

Mohawk Council Honors Long Service Employees

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne held a Long Service Recognition and Retirement Luncheon on May 30, 2014 at the Snye Recreation Center. The event was a chance for the organization to show its appreciation to employees that reached milestones in their careers.

This year's event recognized 58 workers who reached years of service that ranged from 10 to 40 years. It recognized ten individuals who retired during the past year and gave special recognition to the five members of Central Dispatch. The presentation of a 20-year service pin to Akwesasne Mohawk Police Officer Kenneth Chaussi

also took place during the recognition ceremony.

The event began with the traditional opening recited by Rakwirahe Pembleton and concluded with the closing done by Kyren Lazore. Between their recitals were words of appreciation and special recognition given to current and former employees.

MCA Executive Director Sheree Bonaparte shared welcoming remarks that included relevant quotes from notable historical figures. She noted the growth of the organization during the past 40 years; from less than 100 employees to around 1,000; and the fact that 75% of MCA's workforce are Akwesasronon.

Tsi Snaihne District Chief April Adams-Phillips also offered welcoming remarks and stated that an individual's employment milestone is testament that they are dedicated and committed members of the



Dan Thompson was recognized for 40-years with the Department of Technical Services. (Left) Executive Director Sheree Bonaparte, DTS Director Jay Benedict, Roads Crew Manager Kennedy Garrow, Quinn Benedict, Dan, Craig Delormier, Richard Sunday (retired) and John Jacobs.

organization. She encouraged older employees that are closing in on retirement to leave behind a legacy by transferring their knowledge and expertise to their younger co-workers.

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Wat'kwanonweraton/Greetings

It is my pleasure to introduce this month's issue of Onkweta:ke. It is also my pleasure to report on some of the meetings that I've attended and the work that I continue to do on behalf of the Akwesasne community.

On April 3rd & 4th, I attended the Iroquois Caucus meeting held in Six Nations Territory. There was much discussion on Bill C-10, known as the Tackling Contraband Tobacco Act, which once enforced will cause harm to First Nations' economies. It will also put many Native people out of work. Six Nations Council Grand Chief Ava Hill encourages Iroquois communities to organize and hold demonstrations on Ottawa's Parliament Hill to oppose Bill C-10.

Mohawk Council of Kahnawake (MCK) delegates who attended the Iroquois Caucus expressed concern with Enbridge's Energy East Pipeline Project. The MCK put Enbridge on notice that they must satisfy all conditions laid down by the Kahnawake Chiefs and their community before any agreement is signed. MCK Chief Diabo stated that the community would only sign an MOU if it outlined all the benefits that the community will receive.

On April 23rd, I attended a Nation Building: Entewathata:wi session, as I serve on the program's portfolio committee. During the session, an interesting recommendation was made to have the Kanienkeha language included as part of Nation Building process for our language teachers. It was stated that in order to have a true nation, you will need to keep your language strong.

As a residential school survivor, I assisted, along with Chief Louise Thompson, survivors in sending their forms back that they received earlier this year. All those people that received Common Experience Payments are also entitled to \$3,000 in personal credits for educational programs and services. If you haven't received these application forms you may call 1-866-343-1858 or call Chief Louise Thompson for assistance at 613-575-2348.

The Economic Development Committee, part of the Department of Tehotiennawakon, has received grants to cover costs to carry out studies for a number of projects associated with MCA's Economic Recovery Strategy including: such as Hamilton Island development, eco-tourism, conference center, and a new medical clinic for Tsi Snaihne [Chenail] district. I look forward to sharing the results of these studies in the coming months.

I travelled to Ottawa last month and attended a Confederacy of Nations meeting with First Nations representatives from all over the country. They were debating Bill C-33, the First Nations Control of First Nations Education Act. Most of the representatives are against the Bill, as First Nations feel that although the act states "Indian Control of Indian Education" the federal government is still calling the shots.



The Department of Tehotiennawakon and portfolio committee members have been meeting with the Seaway International Bridge Corporation regarding the upcoming demolition of the high level bridge. There have also been meetings between MCA representatives and contractors, as well as trades unions. The demolition contract was awarded to American Bridge Company and there's a good possibility that some of our local tradesmen will get employment when the project gets underway.

In closing, as part of the MCA's ongoing effort to reduce costs throughout the organization, this edition of Onkweta:ke will be the final one in its current format. We will continue to provide updates and reports on a monthly basis in newsprint. This will ensure that there are savings made on printing and information continues to be shared with membership.

Skennen,

District Chief Bill Sunday
Tsi Snaihne

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.

Tsi Snaihne Homemakers
Sunday, June 29 3-5PM

Kanatakon Recreation Center
Wednesday, July 2 6-8PM

Kawehnoke Tri District Elders
Thursday, July 3 10AM-12PM

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Animal Control/Compliance	Ext. 2415	Hydro Quebec	Ext. 2388	Snye Child Care	Ext. 4300
Aboriginal Rights & Research	Ext. 2205	Iakhihsotha	Ext. 4201	Technical Services	Ext. 1003
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Child & Family Services	Ext. 3139	Iohahi:io Adult Education	Ext. 4100	Tsi Snaihne School	Ext. 4400
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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. 3194		
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
Roads Garage	938-5476
St. Regis Child Care	575-1915



Mohawk Council of Akwesasne Resolutions (MCRs) Onerahtóhko:wa/May 2014

ONERAHTOHKO:WA/MAY 6, 2014 COUNCIL MEETING

MCR 2014/2015 - #029 - Acceptance of Final Results of the Kawehnoke Corridor Plebiscite Vote
Voting: For – 10, Against – 0 CARRIED

