

# ONKWE'TA:KE

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## AKWESASNE TRUST & MCA SPONSOR NEW HAVFD FIRE ENGINE FOR KAWEHNO:KE



Representatives from the Hogsburg-Akwesasne Volunteer Fire Department, Mohawks of Akwesasne Community Settlement Trust, and Mohawk Council of Akwesasne celebrated Kawehno:ke's new fire engine on March 8th. The HAVFD's Station #2, on Kawehno:ke (Cornwall Island), now has two fully equipped engines to combat fires with. See story on Page 3

## UPCOMING MCA MEETINGS:

### March 15, 2018

- Political Service Agreement Community Engagement Session - Tri-District Elders, 5:30 p.m.
- Tsikaristisere/Dundee Land Claim Discussion Session - Kawehno:ke Recreation, 6 - 8 p.m.

### March 17, 2018

- Tsikaristisere/Dundee Land Claim Discussion Session - HUD Training Center, Rt.37, 10 a.m. -12 p.m.

### March 24, 2018

- Special General Meeting - Voting on Akwesasne Election Law Amendments - Kana:takon Recreation, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

### March 29, 2018

- MCA General Meeting - Kana:takon Recreation, 6 p.m.

# MOHAWK COUNCIL OF AKWESASNE 2015-2018

## **Grand Chief**

Abram Benedict

## **Kana:takon District**

Chief Tim Thompson

Chief Steve Thomas

Chief Ryan Jacobs

Chief Darryl Lazore

## **Kawehno:ke District**

Chief Troy Thompson

Chief Dennis Chaussi

Chief Vince Thompson

Chief Louise Thompson

## **Tsi Snaihne District**

Chief April Adams-Phillips

Chief Joe Lazore

Chief Karen Loran

Chief Connie Lazore

## **Administration**

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*Director,*

*Technical Services*

Joyce King

*Director,*

*Justice Department*

Charmaine Caldwell

*Acting Director,*

*Housing Department*

Robyn Mitchell

*Director,*

*Community & Social Services*

Keith LeClaire

*Director,*

*Department of Health*

Donna Lahache

*Director,*

*Akwesasne Mohawk Board  
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Shawn Dulude

*Chief of Police,*

*Akwesasne Mohawk Police  
Service*

James Ransom

*Director,*

*Tehotienawakon*

# WAT'KWANONWERATON/GREETINGS

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The MCA Communications Team is proud to bring you a new issue of our print newsletter, Onkwe'ta:ke. It has been a year and a half since our staff shortages lead to a hiatus in publishing. During that time, we have focused on bringing you MCA news in the fast-paced world of social media and email.

However, it has always been our plan to return to a traditional form of sharing news...through print. Nothing beats holding the news in your actual hands. We also learned, through community surveys and MCA open houses, that many of you, our community members, enjoy receiving news delivered directly to your mailbox. We learned that our elders especially appreciated the hard copy news, so we decided it was a priority to get Onkwe'ta:ke back up and running as soon as possible.

The name Onkwe'ta:ke means "For the people" and the newsletter is our way of reporting MCA news and information to those we are serving...you, the people. MCA prides itself on transparency and accountability, and the news and reports in the pages to follow are MCA's attempt to ensure you receive informative and helpful news.

There is always a lot to learn about Council and the MCA departments, so we hope you find the newsletter both interesting and useful. We look forward to sharing our most valuable news with you in this format, and welcome you to provide feedback or suggestions by emailing our team at [communications@akwesasne.ca](mailto:communications@akwesasne.ca).

Enjoy!

Shannon Roundpoint

MCA Communications Manager & Onkwe'ta:ke Editor

# NEWS

## HAVFD STATION #2 UNVEILS NEW FIRE ENGINE SPONSORED BY COMMUNITY SETTLEMENT TRUST & MCA

A celebration was held on March 8th at the Hogansburg-Akwesasne Volunteer Fire Department's Station #2 on Kawehno:ke (Cornwall Island) to unveil a brand new \$345,000 fire engine equipped with the most modern and up to date technologies and tools needed to fight fire.

The volunteer fire department – which is part of the larger department that includes Station #1 in Hogansburg and Station #3 in Tsi Snaihne – approached the Mohawks of Akwesasne Community Settlement Trust for sponsorship of a much-needed new fire engine to replace a 20-year tanker (water truck) that Station #2 was utilizing. The Trust approved the request for the new vehicle, and the remaining \$35,720 needed to equip the engine was supplied by the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne.

"We would like to thank the Trust and MCA," said Ben Benedict, Station #2 captain and member of the fire engine committee. "This engine is replacing a 20-year tanker that supplied water...with this new truck we can fight a structure fire."

The new engine is the HAVFD's 43rd vehicle, including trucks, boats, tankers, engines and other vehicles used throughout the districts, in both the southern and northern portions of Akwesasne territory. The HAVFD proudly serves the entire community. The Kawehno:ke

Station #2 now has two fully equipped fire engines to fight structure fires; therefore if there are two fires taking place at the same time, they are now well prepared to combat both.

"The Hogansburg-Akwesasne Volunteer Fire Department is by far one of the most valuable assets the community of Akwesasne has," said Patty Francis, representing the Mohawks of Akwesasne Community Settlement Trust. "The tireless efforts of each and every one of the first responders here in Akwesasne is a testament to the commitment and excellence of our fire department and the work that they do in keeping Akwesasne safe."

The event was attended by many volunteer firefighters, representatives from the Trust, the president of M&L Supply which equipped the truck, and Kawehno:ke district chiefs from the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne.

"The Mohawk Council is proud to support our volunteer fire department and we are grateful for the services they provide to the entire community," said Kawehno:ke Chief Dennis Chaussi. "With this new fire engine on the road, the residents and properties of Kawehno:ke will be safer and we can't thank the HAVFD enough for that. It is our pleasure to provide the final sponsorship needed to get the truck equipped and ready for the road."



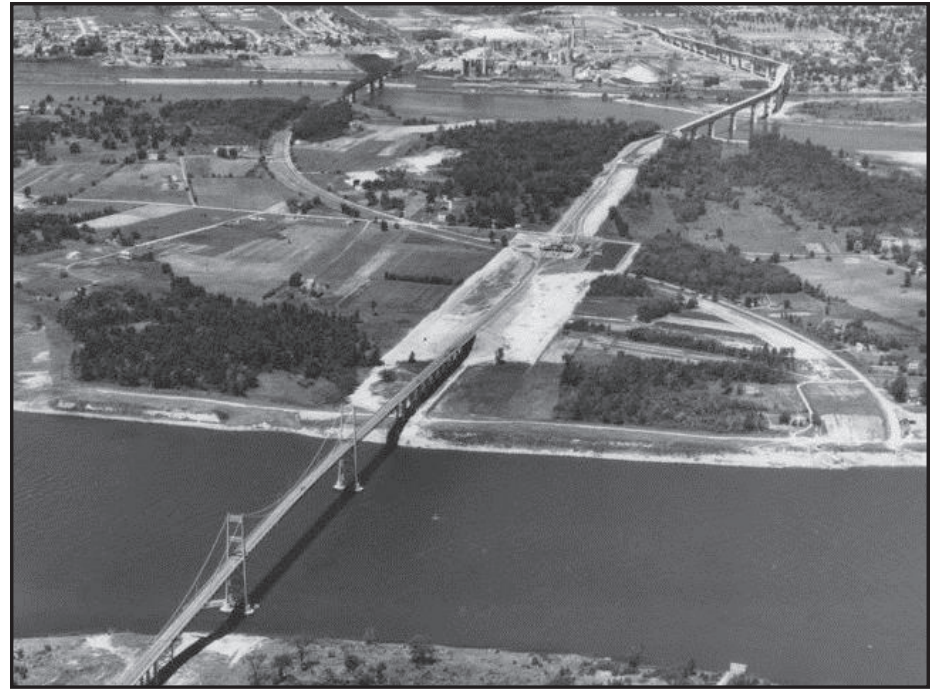
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## MCA RECEIVES SETTLEMENT OFFER FROM CANADA FOR ST. LAWRENCE SEAWAY PROCEEDINGS

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne wishes to inform the community that a settlement offer has been received by Canada for its Seaway Proceedings, filed in 1976. Canada has presented an offer of \$45 million as compensation for the impacts of the construction of the Seaway in the 1950s. The settlement offer also includes the return of lands, including certain lands along the bridge corridor on Kawehno:ke.

The offer will require the completion of a settlement agreement, which is currently being finalized between MCA and the Government of Canada. Once it has been completed, it will be presented to the community along with a referendum date and community consultation schedule.

The St. Lawrence Seaway and Power Project changed Akwesasne in many harmful and damaging ways. In 2008, Ontario Power Generation signed a settlement agreement with Akwesasne to accept responsibility for their part in damages to the community's lands and way of life when the hydro dam was constructed along with the Seaway. That \$46 million offer was accepted by Akwesasne through a community referendum in 2008 and was used to create the Mohawks of Akwesasne Community Settlement Trust.



*A unique undated aerial photo shows three bridges - The existing South Channel Bridge, the almost complete North Channel Bridge and the older North Channel Crossing.*

Lands known as "Block 1 Lands" around the perimeter of Kawehno:ke were expropriated for the construction of the Seaway and are part of the Seaway claim/proceedings. These lands are already set to be returned to Akwesasne via Canada's *Additions-to-Reserve* process. Canada has offered to return additional lands in the bridge corridor on Kawehno:ke.

More information on the Seaway proceedings was presented at the MCA General Meeting and additional community meetings. More will be scheduled in the coming months.



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## AKWESASNE FLOOD 2018

This past month, Akwesasne experienced the worst flooding some have seen in their lifetime. The St. Regis River, backed up by ice jams at the Hogansburg Bridge, overflowed, flooding homes and turning streets into rivers.

On the morning of February 21, 2018, Akwesasne residents first became aware of the possibility for a flood near the former St. Regis River dam. The Flood Watch was upgraded to a Flood Warning and the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe issued a precautionary evacuation. In the following days, the evacuation would prove to have been well-advised, as residents could no longer access their flooded homes, and yards along the river were littered with gigantic ice blocks for weeks after the initial flood.

Road closures and detours were required during the flooding and when the water receded, homes were left damaged or destroyed. Porches and sheds were

completely uplifted, and yard items were shifted across several yards and crushed into homes and decks. Residents found their belongings down the street from their home.

The Akwesasne community has responded in full force with benefits and offers of assistance to the flood victims. Many were offered shelter at local hotels by the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe, which also organized flood response with the American Red Cross.

Currently, home assessments are ongoing and residents are continuing to restore what they can of their homes.

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne would like to thank the emergency personnel, from first responders to the communications teams, all who helped to ensure Akwesasne was alert, informed and safe.



*The St. Regis River became flooded due to ice jams from February 21, 2018 until February 28, 2018. Roads were closed due to flooding. Residents living in the area had to be evacuated. Many homes sustained irreparable damage.*

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## A'NOWARA'KO:WA ARENA FIRE UPDATE



On January 19, 2018 at approximately 3 p.m., the A'nowara'ko:wa Arena suffered major damage from what is being deemed as a 'Suspicious Fire' by the Ontario Fire Marshall's office and the Akwesasne Mohawk Police Service (AMPS). The investigation is still under way, and AMPS has issued a memorandum stating that a 'Person of Interest' has been identified.

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne's Department of Technical Services (DTS), in coordination with MCA's insurance adjustor, and the contracted clean-up specialist Service Master, has been in clean-up and restoration mode since February 6, 2018. The

MCA insurance adjustor is working closely with the contractor to ensure all damaged equipment, rooms and hardware are repaired, replaced, sanitized and cleaned effectively.

DTS is optimistic that the re-opening of the arena facility will be possible the week of April 2, 2018. To date, we have hired four local workers to assist in the clean-up and service needs for the roof structure and ceiling spaces. In short, every square inch of the facility that was exposed to the smoke and soot damage is being cleaned and sanitized.

