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FOOTBALL FUN AT THE A'NOWARA'KO:WA ARENA



On August 1, 2024, the Ottawa Redblacks and the University of Ottawa Gee-Gees hosted a football camp at the A'nowara'ko:wa Arena for local youth from Akwesasne and nearby areas, led by quarterback Ben Maracle. Attendees participated in skills drills, player Q&A sessions, and received memorabilia from the team. Read more on page 20.

UPCOMING MCA MEETINGS & SPECIAL DATES:

MCA GENERAL ELECTION NOMINATIONS

August 24, 2024 · 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Kawehno:ke: Tri-District Elders Lodge
Kana:takon: Akwesasne Justice Dept.
Tsi Snaihne: Tsi Snaihne Rec.

MCA GENERAL ELECTION

September 14, 2024 · 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

MCA OPEN HOUSE

September 16, 2024 · 4 p.m. - 7 p.m.
A'nowara'ko:wa Arena

September 17, 2024 · 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Kana:takon Recreation Center

September 21, 2024 · 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Tsi Snaihne Recreation Center

MOHAWK COUNCIL OF AKWESASNE 2021-2024

A/Grand Chief
Cindy Francis-Mitchell

Kana:takon District
Chief Fallon David
Chief Julie Phillips-Jacobs

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

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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
Akwesasne Mohawk Board of Education

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A/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'tà: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

- 1** The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne General Election will be held on Saturday, September 14, 2024 from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. at Tri-District Elders Lodge, Kana:takon Rec., and Tsi Snaihne Rec. Additional information and important dates are listed on the back page.
- 2** Save the date! The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne will be hosting our annual Open House in all three districts. Join us on the following dates: September 16 (Kawehno:ke), September 17 (Kana:takon), and September 21 (Tsi Snaihne). Please refer to page 6 for more information.
- 3** The Akwesasne Mohawk Board of Education is excited to welcome students back to the classroom! First day of school for K4, K5, and Grades 1-8: September 5, 2024. Students in K3: September 9, 2024.
- 4** MCA encourages community members to please review the Voters List to ensure your name is listed. Contact Chief Electoral Officer Theresa Thompson, as soon as possible if your name is missing. It is imperative that each voter confirms they are on the list if they plan to vote in the upcoming election. Please refer to page 5 for contact information.
- 5** MCA's Department of Health would like to advise community members to stay home (self-isolate) if they're sick and/or experiencing COVID-19 symptoms (even if mild). More information available on page 18.

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MCA PROUDLY RECOGNIZES 2024 AKWESASNE STUDENT BURSARY RECIPIENTS

Each year, the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne (MCA) partners with the Bank of Montreal (BMO) and Enbridge to award bursaries to Akwesasne youth pursuing post-secondary education. On July 26, 2024, MCA hosted a luncheon and ceremony at the Kana:takon Recreation Center to honor these outstanding students and their sponsors.

Acting Grand Chief Cindy Francis-Mitchell and Tsi Snaihne District Chief Sarah Lee Sunday-Diabo addressed the attendees, offering words of encouragement. They emphasized the significance of acknowledging our youth's achievements and encouraged them to seek support from the community whenever needed.

Congratulations to recipients of this year's BMO Awards (presented by Troy Lalonde, Laura Barnes, John Cleary, and Dominic Marceau):

Mataya Arquette	Maddison Gooden
Darius Arquette-Cook	Ansley Hill
Ryan Barnes	Carter King
Otsi Benedict	Allison Lazore
Caidence Cook	Kayah Papineau



Congratulations to recipients of this year's Enbridge Awards (presented by Dan Borris):

Joslynn Bay	Jersey Jacobs
Iakokariio Clute	Morgan Roundpoint
Anthony David	Makayla Sunderland
Sakyah Diabo	Angeleah Thompson
Emmah Herne	Kaiyah Thompson

Congratulations to the winners of the Wade Lafrance Memorial Award:

Summer Hemlock	Kairo Thompson-Mitchell
Laquoia Tahy	



BMO Awards recipients.



Enbridge Awards recipients.



Wade Lafrance Memorial Award recipients.

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GENERAL ELECTION UPDATE

JULY 26, 2024

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne Office of the Executive Director is providing an update on the 2024 MCA General Election Process.

On July 18, 2024, the Akwesasne Election Appeal Board (AEAB) issued their decision to set aside the full election results, which requires a new election to be held. No appeals to the AEAB's July 18th decisions were filed in the Akwesasne Court. One separate Appeal was filed in the Court that was excluded from the AEAB hearings since it was determined to have no merit. The Court does not have a deadline by which to respond to the filing.

Based on the decision of the AEAB, the election process will continue. The Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) and the Deputy Electoral Officers (DEO) will continue serving the remainder of their 3-year terms.

The next steps are as follows:

1. Corrections and full review of an updated Voters List
2. Setting dates for Nominations and the General Election

An updated Voters List will be posted at least 30 days prior to the new election date. All voters are advised to review the list to ensure they are on it. Community members who are planning to vote for the first time must apply to be placed on the Voters List. Placement on the Voters List does not occur automatically.

STEPS FOR REGISTERING TO VOTE:

1. Complete a registration application, Schedule "G," declaration of eligibility, Schedule "H" and proof of residence. Schedules "G" and "H" can be picked up at the Akwesasne Justice Department located at 45 Johnson Road, Kana:takon, or they can be downloaded from our website: www.akwesasne.ca/voterregistration
2. Submit the fully completed Schedules "G," "H" and proof of residence to the Chief Electoral Officer by delivering it to the Administration #1 Building (12 Akwesasne Street, Kana:takon) no later than 48 hours prior to the election start date & time.
3. The CEO may conduct a brief interview with you to confirm your eligibility and add you to the list.
4. Your name will appear on the final voters list that is published 48 hours prior to the election.

If you have any questions regarding the election process, please contact the Akwesasne Justice Department at 613-575-2250 or email info@akwesasne.ca.



SCAN QR CODE TO
Download a voter registration application and voter declaration.

MOHAWK COUNCIL OF AKWESASNE



Nominations
Saturday, August 24, 2024



VOTE



General Election
Saturday, September 14, 2024

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NOTICE OF VOTERS LIST, NOMINATIONS AND GENERAL ELECTION

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne and Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) announce the following dates and deadlines for the newly scheduled MCA Nominations and MCA General Election.

NOMINATIONS

Nominations for the 2024 Mohawk Council of Akwesasne General Election will be held on **Saturday, August 24, 2024, from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.** Nominations will be received for the four District Chief positions for each of the three districts and one Grand Chief position.