MCR 2014/2015 - #030 - Revised Project Advisory Committee
Voting: For – 7, Against – 3 CARRIED

MCR 2014/2015 - #031 - Assignment of Lease – Lot 19 Block C Hamilton Island
Voting: For – 10, Against – 0 CARRIED

MCR 2014/2015 - #032 - Letter of Agreement with TransCanada
Voting: For – 8, Against – 2 CARRIED

MCR 2014/2015 - #033 - Dr. Thomas Forson, Renewal of Service Contract 2014-2015
Voting: For – 10, Against – 0 CARRIED

MCR 2014/2015 - #034 - MCA Application for Summer Student Employment through AAMB
Voting: For – 10, Against – 0 CARRIED

ONERAHTOHKO:WA/MAY 8, 2014 GENERAL MEETING

MCR 2014/2015 - #035 – General meeting Minutes Dated August 29, 2013
Voting: For – 8, Against – 0 CARRIED

MCR 2014/2015 - #036 – General meeting Minutes Dated July 31, 2013
Voting: For – 8, Against – 0 CARRIED

ONERAHTOHKO:WA/MAY 13, 2014 COUNCIL MEETING

MCR 2014/2015 - #037 - 2014-2015 – Operating Plan
Voting: For – 8, Against – 0 CARRIED

MCR 2014/2015 - #038 - The Whole of Lot 135-15 Cornwall Island
Voting: For – 9, Against – 0 CARRIED

ONERAHTOHKO:WA/MAY 20, 2014 COUNCIL MEETING

MCR 2014/2015 - #039 - Independent First Nations Ontario First Nations Limited Partnership Board Nomination
Voting: For – 7, Against – 4 CARRIED

MCR 2014/2015 - #040 - Abrogation of AEDF Committee
Voting: For – 9, Against – 2 CARRIED

MCR 2014/2015 - #041 - AANDC 2014 – 2015 Family Violence Prevention Program
Voting: For – 11, Against – 0 CARRIED

MCR 2014/2015 - #042 - 2014 – 2015 Child Care Service Agreement with the Ministry of Education
Voting: For – 11, Against – 0 CARRIED

MCR 2014/2015 - #043 - Assignment of Lease – Lot 12 Renshaw Island
Voting: For – 11, Against – 0 CARRIED

MCR 2014/2015 - #044 - Lot 19 Thompson Island – Cancellation of Lease
Voting: For – 11, Against – 0 CARRIED

MCR 2014/2015 - #045 - PAT Recommendation Regarding Property for Sale
Voting: For – 11, Against – 0 CARRIED

ONERAHTOHKO:WA/MAY 27, 2014 COUNCIL MEETING

MCR 2014/2015 - #046 - AEDF Application
Voting: For – 8, Against – 0 CARRIED

MCR 2014/2015 - #047 - AEDF Application
Voting: For – 8, Against – 0 CARRIED

MCR 2014/2015 - #048 - AEDF Application
Voting: For – 8, Against – 0 CARRIED

MCR 2014/2015 - #049 - AEDF Application
Voting: For – 8, Against – 0 CARRIED

MCR 2014/2015 - #050 - AEDF Application
Voting: For – 8, Against – 0 CARRIED

MCR 2014/2015 - #051 - AEDF Application
Voting: For – 8, Against – 0 CARRIED

MCR 2014/2015 - #052 - Housing Upgrade Loan Application
Voting: For – 7, Against – 0 CARRIED

MCR 2014/2015 - #053 - Housing Upgrade Loan Application
Voting: For – 8, Against – 0 CARRIED

MCR 2014/2015 - #054 - Housing Upgrade Loan Application
Voting: For – 8, Against – 0 CARRIED

MCR 2014/2015 - #055 - Native Inmate Liaison Program Agreement FY 2014-2015
Voting: For – 8, Against – 0 CARRIED

MCR 2014/2015 - #056 - Dr. Kent Saylor, Renewal of Service Contract 2014-2015
Voting: For – 8, Against – 0 CARRIED

MCR 2014/2015 - #057 - Ministry of Health and Long Term Health Care Access Centre Program
Voting: For – 8, Against – 0 CARRIED

MCR 2014/2015 - #058 - Akwesasne Review Commission
Voting: For – 8, Against – 0 CARRIED

MCR 2014/2015 - #059 - MCA Organizational Review Advisory Committee Recommendation to Council
Voting: For – 8, Against – 0 CARRIED

MCR 2014/2015 - #060 - Director of Housing
Voting: For – 8, Against – 0 CARRIED

Council 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 Council 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.

ONERAHTÓKHA/APRIL 29, 2014 Kana:takon Chief Julie Phillip-Jacobs

- Following up on beach area behind St. Regis Rec to find out when Environment can do an environmental assessment on relocating the beach to the front of the building
- Attended Executive Committee meeting. Agenda items included Youth Employment, Holiday reduction, Organizational/Program review.
- Attended Operational Budget Review meeting.
- Attended Akwesasne Boys & Girls Club meeting with fellow chiefs Larry King and Abram Benedict. Discussed fundraising ideas and we were informed that about 50 percent of their teen program is from the northern portion of Akwesasne.