The room that sustained the major

damage has been stripped, cleaned and has recently been painted with a sealer and deodorizer system. The insurance adjuster and MCA staff agree the clean-up is satisfactory and reconstruction will commence this week.

Clean-up of the ceiling space and rafters is near 75% complete and as systems are removed and cleaned, they have been put back in place in order to keep the project on track. The majority of the storage rooms have been cleaned, and Service Master will be working on the office environments soon, as all HVAC equipment and duct work had to



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be cleaned also. The crews had to remove all of the duct work in the room that had the fire as well as in the adjoining room due to the heavy smoke damage. That system will be replaced in the coming weeks.

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne is asking for information from community members to help identify

whom may have done this to 'your' facility. This event has caused serious damage, and we are grateful no one was hurt or injured in this event. Unfortunately, it has also caused the management of the facility to have to take more action towards monitoring occupancy and security of the facility. If you have any information regarding

the suspicious fire, please contact the Akwesasne Mohawk Police at 613-575-2000.

The A'nowara'ko:wa Arena staff and DTS thank the community for their patience during this clean-up and look forward to announcing the re-opening date for the spring season.



Debris that has been removed from the arena during the clean-up.



The crews have removed portions of the building's walls and ceilings for cleaning.



A locker room, where the fire is believed to have originated, suffered extensive damage.



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## SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING TO BE HELD ON THE AKWESASNE ELECTION LAW AMENDMENTS VOTE

The proposed final draft of the Akwesasne Election Law will be voted on at a Special General Meeting scheduled for March 24, 2018 at 10 a.m.

On August 25, 2015, Council passed MCR 2015/2016-#111 to form a Working Task Group (WTG). The mandate of the WTG was to “provide a comprehensive draft Akwesasne Election Law to present to Council for acceptance in principle.”

The Working Task Group submitted the draft Akwesasne Election Law 2017 which was accepted in principle

by MCR 2017/2018-#046 and reaffirmed by MCR 2017/2018-#064.

On December 18, 2017, Mohawk Council passed MCR 2017/2018-#258 to accept the amendments

of the proposed final draft of the Akwesasne Election Law 2017 dated December 8, 2017.

The amendment process will follow “Section 18 – Amendments” of the current Akwesasne Election Law.

The Special General Meeting and vote will take place on March 24, 2018. MCA Eligible Voters will,

by majority, decide to accept the proposed amendments or to not accept the proposed amendments entitled “Akwesasne Election Law 2017.”

Accepting the proposed amendments will result in the Akwesasne Election Law 2017 being used in the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne elections in 2021.

To not accept the proposed amendments will result in using the Akwesasne Election Law 2005 (the current law) for the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne elections in 2021.

### SUMMARY OF CHANGES

Changes made to the Akwesasne Election Law in the new draft include:

- Corrected the Akwesasne Election Law document to reference positions that are currently filled at Mohawk Council of Akwesasne, such as changing the reference from “Chief Administrative Officer” and replacing the reference to “Executive Director.”
- Corrected grammatical errors such as capitalizing words that are in the definition section.

- Changed the amendment provisions to be in accordance with the Akwesasne Law Enactment Procedural Regulation (or its successor) to be consistent with Akwesasne’s law enactment process.
- Changed Schedule “O” to reflect the law: The Akwesasne Election Appeal Board (AEAB) will make a decision by “majority” vote. Prior to this, the law said the AEAB will decide by majority and Schedule O said the AEAB will decide by consensus.

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## SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING – AKWESASNE ELECTION LAW

**Date: March 24, 2018**

**Location: St. Regis Recreation**

**Hours: 10 a.m. to noon**

**Method of Voting: Secret Ballot Vote conducted by the Chief Electoral Officer**

Copies of the proposed final amendments can be obtained at any of the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne government offices:

Mohawk Government Offices - 3rd Street in Kana:takon

Akwesasne Justice Department/Angus Mitchell Memorial Building - Kana:takon

Administration 1 building/ A-Frame building - Kana:takon

Housing Department – Hilltop Drive in Kana:takon

Kanohkwatsheri:io – Hilltop Drive in Kana:takon

Iohahiio Adult Education - Tsi Snaihne

CIA 3 Building – 101 Tewesateni Road, Kawehno:ke

## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT SESSIONS ON POLITICAL SERVICE AGREEMENT

MCA will be hosting a series of Community Engagement Sessions intended to introduce the community to the draft Political Service Agreement, gain community feedback, and move forward with comments, concerns, and suggested changes. We are also seeking feedback/consensus on whether or not the community would like to see the implementation of the Political Service Agreement, which will provide the framework for MCA chiefs' working conditions.

Mohawk Government will also give their presentation

on the difference between the current Working Conditions document and the proposed Political Service Agreement (PSA). Handouts will also be available at these Community Engagement Sessions.

The next session will be:

**THURSDAY, MARCH 15, 2018**  
**KAWEHNO:KE – TRI-DISTRICT ELDERS LODGE**  
**5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.**

For more information on these Community Engagement Sessions please call Mohawk Government at (613) 575-2348.

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## MCA LAUNCHES COMPLIANCE TRAINING PROGRAM FOR FIRST NATIONS; FIRST OF ITS KIND IN INDIAN COUNTRY

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne's Akwesasne Justice Department is celebrating the launch of a new pilot program for compliance officer training that has never been held before on a First Nation or for a First Nation. The course is being offered through funding secured from Indigenous & Northern Affairs Canada (INAC).

"This is a first in Indian Country," said Joyce King, Director of the Akwesasne Justice Department. "We have found that there really isn't any training of this kind specific to First Nations. Any similar courses available are geared toward city compliance and not specific to aboriginal rights or First Nations by-law enforcement."

The 13-week course was open to anyone seeking further understanding and knowledge in compliance, with callouts made to various First Nations communities, as they would potentially benefit the most. The ten students registered include seven from Akwesasne and three from other First Nations.

"We have an exciting program that touches on basic police skills, but also targets issues within First Nations (such as INAC by-laws) and restorative justice practices," King said. "The candidates will also go through physical training that will prepare them to enter Police College if they wish to advance their careers into policing."

During the launch of the program, Grand Chief Abram Benedict told participants, "Compliance has a lot of



*The new students on Day 1 of the training were greeted by (back row left to right): Coordinator William LaFrance, Director of Justice Joyce King, Chief Connie Lazore and Grand Chief Abram Benedict.*

elements to it...it's not just going out there and picking up the dogs and issuing citations or fines..., there's a lot of other educational components. I'm really pleased that staff were able to pull this together as part of the foundation of our justice system, and I'm glad that you all expressed an interest in this program. It's a very vital role."

Chief Connie Lazore, who holds the Justice portfolio for Council and played a key role in bringing the program to fruition, told participants, "Comments we received [in the past] from the community were to enforce our laws and by-laws. I hope that you will find this useful and I hope it will help you in furthering your career...whether you want to maintain a compliance position or go into law enforcement."

The course was coordinated by William LaFrance, a retired police officer with years of experience in Akwesasne policing and compliance.



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## TRI-CHAMBER ALLIANCE FORMED THROUGH MOU SIGNING BETWEEN AKWESASNE, CORNWALL AND MASSENA CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE

The Tri-Chamber Alliance is a unique alliance formed between the Akwesasne Chamber of Commerce, the Cornwall & Area Chamber of Commerce and the Greater Massena Chamber of Commerce, with support from the Cornwall and the Counties CFDC Cross-Border Partnership Program and the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne.

Last week, the Tri-Chamber Alliance signed a Memorandum of Understanding related to local business. The signing of this MOU represents a unified voice for business on a regional and international level. The chambers believe that above and beyond serving their own members, businesses in this region can benefit from sharing information and tackling issues with a joint strategy.

This historic MOU is the first of its kind signed between a Canadian, American and First Nations Chamber of Commerce. The MOU outlines how the organizations will work together over the course of the next few years and sets a basic framework for a regional business entity. Each region has its own successes and challenges; this alliance helps all three parties best approach both. The alliance also represents how our region is forward thinking when it comes to working with First Nations and managing cross-border relationships.

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*Seated, from left to right: Nathan Lashomb (executive director of the Greater Massena Chamber of Commerce), Casey Swamp (president of the Akwesasne Chamber of Commerce) and Rory MacLennan (president of the Cornwall and Area Chamber of Commerce). Standing, from left to right: Kylee Tarbell (assistant director, Department of Tehotiiennawakon, Mohawk Council of Akwesasne) and Simon McLinden (project manager, Cornwall & the Counties Community Futures Development Corp).*

The Tri-Chamber Alliance proves that we can work together regardless of cultural difference or international borders. We will work hard to make regional businesses better. We are "Stronger Together."

# COUNCIL AND MOHAWK GOVERNMENT

## MOHAWK COUNCIL 2015-2018

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne holds an election for Council every three years. The current term began in 2015 and the next election will be this June, 2018.

Mohawk Council consists of 1 grand chief, elected at large by all three districts (Kawehno:ke, Kana:takon, and Tsi Snaihne) and 12 district chiefs, 4 per district, each elected by their district voters.



*Mohawk Council 2015-2018*

*Grand Chief Abram Benedict, Joe Lazore, Steve Thomas, Connie Lazore, Karen Loran, April Adams - Phillips, Louise Thompspon, Tim Thompson, Vince Thompson, Darryl Lazore, Troy Thompson, Ryan Jacobs, and Dennis Chaussi.*

**The current chiefs and their portfolios are:**

### **Grand Chief Abram Benedict**

#### **Kawehno:ke District Chiefs:**

1. Dennis Chaussi - Dept. of Community & Social Services and Dept. of Health
2. Louise Thompson – Dept. of Justice and Entewetatha:wi (Nation Building)
3. Troy Thompson – Dept. of Tehotiiennawakon (Ec. Dev, Environment) and Government Secretariat
4. Vince Thompson – Dept. of Technical Services and Dept. of Housing

#### **Kana:takon District Chiefs:**

1. Ryan Jacobs – Ahkwesahsne Mohawk Board of Education and Dept. of Community & Social Services
2. Darryl Lazore – Dept. of Housing and Executive Services
3. Steve Thomas – Public Safety and Dept. of Tehotiiennawakon
4. Tim “Dooley” Thompson – Dept. of Community & Social Services and Executive Services

#### **Tsi Snaihne Chiefs:**

1. April Adams-Phillips – Ahkwesahsne Mohawk Board of Education and Public Safety
2. Connie Lazore – Dept. of Justice and Entewetatha:wi (Nation Building)
3. Joe Lazore – Dept. of Technical Services
4. Karen Loran – Government Secretariat and Dept. of Health



# COUNCIL AND MOHAWK GOVERNMENT

## HOUSING COMPONENT FOR SOLIDARITY TAX

The solidarity tax credit is a refundable tax credit for low and middle-income households. To receive it, you must meet all the eligibility requirements and complete Schedule D of your income tax return. The amount of your credit is based on your situation on December 31st of the previous year. For example, your credit for the period from July 2018 to June 2019 is based on your situation on December 31, 2017.

If you are the owner, tenant or subtenant of an eligible dwelling, you may be entitled to the housing component of the credit. If you would like to claim it and you or your spouse received an RL-31 slip, follow the instructions in the guide to the income tax return (TP-1.G-V) for 2017, which is available at [revenuquebec.ca](http://revenuquebec.ca). Be sure to follow the instructions carefully so that Revenu Quebec can determine the amounts to which you may be entitled for the next payment period, which begins on July 1, 2018.

If you or your spouse did not receive an RL-31 slip and you live in a recognized Aboriginal territory, refer to the enclosed appendix for instructions on completing Schedule D. Be sure to follow the instructions carefully so that Revenu Quebec can process your claim correctly

and determine whether you are eligible for the housing component.

If submitting Schedule D without an RL-31, you must prove that you are an owner, tenant or subtenant by mailing one of the following to Revenu Quebec: a housing agreement; a Hydro Quebec bill in your or your spouse's name; or a letter or other confirmation from your band council.


