

## PolITICAL Protocol Renewed Between Mohawks of Akwesasne and Canada

On May 30, 2012, the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne renewed a Political Protocol with the Canadian Government that helps overcome the jurisdictional challenges faced by the Mohawks of Akwesasne. The diplomatic arrangement that was signed between MCA Grand Chief Mike Kanentakeron Mitchell and Canada's Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development John Duncan recognizes the multi-jurisdictional uniqueness of Akwesasne.

MCA Grand Chief Mike Kanentakeron Mitchell stated, "When we talk about the health, economic, and other needs of the Akwesasne community; the borders have been obstacles." The Grand Chief added, "Renewing the Political Protocol represents a commitment from Canada to partner and work with us on developing arrangements that work for Akwesasne."

In 1991, the Government of Canada established the Royal Commission on Aboriginal People (RCAP) that heard the concerns and aspirations of First Nations. Their resulting report was released in 1996 and served as a guide to redefine our relationship with external governments—one based on Akwesasne's inherent jurisdiction.

The RCAP Report initiated negotiations between Canada and the MCA that explored areas where Akwesasne may exercise jurisdiction and assume greater control of programs and services. It identified priority areas that called for a new, unique and innovative approach to address issues resulting from five jurisdictions being located in Akwesasne—Canada, United States, Ontario, Quebec and New York State.

The resulting Political Protocol, which was first signed in 1999 and was renewed in 2005, was accompanied with a commitment to have it renewed every five years. The Protocol signed on May 30th



however, includes a renewal date of ten years to enable more things to be accomplished through negotiated arrangements.

Some project areas that have resulted from previous Political Protocols include housing sub-divisions, water supply systems, sewage treatment facilities, road construction, lands management, and other initiatives that support the social and economic development of Akwesasne. The latest Protocol covers Nation Building, divestiture of federal lands, border crossing, tax exemption, and other multi-jurisdictional projects.

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# Wat'kwanonweraton/Greetings

Ohiari:ha/June 2012

She:kon,

On behalf of the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne, I am pleased to introduce the latest edition of Onkweta:ke, which happens to be the final issue for the current term of Council (2009-2012) before the June 23rd General Election.

Since being elected in 2009, the Mohawk Council has taken a "team" approach in tackling the important issues faced by Akwesasne, as well as the accomplishments that we have enjoyed. Below is a listing of a few initiatives that we have undertaken.

In March 2011, the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne filed three complaints with the Canadian Human Rights Commission against the CBSA on their Duty to Report, their seizure of community member's vehicles, and their refusal to accept other forms of Mohawk identification cards. It has taken this long for the Human Rights Commission to notify all the parties that they are now going to hear this case.

Over the past few years, Quebec and Ontario have been asking Akwesasne to develop a legal economy for our community. As a result, we are currently identifying a number of economic development projects that will replace what they consider an "illegal" economy. The key to successfully resolving this issue will involve the community and utilizing our law-making powers. This has been the message we delivered and was heard by both provinces.

Community members voted last month to accept and resolve the Kawehnoke-Easterbook Specific Claim and negotiations are continuing on the larger Dundee Land Claim, which will also need to be ratified by members. This process will likely be finished during the next term for Mohawk Council. Getting to this point has involved different individuals working together as a team.

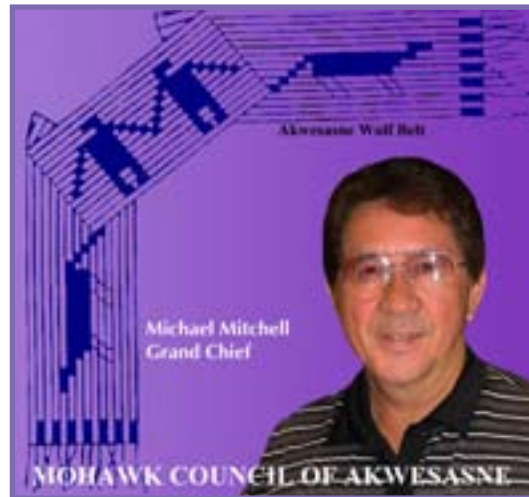
We have initiated talks with a major steel company on the possibility of partnering with Akwesasne to dismantle the old Seaway International Bridge. Our goal is to provide as much employment for Mohawk workers as possible. Our discussions have highlighted the need to include Mohawk ironworkers and other Akwesasne trades that are crucial to completing this task. This project is in our backyard and we have the people who can get the job done.

Lastly, the Mohawk Council renewed the Political Protocol with Canada that recognizes Akwesasne's unique geographic location. With the renewal of the protocol it will add more strength to recognize Akwesasne's jurisdiction and convene meetings with government departments to negotiate practical, political solutions to our multi-border issues with Canada.

It has been our pleasure to serve the Akwesasne community and we wish you the best for the coming summer months.

Skennen,

Grand Chief Mike Kanentakeron Mitchell



# Prince Charles Meets With First Nations Leaders May 22, 2012

On May 22, 2012, Assembly of First Nations (AFN) National Chief Shawn A-in-chut Atleo and a delegation of Chiefs, along with Mohawk Council of Akwesasne Grand Chief Mike Kanentakeron Mitchell, met with His Royal Highnesses the Prince of Wales and the Duchess of Cornwall

to once again reaffirm the Crown-First Nation relationship. The meeting ended with a willingness from Prince Charles to encourage Queen Elizabeth to invite First Nations Chiefs to London next year to review the treaties and agreements that have been made between the Crown and First Nations.



Grand Chief Mike Kanentakeron with Prince Charles



Presenting Prince Charles with a gift



A First Nations Chief speaks with Prince Charles



Prince Charles with First Nations Chief



# Mohawk Council of Akwesasne Files Baxter and Barnhart Islands Claim

On Tuesday, May 15th, the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne passed Akwesasne Mohawk Council Resolution 2012/2013—#056 authorizing the filing of the Baxter and Barnhart Islands Claim with Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada. The Specific Claim is for the Crown’s illegal taking of reserve lands and the breach of its legal and fiduciary responsibility to Akwesasne.

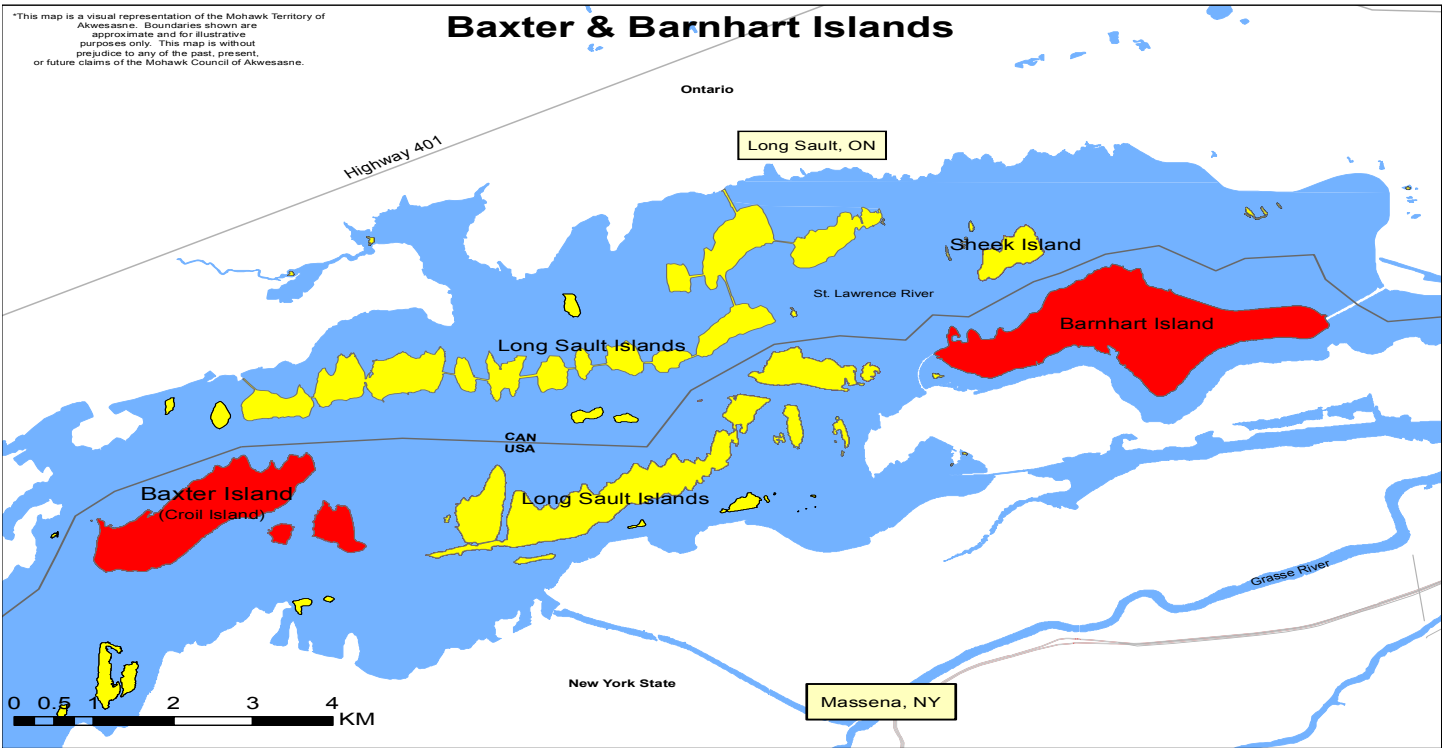
According to MCA Grand Chief Mike Kanentakeron Mitchell, “Baxter and Barnhart Islands have always been a part of the traditional territory of the Mohawks of Akwesasne since time immemorial.” The Grand Chief noted, “The Specific Claim recognizes that the islands were specifically reserved for Akwesasne by the Royal Proclamation of 1763.”

