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K4 students at Tsi Snaihne School proudly display the results of their hard work cleaning Mother Earth. The school celebrated Earth Day this week by cleaning the areas around Tsi Snaihne School, picking up trash, and learning how to respect the earth.

UPCOMING MCA MEETINGS & SPECIAL DATES:

May 12, 2018

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

May 14, 2018

- Kana:takon District Meeting - Kana:takon Recreation, 6 p.m.
- Tsi Snaihne District Meeting - Tsi Snaihne Recreation, 6 p.m.
- Kawehno:ke District Meeting - Kawehno:ke Recreation, 6 p.m.

May 19, 2018

- General Election Nominations - 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Tsi Snaihne, Kana:takon and Kawehno:ke recreation centres

May 23, 2018

- Akwesasne Legislative Commission 1st Public Comment Meeting - Tsi Snaihne Recreation, 6 - 8 p.m.

May 24, 2018

- MCA General Meeting - Kawehno:ke 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

Jordan Wapass

Executive Director

Jay Benedict

Director,

Technical Services

Joyce King

Director,

Justice Department

Charmaine Caldwell

Director,

Housing Department

Robyn Mitchell

Director,

Community & Social Services

Keith LeClaire

Director,

Department of Health

Donna Lahache

Director,

*Akwesasne Mohawk Board
of Education*

Shawn Dulude

Chief of Police,

*Akwesasne Mohawk Police
Service*

James Ransom

Director,

Tehotienawakon

WAT'KWANONWERATON/GREETINGS

She:kon/Watkwanonhwera:ton,

The MCA Communications Team is proud to bring you a new issue of our print newsletter, Onkwe'ta:ke. 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.

Enjoy!

MCA 2016-2017 ANNUAL REPORT

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne is pleased to announce that the 2016-2017 Annual Report is completed and has been sent to all households in the districts of Kana:takon, Kawehno:ke and Tsi Snaihne. It is also available at the Mohawk Government buildings, administrative buildings and online at akwesasne.ca!

The Annual Report contains highlights of the accomplishments throughout the organization and represents the fiscal year from April 1, 2016 to March 31, 2017.

We look forward to many improvements at MCA in the years ahead and a bright future for our organization and community. Nia:wen to all the staff that make the delivery of services to the community possible.

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MCA & ENBRIDGE PROPOSE NATURAL GAS ON KAWEHNO:KE

The Ontario government has announced that it has awarded funding to Enbridge Gas Distribution to potentially bring low cost natural gas to Kawehno:ke (Cornwall Island.)

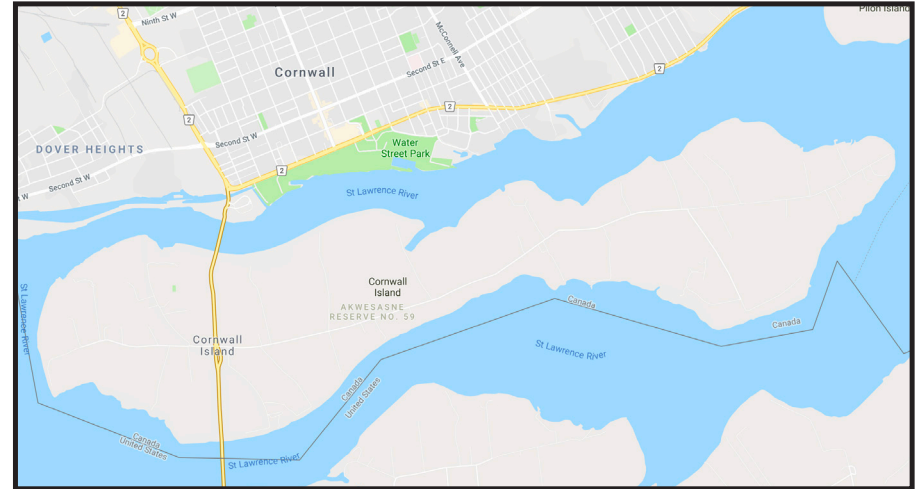
Funding of \$3,447,000 was granted by Ontario from the province's Natural Gas Grant Program. A total of 11 new projects were announced that will potentially bring natural gas to several First Nations communities and Ontario towns.

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne and Enbridge Gas Distribution have begun discussions on how the project can be implemented, which would include the construction of a natural gas transfer station and distribution network to provide access to homes and businesses on Kawehno:ke.

MCA's Environment Program is prepared to enter into an agreement with Enbridge to conduct the mandatory environmental assessment before any project can begin.

"The investment will help more people across Ontario connect to natural gas and significantly lower their heating costs," Ontario's Ministry of Infrastructure announced.

MCA Grand Chief Abram Benedict said, "This project has the potential to significantly alleviate the burden



Kawehno:ke community members currently face with the higher than normal electricity costs. Natural gas is the preferred choice for both heat and hot water in Ontario on account of its affordability."

Information meetings will be conducted to share further details of the project as plans are developed.

If you have any questions, please contact the Mohawk Government Office at 613-575-2348 or speak to a Council Chief.

Note: Our Council continues to look at ways to help the residents of Kawehno:ke with the rising cost of electricity. This project has the potential to bring Kawehno:ke residents significant relief of costs. However, at the end of the day, the community will decide whether the project moves forward.

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SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING DATE ANNOUNCED FOR AKWESASNE ELECTION LAW AMENDMENTS VOTE

The proposed final draft of the Akwesasne Election Law will be voted on at a Special General Meeting that has been rescheduled for May 12, 2018, 10 am to 12 pm at the Kana:takon/St. Regis Recreation. The meeting/vote was previously postponed due to the passing of community members.

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."

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.

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.
- Preamble changed to reflect that the Akwesasne Election Law 2005 has been revised

The Special General Meeting and vote will take place on May 12, 2018 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Kana:takon/St. Regis Recreation. 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

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in 2021.

Copies of the proposed final amendments can be requested at the Mohawk Government Office or Akwesasne Justice Department.

Special General Meeting – Akwesasne Election Law

Date: May 12, 2018

Location: Kana:takon/St. Regis Recreation

Hours: 10 a.m. to noon

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

CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER & DEPUTY ELECTORAL OFFICERS APPOINTED FOR 2018 MCA GENERAL ELECTION

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne Executive Director is notifying the community that the Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) and Deputy Electoral Officers (DEO) have been formally appointed for the 2018 MCA General Election, in accordance with the Akwesasne Election Law 2005 (AEL).

Leona Benedict has been appointed Chief Electoral Officer. The CEO "is the person appointed by the Chief Administrative Officer [now known as the Executive Director] of the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne to ensure that all provisions set forth in this Election Law [Akwesasne Election Law 2005] are adhered to."

The Deputy Electoral Officers are:

Cheavee Willee
Mary Ann Jacobs
Margaret Thomas
Laura Benedict
Monica Sharrow
Joan Mitchell
Theresa Benedict
Delia Thompson
Theresa Thompson
Andrea Lazore

The CEO and DEOs terms of office will commence six months prior to any General Election and run for three (3) consecutive years. In addition to ensuring the provisions of the Akwesasne Election Law are met, the CEO and DEOs will also conduct MCA Referenda in accordance with the General Referendum Regulation.

The 2018 MCA General Election will take place on June 30, 2018. Nominations for the positions of Grand Chief (1) and District Chiefs (12) will be held on May 19, 2018 between 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. at the following locations:

Tsi Snaihne: Snye Recreation Center

Kana:takon: St. Regis Recreation Center

Kawehno:ke: Kawehno:ke Recreation Center

Please contact Leona Benedict, Chief Electoral Officer at 613-575-2250 ext. 2406 if you have any questions or need to have your voter status confirmed/updated.

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MCA HOSTS HONOURABLE CAROLYN BENNETT, MINISTER OF CROWN-INDIGENOUS RELATIONS AND NORTHERN AFFAIRS

On Tuesday, April 10, 2018, the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne welcomed the Honourable Carolyn Bennett, Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs, to the community of Akwesasne. In February 2018, the Prime Minister announced the launch of a national engagement with First Nations, Inuit and Metis people that will assist in the development of a Recognition and Implementation of Rights Framework. Minister Bennett, who is leading this engagement, will meet with various Indigenous groups on legislative and policy changes to reform government policies and practices and to ensure that the federal government action recognizes Indigenous rights.

Grand Chief Abram Benedict invited Minister Bennett to discuss the framework that the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne has begun to develop, to highlight some of the accomplishments within our community and to also identify some of the challenges we face.

During the gathering on Kawehno:ke, several members of Council discussed the Akwesasne Self-Government



A large group of community members including elders, the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne (MCA) staff, MCA Youth Council, Mohawk Nation Council of Chiefs and MCA Chiefs all welcomed the Honourable Carolyn Bennett, Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs, back to the community of Akwesasne.

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Agreement and discussed our current governing structures.

District Chief of Tsi Snaihne, Connie Lazore noted that, "Canada needs to respect and honor our rights. Only then can a framework be developed." She also added that, "Each First Nation community is unique. There are over 634 communities and we should not be made to fit into a Rights Framework developed by Canada. We have been doing that long enough; Canada now needs to fit into our framework."

Representatives from the Mohawk Nation also presented on Iroquois Wampum Belts and provided a

historical snapshot on principled self-governance. The Aboriginal Rights and Research Office (ARRO) provided an overview on the History of Akwesasne. Additionally, Minister Bennett provided information on this national engagement on the recognition of Indigenous rights, and what she hopes to accomplish.