If you are unable to send one of the above-mentioned documents, call Revenu Quebec toll free client services at 1-855-291-6467.

Once this proof is received, Revenu Quebec will determine the amount of the housing component and issue a notice of determination to the individual, along with payment that may be due. This alternate procedure may delay payment of the housing component; however, any amounts owing can be paid retroactively, if necessary.

For more information about the tax credit, go to [revenuquebec.ca](http://revenuquebec.ca). You can also call Revenu Quebec's client services toll-free at 1-855-291-6467.

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Direction principale des programmes sociofiscaux

February XX, 2017

[Vedette]

Subject:

Solidarity tax credit for individuals living in a recognized aboriginal territory

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However, if you or your spouse did not receive an RL-31 slip and you live in a recognized aboriginal territory, refer to the enclosed appendix for instructions on completing Schedule D. Be sure to follow the instructions carefully so that we can process your claim correctly and determine whether you are eligible for the housing component.

For more information about the tax credit, go to [revenuquebec.ca](http://revenuquebec.ca). You can also call our client services at 418 266-1016 (Québec City area), at 514 940-1481 (Montréal area) or, toll-free, at 1 855 291-6467 (elsewhere in Québec).

Yours truly,

[Signature numérisée]

Normand Bilodeau

Director

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APPENDIX

Additional instructions on completing Schedule D for individuals living in a recognized aboriginal territory who do not have an RL-31 slip

Follow these instructions **only** if you live in a recognized aboriginal territory, you are the owner, tenant or subtenant of an eligible dwelling and you or your spouse has not received an RL-31 slip.

"Eligible dwelling" means a dwelling (such as a house, a room or an apartment in a duplex or condominium building) that is located in Québec and that is your principal residence, excluding, for example, a dwelling for which an amount is paid toward rent under a program governed by the *National Housing Act* (including subsidies paid under a program established pursuant to section 95 of the Act).

If the above situation applies to you, complete Schedule D according to the instructions below and enclose it with your income tax return.

A. Information about you

Complete lines 1 through 16.

If you were a tenant, subtenant or owner of the dwelling on December 31, 2017:

- enter 00000-00000-00000 on line 32 (even if you were an owner);
- enter the total number of tenants, subtenants and owners of the dwelling on December 31, 2017, on line 33; and
- leave lines 35 and 36 blank (even if you were an owner).

B. Information about your spouse

Complete line 40.

If your spouse was a tenant, subtenant or owner of the dwelling on December 31, 2017:

- enter 00000-00000-00000 on line 44 (even if your spouse was an owner);
- enter the total number of tenants, subtenants and owners of the dwelling on December 31, 2017, on line 46; and
- leave lines 50 and 52 blank (even if your spouse was an owner).

Important

If you do not have an RL-31 slip, you must prove that you are an owner, tenant or subtenant by providing one of the following:

- a housing agreement;
- a Hydro-Québec bill in your or your spouse's name; or
- a letter or other confirmation from your band council.

Send your proof to:

Revenu Québec

3800, rue de Marly, secteur LE0101

Québec (Québec) G1X 4A5

If you are unable to send one of the above-mentioned documents, call our client services at 418 266-1016 (Québec City area), at 514 940-1481 (Montréal area) or, toll-free, at 1 855 291-6467 (elsewhere in Québec).



# COUNCIL AND MOHAWK GOVERNMENT

## CHIEFS REPORTS

**Chief Ryan Jacobs**

**Portfolio: Education**

**Month: February 2018**

### Monthly Notables:

1. Up to 20 books developed and illustrated by local artist and translators
2. Kanien'keha Language Games being developed for classroom use
3. Immersion teacher trainees have advanced to classroom placement and observations at Kana:takon School

### Works in Progress:

1. Structural Readiness - MCA administration interviews complete and 1st Report Submitted to Steering Committee
2. Iohahi:io Strategic Plan and action plans being updated for MAESD intake.
3. AMBE Succession Planning

### Collaborative Opportunities:

Outside committees or meetings such as AIAI, IC, AFN, COO, etc. Using meeting agenda's as reference.

1. Chiefs of Ontario (COO)
  - a. Charting Our Own Path Forward (COOPF)
2. Ministry of Adult Education Skills Development

(MAESD)

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*Kana:takon District Chief Ryan Jacobs*

### Financial Status/Lobbying Progress

To update on any lobbying initiatives, positive outcomes or financial gains.

1. Increase in post-secondary funding (increase in travel allowance).
2. First Nations Student Support Program (FNSSP) increase in proposal amount.
3. Year 2 of Structural Readiness Funding proposal submitted.

# COUNCIL AND MOHAWK GOVERNMENT

**Chief Steve Thomas**

**Portfolio: Tehotiiennawakon and Public Safety**

**Month: February 2018**

## Monthly Notables:

1. Lobbying Efforts
2. Planning/ Research
3. Governance Committee
4. Finance Committee

## Works in Progress:

1. Resilient Home Project
2. Healthy Homes Project
3. Fiber Optics Project

## Collaborative Opportunities:

Outside committees or meetings such as AIAI, IC, AFN, COO, etc. Using meeting agenda's as reference.

1. AIAI – Tobacco – FN Trade
2. CoO – Climate Change
3. AFN – Border Crossing
4. Ontario – Revenue Sharing
5. Ontario – Hamilton Island pilot project
6. Green ON – Funding for Home Project
7. AFNQL – FN Policing – Public Safety



*Kana:takon District Chief Steve Thomas*

## Financial Status/Lobbying Progress

1. Healthy Homes Resilient Homes - \$43M – Ministry of Environment & Climate Change
2. MCA Facilities - \$3M – retrofit – Ministry of Environment & Climate Change
3. Arena -\$1M - Canada 150, AIF 3
4. AMPS -\$1.6M – SAVE Unit – Ministry of Community Safety & Correctional Services
5. AMPS - \$600K – upgrade – Ministry – Tri Partite Agreement
6. Ontario - \$400K – Tobacco Pilot Project – Ministry of Finance

# COUNCIL AND MOHAWK GOVERNMENT

## MOHAWK COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS

MCR #261 2017-2018 To accept & approve the AANDC Financial For: 9 Against: 1 CARRIED

Agreement No. 1516-ON-000028- Amendment No. 0031

Moved by: Chief Steve Thomas

Seconded by: Chief Tim D Thompson

For: 10 Against: 0 CARRIED

MCR #262 2017-2018 MOHLTC Agreement with Akwesasne

Moved by: Chief Karen Loran

Seconded by: Chief Steve Thomas

For: 10 Against: 0 CARRIED

MCR #263 2017-2018 Allotment of Land Lot 5-23 Bittern Range RSO-

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Moved by: Chief Connie Lazore

Seconded by: Chief Karen Loran

For: 10 Against: 0 CARRIED

MCR #264 2017-2018 Allotment of Land-Lot 6 Karakwakiene Subdivision

Bittern Range CLSR 85585

Moved by: Chief Connie Lazore

Seconded by: Chief Karen Loran

For: 9 Against: 1 CARRIED

MCR #265 2017-2018 Appointment of Trust Overseer for Akwesasne

Community Trust

Moved by: Chief Karen Loran

Seconded by: Chief Connie Lazore

MCR #266 2017-2018 Akwesasne Legislative Commission Selection of Members

Moved by: Chief Connie Lazore

Seconded by: Chief Tim D Thompson

For: 5 Against: 3 CARRIED

MCR #267 2017-2018 P & ID Special Pilot Funding Proposal to Develop a First Nation Financial Program

Moved by: Chief Connie Lazore

Seconded by: Chief Tim D Thompson

For: 7 Against: 1 CARRIED

MCR #268 2017-2018 Authority Granted to Program Manager of Ionkwanonhsassetsi Adolescent Treatment Centre (IATC) to issue Occupancy Licenses

Moved by: Chief Tim D Thompson

Seconded by: Chief Connie Lazore

For: 4 Against: 3 CARRIED

MCR #269 2017-2018 Authority Granted to Program Manager of Iethinisten:ha Family Wellness Program (IFWP) to issue Occupancy Licenses

Moved by: Chief Tim D Thompson

Seconded by: Chief Connie Lazore

For: 4 Against: 3 CARRIED



# COUNCIL AND MOHAWK GOVERNMENT



MCR #270 2017-2018 Land Transfer

Moved by: Chief Steve Thomas

Seconded by: Chief Tim D Thompson

For: 6 Against: 0

CARRIED

Community Support Services

Moved by: Chief Karen Loran

Seconded by: Chief Dennis Chaussi

For: 7 Against: 0

CARRIED

MCR #271 2017-2018 Set aside various Lots for Roads purposes on  
Kawehno:ke (Cornwall Island)

Moved by: Chief Vince Thompson

Seconded by: Chief Connie Lazore

For: 7 Against: 0

CARRIED

MCR # 273 2017-2018 Section 84 Early Release Program

Moved by: Chief Connie Lazore

Seconded by: Chief Tim D Thompson

For: 7 Against: 0

CARRIED

MCR #274 2017-2018 Extension of Cannabis Working Task Group

MCR #272 2017-2018 Ministry of Health and Long Term Care, LHIN Moved by: Chief Steve Thomas

## UPCOMING MEETING SCHEDULE

### MCA General and District Meetings Ennisko:wa / March 2018

*Meetings are subject to change. Changes will be announced through 97.3 CKON FM Radio Station and the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne Facebook page.*

#### Tsi Snaihne District Meeting

Tsi Snaihne Recreation Centre

Monday, March 12, 2018

6:00 p.m. start time



#### **General Meeting Cancellation Protocol:**

In the unfortunate circumstance where a community member passes in one of the three districts, the meeting will occur as regularly scheduled in the other two districts where the member did not reside. A moment of silence will also be taken in their memory.

#### Kawehno:ke District Meeting

Kawehno:ke Recreation Centre

Monday, March 19, 2018

6:00 p.m. start time

#### Special General Meeting Akwesasne Election Law

Kana:takon (St. Regis) Recreation Centre

Saturday, March 24, 2018

10AM-12PM (Noon)

Secret Ballot Vote conducted by  
Chief Electoral Officer.

#### Kana:takon District Meeting

Kana:takon Recreation Centre

Monday, March 19, 2018

6:00 p.m. start time

#### General Meeting

Kana:takon  
Kana:takon Recreation Centre

Thursday, March 29, 2018

6:00 p.m. start time

*\*The General Meeting Agenda will be announced at  
least 3 days before the scheduled date.*

*Council looks forward to your attendance at the upcoming meetings to hear updates and to provide input on the discussions. If you have any questions, please do not  
hesitate to contact Mohawk Government at 613-575-2348.*

# COUNCIL AND MOHAWK GOVERNMENT



## GRAND CHIEF ABRAM BENEDICT’S COUNCIL MEETING UPDATES

### January 29, 2018

- The Acting Manager of the Aboriginal Rights and Research Office (ARRO) provided Council with an update on the Seaway and Dundee claims settlement progress.
- The Executive Director for Mohawk Council provided Council with an update and overview of collaborative efforts to work with Indigenous Services Canada Ontario Region on an outcomes measurement proposal and a 10-year grant for MCA.
- Council agreed to cancel the weekly Council meeting for the week of February 19th due to the Family Day holiday.
- A request from the St. Regis Mohawk Tribe (SRMT) to connect to water and sewer services was discussed and will be followed up on by the administration.
- Council agreed the next General Meeting will be held on Thursday, March 1, 2018.
- A brief was provided to Council regarding a recent Housing Authority meeting.
- MCR’s passed: Approval of funding agreement with Ontario for Akwesasne Mohawk Police Service; Approval of housing upgrade loan to a community member.

