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MCA WELCOMES NEW 2024-2027 COUNCIL



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UPCOMING MCA MEETINGS & SPECIAL DATES:

AKWESASNE MEMBERSHIP BOARD BY-ELECTION NOMINATIONS

November 9, 2024 · 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Kana:takon School Gym
Tsi Snaihne School Gym

2024-2025 AKWESASNE HEATING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (AHAP)

MCA's Community Support Program
is now accepting applications.

Final application deadline:

Friday, December 20, 2024 at 4 p.m.

MOHAWK COUNCIL OF AKWESASNE 2024-2027

- Grand Chief Leonard Lazore
- Kana:takon District Chief Fallon David, Chief Cindy Francis-Mitchell, Chief Theresa Jacobs, Chief Teresa Oakes
- Kawehno:ke District Chief Vanessa Adams, Chief Lisa Francis-Benedict, Chief Lacey Pierce, Chief Vince Thompson
- Tsi Snaihne District Chief Scott Peters, Chief Tesha Rourke, 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 Ranatiostha Swamp 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’s Community Support Program is now accepting applications for the 2024-2025 Akwesasne Heating Assistance Program (AHAP). For more information, please refer to page 5.
- 2 MCA’s Community Health Services will be hosting Flu Shot Clinics throughout the three districts and is open to community members ages 6 months and older. Walk-ins are welcome! View the full flu shot clinic schedule on page 21.
- 3 The Akwesasne Membership Board has announced a By-Election for the districts of Kana:takon and Tsi Snaihne. Nominations will take place on Saturday, November 9th from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. at the Kana:takon and Tsi Snaihne School Gymnasiums. More information available on page 7.
- 4 Interested in ordering a Green Food Bag from MCA Community Health Services? Two order deadlines remain for the 2024 year: November 1st and December 6th. Each bag is \$20, due at the time of ordering (cash or e-transfere accepted). Pickup will be at Kanonhkwa’tsheri:io Health Facility Atrium. Limit of 2 bags per person.
- 5 A possible wildcat sighting was reported on Kawehno:ke (Cornwall Island) on October 21, 2024. Community members are encouraged to report any sightings to AMPS Central Dispatch at 613-575-2000.

NEWS

MCA WELCOMES NEW 2024-2027 COUNCIL OATHS OF OFFICE ADMINISTERED

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MCA is governed by a community-elected 13-Chief Council consisting of one Grand Chief and 12 District Chiefs (four per district). All 13 seats are elected to 3-year terms. The MCA General By-Election was held on September 14, 2024 following successful Appeals to the original June 29, 2024 General Election.

The new Council was welcomed into office by outgoing Acting Grand Chief Cindy Francis-Mitchell and MCA Executive Director Mose Herne, as well as many well-wishing community members.

“This moment is not just a transition of leadership; it is a re-affirmation of our commitment to the values that define us as a community – respect, resilience and renewal,” said Executive Director Herne. “To our newly elected Council members, you stand before us as a reflection of our collective hopes and aspirations. Your election is not just a personal achievement; it is an expression of trust and confidence from the people of Akwesasne to advance their interests with commitment, integrity, and vision.”

The 2024-2027 Council is a mix of new and returning District Chiefs, as well as the first new Grand Chief in nine years. Grand Chief Leonard Lazore provided words of vision to the community in his first speech.

“Today marks the start of a new day, a new way. Akwesasne has achieved so much, and it’s time to take that to the next level,” Grand Chief Lazore said. “To the new Council, I commend you all for stepping up. The challenges will be great, and the challenges will be many. To the community, I want to thank you for your faith. Not only in me, but in this whole team. I think we are going to do great things together.”



Scan QR code to view the full swearing-in video or visit the MCA YouTube channel:

www.youtube.com/MohawkCouncilofAkwesasne

Welcome and congratulations to the 2024-2027 Council:

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Kawehno:ke District Chief Vanessa Adams
Kawehno:ke District Chief Lisa Francis-Benedict
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Kana:takon District Chief Fallon David
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Kana:takon District Chief Teresa Oakes
Tsi Snaihne District Chief Scott Peters
Tsi Snaihne District Chief Tesha Rourke
Tsi Snaihne District Chief Sarah Lee Sunday-Diabo
Tsi Snaihne District Chief JoAnn Swamp



Pictured back row L-R: Tsi Snaihne District Chief Scott Peters, Grand Chief Leonard Laore, Kawehno:ke District Chief Vince Thompson.

Center row L-R: Kana:takon District Chief Teresa Oakes, Kana:takon District Chief Theresa Jacobs, Kawehno:ke District Chief Lacey Pierce, Kawehno:ke District Chief Lisa Francis-Benedict, Tsi Snaihne District Chief Tesha Rourke.

Front row L-R: Kawehno:ke District Chief Vanessa Adams, Tsi Snaihne District Chief Sarah Lee Sunday-Diabo, Tsi Snaihne District Chief JoAnn Swamp, Kana:takon District Chief Fallon David, Kana:takon District Chief Cindy Francis-Mitchell.

DIHE SHARES RESULTS OF FIRE STATION SURVEY

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne’s Dept. of Infrastructure, Housing & Environment (DIHE) conducted a community survey seeking input on the construction of a new emergency services building in the district of Tsi Snaihne. The Hogansburg-Akwesasne Volunteer Fire Department (HAVFD) is in need of a new Tsi Snaihne facility to replace Station #3.

The survey asked users to choose one of the following:

Option A. Are you in favour of the design and construction of a new building specifically tailored to meet the space needs of HAVFD Fire Station #3? This option supports the potential establishment of a dedicated facility tailored specifically for the HAVFD. Designs have been completed, envisioning an 8-bay garage alongside meeting rooms, a day room with a kitchen, a fitness area, bunk accommodations, storage spaces, dispatch facilities, offices, lockers, laundry facilities, and shower areas. Additionally, plans include the incorporation of a training tower on the premises. The building area is approximately 16,135 square feet.

Option B. Are you in favour of the design and construction of a new emergency services facility that encompasses HAVFD Fire Station #3 along with other emergency service programs? (Note: This will be designed as separate services divided by sections of the building.) This option supports the potential construction of a new facility to house the HAVFD alongside other essential emergency services, such as ambulance and police units. The fire department would occupy one section of the building, complete with dedicated amenities, while the other section would feature shared bays for ambulance and police services, each with their own distinctive features. The proposed buildings will span two floors, with on-site parking and separate entrance/exit routes for added

convenience and efficiency. Additionally, plans include the redesign of the Snye Recreation parking lot to accommodate the needs of its new neighbour. The building area is approximately 20,624 square feet.

