing high-quality services while creating a culture centered on continuous healing, wellness, and health.



This logo is often used as the Jordan's Principle logo, created and endorsed by First Nations Family and Child Caring Society. The Society stood strong in advocating for social reform to address the inequities for First Nation Children.

Jordan River Anderson's family, First Nation Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs and health care providers began to advocating to the governments to place children first and provide the care they need.

**Sector Two
Community Health Services**

**Jordan's Principle
A Child-First Approach**

**Ensuring Equitable Access to
Services for Akwesasne's Children**

A young boy with dark hair is lying in a hospital bed, looking down with a sad expression. He is wearing a white hospital gown. The background is dark and out of focus.

The Story of Jordan River Anderson

- Jordan River Anderson was a young boy from the Norway House Cree Nation in Manitoba, Canada. He was born in 1999 with multiple disabilities and required medical care from a very young age. Jordan spent more than two years in the hospital while the provincial and federal governments disputed over who should pay for his at-home care because he was a First Nations child.
- Tragically, Jordan never got the chance to live in a family home because of these jurisdictional disputes, and he passed away in the hospital at the age of five without ever spending a day in his community.
- In response to this situation, Jordan's Principle was established to prevent such an occurrence from happening again. It asserts that when there's a dispute between federal and provincial governments over the costs of services for First Nations children, the government entity first contacted should pay for the services. The costs can be sorted out later, ensuring that the child does not suffer in the meantime.
- Jordan's Principle aims to affirm the rights of First Nations children to access the same services as other children, regardless of jurisdictional disagreements. It ensures they receive government-funded services when needed and that those services are culturally appropriate. The goal is to prevent gaps in services due to bureaucratic disputes, ensuring equitable care and support for First Nations children.

What is Jordan's Principle?

Definition: Jordan's Principle is a commitment to ensure that First Nations children receive the services they require in a timely manner.

Purpose: To guarantee that governmental and jurisdictional boundaries do not delay or prevent First Nations children from accessing the Health, Social, Educational and Cultural services they are entitled to.

Who is Eligible?

All Registered First Nation children under 18

First Nation children entitled to be registered, under the Indian Act, as amended from time to time

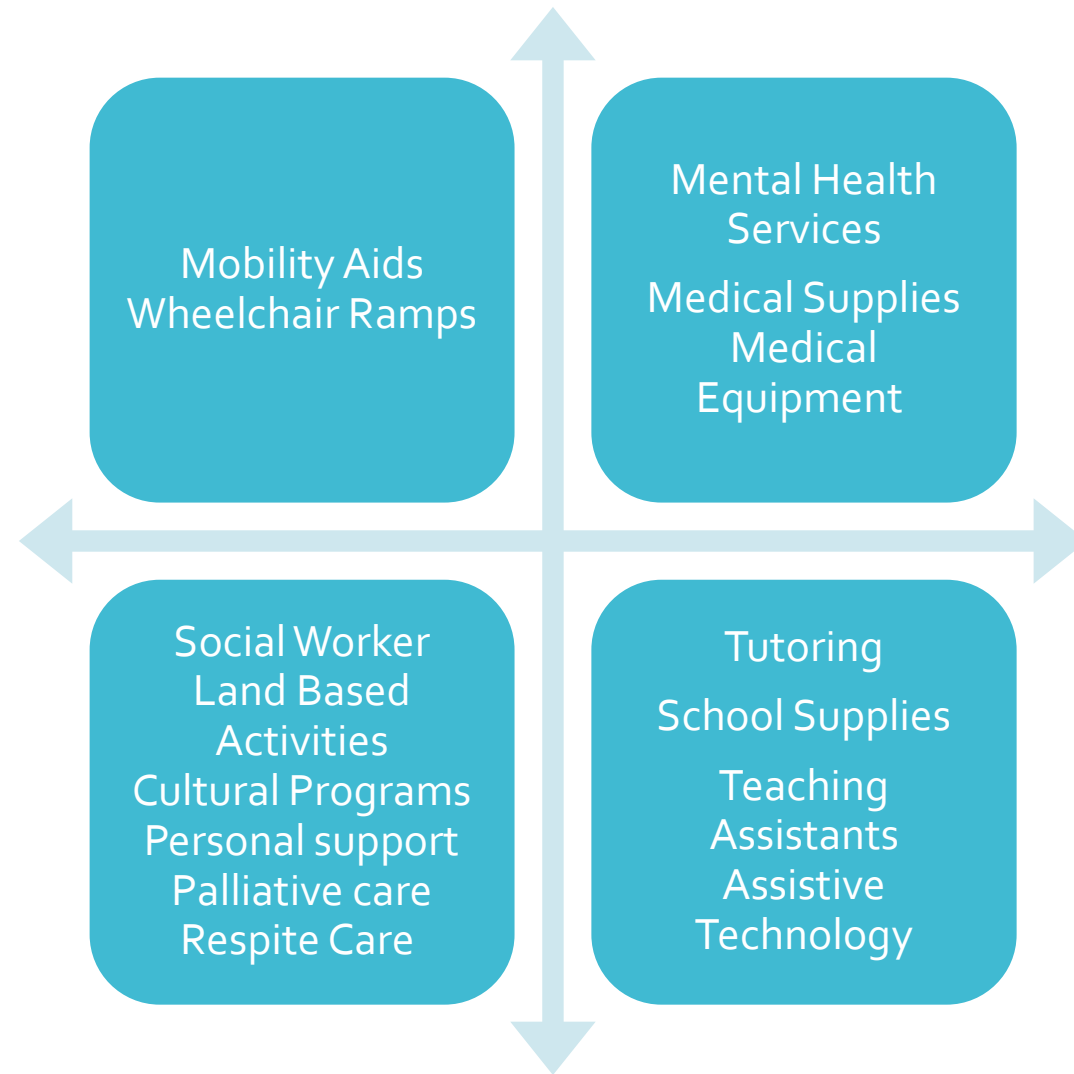
First Nation children who have one parent/guardian who is registered or eligible to be registered under the Indian Act; and

