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UPCOMING MCA MEETINGS & SPECIAL DATES:

DISTRICT HOUSEHOLD CLEANUP DATES

TSI SNAIHNE
August 11-17, 2024

KANA:TAKON
August 18-24, 2024

KAWEHNO:KE
August 25-31, 2024

GREEN FOOD BAG IMPORTANT DATES

Order Deadline: August 9, 2024 Pick Up Date: August 21, 2024

MOHAWK COUNCIL OF AKWESASNE 2021-2024

- A/Grand Chief Cindy Francis-Mitchell
- Kana:takon District Chief Fallon David, Chief Julie Phillips-Jacobs, Chief Tim Thompson
- Kawehno:ke District Chief Vanessa Adams, Chief Jackie Benedict, Chief Edward Roundpoint, Chief Vince Thompson
- Tsi Snaihne District Chief April Adams-Phillips, Chief Sarah Lee Sunday-Diabo, Chief JoAnn Swamp
- Administration Mose A. Herne, Executive Director
- Heather Phillips, Director, Dept. of Finance & Administration
- Leslie Papineau, Director, Dept. of Infrastructure, Housing & Environment
- Cactus Cook Sunday, Director, Dept. of Justice
- Joseph Morin-Lauzon, Director, Dept. of Community & Social Services
- Amber Montour, Director, Department of Health
- Donna Lahache, Director, Ahkwesahsne Mohawk Board of Education
- Shawn Dulude, Chief of Police/Director, Dept. of Public Safety
- Kylee Tarbell, Director, Dept. of Economic Development

WAT'KWANONHWERA:TON/GREETINGS

She:kon and welcome to the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne’s community newsletter, Onkwe’ta:ke, which means “For the people.” The primary goal of this publication is to deliver MCA’s news and updates straight into the hands of community members. Should you wish to stay connected in other ways, the following channels are provided:

- Contact: If you have any questions about MCA departments and services, please email info@akwesasne.ca or call 613-575-2250.
- E-newsletter: Register for a weekly e-newsletter delivered straight to your email inbox. It’s a great way to quickly stay up to date! Sign up by visiting www.akwesasne.ca/signup.
- Social Media: Visit us on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and Snapchat!
- Mobile/Cell Text Alerts: Receive urgent or important messages right to your cell phone. Sign up by visiting www.akwesasne.ca/textalerts.
- Website: News and general information can be found on our website at www.akwesasne.ca. This includes job postings and Council contact information.
- Local Media: Find our news and information in Akwesasne’s long-serving local media, CKON 97.3 Radio and Indian Time Newspaper.

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

- The Tsiionkwanonhso:te Long-Term Care Facility will be hosting a Mohawk auction to celebrate their 30th Anniversary! Auction items will be accepted until Friday, August 9. To donate, please contact Diane Lazore at 613-932-1409 or diane.lazore@akwesasne.ca. All proceeds go to the resident Christmas fund.
- MCA's Community Health Services announced the order deadline for the next Green Food Bag is August 9, 2024. More information and order deadlines can be found on page 19.
- The MCA Department of Health’s Home & Community Care Program, previously Home Care/Home Support, has recently moved to a new office location on Kawehno:ke. They can be found at 24B Frank Benedict Memorial Lane, Akwesasne, ON. For updated contact and referral information, please refer to page 19.
- Akwesasne Child & Family Services has launched their Summer Safety Campaign, #SkoBeSafeDen, on Facebook. A safety topic will be highlighted each week, providing safety tips to prevent injury and encourage community members to share photos/videos of your children practicing the use of safety gear while enjoying summer activities. Many prizes to be won! For more information, refer to page 22.
- The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne’s Department of Health is conducting a survey to identify community priorities and shape the future health programs and initiatives. Participants have a chance to win a \$50 gift card! To complete the survey visit: https://bit.ly/DOH-Priorities-Survey.

NEWS

UNOFFICIAL RESULTS OF 2024 MCA GENERAL ELECTION

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne Chief Electoral Officer Theresa Thompson has released the following unofficial results of the 2024 MCA General Election. The results are unofficial pending the appeal period. Any appeals were to be hand-delivered to the Akwesasne Mohawk Police Station at 73 Sweetgrass Lane, Akwesasne/St. Regis, Québec no later than 5 p.m. on Thursday, July 4, 2024. UPDATE: The Akwesasne Election Appeal Board has set aside the results of the 2024 election and new election must be held. More information regarding the appeals can be found on pages 4 and 6-7.

GRAND CHIEF				
CANDIDATE	KAWEHNO:KE	KANA:TAKON	TSI SNAIHNE	TOTAL VOTES
April Adams-Phillips	30	24	82	136
Ryan Jacobs	16	53	35	104
Connie Lazore	40	13	83	136
Leonard Lazore	69	35	104	208
Edward Roundpoint	143	35	60	238
Ronald Sunday	09	08	46	63
Total:	307	168	410	885

KAWEHNO:KE DISTRICT CHIEF		KANA:TAKON DISTRICT CHIEF		TSI SNAIHNE DISTRICT CHIEF	
CANDIDATE	TOTAL VOTES	CANDIDATE	TOTAL VOTES	CANDIDATE	TOTAL VOTES
Vanessa Adams	138	Fallon David	100	Sheila Marie Adams	143
Jackie Benedict	128	Cindy Francis-Mitchell	102	Marlon Johnson	114
Lloyd William Benedict Jr.	31	Cheryl A. Jacobs	54	Hilda King	100
Carolyn J. Francis	85	Theresa Jacobs	71	Scott Peters	232
Lisa Francis-Benedict	158	Teresa Oakes	72	Tesha Rourke	141
Melissa Iakowi:he'ne' Oakes	61	Julie Phillips-Jacobs	51	Toby Sunday	131
Vincent Thompson	159	Total:	450	Sarah Lee Sunday-Diabo	192
DJ White	118			JoAnn Swamp	195
Total:	878			George Terrance	131
				Total:	1379



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APPEALS FILED FOR 2024 MCA GENERAL ELECTION

The Akwesasne Election Appeal Board (AEAB) is in receipt of appeals regarding the 2024 Mohawk Council of Akwesasne General Election which took place on June 29, 2024. The AEAB met following the deadline for appeals on July 4, 2024 and found several appeals to have merit. Nineteen (19) appeals were received, and fourteen (14) have been found to have merit.