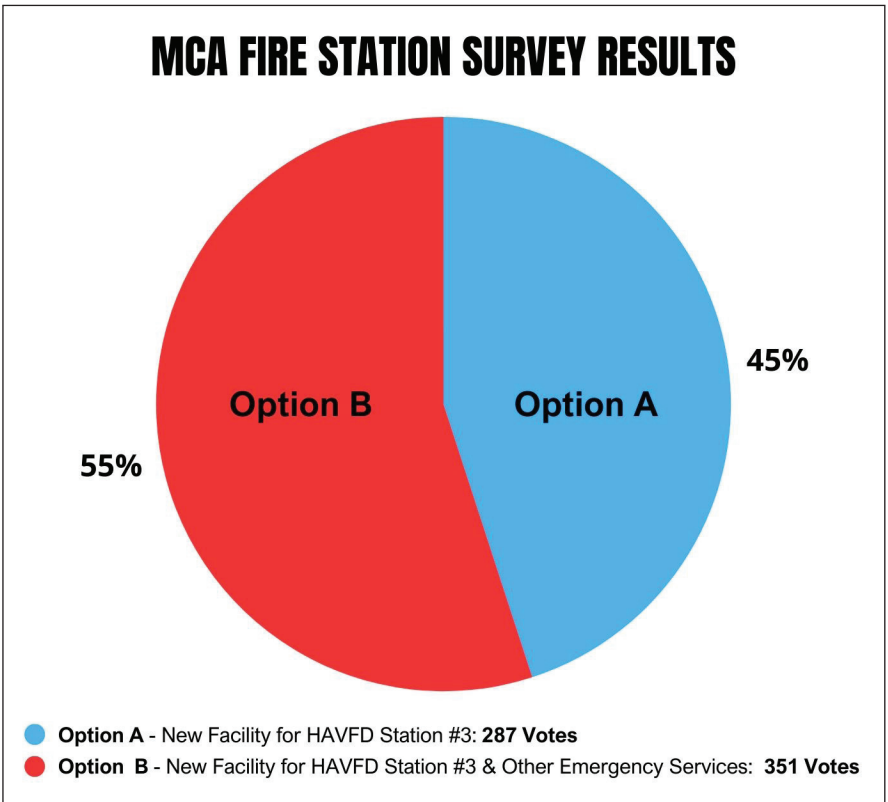
The results of the survey are as follows:

Option A: 287 votes (44%)

Option B: 351 votes (55%)

The DIHE will now proceed with revising previous plans and drawings to reflect a multi-use emergency services building. Additional updates will be provided as plans progress.

We thank the community for their participation and input, and we also thank the Hogansburg-Akwesasne Volunteer Fire Department for their patience and continued dedication to the community’s safety. MCA is eager to assist in providing updated facilities for the benefit of the HAVFD and community.



2024-2025 AKWESASNE HEATING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne would like to inform the community that the Akwesasne Heating Assistance Program is now accepting applications. **The final application deadline will be Friday, December 20, 2024 at 4 p.m.** There will be no exceptions after the deadline date, as the fuel distribution will commence. The application process is open to Akwesasronon who reside under the jurisdiction of Mohawk Council of Akwesasne in any one of the three northern districts, or within the City of Cornwall boundary, one per household.

All individuals MUST SUBMIT THE MOST RECENT HEATING BILL for the heating source that you would like paid. THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS, and the bill must accompany your application. Please ensure the name on your bill matches the name on the application or we are unable to process the heating assistance application.

Individual checks will not be processed once approved, as your name will be provided to your heating source provider and your allotment will be credited to your account. The payments to supplier vendors will not go out until after the closing date of the heating application process (December 20, 2024). Please ensure you keep making payments to your heating vendors before the closing date as

there are no advanced payments allowed before the closing date.

Applications will be accepted until 4 p.m. on Friday, December 20, 2024 – at which time no more applications can be taken.

Starting October 28, 2024, the MCA Community Support Program will be conducting 2024-2025 AHAP applications on the following dates (which could be subject to change):

- Mondays & Tuesdays:**
Snye Homemakers (8 a.m. – 4 p.m.)
NOTE: For the Snye Homemaker’s facility, in the event of unforeseen circumstances on a certain day, MCA will move that date to the Snye Recreation Center.
- Wednesdays:**
Kanonhkwa’tsheri:io Health Facility Atrium (8 a.m. – 4 p.m.)
- Thursdays & Fridays:**
A’nowara’ko:wa Arena (8 a.m. – 4 p.m.)
- All Week (Monday-Friday):**
Community Support Program Office at Kanonhkwa’tsheri:io (8 a.m. – 4 p.m.)



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ORANGE SHIRT DAY EVENT HONOURS & REMEMBERS
RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL VICTIMS

On September 30th, Orange Shirt Day, hundreds of community members from Cornwall, Akwesasne and surrounding areas gathered at Cornwall’s Lamoureux Park to recognize the significance of the day. Coinciding with Canada’s Day of Truth & Reconciliation, the Orange Shirt Day event is a collaboration between agencies and programs in Akwesasne and Cornwall to bring the communities together respectfully. The event honours and remembers residential school victims and their families, while recognizing the intergenerational trauma, loss of language and culture, and education needed to ensure it is a part of history that is never repeated, and never forgotten.

The Orange Shirt Day event featured cultural activities,

presentations of Indigenous songs and dance, and an opportunity for all those in attendance to dance to traditional Mohawk songs.

Speakers included residential school survivor Phil Fontaine, former National Chief of the Assembly of First Nations, Rick Oakes representing residential school survivors in Akwesasne, Inuit throat dancers and Mohawk performers, singers and dancers. The Akwesasne Freedom School students provided a traditional opening, and their school was the recipient of funds raised through orange t-shirt sales.

Niawenhkó:wa to all who attended, to those who organized and supported the event, and all who shared their knowledge on Orange Shirt Day.



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NOTICE OF BY-ELECTION FOR AKWESASNE MEMBERSHIP BOARD

The Akwesasne Membership Board has announced a By-Election for the districts of Kana:takon and Tsi Snaihne. Details are as follows:

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

- Kana:takon:**
One 4-Year Board opening for the remainder of the term.
- Tsi Snaihne:**
One 2-Year Board opening for the remainder of the term.

NOMINATIONS

Nominations will be held on Saturday, November 9, 2024 (lahia:khaton, Kentenhko:wa), at the following locations:

- Kana:takon and Tsi Snaihne School Gyms

Nomination Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (Enkie)

Eligible voters may nominate or second a candidate as many times as there are seats available. Each nomination or second counts as one vote.

Once nominations close, a posting will be displayed at the nomination locations. Additional notifications will be shared via MCA's Facebook page and the MCA website (akwesasne.ca).

CANDIDATE SUBMISSION

Candidates wishing to accept their nomination must submit the following documents to the Justice office in person by 12:00 p.m. (Enkie) on November 22, 2024:

- Affidavit of Eligibility
- Candidate's Special Instructions
- Completed CPIC

If only one candidate is nominated, the By-Election process will conclude, and that candidate will be acclaimed upon submission of the required documentation. All subsequent dates will be cancelled.

If two or more candidates accept their nomination in a district, the By-Election voting will proceed as scheduled.

VOTING SCHEDULE

- Date:** Saturday, December 14, 2024 (lahia:khaton, Tsiiothohrha)
- Hours:** 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- Locations:** Kana:takon and Tsi Snaihne School Gyms

ADVANCED POLLS

- Advanced Polls are available by appointment only on:
- Wednesday, November 27, 2024 (Ashenhaton, Kentenhko:wa)
- Thursday, November 28, 2024 (Kaierihaton, Kentenhko:wa)

To schedule an appointment, please contact the Chief Electoral Officer (CEO), Theresa Thompson, at 613-551-1622 (phone/text) or email chief.electoral.officer@akwesasne.ca.