Grand Chief noted that "Akwesasne is already in a self-government process with Canada, but we welcome other initiatives and framework discussion that will complement the work we doing here in Akwesasne, particularly in our multi-jurisdiction community. I hope this commitment to a partnership from the federal government will only advance our community priorities."



MCA Youth Council Representative Dalton Thomas, Minister Bennett, MCA Youth Council Representative Tehaienkwarentos Thompson, and IFN Youth Representative for Akwesasne Raienkonnis Edwards.

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A'NOWARA'KO:WA ARENA RE-OPENS

Dear Community,

The A'nowara'ko:wa Arena proudly re-opened on Monday, April 16, 2018 for the spring and summer season. We would like to thank the community for their cooperation and patience during our re-building and cleaning phase.

The arena will now be available to serve athletes and community members through lacrosse games, practices, and tournaments, in-line rock & skate, Pickle Ball, the Tewa'a:ra'ton Festival, Energy fair, Country Fest Fair, Akwesasne International Powwow, and community activities and meetings, to name just a sample of what's scheduled this spring and summer.

The arena staff greatly appreciates the work Tehotiiennawakon staff has done to confirm Canada 150 funding, and an Ontario legal gaming and ADEF grant, which has assisted us financially in the purchase of a new scoreboard, road side sign, historical markers, a new concession stand, two new chillers, and a bike path which construction will begin for this summer. Also the MCA Community Health Program is renovating a room into a fitness room for the community. Thank you all for your contributions to our community arena.

The arena now has video surveillance inside and outside of the facility, for the safety and security of the facility and the community.

The arena needs all clients and guests to move cautiously around the facility and grounds, due to renovations and construction that will continue throughout the spring & summer season. Thank you for your cooperation and we look forward to welcoming you back to our arena.

Niawenko:wa,

Kahnastatsi Jacobs, Arena Manager



A new state-of-the-art scoreboard has been installed at the re-opened arena.

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AKWESASNE LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION ANNOUNCES APPOINTEES & FIRST PUBLIC COMMENT MEETING

In March of 2017, the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne ratified an Akwesasne Legislative Commission Charter as well as a regulation for the Commission to follow.

The mission of the Commission is to: "oversee, receive community input and provide community guidance and direction in the development of Akwesasne Laws." In performing its work, the Commission is to "...consider and balance the diversity of perspectives within the Akwesasne community when developing Akwesasne Laws."

After posting Commission positions MCA has appointed Ms. Neomie Diagastino and Ms. Jennine Hall as Kana:takon representatives, Ms. Nancy Ransom and Ms. Nadine Jacobs as Kawehno:ke representatives, Ms. Theresa Thompson and Ms. Esther Jock as Tsi Snaihne representatives, and also appointed an at-large member, Ms. Laura Paulette. After their appointment, the Commission was provided training on both their charter and regulation, as well as the Akwesasne Law Enactment Procedural Regulation which was approved by MCA in MCR 2015/2016 #261-A. The final training piece was on basic legislative drafting principles.

In conducting its work, the Commission will be assisted by a Justice Coordinator which is located in the MCA

Justice Department. In much simpler terms, the Commission works to draft laws which are to serve Akwesasne, and which can be considered by MCA for passage. During that process, there are many opportunities for the Commission to interact with both the community and Council as any proposed Akwesasne Law is considered for passage. Most noteworthy in this regard is that the Commission is required to conduct an annual Public Comment Meeting at which time the Commission can receive requests for laws to be considered, and potentially developed for consideration by Council. These requests can come from within the community, or from any source within Akwesasne.

Pursuant to its charter and regulation, the Akwesasne Legislative Commission is pleased to announce that they will be conducting their first Public Comment Meeting for Akwesasne on **May 23, 2018, at the Tsi Snaihne Recreation from 6-8 pm.**

Community members are invited to attend this session and give their input and recommendations for future Akwesasne Laws. The Commission looks forward to hearing from you.

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STAFF HONOUR HUMBOLDT WITH JERSEY DAY

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne staff and Council members, along with Ahkwesahsne Mohawk Board of Education students, proudly sported their jerseys to honor the 16 men and women who perished in the tragic bus accident in Saskatchewan. Our support and love goes out to the Humboldt Broncos hockey team, their families, the city of Humboldt and the entire hockey community, who are all experiencing a tremendous loss.



ENTEWATATHA:WI STAFF



AMPS STAFF



CIA #3 STAFF



DEPT. OF HEALTH STAFF

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ADMIN 1 & INFORMATION SERVICES STAFF



ACFS STAFF



AMBE STAFF & STUDENTS

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TELECOMMUNICATIONS COURSE TRAINS LOCAL STUDENTS IN FIBER OPTICS



The telecommunications & fiber optics course graduates with staff and partners who assisted in making the course possible.

Congratulations to the following trainees on completing Networks and the Iohahi:io Adult Education Centre. the telecommunications course recently offered at Iohahi:io:

Jared Cole, Randall Connors, Jonas Gray, Aaron Jacobs, Jarett Jacobs, Lawrence Jock, Joseph King, Jory Tarbell, Stephen Thomas and Jess Thompson.

The 8-week course came to fruition through a partnership that included MCA's Economic Development Program, the Akwesasne Area Management Board (AAMB), the Akwesasne Employment Resource Center (AERC), Mohawk

The trainees spent the first 4 weeks learning about telecommunications and fiber-optics in class; the last 4 weeks of the program consisted of job placements and internships. Nia:wen to Alltech, MCA's Information Services, Mohawk Networks, Ontario East, Slick Electric and Tarbell Management Group for making these experiences possible!

Congratulations again to the graduates and we look forward to what your future careers in telecommunications will bring to Akwesasne!

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MOHAWK COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS

MCR #288 2017-2018 Council of Elders Vacancies to be filled

Moved by: Chief Connie Lazore
Seconded by: Chief Karen Loran
For: 9 Against: 0
CARRIED

MCR #289 2017-2018 Allotment – Lot 112 Chenail Range CLSR 63726

Moved by: Chief Joe Lazore
Seconded by: Chief April Adams-Phillips
For: 8 Against: 1
CARRIED

MCR #290 2017-2018 Ministry of Transport Quebec MCR

Moved by: Chief Joe Lazore
Seconded by: Chief Vince Thompson
For: 9 Against: 0
CARRIED

MCR #291 Ministry of Transportation Petition for Subsidy on Road Maintenance

Moved by: Chief Vince Thompson
Seconded by: Joe Lazore
For: 9 Against: 0
CARRIED

MCR #292 DCSS Out Reach Program Facility

Moved by: Chief Vince Thompson
Seconded by: Chief Joe Lazore
For: 9 Against: 0
CARRIED

MCR #293 Retrofit for Hogansburg Akwesasne Volunteer Fire Department Station #3

Moved by: Chief Joe Lazore
Seconded by: Chief Karen Loran
For: 9 Against: 0
CARRIED

MCR #294 Reimbursement of the Shortfall of Dollars Contributed

to HAVFD Station #2

Moved by: Chief Joe Lazore
Seconded by: Chief Vince Thompson
For: 9 Against: 0
CARRIED

MCR #295 Accept and Approve Council Meeting Minutes Dated Tsiotihorko:wa/January 8th, 2018

Moved by: Chief Karen Loran
Seconded by: Chief Joe Lazore
For: 8 Against: 1
CARRIED

MCR #296 Accept and Approve Council Meeting Minutes Dated Tsiotihorko:wa/January 15th, 2018

Moved by: Chief Joe Lazore
Seconded by: Chief Connie Lazore

MCR #297 Accept and Approve Council Meeting Minutes Dated Tsiotihorko:wa/January 22th, 2018

Moved by: Chief Karen Loran
Seconded by: Chief Joe Lazore
For: 7 Against: 2
CARRIED

MCR #298 Accept and Approve Council Meeting Minutes Dated January 29th, 2018

Moved by: Chief Karen Loran
Seconded by: Chief Joe Lazore
For: 8 Against: 1
CARRIED

MCR #299 Accept and Approve Council General Meeting dated Tsiotihorko:wa/January 27th, 2018

Moved by: Chief Dennis Chaussi
Seconded by: Chief Vince Thompson
For: 6 Against: 2
CARRIED

MCR #300 New Youth Council Member

Moved by: Chief Connie Lazore
Seconded by: Chief Tim D Thompson
For: 11 Against: 0
CARRIED

MCR #301 Victims Services Program Contribution Agreement

Moved by: Chief Connie Lazore
Seconded by: Chief Louise Thompson
For: 11 Against: 0
CARRIED

MCR #302 Contract for Educational Consultant Services on the Tsikaristisere/Dundee

Moved by: Chief Karen Loran
Seconded by: Chief Steve Thomas
For: 11 Against: 0
CARRIED

MCR #303 Accept and Approve the AANDC Financial Agreement No. 1516-ON-000028/Amendment NO.34

Moved by: Chief Tim D Thompson
Seconded by: Chief Steve Thomas
For: 7 Against: 0
CARRIED

MCR #304 2018-2019 Early Years Journey Together Proposal

Moved by: Chief Tim D Thompson
Seconded by: Chief Steve Thomas
For: 7 Against: 0
CARRIED

MCR #305 Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services NILO Program Agreement 1700/18/877773 FY 2018-2019

Moved by: Chief Connie Lazore
Seconded by: Chief Steve Thomas
For: 7 Against: 0
CARRIED

MCR #306 Acquisition of Police Equipment from JIT 17-18 Operations

Moved by: Chief Steve Thomas
Seconded by: Chief Steve Thomas
For: 7 Against: 0
CARRIED

MCR #307 Transfer the balance of two investment funds to The Caisse Populaire Desjardins. First Fund is the 7.3 Million dollars in the OLG Special needs Fund and the 2 Million dollars Enbridge Fund.