In accordance with the Akwesasne Election Law, the AEAB had 14 days (until July 18, 2024) to make a decision regarding each appeal and the decision

could require the election results to be set aside, in whole or in part. A public hearing was held on July 16 & 17, 2024 at the Kanonhkwa'tsheri:io Health Facility Atrium. The AEAB heard each appeal and rendered a decision, which can be viewed on pages 6 and 7.

If you have any questions regarding the appeal process, please contact the AEAB Chair Joanne Jocko at kasennanoron.jocko@gmail.com. For general election questions, please contact the Akwesasne Justice Department at 613-575-2250.

ACTING GRAND CHIEF APPOINTED



The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne is announcing that Kana:takon District Chief Cindy Francis-Mitchell has been appointed as the Acting Grand Chief of MCA. Council passed a resolution on July 15, 2024 approving the appointment, following Grand

Chief Abram Benedict's decision to "step away" from the role while he begins his new duties as Regional Chief of Ontario.

The MCA General Election of 2024 has been appealed, resulting in a delay to the swearing-in of a new Council. Acting Grand Chief Francis-Mitchell will represent the community and fulfill day-to-day Grand Chief duties until a new Grand Chief is sworn in.

The election appeal process is underway. Appeal hearings were held on July 16 & 17, 2024. The Akwesasne Election Appeal Board will make decisions on each appeal and determine the next steps for the election.

We would like to thank the community for their patience as we navigate through the election appeal process, as set out in the Akwesasne Election Law.

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NEWS

COMMUNITY CELEBRATION DINNER

On Friday, July 12, the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne hosted a community celebration to honor Grand Chief Abram Benedict's recent election as the Ontario Regional Chief. This momentous occasion marks a significant milestone as Chief Benedict becomes the first Haudenosaunee individual to ever be appointed to this prestigious position. Chief Benedict's time with the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne spans 18 years, including nine years as Grand Chief and an additional nine years as a Kawehno:ke District chief. The event drew an enthusiastic crowd, with attendees sharing funny stories and cherished memories.

The event's guest speakers included former Six Nations Grand Chief and close friend to Chief Benedict, Ava Hill, Chief Yvette Matansinine of the Animibiigoo Zaagi'igan Anishinaabek, who nominated Benedict for the role of Regional Chief, and Loretta Landmesser, Director of Canada Border Service Agency's Indigenous Affairs Secretariat. Their presence and speeches added a special touch to the evening.

The celebration featured a traditional meal, heartfelt speeches, and meaningful gifts. Grand Chief Benedict was presented with a symbolic blanket from the current council. The blanket's colors transitioned from purple and white, representing the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne, to red, symbolizing the Chiefs of Ontario and his new role. Throughout the evening, council members and guests shared inspiring words, funny stories and reflected on his contributions and leadership.

A notable highlight was the surprise celebration for Kana:takon District Chief Tim "Dooley" Thompson, who played a key role in organizing the event. Council honored

him with a quilt and kind words in recognition of his retirement. Thompson, who previously served as MCA Grand Chief and held numerous terms as Kana:takon District chief, was visibly moved by the heartfelt tributes. Chief Thompson, along with his signature hat, will be fondly missed by the Council.

The evening concluded with warm congratulations to both Chief Benedict and Chief Thompson. As Grand Chief Benedict steps into his new role as Regional Chief and Chief Thompson begins his well-deserved retirement, please join us in congratulating them and wishing them the best in their future endeavors. Congratulations to both leaders and nia:wen to their service in the community.



AKWESASNE ELECTION APPEAL BOARD DECISIONS

The Akwesasne Election Appeal Board (AEAB) has reviewed appeals submitted against the 2024 Mohawk Council of Akwesasne General Election held on June 29, 2024. A total of 14 appeals were initially found to have merit and have been further heard and reviewed. The AEAB has made their decisions as follows:

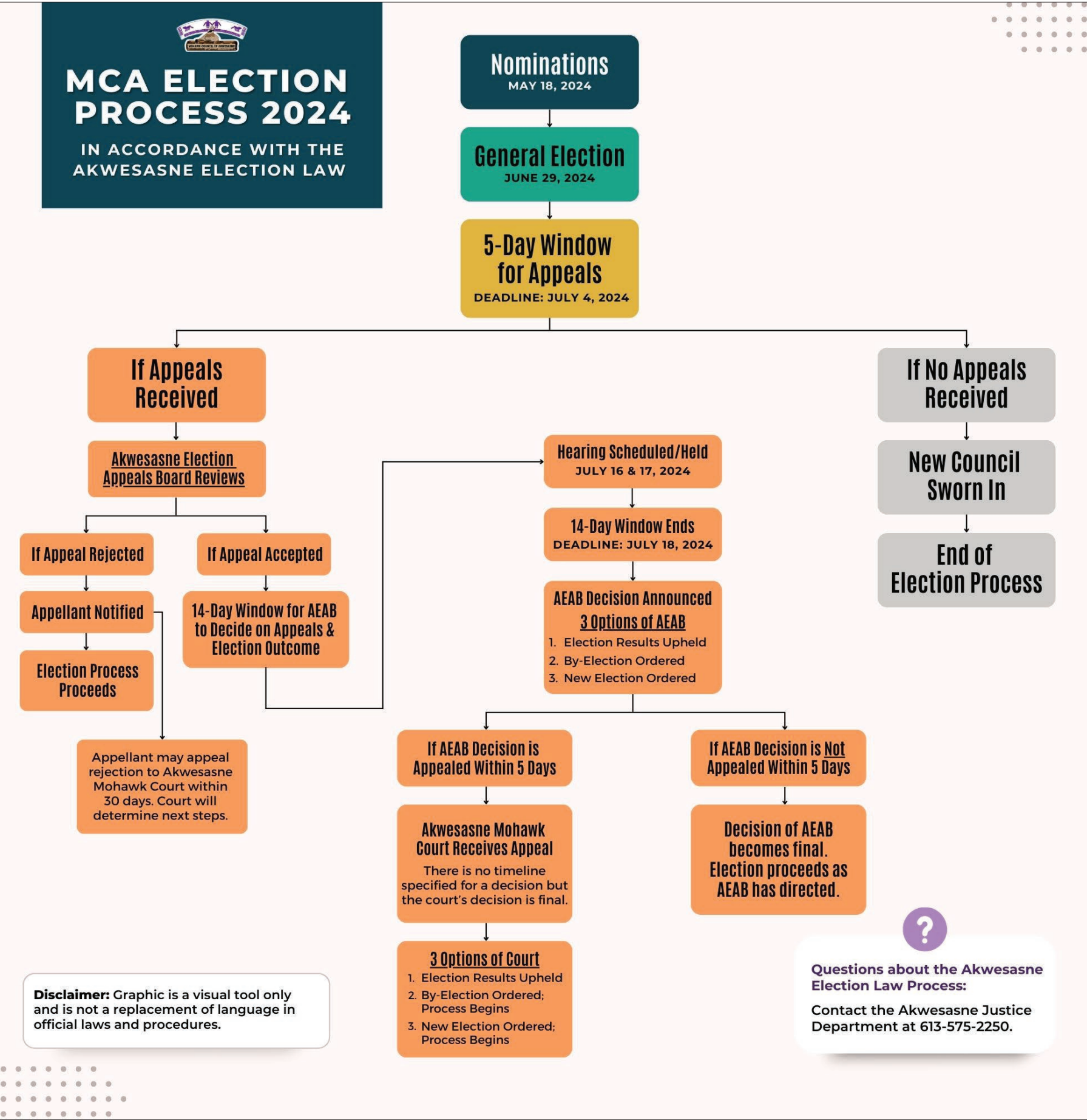
APPEAL #	DECISION	VIOLATION	RESULT
1	Section 14.(6) The election may set aside the election, in whole or part, if it is satisfied that: a) There was a corrupt or fraudulent practice in relation to the election or by-election; or b) There was a violation of the Akwesasne Election Law that in all likelihood affected the results of the election. And that the candidate was elected as a result of the above.	Section 6 (6) & 6 (7)	Re-election of District Chiefs in Tsi Snaihne Only
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Akwesasne Election Appeal Board decisions continue to the next page.