For further information, please reach out to the CEO. Thank you for your participation in this important electoral process.

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COUNCIL WEEKLY MEETING REPORT

SUBMITTED BY ACTING GRAND CHIEF CINDY FRANCIS-MITCHELL



September 9, 2024

- **Freedom School Request:** Letter received for additional funding request for Akwesasne Freedom School building project.
- **Open House Prizes:** Discussion on allocated gift cards from Mohawk Government for the upcoming MCA Open Houses September 16, 17, 21, 2024 in the community.
- **After Action Report (Tropical Storm Debby):** Review of report

and action items, budget allocations, needed training, Continuous Operating Plans, tabletop exercises, addressing community.

- **Large Item Garbage Pickup:** Discussion on pickup and issues in each district.
- **Letter of Support Request from Kateri Circle:** Request to support the Kateri Circle with implementation of a monument or commemorative plaque honoring Indian Residential School Survivors (to be placed at the Seaway International Bridge Corridor). Contacts have already been established with SIBC and contacts information provided. We are in full support of this request, it will serve as a powerful public symbol of our ongoing commitment to truth, reconciliation, and healing.
- **National Truth & Reconciliation Day 2024:** Discussion on upcoming

ing events, request from community to bring the activities back to the community.

- **Presentation:** DCSS Director Joseph Morin-Lauzon presented the organizational chart for the Department of Community & Social Services.
- **MCRs:** MCA's COVID-19 Pandemic End, AMBE Reserves for Playgrounds, First Nations Mobile Crisis Response Team Funding, 23-24 ARR Mobile Crisis Response Team Funding, AMPS 2023-2024 Audit, AMBE/PSAC Collective Agreement 2023-2028, Lease Lot 6 Renshaw Island, Emergency Installation AC Units for Schools Part A, Emergency Installation of AC Units for Schools Part B, Appoint Justice for Akwesasne Court, Council Meeting Minutes: July 15, 22, & 29, 2024.

September 16, 2024

- **City of Cornwall Truth & Reconciliation Action Plan:** City of Cornwall requested consultation with MCA on Truth & Reconciliation meeting to be scheduled once the new Council is sitting.
- **September 30, 2024 Council Meeting:** Meeting will be rescheduled until October 7th as the orientation process for new the council will commence in October 1st.

- **Village Currency Exchange:** Updated Council on meeting held with owner of Village Currency Exchange.
- **District Meetings:** To be scheduled accordingly with each district utilizing the same time frame previously used for the upcoming month.
- **Waterline Discussion:** Council requested that Policy & Procedures require review for future planning.

- **MCA Open House:** Attend the Open House for Mohawk Council of Akwesasne held at A'nowara'ko:wa Arena on Kawehno:ke — Such a great opportunity to hear and listen to the organization and how much we can enrich and serve our community with the programs we have to offer. Awesome job by everyone.
- **Roundtable Updates:** Updates provided by District Chiefs on the

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current portfolios.

- **A/Grand Chief Updates:** Pretty much status quo, ongoing meetings that have been scheduled with Justice/Chiefs of Ontario, Independent First Nations, First Nations Child Settlement Agreement, preparing for new chiefs orientation schedule, preparing follow-up activities, travel for upcoming meeting, discussion

around key areas that will require updates for the new council.

- **Executive Director Updates:** Upcoming Open House dates, service delivery, communications, education session, emergency planning, strategic planning, SRMT email sent out, Tri-District Elders visit update, Waste/Water Management site visits, DIHE/AMBE working together to address

ongoing issues with schools, work on policy updates for inclement weather, EMR, Government Secretariat, requests for research/consultation processes.

- **MCRs:** Award Site Preparation Contract, Rescind appointment of Dr. Doris Cook to Akwesasne Review Commission Member.

September 23, 2024

- **Sharing of Documents:** Discussion on Heard Agreement with First Nation, documents will be distributed to Council for comment. Key consideration is sharing with other First Nations communities as they work towards specific agreements like ours.
- **Akwesasne Freedom School Request:** Friends of the Freedom School put in a request in early August for additional funding for the completion of their AFS building project. Council would like this item referred to the Finance Committee.
- **Chief Discretionary Account:** Financial update on the allocation of discretionary funding to date, it was recommended that when Orientation of FAL occurs with Council that specific areas should be discussed.

- **Akwesasne Minor Lacrosse:** Past future & present ongoing discussion regarding request for funding allocations, cost increased in registration fees, jerseys, corporate policy is not completed to date, require another avenue of access to funding as we received numerous and they all should.
- **Beautification Committee:** Suggestion that there be additional community members sitting on this committee, input is crucial to ensuring that we maintain what has been done, also what to plan for the future. New signage has been located in each district along with some beautiful fall foliage. Additional signage is also going to be put in each district indicating drug & alcohol-free zones. We are very appreciative to the Mohawk Government staff for their assistance on all of these initiatives.

- **Job Postings:** AMPS Chief of Police job posting is ongoing, currently there is an acting position for 6-month period. Follow up on Dundee Trust Callout documents, Internal Technical Team will meet on the callout documents.
- **Sweetgrass Manor:** Several issues have been ongoing on the upkeep of the facility, issues have been forwarded to the Executive Director. Portfolio will bring issues to Housing Authority meeting.
- **MCRs:** ABGC After School Program/Summer Camp; 10 - Ministry of Children & Youth Registered Education Saving Plan(RES); Assignment of Lease – Lots 1-4 Clark Island; Accept FabLab Agreement 2024-2026; Funding Request for Akwesasne Animal Society Cat Proposal Project.



To reach a member of Council, call the Mohawk Government Office:
613-575-2250

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 September

- 1. Turtle Release Party (Video)
- 2. Good Luck to the Haudenosaunee Nationals (Graphic)
- 3. National Police Woman Day (Graphic)
- 4. The Two-Spirit Experience in Akwesasne (Graphic)
- 5. Iakhihsotha Lodge Holds Appreciation Luncheon for Housekeeping and Laundry Staff

Facebook Posts with the Highest Reach in September

- 1. Good Luck to the Haudenosaunee Nationals (Graphic) — 19,342 Reached
- 2. Turtle Release Party (Video) — 14,171 Reached
- 3. Land-Based Healing Savors the Season with Food Preservation Workshop — 10,131 Reached
- 4. National Police Woman Day (Graphic) — 8,635 Reached
- 5. The Two-Spirit Experience in Akwesasne (Graphic) — 7,899 Reached



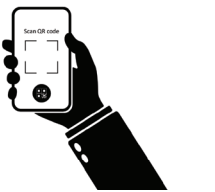
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Top Post in September