Nominations will be held at the following locations:

- Kawehno:ke:** Tri-District Elders Lodge
- Kana:takon:** Akwesasne Justice Department (Old Tickets' store – 45 Johnson Road)
- Tsi Snaihne:** Tsi Snaihne Recreation

Please note that a person may nominate one candidate for Grand Chief and a limit of four District Chief positions. A nomination must be seconded. To be considered an Eligible Voter, a person at the time of voting must:

1. have attained eighteen years of age,
2. be a resident in the district where they are voting,
3. be a registered member of the Mohawks of Akwesasne, and
4. be an Onkwehonwe.

Any candidate for the position of Grand Chief or District Chief must:

1. have attained the age of 18 years,
2. have resided in the territory of Akwesasne for one year immediately preceding the date of election,
3. be a registered member of the Mohawks of Akwesasne,
4. be an Onkwehonwe,
5. be nominated for the position by at least two persons eligible to vote for that person, and
6. not be a CEO, DEO, USP or Appointed Observer as contemplated in this Election Law.

GENERAL ELECTION

The General Election will be held on **Saturday, September 14, 2024, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.** at the following locations:

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

Please bring identification such as a status card to confirm your identity to the DEOs.

ADVANCE POLLS

Advance Polling shall take place on September 4 and September 11, 2024, by appointment, at Akwesasne Justice Department (45 Johnson Rd., Kana:takon). Please contact CEO Theresa Thompson at 613-575-2250 or 613-551-1622 or email chief.electoral.officer@akwesasne.ca to make an appointment.

If an eligible voter has a valid reason for being unable to vote in person on Election Day or Advance Polling dates and location, the CEO will arrange to have Deputy Electoral Officers visit the eligible voter's location within the Territory of Akwesasne, in order that he/she may vote.

VOTERS LIST

Please review the Voters List to ensure your name is listed. Community members are advised to contact the CEO as soon as possible if your name is missing. **It is imperative that each voter confirms they are on the list if they plan to vote in the upcoming election.**

Voters List Locations:

- Kawehno:ke:** BMO, Express Gas, Jock's Quick Stop, Athres Convenience
- Kana:takon:** Village Currency, Canada Post Office, MCA Justice Department, Kanonhkwashteri:io
- Tsi Snaihne:** Snye Life Convenience Store, Iohahi:io, and King's Marina

You may also contact the CEO directly to confirm if your name is on the list.

The deadline for any changes to the Voters List is 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, September 12, 2024. After 9:00 a.m., no changes can be made to the Voters list. A voter who is not yet 18 but turns 18 years old in that 48-hour period before voting day or turns 18 on voting day can be added to the list before the deadline.

The community is advised that it is a violation of the Akwesasne Election Law to fraudulently interfere with the election, including tampering with or removing a Voters List.

CEO CONTACT

To contact the Chief Electoral Officer Theresa Thompson for any election purpose, please call 613-575-2250 or 613-551-1622 or email chief.electoral.officer@akwesasne.ca.

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MCA & AKWESASNE DENTAL CLINIC ANNOUNCE PASSING OF BELOVED DENTIST, DR. DAN



The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne (MCA) and the Akwesasne Dental Clinic are saddened to announce the sudden passing of Dr. Dan Hovsepien, a beloved dentist who served the Akwesasne community for over 17 years. Dr. Dan passed away unexpectedly on July 27, 2024.

Dr. Dan was a learner who constantly sought to improve his skills and knowledge of dentistry.

Dr. Dan showed a passion for his work in Akwesasne. He often participated in community events and cultural activities, and he respected and appreciated the Mohawk traditions and values. He was a well-known philanthropist, supporting and sponsoring countless good causes in Akwesasne. He forged lasting friendships with many of his colleagues and clients, and he treated everyone with kindness and respect.

We share in the community's shock and grief over the loss of a great person and passionate dentist. We send our deepest condolences to Dr. Dan's family, friends, staff and clients. He will be greatly missed.

Anyone who wishes to speak to a mental health therapist, land-based healing specialist or traditional medicine practitioner can call MCA's Dept. of Health at 613-575-2341 to schedule an appointment.

Dr. Dan joined the Akwesasne Dental Clinic in 2007 and quickly became a cherished member of the community. He was known for his gentle and compassionate approach to dental care, his friendly and humorous personality, and his genuine interest in the well-being of his clients. He had a special rapport with children and always made them feel comfortable and relaxed during their visits. He was also an avid

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OPEN HOUSE

Join us to learn about the programs and services MCA offers!

SEPTEMBER 16, 2024
A'nowara'ko:wa Arena
4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 17, 2024
Kana:takon Recreation Center
10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 21, 2024
Tsi Snaihne Recreation Center
10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

NEWS

U.S. CUSTOMS ANNOUNCES "ROAM" REPORTING APP FOR NON-AKWESASRONON

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne and Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe are informing the community of an announcement from the U.S. Customs & Border Protection Agency (USCBP) that will benefit visitors to Akwesasne and non-Akwesasne residents who work in the community.

USCBP has expanded the agency's Reporting Off-site Arrival-Mobile (ROAM) application to include the Akwesasne Territory, specifically the areas of Tsi Snaihne (Snye) and Kana:takon (St. Regis).

While Akwesasronon ("from Akwesasne") can freely pass between the Quebec districts (Tsi Snaihne & Kana:takon) and New York State without reporting to US Customs, non-Akwesasne residents are required to report to the nearest Port of Entry when arriving in New York from those districts. For example, Non-Akwesasne employees who teach at our schools in Kana:takon and Tsi Snaihne have been required to stop at the Rooseveltown Port of Entry on their way home to Cornwall to report that they had arrived in New York State, despite only traversing through. Now, these individuals can report through the new ROAM app instead.

WHAT IS THE ROAM APP?

The ROAM app, previously utilized in the small boat environment, has now been extended to certain land border locations, including Akwesasne. This app allows travelers to report their arrival into the United States through a mobile device, potentially including a video conference with CBP officers.

LAUNCH DATE

The expanded use of the ROAM app began on July 29, 2024.

BENEFITS

This new reporting option provides greater flexibility and convenience, saving valuable time for travelers by allowing them to check in from any location using a compatible device with 4G/LTE or Wi-Fi. It is especially helpful for those frequently traveling between Canada and the U.S. for work, school, or business, easing the burden of current reporting procedures.

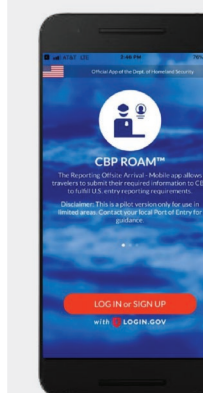
HOW TO USE THE ROAM APP

The app is available for download on Apple and Android devices under "CBP ROAM." Travelers can create a profile and submit their information for a CBP video conference while still in Canada. Information can be saved for future crossings.