### February 5, 2018

- The Acting Manager of the Aboriginal Rights and Research Office (ARRO) provided Council with an update on the Seaway and Dundee claims settlement progress.
- A briefing was provided to Council on a concern with respect to the name of Lame Squaw Island. Further research will be done for the owner’s consideration to rename.
- Council discussed the Possession and Acquisition Licence (PAL) requirements and will further research its implications.
- A briefing was provided on a recent meeting with Indigenous Services on the development of a 10-year grant proposal.
- Council discussed a recent request from the Chiefs of Ontario for elder’s representation. Council agreed to research the development of an elders council.
- A concern with MCA programs fundraising was discussed and will be considered for policy development.
- MCR's passed: Approval of funding agreement with Health and Long Term Care for 17/18 fiscal year; Approval of mortgage guarantee with the Bank of Montreal for a community member; Approval of funding submission to Indigenous Services for replacement of underground fuel storage tank at Kana:takon School; Approval of contract with EVB Engineering for Engineering Services on Snye subdivision sewage plant reconstruction; Approval of amendments to funding agreement with Health Canada.

# COUNCIL AND MOHAWK GOVERNMENT

**February 12, 2018**

- The Acting Manager of the Aboriginal Rights and Research Office (ARRO) provided Council with an update on the Seaway and Dundee claims settlement progress and an update from a recent community meeting on the Dundee claim.
- Council was briefed on a recent meeting with Canada Border Service Agency (CBSA).

- MCA pension advisor briefed Council on proposed changes to the MCA pension fund that will provide an additional option for retirees to consider accessing.
- Council was updated on the Additions to Reserves (ATR) process for the return of the 4 islands as part of the OPG settlement.

- The owner / operator of Caveman Strong provided Council with an overview of the services provided by the facility and explained potential partnership options for consideration; portfolio to follow up.
- MCR's passed: Approval of funding agreement with Ontario to support Strategy Project to end Human Trafficking; Approval of amendments to MCA pension policy to include Retiree Division.

**February 26, 2018**

- Legal Counsel for the MCA provided an overview and background of the Additions to Reserve (ATR) process for Akwesasne Islands being returned to reserve and explained future land allotment considerations.
- A concern with respect to certain disability clients not receiving the Green Food Bag was discussed and will be further researched by portfolio.
- Council discussed procedures for Community State of Emergency and requested the Executive

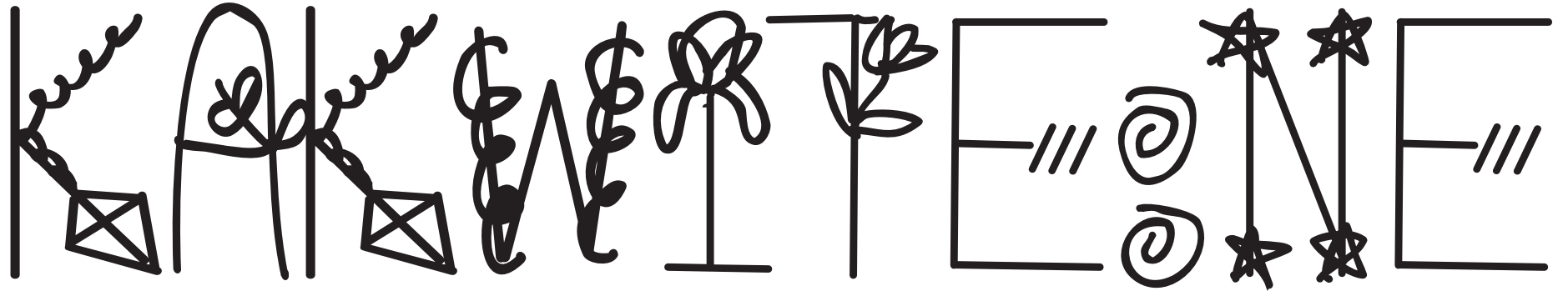
Director follow up with the responsible programs on the process and communications protocol.

- The General Meeting agenda for March 1, 2018 was set and Council agreed to the next General Meeting occurring on March 29, 2018.
- Council agreed that the voting for the acceptance of the amendments to the Akwesasne Election Law will occur by secret ballot at the Special General Meeting set for March 24, 2018.
- MCR's passed: Appointment of

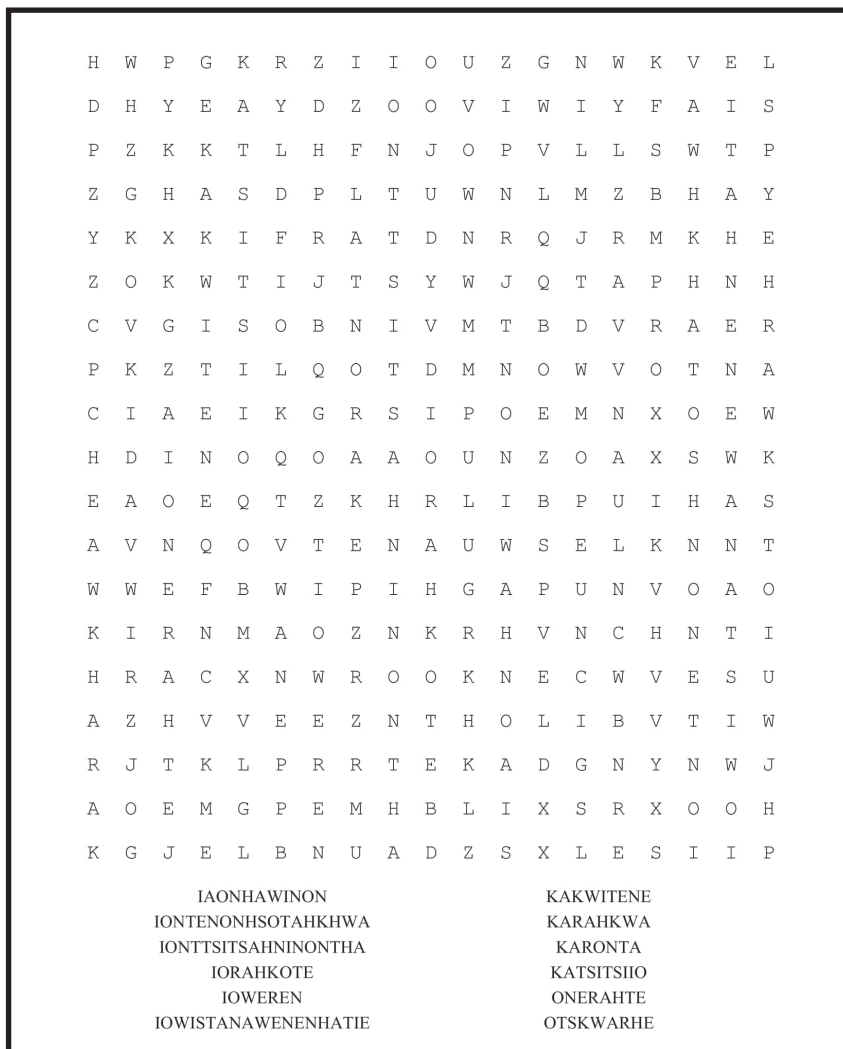
Elders to Council of Elders and alternatives; Approval of allotment of land to community member (loan paid off); Acceptance of financial terms of deal with Quebec for road maintenance; Acceptance of Ontario road subsidy report; Approval of design contract for renovation for DCSS facility; Approval of funding submission to Indigenous Services for retrofit to HAVFD Station 3; Approval of funding submission to Indigenous Services for reimbursement for HAVFD Station 2 truck purchase shortfalls; Acceptance of (4) Council Meeting Minutes.



# CHILDREN'S PAGE



## KAKWITENE: SPRING



# WORD SEARCH

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# SOCIAL MEDIA CONNECTION



## Facebook Posts with the Most Likes in January & February

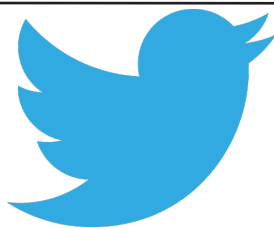
1. Akwesasne Teen Ariana Roundpoint Publishes Children's Book – 792 Likes
2. Akwesasne Welcomes Future Doctors – 718 Likes
3. MCA Chief Submits Complaint on NYS DOT Employee Comment -486 Likes
4. Missing Person – Kenneth Leaf – 220 Likes
5. Wholistic Health & Wellness Welcomes Joey David & Harvey Herne – 160 Likes

## Facebook Posts with the Highest Reach in January & February

1. Missing Person – Kenneth Leaf – 65,180 Reached
2. MCA Chief Submits Complaint on NYS DOT Employee Comment – 37,625 Reached
3. AMPS Searching for 2nd Missing Person – 34,608 Reached
4. Akwesasne Teen Ariana Roundpoint Publishes Children's Book – 17,808 Reached
5. A'nowara'kowa Arena Closed Due to Suspicious Fire – 17,287 Reached

## Highest Viewed Videos Posted Directly to Facebook

1. MCA Business Spotlight – Purple Ribbon Gift Shop – 1.6K Views
2. HAVFD Assists Cornwall Electric In Getting Transformer to Pilon Island -857 Views
3. Police Hockey Tournament at A'nowara'kowa Arena – 633 Views



## Top Tweets in January & February 14, 2018

- A'nowara'kowa Arena Closed for Remainder of Winter/Ice Season
  - Flood Precautions & Tips
- MCA Monitoring Water Levels – Potential Flooding
- AMBE Schools Closing Due to Inclement Weather



## Highest Viewed Videos on the MCA Youtube Channel

1. MCA General Meeting - January 27, 2018 -242 Views
2. A Minute with MCA | Episode 5 – 212 Views
3. Akwesasne Welcomes Medical Students - 196 Views

# EXECUTIVE SERVICES

## NEW AND CHANGING FACES AT MCA

### December 2017:

Armstrong	Taylor	HRIS Intern
Benedict Jr.	Michael	Native Community Corr. Worker
David	Aundray	Caretaker
David	Vanessa	Meals on Wheels Driver
Francis	Morgan	Educational Assistant
Pedicelli	Kymberly	Teacher
Terrance	Thomas	Maintenance Helper
Thompson	Alan	Water WW Operator Technician

### January 2018:

Beaudin	Michel	Instructor
Caldwell	Deborah	Benefit Analyst
Cole III	John	Caretaker
Cooke	Halle	Concession Worker
Fontaine	Sheryl	Instructor
Green	Kyle	Cadet
Guindon	Troy	Inclusion Coach
Horn	Ky	Cadet
Laughing	Jacob	Caretaker
Massaro	Renee	Administrative Assistant
Payment	Corey	Cadet
Square	Tina	Instructor
Tarbell	Danielle	Case Aide
Taylor-Hedges	Sandra	Instructor
Walker	Benjamin	Supply Teacher

### February 2018:

Durant	Sarah	Counselor
Francis	Louis	Ambulance Driver
Gray	Michael	Maintenance
Hanley	Meaghan	Supply Teacher
Jacobs	Matthew	Maintenance
Locey	Debra	Instructor
Phillips	James	Kitchen Aide
Square	Shawn	Maintenance
Thomas	David	Maintenance



# EXECUTIVE SERVICES

## COMPLIMENTS & APPRECIATIONS

### Giving Thanks

- Appreciation is extended to Phillip White-Cree, who has taken on the role of acting manager of the Aboriginal Rights & Research Office during a critical time. The program oversees land claims and is currently responsible for the education component of two major claims – Seaway and Dundee/Tsikaristisere. Well done to Phillip in presenting information at the recent MCA General Meeting, where community members expressed their appreciation for his clear explanations and responses.
- Nia:wenkowa to the Community Health Program for offering free personal hygiene items to all middle school students at the Ahkwesahsne Mohawk School.
- Congratulations to the Skawatsi:ra Program (Mohawk Immersion) for increasing their fluency level by 50 percent since the 2015-2016 school year!
- Nia:wenkowa to the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe’s Communications and Emergency Planning personnel for working together with the MCA Communications and Emergency Services personnel to keep the community informed during the Akwesasne Flood.
- Nia:wenkowa to the Ontario Provincial Police and Surete du Quebec for assisting the Akwesasne Mohawk Police Service with air searches of two missing Akwesasne men.
- Nia:wenkowa to Brigitte Phillips, Executive Assistant to the Executive Director, for always providing service with a smile, to both the community and to her coworkers.