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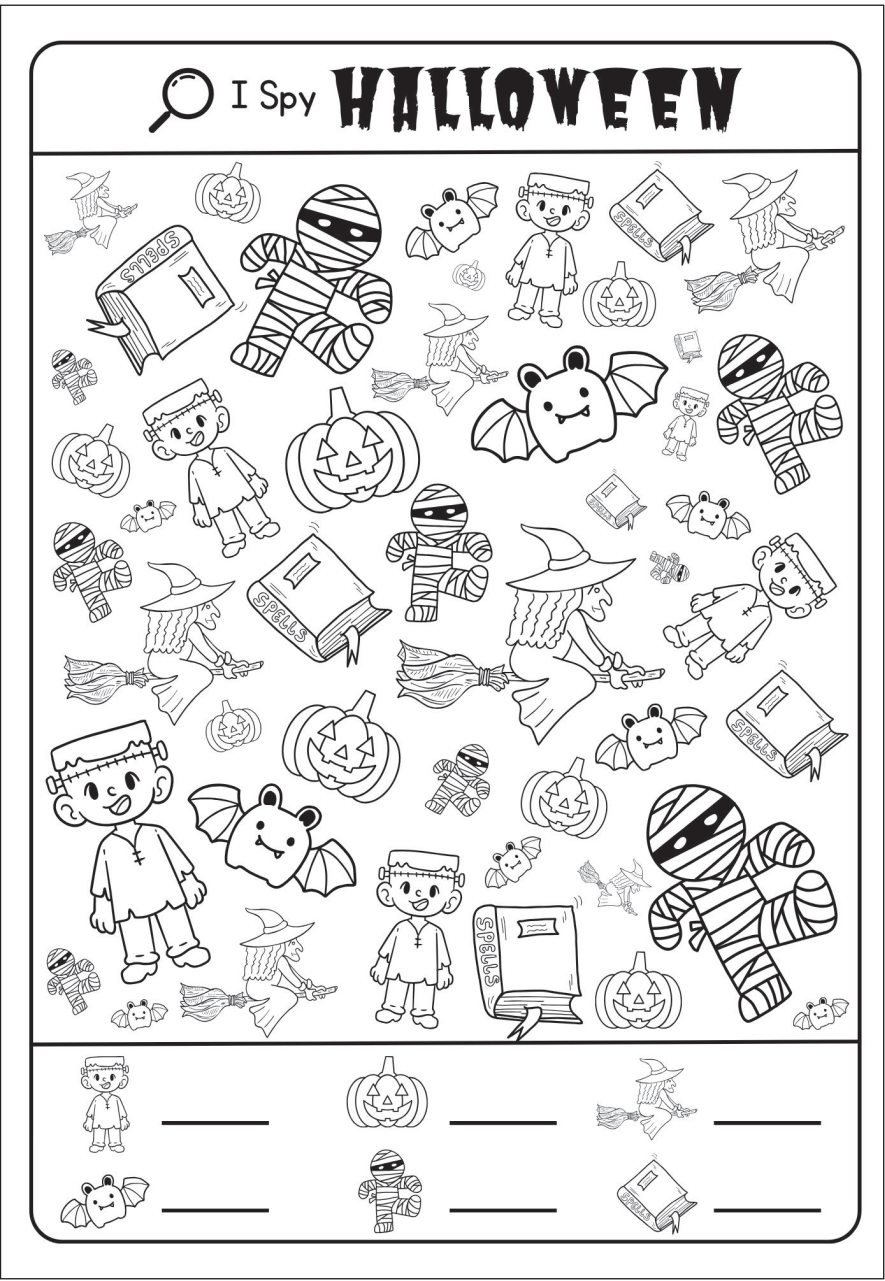
Highest Viewed Video on the MCA
YouTube Channel for September
Community & Conservation: How Akwesasne
is Boosting Turtle Survival Rates



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CHILDREN'S PAGE



COLOUR THE HAUNTED HOUSE



YOU'VE GOT TO BE KIDDING ME!

What kind of music do mummies listen to?
Wrap music!

What's a ghost's favorite dessert?
Boo-berry pie.

What do you call a vampire's favorite fruit?
A necktarine.

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GOVERNANCE AND THE CHARACTERISTICS OF GOOD GOVERNANCE

Governance

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne (MCA) and the Government of Canada have been actively negotiating the Akwesasne-Canada Entewatathá:wi Self Government Agreement (ESGA) since 2013. Entewatathá:wi is the office that leads, helps coordinate and supports the Council during the negotiations process. Entewatathá:wi is a Kanien'keha word that means 'we will govern.'

What is Governance?

The Akwesasne-Canada Entewatathá:wi Self-Government Agreement approaches governance as an exercise of the inherent right of the Mohawks of Akwesasne. This means that governance involves the community's authority and ability to govern itself, make decisions, and manage its affairs independently of external governments or influences. The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne will act through the MCA in exercising their jurisdiction and authority under the ESGA. Should the ESGA be ratified by the Mohawks of Akwesasne, the ESGA will recognize the Mohawk Council as a government under Canadian law.

The MCA is the governing body elected by its members. Elections are held every three years. Each of the three districts Kawehno:ke (Cornwall Island), Kana:takon (St. Regis), and Tsi Snaihne (Snye) elect four (4) District Chiefs totaling twelve (12) District Chiefs. Additionally, all three districts collectively vote to elect one Grand Chief who represents the three districts of Akwesasne.

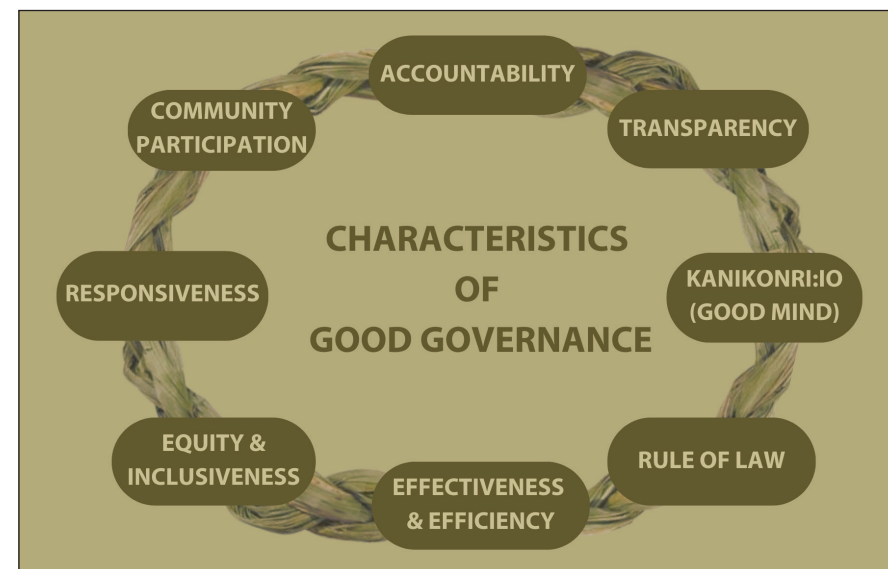
Collectively, the Chiefs accept political responsibility for specific areas of community initiatives through strategic planning. Portfolio holders provide updates on the status of projects, initiatives, and challenges within their portfolios. This includes progress reports, updates, and timelines. The MCA encompasses nine departments that administer programs and services that align with the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne Strategic Plan.

Governance is a spectrum and an ideal. There will always be new governance goals to attain as well as opportunities for redirection. Leadership should strive to make the best decisions in the best interest of the Mohawks of Akwesasne. There will be room for improvement and at other times successes in the quest for good governance and the journey back to self-determination.