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In summary, the decisions above call for the results of the 2024 MCA General Election to be set aside in whole.

Any decision of the AEAB can be appealed to the Akwesasne Mohawk Court, by the appellant, within 5 (five) days of the decision.



EXPERIENCE DROULERS-TSIIONHIAKWATHA
ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITE INTERPRETATION CENTER



Immerse yourself through history in a unique cultural experience at Droulers-Tsiionhiakwatha “where we gather berries” Archaeological Site Interpretation Center. Tsiionhiakwatha offers a unique window into the past of a 15th-century St. Lawrence Iroquoian village, reconstructed using traditional techniques to create four longhouses surrounded by a protective palisade. The term, “St. Lawrence Iroquoians” refers to a geographic area concentrated along the shores of the St. Lawrence River in present-day Québec, Ontario, New York State, and Vermont in which the inhabitants shared cultural traits, including a common language.

Tsiionhiakwatha is not just a static museum; it is a dynamic educational hub where visitors can engage in the Iroquoian way of life through interactive experiences. The centre’s commitment to authenticity extends to the use of traditional building techniques ensuring that every detail from the longhouses to the palisade is a faithful representation of history.

Their immersive approach to education is particularly noteworthy. Engaging in activities from food sampling to overnight stays, visitors don’t just learn about the Iroquoian culture—they can experience it. The opportunity to participate in archaeological excavations is a rare and valuable experience that con-

nects people directly with the past. It’s a chance to uncover history with one’s own hands, contributing to the ongoing story of the Iroquoian people.

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne and Akwesasne Rights and Research Office (ARRO) participate in Droulers-Tsiionhiakwatha Board of Directors Committee to ensure the perspectives and interests of the Akwesasne Mohawk people are represented and safeguarded.

Tsiionhiakwatha acknowledges and honours the living descendants of the culture it represents by offering free admission to all Mohawks. We encourage all Akwesasronon to visit the center!

Location:
1800 Chemin Leahy,
Saint-Anicet, Québec J0S 1M0

Hours of Operation:
July 1 - September 1, 2024:
Tuesday-Sunday (10:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.)

September 1-15, 2024:
Saturday & Sunday (9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.)

For more information on activities mentioned above, please visit their website www.sitedroulers.ca. To book a school visit or additional questions, please call 450-264-3030 or email info@sitedroulers.ca.

COUNCIL AND MOHAWK GOVERNMENT

COUNCIL WEEKLY MEETING REPORT

SUBMITTED BY GRAND CHIEF ABRAM BENEDICT



June 3, 2024

- Council discussed a letter from a community member who is offering to purchase land from the MCA. A response will be drafted and circulated for Council input.
- A concern regarding the QPIP insurance tax was discussed and will be followed up on and reported back to the community member.
- Council discussed a current situation regarding the Akwesasne Mohawk Police Service and their position on licensed community businesses. Council committee will report back after an internal meeting has taken place.
- A briefing was provided on a custody dispute that is affected by multiple jurisdictions and no court orders.
- Council discussed a complaint received from community business on the impacts of the current toll increased imposed by the Seaway International Bridge Corporation (SIBC). Council will follow up with

community business and SIBC.

- A concern regarding large item garbage pick-up was raised and will be followed up on.
- Council discussed a recent meeting with Hydro Québec and will raise the need for follow up on specific items with the liaison officer.
- A request for support for an upcoming golf tournament was discussed and referred to the donation policy process.
- Council discussed the need to advance an interconnection on the waterline and requested a resolution be brought forward to direct the process.
- Chief April Adams-Phillips agreed to chair next week's meeting in the absence of the Grand Chief.
- **MCRs passed:** Acceptance of (6) Compensation Policy for Executive Services, Dept. of Public Safety, AMBE, Dept. of Finance and Administration, Dept. of Infrastructure, Housing and Environment, and Dept. of Economic Development; Approval of changes to AMBE organizational chart; Approval of (3) housing upgrade loans; Approval of assignment of lease; Approval of (2) 2024 lease addendums; Approval of assignment of lease; Approval of increase to HAVFD annual allocation; Approval of (3) amendment to Akwesasne Canada funding agreement; Acceptance

of Akwesasne Election Law Referendum results for implementation; Approval of reappointment of members to Akwesasne Review Commission; Approval of amendment to previous MCR for 3 Compensation Policies for Department of Health, Akwesasne Justice Department and Department of Community & Social Services.

June 17, 2024

- Council discussed the upcoming heatwave and requested an update from the Executive Director on the preparations.
- Information was shared on a proposal for a dog park. Follow up will be done with the requestor.
- Grand Chief Benedict briefed Council on his recent election as the Ontario Regional Chief and outlined the transition until the swearing in of the next MCA Grand Chief.
- **MCRs passed:** Acceptance of Transfer Payment Agreement for Native Inmate Liaison position; Approval of Assignment of (2) Leases: Colquhoun Island, Pilon Island; Approval of cancellation of lease on St. Francis Island due to non-payment; Approval of amendment to service contract with medical doctor; Approval of additional allocation to Akwesasne Freedom School building fund.