Kana:takon Chief Larry King

- There will be a security guard training course hosted by OPG with job opportunities possible.
- Divestiture discussions update – the storage tanks are being filled. We did receive the Trillium lease and found there is a termination clause.
- Spoke to community member who is interested in obtaining a tree-cutting contract for Quebec.

Tsi Snaihne Chief Joe Lazore

- Looking into funding for doing surveys in Quebec
- Boating course is going to be held in Tsi Snaihne and on Kawehno:ke.

Tsi Snaihne Chief Karen Loran

- Out sick previous week
- Attended Operational Budget Review. We are not yet ready to sign off on it. We have to review core budgets, etc.
- Attended Executive Committee Meeting. Discussed youth employment, reductions in holidays, organizational review, and program review.
- Attended prep meeting for discussion on Healthy Homes Initiative. The program is supposed to end June 30.
- Contacted by community member to discuss healthcare professionals.

Tsi Snaihne Chief April Adams-Phillips

- Attended Operational Budget Review meeting
- Attended meeting with union on bridge demolition. Winning bidder was a non-union company, but the project may be posted for bids again.
- Attended Property Acquisition Team meeting. What the PAT team has purchased so far is the

- McDonald Sisters property.
- Obtained VISA for trip to China on May 7.

Kawehno:ke Chief Louise Thompson

- Assisted elder who has been trying to pay back Old Age Pension since 2007. Need to check with OVS on this process.
- Participated in Nation Building conference call with federal officials.
- Plebiscite unofficial results have been tallied. There were 189 online votes cast. People were in favor of both buildings being removed. We have to go back to court on June 16.
- Addressed matter with community member who said they requested to be taken off the polls in 1997 but was able to vote in the plebiscite (therefore still a member). OVS wasn't aware of the removal. Also, INAC won't remove anyone from their roles. We have to review the policies and procedures for membership renunciation.
- Attended meeting on Block 1 Addition to Reserve process. Questions asked about the ATR process and how it works with land going back into MCA's name.

Kana:takon Chief Steve Thomas

- Attended Operational Budget Review meeting.
- Received update from Tobacco Technical Table regarding Ontario and it is good news for Akwesasne.
- Attended Trades Union meeting regarding Three Nations Bridge demolition.
- Attended Healthy Homes Initiative meeting to plan for lobbying of funding.
- Attended meeting on Quebec protocol agreement.

Tsi Snaihne William Sunday

- Attended Operational Budget Review meeting.
- Attended Trades Union meeting regarding Three Nations Bridge demolition.
- Attended Nation Building meeting.

Kawehno:ke Chief Abram Benedict

- Attended Operational Budget Review meeting.
- Attended Executive Committee Meeting.
- Attended meeting with Akwesasne Boys & Girls Club. We need to send them a response to their request for funding. Going to follow up with employees being able to have payroll deductions for donations to the club.
- Responded to Membership Board issue, Person has letter stating they are removed from the membership rolls but in actuality they aren't.
- Issue brought to our attention about Irene

Roundpoint Road having drainage/sinking issues since the waterline was installed.

ONERAHTOHKÓ:WA/MAY 6, 2014

Kana:takon Chief Florence Phillips

- Attended First Nations housing meeting. One of the topics was the issue regarding inspectors and which codes they follow (Ontario Building Code). The next day I attended the Allocation Working Group regarding housing, with the Canadian Mortgage & Housing Association (CMHC) and INAC/AANDC. At that meeting there was a decision regarding how many new projects/proposals of housing will be accepted. Funding will determine the final total for the split for housing projects (use to be 50/50 between the north and south) but their costs are higher for building in the north so it is going to reflect 60/40 split. They approved 17 projects in the south and 23 projects in the north.

Kana:takon Chief Julie Phillips-Jacobs

- Attended DCSS portfolio meeting. Discussed National Child Benefits cutbacks and what this would mean for proposals received this year. Updates were also given on DCSS programs.
- Planning for the MCA Christmas Party has begun. Sign ups are posted to see if there is an interest from employees to attend.

Kana:takon Chief Larry King

- Attended Nation Building prep meeting. Will be going to negotiations with Canada soon.
- Attended Jake Ice/John Fire statue unveiling.
- Assisting community member who has a tree-cutting business and wants to secure work.
- NYS Land Claim update – will be meeting with the SRMT today. MOU is set to be signed Wednesday between SRMT, NYS and St. Lawrence County.
- Surveys – in my experience having property surveyed or dissecting properties is not cheap.

Tsi Snaihne Chief Joe Lazore

- Online boating license course being held on May 9 & 10 at Iohahi:io. Will also be held on Kawehno:ke.

Tsi Snaihne Chief Karen Loran

- Attended Quebec Protocol Agreement meeting . Council should review.
- Attended Entewetathawi/Nation Building negotiations and prepared agenda for May 14 & May 15 negotiations.

Tsi Snaihne Chief April Adams Phillips

- Attended Trans Canada Pipeline meeting. They are looking for skilled workers for the new pipeline in 2016. An archeologist is being asked to do digs first of the lands the pipe will be going through. Looking for an aboriginal to become qualified.
- Attended Walking Trail Steering Committee – discussed planning, funding, area around arena and other districts as well.
- Attended Jake Ice/John Fire state unveiling.

Kana:takon Chief Steve Thomas

- Attended Working Task Group meeting to finalize Akwesasne/Quebec Framework Agreement. We were successful in our negotiations and have a final draft for Council’ s review and comments. The new Minister of Aboriginal Affair, Geoff Kelly, his Deputy Minister came into our meeting and we shared our thoughts and congratulations on his re-election and reappointment. He is in receipt of the Grand Chiefs letter of invitation and will be accepting the trip to Akwesasne.
- Intelliquet investigation is complete and the report has been submitted to Grand Chief with recommendations.