ALTERNATIVE REPORTING

Travelers without access to the ROAM app can continue to report and check in at the nearest Port of Entry.

We encourage all visitors and non-Akwesasronon employees to take advantage of this convenient tool for their travel needs. For more information or assistance, please visit the CBP website: www.cbp.gov/travel/pleasure-boats/pleasure-boat-overview/roam



CBP Roam | Report Arrive — Automobile

Download the CBP ROAM
To get started, download CBP ROAM from the Apple App Store or Google Play Store.

Log In with Login.gov
Select LOG IN OR SIGN UP. CBP ROAM will redirect to login.gov where you can either create an account or log in to an existing account.

Question? Contact:
CBPROAM@cbp.dhs.gov

COUNCIL AND MOHAWK GOVERNMENT

COUNCIL WEEKLY MEETING REPORT

SUBMITTED BY ACTING GRAND CHIEF CINDY FRANCIS-MITCHELL



- Council discussed the details and planned attendance of the upcoming Grand Opening of the A'nowara'ko:wa Arena Playground & Splash Pad.
- Meetings held with the Executive Director and Mohawk Government Program to provide support for Kana:takon District Chief Cindy Francis-Mitchell's transition into Acting Grand Chief.
- **MCRs passed:** New Member of the Akwesasne Mohawk Police Commission; LED Street Lighting Project on

Kawehno:ke; Iohahi:io Multi-Trades Construction Project; Band Transfer; Assignment of Leases for Lots 1-4 Clark Island, Lot 16 Ross Island, Lot 8 Stanley Island; Amendment MCR# 331 Carry-over Funds for Justice; OFNLP Audited Financials; BMO On-Reserve Housing Program; Housing Rescind New Construction; Housing Upgrades; New Construction; Emergency Council Meeting Minutes of March 28, April 8, April 15, April 29, May 6, May 13, and May 27, 2024.

July 15, 2024

- Council received a briefing on service provider.

July 22, 2024

- Council received a request for support (and to utilize the MCA logo in advertising) for the American Legion Post 1479's upcoming Veterans Day event, scheduled for July 31, 2024.
- Building rental concerns were presented and discussed.
- Council discussed the request from community members regarding MCA District and General Meetings for the upcoming months.
- Updates were provided on the Election Appeal Process from the Executive Director.
- Council discussed lawn care services within the community.
- Discussion on renaming a road in honour of a District Chief.
- **MCRs passed:** Amendment to MCR #133 trustee appointment; Appointment of community trustees; ISC Ontario Reserve Housing Management

Subsidy; Onkwe Inc. Service Agreement DCSS; AMPS SAVE Unit Audit '23/'24; AMPS JIT Audit '23/'24; Thompson Memorial Building Lease Agreement; Accept Indigenous Language & Culture Program Grant; AMS Walking Path Development; ATR 16684 Campeau Road South Stormont; Ontario Regional Waste Water Coordinator Funding Application; Approval of Council Meeting Minutes: June 3, 10, 17, 2024.

July 29, 2024

- Council set the next Council meeting for August 12, 2024, because of the Civic Holiday closure on August 5, 2024.
- Council discussed DocuSign.
- Council discussed orientation.
- Council discussed the food pantry.
- Council discussed the Kana:takon District Meeting.
- Council discussed waterline hookup.
- **MCRs passed:** Approval of FTTH Ministry of Infrastructure TPA Amendment No.2; Approval of Combination Agreement: Great River Rapport/Aquatic Invasive Species; Approval of ISC Amendment No.145 to Funding Agreement No.1920-ON-000024; Approval of Allotment Lot 222 Cornwall Island CLSR 109936; Approval of Allotment Lot 223 Cornwall Island CLSR 109936; Approval of Allotment Lot 239 Corn-

wall Island CLSR 109932; Approval of Allotment Lot 255 Cornwall Island CLSR 109937; Approval of Allotment Lot 270 Cornwall Island CLSR 109941; Approval of Allotment Lot 277 Cornwall Island CLSR 109943; Approval of Allotment Lot 278 Cornwall Island CLSR 109943; Approval of Allotment Lot 281 Cornwall Island CLSR 109943; Approval of Allotment Lot 282 Cornwall Island CLSR 109943; Approval of Allotment Lot 283 Corn-

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ment Lot 292 Cornwall Island CLSR 109933; Approval of Allotment Lot 293 Cornwall Island CLSR 109933; Approval of Allotment Lot 299 Cornwall Island CLSR 109929.

KANA:TAKON DISTRICT CHIEF TIM "DOOLEY" THOMPSON RETIRES



The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne is informing the community that on July 26, 2024, Tim "Dooley" Thompson retired from his position as Kana:takon District Chief.

Chief Thompson sat on many boards, committees and commissions and was a "mover and shaker." Former Council Members recall how he was always reading something. He advised that others be up on their reading to always be ready for discussion on the topic at the Council table. Chief Thompson was also a great advocate for elders within our community who knew they could always count on him. He worked on the Racing Against Drugs campaign for many years, where a grand event was hosted annually for the youth of Akwesasne. Anyone who knows Dooley also knows his love for cooking and how he would share delicious meals and recipes at meal luncheons.

Chief Thompson served the community of Akwesasne for seven terms as a District

Chief and one term as Grand Chief for the MCA. His dedicated service is reflected in the following terms:

1986-1988	Grand Chief: 2006-2009
1988-1991	2015-2018
1997-2000	2018-2021
2000-2002 (bi-election)	2021-2024

Some notable achievements during his tenure include:

2008: Final settlement agreement between Ontario Power Generation and Akwesasne.

May 2009: Led the community through a 42-day bridge closure related to the dispute between Akwesasne and the CBSA.

Chair of the Independent First Nations Executive Committee, representing 12 First Nation communities in Ontario.

Previous board member of the Akwesasne Career and Employment Support Services.

In addition to his time on Council, Chief Thompson worked in various positions throughout the MCA. He served short terms as the A/Program Manager at the St. Regis Drug and Alcohol Program, as an A/Assistant Program Manager at Iohahi:io, and as a Finance Officer. He also worked for almost six years in Human Resources as a Staffing Officer. During his time in HR, he was part of a well-organized, highly developing HR office, implementing many policies and processes to ensure consistency across the organization.

As Chief Thompson concludes his service to our community, we wish him all the best in his future endeavours. Though he wore many hats during his time with us, both figuratively and literally, we hope he enjoys his new hat as a retiree! Nia:wen Chief Thompson for your many years of service!