Baxter and Barnhart Islands were part of the land reserved for Akwesasne through the treaties of the 1760s, as well as the Royal Proclamation of 1763 that prohibited the private purchase of Indian land. Canadian courts have found that the Royal Proclamation, including in the court case involving the Easterbrook lands on Kawehnoke (Cornwall Island), affirmed Akwesasne title and the Crown’s obligation

with respect to islands in the St. Lawrence River. In 1794, that protection was extended to ensure that no Indian lands would be taken without fair compensation.

Kanatakon District Chief Larry King, who serves as the major portfolio holder for MCA’s Aboriginal Rights and Research Office and the Land Claims agenda, stated, “The Crown did not seek Akwesasne’s consent in transferring the two islands to the United States, nor did it make any compensation to Akwesasne for the transfer.” He added, “The Claim is being submitted on behalf of the Mohawks of Akwesasne and seeks to address the historical injustices that Akwesasne has suffered.”

In 1783, the Treaty of Paris was signed to conclude the American Revolutionary War and established an international boundary between the British and the United States. The line was south of Baxter and Barnhart Islands, placing both of them within British Territory—though they continued to be a part of the Akwesasne Mohawk Territory. The islands were not included in any surrender of land that the British made to the United States in 1795 and 1796.



Both islands belonged to the Mohawks and were leased by Akwesasne to Asa Baxter and George Barnhart throughout the 1790s. In 1822 however, following the Treaty of Ghent Boundary Commission Report, the international boundary line was redrawn and lands were exchanged between the British and the United States. The British gave Baxter and Barnhart Islands to the U.S. in exchange for receiving Wolfe Island, near Kingston, Ontario.

After acquiring the islands without the consent or compensation paid to Akwesasne, New York State sold the two islands to the Ogden brothers who moved to evict Baxter and Barnhart, who were continuing to lease the islands from the Mohawks. In the 1850s, the State partially compensated Akwesasne for lost rent from the lease arrangement, but not for the complete loss of the islands.

According to Aboriginal Right and Research Office Manager Cactus Cook Sunday, “With the successful

conclusion of the Kawehnoke-Easterbrook Specific Claim, it is now time to begin efforts to resolve another illegal taking of land that occurred in the territory of Akwesasne—the wrongful taking of Baxter and Barnhart Islands.” Cook Sunday noted, “It is only fitting that this Specific Claim be submitted on the anniversary of Salli Benedict’s passing, who worked tirelessly to address the historic injustices to Akwesasne.”

The Baxter and Barnhart Island Claim will now be assessed according to criteria identified in Canada’s Specific Claim Policy prior to being accepted for negotiations, which could take up to three years.

*If you have any questions or would like more information regarding Baxter and Barnhart Islands, please do not hesitate to contact the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne Aboriginal Rights and Research Office at 613-575-2348 ext. 2205*

## Mohawk Conversation & Mohawk Song

-Submitted by Kaweienonni Peters

Shé:kon. Wahsáttoke kenh tsi na’owisón:ti ?  
Hello. Did you notice the hail storm ?

Hen, wa’káttoke.  
Yes, I noticed.

Ohstón:ha watkaweratá:se.  
There a little bit of a tornado.

Hen. Ohstónha watkaweratá:se.  
Yes, it was a little bit of a tornado.

*“Everyday Mohawk” brochures and CD’s are available at the Ahkwesahsne Mohawk Board of Education office for \$20. These were created through collaboration between Taiaiake Alfred of the University of Victoria and Kaweienon:ni Peters, AMBE Kanienkeha Specialist.*

Ratiwè:ras Raotirén:na (Thunderers Song)

Io ho  
Ka io wa ne e e e ~  
Ha na io o o ~  
Ha na we ha na io  
Ka io wa ne io ha io ho  
Ha na we ha na io  
Kai na wi ia he ia

Kanientarà:ke (on the river)  
Wakerennatshénrion (I found a song)  
Watekhenonhweratónhwe (I gave them greetings)  
Ratiwè:ras (the Thunderers)  
Tahonténniehte (sent it...(the song))  
Kai na wi ia he ia

Song Written By Bear Fox

# Land Claims Update

Submitted By Kana:takon District Chief Larry King

She:kon,

As Chair of the Government Secretariat Portfolio, I'd like to take this time to comment on a crucial area of that particular portfolio, Land Claims.

I begin by saying Niawenko:wa to all those who participated in the recent Referendum regarding the Kawehno:ke/Easterbrook Claim. It was an overwhelming "YES" vote to accept the Proposed Settlement Agreement. Now we'll go to task in how best to deal with these funds. Preparation has begun towards the building of a Trust Fund, whereby the community will be absolutely privy, informed and involved in how to deal with these proceeds. We work towards culmination of this agenda by an official Signing Ceremony after which time the Canadian Federal Government has 45 days to transfer the Settlement Proceeds into the identified account that will be subject to the Trust process. It will NOT be in MCA's General Fund.

I commend the participation and efforts of all those who played any part in this process, and made up our team, inclusive of:

Community Advisory Committee:

Richard Mitchell	Theresa Thompson
Barbara Barnes	Debbie Thomas
Elvera Sargent	Helen Benedict
Carol Lafrance	Kyrie Ransom
Lewis Mitchell	Beatrice Lazore
Margie Thompson	Jim Ransom
Mary David	Larry Leaf
John David	

Lawyer: Paul Williams

Independent Financial Advisor: Barb Montour

Kudos to the efforts of MCA's Akwesasne Rights and Research Office (ARRO):

Manager: Cactus Cook	Emily Tarbell
Rasennes Pembleton	Dwight Bero Jr.
Dawn David	Cheavee Willie
Curtis Lazore	Tobi Mitchell



As well as staff of MCA's Communications Unit: Brendan White, Ashley Tarbell, and Jacey Rourke

Chief Referendum Officer: Leona Benedict

All the Referendum Officers who logged long hours assuring things ran smoothly.

Some significant individuals have passed on, I do not want to imply that any one person is more or less important, but I wish to recognize two individuals who were part of not only the Advisory committee but participated in every Land Claim agenda that is active. Ernie and Salli Benedict have been integral team members and are sadly missed. Some within the ARRO Dept. were lucky enough to have been trained under the watchful eye of Salli and we agreed that we will carry on with her legacy and in her honor.

There are "irons in the fire" when it comes to Land Claims. I present the following in the spirit of updates and information.

Sken:nen,

Larry King  
Kana:takon District Chief

Please note that the following information is provided to the members of the community of Akwesasne, and is not to be provided to the public, media or any external entity. The information shared is without prejudice to any current and future claims of the Mohawks of Akwesasne.

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne is currently undertaking an inventory of claims at various stages, spanning from the early phases of research to a recently ratified final settlement agreement.

## Of the claims being actively pursued:

- One is an active joint "NEGOTIATION" table with Canada
- One "FINAL SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT" was ratified in referendum in May 2012
- Three are in court... "LITIGATION"
- Two Claims were submitted to Canada in 2012
- Twelve are in various stages of research... "CLAIMS IN RESEARCH"
- Two of those claims in research will be filed with Canada within 2 months
- Three are areas being added back to Reserve... "ADDITIONS TO RESERVE"

The following is an overview of each of the Claims listed in sequence:

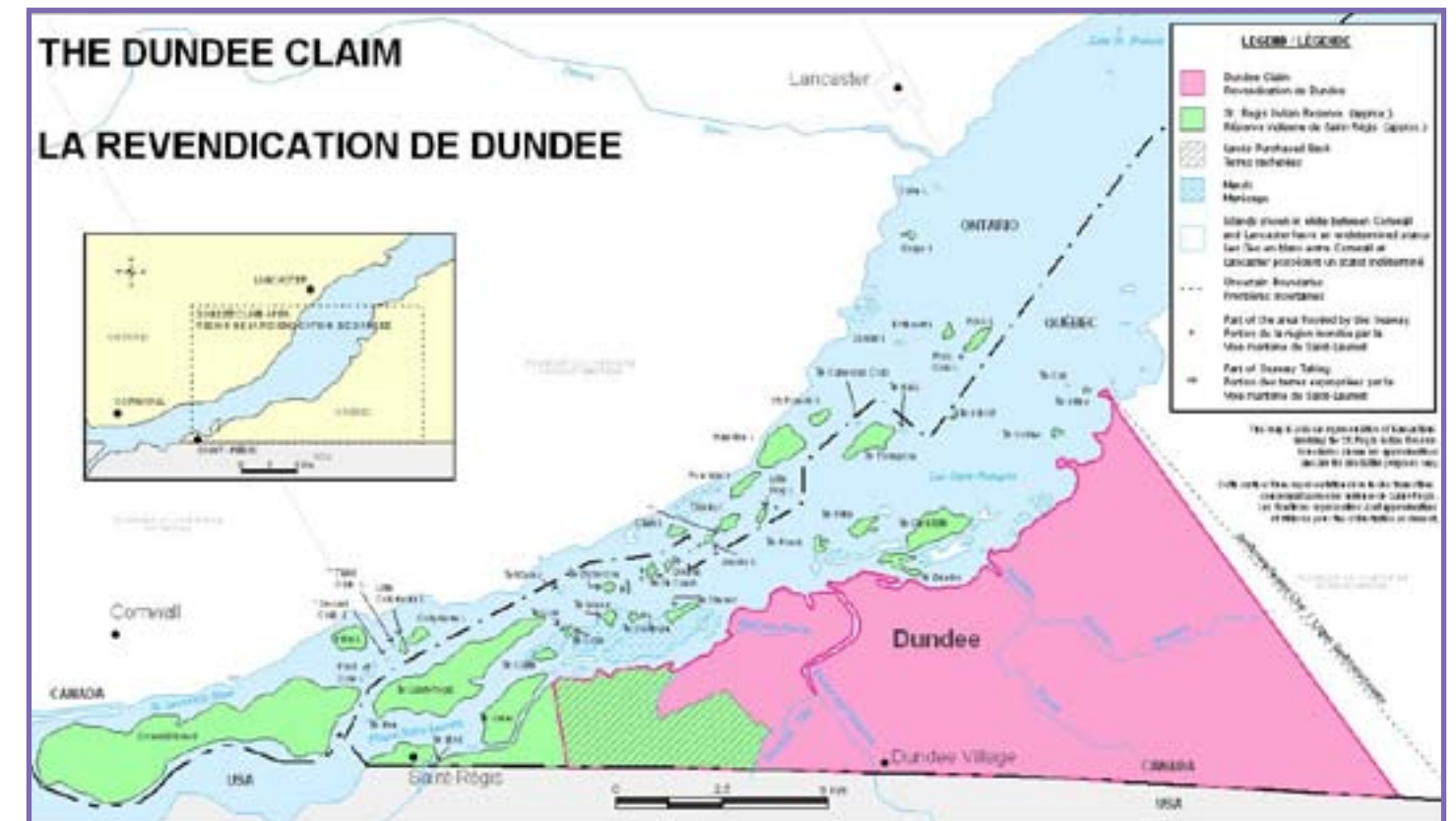
## NEGOTIATIONS

### Tsikaristisere/Dundee Specific Claim (map below)

The Tsikaristisere/Dundee specific claim relates to the alleged 1888 surrender of lands on the south shore of the St. Lawrence River roughly opposite Cornwall. It consists of approximately 20,000 acres in the most westerly portion of the Province of Quebec, in the area now known as the Township of Dundee. Historically, it was part of the land recognized as set apart for the Mohawks of Akwesasne.

From the early 1800s, the Dundee lands had been leased out to non-Mohawk settlers. Administration of the leases and collection of the rent over the ensuing years was irregular. As leases expired, the Mohawks demanded a return of the lands, which they needed for their own purposes. Because of the mounting pressures between the lessees and the Mohawks, the situation involving the Tsikaristisere/Dundee lands was subject of a federal Commission of Inquiry in 1887.

The following year, the Superintendent General of Indian Affairs came to Akwesasne and proposed to the Mohawks that they surrender their interest in the Tsikaristisere/Dundee lands in exchange for \$50,000 in compensation. An alleged surrender was signed





on February 16, 1888, but the Mohawks maintain that their intention was to reclaim the leased lands gradually rather than surrender them.

The MCA brought the claim to Canada in 1988. The allegations have since been increased, a result of new research, and the claim as it is now was accepted for negotiations by Canada in 2004.

In the present negotiations between Canada and MCA, the parties will be seeking to resolve outstanding issues with respect to the alleged invalid surrender, the alleged inadequate compensation and alleged invalid leases.

The negotiations continue. The joint negotiation table has met twice already in 2012, and more meetings will be scheduled. Canada and the MCA have begun discussing a “lands selection area” for the purchase of replacements lands from the proceeds of a settlement. The lands selection area will be lands that can be added back to reserve after purchase, and in an expedited process.

**RATIFIED FINAL SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT**

**The Kawehnoke-Easterbrook Claim**

The land known as the Easterbrook parcel was leased by Mohawks to an Indian Agent named Solomon Chesley in 1816, whose estate later sold the lease to the Easterbrook family. The occupation of these 200 acres, which separated Kawehnoke from shore to shore, occurred for 118 years, in opposition of the Royal Proclamation of 1763, Indian Affairs policy, two federal court rulings and consistent pressure from community members who knew that the original lease was illegal. This is the history of the Kawehnoke-Easterbrook in its essence.

The MCA filed the original claim with Canada in 1995, though it was not accepted for negotiations until 2004. The MCA began joint negotiations with Canada in 2006, and finalized a proposed settlement agreement in January 2012.

The proposed final settlement agreement was ratified by the community in May 26th, 2012. The settlement agreement is for the amount of \$4,448,932 plus an additional \$567,098 to cover negotiation costs incurred by the MCA.

**LITIGATION**

**The 1796 Treaty Claim**

Also known as the “U.S. Claim,” the 1796 Treaty Claim is for land that was illegally surrendered by Mohawks. The MCA, the Mohawk Nation Council of Chiefs and the St. Regis Mohawk Tribe are litigants in a land claim filed in the U. S. Federal Court against the State of New York, the New York Power Authority and others for lands, islands and resources belonging to the Mohawks of Akwesasne. The original land claim was filed in 1982 by the MCA and the SRMT and MNCC filed together in 1989. The court enjoined the parties in 1992.

Since 1992, negotiations were implemented and court was put in abeyance. The parties reached a proposed final settlement agreement in 2005, which was ratified in a referendum by the community. The settlement has not yet been accepted by either the State of New York or the Federal Government. As such, Franklin and St. Lawrence counties have moved to dismiss the case.

Oral arguments by both parties against the motion to dismiss were heard in Albany in 2011, and Judge Lowe did not decide on the motion before his retirement in early 2012. A new judge has been assigned to the case, and has denied a request to rehear the oral arguments against the motion to dismiss pending her review of the testimony. We await her decision. MCA legal counsel is optimistic of the judge’s decision, as case law in other Native claims, although not in favor of the First Nation plaintiffs, does not affect this case, as it has different allegations and very different circumstances.

**Seaway Claim**

The Seaway Claim was originally brought in 1976. The Discovery process of the Seaway Litigation began in February 2009, and continues to date.