Kawehno:ke Chief Louise Thompson

- Kudos to the spring-cleaning crew.
- Attended Walking Trail Steering Committee. Reviewed proposal submissions, which were high. Funding hasn’t been identified. \$150k is estimated to be needed.
- Attended Entewetathawi Pre-negotiations meeting. New staff brought in, updated.
- Attended Martin waterline meeting. Will be continued.
- Attended Jake Ice/John Fire state unveiling.
- Asked staff to check into Bill C-9 regarding First Nations Election Law and if or how it would affect us.

Kawehno:ke Chief Abram Benedict

- Daycare center should have been made aware of a police search in the area especially since guns were of concern.
- Attended portfolio meeting for DCSS. INAC/AANDC announced reductions to the NCB dollars.
- Need timeline on review for DOH and DCSS salary grid.
- Community members should present to Council on a medicinal marijuana plant proposal before meeting with MCA programs.
- Ontario government has announced the provincial election for June 12.
- AFN National Chief Shawn Atleo resigned. AFN may hold a bi-election.
- Community member wants explanation regarding how to be taken off the membership roles.

Kana:takon Chief Larry King

- Assisting Akwesasne Boys & Girls Club in effort to secure sponsorship for boxing event in Ottawa and to network with Ottawa B&GC.

ONERAHTOHKÓ:WA/MAY 13, 2014

Kana:takon Chief Julie Phillips-Jacobs

- Attended Special General Meeting. There was no quorum and only 2 community members.
- Attended Finance Portfolio Meeting and reviewed operating plan and budget.
- Attended the May 2014 Kana:takon District Meeting. Was able to witness the St. Regis Recreation Dance class hard at work for their upcoming recital in June.

Kana:takon Chief Steve Thomas

- Quad-Partite Agreement Negotiations: proposed a one-year agreement to further negotiations
- Attended Finance meeting. Finalized 2014 operating budget
- Attended General Meeting
- Attended District Meeting
- There is a request from Emergency Measures to purchase 10-14 cribs from Wal-Mart, email sent to follow chain of command. Informed the ED on the current request.
- Meetings Attended: Wade Dorland, SIBC, Tobacco Technical Table

Tsi Snaihne Chief William Sunday

- Was off last week
- Attended Hogansburg-Akwesasne Volunteer Fire Department Annual banquet with Chief Joanne Jocko. Thanks firefights for their services in protecting the community.
- Working with Akwesasne Area Management Board for ironworker’s training.

Tsi Snaihne Chief Joe Lazore

- Attended meeting in Valleyfield, Quebec with Cultural Tourism Supporters.
- Thompson Island wants to build a 40’x20’ facility to house more guests.
- Conservation Unit is hosting online boater licensing course.

Kawehno:ke Chief Louise Thompson

- Presentation on Residential School Educational Credit is being arranged with Larry Whiteduck at Iohahi:io. Three thousand dollar education credit can be transferred to local schools, such as the Akwesasne Freedom School.
- No quorum at Akwesasne Court Law Special Meeting, to pass MCR and place into law enactment process.
- Was unable to attend General Meeting due to being out sick, but sent regrets.
- Attended Justice Portfolio Meeting, which wants Council to look at the issue of outstanding court fines.
- Will be attending Nation Building Negotiations this week.
- Received call from lawyer wanting to know if the MCA would join a class action suit regarding increases to court litigation fees. Need to have report prepared.

Kana:takon Chief Larry King

- Attended Special Meeting on Akwesasne Court Law, but quorum was not reached.
- Attended Government Secretariat Meeting and met CBSA’s new Aboriginal Liaison Officer Denis Morin.
- Attended meetings on Cornwall Divestiture, with work being done on an MOU.
- Will be attending a tour at the RH Saunders Dam, which is looking at doing some refurbishment work.
- Working on having First Nations-specific language

included into agreements with the Ontario Power Generation to encourage First Nations contracting and procurement.

- 30-hour security guard accreditation training is being held, which is required by Ontario. There are 2 positions available through G4S Security with one being a casual position and another permanent position at Saunders Generating Station in Cornwall

Kawehno:ke Joanne Jocko

- Attended Health Board Meeting
- Attended AMBE Board Meeting, which was scheduled for the same time at the Special Meeting on the Akwesasne Court Law.
- Attended meeting on Phase 2 of the Kawehno:ke Waterline Project.
- Attended the General Meeting.
- Met with Steel Hawks Fabrication in Kahnawa:ke.
- Volunteered at Mother’s Day Breakfast.

Kawehno:ke Chief Abram Benedict

- In contact with Comptroller on Chief’s salary audit question from general meeting.
- Attended Special Meeting on Akwesasne Court Law at Tri District Elder’s Lodge, but no quorum reached.
- Participated in conference call with Independent First Nations to discuss funding and receive update on discussions with the Assembly of First Nations and the National Chiefs resignation.
- Received call from community member regarding right of way on McCumber Rd.
- Update on Residential School Bench – another bench is possibly going to be repaired.