Moved by: Chief Tim D Thompson
Seconded by: Chief Steve Thomas
For: 7 Against: 0
CARRIED

MCR #308 to Approval of 16-17 Audit Aboriginal Community Capital Grant Program Agreement –Akwasasne Mohawk School

Moved by: Chief Tim D Thompson
Seconded by: Chief April Adams-Phillips
For: 10 Against: 0
CARRIED

MCR #309 to accept and approve the AANDC Financial Agreement No. 1516-ON-000028- Amendment No.0033

Moved by: Chief Connie Lazore
Seconded by: Chief Tim D Thompson
For: 10 Against: 0
CARRIED

MCR #310 Contribution Agreement from Her Majesty the Queen in the Right of Ontario and Mohawk Council of Akwasasne

Moved by: Chief Connie Lazore
Seconded by: Chief Louise Thompson
For: 10 Against: 0
CARRIED

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MCR #311 Allotment-Lot 185-2-3 Cornwall Island RSO 1498

Moved by: Chief Tim D Thompson
Seconded by: Chief Darryl Lazore
For: 8 Against: 0
CARRIED

MCR #312 Lease – Lot 2F-3 Pilon Island

Moved by: Chief Connie Lazore
Seconded by: Chief Tim D Thompson
For: 8 Against: 0
CARRIED

MCR #313 Assignment of Lease-Lot 2F-3 Pilon Island

Moved by: Chief Connie Lazore
Seconded by: Chief Tim D Thompson
For: 8 Against: 0
CARRIED

MCR #314 Assignment – Lot 1-15 Pilon Island

Moved by: Chief Connie Lazore
Seconded by: Chief Darryl Lazore
For: 8 Against: 0
CARRIED

MCR #315 New Youth Council Member

Moved by: Chief Darryl Lazore
Seconded by: Chief Connie Lazore
For: 8 Against: 0
CARRIED

MCR #316 The hiring of a Physician Department of Health

Moved by: Chief Karen Loran
Seconded by: Chief Connie Lazore
For: 8 Against: 0
CARRIED

MCR #317 Hiring of Traditional Medicine Man, Department of Health April, 2018

Moved by: Chief Connie Lazore
Seconded by: Chief Dennis Chaussi
For: 8 Against: 0

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CARRIED

MCR #318 The hiring of a Pediatrician, Department of Health April, 2018

Moved by: Chief Tim D Thompson
Seconded by: Chief Karen Loran
For: 8 Against: 0
CARRIED

MCR #319 The hiring of a Dental Consultant for Akwesasne NON-INSURED Health Benefits

Moved by: Chief Dennis Chaussi
Seconded by: Chief Karen Loran
For: 8 Against: 0
CARRIED

MCR #320 The hiring of a Physician, Department of Health

Moved by: Chief Connie Lazore
Seconded by: Chief Karen Loran
For: 8 Against: 0
CARRIED

MCR #321 The hiring of a Physician, Department of Health

Moved by: Chief Dennis Chaussi
Seconded by: Chief Karen Loran
For: 8 Against: 0
CARRIED

MCR # 322 FNIH-Health Canada CA# 1516-ON-000010 N0002 NOBA

Moved by: Chief Karen Loran
Seconded by: Chief Dennis Chaussi
For: 8 Against: 0
CARRIED

MCR #323 River Road Reconstruction Project

Moved by: Chief Joe Lazore
Seconded by: Chief Tim D Thompson
For: 8 Against: 0
CARRIED

MCR #324 To accept and approve the AANDC Financial Agreement No. 1516-ON-000028-Amendment No. 0035

Moved by: Chief Joe Lazore
Seconded by: Chief Tim D Thompson
For: 8 Against: 0
CARRIED

MCR #325 Hiring of New Director of Housing

Moved by: Chief Darryl Lazore
Seconded by: Chief Dennis Chaussi
For: 8 Against: 0
CARRIED

MCR #326 To accept and approve Council Meeting Minutes Dated Enniska/February 5th, 2018

Moved by: Chief Joe Lazore
Seconded by: Chief Tim D Thompson
For: 7 Against: 1
CARRIED

MCR #327 To accept and approve Council Meeting Minutes Dated Enniska/February 12th, 2018

Moved by: Chief Connie Lazore
Seconded by: Chief Tim D Thompson
For: 7 Against: 1
CARRIED

MCR #328 To accept and approve Council Meeting Minutes Dated Enniska/February 26th, 2018

Moved by: Chief Joe Lazore
Seconded by: Chief Connie Lazore
For: 7 Against: 1
CARRIED

MCR #329 Acceptance of the Amendment to the Agreement on the Provision of Policing Services in the Community of Akwesasne April 01, 2015 to March 31, 2018 and extending it to March 31, 2019

Moved by: Chief Karen Loran
Seconded by: Chief Tim D Thompson
For: 8 Against: 0
CARRIED

MCR #330 Transfer Payment Agreement for a Coordinator to the WTG Admi

Moved by: Chief Connie Lazore
Seconded by: Chief Troy Thompson
For: 8 Against: 0
CARRIED

MCR #331 2012-2015 Fiscal Years Retro-active payment to one Foster Parent

Moved by: Chief Tim D Thompson
Seconded by: Chief Karen Loran
For: 8 Against: 0
CARRIED

MCR #332 The hiring of a Physician, Department of Health

Moved by: Chief Karen Loran
Seconded by: Chief Connie Lazore
For: 8 Against: 0
CARRIED

MCR #333 Transfer Payment Agreement for 2018-2019 Language Fund Proposal

Moved by: Chief Dennis Chaussi
Seconded by: Chief April Adams-Phillips
For: 5 Against: 0
CARRIED

MCR #334 To accept and approve General Meeting Minutes Dated Ennisko:wa/March 01st, 2018

Moved by: Chief Steve Thomas
Seconded by: Chief April Adams-Phillips
For: 9 Against: 0
CARRIED

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GRAND CHIEF ABRAM BENEDICT'S COUNCIL MEETING UPDATES

March 12, 2018

- Representatives from Canada Border Service Agency (CBSA) discussed with Council the establishment of a domestic lane at the port of entry and outlined logistics and potential implementations; Council will follow up and further discuss in the coming weeks.
- The auditor for the MCA briefed Council on an ongoing review with Quebec for the Akwesasne Economic Development Fund and outlined next steps.
- Council was briefed on and discussed some recent staff changes and concerns.
- MCR's passed: Approval of funding proposal to Ontario for Early Years Journey Together; Approval of funding agreement with Ministry of Community Safety for Native Inmate Liaison Officer position; Approval of acquisition contract for police service equipment; Approval to proceed with the setting up of investment account with Caisse Populaire Desjardins.



March 26, 2018

- The MCA Emergency Measures Officer briefed Council on an upcoming resolution of Council accepting a proposal for funding.
- Council was briefed on a recent request to lease on Hamilton Island being affected by the Good Standing Policy; Council agreed that administration will follow the policy.
- An update was provided on the efforts to establish the Conservation Authority.
- Council was reminded that presentations to Council should have the support of the portfolio and portfolio should be providing regular updates to Council leading up to presentation to Council.
- The agenda for the next General Meeting was set for March 29, 2018.
- Council agreed that a cost award from a recent court case would be registered as a bad standing with the MCA.
- A briefing was provided to Council on the need to establish a Trust Liaison position; will be followed up on my administration.
- Council was briefed on a recent email received from the Chiefs of Ontario.

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- MCR's passed: Approval of Man; Approval of amendment amendment to agreement for allotment of land to community to Health Canada / Akwesasne Akwesasne Mohawk Police Services member (loan paid off); Approval of funding agreement; Approval of funding agreement; Approval of lease (3) on Pilon Island; Approval of consultant contract for River Road transfer agreement with Ontario appointment of youth to Akwesasne Reconstruction Project; Approval of for Justice Working task group; Youth Council; Approval of (5) amendment to Akwesasne - Canada Approval of retro payment for contract with physician(s) for health fiscal agreement; Approval to offer Quebec foster parents; services; Approval of contract with position of Director of Housing to • **** Council agreed that no meeting will occur the following week**** Dental Consultant; Approval of successful applicant; Approval of (3) Council Meeting Minutes; Approval contract with Traditional Medicine

April 9, 2018

- The Director of Tehotiiennawakon reviewed a proposed draft Ontario Tobacco Revenue Sharing Agreement with Council; Council provided feedback and directed that another community meeting be scheduled to obtain the community's input.
- Council agreed that a release be issued about the Confederation of Aboriginal People of Canada using a false address in Akwesasne and that a complaint be filed to Industry Canada and Indigenous Affairs Canada.
- The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne Emergency Measures Officer provided Council with an overview of the Akwesasne Joint Emergency Operations Plan and explained the various roles when an emergency occurs.
- Council was briefed on a proposed beautification project for MCA facilities; administration will follow up on budget considerations.
- An update was provided on the upcoming MCA program review.
- Council discussed fundraising initiatives for the recreations and possible long term initiatives to support a parks and recreation department.
- MCRs passed: Approval of (2) permits on Thompson Island for navigation aids; Approval to rescind previous MCR for navigation aid; Approval of band transfer for a community member; Approval of housing upgrade loan to community member; Approval of two sets of Emergency Council Meeting minutes; Approval of three sets of Council Meeting minutes.