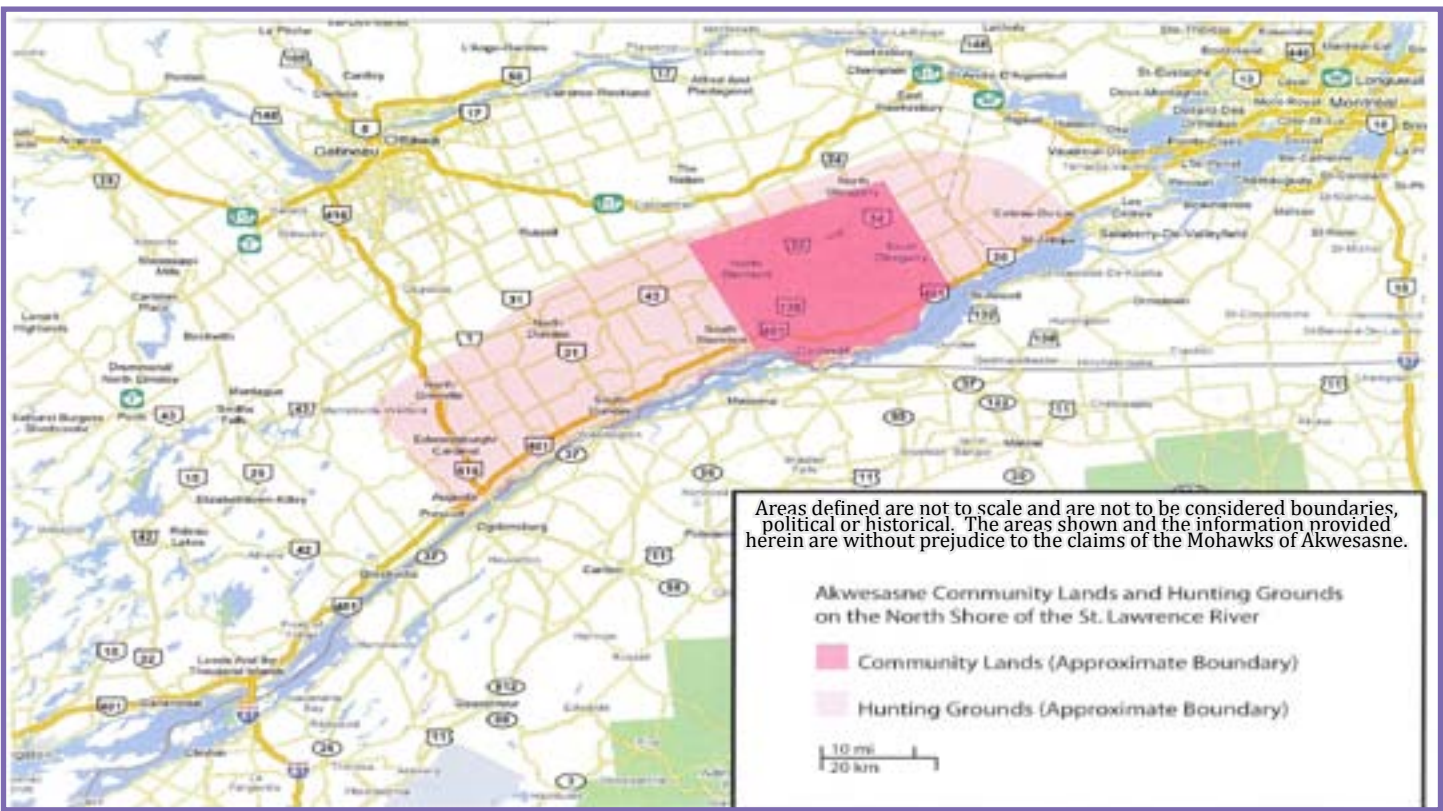
The late Salli Benedict served as representative witness in 2011.

The process for examinations of Brian David is currently being underway.

**CLAIMS SUBMITTED TO CANADA**

**The North Shore (map opposite page)**

The lands on the North Shore of the St. Lawrence Riv-



er, from approximately Pointe au Beaudet QC to Long Sault, ON, were historically farmed and hunted by the Mohawks. A French deed granted in the early 1700s by Father Gordon of Quebec assured the lands’ ownership. Beginning in the early 1800s, after the War of 1812, soldiers began both squatting on the land and begin granted lands for their service by the Crown.

The lands in the North Shore were never surrendered. The Claim was filed with the Specific Claims on June 18, 2012.

**Baxter and Barnhart Islands**

The basis of the Baxter and Barnhart Islands claim began with a 1790s lease to non-Natives, after which the Boundary Commission of 1822 laid down the political border between Canada and the United States. The line separated the lands of the Mohawks of Akwesasne, and this included the islands of Baxter & Barnhart. In 1823, the State of New York deeded the islands to the Ogden brothers, and evicted the Baxter & Barnhart families, who were later awarded compensation by the state. Akwesasne received compensation for the loss of the islands in the amount of \$5,960 in 1856. This amount pales in comparison not only to the actual market value of the lands, but the subsequent economic uses of the lands.

The Baxter and Barnhart Claim was filed with Canada in May 2012.

**CLAIMS IN RESEARCH**

The MCA currently has 14 claims in the various stages of research:

**The Nutfield Tract Lands**

In 1847, the area north of Cornwall known as the Nutfield Tract was illegally surrendered after decades of lessees’ failure to pay rents to the Mohawks, and the Crown’s failure to ensure the collection and to act to protect the interest of the Mohawks. The claim is in the final stages of research and drafting is almost complete, and may be filed with Canada by 2013.

**The Nutfield Tract Survey**

The 1784 survey of the Nutfield lands, commissioned by the Crown and performed by an incompetent Crown lands surveyor named Patrick McNiff, was flawed. The St. Regis chiefs recognized this flaw, which resulted in the failure to account for approximately 6,000 acres, and hired a skilled Crown surveyor to perform another survey to prove the first was incorrect. The cost of the survey commissioned by the St. Regis Chiefs is the basis of the Nutfield Survey Claim and is a separate claim from the loss of the total tract.



Loon Island

Loon Island is located about four (4) miles west of Lancaster, Ontario. It is approximately twenty-five (25) acres of land that was originally surrounded on all sides by marsh. The marsh has since been dug out, and a causeway built from the mainland to the island.

In 1926, the Exchequer Court ruled that the property at Hamilton Island, a few miles west of Loon Island, was part of the Indian Reserve covered by the Royal Proclamation of 1763, which protected all Indian lands.

This claim is being researched for filing with Canada as a specific claim, the allegations of which would be based on its being unsurrendered land, and Canada’s failure to protect the interest of the Mohawks.

Cornwall Port Lands

The Cornwall Port lands are the subject of a claim being researched by the MCA because the lands are within the traditional territory of the Mohawks of Akwesasne, which remain part of the Aboriginal territory. The lands are Federally-owned which may soon be divested, and it is the position of the MCA that the Federal Government is obliged to return it to Reserve status.

Point au Beaudet

The lands at Pointe au Beaudet were never surrendered, but wound up being occupied by white settlers in the early 1800s , who were later issued location tickets by the Crown. The research on this claim is in its early stages of document collection and database is being developed.

The lands are located on the north shore of the St. Lawrence River, in what is now Quebec, and encompass approximately 2000 acres.

Mouton Island

The 8-acre Mouton Island is also known as Sheep Island, and is located opposite the township of Godmanchester, Quebec. In the early 19th century Indian Affairs issued a location ticket to an Akwesasronon, who in turn leased the island to a white settler. The island was never surrendered or sold, but later the province of Quebec issued a title to the original lessees. The basis of the claim would be the loss of this island and the failure of the Crown to protect the interest of the Mohawks with respect to the island.

Smith Falls

The area of Smith Falls, Ontario has been an historic hunting, fishing & gathering area that has been used by Akwesasronon since time immemorial. The actual acreage is still being researched, as the claim itself is in the early stages of research. The basis of the claim would be Aboriginal Title, which is unextinguished title on lands that the MCA can prove consistent use.

St. Lawrence River

The islands of the St. Lawrence River are not the only losses incurred over the years. The basis of a claim in research is the losses incurred over the Mohawks alienation from their traditional use of the river as a result of non-Native occupation and use of unsurrendered lands along the shores of the St. Lawrence River.

Annual Presents from the King

In 1764, the King of England proclaimed that, because of their pre-European-contact presence on the lands, the First Nations of Canada would be granted an inventory of supplies annually for “as long as the sun shines and the rivers flow.” The cache would be annually distributed until the early-1800s, after which there is no evidence that the government continued to grant them.

The historical research into this claim is being re-examined this year, and the claim will be forwarded for a legal analysis before it can advance.

Sheek Island

In 1901, the St. Lawrence Power Company is built approximately 62 acres was leased on the eastern part of Sheek Island, which is an unsurrendered island of Akwesasne. The basis of the claim is the loss of use of this part of the island and the illegal establishment of the power company without consideration of the original owners.

The island is part of the settlement with OPG, and is being returned. The claim in research is for the loss of the use of this land, and for the failure of the Crown to protect our interest.

Godmanchester Line

The land in the Godmanchester Line is a triangular area of about 1500 acres was originally part of the Dundee lands that belong to Mohawks, and were sep-

arated through an inaccurate survey commissioned by the Crown in 1840s. The lands were never surrendered, and are separate from the Dundee claim because the details and allegations were found by the MCA after the original filing of the claim.

Akwesasne Land Transaction Affected by Governance

The evolution of the government at Akwesasne was affected by the external politics that surrounded it. The staggered and affected political atmosphere that resulted undoubtedly affected the transactions that took place between Akwesasne leadership and external governments and individuals. This is the basis of this claim is the failure of the Crown to protect our interest through its imposition of the Indian Act Band Council, which inevitably weakened the internal structure of Akwesasne.

This claim is in its very early stages, but is currently being pursued by the MCA.

St. Regis Islands Act

The St. Regis Islands Act was enacted in 1927 by Canada in order to protect the interest of the Mohawks on their islands in the St. Lawrence. It made it illegal to engage in leases with First Nations with respect to their islands. Any lease subsequent to the 1927 Act was illegal, and the failure of Canada to protect the interest of the Mohawks is the basis for this claim.

The claim narrative has been developed, and further research is being done before it is forwarded for legal review and opinion.

ADDITIONS TO RESERVE

The MCA is currently in the process of adding lands back to Reserve status. The process by which this is done is through the Addition to Reserve Policy (ATR) of Canada, and it allows for lands that are currently outside of reserve boundaries to gain, or in the 3 cases presently being processed by the MCA, regain, Reserve status.

The three files undergoing the Additions to Reserve process are:

The Four (4) Islands returned under the 2008 settlement agreement with OPG: Presquille, Adams, Tous-saint and Sheek. These islands will be confirmed as Reserve status after the ATR process is complete.