Grand Chief Mike Kanentakeron Mitchell

- Received letter from ‘Paragon Inc.’ who is a collection service provider representative of Royal Bank of Canada regarding repossession of community member’s item due to default on a loan.
- Received a letter from Dave White and Beverly Pyke, but their intentions are unclear.
- Received call from AFNQL Regional Chief Ghislain Picard to attend meeting with Quebec.
- Received additional requests to attend meetings (DTS, Nation Building Negotiations, and Iroquois Confederacy).
- Peace Hill Trust is encountering difficulty transporting currency through New York State for a proposed bank in Tsi Snaihne. We need to look at alternatives. Meetings will be scheduled to discuss banking in Canada.

ONERAHTOHKÓ:WA/MAY 20, 2014

Kana:takon Chief Florence Phillips

- Attended Tsi Snaihne Waterline meeting where we discussed the retrofit of the St. Regis Water Treatment Plant.

Kana:takon Chief Julie Phillips-Jacobs

- Attended the rally on Parliament Hill against the tobacco bill and the First Nations Education act .

Was asked by a community member to ensure that the meeting dates are announced well ahead of time. Kana:takon District meeting was announced on the day that it was held. District Chiefs had selected the date well in advance but a notice went out on the day of.

Kawehno:ke Chief Abram Benedict

- Attended rally on Parliament Hill against the tobacco bill, First Nations Education Act, and Canada's lack of attention to missing aboriginal women.
- Participated in OACAS conference call to prepare for upcoming meeting.
- Attended AMS Public Speaking Contest

Kana:takon Chief Larry King

- Attended Nation Building negotiations.
- Attended trip to Saunders dam with staff, OPG, AAMB to discuss opportunities coming forward.
- Divestiture talks are ongoing.

Tsi Snaihne Chief Joe Lazore

- Assisting in trying to secure an ironworkers introductory course.
- Attended Confederacy of Nations in Ottawa. Presentation made on Bill C-33 and there was debate over the charter being legal or not.

Tsi Snaihne Chief Karen Loran

- Out sick previous week
- Attended meeting regarding pharmacist. We are trying to find the perfect fit.
- Attended introductory meeting on culture & tourism initiative. They are developing a community comprehensive tourism plan on culture, etc. Dev. And focusing on the artisan sector.
- Attended Special General Meeting
- Attended St. Timothy Meeting and discussed Thompson Island proposal and Walking Path proposal.
- Attended Nation Building prep meetings and negotiations, which went well. Next meetings are in June & September.
- Follow up tour with Councils of MRC for water tower of islands slated for July.

Tsi Snaihne Chief April Adams-Phillips

- Travelled to China and had a good trip with a full agenda. We were treated well. We toured industrial areas where their main goods are ceramics (tile), silk, and tea.
- Delivered donations to the Kashechewan with my family.

Kawehno:ke Chief Brian David

- Travelled to China.

Kana:takon Chief Steve Thomas

- Attended meeting with SIBC. Discussed student employment/Native employment, infrastructure in the corridor and safety.
- Received report of individuals fishing and

being asked for permits but no conservation or authorities were reportedly on the river. Need notice to community.

- Attended Tobacco Technical Table. Discussed Chippewa Tobacco Forum, community investment, and the project budget. Received update from Traditional Trading.
- Participated in Public Works conference call regarding Kawehno:ke buildings and tendering policy.

Tsi Snaihne Chief William Sunday

- Attended District Meeting. Discussed MCA deficit and community member asked how we can be hiring if we are in a deficit.
- Attended First Nations gathering in Ottawa. Discussed rules and procedures in order to have a meaningful gathering.
- Attended meeting regarding possibility of ironworking training. We wouldn't be certifying them but it would give them an idea of what the work is like. Montreal area is too expensive for training.

Grand Chief Mike Kanentakeron Mitchell

- Attended a bridge demolition meeting; Federal Bridge Corporation Limited is going to re-post for bids; and hopefully American Bridge will be awarded the job because we have community members employed by them.
- We are having discussions about the possibility of an Ironworkers course. We need to contact Ironworkers Union for a strategy.
- Attended Tobacco Technical Table hosted by the Chippewa of the Thames. They have the only other tobacco pilot project. We discussed Bill C-10 (Tobacco).
- Nation Building - we want to put education together with our Nation Building process. The negotiations are going well. We are getting recognition and respect from Canada.

ONERAHTOHKÓ:WA/MAY 27, 2014

Kawehno:ke Chief Louise Thompson

- Was out sick last week
- Attended District Meeting, with all chiefs in attendance and good-sized crowd. One issue was raised regarding a pit-bull that was allowed to roam free and damage tires.
- Working with church committee on locating grants with assistance from Quebec Liaison Officer.

Kana:takon Chief Steve Thomas

- Planning meeting for Public Works Canada, Regional Director General's visit to Akwesasne
- Supper meeting with Sandra Young, Sandra Stevens, PWC, Peter Ross, EHO
- Site visit to POE & Commercial Building, Kawehno:ke
- PWC. Will be using SNC Lavalin for the project
- Meeting with William Papineau, MCRs for AIF
- Meeting with community member, SBA 8(a) program & government contracting

- Chief's committee on cell phone usage meeting. Awaiting confirmation from Operational Support on one of our recommendations
- Conference call for the Kawehno:ke Waterline project -Multi year funding is agreeable by both parties. Discussions on previous expenditures to continue.
- Evaluation of proposals for the Organizational Review. Selection finalized and recommendation made to Council.

Kawehno:ke Chief Brian David

- Participated in conference call with AANDC on recovering the \$1.7 investment MCA made towards the Kawehno:ke Waterline Project. Letter of Commitment is being drafted by AANDC.
- Department of Technical Services requests "Longer Delivery of Construction Materials" to prevent future delays and reduce costs.