COUNCIL AND MOHAWK GOVERNMENT

June 24, 2024

- Council received a briefing on a recent police enforcement action that is contrary to community regulations. A letter will be sent to the Acting Chief and Commission on the predicament.
- A proposal to support the local food pantry was discussed and further research will be conducted on MCA's possible support and timing for the initiative.
- Council discussed the recent

changes to the traffic barriers at US Customs and requested a meeting be scheduled with representatives of US Customs to discuss the impacts.

- A briefing was provided on a draft MCA program/department's memorandum of understanding (MOU) with CBSA for delayed reporting. Council agreed to proceed with finalizing a MOU for medical transport.

- Council agreed to host a Council Meeting next Tuesday because of the Canada Day holiday.
- **MCRs passed:** Approval of MCA AMBE transportation compensation policy; Approval of amendment to Akwesasne Canada funding agreement; Approval of allocation of overages for AMPS boat purchase; Approval of AMPS Salary Administrative Policy.

July 2, 2024

- Council received a briefing on a community concern about conditions and safety at the Peace Tree Mall.
- Council approved a contribution of 15K to the St. Regis Mission Food Pantry.
- Council agreed that due to the AFN Assembly, the next Council Meeting will take place on July 15, 2024.

• **MCRs passed:** Authorization for MCA Land-Based Healing and MCA Environment to use Campeau Road Property for programming; Approval of community business application to Québec AIF fund; Approval of right of way; Approval of allotment of lot to community member; Approval of contract with Montreal Fluency Center; Approval of pro-

gram funding for PSW and Nurse Pre-Health program; Approval of Service Contract with DCSS and lakwa'shatste Youth Fitness; Approval of service contract renewal with doctor; Approval of changes to Department of Community and Social Services organization chart.

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To reach a member of Council, call the Mohawk Government Office:
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Or, find phone numbers and email addresses for all Council members online:

akwesasne.ca/meet-the-chiefs 🔍

SOCIAL MEDIA CONNECTION



FACEBOOK STATS

Facebook Posts with the Most Likes in June

- 1. Iakhihsohtha Fashion Show (Video)
- 2. Congratulations Kharlene Garrow (Graphic)
- 3. Grand Chief Abram Benedict Elected as New Ontario Regional Chief
- 4. Iakhihsohtha Totas Rock the Runway
- 5. Soft Opening of Arena Playground & Splashpad

Facebook Posts with the Highest Reach in June

- 1. Iakhihsohtha Fashion Show (Video) — 30,341 Reached
- 2. Update: June 23 - Missing Youth Located — 18,392 Reached
- 3. Congratulations Kharlene Garrow (Graphic) — 16,495 Reached
- 4. AMPS Update - Québec BEI Clears AMPS Officer in 2023 Incident — 13,380 Reached
- 5. Hydro Québec Helicopter Presence for Power Line Inspection in Akwesasne — 7,746 Reached



X STATS

Top Post in June

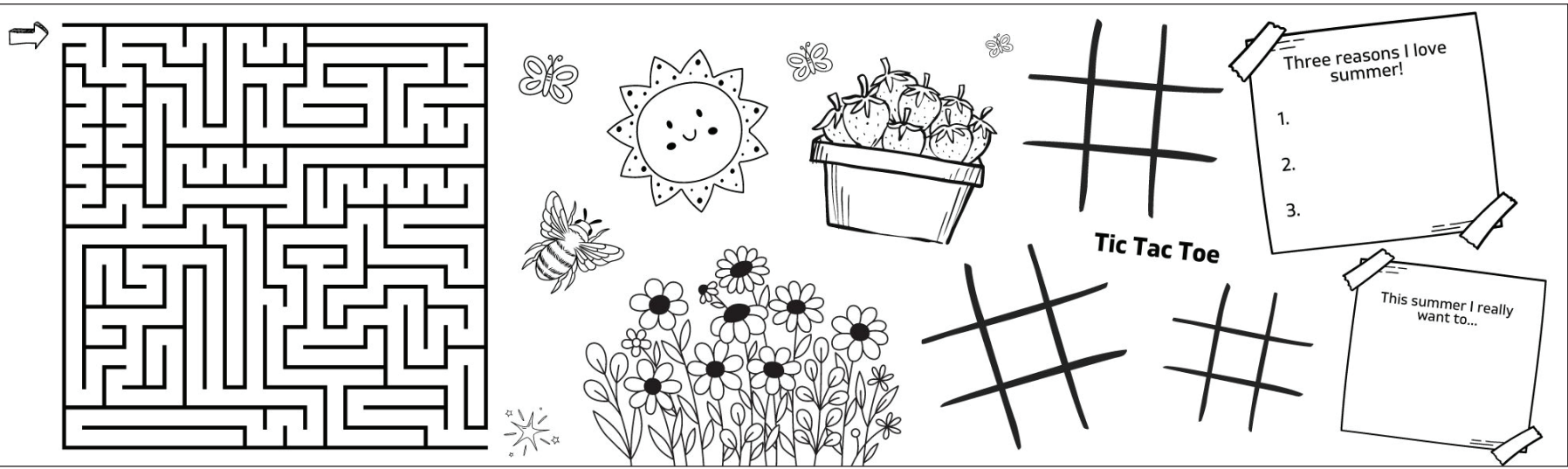


YOUTUBE STATS

Highest Viewed Video on the MCA YouTube Channel for June ACFS Spring into Safety



CHILDREN'S PAGE



FUN SUMMER

Bucket List

- ☐ FAMILY HIKE
- ☐ GO CAMPING
- ☐ MAKE LEMONADE
- ☐ BIKE RIDE
- ☐ GO TO BEACH
- ☐ GO FOR ICE CREAM
- ☐ SIDE WALK CHALK
- ☐ STAR GAZING
- ☐ PLANT FLOWERS
- ☐ READ A BOOK
- ☐ WATCH FIREWORKS
- ☐ BAKING DAY
- ☐ BUILD A FORT
- ☐ GO FISHING
- ☐ PLAY CARDS
- ☐ GO TO A FAIR
- ☐ PAINT ROCKS
- ☐ LAWN GAMES
- ☐ GO TO THE PARK
- ☐ FAMILY BBQ
- ☐ DO A PUZZLE
- ☐ PLAY MINI GOLF
- ☐ OUTDOOR MOVIE