SOCIAL MEDIA CONNECTION



FACEBOOK STATS

Facebook Posts with the Most Likes in July

1. Iakhihsohtha Staff and Residents Celebrate Jack Leaf's 100th Birthday (Video)
2. Tsiikwanonhso:te Residents Hit The Water For a Day of Pontoon Fun
3. Cheers to 100 Years, Jack Leaf! (Graphic)
4. MCA Unveils New Playground and Splash Pad at A'nowara'ko:wa Arena (Video)
5. Making a Splash at the A'nowara'ko:wa Arena

Facebook Posts with the Highest Reach in July

1. Tsiikwanonhso:te Residents Hit The Water For a Day of Pontoon Fun — 29,759 Reached
2. Iakhihsohtha Staff and Residents Celebrate Jack Leaf's 100th Birthday (Video) — 22,567 Reached
3. Cheers to 100 Years, Jack Leaf! (Graphic) — 17,832 Reached
4. Potential Delays at Massena Customs Port — 14,021 Reached
5. Ottawa Redblack Announce Second Annual Football Camp — 10,256 Reached



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Top Post in July



YOUTUBE STATS

Highest Viewed Video on the MCA YouTube Channel for July
Iakhihsohtha Fashion Show



Scan QR Code to view video!

CHILDREN'S PAGE

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BIKING KITE POPSICLE FISHING PICNIC SUNFLOWER

FIND YOUR WAY TO THE ICE CREAM TRUCK!

COLOUR THE SCUBA DIVER

YOU'VE GOT TO BE KIDDING ME!

Where do sheep go on vacation?
To the Baa-hamas.

What kind of music do killer whales like?
They listen to the orca-stra.

Why did the teacher jump into the pool?
He wanted to test the water.

COUNCIL AND MOHAWK GOVERNMENT

ONE DISH, ONE SPOON

One Dish, One Spoon is an agreement among First Nations communities to share hunting territory between two or more nations. The concept signifies that individuals must limit the game they take to ensure enough remains for others and for the continued viability of the hunting grounds. The “dish” represents the shared land, while the “spoon” symbolizes individuals using the land’s resources cooperatively. This principle was also invoked in past treaties to avoid conflict and promote peaceful coexistence.

Recently, Mohawk Council of Akwesasne Kawehno:ke District Chief Vince Thompson brought new life to this old concept by having a beautiful bowl and spoon created to represent One Dish, One Spoon. Chief Thompson is one of the representatives of the MCA at the Iroquois Caucus (IC). He is also involved in the Harvest Working Group, which discusses the hunting rights of the involved communities in the IC. He envisioned this creation as a tangible expression of the One Dish, One Spoon concept. In the photo, Chief Thompson is seen with MCA Conservation Officer Taylor Mitchell’s personal wampum belt. Taylor, who is part of the Environment program, also participates in the committee meetings.

The journey to create this bowl was serendipitous. Chief Thompson reached out to various individuals to find someone capable of making the bowl but was met with little success. One day, per chance, Chief Thompson decided to stop at a small craft fair. During this visit, he purchased wooden spoons from a vendor and casually mentioned his intention of having a wooden bowl made. The vendor provided the name and contact number of a Mr. D.R. Guynup from Plattsburgh, NY. Although the initial contact number was out of service, fate intervened, and Mr. Guynup eventually called Chief Thompson, expressing his willingness to craft the bowl. Understanding the cultural significance, Mr. Guynup asked only for a firm handshake in exchange of the bowl, a request that Chief Thompson gratefully obliged.

The talented crew from Two House Designs completed the wood-burning on the bowl, which features replicas

of the original signatures from various nations from the 18th century, One Dish, One Spoon treaty agreement. The bowl also has room on it to welcome future additions if more nations want to join in on the concept. The bowl’s intricate design and craftsmanship impressed both Chief Thompson and Taylor Mitchell, who take great pride in this symbol of unity and sustainability.

Chief Thompson and Taylor Mitchell are now considering where to keep the bowl and spoon. However, they are determined to bring this beautiful creation to many future Iroquois Caucus meetings, ensuring that all participants can see and be reminded of the importance of the One Dish, One Spoon principle. This bowl serves not only as a reminder of past agreements, but also as an expression of the continued cooperation and environmental stewardship among First Nation communities.



ENTEWATATHÁ:WI - "WE WILL GOVERN"

UNDERSTANDING THE ESGA NEGOTIATION PROCESS BETWEEN AKWESASNE AND CANADA

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne and Government of Canada have been actively negotiating the Akwesasne-Canada Entewatathá:wi Self-Government Agreement (ESGA) since 2013. ESGA will allow for the recognition of new and expanded jurisdiction and authority for the Mohawks of Akwesasne. Nation Building’s work plan reflects the parties’ agreement to the activities they will pursue during the fiscal year in furtherance of the objectives set out in the Akwesasne-Canada Agreement-in-Principle.

All negotiations between Akwesasne and Canada are held at formal meetings called “Main Table Negotiations.” This is where high-level discussions take place in regard to specific subject matters. There are representatives from Akwesasne and Canada, including legal advisors, negotiators, community advisors, and sometimes subject matter experts.

Akwesasne	Canada
Grand Chief & Nation Building Portfolio Chiefs	Chief Federal Negotiator
Community Advisors (3)	Senior Negotiator
MCA Technicians	Negotiator
Entewatathá:wi Staff	Negotiations Analyst
Legal Council	Junior Analyst
	Senior Legal Counsel

The goal is to reach a mutual understanding and agreement that recognizes the autonomy of the Mohawks of Akwesasne in managing their own affairs while maintaining a government-to-government relationship with Canada. The process involves multiple rounds of discussions, proposals, counterproposals, and revisions. Both parties work toward a mutually acceptable draft agreement. Main Table Negotiations are crucial because they lay the foundation for the ESGA, aiming to enhance the political and economic

independence of the Mohawks of Akwesasne while respecting our legal and inherent rights.

The Entewatathá:wi Self Government Agreement, once reached, is subject to ratification by the Mohawks of Akwesasne.

Why are we negotiating?

The *Indian Act* does not reflect the values, needs and priorities of the Mohawks of Akwesasne, but it still contains some provisions that benefit the community. We are negotiating a new basis for the relationship between Akwesasne and Canada that will replace most section in the *Indian Act*. If the ESGA is ratified by the community, this will allow the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne to exercise greater powers, self-government to make decisions that better reflect the community’s values and priorities. Akwesasne’s affairs will no longer be dictated by the Minister of Indigenous Services Canada under the *Indian Act* system.



Entewatathá:wi

Nation Building Team

- Rachel Lazare, Project Manager
- Cheavee Willie, Executive Assistant
- Jacey Rourke, Public Relations Officer
- Brandi Benedict, Special Project Manager

- Administration #1 Building, Kana:takon
- 613 575-2250

AMBE SUMMER CAMP: KIDS EMBRACE FUN AND CREATIVITY

Summertime fun is in full swing at the AMBE Early Years Summer Camp! The days are filled with adventures outdoors, where the children explore nature, play games, and make new friends. Even when it rains, the fun is brought indoors with arts and crafts, glow stick dance parties, movie sessions in the gym, and loads more! Exciting things happening at AMBE Early Years Summer Camp, where everyday is a new adventure.