Tsi Snaihne Chief William Sunday

- Off last week.
- Attended Wellness Conference on Aging at Oneida. One concerns raised was increasing number of people with Alzheimer's.
- Spent time with community members taking care of the graveyards. Propose a budget to assist them with keeping graveyards maintained.

Tsi Snaihne Chief April Adams-Phillips

- Attended Housing Authority Meeting
- Selection of organizational review proposals has been completed.
- In office most of week.

Tsi Snaihne Chief Karen Loran

- Attended Land Code Task Force informational meeting hosted by Nation Building. Getting ready for final negotiations with federal government.
- Spent time in the district meeting with residents.
- Accident happened in Tsi Snaihne that took ambulance 45 minutes to respond, which was Seaway Valley Ambulance. There is no medical clinic or services in Tsi Snaihne. Commended road crew for helping victim until ambulance arrived.
- Attended meeting with Operational Support to discuss cell phone options for the organization.
- Will attend Ontario Chief's Committee on health.
- Will meet with Quebec Partners on Cultural Agreement and Cultural Tourism.

Tsi Snaihne Chief Joe Lazore

- Working on update on meeting with community member (Dana Leigh Thompson).
- Provided donation to individuals maintaining graveyards to help with food, drinks and gas.

Kana:takon Chief Larry King

- Approached by community elders about land claims and transfer of Loon Island.
- Attended Housing Portfolio Meeting.
- Attended OPG Joint Implementation Team Meeting with Chief Julie Phillips-Jacobs and Chief Abram Benedict. Discussed Darlington

Refurbishment Project and inclusion of First Nation's language in agreements for contracting and employment. Working with Economic Development Office on arranging site tour of Darlington to explore possible sub-contracting for Akwesasne businesses,

- Security Accreditation Training Course being offered at the arena this week, which could result in jobs for community members at RH Saunders Dam. 13 participants.
- Contacted by community members regarding Burn Law, which was defeated during the law enactment process. Damage was done to their vehicle from a nearby burn.

Kawehno:ke Chief Joanne Jocko

- Attended meeting along with Chief Louise Thompson regarding Martin Road.
- Attended Skawatsira Program event at Kana:takon School.
- Participated in conference call regarding recovering \$1.7 million investment MCA made towards the Kawehno:ke Waterline Project.

Kana:takon Chief Julie Phillips-Jacobs

- Attended Ontario Power Generation Joint Implementation meeting along with Chief Larry King and Abram Benedict. Darlington refurbishment was the main agenda item.
- Attended MCA Christmas Party Working Committee meeting. We have over 400 employees that are interested in attending. A lot of fundraising will be needed in order to reduce the cost to attend.

Kawehno:ke Chief Abram Benedict

- Attended pre-hearing on "Colleen Nolan vs. Akwesasne Housing Board."
- Attended Housing Authority meeting, Section 95 house available to sale in Tsi Snaihne. Applications narrowed down to 8 applicants, with one being selected by a lottery system,.
- Attended OPG Joint Implementation Team Meeting and discussed Darlington Refurbishment Project and proposed deep geologic repository (DGR) proposal.
- Attended District Meeting – concerns regarding the medical marijuana plant. Clarification on Chief's salary Audit will be provided at General Meeting, the audit included benefits cost and in the past it didn't. Audit going to be redone.
- Concern regarding Chiefs cell phone usage, my payroll deductions for last year was \$900, total cost for a year of my phone is around \$900 after my contribution.
- Judicial Review decision from the Mohawk Court has been received on AMBE and is being reviewed.
- Meeting has been set up with INAC /AANDC to discuss reduction in funding for NCB.

General Meeting Report

Office of the Grand Chief

Onerahtóhko:wa/May 8, 2014

MCA BUDGET

The annual budget of the MCA is \$102.5 million dollars. This represents one of the highest levels of funding that the Government of Canada forwards to a First Nation in Canada. The reason Akwesasne receives funding at this level is that the community has always held the belief that we can provide services to the community with our own people rather than having the government provide services for Akwesasne. The last two years the Harper Government has reduced its funding levels to First Nations by over 30%. First Nations and First Nation organizations have been hit hard by these cuts. Many First Nations and organizations have had to reduce staff through lay-offs and the reduction of services. Akwesasne has also been affected in certain areas, but we have managed to minimize the effects through intensive lobbying and defending our programs and services in the face of government cutbacks. The lobbying initiated by the Mohawk Council leadership and staff has proven to be very successful in many areas where we were able to protect our funding for our programs and services.

The MCA budget is projected to break even this year. Considering the amount of non-funded programs and projects that are supported by the Mohawk Council; such as the use of the water line, garbage collection, and the Justice Department; this budget is definitely not an overly bad outlook. Despite our funding shortfalls from the Government, we are happy to report that the current budget has been balanced.

COURT CASES

Two Akwesasne women were charged by Canada Customs with border related offences for not immediately reporting to the new Cornwall Canada Border Service Agency port. In both cases, the women dropped kids off on Kawehno:ke before reporting to Canada Customs. They both were charged with failure to report to Canada Customs, along with other charges such as aiding and abetting an alien. Some of the charges were either

dropped or the judge found the women innocent of charges. One of the women was asked to fill out a landed immigrant document and that is when the Mohawk Council decided to provide assistance. The second part of the trial will begin in September. The Mohawk Council is weighing its options with the lawyers to decide if it is necessary to go forward with a test case based on the mobility rights of First Nations to travel within their territory as it is already in the court system.

