

Canada-Akwesasne Mark Step in Governance Process

Minister Valcourt Exempts Akwesasne From Federal Legislations



Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Bernard Valcourt (center) and Mohawk Council of Akwesasne Grand Chief Mike Kanentakeron Mitchell, Kawehno:ke District Chiefs Brian David and Louise Thompson, Kana:takon District Chief Steve Thomas, and members of the Entewatatha:wi Program staff and elder's advisory committee attended the AIP signing.

On Monday, November 4, 2013, Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Bernard Valcourt, Minister and Mohawk Council of Akwesasne Grand Chief Mike Kanentakeron Mitchell announced the signing of Agreements-in-Principle on governance and the management of lands. The signings represent significant steps for the Entewatatha:wi (We Will Govern Ourselves) process that is working to give Akwesasne greater control over the decisions that affect the community in a number of key areas.

In signing the AIPS, Grand Chief Mitchell noted, "After years of deliberations with the Department of Indian Affairs, the MCA has come to the conclusion that there are many key elements of the Indian Act that are outdated and no longer useful for our community." He added, "A 15-year community process has also identified that there are only a few elements of the Indian Act that protect our Aboriginal Rights and should be retained."

There were two Agreements-in-Principle signed on November 4th: one is concerning governance, the

other concerning management of lands. The goal on governance is to update the relationship between Canada and the MCA and ensure accountability to the Akwesasne community. The focus is also to provide the Mohawks of Akwesasne with greater control and authority in other key areas of the community, such as lands.

One area that previously hasn't worked for the community of Akwesasne is the election of Chiefs and Council, which was previously presented with

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Wat'kwanonweraton/Greetings

She:kon Sewakwekon:

It is my great pleasure to introduce the November issue of Onkwe'ta:ke to all of you, as we Council members reach the midway point of our 3-year terms. There has been plenty of work to do and I am proud that we've been able to accomplish as much as we have as a Council. Our organization and community are both growing quickly and it's an exciting time because this growth is positive. We are becoming more and more skilled, educated, independent and self-reliant, and we Council members are working hard to ensure our community has all of the resources and services necessary through this growth. We are truly striving for a bright future for the next seven generations.

Several community issues and projects have been the main focus of my work and attention since first being elected in 2009. The first is the Prescription/ Substance Abuse Strategy. Our community members have asked for help in addressing an epidemic in prescription drug use. In 2010, Council passed an MCR making it a priority to address the issue of this rising problem. A committee has been organized and tasked with examining the services that MCA provides and offering suggestions for improvement. Our community and staff have informed us that we need a detox center and a halfway house to help our people before and after they receive in-patient treatment. We need to find the resources and ensure that we can offer these necessary services here in Akwesasne.

Another focus of my time in office has been on the development of a Diagnostic Wellness Centre in the district of Tsi Snaihne. MCA's programs and services are constantly growing and expanding, and it is a natural progression to move toward having key services and access to health care for residents of Tsi Snaihne. I know I will see the day when all of our community members, in all districts, are within reasonable proximity to health care and vital services. We need everyone to support this endeavor, for the betterment of our community. We have grown to need three medical clinics, and we need to keep up with this growth at MCA. A pre-feasibility study has been conducted and we are now in the process of moving forward with MCRs to establish a working task group and conduct proper consultation for use of the blue building on River Road. The major barrier facing us for this project is securing funding.



In 2010, MCA learned of another issue that has proven to be complicated and that is the Quebec Health Contribution. This is actually a tax with a fancy name. Earlier this year I asked Council for the go-ahead to take on this issue and stop Quebec from taxing our community members. The tax is automatically deducted from any tax refunds or other provincial benefits so it is imperative that we find a solution quickly. I've brought the matter to the attention of our Quebec partners and we've tasked our lawyers with exploring the legality, or illegality, of this tax. Several meetings were held throughout the month of October with Quebec and AANDC officials and we are hoping to see progress in this battle soon. In the meantime, we advise community members that if you are paying the fee to notify Revenue Quebec that you are "Paying in Protest."

In recent months, a serious issue has been receiving more attention on the national level and that is violence against aboriginal women. During the UN Special Rapporteur's investigation across Canada last month, a major finding of his research was the alarming issue of missing aboriginal women. In Akwesasne, we are working to prevent violence against our women and have been for many years with great success coming from our Family Wellness Program. Because of the national attention to the issue of missing women, it is an opportune time to learn more ways of educating our young men and women before any serious social issues or epidemics can arise here in Akwesasne as they have in other First Nation communities. I have taken the opportunity to join several groups focused on this topic, including the Chiefs of Ontario First Nation Women's Caucus and the Joint Working Group – Violence against Aboriginal Women (JWG-VAAW) which includes ten ministries and the aboriginal caucus. I'm also an active member of the First Nation Quebec Women's Association which isn't focused on violence, but all issues affecting First Nation women.

We, as Council members, are always trying to find more ways to serve our community. We want our community members to be informed and up to date, and we hope that our Onkwe'ta:ke newsletter has been a useful tool. In the coming months, we will be conducting a series of focus meetings, not to replace our general meeting but to address the need for further discussion and attention to specific topics. We know that it is difficult to attend meetings when we have our families to spend time with, our jobs, sports, and other hobbies and commitments. I sincerely hope to see you at these upcoming meetings so that you can be an active part of the community and the decision-making process that affects you. We as Council members are only here as your representation. We need to hear from you.

Thank you for allowing me to give an update on some of our big endeavors here at MCA and I wish you all an enjoyable winter!

Niawenko:wa,

Chief Karen Loran

Support a Drug Free Community!



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

SUBSTANCE ABUSE EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Wholistic Health & Wellness <i>(Addictions & Counseling)</i> (613) 575-2341 ext. 3100		Mohawk Police & Ambulance (613) 575-2000	CRIMESTOPPERS (613) 575-2255	ONEN'TO:KON TREATMENT SERVICES (450) 479-8353
Ionkwanonhsasetsi Adolescent Treatment Center (613) 932-5050	MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS LINE 1-866-996-0991		Cornwall Hospital Withdrawal Management Services (613) 938-8506	Grandparent's Support Group (613) 575-2341 ext. 3100
IETHINISTEN'HA FAMILY WELLNESS PROGRAM (613) 937-4322	Akwesasne Eagle Watch <i>Promoting a Safe and Drug free Akwesasne</i> facebook		Akwesasne Child & Family Services (613) 575-2341 ext. 3139 (613) 575-2000 (After Hours)	ASEO-STE0 <small>ADDICTION SERVICES OF EASTERN ONTARIO</small> (613) 936-9236 (800) 272-1937

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challenges at nearly every election. As a result, a community referendum was held in 1986 that has since allowed all decisions regarding elections to be dealt with exclusively in the Akwesasne community.

The following year in 1987, the MCA continued to exercise Akwesasne jurisdiction by taking over membership with the end result giving the community the authority to decide who shall be a member of Akwesasne. In the same year, the community took over education and set up the Ahkwesasne Mohawk Board of Education to establish local education criteria for the hiring of teachers and incorporating culture and language into our school's curriculum. Since that time, we have had a graduation rate of 75 to 80 percent, which has placed Akwesasne amongst those communities having the highest graduation rates across the country. With that success behind us, we found that taking over authority and jurisdiction from Indian Affairs works better for the Mohawks of Akwesasne.

Through consultation with the membership, the MCA has been identifying other areas of governance that are deemed important enough for Akwesasne to take over authority and responsibility from the Indian Act. One such area is Land and Estates, which has caused great heartache and frustration for community members over the years due to government officials who know nothing about our customs and traditions, using the Indian Act to make decisions involving the settlement of estates in Akwesasne in the absence of wills.

Following the November 4th signing of the Agreements-in-Principle, the MCA noted that it will continue to identify more key areas of the Indian Act that may be brought before the membership in accordance with our community referendum process, to decide if Akwesasne should continue to exercise more control and take over more authority from Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada.

The most significant accomplishment from the November 4th AIP signing took place during a pre-meeting with Minister Valcourt that was attended by the Grand Chief Mitchell, along with



Tóhsa lonkwá:ti
Kanien'kéha Tewatá:ti
Let's Not Lose It
Let's Speak Mohawk

MESSAGE BY THE MOHAWK COUNCIL OF AKWESASNE
PROMOTING OUR MOHAWK LANGUAGE

MCA District Chiefs Steve Thomas, Brian David and Louise Thompson. It was assurances from Minister Valcourt that Akwesasne will be exempted from unfavorable federal legislation that has been introduced by the Harper Government including; Bill S-8 (Safe Drinking Water for First Nations Act), Bill S-2 (Family Homes on Reserves and Matrimonial Interests or Rights Act), and the proposed First Nations Education Act. The exemption also applies to legislation that has already been passed, such as Bill C-27 (First



AANDC Minister Valcourt and MCA Grand Chief Mitchell formally sign two Agreements-in-Principle for Governance and Relationships and Land and Estates on November 4, 2013.

Nations Financial Transparency Act), Bill S-6 (First Nations Election Act) and other acts that are not in the Akwesasne's best interests.

The MCA noted that Akwesasne has appeared before Standing Committees to make presentations on legislation that concerns Akwesasne. In 2012, a presentation was made on Bill S-2 and the development of the Akwesasne Couples Law before the Senate Standing Committee on Human Rights. A presentation was also made to the Senate Standing Committee on Aboriginal Peoples (May 2012) and the House of Commons Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development (May 2013) on Bill S-8 and submission of a proposal to establish an Akwesasne Water Regulatory Framework.

It was also shared that Akwesasne has put a lot of time into establishing a law-enactment process that includes a community vote for the development of laws and regulations. These efforts are assisted by the Political Protocol that was renewed in 2012 with the Canadian Government that calls for the development of "new and innovative approaches to address Akwesasne's unique circumstances."

As a result of this discussion, the Minister was advised that he could exercise his discretionary powers to exempt Akwesasne from federal legislation—something that is not being provided

to other First Nations. It is on the condition that a community vote is held at the conclusion of Akwesasne's law-enactment process.

There are some elements of the Indian Act that help protect our Aboriginal Rights and will be kept as they continue to serve the best interests of the community. A few items include the continued recognition of our people's tax exemption and protection from seizures. Other areas pertain to future governance and will be decided upon by community members in a referendum that will be held within the next three years.

It is important that the community understands the process and that no change in the present legal arrangement be made without the clear approval of Akwesasne Members. ❖



Changes Along the Entewatathá:wi Process

The smell of wood smoke, crisp mornings, and leaves scattered about all signal that a new season has arrived to the Akwesasne community. Fall has come, bringing change and promise to you, and also for the Nation Building Program and the Entewatathá:wi Process.

As you may know, we have embarked upon a journey that will yield tremendous reward for our community, as we decolonize and take control of our own destiny. This journey has led us toward final negotiations with the Government of Canada – to manage our own affairs when determining how our lands and estates are treated, as well as how we govern ourselves. No more will Canada tell us how we should manage these areas, we will govern – Entewatathá:wi.

We are about to enter into final negotiations with the Government of Canada to conclude the Lands and Estates Sectoral Agreement, and the Governance and Relationship Agreement in Principle, bringing them both to the final agreement stage. After that it's up to you, the entire community of Akwesasne, to pass these agreements in a referendum vote. Between then and now expect regular updates on the status, as well as explanations of what will be. We want you all to understand and come to know these agreements, as they are made with your best interests in mind.

To that end, there have been some changes to the Nation Building Program and we want to welcome two new staff members in the position of Policy Analyst – Ian Oakes and Kelly Jean Thompson.

Ian Oakes is the son of Loren Oakes and Theresa Burns. Oakes recently graduated from the Journalism Program at St. Lawrence College, and while reporting for Indian Time, he has gotten to know many of you. Oakes hopes to continue to work with the community on issues related to the Entewatathá:wi Process. Oakes is committed to seeing our nation thrive, as determined by us, because no one can do it better than we can ourselves!