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April 16, 2018

- The MCA Comptroller and Assistant Comptroller presented the proposed 2018/2019 Mohawk Council of Akwesasne operating budget to Council and reviewed highlighted changes since last year.

- Council set the agenda for the General Meeting, which is scheduled to take place on April 26, 2018 at the Tsi Snaihne Recreation at 6 pm. The agenda will be released shortly.

- A request was made for the health portfolio and MCA administration to provide an update on progress made to establish a full clinic in Tsi Snaihne; follow up will occur.

- Council discussed a recent notification received from the Ontario Green ON Board that any applications for funding from MCA must only include the Kawehno:ke District; Council agreed to follow up with the Minister responsible.

- A request for MCA administration to begin compiling a report on the accomplishments of the goals set out in the 2015/2018 Strategic

plan and Community Comprehensive Plan was made and will be followed up on.

- Administration agreed to begin drafting a report to the organization on the progress of the Workplace Revitalization Workgroup.

- Council discussed the dangers created by the most recent ice, the impact on trees and powerlines, and asked that MCA consider only giving out hardwood trees when giving out trees.

- Council agreed that a Special General Meeting will be held on May 12, 2018 for the community to decide on whether or not to approve the proposed amendments to the Akwesasne Election Law.

- MCRs passed: Approval of amendment to health access agreement with Ministry of Health and Long Term Care; Approval of 2018/19 Service Agreement with Champlain LHIN for Nursing Home; Approval to allocate funding reserves to complete renovations to Kanonhkwashter:io Health Facility

1st floor; Approval to award contract to successful bidder for the renovations to the Kanonhkwashter:io Health Facility 1st floor; Approval to increase Letter of Credit for ADP Canada (payroll services); Approval of 2018/2019 Operating Plan and Budget; Approval for Tehotien-nawakon to proceed with a community focus meeting on Wednesday April 18, 2018 at the Anowarako:wa Arena; Approval of agreement with Akwesasne Community Settlement Trust to administer funds to their recipients.

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CHIEF CONNIE LAZORE REPORT



February 1-2, 2018

On February 1st, I met with the working group on the Compliance Proposal to prepare for distribution of the funding proposal to potential funding sources. I was out on sick leave for February 2nd.

February 5-9, 2018

At council meeting, there was discussion on: Geographic Name Change, Pal Card, DTS Portfolio Update, Birch Road, Elders Representatives and Department Fundraisers. A presentation regarding Land Claims by ARRO. Resolutions were considered for Ministry of Health & Long-Term Care base funding 2017/18, BMO guarantee housing loan, Kana:takon School un-

derground storage tank removal and retrofit and Tsi Snaihne School subdivision sewage works project were passed. The following resolutions were not approved as they required additional information: Funding agreement for the S.A.V.E – Akwesasne Mohawk Police Service dock and boat storage facility and band transfer.

I attended the Justice portfolio meeting. We reviewed the programs, any issues and discussed future plans. We spoke of the Multi-Jurisdictional Table on the administration of Justice as an update of the ongoing work.

On Friday, I attended a meeting in Ormstown in regards to a carpentry program offered by Chateauguay Valley Education Centre and the potential of bringing the program to Iohahi:io Adult Education Centre. It offers Leadership Energy Efficiency Design System (LEEDS) concept for building homes and would teach the new energy efficient concept. This would allow students to be certified carpenters and Akwesasne would earn a LEEDS certified rating and be able to apply that rating to the construction of our homes here at Akwesasne.

February 12-16, 2018

At Council's meeting, we had discussion on the Akwesasne Election Law, Adams Island and CBSA incident and had presentations on Caveman Strong health ini-

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tiatives by Tyler Touchette and a Land Claims update by the ARRO A/Manager. Resolutions were approved for addition of retiree division to MCA registered pension plan, MSCS funding agreement for Provincial strategy project to end human trafficking.

I also attended the Assembly of First Nations Quebec-Labrador (AFNQL) Special Chiefs Assembly, in Ottawa for February 13-16, 2018. The agenda included the following items for day one: was an evening meeting to discuss the roles of the AFNQL Chiefs' tables: Vision, expectations and priorities and discussion of the next three days' presentations by the Ministers. Day two included: AFNQL reorganization, summit on sexual assault, AFNQL Elected Women meeting update, Phase 2 of denunciations of police misconduct, Public Safety file. On day one, we also had preparatory meetings to prepare for Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada, Jody Wilson-Raybould and Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness, Ralph Goodale. After the meetings with the Ministers, I approached the staffers of the both Ministers and provided proposals for the Compliance Program and Mohawk Court funding. I spoke with Minister Wilson-Raybould to discuss the Multi-Jurisdictional Table on Justice and the required support from the Federal Government to push for the jurisdiction of our court. Day three included: meeting with Minister Philpott and Minister Bennett, INAC Ministers. G7 presentation and discussion of

meetings with the Ministers, AFN National Chief, UN-DRIP update on Bill 262. Again, after the meetings with the INAC Ministers, I provided proposal and had brief discussion with Minister Bennett with regards to our Entewatathá:wi negotiations and the request to meet with Akwesasne. I was unavailable to attend Day 4.

We held our District meeting, we provided updates on items that the chiefs had been working on.

February 19 – 23, 2018

This week I was away on vacation.

February 26 – 28, 2018

At the Council meeting, we discussed the Green Food Box distribution, the General meeting agenda, Emergency Management and Buy Local group photo. A presentation was held on Adam's Island with Legal Council. Resolutions included: Council of Elder's vacancies to be filled, allotment – Chenail range, Ministry of Transportation Quebec, Ministry of Transportation petition for subsidy on road maintenance, DCSS Outreach program facility, retrofit for HAVFD Station #3, reimbursement of the shortfall of dollars contributed to HAVFD Station #2, Council meeting minutes for January 2nd, 15th, 22nd and 29th, 2018.

A Think Tank regarding Dundee Land Claim was held in the afternoon. Council had the opportunity to meet with ARRO to provide an update on the active land claims

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and have discussion specifically on the Dundee Land Claim.

I also attended the AFNQL Elected Women's meeting for February 27th, 28th and March 1st in Gatineau, Quebec. The agenda for day one included: Opening and welcoming remarks by: Chief K. Loran, Chief A. Jerome and Regional Chief G. Picard. background on the AFNQL Elected Women, Bill S-3: An Act to amend the Indian Act in response to the Superior Court of Quebec decision in Deschenaux, update on the Cannabis issue, and a presentation by the Quebec Native Women. Day two included: relationship with the Province – moving forward with our Protocol, G7 Summit June 8-9, 2018 theme of advancing gender equality & women's empowerment, preparation for meeting with Minister Philpott, meeting with Minister Philpott, strengthening women's economic autonomy – a challenge for Economic Development, AFNQL Housing, Overview of key Federal consultations, and the AFN Women's Council. Day three included: update on Missing & Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls Commission, Public Inquiry Commission on relations between Indigenous Peoples and certain public services in Quebec: listening, reconciliation and progress, stress management in the workplace and mindfulness meditation workshop and closing remarks.

I was unable to attend the full day on February 28th. I attended the Assembly of First Nations Chiefs Com-

mittee on Fiscal Relations (CCFR). The agenda included: opening pray and remarks by National Chief Bellegarde, review of Federal budget 2018, review of CCFR meeting of December 4th, 2017 report on new fiscal relationship and resolution #66-2017, 10-year grants, Advisory Committee, repeal of FNFTA Paul Thopill Chief Financial Officer of INAC, Financial Administration Law, financial performance certificate by Harold Calla, Executive Chair of Financial Management Board, treaty based fiscal relations, fiscal dialogue between Self-Government First Nations and Canada and discussion and decision CCFR in camera. We discussed what the requirements would be for participating in the 10-year grants with Indigenous Services Canada (INAC). Concerns from chiefs were discussed on what would happen with those communities not eligible what were our plans to assist with that without forcing them to meet the unwanted requirements suggested by this grant.

This month I followed up on the Splash Pad and Lacrosse Box Floor. I was advised by Quebec that we would receive notice in a few weeks. I worked with the HAVFD Station #3 members to prepare and submit a funding request in January for building repairs to Indigenous Services Canada formerly Indigenous Affairs and sent follow up emails on this project.

Nia:wen,
Chief Connie Lazore

ENTEWATATHÁ:WI - "WE WILL GOVERN"

ENTEWATATHA:WI PROGRAM OF MCA PURSUES AKWESASNE'S INHERENT RIGHT TO SELF-GOVERNMENT

On November 4, 2013 the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne and Canada signed the Akwesasne-Canada Governance and Relationship Agreement in Principle (AIP) as well as the Akwesasne-Canada Lands and Estates Sectoral Agreement in Principle. These Agreements provide a framework for the establishment of a modern and respectful government-to-government relationship between the Mohawks of Akwesasne and Canada. They reflect the political commitment of Akwesasne and Canada to move forward to conclude the Governance and Relationship Final Agreement and the Sectoral Final Agreement.