What is Good Governance?

Good governance is defined by several characteristics that ensure effective, fair, and ethical management of an organization. These characteristics are widely recognized as essential to achieving positive outcomes and building trust among its members.

Good governance is an ideal which can be difficult to achieve in totality. However, actions must be taken to work towards this ideal with the aim of making it a reality. Striving towards good governance ensures sustainable community and enriches human development.



The following are characteristics of good governance:

Accountability

Leaders and decision-makers are responsible for their actions and decisions. Mechanisms are in place to hold them accountable to the people they serve, ensuring that there is oversight and that any mistakes are addressed. Good governance aims towards the betterment of people, and this cannot take place without the government being held accountable to the people.

Example:

Mohawk Council Resolutions record how each member of Council voted on a resolution. This ensures the members of Council are accountable for their decisions.

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GOVERNANCE AND THE CHARACTERISTICS OF GOOD GOVERNANCE

Transparency

Information is accessible to the public, understandable, and subject to monitoring. It involves having access to information, ensuring the decisions and their enforcement follow established rules and regulations.

Example:

Onkwe'ta:ke features monthly reports by regularly updating the community on Council and department activities. Communications are readily available on the MCA Facebook page and website. MCA also sends emergency texts when necessary.

Kanikonri:io (Good Mind)

Kanikonri:io means a good mind in Kanien'keha and emphasizes a balanced, thoughtful and just approach to leadership and decision making.

Example:

All major decisions are reviewed by the MCA and, after deliberation, are approved by Mohawk Council Resolution.

Rule of Law

Decisions and actions are guided by clear, fair, and consistently enforced laws and policies. This ensures everyone, including leaders, are subject to the same rules and regulations.

Example:

Akwesasne Mohawk Police Services and the Akwesasne Court uphold and enforce the rule of law within Akwesasne.

Effectiveness and Efficiency

Resources are used efficiently, and processes are designed to achieve the best possible outcome to meet the needs of the community. Good governance ensures that the resources are effectively used to meet goals.

Example:

The MCA adheres to the Akwesasne Financial Administration Law that governs its financial practices. The rigorous provisions of this law contribute to the effective and efficient use of the MCA's financial resources.

Equity and Inclusiveness

Good governance ensures that all members have opportuni-

ties to participate and benefit. Members should have opportunities to improve or maintain their well-being, even among the most vulnerable. All members should feel they have a stake in the collective and do not feel excluded.

Example:

The Mohawks of Akwesasne are encouraged to participate in all elections and referendums held by the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne to ensure all eligible voters have the opportunity to participate in community decisions.

Responsiveness

Good governance responds promptly and effectively to the needs and concerns for the community. It adapts to changing circumstances and is proactive in addressing issues.

Example:

The Council holds monthly district and general meetings to update the community and address any concerns. If they cannot assist directly, they will guide community members to the right staff within the organization.

Community Participation

Good governance supports active involvement from community members, ensuring that different viewpoints are included in decision-making. Participation can happen directly or through representatives. Engaging members in various activities helps build community cohesion.

Example:

The MCA involves community members in decision-making through various boards, commissions and tribunals.

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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
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AKWESASNE RIGHTS & RESEARCH OFFICE

PARKS CANADA INDIGENOUS STEWARDSHIP POLICY CEREMONY

The Akwesasne Rights and Research Office attended the announcement and ceremony for the Parks Canada Indigenous Stewardship Policy at Thousand Island Park in Mallorytown, ON. MCA Grand Chief Leonard Lazore, District Chiefs Scott Peters (Tsi Snaihne) as well as Vince Thompson (Kawehno:ke) were in attendance, and community members Mike Kanentakeron Mitchell, who served as a Faithkeeper, and Peter Garrow, member of the Indigenous Stewardship Circle.

The Indigenous Stewardship Circle is made up of 12 individuals who represent First Nation, Inuit, and Metis communities with knowledge and experience on land, Indigenous language and knowledge, and conservation. The individuals served as an advisory structure and provided ongoing guidance, advice, and direction on Indigenous Stewardship and engagement. The Indigenous Stewardship Policy is a culmination of work done by the Indigenous Stewardship Circle and Parks Canada to implement the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) in their operations and relations with First Nation, Metis, and Inuit communities.

The new policy is grounded in four key principles:

- 1. Respect for Indigenous Rights, Duties, and Responsibilities:** Acknowledging and respecting Indigenous rights and titles as recognized by Section 35 of the Canadian Constitution, both historic and modern treaties, and by the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP). This includes supporting Indigenous-led conservation and ensuring Indigenous voices are at the forefront of decision-making.
- 2. Fostering Ethical Spaces:** Establishing and maintaining respectful relationships, grounded in truth-telling and culturally safe spaces. This also means that Parks Canada will work with Indigenous Peoples to support stewardship that is informed by Indigenous knowledge and worldviews.
- 3. Nurturing Healthy, Respectful Relationships:** Supporting co-management arrangements where Indigenous governments and communities and Parks Canada work together as equals and in ways that respect Indigenous laws and protocols.
- 4. Ensure Continuity of Indigenous Culture and Language:** Indigenous stewardship of lands, waters and ice is place-based and distinct. This means that approaches will be shaped by the local context and will foster the safeguarding of cultural practices, languages, and ways of life.

"The Indigenous Stewardship Policy is a significant step by the Government of Canada to meet the commitments made through the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act Action Plan. This policy represents a true partnership between Indigenous Peoples and Parks Canada, where Indigenous knowledge systems, governance structures, and stewardship practices will guide our collective efforts."

The Honourable Steven Guilbeault, Minister of Environment and Climate Change and Minister responsible for Parks Canada

"In numerous heritage places and in a variety of ways, First Nations, Inuit, and Métis partners have resumed the stewardship of lands, waters, and ice with Parks Canada's support. This policy formalizes Parks Canada's role in supporting Indigenous stewardship, and ensures more equitable, effective, and collaborative stewardship between Indigenous communities and Parks Canada at all protected places from coast to coast to coast. Members of the Indigenous Stewardship Circle are proud of the relationships we've developed with Parks Canada, and we recognize and celebrate the significance of today's event to honour and enact this policy."

Cindy Boyko
Chair, Indigenous Stewardship Circle and Haida Nation Member

The ceremony brought together various traditions, such as the Ohén:ton Karihwatéhkwén and opening words by Mike Mitchell, maintenance of a sacred fire, social songs sung by the Native North American Travelling College (NNATC) Travel Troupe, lighting of the qulliq, cedar brushing, and pipe ceremony. The chair of the Indigenous Stewardship Circle, Cindy Boyko presented the policy bundle to Minister Guilbeault to transfer the responsibility of implementing the policy to the Minister and Parks Canada.



NNATC Travel Troupe members with Minister Guilbeault and Grand Chief Leonard Lazore.



Peter Garrow presented Minister Guilbeault with a traditional wooden lacrosse stick as a gift from the Mohawks of Akwesasne.