Kelly Jean Thompson is the daughter of Connie and Jerry Thompson, and is the younger sister to Christopher & Jordan. Thompson has a degree in Native Studies and a Specialization in Environmental Science from Trent University. Thompson has much experience studying and



Entewatathá:wi Staff: Shara Francis-Herne, Kelly Thompson, Program Manager Wendy Adams and Ian Oakes.

working with environmental issues that affect Indigenous communities including Akwesasne. Thompson has a strong interest in working with environmental issues, land disputes and land claims that are evolving within our community, and dedicates her time and effort into learning and helping to improve such issues. When not at work, Thompson enjoys spending lots of time with family members, doing beadwork, tending to medicine plants and playing pool.

So here's to new seasons, change, and continued prosperity for all of us and the many generations to come! ❖

Skennen,

The Entewatathá:wi Team

Tribe Makes \$553,7000 Funding Commitment For Ionkwa'nikonri:io Cultural Youth Camp

On October 10th, the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe's Environment Division presented a \$110,740 check to Mohawk Council of Akwesasne Grand Chief Mike K. Mitchell in support of the operation of the Ionkwa'nikonri:io Cultural Youth Camp on Thompson Island. The contribution represented the first year of a \$553,700 five-year commitment from the Tribe's Environment Division for the Thompson Island Youth Camp.

The Ionkwa'nikonri:io Cultural Youth Camp began over fifteen years ago when Council identified 70 acres on Thompson Island. Since then, Bob Stevenson has spearheaded the development of the camp on the Island. He now serves as camp coordinator and is mentoring with Waylon Cook to eventually take over the responsibilities of camp coordinator.

In 2011, the Ionkwa'nikonri:io Cultural Youth Camp won a tourism award given by the Quebec Tourist Attraction Society for its partnership with

Tsionhiakwatha (Droulers Archaeological Site) and Tsiiontoraththa (Lake Saint-Francis National Wildlife Refuge). The partnership was recognized as the best new tourism product in Quebec. The Ionkwa'nikonri:io Cultural Youth camp annually hosts over 300 students and visitors that attend the different camps held there. In addition to these camps, the environmentally related meetings are held there on a yearly basis.

The funding received from the Tribe will be used to support staff salaries for those operating the camp and will be used to purchase equipment required. A 15-passenger pontoon boat has been purchased with the funds to help transport visitors to the island. A propane stove and refrigerator have also been purchased as there is no electricity on the Island. Publications used by the camp will be updated and printed as well. ❖



(l to r) SRMT Environment Director Ken Jock, MCA Tehotienawakon Director Jim Ransom, SRMT Environment Amber Dawn LaFrance, MCA Environment Peggy Pyke-Thompson, MCA Grand Chief Mike Mitchell, SRMT Environment Waylon Cook, MCA Ionkwa'nikonri:io Cultural Youth Camp Coordinator Bob Stevenson, and Marie Thompson.

Grand Chief's General Meeting Report: October 2013

DEMAND FOR COURT APPEARANCES

There have been three requests received for an appearance and information be provided at three court proceedings over the next few months. More information on the legal action will be provided at future meetings, but the court appearances involve the following issues:

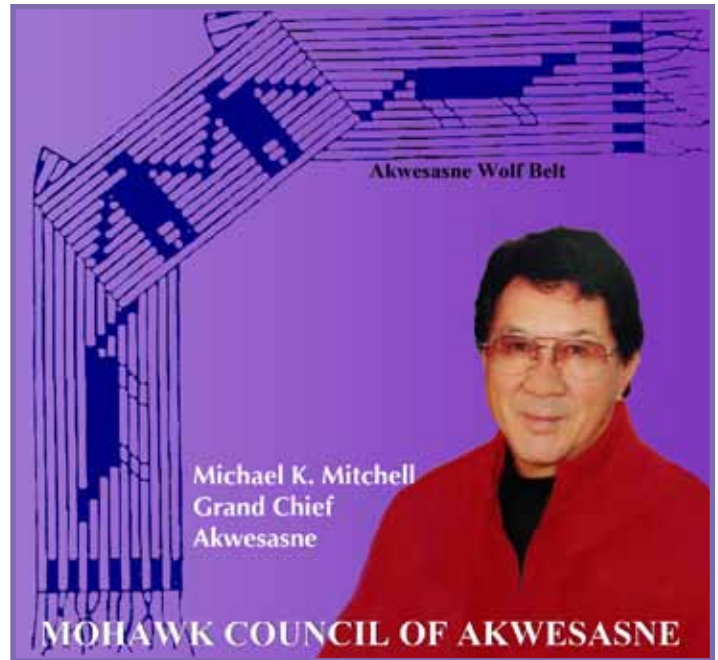
1. Ontario Public Service Employees Union: (Issue) Encroachment of provincial jurisdiction
2. Canadian Human Rights Tribunal Hearing: (Issue) Grand Chief support for Fallan Davis case
3. Seaway Hearing: (Issue) Final litigation commences on seaway claim.

AANDC MINISTER BERNARD VALCOURT

On August 6th, the Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada Bernard Valcourt visited the Akwesasne community to discuss a number of community issues that included economic development initiatives, community infrastructure projects, and the challenges of border crossing. Prior to the Minister's visit, the MCA has been working closely with the CBSA Regional Director to bring an alternative reporting mechanism back to Kawehno:ke, which has been awaiting formal approval from senior-level officials.

Minister Valcourt promised to advocate on Akwesasne's behalf to other members of the Canadian Ministry; however the proroguing of Parliament for one month by Prime Minister Stephen Harper has caused delays in receiving a response to our issues. During this time, Valcourt was able to meet with Public Safety Minister Steven Blaney on October 1st and forwarded MCA's request to host a similar introductory meeting for him in Akwesasne. We have been informed by Minister Valcourt's Office that a response from the Public Safety Minister is forthcoming.

The MCA is also arranging a meeting with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security on the development of a secure identification card for community members. A request has been sent to AANDC's Assistant Deputy Minister on September 30th seeking his help in identifying a senior-level official to join talks aimed at developing standard identification for local residents to use at the U.S. and Canadian Port-of-Entry.



the United Nations Special Rapporteur James Anaya's 9-day visit with First Nations across the country. The Special Rapporteur is traveling across Canada to examine and make recommendations to the United Nations on the Canadian Government's relationship with First Nations.

The MCA presented information on the injustices and human right's violation that Canada has committed against the Akwesasne community, including the failure to consult on federal initiatives. The CBSA did not consult on their arming initiative, closing the border crossing for 42 days, and relocating the reporting requirement to Cornwall. Additionally, The Federal Bridge Corporation and Seaway International Bridge Corporation did not consult with Akwesasne before relocating the toll plaza on Cornwall Island to Cornwall, or shared their future plans for the island's international corridor.

With the assistance of MCA Legal Counsel Micha Menczer and Akwesasne Justice Department Director Joyce King, we spoke about the legal cases and the human right's complaints that have been submitted to the Canadian Human Rights Commission on the duty to report, lack of accommodation for the Akwesasne Ambulance Unit and other emergency personnel, as well as the CBSA's failure to accept other forms of identification card for community members besides the 'INAC' status card.

On October 15th, the UN Special Rapporteur presented

UN SPECIAL RAPPOREUR JAMES ANAYA

On October 7th, Akwesasne served as the first stop for

his initial findings on the situation of First Nations people across the country, with the statement that “There’s a crisis in Canada with regard to indigenous issues.” He will now develop a more-detailed report and present it to the UN Human Rights Council with recommendations on how Canada can improve its relationship with Indigenous peoples.

DISCUSSION ON POLICE POWERS OF ARREST

On October 15th, the MCA met with the Akwesasne Mohawk Police Services Chief of Police, the Akwesasne Police Commission, and representatives of the Mohawk Nation Council of Chiefs and the Akwesasne Justice Department. The meeting discussed the CBSA warrant that was recently served in the community, non-Native residency, and our community diversion program that is recognized by outside court systems, Kahnikonri:io.

Everyone agreed to meet again to examine the Quad-partite Policing Agreement, in particular examining Articles 5.1 and 5.2 (below) of the agreement and looking at how all the parties can work together to find a solution. This may entail identifying and defining our inherent Aboriginal and Treaty rights that will be protected.

ARTICLE 5–LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL GAURANTEES

5.1 The Parties agree that this Agreement addresses policing arrangements at Akwesasne and shall not be construed so as to affect, prejudice or derogate from aboriginal, treaty, constitutional or any other rights, privileges or freedoms which have accrued to or may accrue to the Mohawk people at Akwesasne regardless of whether such rights, privileges and freedoms are recognized and defined before or after this Agreement.

5.2 Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed so as to recognize, define, affect, limit or establish Aboriginal or treaty rights. It shall not be interpreted to be an Agreement or treaty within the meaning of section 35 of the Constitution Act, 1982.

FEDERAL BRIDGE CORPORATION LIMITED

The Federal Bridge Corporation Limited is attempting to ‘fast-track’ the bidding and selection process for demolition of the existing high-level bridge. This is a project that the MCA is trying to obtain through a ‘sole-source’ agreement with FBCL to utilize a local Mohawk workforce.

FBCL is making the bridge demolition project contingent upon MCA agreeing to demolish the former-customs building on the island and resolution of their legal action against the Akwesasne Peoples Fire.

The FBCL has raised health concerns attributed to the former-customs building, which the MCA has an obligation to investigate before agreeing to its demolition. They have claimed that the presence of mold and asbestos makes the building unsuitable for future use however, has not shared a copy of the building’s inspection report. This is a concern for the MCA, as members of the Mohawk Security Unit have occupied and utilized the building for over 25 years.

The MCA is in the process of making arrangement with Public Works and Government Services Canada to conduct an independent safety inspection of the old-customs building. PWGSC is the current leaseholder for the customs building, while FBCL is the leasee.

TRANS-CANADA PIPELINE

On October 15th, the MCA passed a resolution to hold focus meetings on the proposed TransCanada East Pipeline Project. The Energy East Pipeline Project involves converting natural gas pipelines to allow crude oil to be transported 3,000 kilometers from Alberta to New Brunswick. The project is scheduled to start in 2016.

The exact location of the pipeline has not been determined, but preliminary designs plans have placed it next to the Enbridge Pipeline #9, which runs alongside Highway 401. It will run through Akwesasne’s traditional territory that is included in our North Shore Claim, from approximately Iroquois to Lancaster.

The focus meetings will be conducted by Ishkonigan, which is a company owned by Phil Fontaine and hired by TransCanada to conduct presentations on the Energy East Pipeline Project. It is to provide ‘first hand’ information and bring all the parties together to explore economic factors; such as jobs, and other concerns related to the pipeline project.

DUNDEE/TSIKARISTERE LAND CLAIM

In early-2012 negotiations concluded between the Government of Canada and the MCA on the Tsikaristere/Dundee Land Claim. The MCA presented a settlement proposal to resolve the claim and has been expecting a counter- proposal for more than one-year ago. We have been informed by AANDC Minister Valcourt’s Officer that an update should be provided at the signing of the two Agreements-in-Principle scheduled for November 4th in Ottawa.

PEACE HILLS TRUST

On September 23rd, MCA Economic Development

Portfolio Chiefs and technicians met with Peace Hills Trust Senior Vice-President Tony Shirt and Board Member Derek Bruno. Peace Hills Trust is a First Nations owned bank headquartered in Hobema, Alberta. They are interested in locating a branch in the Akwesasne community.

They MCA is impressed with their services and agreed to a tentative agreement to use the blue building located next to the Snye Homemakers to open a multi-service center.

AKWESASNE-QUEBEC POLITICAL PROTOCOL

During the past several months the MCA has been in talks with Quebec to update and renew our political relationship with the provincial government. These talks are aimed at renewing the political protocol that was signed in June 2000. The most recent discussions between the province and Akwesasne took place on September 25-26, 2013 in Quebec City, Quebec.