The Governance and Relationship Final Agreement acknowledges the governance structures, transfers authority, and allows for the support of Sectoral Agreements for the exercise of Akwesasne jurisdiction in specific areas. These Agreements will be ratified by an Akwesasne referendum and by the Parliament of Canada.

The Mohawks of Akwesasne have an inherent right of self-government which originates from our people, culture and land and which is recognized and affirmed by Section 35 of the Constitution Act, 1982 and the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

Goals

- Transition from the Indian Act to seek greater juris-

diction and authority over Akwesasne's affairs. This creates a new landscape that is more beneficial for the Mohawks of Akwesasne.

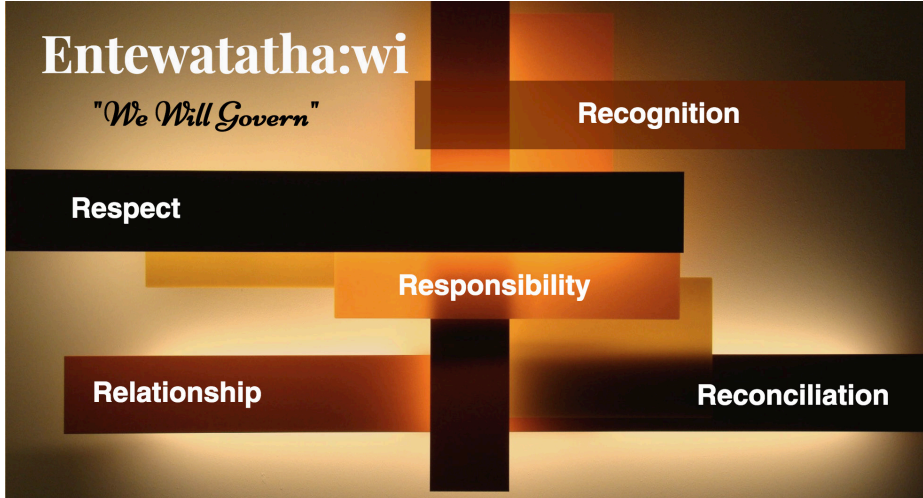
- To improve the quality of life of Akwesasronon and help close the socio-economic gaps.
- To build a system of governance that is community driven based on respect, accountability and transparency.
- Transfer Agreements become transfer payments legislated by Canada.

Working Tables

1. Akwesasne Governance Code Committee
2. Land Cade Task Force
3. Akwesasne/Canada Negotiations
4. Entewatatha:wi Advisory Committee
5. Fiscal Working Group (Negotiating First Nations)

Future Tables:

1. Fiscal Relationship Working Table
2. Pre-Implementation Plan



ENTEWATATHÁ:WI - “WE WILL GOVERN”

ENTEWATATHA:WI STAFF & MISSION

Vision

To unite and engage with the community on common goals of establishing a new Government to Government relationship with Canada.

Mission Statement

The Entewatatha:wi program commits to work with cross organizational groups facilitating the developments of Codes and Agreements in association with Council’s vision of asserting jurisdiction.



Staff (left to right): Sawentanon Skidders, Erin Cole, Peter Garrow, Rachel Lazare, Cheavee Willie.

ENTEWATATHÁ:WI - "WE WILL GOVERN"

Peter Garrow, Manager/Coordinator

As the Manager/Coordinator of Entewatatha:wi, I am responsible for the development of self-government agreements that define a new government to government relationship with Canada. These agreements will be ratified by Akwesasronon and by Canada's Parliament and will establish increased jurisdiction and authority for Mohawk Council of Akwesasne in the delivery of programs and services to its citizens.

Sawentanon Skidders, Policy Analyst

My title is a legal policy analyst that assists in reviewing legal documents as it relates to the self-government agreements to establish more jurisdiction and authority to Mohawk Council of Akwesasne. I also act as the chairperson for the Akwesasne Governance Code that will become MCA's formal system of government that set in place laws, regulations and policies that are accountable and transparent to the community. I also make great coffee.

Rachel Lazare, Policy Analyst

As the Policy Analyst for Entewatatha:wi, I am responsible for supporting the Entewatatha:wi Manager/Coordinator in the development, negotiation and implementation of our self-government agreements. I am the chair of the Land Code Task Force and the Land Law Working Group. The Land Code Task Force is comprised of portfolio Chiefs, elders, Mohawk Coun-

cil of Akwesasne technicians and Entewatatha:wi staff. We are in the process of drafting the Akwesasronon Onkwenwhentsia'shon:a (Land Code) that will set out the principles for Akwesasne Lands management. The Land Law Working Group is developing the Land Law that will set out the rules and administrative structures to protect the interests in Akwesasne Lands. Both these documents will complement each other and will be presented to the community when the drafts are complete. I also write proposals, manage other working tables, conduct research, review policies, draft policies, laws, and codes.

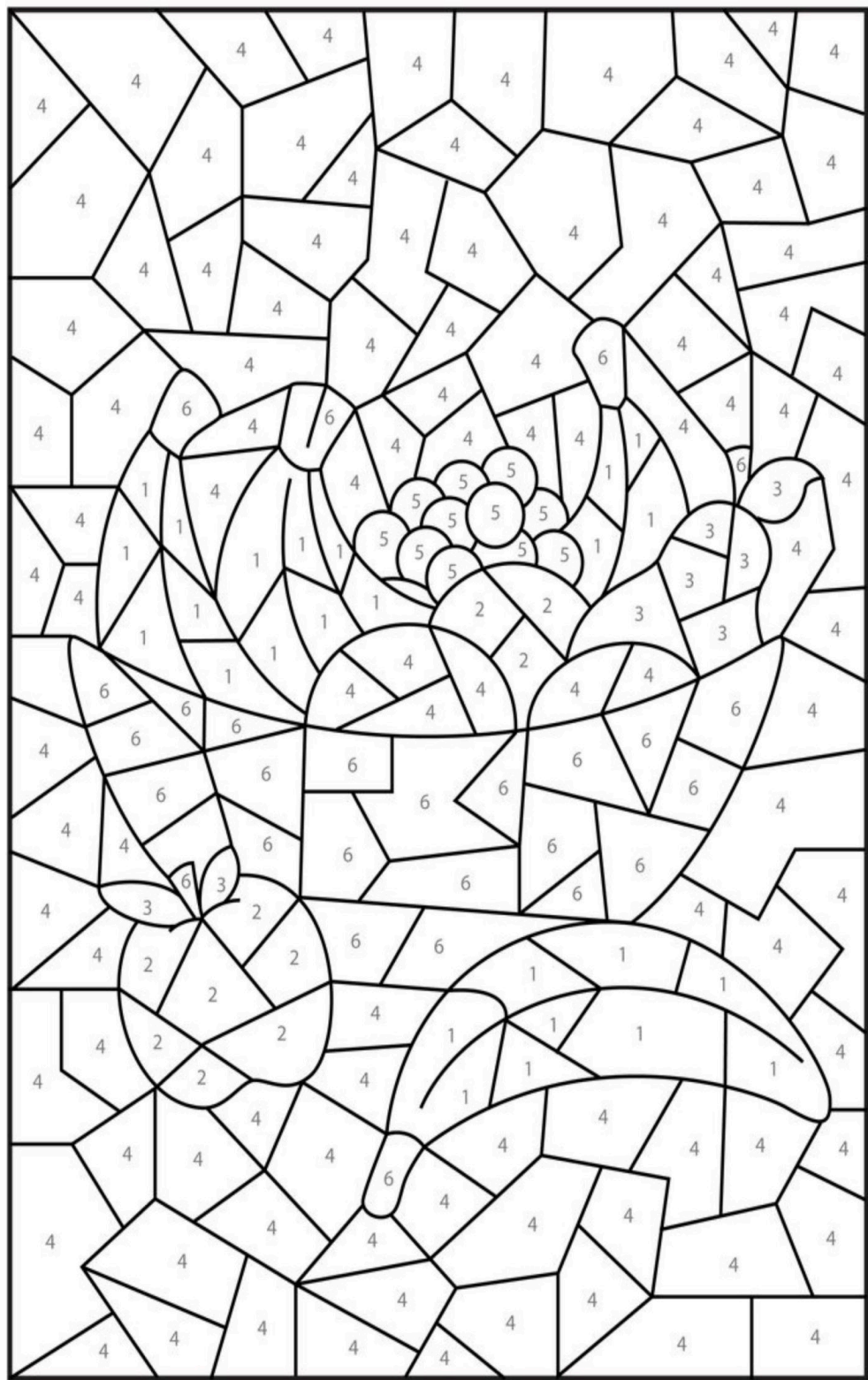
Erin Cole, Policy Analyst (Communications)

I am responsible for the communications component for Entewatatha:wi. My responsibility is to create and develop ways to inform the community of Akwesasne of the 'Self-Governing Process' through publications, community presentation, family sessions, social media, newspaper, radio, etc. I am also the chairperson for Entewatatha:wi Advisory Committee, which involves members from the community. The purpose of the committee is to advise and assist Entewatatha:wi with the 'Self-Governing Process'.

Cheavee Willie, Administrative Assistant

As the Administrative Assistant, I provide various kinds of administrative support to the manager and staff.

CHILDREN'S PAGE



Colour by number!

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| 1. Otsí:nekwahr/Yellow | 2. Onekwèntara/Red |
| 3. Óhonte/Green | 4. Otia'rèn:ta/Orange |
| 5. Arihwa'konhnéha/Purple | 6. Athéhsa/Brown |

Make an Easy Lava Lamp

Ask your parents for help while you make an easy lava lamp with this fun science experiment.