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# DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY & SOCIAL SERVICES

## AKWESASNE FAMILY WELLNESS PROGRAM SPONSORS TRADITIONAL BASKET MAKING CLASS

This February, the Akwesasne Family Wellness Program sponsored two 2-day traditional basket making classes. The classes were facilitated by Angello Johnson of Good Mind Design and was designed for parent-child pairs to enjoy cultural activities together and strengthen their relationship.

Over the course of two days, participants were able to make 16" pack baskets made from black ash trees. They also were able to learn about the black ash tree and the cultural significance of baskets. Kathleen Terrance, Family Well-being Counselor, acknowledged that these types of activities are important as they "bring families together in a healthy environment."

All the participants enjoyed the class and noted what a great experience it was. An attendee of the class, Jessica Shenandoah, noted that she was "very proud" of her son Quincy Angus and his finished product. Shenandoah also said that she enjoyed how she and her son were able to "complete the entire basket independently."



*Participants of Traditional Basket Making Class*  
Back Row: Facilitator-Angello Johnson of Good Mind Design; Jessica Shenandoah, Shakoianhsaks Mitchell, Awenhiyos King, Awenhniseronkion King.  
Front Row: Quincy Angus, Haisnowe King, Anaharisohn King.

Instructor Angello Johnson was impressed by the talent of the future basket makers in the class.

"Basket making is an important aspect of our culture as Onkwehon:we," said Johnson. "I enjoy giving back to the community and seeing Akwesasronon strengthen their cultural skills."

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Kana:takon Child Care Center  
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# DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY & SOCIAL SERVICES



*Participants of the second session of Traditional Basket Making Class sponsored by the Akwesasne Family Wellness Program.*



*A young girl proudly displays the pack basket she made with her family during the Traditional Basket Making Class.*

## Upcoming classes being offered by the Akwesasne Family Wellness Program:

- Empowering Our Daughters - A 9 week self-defense class for high-school female seniors attending college/ university in the Fall. (Every Saturday beginning March 3rd)
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- Family Life Skills - Various classes on cooking, canning, budgeting and more (Classes TBD)
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- Cultural Activities in School - The Family Wellness Program is sponsoring after-school activities such as basket making, social songs and various crafts (Classes will be ongoing)



# DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

## TOTA AND ME DANCE

The Tota and Me Dance was held this past January at the Akwesasne Mohawk Casino and Resort. The event came forth as a partnership between the MCA Community Health Program, the MCA Wholistic Health and Wellness Program and Cancer Care Ontario, in an effort bring more awareness about cancer screening services to our community.

Totas, along with their grandchildren, were treated to a night out complete with dinner and dancing. DJ Jared Gray spun the hits to get the crowd dancing and the MCA Communications Unit made sure everyone went home with a photo keepsake from the event.

MCA Community Health Program Manager Karole Mitchell said, "We chose the Totas/grandchildren as our

target audience because our Totas are full of wisdom and serve as excellent role models for our youth. The elders remind us that we need to walk a good path to wellness for our future generations."

Dr. Treena Greene from Cancer Care Ontario presented on the new cancer screenings services now available to Akwesasronon. In the past, community members may have had to travel as far at Ottawa to access these cancer screenings.

MCA Community Health sends a special thanks to Allyson Lamesse, Jamie Cole, Carlee Oakes and Diane King for coordinating this event as well as Cancer Care Ontario, MCA Wholistic Health and Wellness Program and the MCA Communications Unit.



The Tota and Me Dance treated grandparents and their grandchildren to dinner and dancing at the Akwesasne Mohawk Casino Resort's Ballroom as well as an informative speech on cancer screenings from presenter Dr. Treena Greene.

# DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

## WHOLISTIC HEALTH AND WELLNESS WELCOMES TWO NEW EMPLOYEES

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne is excited to welcome two new employees, Joey David and Harvey Herne, to the Wholistic Health & Wellness Program.

David has worked with Akwesasne Child & Family Services for a number of years before joining Wholistic Health as an Addictions Case Manager. He brings experience in traditional support along with cultural expertise in medicine and wholistic healing to this position. David utilizes the onkwehonwehnéha ohkakowenta or "original person wheel" to help clients and community members develop spiritually, mentally, emotionally and physically.

Herne will be working as a cultural specialist for the program after being employed for 21 years at the Partridge House in Hogansburg. Cultural teachings through the medicine wheel and Creation Story are Herne's specialty and he hopes to continue incorporating indigenous perspective and influence into addiction treatment.

While both men look forward to working with the community, David will be conducting one-on-one sessions with individuals and Herne will work on educating groups and classes. Since February 27th, Herne



*Wholistic Health and Wellness welcomes Harvey Herne and Joey David to their program.*

has been hosting daily classes on a variety of different topics, all related to the effects of multigenerational trauma, effects of alcohol and drugs, and the effects of escapism from reality through substances. Some of the subjects covered include simple smudging, Alaskan prophecy between cultures, two way valve system, medicine wheel and the Creation Story through recovery. All classes will be held at the Kanonhkwat'sheri:io Health Facility. See class schedule below:

**Monday: 4-6 PM @ Turtle Room**  
**Tuesday: 1-3 PM @ Bear Room**  
**Wednesday: 4-6 PM @ Turtle Room**  
**Thursday: 1-3 PM @ Bear Room**  
**Friday: 4-6 PM @ Turtle Room**

To kick start their new positions, Herne and David will be co-presenting "Introduction to the Medicine Wheel: Teachings & Addictions" on March 15th at the Akwesasne Housing Authority Training Center from 10 AM - 4 PM. Lunch and snacks will be provided. There is a 50 participant limit, so call soon to register!

The Wholistic Health & Wellness Program is open to referrals from MCA and other outside programs. If you're an individual looking for assistance and support, feel free to call Wholistic Health at (613) 575 - 2341 ext. 3100.



# DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

## AKWESASNE WELCOMES FUTURE DOCTORS

Since August of 2017, the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne's Department of Health has served as an educational site for future doctors.

Through MCA's Dept. of Health and Wholistic Health & Wellness Program, (which encompasses the medical clinics, doctors, and Traditional Medicine unit) McGill University in Montreal has been able to give their medical students first-hand experience in a First Nation. Two of MCA's doctors, Dr. Horn and Dr. Saylor, have been supporting McGill's endeavors to expand the university's teachings to include more on First Nations medical care.

"For us it's a win-win, because we know that the best way to recruit more doctors is to bring them here when they are students," said Dr. Horn who has been mentoring the students. "McGill has put a lot of energy into improving their medical program's aboriginal health and history components."



Future doctors Eve Mailhot-Daye, Wesley Cote, and Chelsea Bertrand.

Currently, three medical students are completing their "rural elective" here in Akwesasne and all three are First Nations themselves. While the elective program is based out of McGill University, medical students from across Canada can register through the program. The current students are from McGill and Ottawa University, and the next group will include a Queen's University student.

Dr. Horn has been teaching medical students in some capacity for ten years and enjoys giving the time to help

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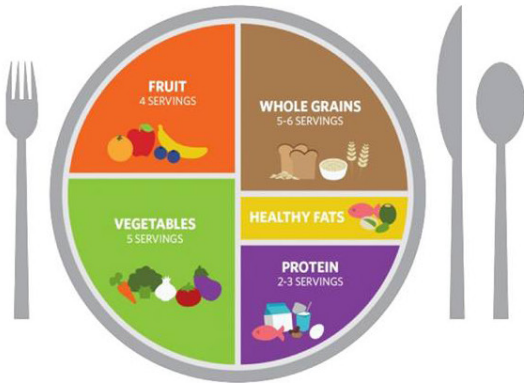
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# DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

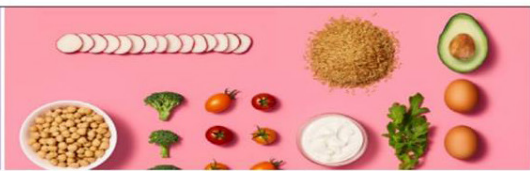
recruit more doctors to serve First Nations communities. The students are completing their basic four years of “We need doctors everywhere, in every community,” medical school and when complete, they will choose she said. “So the recruitment is a big component for their specialization or field of practice. It’s MCA’s hope us. Here in Akwesasne we have a strong Traditional that some of them will have developed a keen interest Medicine aspect that is supported by the medical field, and passion for providing healthcare in Akwesasne and which is rare, so these students get to experience that.” will return to serve the community professionally.

## Nutrition Month March 2018



Eat Right,  
Your Way,  
Every Day

To participate or for more information contact:  
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## What's Cooking

EVENT	DATE	LOCATION
<b>AMBE Student Food Explorers</b> Legumes, fruits & vegetable samples Produce passports	March 5-30	AMBE schools
<b>Family Food Art Challenge</b> Shape nutritious food into fun art-work, followed by lunch & prizes	March 15th	Tsi:Snaihne Homemakers Club
<b>Nutrition Month Challenge</b> 1/2 cup of pulses 3 times week Submit 3 homemade meal pictures	Deadline March 23, 2018	On-line submission
<b>Student/Children's Recipe Challenge</b> Find a healthy legume recipe Make the recipe & submit picture	Deadline March 23, 2018	On-line submission

## Prizes & more



# DEPARTMENT OF TECHNICAL SERVICES

## INSTALLING A MAILBOX DO'S & DON'TS

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne would like to advise the community of Canada Post's mailbox requirements and rules for constructing a mailbox for Canada Post mail delivery.

DO: Place your mailbox so that the face is aligned with the shoulder of the road.

DO NOT: Tilt your mailbox or place at an angle.

DO: Place your mailbox at the right height for mail delivery at least 3 feet 10 inches off the ground (107 cm).

DO NOT: Place your mailbox too high for your mailperson to reach.

DO: Make room for the snowplow blade by installing your mailbox at least 3 feet 10 inches off the ground.

DO NOT: Place your mailbox lower than 3 feet 10 inches off the ground.

DO: Place your mailbox face at least 3 feet away from the shoulder of the road.

DO NOT: Place your mailbox face at the edge of the road.

DO: Ensure there is 8 feet between the edge of the road and the mailbox pole/post to allow for a snow plow blade to clear under the mailbox.

DO NOT: Install a mailbox post any closer to the road than 8 feet. (The mailbox itself can be as close as 3 feet from the road).

DO: Ensure the mailperson has clear and safe access to your mailbox.

DO NOT: Place your mailbox in an inaccessible or difficult to access area.

It is the responsibility of the homeowner to ensure a mailbox is properly installed for mail delivery. It is the responsibility of the homeowner to make repairs or replace a damaged mailbox. With warmer weather and soft ground approaching, now is a good time to ensure your mailbox meets mail delivery requirements.

For additional information, visit [www.canadapost.ca](http://www.canadapost.ca).