- ☐ GO BOWLING
- ☐ LEGO BUILDING
- ☐ ROAD TRIP
- ☐ VISIT GRANDPARENTS
- ☐ PICNIC LUNCH
- ☐ MOVIE NIGHT
- ☐ BLOW BUBBLES
- ☐ ART AND CRAFT
- ☐ GET DONUTS
- ☐ PIZZA NIGHT
- ☐ WATER BALLOONS
- ☐ FEED THE DUCKS
- ☐ EAT POPSICLES
- ☐ GO SWIMMING
- ☐ GO TO WATERPARK
- ☐ SPLASH PAD
- ☐ FARMERS MARKET
- ☐ FLY KITES
- ☐ VISIT A MUSEUM
- ☐ SUMMER FESTIVAL
- ☐ GO BOATING
- ☐ MAKE S'MORES
- ☐ WATCH SUNSET

WORD SEARCH

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R	O	P	D	I	T	C	T	N	A
E	D	H	A	P	P	Y	L	G	D
Z	F	L	O	W	E	R	S	Y	E

SUMMER
ICE CREAM
SUNSCREEN

FUN
HAT
SUN

HAPPY
LEMONADE
FLOWERS

YOU'VE GOT TO BE KIDDING ME!

What does a mermaid use to call her friends?
A shell-phone!

Why do bananas use sunscreen?
So they don't peel.

What did the pig say on a hot summer day?
I'm bacon!

AMBE SCHOOLS HOST ANNUAL TOM LONGBOAT RUN

In June, the Tom Longboat run was held by the Ahkwesahsne Mohawk Board of Education (AMBE) schools in all three districts. This longstanding event has been a cherished tradition, promoting physical activity and fostering friendly competition among the students.

Tom Longboat, a renowned Onondaga distance runner from Six Nations, Ontario, achieved historic milestones in his career. In 1907, he became the first Indigenous person to win the Boston Marathon, and he also competed in the Olympics. Longboat's athletic

prowess garnered widespread recognition, with over 200,000 people attending a celebration in Toronto in his honor. Beyond his achievements, Longboat's resilience as a survivor of residential schools is deeply respected, highlighting his unwavering determination. His passion for running continues to inspire others, cementing his legacy as a symbol of athleticism and perseverance.

Niawenhkó:wa to those who continue to make this eventful tradition a great success each year!



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

MEET THE JUSTICE LEAGUE!

BRITTNEY SKIDDERS, GLADUE AFTERCARE CASEWORKER & INDEPENDENT QUÉBEC CONTRACT GLADUE REPORT WRITER



Brittney Skidders has been an integral part of the Akwesasne Community Justice Program (ACJP) for over 4 years as their Gladue Aftercare Caseworker. As well, Brittney is an Independent Québec contract Gladue Report Writer.

developing individualized healing plans based on Gladue recommendations and their current criminal justice circumstances, while promoting awareness and self-advocacy among her clients. She has successfully implemented new procedures to improve the seamless transition and support for clients accessing Gladue supports within the program. Brittney values empathy, active listening, problem-solving, and maintaining an unbiased approach in promoting aftercare supports and resilience among program participants.

Brittney holds a two-year college diploma in Concurrent Disorders, specializing in mental wellness and addictions counseling, provided by the Iohahi:io Akwesasne Education and Training Institute in partnership with St. Lawrence College. This program was delivered with a trauma-informed lens and focused specifically on Indigenous communities across Canada. Her coursework covered critical topics such as the impacts of colonization, intergenerational trauma, impacts of personal trauma, trauma-informed care with cultural sensitivity, motivational interviewing and counseling skills.

Brittney has pursued additional certifications to enhance her skills, including Restorative Practice/Circles, 5-Day Gladue Report Writing Training/Certification, Crisis & Trauma Resource Institute (CTRI) certifications in Bullying Prevention and Trauma and Grief Response for Indigenous Communities and Organizations. She has also studied the Traumatic Event Systems Model (TES) through the North American Center for Threat Assessment and Trauma Response, gaining insights into vicarious trauma and compassion fatigue in her front-line role.

In her role Brittney provides crucial services to clients of ACJP. This includes conducting referral services,

Brittney's passion lies in seeing Akwesasne function cohesively as a community to break cycles of trauma and reduce Indigenous representation within justice, mental health, and addiction systems. She emphasizes compassion, continuous learning, and inclusivity in her approach to collective healing. Brittney finds fulfillment in implementing positive change through cultural connection, spirituality, and one-on-one peer support, aiming to create healthy environments that support cycle-breaking and resilience.

Brittney Skidders remains dedicated to her community, driven by her love for family and community and her deep-seated passion for healing. She recognizes the enduring impacts of personal and historical traumas and believes in the transformative power of unity and passion in achieving collective healing for Akwesasne.

Through her expertise, compassion, and commitment to continuous growth, Brittney Skidders embodies the spirit of support and resilience within the Akwesasne Community Justice Program.

Niawenhkó:wa for all your passion and dedication, Brittney!

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

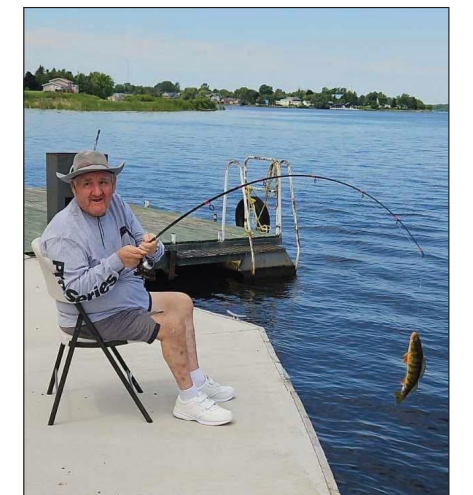
FISHING FUN FOR IAKHIHSOHTHA LODGE RESIDENTS

In honour of Father's Day, the Iakhihsohta Lodge staff pulled out all the stops with an exciting day of fishing! It was a beautiful day as the male residents cast their lines on the dock at Tackle Box Marina. Their smiles spoke volumes as they proudly hauled in an array of fish from the beautiful St. Lawrence River.

tivities continued with a leisurely pontoon ride, soaking in the sun and taking in the sights.