Tsikastinakwahere/Cairn Island: This island has a great cultural significance to our people, and was never sold, leased or surrendered. In 1842, the Glengarry Militia built a monument on the island, which, after several unsuccessful years of trying to purchase it from Akwesasne, later led to the island being expropriated by Canada in 1922. The island was later named a national historic site. After many years of negotiations, Canada has agreed to return Cairn Island to Akwesasne. The ATR process is in its initial stages.

The Block 1 lands are a group of lands that were negotiated outside of the Seaway Claim to be returned to Reserve status. The ATR Process for the return of these lands is ongoing, though it is in its final stages. The MCA ATR Working Group hopes to have the administrative return of the Block 1 lands complete by the end of the fiscal year 2012/13.

Support a Drug Free Community!



An initiative of the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne's Substance Abuse Strategy.

# SUBSTANCE ABUSE EMERGENCY NUMBERS

<b>Wholistic Health &amp; Wellness</b> <i>(Addictions &amp; Counseling)</i> (613) 575-2341 ext. 3100	 <b>Mohawk Police &amp; Ambulance</b> (613) 575-2000	<b>CRIMESTOPPERS</b> (613)575-2255	 <b>ONEN'TO:KON TREATMENT SERVICES</b> (450) 479-8353
 <b>Ionkwanonhsasetsi Adolescent Treatment Center</b> (613) 932-5050	<b>MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS LINE</b> 1-866-996-0991	<b>Cornwall Detox Withdrawal Management Services</b> (613) 938-8506	 <b>Grandparent's Support Group</b> (613) 575-2341 ext.3100
<b>Iethinesten:ha Family Violence Program</b> (613) 937-4322	 <b>Akwesasne Eagle Watch</b> <i>Promoting a Safe and Drug free Akwesasne</i> 	<b>Akwesasne Child &amp; Family Services</b> (613) 575-2341 ext. 3308 (613) 575-2000 (After Hours)	 <b>ASEO-STEOP</b> <small>ADDITION SERVICES OF EASTERN ONTARIO</small> (613) 936-9236 (800) 272-1937



# Aboriginal Affairs Minister Wynne Visits Akwesasne

Submitted By Rachel Roundpoint Kana:takon District Chief

On May 25th, the staff at the Kawehno:ke Water Treatment Plant got a special visitor: the Minister of Aboriginal Affairs, Kathleen Wynne. When she arrived, she noted how beautiful the land and water of Akwesasne is and even walked to the bank to get a good look of the river. Clayton Barnes, Operator in Charge of the Water Plant Facility, gave her a tour and answered any questions she had. She inquired about the operations, how many people are on the water line, and when the remainder of the community would be hooked up. Minister Wynne was very friendly



Ontario Minister Kathleen Wynne (Second from Right) Visits Kawehno:ke Water Treatment Plant

and eager to learn about the water plant and Barnes noted "from her questions...I could tell she is very interested in safe drink water for First Nations people." Minister Wynne also visited all three districts

of Akwesasne to see all of the government facilities. The visit proved highly successful, and everyone was glad she came for a visit!

## Mohawk Council Signs Cultural Agreement

Submitted By Rachel Roundpoint Kana:takon District Chief

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne signed a Cultural Agreement in partnership with Minister of Culture, Communications and the Status of Women, Conference Regionale Des Elus De La Vallee-du-Haut-Saint-Laurent and the Secretariat Aux Affaires Autochtones with the purpose of preserving culture, art and heritage at Akwesasne. As part of the term is to complete a Cultural Portrait of Akwesasne and carry out Akwesasne community cultural projects.

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne has contracted with the North Native American Travelling College (NNATC) to carry out this year's goals and objectives of the Agreement. They include delivering cultural presentations on basket making, and dancing, workshops covering pack basketry, fancy basketry

and beading. All upcoming workshops will be rotated amongst districts.

The Cultural Portrait of Akwesasne will serve as the basis of expanded interaction between the Akwesasne Arts community and our surrounding municipalities for possible partnerships and stronger collaborative ties. The Cultural Portrait will also support the enhancement of cultural arts as well as the use of the Mohawk language.

The Ministries are pleased with the results and collaboration of the existing Agreement and the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne are in the process of receiving a two-year extension.

# Kawehno:ke District Chief Abram Benedict Update

## Akwesasne Child and Family Service (ACFS)

Over the past several months, I have been working with the Director and Assistant Director of the Department of Community and Social Services, along with Program Manager of Akwesasne Child and Family Services (ACFS). We are working towards lobbying the Ontario Government for funding to cover the costs related to the expansion of Kanonhkwa'tsheri:io. This expansion is to accommodate the additional staff of ACFS. A few meetings have been established with Ontario Ministers who sit on the Treasury Board/Management Board of the Cabinet. The purpose of these meetings is to brief the Ministers on Akwesasne's capital request, and to garner the support from the Treasury Board MPPs.

As part of the conditional Children's Aid Society designation received in September 2011, the ACFS needed to meet stipulated conditions by May 31, 2012 in order to be considered for full designation. These conditions included (1) ensuring that ACFS policies and procedures comply with applicable legislation, (2) that ACFS implements an information management system and a financial system, (3) that staff of the ACFS require specific training and (4) that a protocol agreement is to be developed for use with other agencies, then implemented, to ensure the necessary cooperation and communication are in place for the ACFS to operate as a fully designated Children's Aid Society. As of May 31, 2012 all of the required conditions have been met and submitted to the Ontario Ministry of Child and Youth Service. The Ministry will now review the information and provided there are no issues with the submission, Akwesasne should have full designation by August 2012.

## Recent Donations of Council

\$2000 donation to the Iroquois Lacrosse Association (ILA) to assist in travel costs to attend the Annual Canadian Lacrosse Association General Meeting in Alberta, \$1000 donation to the Vietnam moving wall being hosted by the American Legion Post 1479 on July 19th-24th, 2012, \$500 to the Louis E King Annual Softball Tournament, \$35,000 to Akwesasne



Wolves Hockey Club to assist with operating cost for the 2012/2013 season, \$1000 donation to a community member for medical expenses, \$1000 to the Akwesasne Boys & Girls Club annual golf tournament, \$2500 to a community member for expense relating to private secondary school tuition.

Over the past six years, I have held the education portfolio and always enjoy visiting our schools, attending events and hearing and seeing all of our young leaders talk about their achievements. Over the past six years, our education system has made tremendous strides; as a parent and as a former student of AMBE, I have witnessed this first hand. This would not have become a reality without the dedication of our teachers, staff and ultimately, without the support of our community. Our 25 years of local control of education is a model for other first nations and is something to be proud of. The MCA General Elections are quickly approaching; with that comes to an end of the Councils term for 2009-2012. I would like to thank the District of Kawehno:ke and the Community of Akwesasne for the opportunity and privilege to serve as an elected leader for our community. Niawenkowa.





# Mohawk Council of Akwesasne Resolutions (MCRs)

## May 2012

### May 1, 2012 Special Meeting

2012/2013 - #040 Rescind duplicate acceptance of three sets of SMM

Vote: For-8; Against-0; Abstentions-0 CARRIED

2012/2013 - #041 Agree to use funding provided to continue Akwesasne Non-Insured Health Services

Vote: For-8; Against-0; Abstentions-0 CARRIED

2012/2013 - #042 De-commit DOH funding from Minister of Health for Health Canada

Vote: For-8; Against-0; Abstentions-0 CARRIED

2012/2013 - #043 Approve Service Contract for Cultural Counselor

Vote: For-8; Against-0; Abstentions-0 CARRIED

2012/2013 - #044 Approve MCA Summer Youth Employment Program

Vote: For-8; Against-0; Abstentions-0 CARRIED

2012/2013 - #045 Accept and approve Healthy Homes Initiative budget

Vote: For-2; Against-4; Abstentions-2 DENIED

### May 8, 2012 Special Meeting

2012/2013 - #046 Approve agreement with Ministry of Education Ontario

Vote: For-6; Against-0; Abstentions-0 CARRIED

2012/2013 - #047 Approve and accept General Referendum Regulations

Vote: For-6; Against-0; Abstentions-0 CARRIED

2012/2013 - #048 Approve Cornwall Island OVS lot 112-8 allotment

Vote: For-6; Against-0; Abstentions-0 CARRIED

2012/2013 - #049 Approve and accept Special Meeting Minutes dated Onerahtókha/April 3, 2012

Vote: For-6; Against-0; Abstentions-0 CARRIED

### May 15, 2012 Special Meeting

2012-2013 - #050 Approve transfer of Indian Registry No. From Six Nations to Akwesasne

Vote: For-11; Against-0; Abstentions-0 CARRIED

2012-2013 - #051 Approve Dept. of Oceans & Fisheries permit for marine navigation light (2010-2015)

Vote: For-11; Against-0; Abstentions-0 CARRIED

2012-2013 - #052 Approve Ontario Hydro permit for ice boom anchor and cable (2010-2015)