AMBE WELCOMES NEW TRANSPORTATION MANAGER



The Ahkwesáhsne Mohawk Board of Education is pleased to announce that Darren Cook will be joining their team in the role of Transportation Manager! Darren comes to AMBE with a wealth of experience and knowledge in the transportation industry.

effectively manage transportation operations.

In 2016, Darren took on the role of Dispatcher at the Akwesasne Mohawk Police Service, where he fathered his skills in handling emergency situations and ensuring public safety. Darren's extensive background in school transportation and management, coupled with his hands-on experience in dealing with emergency situations is vital to ensuring smooth and efficient operations of AMBE transportation services.

Please join us in welcoming Darren to the AMBE team!



Darren brings a strong background in school transportation, having worked part of his career as a Bus Driver with the Salmon River School District since 2014. His dedication and commitment to ensuring the safety and well-being of passengers have been demonstrated throughout his career. Darren has also worked as a supply Bus Driver and supply Transportation Supervisor since 2011, where he demonstrated his leadership skills and ability to

DID YOU KNOW?

Learning a second language as a family is important. It helps with staying motivated and it keeps you immersed in the language longer

Ahkwesáhsne Mohawk Language and Culture Program

BACK TO SCHOOL

Important dates

Student Orientation is September 4th 2024
at your school from 12:30-3:00

First day of school is September 5th 2024
First day for all K3 students is September 9th 2024

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

TSIIIONKWANONHSO:TE RESIDENTS HIT THE WATER FOR A DAY OF PONTOON FUN

On Friday, July 26, 2024, the residents of the Tsiionkwanonhso:te Long-Term Care facility (LTC) spent their day on the water, enjoying the sites and sounds of the St. Lawrence River on the Thompson Island pontoon. Louie Francis provided driving services for our elders to experience the day on the river.

The pontoon day consisted of a leisurely drive to the power dam, the locks, under both the Seaway/Three Nations bridge (Cornwall) and Raquette River bridge, where the residents made their way to the Blue Anchor in Cornwall and enjoyed a wonderful lunch of fish and chips.

It was a beautiful day, and the weather stayed perfect for our elders. The elders thoroughly enjoyed their day and can't wait to hit the rivers again.

Akwesasne Child & Family Services (ACFS) provided the pontoon for our residents to participate in the day on the river. Nia:wen/thank you to ACFS for the use of the pontoon!

Niawenhkó:wa/thank you to those who helped in making the Tsiionkwanonhso:te LTC pontoon day a great success.



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

LAND-BASED HEALING PROGRAM PROVIDES CRITICAL ICE RESCUE GEAR TO HAVFD

On July 19, 2024, the MCA Department of Health's Land-Based Healing Program (LBH) presented three brand-new ice rescue suits to the Hogansburg Akwesasne Volunteer Fire Department at Station #2 on Kawehno:ke.

Thanks to the Land-Based Healing Program's secured funding, the fire department now proudly owns these state-of-the-art-suits, which are fully waterproof with

watertight hoods, integrated gloves, and attached boots. This essential gear will help to enhance the HAVFD's rescue missions during our cold winter months.

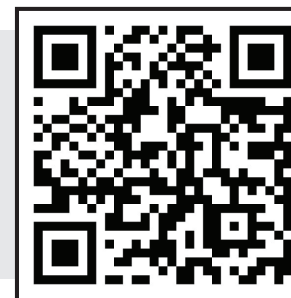
A big shoutout to Deco Stop Outdoor Centre in Lancaster, ON for providing these lifesaving Mustang Survival suits!



CHEERS TO 100 YEARS, JACK LEAF!

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne would like to wish Jack Leaf a very happy 100th birthday on July 19!

lakhisotha Lodge held a centennial celebration for the World War II veteran, complete with a delicious cake and performance by Joe Herne. Jack, you're an inspiration to us all, and we're so glad to commemorate this milestone with you. Satonhá:ren nón:wa!



Scan the QR code to see a video of the birthday celebrations for Jack at lakhisotha Lodge!



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

LAND-BASED HEALING PROGRAM WELCOMES NEW LAND-BASED HEALING SPECIALIST



The Department of Health's (DOH) Land-Based Healing Program would like to welcome LaToya Rourke to the team. LaToya brings a wealth of knowledge and experience into her new role.

LaToya Wahientha Rourke is a proud member of the Wolf Clan from the Akwesasne Mohawk Nation. She currently resides in the community with her husband Matthew Thompson and their five children.

LaToya brings extensive traditional knowledge, cultural

teachings, and academic knowledge to her new role of Land-Based Healing specialist. She holds an Associate's Degree in Hospitality & Tourism Management, as well as a Professional Certificate in Cultural Heritage Tourism.

With years of experience, she develops and implements workshops and programming for the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne's Land-Based Healing Program. She looks forward to collaborating with Akwesasronon artisans and cultural educators to meet her ultimate goal in aiding in the healing of intergenerational trauma through traditional teachings and fostering intergenerational wisdom and cultural knowledge.

Please join us in welcoming LaToya Rourke to the Land-Based Healing team.

STAY SAFE: WHAT TO DO IF YOU HAVE SYMPTOMS OR TEST POSITIVE FOR COVID-19

If you have any COVID-19 symptoms (even if mild) or ANY other illness, such as but not limited to:

- Fever (37.8° C or higher) and/or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or trouble breathing
- Decreased or loss of taste or smell
- Runny nose or nasal congestion
- Headache
- Extreme fatigue or tiredness
- Sore throat
- Muscle aches or joint pain
- Gastrointestinal symptoms (such as vomiting or diarrhea)
- It is recommended that you stay home (self-isolate) while you are sick with ANY symptoms. This means:
- Staying home until you have no fever and your symptoms are improving for at least 24 hours (or 48 hours if you have gastrointestinal symptoms such as vomiting and/or diarrhea).

- After isolating, wear a well-fitted, high quality mask when out in public for 10 days from when your symptoms started.
- Avoid non-essential visits to vulnerable individuals (e.g. seniors) and highest risk settings (e.g., hospitals, long-term care) for 10 days from when your symptoms started.
- Follow this advice whether you have tested with a Rapid Antigen Test for COVID-19 or not.

If you tested positive for COVID-19, but do not have any symptoms, you are not required to self-isolate. You should self-monitor for symptoms and self-isolate if symptoms develop. Wear a well-fitted, high quality mask when in public settings, especially if they are crowded or have poor ventilation, and avoid non-essential visits to vulnerable individuals (e.g. seniors) and high risk settings for 10 days from your positive test date.