Niawenhkó:wa to the Iakhihsohta staff for creating unforgettable memories on this special Father's Day. Also, to all those who made this event possible with your generous donations.

After a morning filled with exciting catches, the fes-



Fishing poles and tackle boxes were graciously donated by Norman King (AMPS) and PJ Burns (SRMTPD).



Gajo Baits apparel donated by William Clute.



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES WELCOMES NEW ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH/INFECTION PREVENTION & CONTROL PROGRAM MANAGER



The MCA Department of Health's (DOH) Community Health Services (CHS) would like to welcome new Environmental Health/Infection Prevention & Control (EHIPAC) Program Manager, Lesley Bero, RN, CFNHM. Lesley enters into her new role with a wealth of knowledge in various healthcare settings and services, serving as previous IPAC Registered Nurse (RN) and Community Health Program Manager. Most recently, Lesley served as the Acting Associate Director for Clinical Care Services. Lesley filled the role for seven months before moving into her new role as Environmental Health/Infection Prevention & Control Program Manager. The Department of Health would like to send Lesley a sincere thank you for her time and service in the acting role. Please join us in welcoming Lesley to her new role!

DR. BAIER SAME-DAY APPOINTMENTS TO BE OFFERED ON TUESDAYS ONLY



The MCA Department of Health (DOH) is notifying the community that Dr. Baier's same-day appointments at the Kawehno:ke Medical Clinic (KMC) will take place on Tuesdays only. Wednesday same-day appointments will no longer be available. time of booking will be addressed. Dr. Baier will continue to provide home visits on Wednesdays for those patients who require in-home medical services. Home visits are intended for patients who are physically unable to attend clinic appointments due to being home-bound or a physical deterrent. We sincerely apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. We appreciate your patience and understanding in this change of schedule.

Same-day clinic appointments are intended only for minor ailments. Minor ailments are described as health conditions that can be managed with minimal treatment and/or self care strategies. Some examples include cough/cold, UTI, earaches, rashes, allergies, strains/sprains, insect bites, eye infections, etc. During a same-day medical appointment, only those ailments identified at the

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

HOME & COMMUNITY CARE: PROGRAM/REFERRALS CONTACT INFORMATION

The MCA Department of Health's Home & Community Program (HCC), previously Home Care/Home Support, would like to inform the community of their updated contact and referral information.

NAME	POSITION	EXT./EMAIL	CONTACT FOR DEPT.
Chelsy Plante, RN, BScN	Program Manager	Ext. 1067 chelsy.plante@akwesasne.ca <i>Located at HCC Management</i>	HCC Program Management; Service Complaints/Concerns; Unique Circumstances; Contracts/Agreements
Sabrina Jacobs	Administrative Assistant	Ext. 1618 billing.hchs@akwesasne.ca <i>Located at Tsiionkwanonhso:te</i>	Accepts, processes, and dispatches all referrals; Contacts referral sources for proper demographics; Bill payment; Deliveries
Referrals	Nursing Care; PSS Services; HME; Fall Alert	Fax: 613-745-6984	Must have a MD or NP signature; HME can accept MD, NP, OT, or PT; Health card & status card are required.
Referrals	Lawn Maintenance; Snow Removal	Fax: 613-932-7503 chanel.strable@akwesasne.ca	Must be a HCC client with no family assistance and a completed application.
Referrals	Social Transportation	Fax: 613-932-7503	Must be a HCC client with no family support or access to a vehicle. HCC does not transport for medical appointments.

Home & Community Care has also recently moved to a new office location on Kawehno:ke. For deliveries, please call 613-575-2341 ext. 1067 or send to HCC at 24B Frank Benedict Memorial Lane, Akwesasne, ON K6H 5R7.

WOMEN'S SUNRISE PADDLE

July 3rd - August 7th

Every Wednesday at 5:30 A.M.
Location: 16A Akwesasne St. Kana:takon (St. Regis)

SPECIAL GUEST APPEARANCES FROM BEAR FOX

Limited amount of kayaks available!
To register, contact: Steevi King via Facebook Messenger

Grab & Go Breakfast will be provided!

MCA Community Health Services:
Health Promotion and Prevention Program

TETEWATSKA:HON GREEN FOOD BAGS

ORDER DEADLINE: August 9, 2024
September 6, 2024
October 4, 2024
November 1, 2024
December 6, 2024

PICK UP DATE: August 21, 2024
September 18, 2024
October 16, 2024
November 20, 2024
December 18, 2024

\$20 per bag (due at time of order), limit of 2 bags per person.
Please bring your own reusable bags when picking up! No bags will be provided.
Food pick-up will be at Kanonhkwa'tsheri:io Health Facility

Cash or e-transfer accepted – etransfer@akwesasne.ca
In the Message section, please include: "Green Food Bag" and the month along with your name and phone number.
Example: Green Food Bag July 2024 - Jane Doe ###-###-####

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

GREEN FOOD BAG INITIATIVE REVITALIZED BY HEALTH PROMOTION & PREVENTION PROGRAM

The MCA Department of Health's (DOH) Health Promotion & Prevention, a program under the Community Health Services Sector, has recently revitalized the Green Food Bag initiative. The new rollout of the Green Food Bag took place on Wednesday, June 19, 2024, with staff distributing fruits and vegetables at the Kanonhkwa'tsheri:io Health Facility.

The Green Food Bag initiative offers community members fresh produce for a low cost on a monthly basis. The bags will contain various fruits and vegetables, and at least two seasonal items (depending on availability). Each bag will cost \$20, with bags limited to two (2) per person. Supplies/orders are limited.

Any community members interested in participating in the Green Food Bag initiative can stop in at Community Health Services and pay for their bags via cash, or send an e-transfer to etransfer@akwesasne.ca. When submitting an e-transfer payment for your Green Food Bag order, please ensure to note "Green Food Bag," the month being paid, name and phone number in the message portion of the e-transfer payment. Failure to do so can result in your order and payment not being adequately processed.

The deadline for the August Green Food Bag orders is August 9, 2024. Be sure to bring your reusable bags when picking up orders. No bags will be provided.

If you have any questions about the Green Food Bag, please contact the Health Promotion & Prevention Program at 613-575-2341 ext. 3220.