In advance of our negotiations with the Quebec Government, we have asked department directors and managers to help identify priority areas that can be worked on with Quebec for the next 5 to 10 years. One of those main items is a 'Quebec Link' to better connect our community with the province. This entails undertaking a technical report for constructing a bridge over the St. Regis River between Tsi Snaihne and Kanatakon.

The MCA sent a letter to Quebec Premier Pauline Marois on June 25, 2013 formally requesting the Quebec Government to take steps to provide Akwesasne with a direct transport link to Quebec. A response was received on September 17th acknowledging our community's concerns due to Akwesasne's geography and that the participation of the federal government is necessary.

We sent a letter to AANDC Minister Valcourt on September 19th requesting his assistance by appointing a senior-level official to join discussions with Quebec on bridges and roads with the province. In a phone with the Minister's Senior Policy Advisor on October 22nd, we have been informed that the Minister's Office has forwarded our request for a federal transport representative to the attention of Transportation Minister Lisa Raitt, as it falls under their authority. We are awaiting a response from the Transport Minister.

QUEBEC HEALTH "TAX" CONTRIBUTION

In 2011, Revenue Quebec began sending Notices of Assessment to district residents indicating they had

to make payments to the Quebec Health Contribution. Beginning in the 2010 tax year, it required adults to pay a fee of \$25. The payment increased to \$100 in 2011 and \$200 in 2012, up to a maximum of \$500 per year.

First Nations people who earn their living on-reserve or make less than \$18,000 (as of January 2013) off-reserve are exempt however; some individuals have made payments to the province's health plan. As a result, the MCA is working with the Assembly of First Nations for Quebec and Labrador to address this matter with the provincial government through a Joint Table with Revenue Quebec and the Ministry of Finance.

A special request was made from Akwesasne to be exempt from the health contribution. The request was made to the Minister of Aboriginal Affairs Elizabeth Larouche in light of consideration of the work that both sides have initiated in developing a new political relationship.

The MCA has stated that this action by Quebec has created a hardship on Akwesasne elders and families that are listed as social recipients and elders living on fixed pensions. As a result, the Minister promised to look into this matter and have a report to present at an upcoming meeting with Quebec Chiefs.

AKWESASNE POWER UTILITY

Mohawk Council Portfolio Chiefs and economic development staff have begun addressing the matter of finding an alternative energy strategy for the Akwesasne community. Meetings will start this fall with Hydro- Quebec, as well as with the Cree from Northern-Quebec.

It will commence with a strategy that will include Akwesasne purchasing power directly from Hydro-Quebec and setting-up a power utility on Kawehno:ke, with a 10-year plan for reconnecting the island's electric systems back to Kanatakon and Tsi Snaihne.

We will be working with technical advisors from the Cree Nation in our talks with Hydro-Quebec and provide a reporting at future general meetings.

GENERAL MEETINGS

The next General Meeting will be held in January 2014. In the meantime, a series of focus and informational meetings to be held to discuss in more detail some of the projects that the MCA has initiated or are in the planning stages. Some possible meeting topics are: deficit reduction, Entewatatha:wi process, couples property law, traffic law, economic recovery strategy, and proposed pipeline project. ❖

Update: Kawehno:ke District Chief Abram Benedict

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL SERVICES: Ontario Assoc. of Children's Aid Society

In June of 2013 I was nominated by the Ontario Association of Children's Aid Society (OACAS) Aboriginal Advisory Group to sit on the OACAS Board of Directors to represent the Aboriginal Children's Aid Societies (CAS) in Ontario. The OACAS represents Children's Aid Societies in Ontario and provides service in the areas of government relations, communications, information management, education, and training to advocate for the protection and well-being of children. The board is the governing body of the OACAS and is representative of the 26 regions in Ontario. The board meets regularly to conduct corporate business, review reports, approve work plans, and reviews and approves new projects or initiatives. Meetings are conducted either face to face in Toronto at the OACAS office or by teleconference.

On September 5, 2013 I attended an afternoon orientation session with the OACAS to learn about the roles and responsibilities of being a member of the OACAS Board of Directors. On September 19, 2013 I attended the OACAS monthly board meeting in Toronto where we reviewed regular reports, reviewed financials, and approved a submission for funding to the Ontario Ministry of Children and Youth Services (MCYS). During the meeting a presentation on the Ontario Government's new funding agreement was provided and a lengthy discussion on the impact of the requirement for CAS agencies to present a balanced budget to the Ontario Government for the 2013 /2014 fiscal year was held. The next meeting of the OACAS will be held by teleconference on October 11, 2013.

HOUSING

On September 18, 2013 the Housing Authority met to conduct regular monthly business which included the review of recent applications for renovation loans and/or upgrade loans as well as updates on follow-up that had taken place from previous meetings. Updates on the current standing of all loans made to community members through the Bank of Montreal—which were originally approved because they had been guaranteed by Mohawk Council of Akwesasne—was provided.

The Housing Authority has been reviewing delinquent accounts over the past few months and



directed the Housing Department to publish the names of individuals who have not been making regular payments on their accounts. However, please note that if you feel your name was erroneously added to the list or you dispute the amount owing, you should contact the Housing Department to schedule a meeting so that you can review your file.

KAWEHNO:KE DISTRICT MEETING

On September 30, 2013 the Kawehno:ke District Meeting was held at the Kawehno:ke Recreation Centre and around 20 community members attended. The meeting began with updates from each District Chief on the files each of us is involved in. After the updates from District Chiefs, the community members present raised a number of concerns. Some of those concerns were about the Akwesasne Mohawk Police Service executing arrest warrants issued by outside agencies and the need to enforce our community laws. Other concerns were raised regarding the Akwesasne Residency Law and its application. The ongoing bridge wait times and delays with CBSA was the predominant concern with the members present. A request was made that MCA departments hold information meetings to inform the community about the function of each department and what programming and services each department provides. All of the concerns that were raised have been reported back to Council and some follow-up actions have occurred and are still occurring. ❖



Mohawk Council of Akwesasne Resolutions (MCRs) October/November 2013

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2013/2014 - #191 - Payment to The Iroquois Caucus
Voting: For - 8, Against - 0, Abstentions - 1 CARRIED

2013/2014 - #192 - Ononkwasona Pharmacy
Restitution
Voting: For - 9, Against - 0, Abstentions - 0 CARRIED

2013/2014 - #193 - Approval of Special Meeting
Minutes Dated July 22, 2013
Voting: For - 9, Against - 0, Abstentions - 0 CARRIED

2013/2014 - #194 - Approval of Special Meeting
Minutes Dated July 30, 2013
Voting: For - 9, Against - 0, Abstentions - 0 CARRIED

2013/2014 - #195 - Approval of Special Meeting
Minutes Dated August 6, 2013
Voting: For - 9, Against - 0, Abstentions - 0 CARRIED

2013/2014 - #196 - Request For Additional Fund
For The FY 2013/2014 Elder Emergency Fund
Voting: For - 9, Against - 0, Abstentions - 0 CARRIED

2013/2014 - #197 - Access To Territories
Voting: For - 8, Against - 0, Abstentions - 0 CARRIED

2013/2014 - #198 - The Whole of Lot 23 St. Regis
Village
Voting: For - 8, Against - 0, Abstentions - 0 CARRIED

2013/2014 - #199 - Tsiionkwanonhso:te Long Term
Care Facility 2011 Annual Report
Voting: For - 7, Against - 0, Abstentions - 1 CARRIED

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2013/2014 - #200 - Bank of Montreal - Guarantee
Voting: For - 7, Against - 0, Abstentions - 0 CARRIED

2013/2014 - #201 - New Lease - Lot 30 Renshaw
Island
Voting: For - 7, Against - 0, Abstentions - 0 CARRIED

2013/2014 - #202 - Appointment of Overseers for

the Akwesasne Settlement Trust

Voting: For - 6, Against - 1, Abstentions - 0 CARRIED

2013/2014 - #203 - Iatathrona Raotiientahtsera
'Couples property' Law Special Referendum
Regulations

Voting: For - 8, Against - 0, Abstentions - 0 CARRIED

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2013/2014 - #204 - Housing Upgrade Program
Application

Voting: For - 9, Against - 0, Abstentions - 0 CARRIED

2013/2014 - #205 - Housing Upgrade Program
Application

Voting: For - 10, Against - 0, Abstentions - 0 CARRIED

2013/2014 - #206 - Assignment of Lease - Lot 14
Renshaw Island

Voting: For - 10, Against - 0, Abstentions - 0 CARRIED

2013/2014 - #207 - The Ministry of Health and Long
Term Care Renewed Agreement 2013-2016

Voting: For - 10, Against - 0, Abstentions - 0 CARRIED

2013/2014 - #208 - To Accept Audit for Ministry of
Training Colleges & Universities Literacy

Voting: For - 10, Against - 0, Abstentions - 0 CARRIED

2013/2014 - #209 - Children's Aid Societies on
Ontario Accountability Agreement for ACFS

Voting: For - 10, Against - 0, Abstentions - 0 CARRIED

2013/2014 - #210 - Acceptance of Final Report for
Iroquois Consulting Group

Voting: For - 9, Against - 0, Abstentions - 1 CARRIED

2013/2014 - #211 - Funding Request to Conduct an
Economic Leakage

Voting: For - 10, Against - 0, Abstentions - 0 CARRIED

2013/2014 - #212 - TansCanada Energy East
Pipeline Project

Voting: For - 10, Against - 0, Abstentions - 0 CARRIED

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2013/2014 - #213 - TransCanada Energy East Pipeline Project

Voting: For – 8, Against – 0, Abstentions – 0 CARRIED

2013/2014 - #214 - Housing Upgrade Program Application – Daniel and Lorraine Bero

Voting: For – 8, Against – 0, Abstentions – 0 CARRIED

2013/2014 - #215 - Housing Upgrade Program Application – Daniel Oakes

Voting: For – 8, Against – 0, Abstentions – 0 CARRIED

2013/2014 - #216 - Permit – Bell Aliant Regional Communications – Portion of Lot 90 Chenail Range

Voting: For – 8, Against – 0, Abstentions – 0 CARRIED

2013/2014 - #217 - Contribution Agreement for Akwesasne Community Justice Program

Voting: For – 8, Against – 0, Abstentions – 0 CARRIED

2013/2014 - #218 - Access to Information and Protection of Personal Privacy (ATIPP)

Voting: For – 10, Against – 0, Abstentions – 0 CARRIED

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2013/2014 - #219 - Shareholders for Akweks:kowa Corporation

Voting: For – 9, Against – 0, Abstentions – 0 CARRIED

2013/2014 - #220 - Board of Directors for Akweks:kowa Corporation

Voting: For – 9, Against – 0, Abstentions – 1 CARRIED

2013/2014 - #221 - 'Couples Property Law' Special Referendum Regulations

Voting: For – 9, Against – 1, Abstentions – 0 CARRIED

2013/2014 - #222 - Couples Property Law Focus Meeting Minutes Dated June 12, 2013

Voting: For – 10, Against – 0, Abstentions – 0 CARRIED

2013/2014 - #223 - Two More Lots on Thompson Island For The Thompson Island Youth Camp

Voting: For – 8, Against – 1, Abstentions – 1 CARRIED

2013/2014 - #224 - Audit of The Community Justice Program

Voting: For – 10, Against – 0, Abstentions – 0 CARRIED

2013/2014 - #225 - Bank of Montreal – Guarantee

Voting: For – 10, Against – 0, Abstentions – 0 CARRIED

2013/2014 - #226 - To Authorize Payment For the Akwesasne Seamless Gutters

Voting: For – 10, Against – 0, Abstentions – 0 CARRIED

2013/2014 - #227 - PAT Recommendations

Voting: For – 10, Against – 0, Abstentions – 0 CARRIED

2013/2014 - #228 - PAT Recommendations

Voting: For – 10, Against – 0, Abstentions – 0 CARRIED

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2013/2014 - #229 - Protocol Agreement with OPSEU

Voting: For – 5, Against – 0, Abstentions – 1 CARRIED

2013/2014 - #230 - Allotment of Lot 5-6 Bittern Range

Voting: For – 6, Against – 1, Abstentions – 0 CARRIED

2013/2014 - #231 - Feasibility Study For Resort Development

Voting: For – 6, Against – 1, Abstentions – 0 CARRIED

2013/2014 - #232 - Special Meeting Minutes Dated August 13, 2013

Voting: For – 6, Against – 1, Abstentions – 0 CARRIED

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2013/2014 - #233 - MCA Financial Administration Law Working Task Group

Voting: For – 8, Against – 1, Abstentions – 0 CARRIED

2013/2014 - #234 - Transfer of Indian Registry Number

Voting: For – 8, Against – 0, Abstentions – 1 CARRIED

2013/2014 - #235 - Transfer of Indian Registry Number

Voting: For – 8, Against – 0, Abstentions – 1 CARRIED

2013/2014 - #236 - MCA 13, 500 Square Foot Administration Building

Voting: For – 8, Against – 0, Abstentions – 0 CARRIED

Council's Special Meeting Roundtable Reports

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne is committed to ensuring accountability, transparency and community engagement. This ongoing effort includes sharing a summary of the Mohawk Council's weekly Roundtable Reports for the purpose of informing and promoting dialogue on portfolio topics and other important community issues. The information provided within the individual reports are for educational purposes and are without prejudice to any and all past, current and future claims of the Mohawks of Akwesasne or official positions taken by the MCA. Chiefs not in attendance for a Special Meeting may be on travel or on sick leave, which is announced at the start of the meeting. Individual chief's can also choose to submit a more detailed update for the newsletter.