Living on or off reserve, with at least one parent/guardian eligible under the Indian Act

What are the services covered?

Health
Social
Cultural
Education

Anything that can enhance a child's Education, Health, Social or Cultural needs.



Eligibility to Apply Under Jordan's Principle

Who Can Apply?

Family Members

Elders, parents, grandparents, and guardians caring for a First Nation child.

Self-Application

First Nations children over the age of 16 can apply for themselves.

Service Providers

Teachers, doctors, case workers.

Jordan's Principle Specific Roles

Case managers or navigators.

Community Service Groups

Organizations providing youth services under Jordan's Principle.

Where can I apply?

Indigenous Services Canada

- **Mode of Communication:** All applications, procurements, and communications are conducted online and through email.
- **Payment Process:** Includes vendor payments and reimbursements, which may experience longer wait times due to processing.

Independent First Nations

- **Mode of Communication:** Operations are conducted online, via phone, or email, without an office setting.
- **Payment Process:** Approvals are paid either directly through IFN or by the parent/guardian, with reimbursements processed back through IFN.

Mohawk Council of Akwesasne

- **Mode of Communication:** Face-to-face interactions in an office setting.
- **Payment Process:** Most procurements are handled directly through MCA; parents/guardians have the option not to pay upfront.

Intake Submission & Procurement

Application Form

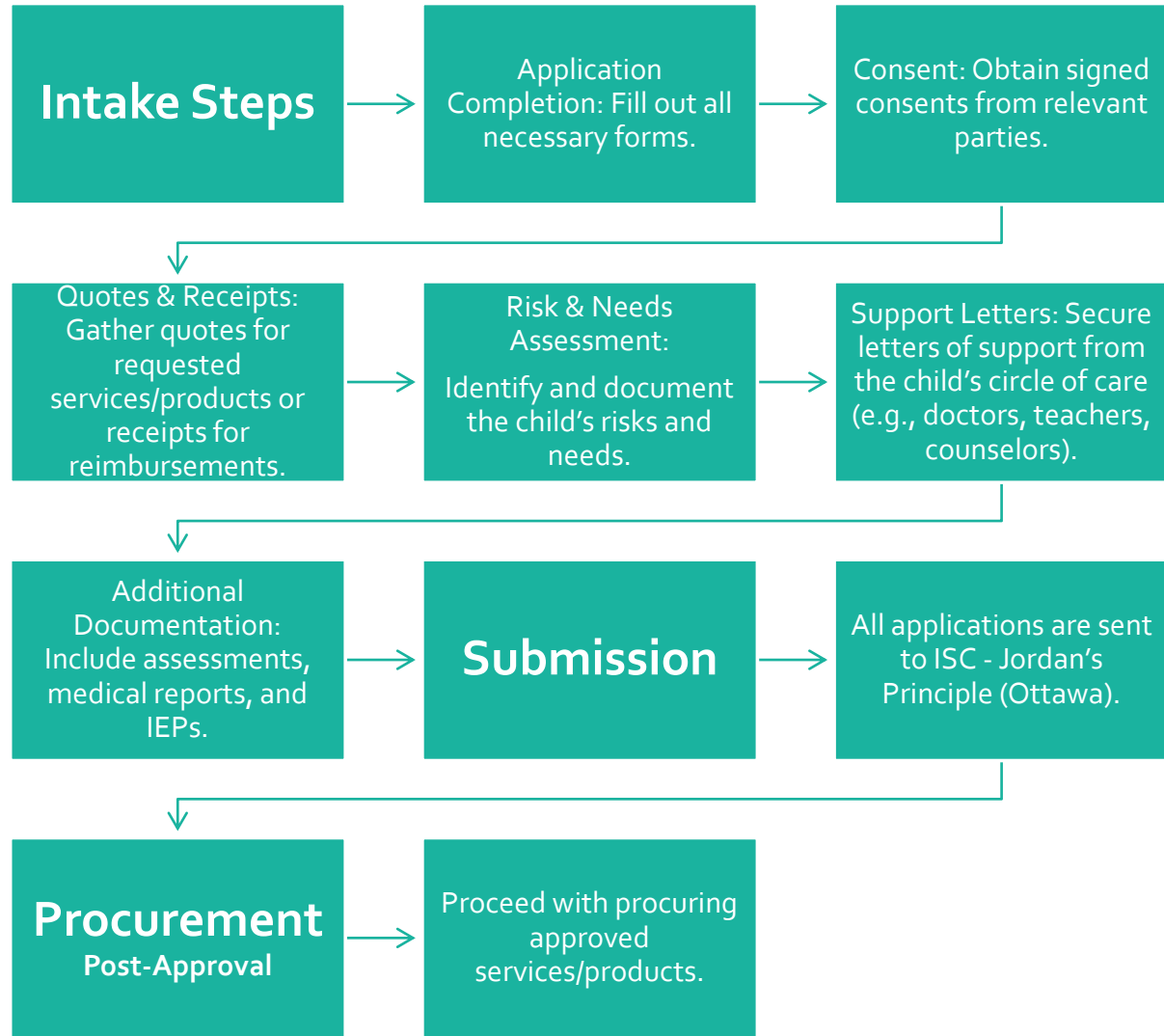
Consent Form

Quotes & Receipts

Risks & Needs

Letters of Support

Assessments, Med Reports, IEPs



Key Points on Application Process

Approval Not Guaranteed	Applications are subject to review and are not automatically approved.
Review Process	ISC — Jordan's Principle evaluates each application to decide on approval or denial.