Individuals with a weak immune system should isolate for at least 10 days (from symptom onset or positive test date) regardless if you have symptoms of COVID-19.

For more information, or to find locations with rapid antigen tests, please contact MCA Community Health Services at 613-575-2341 ext. 3220.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

AUGUST 2024



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
CONTACT US Akwesasne Medical Clinic: 613-575-2341 ext. 3215 Kawehno:ke Medical Clinic: 613-932-5808 or 613-575-2341 ext. 1110			1 AMC Dr. Saylor – By Appt. Dr. Robinson – By Appt/Same Day Dr. Daradich – By Appt/Same Day KMC Dr. Torres Virtual – By Appt.	2 MCA & CLINIC CLOSED STAFF ACTIVITY DAY
5 MCA & CLINIC CLOSED CIVIC HOLIDAY	6 AMC Dr. Saylor – By Appt. KMC Janet Brant, NP – By Appt. Dr. Baier by Appt/Same Day	7 AMC Dr. Horn – By Appt. KMC Janet Brant, NP – By Appt. Blood Work – By Appt.	8 AMC Dr. Saylor – By Appt. Dr. Levac – By Appt. Dr. Robinson – By Appt/Same Day KMC Dr. Torres – By Appt.	9 AMC No Provider No Blood Work KMC Janet Brant, NP – By Appt.
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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Akwesasne Non-Insured Health Benefits:
613-575-2341 ext. 3340

Community Health:
613-575-2341 ext. 3220

Jordan's Principle:
613-575-2341 ext. 2650

Wholistic Health and Wellness:
613-575-2341 ext. 3115

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

Iakhihsotha Lodge:
613-575-2507

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

Tsiokwanonhso:te Long-Term Care Facility:
613-932-1409



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

GAME ON: FOOTBALL FUN AT THE A'NOWARA'KO:WA ARENA

On Thursday, August 1, 2024, the Ottawa Redblacks and the University of Ottawa Gee-Gees came together to host an exciting football camp for local youth from Akwesasne and surrounding areas. The event, spearheaded by Ben Maracle — a Tyendinaga resident and quarterback for the Gee-Gees — took place at the A'nowara'ko:wa Arena, aiming to promote football within Indigenous communities.

This year marks the second edition of the camp, which is a collaborative initiative involving the Ottawa Redblacks, Gee-Gees Football, and various departments of the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne, including Health, Community & Social Services, and Economic Development.

The camp welcomed around 40 young participants from Akwesasne and the surrounding region, who engaged in skill-building drills, a Q&A session with players, and received a football and a Redblacks t-shirt. The event concluded with players signing autographs and taking photos with the attendees.

On behalf of the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne, we extend our heartfelt thanks to the Redblacks and the Gee-Gees for their continued support and for making this camp a memorable experience. Get ready to huddle up for next year — here's to another year of fantastic football fun!



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH WELCOMES DR. TOM CURRY TO THE MEDICAL CARE TEAM



The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne's Department of Health (DOH) would like to welcome Dr. Tom Curry to the Medical Care Team. Dr. Curry is Mohawk from Six Nations of the Grand River.

with a focus on Indigenous Health. He further honed his skills through practical experiences as a Family Physician at Tyendinaga First Nation. This experience emphasized holistic and culturally informed care.

Dr. Curry is a dedicated and compassionate physician, and his work will be guided by dedication to building trust, fostering community relationships, and delivering high-quality healthcare services.

Dr. Curry completed his medical degree at McMaster University and his residency training at Queen's University, where he specialized in Family Medicine,

Please join us in welcoming Dr. Curry to the Medical Care Team!

HOW TO PROPERLY REMOVE A TICK

With the warm weather, many of us spend more time hiking, walking through the woods, or enjoying other outdoor activities. Unfortunately, this increases the chances of encountering ticks, which can carry diseases like Lyme disease. Knowing how to properly remove a tick is essential for minimizing health risks. In this video, you can see a step-by-step guide on how to safely and effectively remove a tick if you find one on yourself or a loved one.




Scan QR Code
LEARN HOW TO REMOVE A TICK



MCA Community Health Services

BACK TO SCHOOL IMMUNIZATION CLINICS




August 26-30, 2024

KANONHKWA'TSHERI:IO HEALTH FACILITY

9:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.

TO BOOK AN APPOINTMENT, PLEASE CALL:
MCA COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES
613-575-2341 EXT. 3220



Community Health Services - Sector 2

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY & SOCIAL SERVICES

MCA SEEKING RESPITE PROVIDERS FOR VULNERABLE SECTOR

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne is currently compiling a database of individuals and contractors who may be able to provide respite care (temporary care) to the vulnerable sector. Care is sought for individuals with developmental disabilities, autism and other special needs. Respite care is typically short-term but can provide a priceless care to the client and the client's primary caregiver.

BENEFITS:

- A sense of fulfillment from serving the vulnerable sector
- Pride in caring for Akwesasne community members
- Rewards of assisting other families and giving invaluable support
- Wages for hourly/daily/overnight (negotiable)
- Paid mileage and expenses (as approved)
- Monthly gift card
- Making your own hours to fit your schedule! (Providers are independent contractors, not MCA employees)

RESPONSIBILITIES:

Tasks may include:

- Physical care (bathing, lifts, transfers, hygiene, etc)
- Recreational outings
- Supervision
- Overnight support

- Transportation
- Adaptive Daily Living Skills
- Life Skills
- Parenting support
- Meal prep

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Education or experience working in the vulnerable sector
- At minimum, must be in post-secondary school in the human services field
- References
- A clean criminal background cheque (CPIC, vulnerable sector, CW record check)

WHO WILL YOU BE PROVIDING RESPITE FOR?

- Children with behavioural challenges
- Children with Developmental Disabilities
- Children with Autism
- Children with Physical disabilities
- Respite for Caregivers of Children with the above mentioned

Should you be interested or have additional questions, please submit your resume, criminal record cheque, and references to the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne's Director of Community & Social Services: joseph.morin-lauzon@akwesasne.ca or ACFS Service Manager: barb.thompson@akwesasne.ca.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY & SOCIAL SERVICES

Akwesasne Family Wellness Program: 613-937-4322

DCSS Administration: 613-575-2341 ext. 3305

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

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

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

MAKING A SPLASH AT THE A'NOWARA'KO:WA ARENA

On July 17, 2024, the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne was thrilled to unveil the new playground and splash pad at the A'nowara'ko:wa Arena!

The smiles were shining bright as AMBE's Kawehno:ke Early Years. Summer Camp dropped by for some epic playtime and splash-tastic fun.