AHKWESAHSNE MOHAWK BOARD OF EDUCATION

IOHAHI:IO: HONOURING ACHIEVEMENTS IN INDIGENOUS EDUCATION

On October 4, 2024, Iohahi:io Akwesasne Education and Training Institute proudly announced the approval of their organizational review by the Indigenous Advanced Education and Skills Council (IAESC), making them the fifth Indigenous institute in Ontario to be able to develop and offer its own diploma, certificate, and degree programs. Congratulations to everyone involved in this incredible milestone!

We were honoured to welcome MPP Nolan Quinn for his first visit to an Indigenous institute as the Minister of Colleges and Universities. He joined Director of Education Donna Lahache, Associate Director of Post-Secondary & Continuing Education Norma Sunday and Tsi Snaihne District Chief Sarah Lee Sunday-Diabo in celebrating this momentous occasion with warm remarks. Norma also provided a tour of the facilities, showcasing the classrooms,

the Akwesasne FabLab, and the brand-new trades building.

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne would like to send a heartfelt congratulations to the staff of Iohahi:io and the Ahkwesahsne Mohawk Board of Education for their dedication and ongoing achievements. Your commitment to education strengthens not only our minds but our entire community!



AHKWESAHSNE MOHAWK BOARD OF EDUCATION

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Ahkwasahsne Mohawk School
613-932-3366

Tsi Snaihne School
613-575-2291

Kana:takon School
613-575-2323

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



Contact Us!

AKWESASNE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT

MEET THE JUSTICE LEAGUE! KIM LORAN, COURT CLERK



Meet Kim, a dedicated professional whose journey reflects a commitment to community service and justice. While raising her children at home, she decided to take the next step forward and pursue higher education. With a keen interest in law, she completed the Mohawk Law & Security Program, becoming the first female hired by Mohawk Security Services at the CBSA Cornwall Island Port of Entry. Unfortunately, after serving 23 years with the department, it was time to move on. Mohawk Security Services was dismantled when CBSA relocated off Kawehno:ke to Cornwall. Fortunately for us, shortly after the closure, she joined our team, bringing with her many years of experience and expertise.

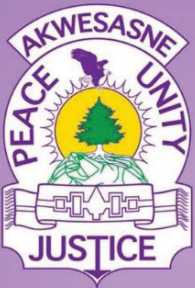
Since August 12, 2013, Kim has been serving the community as the Court Clerk for Akwesasne Court under the Akwesasne Justice Department. She enjoys assisting community members with their tickets/fines and is always willing to lend a helping hand. In her role, Kim works closely with the Justices' and Court Administrator and frequently

collaborates with the Prosecutor and Duty Counsel to find positive solutions to any situations that arise. Despite her already extensive workload, she prepares the monthly dockets for court sessions, sets up mediations, peace bonds, small claims, and appeals, and collects payments for fines, among many other services offered by the Court.

Reflecting on her journey, Kim shares, "I've always been interested in law-related positions, I even participated in a ride-along with the St. Regis Mohawk Tribal Police and saw both sides of issuing tickets and what happens to them after court. I enjoy helping anyone deal with any court issues they may have. It's such an interesting position because of the variety of individuals we get to work with. Some are thankful for the help; some are not, but it all comes with the job."

As we celebrate Kim's remarkable dedication, we are ecstatic to announce that Kim is ready to hit a major employment milestone. This coming March, she will have been with the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne for 35 years! Congratulations on such a feat, Kim. We appreciate all the years of service and are happy to still have you on board and part of the Justice League!

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE



Contact Us!

JUSTICE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
45 Johnson Rd., Akwesasne, QC H0M 1A0
Phone: 613-575-5000 Fax: 613-575-1726

AKWESASNE COURT
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AKWESASNE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT

AKWESASNE DOG LAW 101

First passed in 1979 as the By-law Respecting the Control of Dogs, the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne deemed it necessary to provide for the regulation, control, and euthanasia of dogs (when necessary) to ensure the health and welfare of our community as well to decrease the spreading of disease. Currently, MCA Compliance Officers are on hand to regulate the ownership of domestic animals and to impose penalties upon those who may commit offenses.

As of today, the By-law has established five types of offenses that can be cited: Stray Dogs, Aggressive Dogs, Biting Incidents, Liability of the Owner, and Improper Care. Owners are responsible to ensure that their dog is properly cared for and is not a nuisance in any way to the public. Any owner who does not have control of their dog commits an offense and will be cited, whether it be a verbal warning or a written ticket that can be subject to fines or jail time.

Every day when you travel around the Territory, you're sure to spot some 'rez dogs' roaming around different neighborhoods, stores, office buildings and schools. The main cause of concern for visitors and community members alike is often whether that dog is aggressive and if it will attack someone. Many people would agree that dog bites are the ultimate canine offense, as they are often painful and can require medical attention for the victim.

In the case that someone is bitten, and the report is received, Compliance Officers will place the dog into quarantine for 10 days. Depending on the different circumstances and limited kennel space, dogs are not always confiscated and an at home quarantine can be done. Compliance Officers will then monitor the dog for symptoms of rabies at the residence during this time. If a dog clearly shows signs of rabies or

is overly aggressive, only in those instances would a dog be euthanized so it can be sent away for the proper testing.

If you need to report an incident in violation of this by-law, contact the Compliance Program via email, phone, fax or in-person. They can be reached at 613-575-2340 ext. 2415. If Compliance is unavailable at the time and the concern is urgent, complaints can also be reported to Community Health or the Akwesasne Mohawk Police Service.

How can you help? Please make sure your precious pets are properly cared for with adequate shelter, vaccinations, water and food. If your dog's behavior is somewhat unfavorable toward strangers, ensure that they have reliable restraints or accommodations where the threat can be prevented. Everyone can do their part to pitch in and make sure our pets stay healthy and happy while improving the safety of Akwesasne.

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IF YOU NEED TO REPORT A VIOLATION, PLEASE CONTACT:

Compliance Program
613-575-2340 ext. 2415

Akwesasne Mohawk Police Service
613-575-2000

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

A SEASON OF THANKS: CELEBRATING THE DEDICATION OF MCA'S HUMAN RESOURCES TEAM

As the leaves turn brilliant shades of gold and crimson this fall, I'm reminded of how each of you, like those vibrant leaves, brought your own unique color and energy to our team during my time as Acting Human Resources (HR) Manager. I want to take a moment to express my sincere gratitude to all our past employees.

Nola Benedict, Payroll Administrator:

Nola has been with HR since August 2021. During her time with us, she brought warmth to the office, from helping us care for plants and encouraging us to put one on each of our desks, and keeping us going with her delicious baked goods. Nola thoroughly reviewed any work she was given and her attention to detail was meticulous. Nola has accepted another role in the organization and we wish her all the best. We are certain that she will bring her new program a wealth of knowledge, experience and professionalism.

Cheryl Jacobs, Health and Safety Officer:

Cheryl retired in March 2023 but wholeheartedly agreed to return and help HR in October 2023. She assisted with updating employee certifications, restarting Health & Safety Meetings, and ensuring the Building Fire Safety Plan was completed on time. Known for her sense of humor and straightforwardness, Cheryl brought laughter to the office while always being ready to support anyone in need.