What you'll need:

- Water
- A clear plastic bottle
- Vegetable oil
- Food coloring
- Alka-Seltzer (or other tablets that fizz)



Instructions:

- Pour water into the plastic bottle until it is around one quarter full (you might want to use a funnel when filling the bottle so you don't spill anything).
- Pour in vegetable oil until the bottle is nearly full.
- Wait until the oil and water have separated.
- Add around a dozen drops of food coloring to the bottle (choose any color you like).
- Watch as the food coloring falls through the oil and mixes with the water.
- Cut an Alka-Seltzer tablet into smaller pieces (around 5 or 6) and drop one of them into the bottle, things should start getting a little crazy, just like a real lava lamp!
- When the bubbling stops, add another piece of Alka-Seltzer and enjoy the show!

SOCIAL MEDIA CONNECTION



FACEBOOK STATS

Facebook Posts with the Most Likes in March

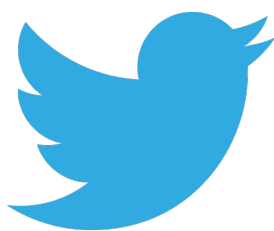
1. Housing Celebrates Opening of Whoville Triplex Rental Units
2. AMS Celebrates High Attendance with Ice Cream Party
3. Condolences for Artist John Thomas
4. Telecommunications Course Graduates at Iohahi:io
5. HAVFD Celebrates New Fire Engine

Facebook Posts with the Highest Reach in March

1. Missing Person Update - Kenny Leaf - 8.4K Reached
2. AMBE Schools Closed for Funeral - 8.2K Reached
3. Air Search to be Conducted for Missing Person - 5.4K Reached
4. Housing Celebrates Opening of Whoville Triplex Rental Units - 4.3K Reached
5. AMS Celebrates High Attendance with Ice Cream Party - 4.1K Reached

TWITTER STATS

Top Tweet in March



Mohawk Council of Akwesasne
@MCAkwesasne

We send our deepest condolences to the Humboldt Broncos hockey team, their families, the city of Humboldt and the entire hockey community, who are all experiencing a tremendous loss. May you find comfort in the words of compassion and strength from across Canada and the world.

7:31 AM - 7 Apr 2018

YOUTUBE STATS



Highest Viewed Videos on the MCA Youtube Channel for March

1. MCA General Meeting - March 1, 2018 - 746 Views
2. MCA General Meeting - March 29, 2018 - 228 Views
3. Jerseys for Humboldt - 123 Views

EXECUTIVE SERVICES

COMPLIMENTS & APPRECIATIONS Giving Thanks

- The Ahkwesahsne Mohawk School would like to acknowledge the following programs and businesses in and around our community for making our 2017–2018 school year fun filled with donations from your program/business:

CKON
Donaldson Funeral Home
Community Health Program
Starbucks
Shoeless Joes
Kastowa Gas
Swamps Performance

- Tsiionkwanonhso:te is Akwesasne's long term care facility (licensed by the Ministry of Health & Long Term Care) and Home to 50 residents who enjoy company, conversation and like to keep busy with activities.
- The licensee is required to have leisure activities during the day, evenings and weekends but with one staff member there are 'holes' in the calendar as identified by Residents' Council members.
- When Debbie Jocko realized the monthly calendar did not have any activities scheduled during the long Easter weekend, she volunteered to shop for the supplies needed for craft activity. Together, Debbie 'iced cookies' and decorated Easter eggs and bunnies with Residents on Saturday and with Esther Square hosted their favorite activity (a 'Quarter BINGO') on Sunday, while making sure their own housekeeping duties taken care of during her shift.
- Niawen:kowa Debbie & Esther!
- The AMS Cultural Committee would like to extend a big thank-you to Chief Ryan Jacobs for volunteering to attend the "Celebration of First Nations" at Longue Sault Public School, along with some of our

students. We were invited by the UCDSB to share some of our traditions like the medicine game of lacrosse, storytelling, and our corn soup with fry bread! Our students, Principal Jackson, Mr. DeMerchant, and Chief Ryan Jacobs did an exceptional job in sharing our culture with pride. Great Job! A Special Thank-you to Darius White for making the fry bread for this event.

- A big thank you goes out to the Tsi Snaihne Recreation for hosting another awesome Community Easter Activity. They had an Easter egg hunt for all the ages, a free community dinner, pie bingo and Easter Bonnet contests. People from all over Akwesasne attended including the totas from lakhihsohtha. Nia:wen to Kateri Lazore for bringing them over. Niawen to all the student volunteers that helped over the weekend. Niawen to all the volunteers who helped fill eggs, make pies, cook and serve in the concession stand etc. Also Niawenko:wa to all the people who purchased items from the Scholastic book fair held throughout the week. We raised \$1803 dollars to purchase supplies for the Kana:takon School and Tsi Snaihne Recreation Christmas Enchantment Mohawk Auction.
- I'd like to thank and give praise to our wonderful MCA Communications staff for all the great work they are doing. They are always so fun, pleasant and professional. Keep up the good work! - Chief Troy Thompson
- I'd like to thank and give praise to the excellent staff at Mohawk Government, especially my Executive Assistant Kuyra Chaussi. I greatly appreciate all of your hard work! You rock! – Chief Troy Thompson

EXECUTIVE SERVICES

NEW AND CHANGING FACES AT MCA

MARCH 2018

Jackson,	Jocelyn.....	.Clerk/Receptionist
Lazore,	Tammy.....	.Speech Support Aide
Martin,	James.....	.General Carpenter/Labourer
Rizzo,	Catherine.....	.Registered Nurse
Swamp,	Sue Ann.....	.Literacy Coordinator Assistant
VanderBurg,	Grant.....	.Supply Teacher

MCA WELCOMES NEW HR MANAGER

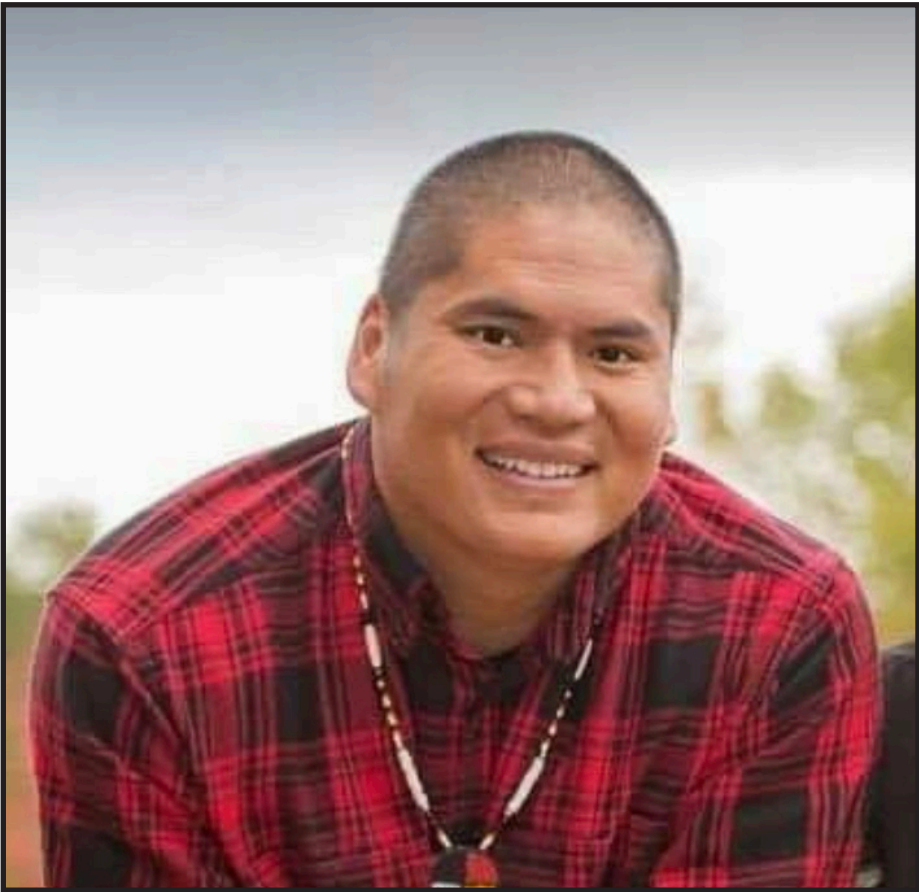
The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne is pleased to announce the hiring of a new Human Resources Manager.

Anthony Tillman, an Akwesasne Mohawk, is the successful candidate who will join the MCA team - and lead our employee workforce - beginning today, April 16, 2018.

The HR manager position carries a heavy responsibility to assist MCA through an evolution period of change and workplace revitalization. It will be Mr. Tillman’s responsibility to ensure the workforce receives the necessary information, training and attention necessary for the MCA workforce to grow strong and in a positive direction.

“We welcome Mr. Tillman who has expressed an ambition and desire to serve Akwesasne in the best way possible in the area of HR, and brings with him experience in the area of First Nations administration and human resources,” said Executive Director Jordan Wapass.

Welcome Anthony Tillman, and thank you to our past HR managers - Lynn Roundpoint who held the role over 10 years, and Deborah Porter, who agreed to serve MCA in this position temporarily for the past year and a half. Your dedication to MCA’s workforce is appreciated.