The project was a combined effort of the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne's Department of Economic Development and Department of Community & Social Services. Our objective was to enhance the arena grounds for increased safety, outdoor activity, and community wellness.

The playground and splash pad provide varied play options, promoting physical activity and interaction

amongst children in a safe environment. The new amenities help the arena grounds serve as a communal space where Akwesasronon can socialize, engage in physical activity, and spend quality time together.

Overall, these additions contribute to making the A'nowara'ko:wa Arena a more vibrant, healthy, and attractive community hub!

A big nia:wen goes out to everyone who joined us for this special celebration and helped make it a day to remember!

When coming to visit, please avoid drop-offs and keep a close watch on the little ones to ensure everyone's safety.



ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM

Shoreline Restoration in the St. Lawrence River Area of Concern



Are you a waterfront property owner in the St. Lawrence River (Cornwall) Area of Concern?

Create a beautiful natural shoreline buffer with native grasses, trees, shrubs, and wildflowers to protect your shoreline from erosion and flood damage, and improve your water quality!

Contact
ne.stlawrenceriver.aoc@watersheds.ca
for more information!

SITE VISIT

During the site visit, we will provide you with recommendations and advice to improve the health of your water and shoreline property.

CUSTOMIZED PLANTING PLAN

We work with you to create a customized re-naturalization planting plan that works for you and your shoreline.

EDUCATION MATERIALS

Care guides are provided for:

- Plant Care
- Habitat Creation
- Wildflower Gardens

NATIVE PLANTS FOR PLANTING

50 native plants for you to plant, including:

- 25 bare root (small)
- 15 potted (large)
- 10 wildflowers



Learn about The Natural Edge program:
naturaledge.watersheds.ca

DEPARTMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE, HOUSING & ENVIRONMENT

ADMINISTRATION:
613-575-2250 ext. 1003

MAINTENANCE PROGRAM: 613-575-2250 EXT. 1022
HOUSING: 613-575-2250 EXT. 1056
ENVIRONMENT: 613-575-2250 EXT. 1038
ROADS DEPARTMENT CENTRAL DISPATCH: 613-575-2340 OR 613-938-5476
WATER/WASTEWATER INFRASTRUCTURE EMERGENCY: 613-575-2000
AFTER HOURS PAGER: 518-404-3352
OFFICE HOURS: MONDAY – FRIDAY 8AM-4PM 613-933-4924
SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT (GARBAGE AND RECYCLING):
613-575-2250 ext. 1002

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

GIFT CARD SCAMMERS POSING AS FIBRE-TO-THE-HOME REPS

Gift card scams are becoming increasingly common. In the latest scam to hit Akwesasne, callers are claiming to be representatives from the Fibre-to-the-Home Project. They advise the homeowner that their fibre hookups are almost complete and the last step is to purchase \$1000 (in gift cards) and call the scammer back. The scammer will then ask for the gift card information and steal the funds that way. Please share this information with those in your life, especially the vulnerable and elderly.

Whether it's a fraudster posing as your distressed grandchild, as an employee from the Canadian Revenue Agency (CRA), or as someone from your financial institution, there are many ways a fraudster can steal your money.

It's a good idea to understand the different types of gift card scams happening right now and learn how to spot some of the warning signs and what you should know about gift card scams and how you can protect yourself and your loved ones from falling victim to this kind of fraud.

The reason why scammers request funds via gift cards is because they are incredibly hard to track. Once a gift card number and PIN is shared with a fraudster, they can access the funds on the card and it's difficult to know the identity of who cashed it.

The first step towards avoiding falling victim to a gift card scam is understanding some of the various types of cons circulating.

BANK INVESTOR GIFT CARD SCAMS: You might receive a phone call from a fraudster posing as an employee of your bank saying your account has been compromised and that they need your help with the investigation. To encourage your participation, the scammer will ask for your personal banking information and say you will be compensated for the incident. Then, they might make deposits into your account through fraudulent cheques or cash advances from your own credit card without you knowing. The fraudster will then ask for the money to be sent back to them, claiming it will be inspected as evidence in their investigation. In some cases, the scammer will ask you to buy gift cards using the money they put into your account and ask that you give them the numbers on the back of the gift card. Once the scammer has the gift card numbers, they can access the funds on the card.

GRANDPARENT GIFT CARD SCAMS: The grandparent scam involves the fraudster calling a senior and pretending to be that person's grandchild. When the grandparent receives the phone call from the fraudster posing as the "grandchild," the fraudster ensures they sound like they are in distress, claiming they need money for some type of emergency. The scammer will often ask the grandparent not to tell anyone about the trouble they're in, and to send money via gift card or other means.

LOTTERY GIFT CARD SCAMS: You might receive a call saying you've won a lottery prize, but to receive that prize, you need to pay a fee. Fraudsters might say this fee covers "taxes," or "shipping and handling" charges, and ask for the fee to be paid via gift card. Once the "fee" is paid, the victim never receives their prize.

ROMANCE GIFT CARD SCAMS: There are many forms of romance scams, but they often all include a fraudster posing as a romantic partner or love interest, before eventually asking their target for money. These scammers often build relationships over time, either via social media, the phone or email, and play on emotions. Then, once they feel confident, they tell their victim they're experiencing an emergency and need money in the form of gift cards.

BARCODE GIFT CARD SCAMS: Some fraudsters buy gift cards from retailers to take them home and put their own, phony barcodes on them, and then return to the retailer or got to another store and hang them back up, ready for purchase by an unsuspecting victim. When the victim pays for the card in-store, the funds are activated on the scammer's card and the victim has purchased an empty card.

There are many ways fraudsters impersonate employees of the Canada Revenue Agency and try to extract funds from unknowing victims. But one scam is the CRA gift card scam where fraudsters call and pretend to be an agent from the CRA, often calling from a fake number. The fraudster might tell you that you owe money to the tax agency and demand your social insurance number and a payment in the form of gift cards.

Many people may feel embarrassed if they think they've been scammed, especially if they've sent a scammer a large sum of money via gift cards. But it's important to report the suspected scam as soon as possible for a chance at getting reimbursed, and to help prevent other people from falling victim to a similar scam.

In the chance the money hasn't been cashed yet, they might be able to freeze the funds on the card provided the fraudster has not already cashed the card which they usually do immediately upon receipt of the cards. It's also critical to alert your financial institution, and local law enforcement.

The Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre tracks the scams that are happening across Canada and encourages people to report any suspected fraud at www.antifraudcentre-centreantifraude.ca/report-signalez-eng.htm. In 2023, the Centre estimates that Canadians lost \$554 million to fraud.