Vote: For-11; Against-0; Abstention-0 CARRIED

2012-2013 - #053 Approve Ontario Hydro permit for ice boom anchor and cable (2005-2010)

Vote: For-11; Against-0; Abstention-0 CARRIED

2012/2013 - #054 Support AMBE After-School Program and allocate budget

Vote: For-11; Against-0; Abstention-0 CARRIED

2012/2013 - #055 Approve agreement for Akwesasne FASD & Child Nutrition Program

Vote: For-9; Against-2; Abstention-0 CARRIED

2012/2013 - #056 Approve submission of Baxter & Barnhart Island Claim to AANDC

Vote: For-11; Against-0; Abstention-0 CARRIED

2012/2013 - #057 Approve Healthy Homes Initiative revised 2012/2013 budget

Vote: For-9; Against-1; Abstention-1 CARRIED

2012/2013 - #058 Accept reports and data submitted by Healthy Homes Initiative Project Team

Vote: For-9; Against-1; Abstention-1 CARRIED

2012/2013 - #059 Accept revised Akwesasne Membership Board Charter

Vote: For-11; Against-0; Abstention-0 CARRIED

### May 22, 2012 Special Meeting

2012-2013 - #060 Approve and authorize Working Group for Akwesasne Credit Union

Vote: For-8; Against-0; Abstentions-0 CARRIED

2012-2013 - #061 Approve Akwesasne Law Enactment Procedural Regulation

Vote: For-8; Against-0; Abstentions-0 CARRIED

2012-2013 - #062 Approve donation of to Akwesasne Wolves

Vote: For-8; Against-0; Abstention-1 CARRIED

2012-2013 - #063 Rescind MCR 2011/12 - #025 community member declined new construction loan

Vote: For-8; Against-1; Abstention-0 CARRIED

2012/2013 - #064 Accept Housing Authority recommendation to approve community member loan

Vote: For-9; Against-0; Abstention-0 CARRIED

2012/2013 - #065 Accept Housing Authority recommendation to approve community members' loan

Vote: For-9; Against-0; Abstention-0 CARRIED

2012/2013 - #066 Release Island Revenue funds held in trust by AANDC for fiscal year 2004/05

Vote: For-8; Against-0; Abstention-1 CARRIED

2012/2013 - #067 Release Island Revenue funds held in trust by AANDC for fiscal year 2005/06

Vote: For-7; Against-0; Abstention-2 CARRIED

2012/2013 - #068 Release Island Revenue funds held in trust by AANDC for fiscal year 2008/09

Vote: For-7; Against-0; Abstention-2 CARRIED

2012/2013 - #069 Release Island Revenue funds held in trust by AANDC for fiscal year 2009/10

Vote: For-6; Against-1; Abstention-2 CARRIED

2012/2013 - #070 Release Island Revenue funds held in trust by AANDC for fiscal year 2010/11

Vote: For-7; Against-0; Abstention-2 CARRIED

2012/2013 - #071 Ratification/signing of PSAC Collective Agreement

Vote: For-4; Against-2; Abstention-3 DENIED

### May 29, 2012 Special Meeting

2012-2013 - #072 Recognize dollars allocated for the National Child Reinvestment Fund

Vote: For-10; Against-0; Abstention-0 CARRIED

2012-2013 - #073 Accept Housing Authority recommendation to replace member on New Construction listing

Vote: For-10; Against-0; Abstention-0 CARRIED

2012/2013 - #074 Approve community business for Akwesasne Economic Development Fund

Vote: For-8; Against-0; Abstention-2 CARRIED

2012/2013 - #075 Approve amendment to Akwesasne Area Management Board contract

Vote: For-6; Against-1; Abstention-2 CARRIED

2012/2013 - #076 Allocate funds to Elder's Emergency Housing Fund

Vote: For-8; Against-2; Abstention-0 CARRIED

2012/2013 - #077 Approve to proceed to Review phase of Kanonhkwa'tsherí:io 1st floor renovations, designate Project Team and hire Functional Programmer

Vote: For-10; Against-0; Abstention-0 CARRIED

2012/2013 - #078 Acknowledge CRO statement of results of KESAR attached

Vote: For-10; Against-0; Abstention-0 CARRIED

2012/2013 - #079 Declare petition for the removal of AMPS Officer null and void due to inadequate number of eligible signatures as reported by the Dept. of Justice Director

Vote: For-10; Against-0; Abstention-0 CARRIED

2012/2013 - #080 Establish a Working Task Group to review and update MCA Good Standing Policy

Vote: For-10; Against-0; Abstention-0 CARRIED



# MCA Honors Dedicated Employees With Long Service Recognition Luncheon

On May 25, 2012, family, friends, managers, directors and co-workers gathered at the Kanatakon Recreation Center to honor Mohawk Council of Akwesasne employees that have committed between ten and forty years of dedicated service. In any organization, the most important resource is its employees. People are and always will be the greatest asset. These individuals proved to be an imperative member of the team, and their abilities and contributions will be an important part of MCA's continued success. On behalf of the community and the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne, we would like to send out a Nia:wen for your many years of service and commitment.

## Honored Former Employees:

Salli Benedict  
Susie Benedict  
Charlene Boots  
Martha Lafrance  
Louie Lazore

## 10 years

-John Adams  
-Delia Thompson  
-Darlene Francis  
-Lynn Tarbell  
-Candace Two-Bulls  
-Dolsie Thompson  
-Ellison King  
-Tricia Benedict  
-Mike Boots  
-Debra Lee Locey  
-Lois Mailhot  
-Sharon Mitchell-Ransom  
-Gilbert Terrance  
-Norma Sunday  
-Leonard Lazore  
-Danielle Oakes  
-Karen Loran  
-Allyson Gagne  
-Brigitte Phillips  
-Sharon Garrow  
-Margaret R. Thompson

- Allison Henderson  
-Jeanine Lazore  
-Robert Firth  
-Aimee Atchison

## 15 years

-Roberta Lazore  
-Russell Hall  
-Harold Cole  
-Melissa Thompson  
-Katherine Lazore  
-Kariwate Mitchell  
-Allison Lazore  
-Leroy Swamp  
-Sheryl Lazore (Iakhihsotha)  
-Sheree Bonaparte  
-Maureen Benedict  
-Robert Thompson  
-Wendy Adams  
-Kim Ransom-Herne  
-Carolyn Francis  
-Allyson Lamesse  
-Cheryl Rourke  
-Angie Barnes  
-Lori Lazore  
-Mary King  
-April Benedict

## 20 years

-Angela Thompson  
-Winona Tarbell  
-Kevin Nanticoke  
-Saka Pembleton  
-Rebecca Green  
-James Sunday  
-Helen Jones  
-Joseph Francis  
-Lynn Roundpoint  
-Patrick Pyke  
-Barbara Seymour  
-Joan Cook

## 25 years

-Velma Cook  
-Darlene Cook  
-Hilda King  
-Donna Benedict  
-Florence Phillips

## 30 years

-Joan Phillips

## 35 years

-Edward Mitchell

## 40 years

-Jean Benedict



Grand Chief Mike Mitchell Congratulates Dedicated Employees



Barry Montour, Jean Benedict, Sheree Bonaparte



Sheree Bonaparte and Lynn Roundpoint



Sheree Bonaparte, Kathy Lazore, Denise Collins



Daniel Bruyere, Cheryl Rourke, Sheree Bonaparte



Sheree Bonaparte and Angie Barnes



Sheree Bonaparte, Darlene Francis, Lynn Roundpoint



# Akwesasne Justice Department Update

## Akwesasne Laws

The Working Task Group on the Draft Akwesasronon Ionkwa:iontahtshera (Akwesasne Matrimonial Property Law) is nearing its completion. Once the draft has gone through its final edits, it will be presented to the Council for acceptance in principle and will follow the Law Enactment Procedural Regulation.

An Akwesasne Law Registry has been created through a small grant the Department received from INAC. At the moment, staff is busy working on certifying true copies of all Akwesasne Laws. Once this is completed, anyone can request a copy of the law through the Akwesasne Justice Department.

The Working Task Group on the Akwesasne Mohawk Court Law is also well underway. The WTG is targeting the end of summer for its completion.

Other Working Task Groups: Akwesasne Traffic Law; Akwesasne Conservation Law; Akwesasne Tobacco Law.

## MCA General Elections

Training was completed for the Chief Electoral Officer and the Deputy Electoral Officers on the Akwesasne Election Law and the process for Mohawk Council of Akwesasne general elections.

Training was also completed for the Akwesasne Election Appeal Board Members on the Akwesasne Election Law and the appeal process.

Any CBSA complaints have been transferred over to the Mohawk Government office. If there are any complaints regarding the Canada Border Service Agency, please call the Mohawk Government offices at 613 575 2348.

Mohawk Council of Akwesasne General Elections will be June 23, 2012. In order to vote in the MCA general elections, please note where the voting list is.