DUNDEE (TSIKARISTISERE) LAND CLAIM Background

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne's specific claim relates to the alleged 1888 surrender of lands in the Dundee area in the Province of Quebec. Simply put, the MCA claims that the surrender was invalid because it was Akwesasne's intention to surrender and it was not in our best interest. MCA also claims that the compensation received was inadequate and in no way approached the actual value of the lands. Canada has accepted the Mohawk Council's claim.

The Territory known as Tsikaristisere or "Dundee Lands" is on the south shore of the St. Lawrence River roughly opposite Cornwall. It consists of 20,000 acres in the most westerly portion of the Province of Quebec, now known as the Township of Dundee. Historically, it was part of the land recognized as set aside for the Mohawks of Akwesasne.

The Mohawk Council claim was partially accepted for negotiation in 1988 on the basis of inadequate compensation resulting from the 1888 surrender. These negotiations broke down in the mid 1990's. The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne subsequently revised its allegations in the context of evolving case law and submitted additional research. Canada then conducted a legal review of the new evidence. Canada and the Mohawk Council will be seeking to resolve outstanding issues with respect to the invalid surrender and alleged invalid leases.

Today

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne has submitted

its position and costs to the Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada. This land claim relates to the alleged surrender of lands on the South shore of the St. Lawrence River. It consists of roughly 20,000 acres in the township of Dundee. The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne is waiting for a counter offer which will begin final settlement negotiations. A draft agreement can then be brought to the community for consideration. The proposed settlement agreement will allow for lands equal to the acreage lost to be returned to reserve status as long as the sales are made with a willing seller in the land claim area.

NEW YORK CLAIM

This action involves a land claim on the U.S. portion of our former Territory and it includes sections of St. Lawrence and Franklin Counties. The MCA, Mohawk Nation Council of Chiefs and the St. Regis Mohawk Tribe are litigants of a land claim filed in the U.S. Federal Court against the State of New York, the New York Power Authority and others for lands, Islands, and resources belonging to the Mohawks of Akwesasne. The original land claim was filed in 1982 by the MCA. In 1989, the claim was joined by the St. Regis Mohawk Tribe and the Mohawk Nations Council of Chiefs. The courts recognized the joint proceedings in 1992. The parties reached a proposed settlement agreement in 2005 which was ratified in a referendum by the community. The settlement has not yet been accepted by either the State of New York or the Federal Government. Franklin and St. Lawrence counties have moved to dismiss the case. In July of 2013, Judge Judy Kahn dismissed all claims but the Hogsburg triangle.

In recent months, the St. Regis Mohawk Tribe has met with the New York State Governors to resume negotiations toward a settlement of the claim. To date, there are on-going negotiations between the Tribe and New York State. The proposals coming out of the State are not nearly as good as those which were negotiated in 2005. Once a formal proposal is received from the State, it will be up to the community to decide, although the Judge's decision from 2013 to dismiss the former claims gives New York a negotiating advantage for sure.

CORNWALL HARBOR DIVESTITURE

The Cornwall Harbor Divestiture plan is in the final stages of negotiations and it is hoped that

a final agreement will happen before the end of the current fiscal year. In the past, Cornwall and Akwesasne could not reach an agreement on the co-management of the Cornwall harbor lands which lie in the "north shore claim". Cornwall and Akwesasne are negotiating a memorandum of understanding to work out the details of a cooperative agreement in the co-management of the site. This agreement will include a management team made up of representatives from both Cornwall and Akwesasne. The Federal Government representatives from Transport Canada have provided information on the current leases and tenant arrangements involved in the Cornwall harbor site. The co-management team is now involved in the review of these arrangements and they are now looking at options going forward for the management of these lands.

EDUCATION

The working task group of the Akwesasne Board of Education has developed a work plan with a timeline of completing the community education law before the end of Councils term next year. The law template is approximately 70 percent completed, and the charter is about 60 percent complete. The work on the charter is primarily taking the Boards structure, the current policies and procedures and putting them into the proper format. In terms of the First Nation Control of First Nation Education Act, the impact of the proposed federal legislation will be minimal to AMBE as we currently meet nearly all of the conditions set out in the bill. This includes certified teachers, a comparable school calendar, a program in place to monitor student attendance, a core curriculum that focuses on literacy and numeracy, annual student assessments, and school success planning. The Board currently is a recipient for funding from the First Nation Student Success Program (FNSSP) for the board wide school improvement initiative.

The Skahwatsi:ra program is operated out of the Kanatakon School. The program was redeveloped in 2005 and student enrolment has grown from 45 students to 115 for the 2013/14 school year. Enrolment for the 2014/15 school year is projected to increase, making it necessary to hire an additional teacher so that the current grade 3 and 4 classroom will be split into two classes. In terms of the post-secondary program, the staff and Chiefs were concerned about the performance

of the Akwesasne students going to college and university programs and coming home without finishing their academic programs. There has been a drop over time in the percentage of students graduating. There are preliminary plans to have an education summit to identify the barriers being faced by these students and the committee can then look at possible solutions. There may be a need to develop new programs and services for students going to college and university.