KENTENHA/OCTOBER 1, 2013

Grand Chief Mike Kanentakeron Mitchell

- Received a visit from community members asking me to testify at the Fallon Davis Human Rights Tribunal regarding political history. However, the period of time they're asking about is the time I was off council from 2006 to 2009. I have agreed to be a witness for them and see where I can be helpful, I expect to be called sometime in December or sometime in the new year.
- Attended Quebec meeting with Minister of Aboriginal Affairs. Asked to table Quebec Health Contribution and she gave me time to give presentation on how it affects Akwesasronon. While we are working on a new relationship with Quebec, we are blindsided by this tax and we didn't have any warning. It's affecting our elders and poverty-line community members. I'm asking her to intervene and put a moratorium on it. I need her intervention. She agreed to get involved and will provide follow up at our next meeting.
- Wrote letter to Federal Bridge Authority on Mohawk employment on Bridge demolition.
- Wrote letter to Indian Affairs Minister's Office regarding border id cards. Canada is still pushing their card but it doesn't have the secure features necessary. Also, prior to 1985 non-natives were given status cards if they married an Onkwehonwe, and the U.S. will go by bloodline of 50% Native American so a secure card based on Treaty right is what we are pursuing.
- UN Special Rapporteur will be conducting a cross-Canada investigation of the status of Canada's relations with First Nations. We will be doing a presentation to him. We have invited him to make Akwesasne his first stop to hold hearings.
- Had meeting with Public Works on old port on Kawehno:ke. Contamination, mold and asbestos is not nearly as severe as had been told to MCA from FBCL. Discussed possibilities of a 2-year lease for a pilot project. Terms of demolition discussed. This is disputed land. We believe it's ours. FBCL believes it belongs to them.
- People's Fire issue. We are pulling lawyers

together to have a meeting with people who are charged and see what can be done.

Kana:takon Chief Julie Phillips-Jacobs

- Attended meeting with Director of Social Sept.20 to prepare for Quebec City meeting
- Attended meeting in Quebec City Sept 25/24 to discuss social issues to include in Quebec Political Protocol being established
- Attended youth meeting on Sept.30. It was an introductory meeting and monthly meetings were planned.
- Attended District Meeting on Sept 30. Issues brought up were the need for stop signs or to address speeding, need for lighting on Second Street near the school, and a car wash being constructed close to the road.

Kana:takon Chief Larry King

- Attended District Meeting. Issues brought up were the garbage-burning problem, need for tree cutting.
- Attended nuclear facility tour. Plant is going to be refurbished so we went to explore job possibilities in the future.
- Planning to give OPG engineer a tour of erosion problems in Akwesasne
- Ferry survey ending this week. We have about 300 completed.
- Callout for trustees ended. We have 10 applicants.
- Attended Leadership Meeting to discuss land claims

Tsi Snaihne Chief Joe Lazore

- Attended District Meeting. Issues discussed: How many honorariums are individuals allowed to receive to sit on committees, etc.?(Response: They can sit on as many as they want but can only collect honorariums from two.) Also discussed the Quebec Health Contribution concerns, the status of a chief on leave, whether or not a ferry service would cause any action from CBSA, and a question regarding whether or not MCA pays for community home insurance. A request was made to help Iakhihsohtha purchase a special mattress. Community members asked if MCA is involved in any human rights cases. Questions were asked about the executive director/CAO

position at MCA and if it ever went through the formal change procedures. [Response: An MCR was previously passed to state the CAO and Executive Director position are the same.]

Tsi Snaihne Chief William Sunday

- Attended District Meeting. Discussed possibility of training people to do work like bus repairs so we don't have to send work off the territory. We can work with Ec. Dev.
- Attended Council Retreat
- Attended Quebec City meeting with Council.
- Attended Leadership Meeting. I thought that was pretty interesting. I think we really need to think about where we stand with the U.S. land claims.

Kawehno:ke Chief Brian David

- Attended Quebec City meeting with Council to deal with infrastructure. Waiting for internal technical studies from Quebec on what the cost would be and what Canada's role would be, in terms of the Quebec link and bridge.
- Prepared for Labor Board case for Tsiionkwanonsohte.
- Attended Leadership Meeting
- Participated in staff interviews
- Issue with bridge workers working on the bridge under the Remission Order and their pensions are now being taxed. I have a feeling it has to do with how their tax forms were prepared. We are looking into it. Our lawyer's legal opinion is that the pensions are not taxable.
- Iroquois Caucus and Assembly of First Nations discussing relationship, and possibility of having representation by Nation/Treaty. AFN asked IC to coordinate the upcoming session.

Kana:takon Chief Steve Thomas

- Attended Tsi Snaihne Diagnostics & Wellness Centre Meeting. Followed by Peace Hill Trust Presentation. They said they were interested in being a leaser of the property.
- Attended Ec/Dev Technical Table meeting with Quebec, Ontario and Federal Government. Discussed Comprehensive Community Development Plan. Discussed positive plans and funding.
- Attended Quebec Technical Table. They're interested in our tobacco law. Traditional trading will be looked at.
- Attended Health & Social portfolio meetings. Both directors did a great job.
- Attended Leadership Meeting
- Participated in staff interviews
- Attended District Meeting
- Requested information on car wash construction.

- Received a call from a community member to discuss CBSA issues.

Kawehno:ke Chief Louise Thompson

- Attended Peace Hill Trust meeting. Looks like a positive partnership, good meeting, and we can gain a lot if we partner up with them.
- We need to agree to do a survey as in in-kind for land HAVFD purchased on Kawehno:ke. This piece of land has not been surveyed so it hasn't been CP'd yet. The land is for a building expansion. Also heard from HAVFD about how O&M money is divided amongst the three departments. They asked the chiefs to sit down with the fire departments to work out an agreement. The money is divided based on number of volunteers, but the money is for operational costs so the number of volunteers shouldn't determine what amount each station receives. Chief Joe Lazore and I suggested they meet first without chiefs to try and work out an agreement.
- Cornwall Island needs more young volunteer firefighters. Some have been on for 30 years and they need new members.
- Attended Council Retreat
- Attended to National Parole Board visitors who specifically came to Akwesasne to see the jurisdictional issues. Parolees normally have jurisdictional restrictions and can't cross borders or leave their jurisdictions, but the Board wanted to view Akwesasne's situation in order to justify why Akwesasne parolees cannot be restricted in that way. Doing so would prevent them from simple things like going to the doctor. After the visit they said they now understand.
- Assisting community members with Child Tax Credit denials.
- Attended Leadership Meeting. Three issues addressed. One was the Arts Council, one was the Land Claims and the other was the border issues.

Tsi Snaihne Chief Karen Loran

- Attended Council Retreat. Reviewed Strategic Plan, Accomplishments 2009-Present, Review of Budget, Portfolio Review- Terms of References
- Attended tour of OPG Nuclear Waste Management Plant in Darlington. There are employment and training opportunities
- Attended Health Portfolio meeting. Received update on programs and services.
- Attended District Meeting. Discussed business from the floor, honorarium policies, health contribution updates, economic development and training opportunities update, and administration inquiries.

- Attended Akwesasne Quebec Protocol Agreement meeting in Quebec City. Items of discussion in the areas of Economic Development, Health, DCSS and Public Safety. Next step: finalization of Agreement
- Attended Department of Health Meeting with the Champlain Local Health Integrated-Network Representatives. Gave tour of Akwesasne and had discussion session on building and strengthening relationships between Health and Agency.

KENTENHA/OCTOBER 8, 2013

Grand Chief Mike Kanentakeron Mitchell

- Attended meeting in Onondaga. They are preparing to meet with the U.N. Rapporteur themselves in Ottawa and want to work together on border issues.
- UN Special Rapporteur visit went very well. We congratulate our staff who pulled together. James Anaya was very impressed and said we have set the benchmark for the rest of his tour.
- Meeting regarding People's Fire went very well. We will do a follow up meeting to see with the federal bridge authority and see where they are willing to go.
- We need to pay special attention to the minister's office and follow up on outstanding issues. One is on the Dundee land claim. Also, they want me to sign the AIP for Nation building. Been holding back so we can get discussion going on the Duty to Report and border ID card and a few other things that have to do with their office making proper contacts with other departments.

Kana:takon Chief Larry King

- Attended UN Special Rapporteur presentation
- Attended internal Trust meeting.
- Attended Leadership Meeting. Five attended from Tribe, none from MNCC and one from MCA.

Tsi Snaihne Chief Joe Lazore

- Working with Conservation to get contract completed for guns. We're pushing hunting rifle licenses only (not other types of guns). We need to put a course on. I'm still looking for the funding. This ties into the need for boat safety courses and licenses.

Tsi Snaihne Chief William Sunday

- Attended meeting regarding People's Fire
- Attended Finance Committee Meeting. I'm very concerned with the deficit. We need to set time aside and discuss how to reduce the deficit.
- Attended Royal Proclamation session in Ottawa.

Kawehno:ke Chief Brian David

- Addressed legal issues with Council's lawyer
- Attended focus meeting on traffic law. Fairly well-attended. Presentation very good.
- Visited Onondaga with Grand Chief to discuss UN Special Rapporteur visit. They wanted to know which issues Akwesasne would cover with James Anaya.
- Attended presentation to UN Special Rapporteur at Akwesasne. Our technical staff worked over the weekend to prepare for it because we didn't have a lot of notice but it went quite well.

Kana:takon Chief Steve Thomas

- Attended Meeting with Mohawk Contractors. Discussed Three Nations Bridge Demolition project, Sub contracting opportunities and Surety concerns for the bonding aspect.
- Attended Finance Committee Meeting. Discussed summary of operational budget, review of reserves, MNP proposal and the need to develop a financial administration law for MCA.
- Attended Trust meeting
- Attended presentation to UN Special Rapporteur James Anaya. Akwesasne was the first community on his trip across Canada. Presentations at Turtle Room at the arena followed by a meeting/lunch with elders at the Tri-District Elders.