New HR Manager Anthony Tillman

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY & SOCIAL SERVICES

COMMUNITY SUPPORT PROGRAM - DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know:

The Community Support Program has formed a partnership with the Akwesasne Area Management Board to facilitate education and employment programs and services for clients in the age range of 18 to 30 years of age. Did you know, this means if you are within this age range and on social assistance you will be required to meet with the Akwesasne Area Management Board for an education and employment career assessment as part of eligibility for being on social assistance?

Did you know:

Our purpose is to ensure you are able to receive appropriate resources and services to enhance your options and successes in entering or re-entering the workforce and achieving training and educational opportunities. This 18 to 30 years of age initiative partnership is designed to assess education and employment opportunities for individuals by using resources within the Akwesasne Area Management Board, such as career assessment tools, training programs, referrals and so on.

Did you know:

If you are on social assistance and are experiencing barriers to employment and educational opportunities, our social assistance program has several partnership opportunities which will provide you with options to succeed.

As one example, if you are on social assistance and do not have a high school diploma or upgrading skills to get you to a level to achieve a high school diploma, the program will help you with this by advocating your needs to the appropriate programs and services who will help you identify and attain these skills.

Did you know:

If you are a community member residing under the jurisdiction of MCA in any of the three northern districts of Kawehno:ke, Tsi Snaihne and Kana:takon and are on social assistance, the Community Support Program-Department of Community and Social Services works with many programs and services to support you with opportunities to succeed.

Did you know:

The Community Support Program often partners with various programs in the community of Ahkwesahsne to create more programming opportunities for employment and education incentives. Some of these programs and services include, the Akwesasne Mohawk Board of Education, The Akwesasne Area Management Board, The Akwesasne Employment Resource Center, Iohahi:io Adult Education Center, Boys and Girls Club and Economic Development just to name a few programs and services.

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Did you know:

The Community Support Program provides funding for the “Lunch for Learners” program at the Iohahi:io Adult Education Center to ensure some of our adult learners who may not be able to afford lunches are provided nutritional meals while they are in school.

Did you know:

The Community Support Program, in partnership with the Ahkwesahsne Mohawk Board of Education and Iohahi:io Adult Education, provides a bus run five (5) days a week from each of the three districts in the morning to Iohahi:io, and an after school return run at the end of the day. If you don’t have transportation, but want to go to school, we are there for you.

Did you know:

The Community Support Program does much more than to provide a monthly income source when you may be experiencing difficult times from being out of work or lacking educational training and experience to find work. We continually partner with other programs to create education and training, employment and career opportunities to meet your needs.

Finally, did you know:

If you are on social assistance and are in the employable category to receive training and education and are able to return to the workforce, the Community Sup-

port Program will support you with every opportunity available to help and guide you to either return to the workforce or to increase your education and training capacity. Did you know that, being on social assistance and being employable, means that you are expected to work toward becoming employable. All of these opportunities presented to you while on social assistance are meant to help you to succeed in what you want to do in life and with your career aspirations.



The staff of the Community Support Program welcome community members to stop by their office at the Kanonhkwa'tsheri:io Health Facility to learn more about their services and programs. Call 575-2341 for more information, or email Program Manager Dan Bruyere at dan.bruyere@akwesasne.ca.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

I AM A



THE CHALLENGES	THE SUPPORT I NEED	MY CAREGIVING JOB
From Age 0-2: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Sensory integration issues including aversion to touch, light and sound are common.Failure to thrive due to feeding difficultiesSignificant difficulties in emotional regulationSleeping patterns may be disruptedMajor developmental milestones are missed.	RESPIRE I need access to respite so I can restore my own emotional reserves. EARLY INTERVENTION I need access to early intervention to help me maximize my child's skill development	Foster healthy attachment through responsive caregiving Learn my child's likes and dislikes Provide a controlled and stable environment for my child Seek early intervention and occupational therapy programs
From Age 2-5: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Problems learning and understanding languageChildren are easily overstimulatedStruggles with transitions and activity changesHyperactivityOppositional behavioursDifficulties in learning through consequences	SPECIALISTS I need access to specialists that can help with developmental delays DISABILITY FUNDING I need access to additional funding to support my child's life-long needs	Establish regular routines with extra attention to activity transitions Provide extra opportunities for language learning Learn the early signs of overstimulation and behaviour issues Exercise patience and consistency
From Age 5-10: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Struggles in school due to inattention, hyperactivity, language difficulties and oppositional behavioursDifficulties in planning and following routinesMajor sleep problemsInappropriate sexual behavioursSensory issues and environmental sensitivities	EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT I need a school with funding to provide my child with individualized educational support TRAINING I need training on meeting challenges, caring for myself and helping my child succeed	Develop a learning plan with my child's school and teacher Provide a consistent, predictable routine Modify my child's environment to reduce sensory stresses Address challenging behaviours immediately as they develop
From Age 10-15: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Children with FASD are easily influenced by peersBehaviour issues escalate and may include theft, lying and physical violenceStruggles with abstract concepts like money and timeLack of empathy and significant social difficultiesUnderdeveloped emotion regulation skills	BEHAVIOURAL SUPPORT I need access to specialists that can advise me on dealing with difficult behaviours COMMUNITY PROGRAMS I need community programs that give my child a chance to be social and successful	Monitor behaviour and friends closely Seek professional help for major behaviour issues Create a plan with my child to address emotional episodes Teach my child about social situations with many cues and reminders
From Age 15-20: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Sexual health, drugs and alcohol use are risk areasContinued struggles with impulse control, planning and understanding abstract concepts (math etc.)Oppositional behaviours and possible violenceDepression and other disorders may appearReach legal adulthood - developmentally immature	MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS I need medical professionals that understand the challenges of FASD INFORMATION AND PLANNING I need information on what options exist for my child in adulthood	Proactively talk about major issues like sex, drugs and alcohol use Get help immediately for extreme behaviours or psychological symptoms Plan for my child's adulthood, including trusteeship & guardianship Talk about my child's goals and dreams
Adulthood and Beyond: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Adults often appear more competent than they areDifficulty holding employmentInvolvement with the legal systemUnintended pregnancy and parenthoodContinued risky/impulsive behavioursAddictions	LEGAL HELP I need access to legal advice related to lifespan planning and any legal system problems FINANCIAL RESOURCES I need to know that the person I have cared for will have ongoing financial support	Continue to provide support with daily living activities Ensure a safe and supportive living environment Help others understand that while the person I care for may look mature, they have a life-long disability and face many challenges

MY JOB IS NOT EASY. MY CHILD WILL FACE CHALLENGES. BUT WITH SUPPORT... WE CAN SUCCEED!



This peer reviewed poster reflects best practice and care for individuals and caregivers from a lifespan perspective. Please share this resource with families, professionals and communities. A Caregiver Resource Guide was also created in this series with the support of the Alberta FASD Cross Ministry Committee Supports & Services, Education & Training Council Dorothy Badry & Jamie Hickey, 2016 Faculty of Social Work, University of Calgary Contact: badry@ucalgary.ca ©

AHKWESAHSNE MOHAWK BOARD OF EDUCATION

AMS STUDENTS WITH HIGH ATTENDANCE TREATED TO ICE CREAM PARTY

Congratulations to students at the Ahkwesahsne Mohawk School who met or exceeded the school's first term goal of achieving an attendance percentage rate of 91 percent or higher!

Any student who attended school from September - January for 91 percent of the time or more (some had perfect attendance!) were rewarded Wednesday with an ice cream sundae party! The party was sponsored by the Akwesasne Community Fund.

Nia:wenkowa to the students and their parents/guardians for valuing school and recognizing the importance of attendance as a stepping stone to success! Keep up the great work!



AHKWESAHSNE MOHAWK BOARD OF EDUCATION

*Loving mother,
teacher and friend.*

**Terry McDonald
1962-2018**

*Those we love, don't go
away.*

*They walk beside us every
day.*

*Unseen, unheard but always
near.*

*Still loved, still missed and
very dear.*



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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING

MCA CELEBRATES COMPLETION OF NEW TRIPLEX RENTAL UNITS

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne's Dept. of Housing is celebrating the official grand opening and completion of two new triplex buildings that will provide rental homes for six families. Each building contains three 3-bedroom apartments and are built with modern features such as Central Air and in-floor heating.

"We would like to thank our funders, contractors, tradespeople and staff who, through their collective efforts, helped to see these two buildings completed from start to finish," said Acting Housing Director Charmaine Caldwell. "We are proud to welcome these new additions to our collection of rental properties and we welcome the families to their new homes."

The total cost of the project was \$1,165,000. The Dept. of Housing received a grant of \$890,000 from Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada- Budget 2016 Immediate Needs Funding.

The buildings, located on Whoville Road in the Tsi Snaihne District, feature an open concept layout, washer/dryer hookups, a full bathroom and ample space. The founda-



Staff and crew celebrating the completion of two new triplex rental buildings: District Chief Darryl Lazore, Housing staff Charmaine Caldwell, Ben Benedict, and Ilona Thompson, and BT Custom Homes representative Wesley Benedict.

tion is slab-on grade construction. The units are specific for vulnerable community members, single parent families or families on community support.

The Dept. of Housing thanks the following companies/agencies for their contributions:

- St. Lawrence Testing, Gib McKinty
- Dimensional Analysis, Pierre Savard
- HSP Engineering, Joshua Texiera
- Dream Design, Yves Menard
- A&D Construction, Anthony David
- BT Custom Homes, Barry Thompson

"Nia:wenkowa to the various hard-working men and women who helped in various stages of the con-

struction, from the design phase to the final touches," said District Chief Darryl Lazore who holds the Housing portfolio. "This is a great opportunity that will provide six more families with an affordable and efficient home to live in."