Cherish Hall, Administrative Assistant and Danielle Lazore, Receptionist:

Both Cherish and Danielle were great additions to the HR staff. They consistently offered support and jumped in to help staff and community members. Quiet yet warm, they always greeted everyone with a smile or gesture that made you feel welcomed into

the office.

Darlene Francis, Payroll Administrator:

Darlene is now working out of the Finance office for additional payroll support, but remains very much a part of HR. We will miss her stories, candid conversations and wealth of knowledge about the organization. The HR staff knows that she is just a call away and we can always visit her at her new office.

I want to thank Samantha White, Talent & Wellness Manager, for accepting the manager position to help lead the HR team and guide the organization. This is not an easy task, but you have a great team in HR to support you along the way.

I want to thank Heather Phillips, Director of DFA, for giving me the opportunity to serve as acting HR Manager for the last year. I have learned a lot and realized how essential teamwork is in making changes. In Human Resources, nothing is black and white; every situation is unique.

A big niawenhkó:wa to the HR staff: Deborah, Katrina, Jackie, Coree, Marlee, Kora, Aaron, Cecilia and Lorel. Without your teamwork, HR wouldn't have been able to do any of those bigger projects such as the ADP Automated Payroll System or the Compensation Project, alongside our regular work. Your collaboration is crucial as we look ahead to future projects.

To all of you, your dedication and hard work have shaped our journey, and your contributions continue to resonate within our organization. Thank you for being a vital part of our story.

Sincerely,

Brigitte Phillips
A/HR Manager

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH WELCOMES DR. COLMEGNA TO THE MEDICAL TEAM



The MCA Department of Health would like to extend a warm welcome to Dr. Inés Colmegna to the Medical Care team. Dr. Colmegna is a Rheumatologist and will be seeing patients in the Akwesasne Medical Clinic, located in the Kanonhkwa'tsheri:io Health Facility.

Dr. Colmegna is an Associate Professor in the Department of Medicine at McGill University, a clinician in the Division of Rheumatology at the McGill University Health Centre, a Scientist in the Infectious Diseases and Immunity Global Health Program, and a Research Scientist at

Arthritis Research Canada. She obtained her Medical Doctorate, completed an Internal Medicine Residency and did a Rheumatology Fellowship at the University of Buenos Aires, Argentina. Dr. Colmegna pursued her post-doctoral training at Louisiana State University and at Emory University.

Since 2008, she has participated in educational activities in East Africa and shares with other Rheumatology for All (RFA) members the passion to contribute to the development of rheumatology in resource-limited settings.

To access services with Dr. Colmegna, your primary care provider will give you a referral, and an appointment will be scheduled.

Please join us in welcoming Dr. Colmegna to the community and the MCA Department of Health Medical Team!

TRIVIA, TREATS, AND TRIUMPH: SUPPORTING OUR TOTAS AT IAKHIHSOHTHA LODGE

On October 11, 2024, trivia enthusiasts showcased their finest Halloween costumes at the American Legion Post 1479 for a spirited trivia fundraiser supporting Iakhihsohta Lodge. All proceeds will benefit the residents' Christmas fund. Congratulations to all the winners, and a heartfelt niawenhkó:wa to the trivia participants and everyone who contributed to the Mohawk Auction. Your generosity is truly appreciated as you help us keep our Totas spirits bright!



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

LAND-BASED HEALING SAVORS THE SEASON WITH FOOD PRESERVATION WORKSHOP

The MCA Land-Based Healing Program, in collaboration with lakwa'shatste Youth Fitness and Cornell Cooperative Extension, hosted an engaging two-day Food Preservation Workshop on September 24th and 25th. Participants had the opportunity to explore a range of food preservation techniques, including boiling water bath canning, pressure canning, dehydration, freezing, vacuum sealing, and fermentation.

Emphasizing sustainability, the workshop utilized every part of the ingredients, leaving no scraps behind. For instance, beef was transformed into hearty soup and flavorful beef jerky, while Roma tomatoes were crafted into salsa, with their peels

dehydrated for inclusion in a dried soup mix.

This hands-on experience not only equipped attendees with valuable skills but also allowed them to take home delicious products they made, including fermented pickles, beef vegetable soup, salsa, jam, beef jerky, white pine soda, and a canning starter kit package.

Niawenhkó:wa to instructors Pat Banker and Mikayla Cassidy for sharing their expertise, the SRMT Agriculture Program for generously donating the Roma tomatoes, and everyone involved in making this workshop a success.



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

Iakhihsohta Lodge:

613-575-2507

Sahatiha'hará:ne Detox Center:

613-932-5050

Tsiokwanonhso:te Long-Term Care Facility:

613-932-1409



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

FESTIVE FALL PHOTO SHOOT AT TSIIONKWANONHISO:TE

Our wonderful residents at Tsiionkwanonhso:te Long-Term Care are keeping the autumn spirit alive with a delightful fall-themed photo shoot! The smiles were bright as our totas enjoyed every moment in front of the camera.

Our amazing employees are dedicated to creating fun, interactive, and festive activities for our residents to enjoy. Stay tuned to our Facebook page to catch all the joyful moments and see what our totas get up to next!



FLU SHOT CLINICS

WALK-INS WELCOME



October 28, 2024

Kawehno:ke Medical Clinic - 4 p.m. - 6 p.m.



November 1, 2024

Kanohkwa'tsheri:io - 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.



November 6, 2024

Iohahi:io - 4 p.m. - 6 p.m.



October 30, 2024

Akwesasne Homemakers - 4 p.m. - 6 p.m.



November 2, 2024

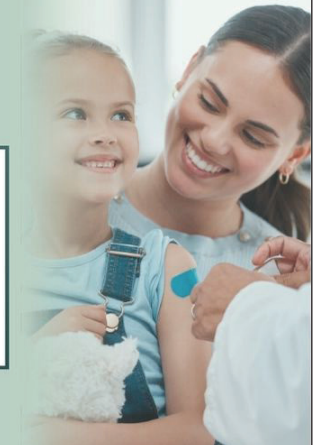
Kanohkwa'tsheri:io - 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.



November 13, 2024

Akwesasne Homemakers - 4 p.m. - 6 p.m.

THE FLU SHOT CLINIC IS OPEN TO COMMUNITY MEMBERS AGES 6 MONTHS AND OLDER.
FOR MORE INFO, PLEASE CONTACT COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES AT 613-575-2341 EXT. 3220.



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

NOW HIRING: NURSE PRACTITIONERS

The MCA Department of Health is seeking Nurse Practitioners to join our Primary Care team!

Apply today!

SALARY & BENEFITS:

- ✓ Yearly Salary Range: **\$102,000 – \$177,000**
- ✓ Vacation/Sick Time
- ✓ Pension Plan
- ✓ Paid Training & Licensing
- ✓ Employee Wellness Activities

✉ **SEND YOUR RESUME TO: BRIGITTE.PULICE@AKWESASNE.CA**

ABOUT US

The MCA Department of Health's Clinical Care Services Sector encompasses various essential healthcare provisions within the community of Akwesasne. This sector includes the Akwesasne Medical Clinics, Chronic Disease Management Initiatives, Indigenous Patient Navigators, and the Home & Community Care Program.