If you believe that you were the target of a scam, please report it to the Akwesasne Mohawk Police Service at 613-575-2000.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

MCA ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT OF AMPS CHIEF OF POLICE SHAWN DULUDE



The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne (MCA) is announcing the retirement of Akwesasne Mohawk Police Service (AMPS) Chief of Police Shawn Dulude, effective August 16, 2024, after seven years of dedicated service to the Akwesasne community. Chief Dulude joined AMPS in 2017 and

led in advancing AMPS' mission to ensure the safety and wellbeing of the community. His leadership was characterized by a commitment to enhancing community relations and fostering a culture of professionalism throughout the service.

Chief Dulude's leadership resulted in several key accomplishments, including: implementation of modern policing strategies (body cameras, in-car cameras and data management systems that improved operational efficiency and transparency); crisis management and response during several major incidents; and securing additional funding that enabled increased marine unit patrols, resulting in

improved coverage and response capabilities on local waterways and strengthening of the department's ability to enforce regulations and maintain public safety.

In his parting message, Chief Dulude expresses his gratitude to the officers and staff of AMPS, as well as the residents of Akwesasne, for their support throughout his tenure.

"It has been an honour to serve as the first non-Indigenous Chief of Police for the Akwesasne Mohawk Police Service" Chief Dulude said. "I am proud of what we have accomplished together and am grateful for the opportunity to work alongside such dedicated individuals. As I step into retirement, I am confident that the police service will continue to thrive and serve the Akwesasne community with excellence."

MCA wishes Chief Dulude well in his retirement and expresses appreciation for his service to the Akwesasne community. Staff Sergeant Ranatiostha Swamp will serve as acting Chief of Police while MCA recruits a permanent incumbent for the position.



AKWESASNE MOHAWK POLICE SERVICE

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

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

AMPS PARTICIPATE IN SENIOR CARNIVAL EXTRAVAGANZA

On August 7, 2024 the Akwesasne Mohawk Police Service partnered with the Kawehno:ke Recreation Center and Tri-District Elders Lodge for their "Bring on the Sun, for Summertime Fun" event. Community members celebrated the season with carnival-themed activities with mini-putt, ring toss, an epic Connect 4 challenge, BINGO and much more!

AMPS held a great discussion with attendees about

elder abuse awareness, informing them about the different types of elder abuse and what to look out for.

This even was a fantastic opportunity for our elders to connect with friends and family, have fun and enjoy the remainder of the summer. Niawenhkó:wa to the Kawehno:ke Recreation, Tri-District Elders Lodge, and all the volunteers who made this day a success!



JULY STATISTICS

292 July	6 1003 Assist Other Agencies - Tribal PD	5 1050 Youth Complaint
2 024 Break & Enter - Residence	50 1004 Assist Public	1 1052 Shooting Complaint
2 027 Theft - Automobiles	2 1007 Breach of Probation	3 106 Provincial Statutes - Other
2 028 Theft - Trucks	2 1008 By-Law - Dogs	18 1063 Marine Patrol
1 035 Theft Over \$5000 - Other	1 1009 By-Law - Noise	1 1070 Sex Offender Registry
1 038 Theft Under \$5000 - From Motor Vehicle	6 1012 Civil Disputes	1 204 Sexual Assault
2 040 Theft Under \$5000 - Other	17 1013 Community Services	4 205 Assault - Level 1
4 061 Bail Violations	4 1014 Crime Prevention	3 206 Assault Weapon/CBH - Level 2
1 062 Counterfeiting Currency	5 1018 Escorts - Prisoner	1 3030 Admin - Assist Other Agency
1 063 Disturb the Peace	1 1023 Judge's Order (Court)	3 705 Dangerous Operation MV
1 070 Trespass at Night	1 1023 MVC - Non-Reportable	1 706 Dangerous Operation Boat Vessel or Aircraft
4 072 Mischief (Prop. Damage) Under \$5000	15 1029 Suspicious Persons	3 711 Impaired Operation MV
2 073 Criminal Code - Other	9 1030 Suspicious Vehicles	7 715 Fail to Stop/Remain (CCC)
2 079 Cocaine - Possession	14 1031 Suspicious Circumstances	1 716 Drive MV Prohibited (CCC)
3 100 Immigration Act	3 1032 Sudden Death	2 717 Fail to Stop / Remain (HTA)
1 1000 Abandoned Vehicles	4 1036 Warrant - Bench/First	1 719 Drive Disqualified/Licence Suspended
6 1001 Alarms	1 1039 Property - Recovered	28 721 Traffic - Provincial Statutes
1 1002 Alerts	1 1040 Traffic Complaint	1 723 Traffic - Parking Violations
4 1003 Assist Other Agencies - Ambulance	3 1041 Mental Health Act	2 726 PD MVC Over \$1000 (Prop. Damage)
6 1003 Assist Other Agencies - Cornwall PS	1 1045 Attempt Suicide	1 Incident Type Not Listed
10 1003 Assist Other Agencies - Other	1 1046 Crisis Intervention	
	2 1049 Medical Aid	



General Election

Important dates regarding the upcoming election.



**AUGUST
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**Notice of Elections,
Nominations & Voters List
Locations**

Voters List Published

**SEPTEMBER
14**

General Election

9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

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

**AUGUST
24**

Nominations

9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Kawehno:ke: Tri-District Elders Lodge
Kana:takon: Akwesasne Justice Department
(45 Johnson Rd.)
Tsi Snaihne: Tsi Snaihne Recreation Center

**SEPTEMBER
19**

Deadline for appeals

5:00 p.m.

Drop off location:
Akwesasne Mohawk Police Service
(73 Sweetgrass Lane, Kana:takon)

**AUGUST
26**

**CEO deadline to deliver
nomination packages to
nominees**

1:00 p.m. (48 hours after nominations)

**SEPTEMBER
24**

**Deadline to submit responses
to appeals**

**AUGUST
28**

**Deadline to accept/withdraw
nomination**

12:00 p.m. (In-Person)

(Please note: Advanced phone calls are
not permitted.)

**OCTOBER
3**

**Latest date for decision(s) due
from Akwesasne Election
Appeal Board (when appeals
were received)**

**SEPTEMBER
4 & 11**

Advance Polls

4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

**By appointment only, please contact CEO Theresa
Thompson:** chief.electoral.officereakwesasne.ca or
613-551-1622

Appointment location:
Akwesasne Justice Department (45 Johnson Rd.)

**5
DAYS**

**5 days from date of AEAB
decision(s) deadline for original
appellant to appeal AEAB
decision to Akwesasne Court.**

**SEPTEMBER
12**

**Deadline for any changes
to Voters List**

9:00 a.m.

**The Swearing-in/Oaths of Office date is determined
by the appeal process and will be announced as
soon as it is possible to do so.**