Kana:takon Chief Julie Phillips-Jacobs

- Attended AMBE meeting on Oct 2 in Tsisnaihne. Community members discussed post-secondary funding and issues they have with it. There is a lack of communication to the community on what we do and don't cover. There were some cuts made. Student must meet with an administrator to ensure their package is complete. Monthly travel allowance, living allowance for on line students and parking fees have all been eliminated. Private colleges are no longer eligible. The maximum monthly allowances for students with dependents has been capped. A maximum of a 2.0 of C must be maintained. Those are just some of the changes the Board has put into place in order to stay within the budget. The Director and Ass. Director went through their budgets. AMBE will be working on their Facebook and Twitter pages to get messages out.
- Attended Finance Committee meeting on Oct 3
- Attended DCSS meeting on Oct 4th to discuss funding
- Attended CIA 3 for the morning along with Abe and Sheree to greet the protesters. No one came.

KENTENHA/OCTOBER 15, 2013

Grand Chief Mike Kanentakeron Mitchell

- Issue in the community regarding non-Natives who reside in the community. A meeting will be scheduled with the new membership board to meet with council once they are all sworn in to discuss how they deal with these issues.
- Seaway Claim update will be provided at the general meeting
- Request from community members to present an update on the drug strategy. We should name a date, time to hold this meeting in the coming months. This falls in line with other requests to hold focus meetings on specific issues that are of concern to the community. A schedule of these meetings will be announced at the General Meeting.

Kana:takon Chief Larry King

- Attended ITT Trust meeting
- Accommodated OPG visitors on tour of erosion in Akwesasne. They want to create some type of project to concentrate on. My recommendation is to look at the tip of Yellow Island, being that those are the people who have asked Council for help. OPG was taken by surprise by the extent of the erosion.

Tsi Snaihne Chief Joe Lazore

- Working with Conservation and WTG to update the gun laws. I will have some answers today on what the police will be enforcing who carry hunting rifles without a PAL card.

Tsi Snaihne Chief Karen Loran

- Attended IFN Health Directors Meeting.
- Attended Joint Working Group on Violence Against Aboriginal Women. We provided input and feedback on strategic framework for this group. There is a lot of information out there. I would like to request a meeting with DCSS because this falls into their realm. It's huge. There are ten ministries involved with this working group.
- Our Communications Unit completed the Akwesasne: A Cultural Portrait for our Quebec partners. It is a nice reference tool for visitors.

Tsi Snaihne Chief William Sunday

- Meetings held on delinquent housing payments recently. It should come to Council first, at least to portfolio chiefs from each district.

Kawehno:ke Chief Brian David

- Took a group on tour of the St. Lawrence for the Species at Risk Project. The idea is to get a better handle on the species in the area that are growing lower in numbers.

Kana:takon Chief Steve Thomas

- Community Fund -there were 15 proposals received from the community. The budget for this callout was \$150,000. Successful proposals amounted to \$49,450. Remaining budget is \$100,550.00
- Tehotiiennawakon portfolio meeting. There are 42 ongoing projects to date with varying levels of completion
- Attended meeting with chief of police. Discussed letter received from MNCC, and the role of AMPS in the community

Kawehno:ke Chief Louise Thompson

- Attended Royal Proclamation event at Rama Casino. Historian discussed what the intent was of the Royal Proclamation. He said it is a living document. It was mostly there to protect our environment, meaning all the living things including the people, animals, trees...it means these things were here first and we want those things protected. Whenever we make new agreements we always bring those elements back to make sure they are carried on forever.
- First Aboriginal Insurance Agency that does bonds and they are willing to come here and do a presentation

KENTENHA/OCTOBER 22, 2013

Kana:takon Chief Larry King

- Attended General Meeting and presented the results of the Ferry Survey. Some results include: 336 responded participated in the survey; 268 yes votes; 68 no votes. 85% said it should be for community members and service providers only. 88% would consider the survey useful to beneficial. We offered an iPad for the prize, with Cheryl Jacobs being the winner.
- From May 1-June 1 ARRO conducted survey that pertains to CBSA and firearms. 370 members responded, that included the northern portion; ages included 16-75 and majority 73 % were female. 66.49 % feel arming guards is no longer an issue. 75.41% would feel comfortable arming an alternative reporting station. 71.86 prefer traveling with an MCA issued id and majority would feel comfortable applying for an alternative form of identification. Results will be posted on the website.
- Attended Housing Authority meeting
- Attended Leadership Meeting in Snye.

Tsi Snaihne Chief Joe Lazore

- Working with Conservation for an instructor for firearms licenses
- Attended meeting with Parks Canada for a Deer Management program for the 1st or 2nd week of December.

Tsi Snaihne Chief Karen Loran

- Attended meeting with Mohawk Nation Council of Chiefs and the Police Commission to take a look at the roles and responsibilities of the Police Commission. Very informative with a future follow-up.
- Attended Quebec City for a technical table with AFNQL to discuss health contribution. Technical people from finance, Revenue Quebec and AFNQL. It is not good. They are recognizing this as a tax. I think this will be very political.

Kawehno:ke Chief Louise Thompson

- Attended weekly Nation Building meeting
- 24 hour fire is being held in support of New Brunswick. There was a question at General Meeting if we are going to send a donation, but I don't know if that has been addressed. (Comment: the motion died on the floor, because no one seconded it)

Kana:takon Chief Steve Thomas

- Attended police commission meeting. There were complaints from residents about the streetlights in Kana:takon, Snye. Electric is going to repair the lights before Halloween.
- Attended Leadership meeting in Snye
- Attended General Meeting

Tsi Snaihne Chief William Sunday

- Attended a housing committee meeting, portfolio and general meeting on Kawehno:ke.

Kana:takon Chief Florence Phillips

- Attended housing meeting with other first nations, and we discussed the RRAP Program, which when granting funding requires homeowner to repair entire house, even if they only want to fix one part. The funding source requires the house to be fully repaired and if it costs more than \$16,000 the homeowners is responsible. We have always been fighting that.

KENTENHA/OCTOBER 29, 2013**Grand Chief Mike Kanentakeron Mitchell**

- Sent note to Minister of Aboriginal Affairs that we want to discuss exemptions from MRP, Education, Water legislation and discuss the issue of Sugarbush as it concerns overall agenda of land claims. Ottawa considers Sugarbush as unfinished business in regards to overall solution to the land settlement.
- Minister of Aboriginal Affairs previously said he would advocate to have Minister of Public Safety visit Akwesasne
- Membership board held elections, so we will have to set a meeting date to meet with them.
- Attended meeting with Federal Bridge

Cooperation Link/Seaway International Bridge Cooperation. We want bridge demolition to be awarded to Mohawk contractors. They're adamant that the toll is staying in Cornwall. Our staff presented information on the EZPass, which deducts from a credit card and would speed up passage through the toll when passing through our territory. They weren't happy because it would put people out of work but we will keep pursuing it.

Kana:takon Chief Florence Phillips

- **Kana:takon** Attended Ministry of Transport Quebec Technical meeting. They are doing an opportunity study for a bridge between Kana:takon and Snye. Not a lot of information received but result was that our request did qualify to build a bridge. Now we just need to find the money to do all the studies.
- Attended Property Acquisition Team meeting.
- Attended District meeting. Talked about 17 items: 1. Community needs new portfolio listing. 2. Tree cutting. 3. Concern of car wash in Kana:takon. 4. More street signage needed. 5. Bridge to Tsi Snaihne. 6. The Y road concern in Kana:takon. 7. Questions asked about Climate Survey. 8. Reminder about contractor's meeting in Snye. 9. Asking about new Customs & Toll Booth building. 10. Some person housing issues. 11. HHI status. 12. Update on Leadership Meeting. 13. Update on Police Commission. 14. Update on Quebec Protocol. 15. Concern on Special Needs for Adults. 16. Concern as to community member & CBSA. 17. Update on Mohawk Court.

Kana:takon Chief Larry King

- Attended Government Secretariat portfolio meeting with updates from all programs that participated.
- Sat with presentation on Bridge opportunity study
- Had a conference call meeting with Robin Pratt, lawyer on Tsikaristesere Claim. He is no more informed than we are and we discussed things in Sugarbush. We are expecting a letter any day from Canada's lawyer on how to address Sugarbush. It should not delay any announcement regarding Dundee claim.

Tsi Snaihne Chief Joe Lazore

- Attended AFNQL at the casino. A lot of discussion on the cutbacks from last year and that there is more coming. Do we have control of our deficit, because I would like to see those numbers to compare, or are we going to keep on pulling from the golden egg. We need an update from finance for that.
- Attended (with Chief Sunday) Sweetgrass

Language Conference in Tyendinaga. Awards were given to those who strive to keep the language alive. Request from second-language speakers to the first-language speakers to help keep language alive.

- Preparing for Parks Canada meeting to discuss Deer Management Program

Tsi Snaihne Chief Karen Loran

- Attended AFNQL conference all week. Great presentations and good opening by Emmy Mitchell. 28 First Nations chiefs. Nice presentation by Grand Chief and Nation Building. Also saw presentation on First Nation Education Committee on First Nations Education Act.
- Health contribution: put together legal opinions, it is confirmed it is a tax.
- Received phone calls inquiring about climate survey, who is working on it, the results and how it will be utilized.

Tsi Snaihne Chief William Sunday

- Attended the Traffic Law amendments focus meeting in Kawehno:ke on Oct. 29th. Task force decided not to repeal the by-law and to just amend it.
- Attended bridge opportunity meeting with Quebec officials. They have to redo the study as the last one was done in 1999 and they talked about the benefits to the community, and the people in Dundee area. If there is a Quebec link, it will benefit Huntington, Ormstown... if they knew the economic benefits, they would push for that.
- Attended language conference in Tyendinaga. I think they are doing a great job within the community. They are very serious and if they stay at the pace they're at they will succeed at revitalizing the language.

Kawehno:ke Chief Brian David

- Spent last week preparing for the labor hearing. Last minute changes in the strategy so I had to prepare with the lawyers. Hearing turned into negotiations.
- Mandate Council gave was to protect the jurisdiction (Federal) over labor as we have the two unions that are Federally certified. What we ended up with at trial was a standoff and we decided not to start the litigation. The court officers asked if we would like to do an exploratory to address this, and we said yes. Essentially we ended up with a document that doesn't follow Ontario or Canada labor law-it is a hybrid of both. We said that if the union is going to operate here, Canada labor law will not be applied here. We want our own rules. The law firm will be presenting later to council.

- Attended a Cornwall "Town Hall" meeting on behalf of Grand Chief. This was a public relations event and I talked about maintaining good relations between Akwesasne and the people of the North Shore.

Kana:takon Chief Steve Thomas

- Attended bridge study meeting. Akwesasne qualifies for minimal threshold. Previous study needs to be updates.
- Attended AFNQL meeting
- Attended archeological project luncheon. Pottery shards and hand made tools were discovered, dated 500+ years old. This was an initiative of Tehotiiennawakon.
- Attended Mammoet Crane company presentation. They want to partner up with AKON and MCA for bridge demolition. It's hydraulic removal of the bridge. There is a standing invitation for Akwesasne apprentices at the Operating Engineers Institute of Ontario to go for this trade.
- Participated in conference call with AFN on tobacco. Requested that AFN provide workshops to potential trading partners.
- Attended FBCL meeting in Ottawa. Negotiations were successful. All agenda items were addressed, including possible resolution regarding People's Fire.
- Attended meeting with EWYO Power. They are going to merge previous studies into one final report.
- Attended follow up meeting with Chinese investors.
- Attended District Meeting

Kana:takon Chief Julie Phillips-Jacobs

- Attended St. Regis Recreation Pumpkin Decorating Contest on October 24. Supper was provided and Mr. Bonesteel was on hand with his yummy treats. Niawen Kowa to him for providing his services to the community. This event was put on by the St. Regis Recreation and sponsored by NCB. The creativity that was displayed by both the parents and children was amazing. Special thanks to Connie Hall and Mr. Bonesteel for being the judges.