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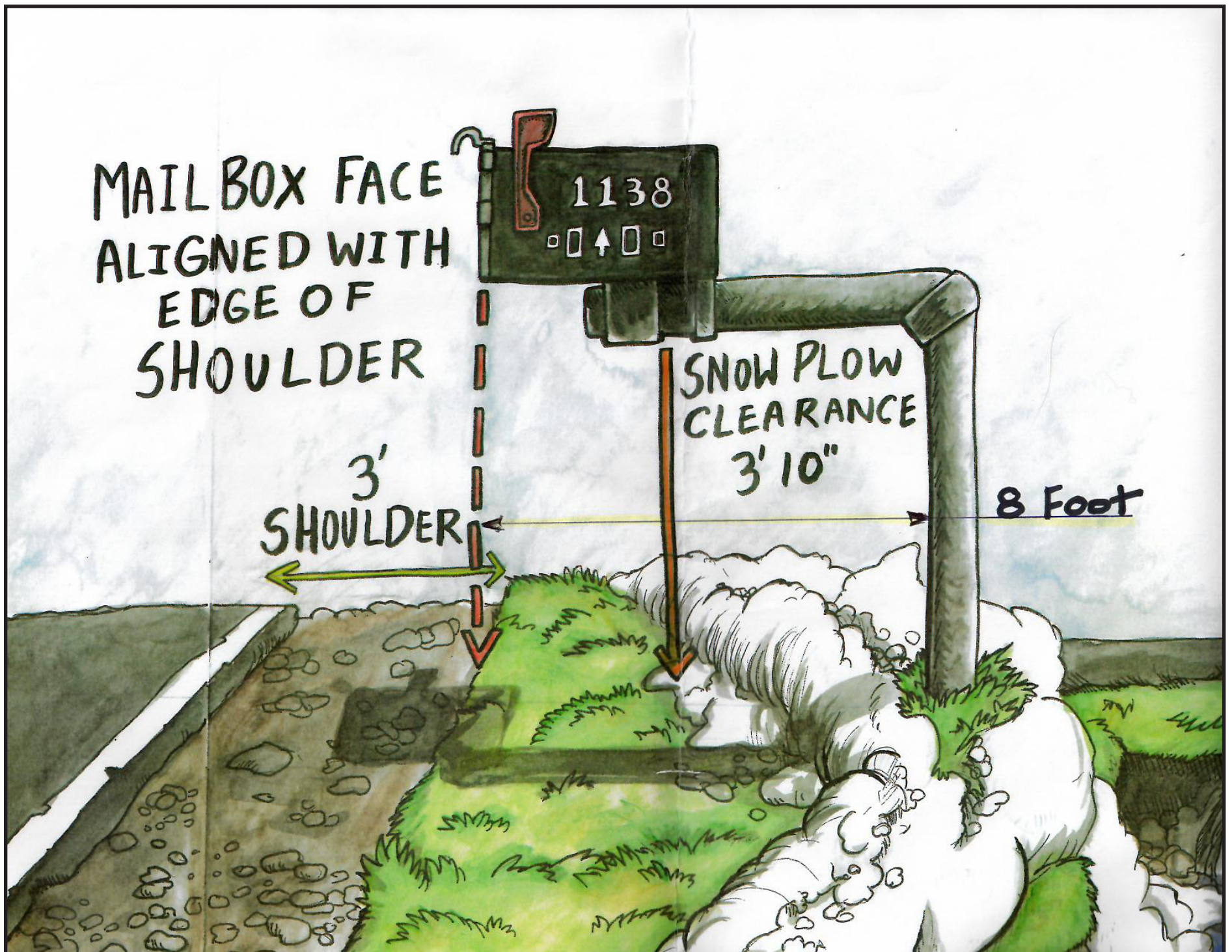


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# AHKWESAHSNE MOHAWK BOARD OF EDUCATION

## AMBE CLARIFIES "HOLD & SECURE" HELD AT AMS

The Ahkwesahsne Mohawk Board of Education is place.

clarifying the incident at the Ahkwesahsne Mohawk School that occurred on March 7, 2018. All AMBE schools have emergency procedures that are followed for various levels of incidents that may occur. There are three levels and response plans:

### Level 1 – Shelter in Place

#### Low Level Response to Threat

Students stay inside the building due to a potential threat outside.

Parents will be notified afterwards by a note indicating that a Shelter in Place was held.

### Level 2 – Hold & Secure

#### Moderate Level Response

Students stay in their classroom and all building doors are locked. Students continue on with normal classroom activities.

Parents will be notified afterwards by a note indicating that a Hold & Secure was held.

### Level 3 – Lockdown

#### Highest Level Response

Students remain silent behind locked classroom doors, with the lights off, until emergency services arrive.

Parents and community will be immediately notified through media announcements that a Lockdown is in

The incident at AMS called for a Level 2 – Hold & Secure as a suspicious bag was discovered. At no time was any threat made to the school and students; however, due to the nature of the bag's contents it was determined that a police inspection would be required. Students at the school were placed in a Hold & Secure in order to keep them away from the area of investigation. At no time were students deemed to be in danger. Police and school officials determined that the bag and owner posed no threat to the school and removed it from the premises. The Hold & Secure was then lifted.

A Level 2 – Hold & Secure can occur for reasons such as an injury in the hallway or an emergency near the school. If an investigation reveals there is a more serious threat to student safety, the emergency response is raised to Level 3 – Lockdown.

The safety of students is of utmost priority to the AMBE school district and staff. Should students have been in danger at any time, an immediate announcement would have been made to alert parents and the community as per the procedures of a Level 3 – Lockdown. Parents are encouraged to review the descriptions of AMBE's emergency procedures and to contact their school principal or Donna Lahache, Director of Education, if they have any further questions or concerns.

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### EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

EMERGENCY LEVEL:	DESCRIPTION:	REASONS FOR INITIATING:	WHAT HAPPENS IN SCHOOL:	COMMUNICATION:
<b>LEVEL 1 SHELTER IN PLACE</b>	Lowest level of response, initiated when a potential threat exists outside the building.  Students stay inside the building and continue with school activities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Extreme weather</li> <li>• Wildlife or fire near the school</li> <li>• Emergency near the school</li> <li>• Other circumstances where the school principal needs to ensure overall safety</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Teachers reassure students that there is no imminent threat and that they are safe while they remain inside</li> <li>• Exterior doors locked</li> <li>• Lights on, classroom doors kept unlocked</li> <li>• Regular classroom activities continue</li> <li>• Students follow normal routine</li> <li>• Students may access washrooms with permission</li> <li>• Students not allowed outside for activities</li> <li>• Unauthorized visitors not allowed to enter school.</li> </ul>	Parents will be notified afterwards through a note home indicating that a Shelter in Place was initiated.
<b>LEVEL 2 HOLD &amp; SECURE</b>	Moderate level of response, initiated when a potential threat exists inside or outside the building.  Students stay inside their classrooms and continue with class activities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Emergency situation inside the school where people moving around might prevent authorities from responding (fire, police, ambulance)</li> <li>• Emergency response</li> <li>• Situation close to the school</li> <li>• An intruder is suspected of being a possible threat to staff or student safety</li> <li>• A possibility of a life-threatening situation that is unconfirmed</li> <li>• Other circumstances where the school principal needs to ensure overall safety</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Teachers reassure students that there is no imminent threat and that they are safe while they remain inside the classroom.</li> <li>• Exterior doors and windows are locked</li> <li>• Lights stay on and classroom doors are closed and locked</li> <li>• Regular classroom activities continue</li> <li>• Students are not allowed to leave the classroom</li> <li>• Medical or washroom emergencies are addressed individually by teachers</li> <li>• Students not allowed to leave building.</li> <li>• Parents, students or visitors not allowed to enter school.</li> </ul>	Parents will be notified afterwards through a note home indicating that a Hold & Secure was initiated.
<b>LEVEL 3: LOCKDOWN</b>	Highest level of response, initiated when there is imminent danger suspected to the school or students.  Students remain silent behind locked classroom doors with lights off until emergency services arrive.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An intruder is suspected to be a possible threat to staff and students' lives or safety</li> <li>• Imminent danger is present on the school site and safety of all is threatened</li> <li>• Any other circumstances where the school principal needs to ensure student safety</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staff call 911 (police) and everyone must remain silent, out of sight, with the lights off, behind locked doors</li> <li>• Once police arrive, they take command of the school and direct the response</li> <li>• Exterior school doors and windows are locked</li> <li>• Lights are turned off and classroom doors are closed and locked</li> <li>• Students are not permitted to leave the classroom, or building</li> <li>• Staff and students remain silent and hidden away in the safest area of the room.</li> <li>• Visitors, parents and students are not allowed to enter the school</li> <li>• When police release the lockdown, the school will activate the Hold &amp; Secure procedures</li> </ul>	<p>Parents will receive notification through local media that a Lockdown is in effect, and again when it has been lifted.</p> <p>The main office will not be able to receive calls in Lockdown</p>

# AHKWESAHSNE MOHAWK BOARD OF EDUCATION

## DIRECTOR'S QUICK NOTES DIRECTOR DONNA LAHACHE

- Iohahi:io has experienced a few staff changes this year. Welcome to Norma Sunday, who now oversees the program as the Associate Director of Post-Secondary and Adult Education. Rebecca (Becky) Smoke began employment as the Academic Manager effective Tsiothohrhkó:wa/January 2, 2018. Other staff updates include: Donna Jocko – Administrative Assistant, Shannon Sunday – Student Records Administrator, Sheila Lafrance – Post-Secondary Coordinator, Jackie Mitchell – Literacy and Basic Skills, Alison Henderson – Teacher Assistant and Cathy Salmon – Teacher, TR Leger.
- Dwight Bero, Jr. has joined the AMBE team as the new Post-Secondary Manager. Dwight provides guidance and assistance for students in post-secondary or working toward it. Contact him at the AMBE office for any post-secondary needs and questions.
- Did you know? Kana:takon students recite the Ohenton Kariwatekwen in Kanien'keha every morning. They also conduct a closing at the end of the day.
- Did you know? Feryn King, a local youth from the Kana:takon district, visits each AMBE school one day a week to hold a cultural arts and dance club. As a performer and teacher, Feryn has performed all over Ontario including at the opening ceremonies for the North American Indigenous Games. She has a love for culture and dance that she passes down to the students in her club. Nia:wenkowa Feryn.

### CONTACT US!

Ahkwesahsne Mohawk  
Board of Education  
(613) 933-0409 or  
(613) 575-2250 ext. 1400  
Ahkwesahsne Mohawk School  
(613) 932-3366

Tsi Snaihne School  
(613) 575-2291  
Kana:takon School  
(613) 575-2323

Iohahi:io  
(613) 575-2754 or  
(613) 575-2250 ext. 4100



# DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING

## FLOOD PREVENTION: TROUBLESHOOTING YOUR SUMP PUMP

Be proactive by ensuring your sump pump is properly operating!

- Eliminate sump pump clogs, make sure the sump pump is sitting on a pedestal and not directly on the bottom of the sump pit.
- Keep your sump pump in a sump container with a tight lid . This will not only prevent clogs but makes your basement safer for children and pets.
- Check the floating switch, responsible for the on/off cycles of the pump, is free and clear. In cheaper models, it can get tangled or the pump’s vibrations can knock it against a side wall.
- Make sure the discharge line is free and clear, to make sure water can be pumped out of the basement, keep the discharge line clear with grates at the end of the pipe. That will keep small animals out as well. Add an attachment at the point where the pipe exits the basement to keep water flowing out and away.
- Examine the check valve, this valve prevents water from backflowing into the basement. When backflow happens,

your pump will run non-stop and can eventually burn out. Replace if broken.

- Ensure the power supply, a sump pump needs power to do its job. When a storm or flood brings a power outage, what’s your plan? Some options: install a water alarm or battery-powered backup. By checking your pump regularly, you can make sure it hasn’t been accidentally unplugged (and not plugged back in) or that the circuit breakers haven’t been tripped.
- Make sure your sump pump is big enough, your sump pit should be big enough to handle the maximum amount of water your basement could experience. A sump pump that is too small for the volume of water will cause the pump to run beyond its capacity and could burn out.
- Have a backup sump pump, if you notice that your sump pump is nearing its end, it is time to purchase a new one. If you can afford to, think about purchasing a backup sump pump. An ounce of prevention goes a long way to preventing a flood.

### DIRECTOR’S QUICK NOTES ACTING DIRECTOR CHARMAINE CALDWELL

- Department of Housing offers an Elders Emergency Fund, maximum of \$5000 per household for emergencies such as no heat, no water, no electricity, health and safety issues.
- Department of Housing will be borrowing funds from CMHC (Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation) to construct a duplex in Kanatakon and a triplex in Kawenoke in the next fiscal year.
- The Department of Housing would like to thank all community members who participated in our housing needs assessment survey. The winner of the security system was Gary Jacobs.