Program Utilization	Applicants are encouraged to utilize other available programs and services first.
Advocacy	With parental/guardian consent, we advocate for the child with other MCA programs/services.
Privacy	We uphold strict confidentiality to protect the privacy of children involved in applications.
Emergency Situations	Applications concerning health and safety are prioritized and treated with immediate attention.

Application Stats

Total Sent to ISC: 206

Decisions: 101

Pending: 105

**94 approvals with
\$710,322.03 funded**

19 partials for national review

7 denials

Presentations and Outreach

Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe

Tribal Vocational

Rehabilitation Program

Salmon River Special Needs

Committee

MCA Early Years Staff

School Discussions in

Cornwall: Targeted support
for First Nations children

Networks & Partnerships

Indigenous Services Canada

Independent First Nations –

Jordan's Principle

Local Vendors & Service

Providers in Cornwall, SD&G,

Ottawa

Mohawk Council of Akwesasne

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FY 2023-24

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Bear Witness Day



May 10, 2024

At Kana:takon

Recreation

From 3:00-7:00 p.m.

Social hosted by NNATC

Travel Troop

Belly Buttons the Clown

Bear Crafts

Light Supper provided

Celebrated annually on May 10, we recognize Bear Witness Day to honour Jordan River Anderson's life and legacy and to raise awareness for Jordan's Principle. The Government of Canada was ordered to implement the full scope and meaning of Jordan's Principle by May 10, 2016. Jordan's Principle is a child-first initiative and legal rule named in memory of Jordan River Anderson.



Post photos with your teddy bears on social media, using the hashtags **#JordansPrinciple & #BearWitnessDay**



MOHAWK COUNCIL OF AKWESASNE

Sustaining our inherent rights, facing challenges together to build a strong and healthy future.



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