Attached is a report from the Chief Electoral Officer. The Voters List will be finalized on Thursday June 21

at 9 a.m. No further revisions will be made after this date.

If you are not on the list, you will not be able to vote. It is the responsibility of all Voters to ensure their name is on the Voters List.

Please bear in mind the MCA general elections eligible Voters List is by District residency.

## Staffing Changes

William Phillips will be retiring at the end of June as the Native Court Worker. His work, his professionalism and his humor will be missed by all at the Akwesasne Justice Department.

Lelan Clute is Acting Compliance Officer for six weeks. He will be on patrol with Josh Mitchell who is also Acting Compliance Officer. Welcome Lelan.

Kyrie Ransom competed and is the successful candidate for the Receptionist/Clerk position. Kyrie knowledge on MCA systems is a great asset to the Department and is very organized, as well as getting our files organized. Welcome Katsitsiakatste.

We will have three summer student positions that have been filled. Thank you all who have applied.



# Office of the Chief Electoral Officer

Voting for MCA general elections will be held on June 23, 2012, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

## Please note Polling Station Locations:

**Kanatakon: St. Regis Recreation**

**Tsi Snaihne: Snye Recreation**

**Kawehnoke: Tri District Elders**



You may call the Justice Department to inquire if you are on the Voters List. If you are not on the Voters List and wish to be on it, you must fill an Application to Voters List (Schedule "G") and a Voter Declaration (Schedule "H"). An interview will be conducted by the Chief Electoral Officer. You must be an eligible

## Voter List available at following locations:

### Kanatakon

Butters Store  
Currency Exchange  
St. Regis Post Office

### Tsi Snaihne

Hums Store  
OK Den  
Short Stop Convenience Store

### Kawehnoke

Bank of Montreal  
Jocks Store  
Garney's Store

Voter in accordance with Akwesasne Election Law, section 7. (1).

*Deadline for submissions to the Voters List is June 21, 2012 at 8:30 a.m. to give time for an interview. Although offices are closed that day, I can be reached at 613 551 1622.*

# MCA General Election Official Candidates

## Grand Chief

Timothy "Dooley" Thompson

Ronald "Minnows" Sunday

Michael Kanentakeron Mitchell

## District of Kana:takon

Florence Phillips  
Marion Adams  
Michael Wishe Adams  
Rachel Roundpoint  
Steve Thomas  
Theresa Jacobs  
Thomas "Baseball" Johnson  
Larry King  
Julie Phillips-Jacobs

## District of Tsi Snaihne

April Adams Phillips  
Dwayne Thomas  
Esther C. Jock  
Harvey Arquette, Sr.  
Joseph Lazore  
Josephine Herne  
Karen Loran  
Morris John Adams  
Regina Jacobs  
Tanya Lazore-Square  
Theresa Thompson  
William "Bill" Sunday

## District of Kawehno:ke

Louise Thompson  
Wesley Benedict  
Abram Benedict  
JoAnne Jocko  
Roger Thompson  
Vincent Thompson  
Donna Delormier  
Jennifer Boots  
Matthew Jordan Thompson  
Kateri Benedict  
Shirelle Jacobs-Tahy  
Brian W. David  
Darcy Day



## MCA Offers Summer Youth Employment Program

For the second consecutive year, the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne has provided Akwesasne youth with summer employment. At the Council's request, this year, the Summer Youth Employment Program changed its eligibility criteria. The new criteria for the program is to be a member of the Mohawks of Akwesasne, have a valid SIN card and simply be a youth, which ranges from the ages of 14-29 years.

In making these changes, the program is able to continue providing work experience to those who are in school, as well as inspiring those not in school to continue their education as they gain new skills in a work field that is of interest to them. In doing so, the program is able to follow its motto of "empowering our youth through positive employment opportunities with MCA!"

The program's aim is to employ 40 youth for the summer of 2012. A total of 25 youth between the ages of 19-29 years are to be employed for approximately 12 weeks, beginning June 4th and ending August 24th. Also, 15 youth between the ages of 14-18 years will be hired for a period of eight weeks starting July 3rd and ending August 24th.

As some of you may know, the program's 19-29 age category have been employed. So please welcome them aboard!



*Hannah Garrow, Executive Services, Administrative Assistant*



*Kaylynn Adams, Operational Support Prgm, Clerk/Receptionist*



*Victoria Ransom, Summer Student Coordinator*



*Theresa Benedict, Mohawk Government, Admin. Assistant*

## Learn Before You Burn!

Although burning trash is common in some rural areas, many cities have laws against the practice. Akwesasne does not have a bylaw against burning trash; however, you should always be courteous to Mother Earth and your neighbors by following safe garbage burning methods.

**Before you decide to start burning your trash, please consider these facts:**

- Burning plastic, rubber or other man-made materials creates dioxin and other dangerous toxins in the air, soil & groundwater. This endangers you, your children, your neighbors, your pets, birds and fish – with tumors, cancer, learning disorders, infertility, immune system problems, asthma, and other diseases. Children, teenagers & pregnant women are at the highest risk. The resulting ash is also toxic and can easily get into the ground and your well water.
- Backyard burning of trash in a barrel, pile or outdoor boiler releases smoke into the air. The content of the smoke depends on the trash that went into the fire, the temperature of the fire and the available oxygen.
- Trash fires in burn barrels can smolder and as a result produce greater amounts of harmful chemicals in the smoke. Harmful chemicals can also be present in the ash.
- Trash containing plastics, polystyrene (such as foam cups), CCA pressure-treated wood and bleached or colored papers can produce harmful chemicals when burned. For example, when CCA pressure-treated wood (which contains arsenic) is burned, arsenic can be released in the smoke or remain in the ash.
- Just 2 to 40 household burn barrels emit many of the most dangerous toxins at the same level as emitted from a 200-ton per day incinerator facility that serves 20,000 households.
- A healthy person may suffer non-specific reactions from burnboxes or barrels including burning eyes, headaches, nausea, fatigue, dizziness and other symptoms. Some may develop an allergic hypersensitivity if the dose is high enough.
- Acids and other chemicals emitted by trash fires can cause severe bronchio-constriction in asthmatics and can increase the breathing difficulty



of those with emphysema. The irritation of the lungs can reduce the amount of oxygen available to the heart and lungs- and can be dangerous for elders and those with heart disease.

- Even if you do not suffer immediate effects, the damage to your health can be more serious the longer you are exposed to the smoke. The effects can include damage to your lungs, nervous system, kidneys and liver. Chronic diseases like bronchitis, emphysema and most cancer can take 20 years to develop and can be caused by low exposures to smoke and toxins which originally appeared harmless.

### What is safe to burn?

Ideally, you shouldn't burn anything, other than for cooking food or heating your house. Burning leaves, plant clippings, paper, cardboard, and clean, unpainted, untreated wood is less hazardous than plastics – but is still not a healthy practice.

### What's the alternative?

Dispose of man-made materials at the dump. Compost leaves & garden waste, and Reduce, reuse & recycle.

Reduce: buy in bulk or larger quantities; demand less packaging on the products you buy. Reuse: find someone else who can use it, have a yard sale, or donate it to a resale organization. Recycle: paper, cardboard, metal and acceptable plastics.

Compost: use a composter - or just let your garden waste decompose in a heap in a corner of your yard.



## 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Kids 4 Fishing: A Success!

Mohawk Council has proudly sponsored an event designed to revive the art of fishing for the youth of Akwesasne. Cpl. P.J. Burns of the St. Regis Mohawk Tribal Police Department has hosted the 2nd annual Kids 4 Fishing event on May 11th. Kids 4 Fishing was held at the Fountains Woods Campsite and 30 lucky kids were able to attend.

Sign ups were held this past spring and over 70 children had their hopes on attending. Ten spots were held for children with special needs and the remaining twenty spots were randomly drawn live on CKON.

The kids enjoyed presentations on drug and alcohol prevention, boater safety, species of the environment, and introduction to the different types of rods and reels. Lunch was provided following the presentations. The anticipation slowly built up as kids lined up to receive their tackle box and lures, life jacket, rod and reel- all from contributions made by the sponsors of this event. Parents and children stood ashore watching as Pro-Fisherman began to load their bass boats into the water. The children anxiously waited for their turn on the boat so they could try out their new gear and put their fishing skills to the test.

Ending the day was a weigh-in for the top small mouth bass. Tazz Oakes managed to land a 4lb 11oz bass, taking the top honors. Second went to Jake Jock who pulled in a 4lb 9oz bass, Tiana Back rounding out the top three with a 4lb bass.

Cpl. Burns, guest speakers, special guests, and kids alike would agree that the 2nd Annual Kids 4 Fishing event was a success indeed.