### CONTACT US!

Department of Housing  
(613) 575-2250 ext. 2300

Quebec Hydro  
(613) 575-2250 ext. 2389

# DEPARTMENT OF TEHOTIENNAWAKON

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT: PURPLE RIBBON GIFT SHOP

If you haven't been to Purple Ribbon Gift Shop, it's a definite place to stop to look for that unique gift for someone special or a treat for yourself. From moccasins and mukluks to scarves and candles, Purple Ribbon has a great variety of items to choose from.

Purple Ribbon is the oldest retail tenant at the Peace Tree Mall since 2001 and has been in business for over 15 years. Owner, Lucy Swamp, has always been an entrepreneur, so when personal challenges occurred, she had two choices, return to school or open up a business. Noticing the vacant units at the Peace Tree Mall, she jumped at the opportunity and opened her Gift Shop. In the beginning, she found it to be quite challenging; other units were vacant, the mall had no other stores for people to shop at, so attracting customers to the

Peace Tree Mall was a bit tough. With the units now all full, it's great to see the variety of shops and what they have to offer.

Lucy enjoys being in business for herself, and states that you have to like what you're doing. She recently came from a gift show in Toronto, where she was able to shop and select new items to bring back to her store. Whether an entrepreneur or someone working in a career, success and happiness can be attributed to liking what you do.

As for tips for the new entrepreneur, here's a few that Lucy had to share:

Be consistent, with your hours. Ensure that your place of business is open when you say it will open. Let your





# DEPARTMENT OF TEHOTIENNAWAKON

customers know if there is a change in your store hours. Dress up for work. You represent the face of the business. Dressing affects the way people perceive you and your business.

Customer Service. Invest in yourself, take some customer service training. Customer service is the livelihood of your business. Make every interaction count.

Entrepreneurs create businesses, fuel economic growth and create jobs. With every new business that opens up, it creates employment opportunities. When we support our local entrepreneurs, we are strengthening our local economy and investing in our people.

Each month, we will spotlight a business in the community. Stop by and see what they have to offer, you'll never know what you may find!



## PURPLE RIBBON GIFT SHOP BUSINESS HOURS

MONDAY 9:00AM - 5:00PM  
TUESDAY 9:00AM - 6:00PM  
WEDNESDAY 9:00AM - 6:00PM  
THURSDAY 9:00AM - 7:00PM  
FRIDAY 9:00AM - 7:00PM  
SATURDAY 8:30AM - 6:00PM  
SUNDAY 9:00AM - 3:00PM

167 INTERNATIONAL ROAD  
CORNWALL, ON  
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(613) 933-9693

Department of Tehotiiennawakon  
(613) 575-2250 ext. 1053  
A'nowara'ko:wa Arena  
(613) 936-1583

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Economic Development  
(613) 575-2250 ext.1053  
Emergency Measures  
(613) 575-2250 ext. 1030

Environment Program  
(613) 575-2250 ext. 1038



# DEPARTMENT OF TEHOTIENNAWAKON

## 30 CHRISTMAS TREES DONATIONS COLLECTED TO REPURPOSE INTO FISH HABITATS

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne-Environment Program is extending a niawenko:wa to the community for their generous donations of used Christmas trees.

Over 30 trees were donated by various community members and they will be recycled to help create fish habitats throughout Akwesasne. This project could not have accomplished this without the support from the community.

The Christmas trees will be sunk to create reefs. These reefs will give young fish a place to hide from larger fish, provide new nesting grounds, and also allow for the growth of algae. This helps the ecosystem as a whole: the algae feed aquatic bugs, bugs feed little fish, and little fish feed large fish essentially creating a whole ecosystem. This project could not have been accomplished without the support from the community. It is our hope that collecting and recycling used Christmas trees from community members can be continued in the future.



*Christmas trees transformed into fish habitats.*

# DEPARTMENT OF TEHOTIENNAWAKON

## DIRECTOR'S QUICK NOTES - DIRECTOR JIM RANSOM

- **A'nowara'ko:wa Arena Closed for Repairs**

On Friday, January 19, 2018, at approximately 3 pm, a fire broke out in Locker Room 5 in the Arena. The Hogansburg-Akwesasne Fire Department, Akwesasne Mohawk Police, Akwesasne ambulance with support from neighboring fire departments responded to the fire. Quick action by the Department of Technical Service's Maintenance staff helped limit fire damage to the Locker room and an adjacent storage room. However, smoke and soot damage occurred to about 80% of the Arena.

As a result of the fire, a decision was made to close the Arena for the rest of the ice season to allow for a thorough cleaning of the building and for repairs to the damaged areas. It is expected that the Arena will be reopened sometime in April for the upcoming lacrosse season.

A'nowara'ko:wa Arena administrative staff are temporarily relocated to the CIA #3 Building within the Department of Tehotiennewakon.

- **A'nowara'ko:wa Arena Receives Grant for New Chiller System**

The A'nowara'ko:wa Arena has been awarded a \$210,000 Canada 150 grant to be put toward the cost of installing a new chiller system. The Quebec Secretariat aux affaires autochtones is contributing \$168,000 toward the project and the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne is contributing \$42,000 of the \$420,000

project. The new equipment for the chiller system has been ordered and an early March 2018 installation is being planned.

- **A'nowara'ko:wa Arena Receives Grant for Grounds Development Project**

The A'nowara'ko:wa Arena has been awarded a \$500,000 Canada 150 grant to be put toward a Grounds Development Project. The Quebec Secretariat aux affaires autochtones is contributing \$250,000 toward the project and the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne is contributing \$250,000 toward the \$1 million project. Due to the length of time it took to obtain the commitment from the Secretariat, the proposed project is being modified to reflect a shortened time frame to spend the Canada 150 funding and the winter weather limits what can be done for construction outside the Arena.

### **AKWESASNE RENEWABLE ENERGY FAIR**

**Saturday, April 21, 2018 between 10AM -3PM**

**Stop by to learn more about how you can go green and be more energy efficient. We will have:**

**Exhibits.  
Hands On Activities.  
Manufactures.  
Speakers.**

**For more information or inquiries, please contact the office of Economic Development at 613-575-2250 ext. 1053**

# AKWESASNE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT

## AKWESASNE DOG CONTROL BY-LAW AND DOG OWNERS RESPONSIBILITY

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne passed a "By-Law Respecting Control of Dogs Amendment 18-79 in July 1979 for the control of dogs. Amendments were made to the By-Law in June 1988. In November 1996, the MCA passed the "Emergency Interim Dog Control Regulation".

Currently, the Akwesasne Justice Department Compliance enforces these laws. The Compliance Officers respond to the complaints from the Akwesasne community based on the following conditions:

**Stray Dogs -** Loose dogs or Stray dogs are any dog(s), not under the control of its owner; this means that if your dog is loose and on another community member's property it can be called a "stray dog" and can be taken by the Compliance Officer.

**Aggressive Dogs -** Aggressive dogs are any dogs not under the control of its owner that pose a threat to the health and safety of the general public. If your dog is loose and tends to bark and chase anyone passing by; then your dog can be said to be "Aggressive". Aggressive dogs should be kept tied to their owner's property to protect the general public.

**Dog Biting Incidents -** Dog Biting Incidents are when any dog not under the control of its owner, bites a person. Dog bites are any bite that breaks the skin; a bite requires that the dog be quarantined for ten days when the dog owner has no proof of the pet's up to date Rabies vaccination. If a dog bites a person and the dog does not have an up-to-date rabies shot or the dog cannot be found, the person must undergo a series of rabies vaccinations.

### LIABILITY OF THE [DOG] OWNER

The owner of any dog that has caused property damage or injury to a person, while not under the control of its owner, shall be liable for all expenses incurred, by an source, resulting from the incident. Where the owner of a dog does not satisfy the expenses incurred, the victim may apply to Akwesasne Mohawk Court for an Order. Anyone who does not comply with an Order pursuant to subsection 5(b) commits and offense.

### PENALTIES

Any person found guilty of an offense under this Regulation shall be liable to a fine not exceeding \$1,000 or to a term of imprisonment not exceeding 30 days, or both. In addition to any other authority under this Regulation, the Akwesasne Mohawk Court may order an offender not to own a dog for any period that it deems appropriate.

Please state what kind of dog complaint you have as well as your name, phone number and address.

**Note:** Compliance does not respond to cat nuisance complaints. Dog owners must be responsible for the care and destruction of pets, we will not take surrendered dogs. If you feed the animal, the animal is considered your pet.

All questions and complaints on dog-related matters are addressed case by case. Please contact the Akwesasne Compliance Office at (613) 575-2250 ext. 2415 or 2417.

### CONTACT US!

Akwesasne Justice Department  
(613) 575-2250 ext. 2400

Akwesasne Mohawk Court  
(613) 575-2250 ext. 1026

Conservation / Animal Control  
and Compliance  
(613) 575-2250 ext. 2415



# AKWESASNE MOHAWK POLICE SERVICE

## AKWESASNE MOHAWK POLICE TAKE THE PLUNGE

Members of the Akwesasne Mohawk Police Service plunged into icy cold water last month, wearing as little as a pair of shorts, all to show their support and raise funds for Special Olympics athletes.

The “polar plunge” fundraiser was organized by the Law Enforcement Torch Run – a charitable organization police have participated in for years that raises funds and support for the Special Olympics through various torch runs and fundraisers.

On Feb. 17th, five members of the Akwesasne Mohawk Police Service travelled to the St. Lawrence River shorelines just south of Montreal to participate in the polar plunge for Quebec’s Special Olympics athletes. Chief of Police Shawn Dulude was among the participants as a long-time advocate for the Law Enforcement Torch Run, and its current director. He was joined by AMPS constables Michelle Rolfe, Kyle Latour-Lagace, Nathan Thompson and Cody Thompson.



Polar Plunge participants (Left to Right): Constable Michelle Rolfe, Constable Cody Thompson, Chief of Police Shawn Dulude, Constable Nathan Thompson, Constable Kyle Latour-Lagace.

# AKWESASNE MOHAWK POLICE SERVICE

## POLICE RECOVER BODY OF MISSING AKWESASNE MAN; FOUL PLAY NOT SUSPECTED

The Akwesasne Mohawk Police have recovered the body of Donald "Do" Johnson, a resident of Akwesasne who was missing since the weekend of February 10, 2018. Police confirmed the 31-year old's body was found on top of the ice surface of the frozen marsh in the District of Tsi Snaihne (Snye). The Akwesasne Mohawk Police utilized a helicopter in a joint search effort with the Ontario Provincial Police yesterday, February 28, 2018.

According to the lead AMPS investigator Detective Sergeant

Kariwate Mitchell, the search lasted approximately 30 minutes before the body was discovered.

"One of our investigators on board the aircraft reported that a body had been found in the marsh," said Detective Sergeant Mitchell.

Investigators attended the location with the assistance of the Hogansburg-Akwesasne Volunteer Fire Department.

The area surrounding the body was secured as investigators examined the findings.

Detective Sergeant Mitchell said that foul play is not suspected.

"There were no indicators to lead us to that belief," he said of the investigation, which was assisted by the Forensic Identification Unit of the Surete Du Quebec.

The Akwesasne Mohawk Police have requested a medical examination to assist in their investigation.

"This is standard practice to determine specifics," he said. "We want to provide closure for the grieving family."

Detective Sergeant Mitchell added, "The Akwesasne Mohawk Police sends its condolences to the family who formed search parties for countless hours throughout the past 20 days."

AMPS Chief of Police Shawn Dulude stated, "The loss of a loved one is always a tragedy under any circumstances. Thank you to all who assisted in this search and helped to bring much needed closure to the family."

Detective Sergeant Mitchell said that he was very appreciative of the support received from surrounding agencies.