Akwesasne Ferry Survey Results: Majority Support Pursuing Ferry Service

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne conducted a survey in recent months to gauge the community's need for and support of a possible ferry transportation service across Akwesasne's rivers. The proposed ferry route would be mainly between Kana:takon (St. Regis) and Kawehno:ke with routes to Tsi Snaihne (Snye) possible as well.

There were many aspects of the ferry service explored through the various survey questions. However, the key question was, "Do you support pursuing a ferry service in Akwesasne?" to which 80 percent of respondents (268 out of 336) voted "Yes".

That question was of most importance to Council, in particular Chief Larry King who began exploring the ferry possibility several years ago. The project became more urgent following the 2009 bridge crisis. A feasibility study was completed and the next step was to reach out to the community and find out if there is support and interest for the project. The survey covered all aspects of the service from which routes and times of day would be most used, to what the fee should be.

To thank community members for completing the survey, a prize drawing of an Apple iPad was offered. The lucky winner was Cheryl Jacobs.

The survey results can be found below. They can also be viewed online at the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne website at www.akwesasne.ca. ❖

2013 AKWESASNE FERRY SERVICE SURVEY RESULTS

(Total Participants: 336)

1. Do you support pursuing a ferry service in Akwesasne?

YES: 268

NO: 68

2. The ferry service should be made available to:

Community members and
service providers: 146

Community members only: 84

Everyone: 31

3. How often would you use the ferry service?

Daily: 150

Weekly: 91

4. When would you use the ferry service during weekdays?

Midnight to 6 am: 33

6 am to 9 am: 168

9 am to Noon: 144

Noon to 3 pm: 157

3 pm to 6 pm: 219

6 pm to 9 pm: 169

9 pm to midnight: 73

5. When would you use the ferry service during weekends and holidays?

Midnight to 6 am: 43

6 am to 9 am: 112

9 am to Noon: 186

Noon to 3 pm: 191

3 pm to 6 pm: 201

6 pm to 9 pm: 183

9 pm to midnight: 100

6. Which of the following routes would you use?

Kawehno:ke to Kana:takon

During week days 34 10% 13%

During weekends and holidays 16 5% 6%

Both 188 56% 70%

Never 30 9% 11%

Kawehno:ke to Snye

During weekdays: 33

During weekends and holidays: 33

Both: 146

Never: 56

Kana:takon to Snye

During weekdays: 38

During weekends and holidays: 18

Both: 119

Never: 93

Kana:takon to Kawehno:ke

During weekdays: 46

During weekends and holidays: 15

Both: 191

Never: 16

Snye to Kana:takon

During weekdays: 38

During weekends and holidays: 21

Both: 112

Never: 97

Snye to Kawehno:ke

During weekdays: 36

During weekends and holidays: 27

Both: 148

Never: 57

7. Which operation mode would you prefer?

Ferry departing on predetermined schedule: 209

Ferry departing when full at least 50%: 49

8. How long should one-leg of a one-way crossing last?

Less than 10 minutes: 42

Between 10 and 15 minutes: 165

Between 16 and 20 minutes: 58

9. What type of vehicle will you bring on the ferry?

Subcompact car: 4

Compact car: 18

Mid-size car: 43

Full-size car: 38

Minivan: 23

Compact SUV: 22

Midsize SUV: 41

Full-size SUV: 21

Mini pickup truck: 1

Mid-size pickup truck: 3

Full-size pickup truck: 31

Heavy duty pickup truck: 16

Van: 7

Dump truck: 0

Tractor trailer: 0

10. How much would you be willing to pay for a one-way crossing?

Motorcycle or ATV (driver included)

Less than \$5: 203

Between \$5 and \$10: 64

Between \$11 and \$15: 0

Between \$16 and \$20: 1

\$20 and up: 0

Car (driver included)

Less than \$5: 95

Between \$5 and \$10: 152

Between \$11 and \$15: 19

Between \$16 and \$20: 21

\$20 and up: 0

Pedestrian or extra passenger (each)

Less than \$5: 242

Between \$5 and \$10: 22

Between \$11 and \$15: 3

Between \$16 and \$20: 1

\$20 and up: 0



Kana:takon District Chief Larry King presents Cheryl Jacobs with an Apple iPad for winning the random survey drawing.

2-axle pick-up truck

Less than \$5: 57

Between \$5 and \$10: 132

Between \$11 and \$15: 57

Between \$16 and \$20: 18

\$20 and up: 4

Van (driver included)

Less than \$5: 55

Between \$5 and \$10: 144

Between \$11 and \$15: 55

Between \$16 and \$20: 14

\$20 and up: 0

Dump truck (driver included)

Less than \$5: 22

Between \$5 and \$10: 15

Between \$11 and \$15: 68

Between \$16 and \$20: 60

\$20 and up: 103

Tractor trailer truck (driver included)

Less than \$5: 21

Between \$5 and \$10: 11

Between \$11 and \$15: 26

Between \$16 and \$20: 40

\$20 and up: 170

11. How many people transit with the vehicle, including the driver?

1: 45

2: 60

3: 50

4: 43

5: 52

12. How would you consider the following?

Will the ferry service be useful to you?

Not useful at all: 2
Nice to have: 29
Useful: 60
Very useful: 98
Essential: 79

Waiting rooms at the loading sites:

Not useful at all: 35
Nice to have: 80
Useful: 61
Very useful: 51
Essential: 41

Shelter at the loading sites:

Not useful at all: 29
Nice to have: 82
Useful: 69
Very useful: 44
Essential: 44

Toilet facilities at the loading sites:

Not useful at all: 5
Nice to have: 65
Useful: 53

Very useful: 65

Essential: 80

Toilet facilities on the ferry:

Not useful at all: 30
Nice to have: 98
Useful: 60
Very useful: 36
Essential: 44

Information change to the ferry schedule via internet:

Not useful at all: 1
Nice to have: 17
Useful: 37
Very useful: 62
Essential: 151

Information change to the ferry schedule via CKON radio:

Not useful at all: 5
Nice to have: 18
Useful: 41
Very useful: 55
Essential: 149



Akwesasne Community Proclamation

June 14, 1842

Akwesasne pre-dates the formation of both Canada and the United States of America. Since their relatively recent inception, these foreign governments systematically attempted to divide Akwesasne—first through primitive acts of war, and later through acts of government. Our history holds such events as being catastrophic and devastating to Akwesasne, but it also serves as testament to our peoples' will and perseverance, both as a community and as a people.

The period following the War of 1812 was a time of great hardship for Akwesasne. Food was scarce due to the confines of the war raging around the community, disease decimated the population, and

both British and American forces were dividing loyalties—even among families. Leases for lands our people had entered into for income were not being paid, forcing Chiefs to enter into illegal “surrenders” in an effort to recover a portion of the back-rent.

These and other factors led to the development of the Akwesasne Community Proclamation—which came into effect on June 14, 1842. With this declaration, the Mohawks at Akwesasne agreed to maintain unity, regardless of political divisions and jurisdictional boundaries being imposed upon the community by external, foreign governments.

The unity that our community affirmed more than 170 years ago continues today.

On this day was held council composed of the British Indian chiefs conjointly with the American Indian chiefs and Trustees. There were also present Grand Chiefs from a far off: That is to say from Lake of Two Mountains and Caughnawaga who saw and hear what was agreed upon to be then written on paper to this end.

That the minds of all parties should be at rest and quiet when they lived together.

Here then is what was unanimously agreed upon that their land should hereafter be open and free for the common use and culture of both British and American Indians residing at St. Regis and,

That all the wood and timber lying and being on their respective reserves shall hereafter be used in common by the said Indians respectively also field and meadows as well as all other appurtenances appertaining to their lands, shall in like manner be used and occupied as common property and the piece and parcel of land occupied and held by individual of either side at the present time shall be deemed to be the property of that individual forever, But with [respect] to the Big Island (opposite to Cornwall). It has been set apart and it is hereby agreed that no wood or timber there in shall be hereafter sold therefrom, from unforeseen want of provisions or other destitution the contraction of parties may see fit for a time to permit the sale of wood and timber from the said Island in order to supply necessary means of subsistence to all equally alike,

If any of our young men or warriors desire to clear land for the actual purposed of working and planting the same on any of our lands whether in Canada or in the United States let him or them do so, But let him, to them, not make pretense or tell lies, To swear therefore or act in good faith all and any of the lands and woods belonging to, either party are free and open,

2nd

It is hereby further agreed that in the event of war or other disturbance whereby we maybe separated or scattered abroad that after peace and quiet shall be re-established each and every one of our people on both parties shall be at liberty to return and take possession of his former estate in order that we as a people may continue to live in love and harmony, together at St. Regis.

3rd

It is further agreed hereby that the disagreement and misunderstanding which has hither existed between us by reason of the land mark or division line of our respective possessions are now ended and that which ever party may predominate at St. Regis, let not that party abuse or ill treat the other party, and if at any future time the division which now separates Canada from the State of New York, should be altered so as to bring our village altogether into one side of said line let not that be pretext for abusing or taking advantages of the members of that party who may happen to reside on the other side of the said line.

4th

It is also agreed upon by the contracting parties that with regard to their religious faiths they will abide by the rules they have been instructed in always held to,

5th

With regard to the first article herein written respecting the cutting of wood it is agreed that if any person cuts over more land in proportion to the quantity he may own that good farming would warrant such person shall and maybe restricted by the chiefs in power,

6th

If any Indian clear away the original timber from land which he proposes to cultivate and afterward allows it to grow up in underbrush such land may be taken and cleared by another member of the tribe if for the immediate purpose of cultivation by nothing her in must be construed into a permission to cut timber on the Island herein already forbidden, We therefore hereby confirm the preceding, Resolve by affixing our names hereto.

[Signed by the American and British Indians of Akwesasne as well as Nippising and Iroquois of Lake of Two Mountains, and Iroquois of Caughnawaga.]

Farewell Wishes for Julia Gambill



IATC Program Manager Rick Oakes, Julia Gambill, Monica Jacobs and Katrina Artmstrong.

After serving three years as the Clinical Coordinator for the Ionkwanonhsastesi Adolescent Treatment Center, Julia Gambill is moving on to serve as Executive Director of two adult treatment centers in Brockville, Ontario.

Julia Gambill started with the Ionkwanonhsastesi Adolescent Treatment Center (IATC) in 2006 as a student placement from St. Lawrence College. Soon after, she became a Casual Case Aid and for the past three years, has been the Clinical Coordinator. Julia is certified as an alcohol and drug counselor and Rick Oakes, program manager for the IATC noted that she has “a passion for the youth, and that her heart is always in the right place.”

Julia said that she is “very thankful to the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne for the opportunity to develop her skills and to branch out into different programs.” She would like to thank the Program Manager Rick Oakes, all of the staff and the clients for “the opportunity to work both at the IATC and within the community.”

In saying farewell to her fellow staff at the Treatment Center, Julia noted that her new position will allow her to maintain a relationship with individuals from Akwesasne looking to receive treatment away from the community, if they so desired.

Everyone at the Ionkwanonhsastesi Adolescent Treatment Center is going to miss Julia and wishes her luck in all of her future endeavors.

—Prepared in cooperation with Ionkwanonhsastesi Adolescent Treatment Center

1st Annual Akwesasne Fall Festival Competition

On October 24th, the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne (MCA), Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe (SRMT) and the Akwesasne Mohawk Casino (AMC) gathered at Generations Park for the first annual Fall Fest. Although the day brought snow, sleet and rain, spirits remained high for all that participated in the friendly competition. In the end, the SRMT took home bragging rights for the year finishing the day with 22 points. The AMC took second with 20

points, and the MCA took third with 13 points. Nia:wen for all that participated and we hope to see another great turnout next year! ❖

Event Placement and Points

EVENT	SRMT	Pts	AMC	Pts	MCA	Pts
Egg Toss	1st	1				
Kickball	2nd	2	1st	3	3rd	1
Basketball	1st	3	2nd	2	3rd	1
Golf	2nd	2	1st	3	3rd	1
Lacrosse	3rd	1	1st	3	2nd	2
Horshoes	2nd/3rd	3	1st	3	DNP	0
Trivia	3rd	1	2nd	2	1st	3
3 Legged Race	1st	3	2nd	2	3rd	1
Bobbing for Apples	1st	6	3rd	2	2nd	4
Total Points		22		20		13



Top: MCA's 1st Place Trivia Team. Below: Agnes "Sweets" Jacobs in the Egg Toss Competition.