Occupants for the new homes were contacted from the Dept. of Housing's housing application list. One unit became available recently and Housing will contact additional applicants from their waiting list. The Dept. of Housing encourages anyone in need of housing to contact their office and complete an application. Units regularly open up and a waiting list is kept on hand.

If you have any questions regarding MCA Housing please contact their office at 613-575-2250 Ext. 2300.



DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING

MCA ANNOUNCES HIRING OF HOUSING DIRECTOR

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne is pleased to announce the hiring of the Department of Housing's new director. On April 16, 2018, we welcomed Ms. Charmaine Caldwell to the position.

Ms. Caldwell has been an employee of the Department of Housing for the past several years and had been serving in the capacity of acting director for the past year. Ms. Caldwell comes to us with more than 15 years of managerial experience inclusive of working at a senior level. She is very knowledgeable about the Department of Housing and its services. Her expertise and experience in working with the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC), Indian & Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) and Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) made her an excellent candidate for the position. She's also very experienced in financial management and policy development.

Chief Darryl Lazore, Housing Portfolio said, "We were very impressed with how Ms. Caldwell has delivered and managed community housing projects in Akwesasne over the last year. She has also demonstrated leadership and a commitment to enhanced community services while in the acting assignment."

Executive Director, Jordan Wapass also added, "With



Ms. Caldwell, we are adding a valuable member to our senior team who will no doubt make important contributions to the community of Akwesasne. We are excited to have her join the team."

Ms. Caldwell is committed to providing optimal services to the community members of Akwesasne. Please join us in welcoming Ms. Charmaine Caldwell to the position of director of Housing.

DEPARTMENT OF TEHOTIENNAWAKON

PEACE TREE TRADE CENTRE RECEIVES FACE LIFT

The Peace Tree Trade Centre on Kawehno:ke celebrated its 25th anniversary last year. It was marked by an outdoor community party which included free lunch, activities, giveaways and live music. It was a beautiful sunny day with over 200 attendees. Often referred to as the “Peace Tree mall,” it is an iconic building/location in Akwesasne that community members and visitors are very familiar with.

Although we have much pride for it, its age dictates additional maintenance. Thus it was determined that the Tree of Peace emblems located at both building peaks were in need of restoration. The colours were faded and the trees were no longer green. Quotes were sought for the task and the job was awarded to Dave’s Reliable Signs of Cornwall, Ontario. They care-

fully took the emblems down in late October 2017 and brought them to their indoor shop to begin the restoration work. It included, cleaning, repairing, sanding, painting/staining and finally re-installed on January 20, 2018. They did an excellent job!

There are future plans in the works for further upgrades to the property which includes a re-design of the parking lot to accommodate additional vehicle parking, improve snow removal and provide for safer traffic flow. Also in the plans is the construction of permanent outdoor market stalls that would be to the North side of the parking lot. This would allow for daily rentals for our local entrepreneurs any day from spring to fall. Hopefully we will see this come to fruition within the next few years.



DEPARTMENT OF TECHNICAL SERVICES



FEDERAL BRIDGE CORPORATION PRESS RELEASE ON CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS AT THE SEAWAY INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE

The Federal Bridge Corporation Continues Bridge Corridor Improvements at the Seaway International Bridge

OTTAWA, April 17, 2018 /CNW/ – The Federal Bridge Corporation Limited (FBCL) continues its bridge corridor improvements at the Seaway International Bridge and announced today the next series of projects, including enhancements to the international roadway on Cornwall Island and the demolition of the original high-level North Channel Bridge in-water piers.

During the past year, FBCL has been working with the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne (MCA) and the Seaway International Bridge Corporation (SIBC) to design roadway and corridor improvements. This project is meant to upgrade the corridor roadway system, by efficiently managing traffic flow and allowing better access and turning lanes for businesses and residents on the Island. Along with the roadway developments, new roadway lighting and a new set of traffic lights are being incorporated at the main intersection. Work on the Cornwall Island roadway reconstruction is expected to start in mid-May.

The demolition of the three remaining in-water piers will be tendered later this year for an anticipated completion in 2020. This work was planned as part of the original bridge replacement project and the commitment reaffirmed in 2015 by FBCL's president and Chief Executive Officer, Micheline Dubé. For environmental reasons (such as fish spawning, river habitat and pollution control), the in-water piers cannot be completely removed, but will be reduced to a height of approximately 2 metres above water level.

The original bridge replacement project plan also called for an existing pier (Pier 3s), located east of the north abutment of the new low-level North Channel Bridge, to remain in place as a historical preservation effort of the original high-level North Channel Bridge that served as a community link for over 60 years. A new accessible lookout linked to the recreational pathway and overseeing the river has been installed. Mme. Dubé stated that, "throughout all of our projects, FBCL has made it a point to work closely with the communities of Cornwall and Akwesasne to ensure strong support for both bridge operations and community needs."

Once finished, this project will complete an \$85 million investment by FBCL and the Government of Canada on the North Channel Bridge Replacement project. The project included the construction of the Canal Bridge and new low-level North Channel Bridge, the demolition of the original high-level North Channel Bridge structure and piers, the Brookdale Avenue roadway reconstruction, Cornwall Island roadway reconstruction and demolition of the original high-level North Channel Bridge in-water piers.

AKWESASNE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT

AKWESASNE COMPLIANCE OFFICER GRADUATION CEREMONY

On the evening of Wednesday, March 29, 2018, compliance and bylaw enforcement training was Grand Chief Abram Benedict and Tsi Snaihne Distict the first of its kind and provided 10 participants Chief Connie Lazore were honored to take part in the with the fundamental principles of compliance and graduation ceremony for the Akwesasne Compliance bylaw enforcement in First Nation communities. Officer Pilot Project 2018. This 13-week First Nation Congratulations to all graduates!



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and Compliance
(613) 575-2250 ext. 2415

AKWESASNE MOHAWK POLICE SERVICE

AMPS ASSISTS AMBE SCHOOLS IN LOCKDOWN DRILLS



Lockdown drills were held this past month at Tsi Snaihne School and the Ahkwesahsne Mohawk School in order to train staff and students on what to do in an emergency that calls for a school lock down. Akwesasne Mohawk Police assisted in the drills, offering guidance and advice, and leading the schools through the motions of the lockdown. Both were completed successfully in a safe and orderly manner.

Nia:wenko:wa to all staff and students for making this another successful exercise in the ongoing efforts to make emergency response planning a visible strength of the school’s community.

Niawenko:wa to Constable Norman King, Constable Starblanket, Constable Jonathan, and Constable Thompson from Akwesasne Mohawk Police Service for their support in this safety exercise!

AKWESASNE MOHAWK POLICE SERVICES
EMERGENCY LINE (613) 575-2000

SERVICES PROVIDED TO COMMUNITY

GENERAL UNIFORM PATROL

COMMUNITY POLICING

JOINT INVESTIGATION TEAM (JIT)

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS

EMERGENCY DISPATCH SERVICES

TRAFFIC LAW ENFORCEMENT

MARINE PATROL SERVICES

ANTI-DRUG ENFORCEMENT

ANTI-SMUGGLING ENFORCEMENT

VICTIMS ASSISTANCE

EMERGENCY RESPONSE

AKWESASNE MOHAWK POLICE SERVICE

TELEPHONE SCAM TO DISTRICT RESIDENTS FOR TAX FRAUD

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne (MCA) would like the community to be aware of the latest scam that has recently occurred to community residents.

Telephone calls are being made to Akwesaronon from the line 613-714-5216 stating that you must contact them within 24 hours or an arrest warrant will be issued for Tax Fraud.

The MCA advises you to not contact them back, and if you answer the automated device, you should hang up.

This is a scam. If you do provide your credit card number to one of these callers, call your Bank and have a new card reissued with a new number.

Contact the Akwesasne Mohawk Police Service at 613-575-2340 if you receive a telephone call similar to this one. You can also call the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre toll-free at 1-888-495-8501.



MISSING

NAME: Kenneth Francis Leaf
AGE: 50
HAIR: Balding/Shaved head, dark brown facial hair (goatee)
EYES: Brown
HEIGHT AND WEIGHT: 5'9" tall, heavy build, approximately 230 lbs.
CLOTHING: Last seen wearing a camouflage jacket and green Star Wars hat.

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.

GENERAL ELECTION FOR GRAND CHIEF AND DISTRICT CHIEFS

The Executive Director has announced that a General Election for the positions of Grand Chief and District Chiefs will be held on June 30, 2018.

**Nominations will be held on Saturday, May 19, 2018
between 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. at the following locations:**

Tsi Snaihne: Snye Recreation Center

Kana:takon: St. Regis Recreation Center

Kawehno:ke: Kawehno:ke Recreation Center

Revised Voter Lists have been posted at the following locations:

Kana:takon: St. Regis Post Office, Butters Quick Stop, TnT Deli

Kawehno:ke: Bank of Montreal, Jocks Store, Express Gas

Tsi Snaihne: OK Den Store, Iohahi:io, Shyys Place

If your name is not on the Voters List in the District you reside in, please call Leona Benedict, Chief Electoral Officer at 613-575-2250 ext. 2406. She is also available at the Angus Mitchell Memorial Building (Justice building).