The Akwesasne Medical Clinics deliver quality primary health care in Kanatagon and Kawehno:ke through diverse themed clinics. With a team comprising 10 physicians and a Nurse Practitioner, the clinics cater to the diverse healthcare needs of our community.



Brigitte Pulice
Associate Director, Clinical Care Services

613-575-2341 ext. 3301
brigitte.pulice@akwesasne.ca



DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

AKWESASNE SKATEPARK MARKS TWO EXCITING YEARS

October 8, 2024 marks two years since the grand opening of the Akwesasne Skatepark! Over the past two years, the skatepark has provided countless opportunities for young people to learn and master skateboarding through clinics, lessons and various fun events. This dynamic space has fostered a supportive community, allowing participants to discover new skills and build friendships. We are grateful for the positive impact the skatepark has had on our youth and are excited to continue growing the skateboard community for years to come!

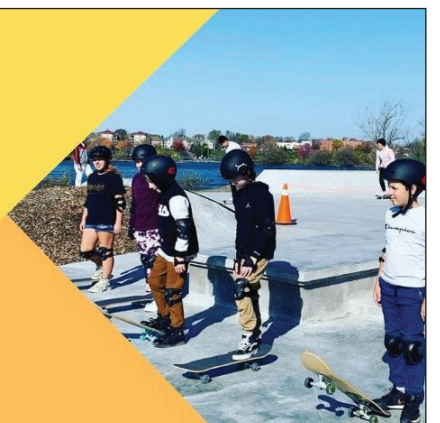


DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The office of Economic Development is located at:

167 International Road Unit #3 - Peace Tree Trade Centre

Phone: 613-575-2250 ext. 1802 **Email:** ecdev@akwesasne.ca





PICK-UP SCHEDULE

TUESDAY	RECYCLING
WEDNESDAY	MCA FACILITIES
THURSDAY	TSI SNAIHNE
FRIDAY	KAWEHNO:KE
SATURDAY	KANA:TAKON

CONTACT D&R DISPOSAL: 613-932-4588

DEPARTMENT OF
INFRASTRUCTURE,
HOUSING &
ENVIRONMENT

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

ADMINISTRATION:
613-575-2250 ext. 1003

OCTOBER 2024



HOUSING SECTOR

Home Maintenance Checklist

TIPS +
TRICKS

IMPROVEMENT ADVICE

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

NATURAL PEST CONTROL

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

MONTHLY CHECKLIST



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

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

AMPS ANNOUNCES PARTNERSHIP WITH SEAWAY GM TO SUPPORT
UPCOMING EVERY CHILD MATTERS EVENTS



The Akwesasne Mohawk Police Service (AMPS) proudly announced its partnership with Seaway GM in Cornwall to support the Every Child Matters and Orange Shirt Day events held on September 30, 2024. These important initiatives aimed to raise awareness about the historical trauma and ongoing impacts of residential schools on Indigenous children and their families.

Seaway GM has generously lent AMPS a 2025 Hummer EV, which was prominently displayed in the community to symbolize their shared commitment to these causes.

"We are grateful for the opportunity to partner with Seaway GM in this meaningful endeavor,"

said Ranatiiostha Swamp, Acting Chief of Police of the Akwesasne Mohawk Police Service. "Together, we aim to promote healing, understanding, and solidarity within our community as we recognize the significance of 'Every Child Matters.'"

AMPS participated in two events on September 30th: the Truth & Reconciliation Walk on Kawehno:ke, followed by the Orange Shirt Day event at Lamoureux Park in Cornwall, Ontario.

Niawenhkó:wa Seaway GM for their partnership and providing a vehicle to support AMPS during the events. Their contribution helped showcase the unity and shared commitment to this important cause.

AKWESASNE MOHAWK POLICE SERVICE

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

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP): MOBILE RESPONSE CRISIS SERVICES

The Akwesasne Mohawk Police Service (AMPS) is seeking proposals from qualified individuals or organizations to provide Mobile Crisis Response Worker services. The goal of this position is to enhance police officers' capacity to respond effectively to mental health crisis calls, improve awareness of mental health and addiction issues, and support the mental health and wellness of our officers through comprehensive training and the development of a peer support team.

If you have any questions regarding the request for proposal (RFP), please contact:
Lee-Ann O'Brien, Deputy Chief of Police
613-575-2340
leeann.obrien@akwesasne.ca
Deadline to submit:
November 8, 2024 at 12 p.m. noon.
The full request for proposal (RFP) can be viewed online at: www.akwesasne.ca/amps-rfp-mobile-crisis-response-worker-november-2024

SEPTEMBER STATISTICS

296 September	1 1016 Domestic Dispute (Non-violent)	1 206 Assault Weapon/CBH - Level 2
1 024 Break & Enter - Residence	1 1017 Criminal Record Check	1 213 Other Sexual Offences
1 025 Break & Enter - Other	4 1018 Escorts - Prisoner	2 6666 Assist Other Departments - Fire
1 040 Theft Under \$5000 - Other	1 102 Other Federal Statute Offences	4 705 Dangerous Operation MV
3 045 Frauds - Other	1 1023 MVC - Non-Reportable	2 711 Impaired Operation MV
1 058 Offensive Weapons - Other	1 1027 Property - Found	3 715 Fail to Stop/Remain (CCC)
2 061 Bail Violations	11 1029 Suspicious Persons	1 716 Drive MV Prohibited (CCC)
1 063 Disturb the Peace	5 1030 Suspicious Vehicles	1 717 Fail to Stop / Remain (HTA)
1 072 Mischief (Prop. Damage) Under \$5000	9 1031 Suspicious Circumstances	1 719 Drive Disqualified/Licence Suspended
1 079 Cocaine - Possession	1 1032 Sudden Death	40 721 Traffic - Provincial Statutes
1 100 Immigration Act	2 1035 Warrant - Committal	2 723 Traffic - Parking Violations
1 1000 Abandoned Vehicles	8 1036 Warrant - Bench/First	2 Incident Type Not Listed
10 1001 Alarms	2 1037 Warrant - Search	
6 1002 Alerts	1 1038 Missing Persons	
4 1003 Assist Other Agencies - Ambulance	1 1039 Property - Recovered	
2 1003 Assist Other Agencies - Cornwall PS	2 1040 Traffic Complaint	
8 1003 Assist Other Agencies - Other	2 1041 Mental Health Act	
1 1003 Assist Other Agencies - Tribal PD	3 1046 Crisis Intervention	
41 1004 Assist Public	4 1050 Youth Complaint	
1 1006 Document Service	1 1052 Shooting Complaint	
3 1008 By-Law - Dogs	10 106 Provincial Statutes - Other	
1 101 Firearms Act	13 1063 Marine Patrol	
1 1011 By-Law - Other	1 107 Municipal By-Laws	
5 1012 Civil Disputes	4 1070 Sex Offender Registry	
43 1013 Community Services	1 204 Sexual Assault	
5 1014 Crime Prevention	1 205 Assault - Level 1	



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NATIONAL CHILD DAY CARNIVAL

ST. REGIS MOHAWK SCHOOL

November 17, 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM





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