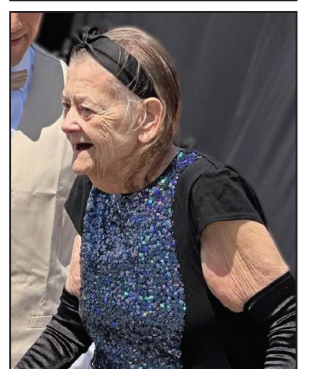
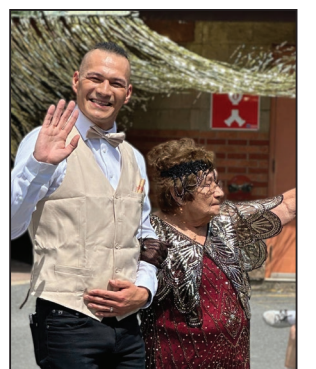
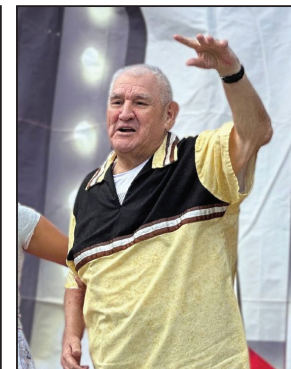


DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

IAKHIHSOHTHA TOTAS ROCK THE RUNWAY

Our totas strutted their stuff at Iakhihsohta Lodge's fabulous fashion show held on June 27! From 1920's chic to stunning traditional garb, they stole the show in every outfit. Big thanks to Benny Herne for being the ultimate host.

The ACFS Traditional Support Unit made sure our cultural heritage shined with gorgeous regalia. The elders and audience members enjoyed music and grooved along to performances by Magoo Cook and his dance troop. Nia:wen to everyone that joined us and made this event possible!



DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY & SOCIAL SERVICES

ACFS SUMMER SAFETY CAMPAIGN



wearing protective gear to prevent injury. ACFS wishes to make wearing protective gear a common practice in everyday activities amongst community members.

ACFS will highlight a safety topic each week and provide safety tips to prevent injury or unexpected trips to the hospital. We encourage the community of Akwesasne to share pictures and videos of your children, youth and family practicing the use of safety

Akwesasne Child & Family Services (ACFS) is excited to launch their Summer Safety Campaign, #SkoBeSafeDen. Every year Akwesasronon witnesses children, youth and families engaging in risky recreational sports and activities without


gear while engaging in summer activities to be entered in a bi-weekly draw.

The requirements to be entered:

- Like the ACFS Facebook Page @ Akwesasne Child & Family Services
- Share the original post
- Comment #SkoBeSafeDen when you upload a video or photo on the ORIGINAL Facebook post of how you are being safe while engaging in recreational sports and activities with a caption of how you practice safety.

ACFS will also draw one major prize at the end of July and August.

It takes a community to raise a child. Lets work together to keep our Children, Youth and Families safe. We can't wait to see what you share!



Pedestrian

Rules of the Road:


Flow of traffic: Always walk facing traffic

Pedestrians have the right of way when;

- A traffic light has a steady "walk" or walking person
- There is an intersection or marked crosswalk with no traffic lights

Safety Tips:

- Use sidewalk whenever possible
- Always use crosswalk that is marked for pedestrian crossing
- Stay visible
- Look in both directions before crossing the road



Biking

Rules of the Road:

Flow of traffic: Always bike on the right side of road

Left turn - Extend left arm out
Right turn - Extend right arm out
Stopping - Extend left arm and bend it facing down

Safety Tips:

- Wear a helmet
- Wear bright/reflective clothing then riding at night
- Only one person on a bike at all times
- Keep both hands on the handlebars

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY & SOCIAL SERVICES

ACFS CELEBRATES DADS WITH FOOD, FUN, AND FESTIVITIES AT BUBBA-Q

To celebrate the dads in our lives, the Akwesasne Child & Family Services hosted a fun-filled Father's Day celebration called "Bubba-Q" at the A'nowara'ko:wa Arena on June 16, 2024.

Attendees enjoyed a delicious spread of food and drinks, setting the tone for a fun-filled day. With a wide variety of activities from hair workshops, wood

burning, face painting, and bounce houses, there was something for everyone to enjoy!

Niawenhkó:wa to everyone who joined us and made this event a success! Be sure to follow the Akwesasne Child & Family Services Facebook page to stay up to date with upcoming events and activities.



DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY & SOCIAL SERVICES

Akwesasne Family Wellness Program: 613-937-4322

DCSS Administration: 613-575-2341 ext. 3305

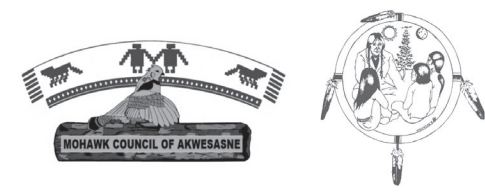
Community Support Program: 613-575-2341 ext. 3262

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

DEPARTMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE AND HOUSING



MCA SHARES PLANS FOR SCHOOL A/C UPGRADES



The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne’s Dept. of Infrastructure, Housing & Environment (DIHE) along with the Ahkwesahsne Mohawk Board of Education (AMBE) would like to share information with the community on the process underway for the evaluation and upgrading of our three schools’ air conditioning units.

Presently, each school is without complete air conditioning, and this is due to the present infrastructure and lack of electrical power and wiring needed. All three schools are currently using the maximum amount of power that the electrical system can safely allow. Providing cooled air to all classrooms of our three schools is a complex and costly endeavour; we are currently exploring all options to improve the environment for our teachers and staff during the hotter months.

The following steps are underway, being led by DIHE:

PHASE 1:

- Consultants conducting a “load study” and exploring ways to obtain additional power
- Exploration of interim fixes
- Preparation of Request for Quotes to Contractors for construction and installation of new HVAC systems

PHASE 2:

- Secure funding
- New full HVAC replacement installed for Ahkwesahsne Mohawk School and Tsi Snaihne School. Kana:takon School will take place 3rd due to additional work needed in preparation.

Timelines are to be determined and updates will be provided as the projects progress. The DIHE and their consultants are committed to finding interim fixes in the meantime in order to keep the schools as cool as possible.

DEPARTMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE, HOUSING & ENVIRONMENT

ADMINISTRATION:
613-575-2250 ext. 1003

MAINTENANCE PROGRAM: 613-575-2250 EXT. 1022

HOUSING: 613-575-2250 EXT. 1056

ENVIRONMENT: 613-575-2250 EXT. 1038

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

WATER/WASTEWATER INFRASTRUCTURE EMERGENCY: 613-575-2000

AFTER HOURS PAGER: 518-404-3352

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

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT (GARBAGE AND RECYCLING):
613-575-2250 ext. 1002

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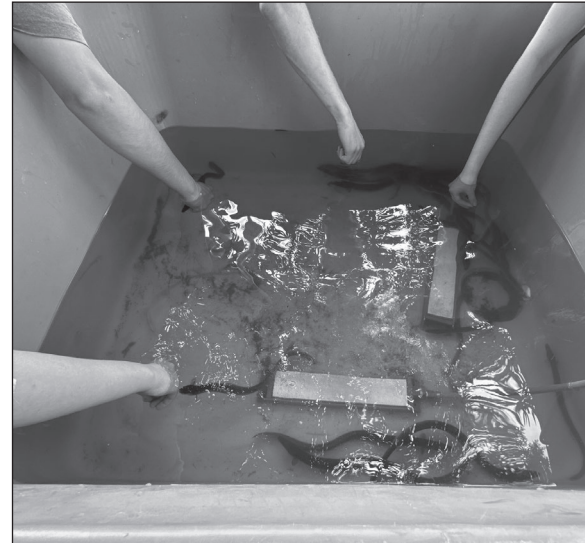


DIVING INTO CONSERVATION: MCA & OPG LEAD EFFORTS TO PROTECT AMERICAN EELS

In July, the MCA Environment Program teamed up with Ontario Power Generation to host Eel Transport Days at Guindon Park Boat Launch in Cornwall, ON.

Attendees got their hands wet, releasing eels into their natural habitat and diving into the fascinating world of these endangered creatures. The American eel, or *Anguilla rostrata*, is currently facing extinction, and our efforts are all about boosting their numbers and supporting their survival.

Nia:wen/Thank you to everyone who joined us! Your enthusiasm not only helps our ecosystem but also strengthens our cultural connection to these incredible species.



5 STEPS TO RESPOND TO AN OPIOID OVERDOSE

STEP 1

SHOUT & SHAKE
their name their shoulders

STEP 2

CALL EMERGENCY DISPATCH
613-575-2000

STEP 3

GIVE NALOXONE:
1 spray into nostril or inject vial/ampule into arm or leg.

STEP 4

PERFORM RESCUE BREATHING AND/OR CHEST COMPRESSIONS

STEP 5

IS IT WORKING?
If **no** improvement after 2-3 minutes, repeat step 3 & 4. **Stay with them.**

RECOVERY POSITION

If the person begins breathing on their own, or if you have to leave them alone, put them in the recovery position.

SIGNS OF OPIOID OVERDOSE

- Person can't be woken up
- Breathing is slow or has stopped
- Snoring or gurgling sounds
- Fingernails and lips turn blue or purple
- Pupils are tiny or eyes are rolled back
- Body is limp

AMA'S KHARLENE GARROW EARNS SPOT ON HAUDENOSAUNEE NATIONALS WOMEN'S BOX LACROSSE TEAM

Akwesasne Mohawk Ambulance employee Kharlene "Bineh" Garrow has made history by being selected to the first ever Haudenosaunee Nationals Women's Box Lacrosse Team! Championships in Utica, NY from September 20-29, 2024!

This is a huge step for women's lacrosse internationally, and we're honored to have one of our own shining so brightly on the national stage.

Kharlene's dedication, hard work, and passion for the sport have earned her this incredible recognition. We can't wait to see what the future holds for her!

Join us in congratulating her on this historic achievement and wishing her and the entire Haudenosaunee Nationals team the best of luck as they compete at the World Box Lacrosse



JUNE STATISTICS			
277 June	44 1004 Assist Public	2 1045 Attempt Suicide	
1 024 Break & Enter - Residence	2 1006 Document Service	1 1049 Medical Aid	
2 027 Theft - Automobiles	1 1007 Breach of Probation	3 1050 Youth Complaint	
1 035 Theft Over \$5,000 - Other	3 1008 By-Law - Dogs	1 1052 Shooting Complaint	
2 040 Theft Under \$5,000 - Other	2 1009 By-Law - Noise	6 106 Provincial Statutes - Other	
2 041 Possession Stolen Property	2 1010 By-Law - Parking Occurrences	16 1063 Marine Patrol	
1 060 Arson	3 1011 By-Law - Other	2 205 Assault - Level 1	
2 061 Bail Violations	33 1013 Community Services	3 206 Assault Weapon/CBH - Level 2	
1 063 Disturb the Peace	1 1015 Committal Warrants	1 210 Assault Police	
1 065 Indecent Acts	1 1016 Domestic Dispute (Non-violent)	1 3030 Admin - Assist Other Agency	
1 068 Obstruct Peace Officer	6 1018 Escorts - Prisoner	1 6666 Assist Other Departments - Fire	
2 072 Mischief (Prop. Damage) Under \$5,000	2 1023 Judge's Order (Court)	1 705 Dangerous Operation MV	
1 073 Criminal Code - Other	1 1025 Property - Seized	3 711 Impaired Operation MV	
2 100 Immigration Act	1 1026 Property - Lost	5 715 Fail to Stop/Remain (CCC)	
2 1000 Abandoned Vehicles	2 1029 Suspicious Persons	5 719 Drive Disqualified/Licence Suspended	
8 1001 Alarms	11 1030 Suspicious Vehicles	19 721 Traffic - Provincial Statutes	
5 1003 Assist Other Agencies - Ambulance	15 1031 Suspicious Circumstances	3 726 PD MVC Over \$1,000 (Prop. Damage)	
12 1003 Assist Other Agencies - Cornwall PS	7 1036 Warrant - Bench/First	3 Incident Type Not Listed	
10 1003 Assist Other Agencies - Other	1 1038 Missing Persons		
5 1003 Assist Other Agencies - Tribal PD	2 1039 Property - Recovered		

Summer's End REFRESH

Getting ready for a new season!

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne would like to inform the community of an upcoming household cleanup within each district starting in August.

Community members may put larger than normal items at the curb for free removal.

Tsi Snaihne

August 11-17, 2024

Kana:takon

August 18-24, 2024

Kawehno:ke

August 25-31, 2024

**Household cleanup
does not accept:**

Tires, appliances, oils,
batteries, metal,
boulders and cement.

Tsiionkwanonhso:te Long-Term Care

30th Anniversary

Please join us in celebrating Tsiionkwanonhso:te
Long-Term Care's 30th Anniversary!

Celebrating 30 years of providing excellence in care
and service for our elders and residents.



AUGUST 11-17, 2024