Tribal staff celebrating victory.

'Spook'tacular Halloween Party

On October 31st, Mohawk Council of Akwesasne employees had a spooktacular Halloween Party that was emceed by Vaughn Phillips and fun for all that attended.

A big "Nia:wenkowa" goes to: Human Resources (HR) and Brigitte Phillips for setting up and cleaning; Sheree Bonaparte and Brigitte Blazina for covering the costs for the meal; Joelle Regnier for sponsoring the prize for the Door Decorating Contest; and Joelle and Chief Karen Loran for judging the Costume and Door Decorating Contests. Mohawk Council hopes that everyone had a safe and enjoyable Halloween!

The winners of the Halloween Door/Office decorating and costume contests included:

Best Door/Office - HR-1

Funniest Costume - Kelly Thompson

Scariet Costume - Tammy Mitchell

Most Original - Mae Lazore

Best(only) group - HR.

Right: Mae Lazore-Green won for Most Original. Below: Human Resources staff teamed up to win the Group Category.





Staff from Administration II Building and the Entewatatha:wi Program.



MCA employees enjoyed dressing up for the party.



Above: Iakhisohta staff. Below: Musical chairs.



Mohawk Council of Akwesasne Legal Counsel Services

Legal Counsel works at the Akwesasne Justice Department for a set number of hours. The Akwesasne Justice Department schedules appointments for community members on Wednesday morning to meet with Legal Counsel.

Pending availability, Legal Counsel provides limited services for community members:

1. Initial consultation on personal legal issues.
2. Wills
3. Power of Attorney
4. Commissioner of Oaths
5. Notary Public
6. Referral to other services
7. Agreements between two individuals, providing there is agreement between the parties.

\$25.00 fee for Wills and for a Power of Attorney.

The following is a list of what is not handled by MCA Legal Counsel:

1. Legal Counsel will not oversee individual criminal matters for community members.
2. Legal Counsel will not be involved in disputes between two community members and/or disputes with a community organization.
3. Legal Counsel does not address divorce or separation matters.
4. Legal Counsel will not oversee anything that is financial in nature, such as a business or organization outside of Mohawk Council of Akwesasne.

If you would like to make an appointment with MCA Legal Counsel, please call the Akwesasne Justice Department reception to book an appointment for Wednesday mornings: 613 575 2250 x 2400. ❖

MOHAWK COUNCIL OF AKWESASNE TELEPHONE EXTENSIONS

Administration Building #1

Tel: (613) 575-2250 Fax: 575-2181

Administration Building #2

Tel: (613) 575-2348 Fax: 575-2884

CIA Building #3

Tel: (613) 936-1548 Fax: 938-6760

Adolescent Treatment Center	Ext. 1300	Home Care/Support	Ext. 1069	Office of Vital Statistics	Ext. 1013
Ambulance Unit	Ext. 3121	Housing	Ext. 2300	Pharmacy	Ext. 3250
Akwesasne Mohawk School	Ext. 1700	Human Resources	Ext. 2146	Records Management	Ext. 1202
Animal Control/Compliance	Ext. 2415	Hydro Quebec	Ext. 2189	Snye Child Care	Ext. 4300
Aboriginal Rights & Research	Ext. 2203	Iakhihsotha	Ext. 4201	Technical Services	Ext. 1003
Board of Education	Ext. 1400	Iethinisten:ha	Ext. 1500	Traditional Medicine	Ext. 3115
Child & Family Services	Ext. 3139	Iohahi:io Adult Education	Ext. 4100	Tsi Snaihne School	Ext. 4400
Community Health Nurses	Ext. 3219	Justice	Ext. 2400	Tsi ionkwanonsote	Ext. 1600
Computers	Ext. 2323	Kana:takon Medical Clinic	Ext. 3214	Wholistic Health	Ext. 3100
Communications Unit	Ext. 2210	Kana:takon School	Ext. 2500		
Community Support Program	Ext. 3262	Kawehno:ke Medical Clinic	Ext. 1110		
Community & Social Services	Ext. 3305	Maintenance/Sanitation	Ext. 3400		
Dental Clinic	Ext. 3208	Mohawk Court	Ext. 1026		
Economic Development	Ext. 1053	Mohawk Government	Ext. 2200		
Emergency Measures	Ext. 1030	Mohawk Police Reception	Ext. 3502		
Environment	Ext. 1039	Nation Building	Ext. 1055		
Executive Services	Ext. 2120	Non-Insured Health Benefits	Ext. 3340		
Finance	Ext. 2168	Operational Support	Ext. 2100		
Health	Ext. 3300	Optometry	Ext. 3131		

OUTSIDE FACILITIES

A'nowara ko:wa Arena	936-1583
Kawehnoke Water Plant	933-1971
Child Care Administration	938-5067
Mohawk Security Services	932-5183
Roads Garage	938-5476
St. Regis Child Care	575-1915

Akwesasne Heating Assistance Program

Mohawk Council is pleased to announce that the Akwesasne Heating Assistance Program will run once again this year. There will be two separate programs, one of which you can apply for depending on your age category. One is specific for the Elders known as the "Elder Heating Assistance Program (60 and older) and the other the "Akwesasne Heating Assistance Program" for community members under the jurisdiction of Mohawk Council.

The application process is open to all community members beginning Tuesday October 15th, 2013 up to Friday November 29th, 2013. The final deadline for applications to be submitted will be at 4pm on Friday November 29th, 2013. There will be no exceptions after that deadline date as the fuel distribution lists will then be submitted to vendors.

You must provide a copy of the heating bill for which you wish your heating source to be paid.

There will be no exceptions to this, and the bill must be accompanied with your application. No individual checks will be processed, but your name will be provided to your heating source for the amount to be debited to your account. Please note, you can only submit one heating source bill and it cannot be changed anytime after the heating bill has been submitted with your application.

Please feel free to visit the Community Support Program to fill out an application. For seniors and shut-ins who cannot travel, or if you have any general inquiries, please call Community Support at (613) 575-2341 ext. 3262 and someone will assist you.

If needed, further updates with dates and locations for applying may follow. Please listen to CKON Radio or look watch for updates in The Indian Times newspaper. ❖

Non-members living on Akwesasne Territory

The community of Akwesasne passed an Akwesasne Residency Law in 1997. The Akwesasne Residency Law governs non-members who wish to reside at Akwesasne. Under certain conditions, the community may extend the privilege of temporary residency to non-members as per the Akwesasne Residency Law.

Any non-member who wishes to reside on the Territory of Akwesasne must submit a completed application form for a Residency Permit to the Membership Clerk.

- Any non-member found to be on the Territory of Akwesasne in violation of the law will be charged with trespass.
- Violations of this law are returnable to the Akwesasne Mohawk Court.
- Anyone found guilty under the Akwesasne Residency Law may be subject to a fine up to \$5,000. For copies of the Akwesasne Residency Law, please contact the Akwesasne Justice Department.

This does not affect anyone who has an existing Residency Permit or residency under a Lease Agreement or an Occupancy Licence (License). ❖

Parking at Angus Mitchell Building

This is a friendly reminder regarding the available parking space in front of the Angus Mitchell Memorial Building.

The Mohawk Council has designated the front parking area of the Angus Mitchell Memorial Building for community members in accordance with the following:

1. Accessibility for school bus student pick up.
2. Parking for community members using the Post Office between the hours of 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.
3. Parking for community members accessing services at the Akwesasne Justice Department.

All other persons, including staff, are asked to use the three other designated parking sites:

1. Administration Building I.
2. The area in the back/rear of the Angus Mitchell Memorial Building.
3. Across the street from the Angus Mitchell Memorial Building (at the corner of Akwesasne Street and Second Street).

Please let officials and meeting representatives know where the appropriate parking areas are before they arrive. ❖



Ahkwasāhsne 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 of them" that will lead to success.

Barry M. Montour, Ph.D., Director of Education

Deborah Terrance, Associate Director

Theresa Thompson, Chair

Tasha Thompson, Co-Chair

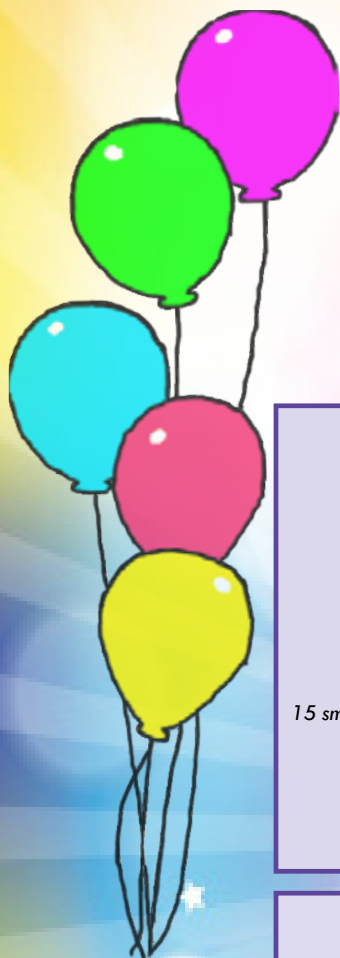
Public/In-Camera Session Meeting Schedule **School Year 2013-2014**

The first 30 minutes of all Public/In-Camera Sessions is designated for community members, parents, etc., to voice concerns, recommendations, etc. Meetings are scheduled to start at 6 pm.

- Seskehkó:wa/September 4, 2013 @ Kana:takon School*
- Kenténha/October 2, 2013 @ Tsi Snaihne School*
- Kentenhkó:wa/November 6, 2013 @ Ahkwesāhsne Mohawk School*
- Tsiothóhrha/December 4, 2013 @ Kana:takon School*
- Tsiothohrhkó:wa/January 8, 2014 @ Tsi Snaihne School*
- Enniska/February 5, 2014 @ Ahkwesāhsne Mohawk School*
- Enniskó:wa/March 5, 2014 @ Kana:takon School*
- Onerahtókha/April 2, 2014 @ Tsi Snaihne School*
- Onerahtohkó:wa/May 7, 2014 @ Ahkwesāhsne Mohawk School*
- Ohiarí:ha/June 4, 2014 @ Kana:takon School*

**Schedule subject to change.*

*Should you wish to be included on the agenda, contact the Board Office
at 613-933-0409.*



A'nowarako:wa Arena Party Package Rentals

Friday Night Public Skating Package **Includes:**

Turtle Room

(Choose 2 hours \$35 or 3 hours \$50)

+

Food Item and Drink

(Turtle Cafe @ 20% discount)

15 sm popcorn & juice box \$18 OR 15 sm nachos & juice box \$40 OR 15 sm
poutine & juice box \$48

+

Discounted Skating Admission

(Reduced rate of \$1.00 per child for 15 children)

Did you know?