### 2nd Annual Kids 4 Fishing sponsors:

Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe Police, Akwesasne Mohawk Police, Cook's Greenery, Truck Stop #9, Mohawk Racing Parts, McEwen Gas, MCA-Wholistic Health and Wellness, Mohawk Council of Akwesasne- Community Health, SRMT-A/CDP Prevention Program, Bulla-n-Joes Tent Rentals, Pepsi-Cola, Coca-Cola, Divalissa's Treats, Akwesasne Community Partnership Fund, G-Loomis, Venom Lures, Lakefork Trophy Lures, Shimano



Participant Stands with Gear  
Courtesy of Sponsors



Two Smiling Participants Proudly Display Their Fish



Small Mouth Bass Weigh-In Winners: Tazz Oakes,  
Jake Jock, Tianna Back

## Wildlife Adventure

If you're looking for a nearby, eco-friendly adventure, you and your family ought to consider the nearby Tentsitewaiena "Working Together Again" experience. This partnership exists between Tsiiontoratstha (Lake St. Francis Wildlife Area), Ionkwanikonriio (Thompson Island), and Tsiionhiakwatha (Drouler's Archaeological Site).

Closest to us, only 5 miles from Fort Covington, is Tsiiontoratstha. This wildlife area is located at Frasers Point, QC and there is plenty of signage as you drive east on Rt. 132 from the Customs House toward the site. Since 1982, Tsiiontoratstha has been designated as a RAMSAR- designated protected wetlands site. Among the 98 bird species that nest there are the ospreys, a large fish-eating bird of prey. A special observation tower allows you to see the birds in their nest. Ospreys nest for 55 days, so you can see the babies peek their heads out of the nest for much of the summer.

In the Visitors Centre are displays of various land, water and sky animals. Children are encouraged to handle bird feathers and animal skeletons on the Touching Table. Various Kaniatarowanenneh (St. Lawrence River) fish species and other aquatic animals have been preserved and are displayed on the wall. Outside the Visitors Centre is a boardwalk leading to the Osprey Observation tower and several hiking trails. Tsiiontoratstha is eco-friendly with compostable toilets and a 3Rs (reduce, reuse, recycle) policy.

If you go on the trails, be prepared to see opossums, rabbits, chipmunks, squirrels, beavers, porcupines, foxes, coyotes, raccoons, frogs and toads, turtles and snakes. There are 106 species of trees and shrubs at Tsiiontoratstha. Among these are the White Pine, White Birch, Red Oak, Silver Maple, White Ash, Black Ash, Butternut, Slippery Elm and Hazelnut. But beware of the poison ivy! Wear long sleeves and sturdy shoes when you go.

Alexandre Venne and his friendly staff at Tsiiontoratstha can be reached at (450) 264-5908 and their site is open from 9 a.m – 5 p.m. until the end of October. Canoes and kayaks are available, at a nominal fee, for a trip to Ionkwanikonriio on Thompson Island, a distance of a few kilometers paddling on

the Kaniatarowanenneh. Day trips or overnight camping stays can be arranged at Ionkwanikonriio through Bob Stevenson at (613) 930-3941.

As summer approaches, we look forward to being outdoors and a day trip to a nearby location for wildlife viewing, hiking and canoeing might just be the adventure you're looking for!



Bob Stevenson Pumps Fresh Water



Touching Table at Tsiiontoratstha



Canoes Available at Tsiiontoratstha



## URGENT NOTICE

**Indian Residential Schools: Independent Assessment Process (IAP)**  
**Deadline for applying for the Independent Assessment Process**  
**is September 19, 2012.**



- Did you suffer, sexual and physical assaults, which were committed by an adult employee of the residential school or any adult who was lawfully on the premises?
- Did you suffer sexual or physical assault, committed by another student against you at residential school, which case staff knew or should have known about; or where reasonable supervision standards were not in place?
- Did you suffer any other wrongful act(s) committed by an adult employee or any adult lawfully on the premises which has caused you serious psychological consequences?

**Contact us immediately by phone, email or fax; for free preparation and submission of your application.**

**Phone: (613) 667-6262 or (514) 575-5743**

**Fax: (514) 735-4351 or (613) 030-9931**

**Email: [i.amana@justice.com](mailto:i.amana@justice.com)**

**Amana Law Office**  
**812 Pitt Street, Unit 57**  
**Cornwall ON K6J-5R6**

*"Where there is a Wrong – There is a Remedy"*



## *Akwesāhsne Mohawk Board of Education*

*'Te thi ha hon:nien – We make the road for them."*

*Our motto encompasses our vision and mandate of providing our children with the highest quality education possible and "building a road for them" that will lead to success.*

### *2012-2013 Post-Secondary Application Guidelines*

#### *Application Deadlines*

***Fall: Ohiarihkó:wa/July 26, 2012***

***Winter/Spring : Kentenhkó:wa/November 21, 2012***

#### **New Students Need:**

1. Completed AMBE Post-Secondary Application.
2. Mohawk Council of Akwesasne OVS Membership Confirmation Letter.
3. Photocopy of High School Diploma or GED.
4. Essay detailing education and career goals.
5. Institution acceptance letter.
6. Completed Financial Aid Form (if attending a U.S. College), or a tuition bill (if attending a Canadian College).
7. Fall 2012 time table/schedule of classes.

#### **Continuing Students Need:**

- ✓ Completed AMBE Post Secondary Application.
- ✓ Winter/Spring 2012 grades.
- ✓ Fall 2012 time table/schedule of classes.
- ✓ Completed Financial Aid Form (if attending a U.S. College), or a tuition bill (if attending a Canadian College).

#### **Part-Time Students:**

Must be matriculated at a post-secondary institution;  
Be working toward degree completion;  
Submit a part-time post-secondary application by the deadline dates as noted; and  
Submit tuition charges or invoice.

*All fully completed paperwork needs to be submitted to Norma Sunday, Post-Secondary Administrator at the AMBE Office located behind the Peace Tree Mall on Kawehno:ke.  
Norma can be contacted at 613-933-0409 or [norma.sunday@ambe.ca](mailto:norma.sunday@ambe.ca).  
Copies of application and other forms can be found on website: [www.ambe.ca](http://www.ambe.ca).*





## Hazard Help Sheet Road Work Zone Safety

# Road Work Zone Safety Tips

1. In any work zone along any road, **expect the unexpected**. Normal speed limits may be reduced, traffic lanes may be changed, and people and vehicles may be working on or near a road.
2. **Diamond-shaped orange warning signs** are posted in advance of road construction projects. Slow down! Be alert! Pay attention to the signs!
3. In addition to other warning signs, a "flagger ahead" warning sign may be posted in the work zone. When you see this, stay alert and be prepared to obey the flaggers directions. In a work zone, a flagger has the same authority as a regulatory sign, so you can be cited for disobeying his or her directions.
4. **Stay calm**. Work zones aren't there to personally inconvenience you. They're necessary to improve the roads for everyone.
5. You may see flashing arrow panels or "lane closed ahead" signs. Merge as soon as possible. Don't zoom right up to the lane closure, then try to barge in - if everyone cooperates, traffic moves more efficiently. Motorists can help maintain traffic flow and posted speeds by moving to the appropriate lane at first notice of an approaching work zone.
6. **Slow down** when the signs say to. A car traveling 60 mph travels 86 feet per second. If you're going 60 mph, and you pass a sign that states, "Road Work 1,500 Feet," you'll be in that work zone in 17 seconds.
7. The most common crash in a highway work zone is the **rear-end collision**, so remember to leave two seconds of braking distance between you and the car in front of you. The amount of space required to provide two seconds of stopping time will increase the faster you're driving!
8. Keep a **safe distance** between your vehicle and traffic barriers, trucks, construction equipment and workers. Just like you, highway workers want to return home safely after each day's work.
9. Some work zones - like line painting, road patching and mowing are mobile, moving down the road as the work is finished. **Just because you don't see the workers immediately after you see the warning signs doesn't mean they're not out there**. Observe the posted signs until you see the one that states you've left the work zone.
10. Highway agencies use many different and varying ways to inform motorists about the location and duration of major work zones. Often, the agencies will suggest a **detour** to help you avoid the work zone entirely. **Plan ahead, and try an alternate route.**



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#### Administration Building #2

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#### CIA Building #3

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Adolescent Treatment Center	Ext. 1300	Housing	Ext. 2300	Pharmacy	Ext. 3250
Ambulance Unit	Ext. 3121	Human Resources	Ext. 2146	Records Management	Ext. 1202
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Computers	Ext. 2323	Kana:takon School	Ext. 2500		
Community Support Program	Ext. 3262	Kawehno:ke Medical Clinic	Ext. 1110		
Community & Social Services	Ext. 3307	Maintenance/Sanitation	Ext. 3400	<b>OUTSIDE FACILITIES</b>	
Dental Clinic	Ext. 3208	Mohawk Court	Ext. 1026	A'nowara'ko:wa Arena	936-1583
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# Maple Tree Planting Ceremony

Anowarakowa Arena

Kawehno:ke, Akwesasne

Friday, June 22, 2012



## Agenda

11:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Tree Planting Ceremony/Speeches

12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

\*Community BBQ/ Natural Gas Awareness Session

2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Masters Lacrosse Game

Akwesasne Warriors VS. Kahnawake Mohawks



\*Food and Refreshments will be provided