"I want to thank the O.P.P and the S.Q. for their assistance," he said. "I especially wish to thank the local Hogansburg-Akwesasne Volunteer Fire Department. It's very important to recognize these volunteers. Their dedication and ability is unbelievable."



Donald "Do" Johnson

# AKWESASNE MOHAWK POLICE SERVICE

## MEDIA RELEASE POLICE UPDATE ON MISSING PERSON INVESTIGATION

### MISSING

On Friday, March 2, 2018, a group of community members gathered peacefully at the Akwesasne Mohawk Police station in Kana:takon (St. Regis) to express their concerns regarding the disappearance of Kenneth Leaf and progress of the police investigation. In follow up meetings over the weekend, AMPS investigators have identified that there was a miscommunication that has been rectified. AMPS investigators responded directly to the immediate family's questions and concerns and reassured them that the investigation has continued intensely.

"Locating Mr. Leaf continues to be of highest priority to AMPS," said Chief of Police Shawn Dulude.

Last week arrangements were made with the Ontario Provincial Police to provide additional air search assistance. The air searches are planned to continue this week, weather permitting.

Chief of Police Dulude contacted Mr. Leaf's family on Sunday, March 4th, to answer any additional concerns they may have had. A meeting has also been scheduled for this afternoon to provide immediate family members with an update on the investigation. The Akwesasne Mohawk Police have been and will continue to provide regular updates to the family.

Name: Kenneth Francis Leaf

Age: 50

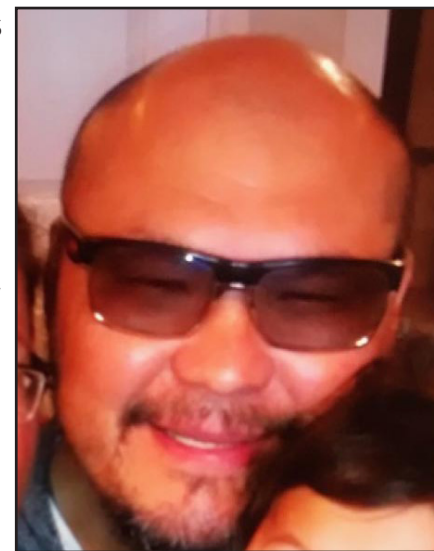
Hair: Balding/shaved head, dark brown facial hair (goatee)

Eyes: Brown

Height & Weight:

5'9" tall, heavy build, approximately 230 lbs.

Clothing: Last seen wearing a camouflage jacket and green Star Wars hat.



The case remains active. If you have any information that can help locate Kenneth Leaf and bring peace to his family, please report it to the Akwesasne Mohawk Police Service at 613-575-2000 or Crime Stoppers at 613-575-2255. Tips may be submitted anonymously.



# AKWESASNE MOHAWK POLICE SERVICE

## AMPS STAFF SPOTLIGHT: CHIEF OF POLICE SHAWN DELUDE

*What is your experience in the Police field?*

This is Shawn's 25th year involved in the Police force. He started out at the Dorian Police Department where he spent 9 years as a Constable. In 2004, he received his first promotion as a Patrol Sergeant in Valleyfield and when he ended his time there, he was the Deputy Chief of the station. In 2010, he left his position and became the Station Director in Havre St. Pierre. He worked there for 2 ½ years and while there, worked closely with the Innu people of the Mingan Reserve and Natashquan. In 2012, he left and went back to Laurentians in Saint Sauveur and was in charge of the Criminal Investigation Team for 6 months. He afterwards left that position and was the Station Director in Prevost for 4 years. There, he was in charge of 6 stations and his positioned covered the highway of the greater Montreal area. For the last 9 months of his time there, he was the Station Director in Rawdon, where he retired on September 5, 2017. He then began his position as the Chief of Police here in Akwesasne in September 2017.

*What is your favorite thing about Akwesasne?*

Shawn's favorite thing about Akwesasne is the people and the culture. He appreciates the passion that Akwesasronon have for their community, and how individuals work hard to ensure that the vibrant traditions are kept alive and thriving. Shawn also loves seeing the artwork from the talented artisans incorporated into the Administrative buildings and facilities.

*What made you become involved in Police Enforcement?*

Shawn comes from a long line of police officers. He feels like in a way, he was "born into it." Seven members of his family have been in police enforcement, including his great-grandfather, father, uncles and nephew. He remembers that when he was young, he often was wearing his father's police hat. Or when Shawn's father came home for breaks, he would go sit in the police car. In 1956, his father became a cop and he retired four days before Shawn became an officer. When Shawn graduated and received his certificate to become a police officer, his father was the one that got to hand it to him.

*What is your favorite restaurant in Akwesasne?*

Shawn's favorite soup-Tomato Mac- is at CTs Store and he also enjoys the subs at TNT.

# AKWESASNE MOHAWK POLICE SERVICE

*What are your goals as Chief of Police for AMPS?*

Shawn wants to ensure that AMPS will have a larger presence in the community. Some ways to do this include having an AMPS officer in the schools. This will ensure that community members, and children in particular, will be exposed to the police in a positive way. Shawn's largest priority in his role is to provide quality service to the community.

*What is something you would like to tell the community of Akwesasne about AMPS?*

Shawn would like Akwesasne residents know that very soon, five positions will be posted and he would encourage community members to apply. Shawn also hopes there could be a larger representation of women on the force. Currently there are 31 men and only three women, so he wants to encourage women to apply for these positions as well.



Chief of Police Shawn Dulude.

# MARCH 2018

ENNISKO:WA 2018

## MARCH 12

**Tsi Snaihne District Meeting**  
Tsi Snaihne Rec | 6 PM

**AMBE March Break STARTS**  
March 12 – March 16

## MARCH 15

**Introduction to the Medicine Wheel**  
AHA Training Center | 10 AM

**Political Service Agreement Community Engagement Session**  
Tri-District Elders | 5:30 PM

**Tsikaristisere/Dundee Land Claim Discussion Session**  
Kawehno:ke Rec | 6 PM

## MARCH 16

**Akwesasne Flood Relief Fund Benefit**  
American Legion Post 1479  
BBQ Chicken Dinners | 11 AM  
Dance/Auction | 6 PM

## MARCH 17

**Little Ray's Reptile Zoo Show**  
Kawehno:ke Rec | 11:15 AM

**Tsikaristisere/Dundee Land Claim Discussion Session**  
AHA Training Center | 10 AM

## MARCH 19

**Kana:takon District Meeting**  
Kana:takon Rec | 6 PM

**Kawehno:ke District Meeting**  
Kawehno:ke Rec | 6 PM

## MARCH 22

**OVS Remote Location**  
MCA Admin. 1 | 1 PM – 4 PM

## MARCH 24

**Special General Meeting – Akwesasne Election Law**  
Kana:takon Rec | 10 AM

## MARCH 28

**Reach Our Native Youth Tour - Day 1**  
Akwesasne Mohawk Casino – Winter Ballroom | 8:30 AM – 4 PM

## MARCH 29

**Reach Our Native Youth Tour - Day 2**  
Akwesasne Mohawk Casino - Winter Ballroom | 8:30 AM – 4 PM

**General Meeting – March 2018**  
Kana:takon Rec | 6 PM

## APRIL 5

**Iohahi:io Open House**  
Iohahi:io | 3 PM – 6 PM







## COMMUNITY NOTICE

For Immediate Release:

Enniska/February 16, 2018

### **RECREATIONAL CANNABIS SURVEY CREATED TO ENGAGE AKWESASNE RESIDENTS**

In July 2018, the Government of Canada is expected to pass legislation legalizing the sale of recreational cannabis. The bill, Bill C-45, proposes to leave it up to the provinces and territories to determine how cannabis can be sold and used. It does not define a role for First Nations in the sale and use.

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne (MCA) established a Recreational Cannabis Working Task Group in September 2017 to examine the issue and ensure the community's best interest is protected. This group is comprised of Council members, a Youth Council representative, an Elder representative, and representatives from the Departments of Health, Tehotienawakon, Justice, Community and Social Services and the Akwesasne Mohawk Police Services. The priority of this group is to focus on recreational cannabis to research, examine and report back to Council options for consideration regarding the regulation, distribution and sale of recreational cannabis.

In order to better engage Akwesasne residents in this evaluation, an online survey was created to determine how community members feel about the regulation, distribution and sale of recreational cannabis in Akwesasne. Once the survey concludes, the Cannabis Working Task Group will share the results with Council in order to plan for the next steps.

The MCA Recreational Cannabis Survey is open as of today, February 16, 2018 until March 16, 2018. The Recreational Cannabis Working Task Group will share the results with Council to assist them in determining the next steps. The survey is available online at <https://fr.surveymonkey.com/r/TheMohawkCouncilofAkwesasneRecreationalCannabisSurvey> and hard copies will also be available at the MCA General Meeting taking place on March 1, 2018 at the Kawehno:ke Community Centre. Additionally, hard copies will also be available at the Mohawk Government Building, Kanonhkwa't'sheri:io, CIA #3 and Iohahi:io. Once you complete the survey, there will be a secure drop-off box at each location where you can submit it. All surveys completed will remain anonymous. Nia:wen in advanced for your survey participation.

If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact Mohawk Government at 613-575-2348.

# THE MOHAWK COUNCIL OF AKWESASNE RECREATIONAL CANNABIS SURVEY

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne Recreational Cannabis Survey is being used to gauge the community on their views and opinions on recreational cannabis in Akwesasne. This survey is conducted by and for the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne (MCA). This survey is anonymous, unbiased, and used without prejudice.

If you have any questions, please contact: [info@akwesasne.ca](mailto:info@akwesasne.ca)  
We thank you in advance for your collaboration and assure you that all your answers will remain confidential.

**Reminder:**  
*Recreational cannabis, cannabis used for enjoyment without medical justification, is going to be legalized in July 2018.*  
*Medical cannabis, cannabis that is recommended by doctors for their patients to alleviate the symptoms of certain conditions or diseases, has been legalized in Canada since 2001.*

**1. What is your gender?**

- ☐ Male
- ☐ Female
- ☐ Other

**2. What is your age category?**

- ☐ Under 18
- ☐ 18-24
- ☐ 25-34
- ☐ 35-44
- ☐ 45-54
- ☐ 65 +

**3. What district do you live in?**

- ☐ Kawehno:ke (Cornwall Island, ON)
- ☐ Kana:takon (St. Regis, QC)
- ☐ Tsi Snaihne (Snye, QC)
- ☐ I live outside the three districts

**4. Are you aware that Canada is legalizing the recreational use of cannabis in Akwesasne?**

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ I don't know
- ☐ I prefer not to answer

**5. In your opinion, should the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne allow the recreational use of cannabis in Akwesasne?**

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ I don't know
- ☐ I prefer not to answer

**6. Do you want the sale of recreational cannabis in Akwesasne?**

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Unsure
- ☐ I prefer not to answer

**7. If recreational cannabis is sold in Akwesasne, should that be through:**

- ☐ An MCA owned entitiy
- ☐ A privately owned but MCA licensed business
- ☐ A mix of the two
- ☐ Unsure and would need more information
- ☐ I do not wish for recreational cannabis to be allowed in Akwesasne
- ☐ I prefer not to answer

**8. In your opinion, should Akwesasne adopt its own laws and regulations governing the production (the process of making, creating, harvesting of a good to be sold) of recreational cannabis in Akwesasne?**

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ I prefer not to answer

**9. In your opinion, should Akwesasne adopt its own laws and regulations governing the distribution (the process of getting the goods to the consumer) of recreational cannabis in Akwesasne?**

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ I prefer not to answer

**10. In your opinion, should Akwesasne adopt its own laws and regulations governing the sale of recreational cannabis in Akwesasne?**

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ I prefer not to answer

**11. In your opinion, should Akwesasne adopt its own laws and regulations governing the possession of recreational cannabis in Akwesasne?**

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ I prefer not to answer

Please submit your completed survey to the Mohawk Government Office by March 16, 2018.