Turtle Room Rentals available
Fridays: 3-8pm and Sundays: 2-6pm

2 hours \$35

or

3 hours \$50

&

Save \$1 per admission purchased
for public skating and skates are
available

&

When you book your party you are
eligible to receive a 20% discount
from D&T Cinemas and/or
Bounce-N-Bounce if rentals are
used at the Arena

D&T:

518-521-0909/facebook

Bounce-N-Bounce:

613-937-4707 or
613-551-1069/facebook

Private Rentals - Sundays Only

1. Ice for 2 hours, Turtle Room 3 hours **\$135.00**
2. Ice for 2.5 hours, Turtle room 3.5 hours **\$175.00**
3. Turf for 2 hours, Turtle Room 3 hours **\$100.00**
4. Outside Sport Field 3 hours **\$50.00**

includes: usage of electrical outlet, water line, garbage removal





**Community Health Program
Mohawk Council of Akwesasne
Kanonhwat'sheri:io
613-575-2341 ext. 3220**



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WALK-IN CLINIC SCHEDULE

LOCATION	DATE	TIME
Snye Rec	Tuesday, October 22	4:00 - 7:00
Kanonhwat'sheri:io	Wednesday, October 23	4:00 - 7:00
Cornwall Island Rec	Thursday, October 24	4:00 - 7:00
Kanonhwat'sheri:io	Friday, October 25	8:30 - 4:30
Cornwall Island Rec	Tuesday, October 29	4:00 - 7:00
Kanonhwat'sheri:io	Wednesday, October 30	4:00 - 7:00
Kanonhwat'sheri:io	Friday, November 1	8:30 - 3:30
Snye Rec	Tuesday, November 5	4:00 - 7:00
Kanonhwat'sheri:io	Wednesday, November 6	4:00 - 7:00
Cornwall Island Rec	Thursday, November 7	4:00 - 7:00
Kanonhwat'sheri:io	Friday, November 8	8:30 - 3:30
Kanonhwat'sheri:io	Wednesday, November 13	4:00 - 7:00
Cornwall Island Rec	Thursday, November 14	4:00 - 7:00
Kanonhwat'sheri:io	Friday, November 15	8:30 - 3:30
Cornwall Island Rec	Tuesday, November 19	4:00 - 7:00
Kanonhwat'sheri:io	Wednesday, November 20	4:00 - 7:00
Iohahii Adult Education Center	Thursday, November 21	1:00 - 6:00
Kanonhwat'sheri:io	Friday, November 22	8:30 - 3:30
Iohahii Adult Education Center	Monday, November 25	4:00 - 7:00
Cornwall Island Rec	Tuesday, November 26	4:00 - 7:00
Kanonhwat'sheri:io	Wednesday, November 27	4:00 - 7:00
Kanonhwat'sheri:io	Friday, November 29	8:30 - 3:30



Tsikionhe - As We Live

A workshop sponsored by the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne, Office of Vital Statistics.

This is a will's workshop for the Community of Akwesasne.

Topics to be discussed:

- The Importance of Making a Will
- How to Make a Will
- Ensuring Your Land is in Order
- Who Can I leave my Estate to?

Community Members are welcome to attend the workshop that is most convenient for them.


Kawehnoke Tri District Elders
Monday, November 18 10-12PM

Tsi Snaihne Homemakers
Wednesday, November 20 6-8PM

Kanatakon Recreation Center
Sunday, November 24 2-4PM

Kawehnoke Medical Clinic 932-5808

November 2013

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUN.
	REMINDER DR. YOUNG'S CLINICS HAVE A 40 PT LIMIT		JOELLE REGNIER'S WALK-IN CLINICS HAVE A 15 PT LIMIT	1 JOELLE REGNIER 8:30am-12 pm ELDERS CLINIC 1 pm -4 pm BY APPT	2 NO CLINIC	3
4 DR. TREMBLAY WALK-IN 8-11 am JOELLE REGNIER, NP 1pm - 4 pm BY APPT	5 DR. YOUNG 8:30-11:30 WALK-IN	6 DR. YOUNG 8:30-11:30 WALK-IN JOELLE REGNIER, NP WALK IN 5-8 pm	7 JOELLE REGNIER 1 pm -4 pm BY APPT	8 DR V UDOEYOP 10 am- 3pm BY APPT	9 NO CLINIC	10
11 CLINIC CLOSED  REMEMBRANCE DAY	12 DR. YOUNG 8:30-11:30 WALK-IN	13 DR. YOUNG 8:30-11:30 WALK-IN JOELLE REGNIER, NP WALK IN 5-8 pm	14 JOELLE REGNIER 1 pm -4 pm BY APPT	15 JOELLE REGNIER 8:30am-12 pm ELDERS CLINIC 1 pm -4 pm BY APPT	16 JOELLE REGNIER WALK -IN 8 am - 12 pm	17
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ABC's of Diabetes Prevention

All foods can fit into a healthy diet. There are no "good" or "bad" foods.

Balanced meals and snacks include a variety of foods from at least three of the four food groups.

Creator made us healthy and strong. It is our job to stay that way.

Don't skip meals. Eating every 3-4 hours helps to keep blood sugar levels in a good range.

Enjoy healthy eating and being active.

Find an activity you enjoy doing. Aim for 30 minutes of activity most days of the week.

Go for it! Try something new!

Humour is great medicine. Laugh often, and laugh loud!

Insulin resistance happens when the body does not use its own insulin effectively. Being inactive and/or carrying excessive weight contributes to insulin resistance.

Jump rope, jig, whatever, just do it!

Keep a variety of healthy snacks available such as fresh fruit, cut up veggies, yogurt, pretzels, cereal, and milk.

Live in balance! Be well in mind, body, spirit, and heart!

Milk and milk products may help lower blood pressure. Choose low fat dairy products.

Now is the time to make small changes in your lifestyle to prevent diabetes!

On the pow-wow trail, keep active and eat healthy!

Playing actively indoors or outdoors should be fun and a regular part of every day. Children need to be physically active to grow up healthy and diabetes-free.

Quality vs. Quantity is important in healthy eating. Choose smaller portions of healthy foods.

Respect the gift of health. Make lifestyle choices that promote and support health.

Screening can detect diabetes early. Ask your health care provider about getting a simple test to detect diabetes.

Teens that are active have a much lower chance of developing diabetes. More and more youth are being diagnosed with diabetes – let's fight it!

Use traditional medicines and teachings to help you stay healthy.

Vitamin supplements are not usually needed; see a Registered Dietician to evaluate your eating habits and nutrition needs.

Walking is a great activity; it's free and you can do it almost anywhere! Go for a walk instead of having a nap.

Xcavate your bike from the basement – get out and ride!

Youth who are active, make healthy food choices, and maintain a healthy weight have a much lower chance of developing diabetes – stay active, eat healthy, have fun!

Zest for life! It will help you stay healthy!

Diabetes Care Sheet Restoring the Balance

Restoring the Balance Through Healthy Eating

Diabetes is an imbalance in blood sugar

Help keep blood sugar balanced by:

- Eating healthy foods
- Having small frequent meals
- Cutting back on sweets
- Cutting back on fats
- Exercising: walk, run, dance, swim, housework

Tips to keep the balance:

- Eat breakfast and have regular small meals
- Eat whole grains such as whole wheat, barley and oatmeal
- Eat legumes, dried beans and peas. They are protein foods that regulate blood sugar
- Eat low-carb vegetables such as green peppers, cucumbers, celery, broccoli, cauliflower, mushrooms, tomatoes, spinach, onions, radishes, and green beans



When people depart from natural foods the risk of Type 2 diabetes increases dramatically

"We are the ones who have to teach our children."

-Elder Agnes Alphonse



Diabetes Care Sheet Foot care

Take care of your feet. Diabetes can change the way your feet feel.

DO:

- Inspect your feet daily for scratches and cuts;
- Use a mirror to see the bottom of your feet;
- Wash your feet daily;
- Trim your toenails straight across;
- Wear good fitting shoes;
- Wear seamless socks;
- Check your footwear for foreign objects;

DO NOT:

- Soak your feet; avoid extreme temperatures;
- Walk barefoot;
- Wear shoes without socks;

See your health care provider if:

- You experience numbness or pain in your feet;
- You develop corns or calluses;
- You notice any changes in the look of your feet.



"We will be known forever by the tracks we leave."

- Dakota Proverb



Diabetes Care Sheet A1C, Blood Pressure & Cholesterol

Together with diet, exercise and medication, three tests can help prevent diabetes complications:

A1C

Take A1C test to measure your average blood sugar level over a three month period

Blood Pressure

Check your blood pressure regularly and keep it in target range to protect your heart and arteries

Cholesterol

Reduce bad cholesterol (LDL) that clogs your arteries to make it easier for your blood to flow through your body.

It is important to know and keep these numbers
In the target range!

Test	Target	Check
A1C	Below 7%	Quarterly
Blood Pressure	Below 130/80	Every check-up
LDL Cholesterol	Below 2.0	Annual check-up

Consult your health care provider!



"In our every deliberation, we must consider the impact of our decisions on the next seven generations."

- Iroquois Confederacy Maxim

*Tips are provided in conjunction with Diabetes Integration Project



Kentenhkó:wa/November 2013

Awentatohk'ike / Sunday	Awentatawen'ke / Monday	Ratironhia'kronon'ke / Tuesday	Soséhne / Wednesday	Oharistiáhne / Thursday	Ronwá'inentaktonhne / Friday	En'tak'ta / Saturday
IMPORTANT - It is essential that your child's school has the most up-to-date information, i.e. contact #s, address, etc. Please notify the school immediately of any changes. 						
3 Sleep In Sunday Don't forget to set clocks back one hour at 2 a.m. Sunday STANDARD TIME Turn Clocks Back / Change Batteries in Smoke Alarms	4	5 Taseia'yénha ne Iesanónhna (Bring Your Caregiver) / BRING YOUR PARENTS TO SCHOOL DAYS 8:30 - 11:30 AM KKS	6 School Hours: 8:15 am - 2:45 pm After-School Program Hours: 2:45 - 5:30 pm All schools are "Allergy Aware"	7 Taseia'yénha ne Iesanónhna (Bring Your Caregiver) / BRING YOUR PARENTS TO SCHOOL DAYS 8:30 - 11:30 AM TSS	8 Camouflage Day	9
10	11 Iethiehia:rak/ Remembrance Day 	12	13	14 Early Years Science Fair @ TSS **Theme for ALL Early Years Science Fairs - HARVEST**	15	16
17	18 Early Years Science Fair @ AMS	19 Iethiehia:rak / Iethiehia:rak'ien (Our Caregivers and Teachers Meet) PARENT / TEACHER INTERVIEWS (Progress Reports) 2-6 pm **KKS	20 Early Years Science Fair @ KS **TSS	21 **AMS	22 **11:31 am EARLY DISMISSAL at each respective school. No After-School Program at each respective school on days designated for Parent/Teacher Interviews.**	23
24	25	26	27 NO SCHOOL FOR EARLY YEARS PROGRAM - Alkwasohé Head Start, K4 and K5 Professional Development for Staff	28 AMBE Office / Schools Closed Tsi Iontewensákhwa Wotanáronw/ BOARD HOLIDAY	29 AMBE Office Open / Schools Closed Tsi Iontewensákhwa Wotanáronw/ BOARD HOLIDAY	30

Opioid Problems: Treatment Solutions

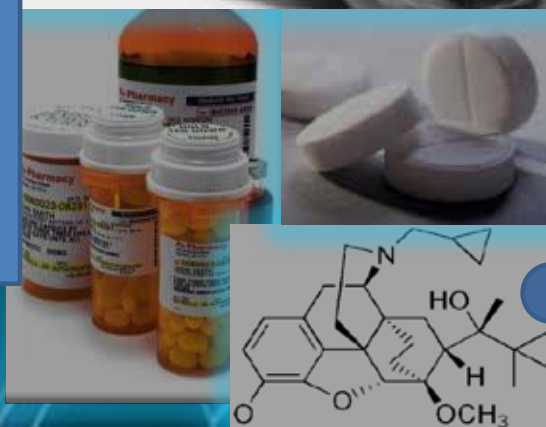
Presenter: Centre
for Addictions and
Mental Health
(CAMH)

Place: Snye
Recreation (lunch
and refreshments
provided)

Date: November 19,
2013

Time: 9:00 – 2:30

OPIOID
DEPENDENCE



Purpose : Mental health and addiction treatment providers are familiar with the rise in the abuse of OxyContin and other opioid drugs. This one day interactive workshops will present information on these prescription painkillers, their availability, benefits and hazards and will present promising treatment strategies.

OPEN TO COMMUNITY

Register

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