TECHNICAL SERVICES

The MCA has been successful in securing funding from Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC) for the Tsi Snaihne Water Supply project. This project included upgrades for the Kana:takon Water Plant. On April 17th, a meeting was held in the AANDC offices in Toronto regarding funding for the Kawehno:ke Water Supply Project. The objective of the meeting was to obtain AANDC’s commitment to a multi- year funding arrangement for this project. Mauricette Howlett (Regional Director General) was able to commit on a “going forward” basis. The RDG Mauricette Howlett also committed to researching how this funding arrangement could include expenses incurred prior to March 31, 2014. Follow up discussions and meetings will be arranged to ensure these costs are included into the multi-year arrangement. The MCA is currently pursuing funding to replace the existing sewage treatment facility at the TsiSnaihne School area. The design of the plant is currently underway.

HEALTH

In the area of Health, the Mohawk Council and specifically Chief Loran had a meeting with the Senior Assistant Deputy Minister Sony Perron. Chief Loran was able to successfully lobby to prevent Health Canada from reclaiming \$671,000 of funds saved from the Mohawk Council’s contribution agreement. Any unspent funding is normally taken back by the Federal Government. In this case, Chief Loran argued that these funds should be used in Akwesasne for other Health services that had seen an increase in the cost of operations and specifically in the area of the cost of dental services. Chief Loran met with the government officials and lobbied for the government to agree so Akwesasne was able to retain these funds for the continuation of our services in the community.

EDUCATION ACT AND AFN UPDATE

The Canadian Governments proposed First Nation Education Act (FNEA Bill C-33) has been heavily criticized by the First Nations of Canada. The Assembly of First Nations (AFN) which is the agency/organization that lobbies for all of the First Nations of Canada, voted unanimously to reject the First Nations Education Act. AFN National Chief Shawn Atleo then secured a promise from Prime Minister Harper for additional Billions of dollars to use for Education in a new deal, but details of the arrangement were not immediately reported to the AFN. The Chiefs of the AFN questioned the deal and the actions of the National Chief. The money promised by the Prime Minister is clouded in criticism. The issue led to the resignation of AFN National Chief Shawn Atleo on Friday, May 2, 2014.

The AFN Executive Committee has selected Quebec Regional Chief Ghislan Picard to act as the official spokesperson of the AFN in the absence of a National Chief. This decision is supported by the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne. The Executive Committee will govern the AFN until an election can be held to replace the National Chief, possibly this fall. Canada has halted the First Nations Education Act (Bill C-33), until the AFN issues are resolved and their position on this bill can be clarified. The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne will continue to develop its own model for education.



Update: Kawehno:ke District Chief Abram Benedict

HOUSING

Currently the MCA Housing Authority Charter contains a provision that allows interested community members from each District to sit on the Authority. In the past, calls out to the community had been posted but no letters of interest were ever received. The Housing Portfolio met and agreed that another call out should be initiated to determine whether or not there are any interested community members presently. On May 23 a call out for interested community members was issued with a closing date of June 10. If you are interested in participating on the MCA Housing Authority, I encourage you to submit a letter of interest.

COMMEMORATIVE BENCH(ES)

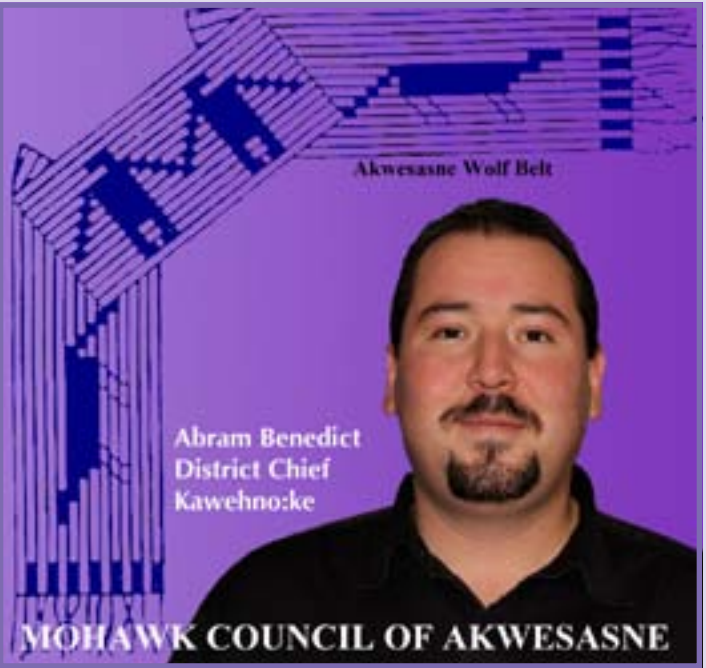
In early April I received a letter about the Residential School Survivors commemorative bench that was initially located at the Anowarako:wa Arena and was later relocated to Kana:takon School. The letter was signed by numerous community members and requested that the bench be returned to the arena.

Back in September 2013, Council had received a request from the Kana:takon School Skahwatsi:ra program to relocate the bench to the Kana:takon School in recognition of the efforts being made to revitalize the Kanien’keha language through the Skahwatsi:ra program. Council granted that request without consulting the community or Anowarako:wa Arena patrons, not realizing that the decision would be perceived as offensive or cause upset.

A number of Chiefs have since been approached about the request for the bench’s return and there are a few option being considered, including: relocating the original bench back to the Anowarako:wa Arena OR purchasing an additional bench for placement at the Anowarako:wa Arena. Once Council makes a decision on these options, the community will be informed.

NATIONAL CHILD BENEFIT REINVESTMENT (NCBR) FUNDS

Recently the Mohawk Council was notified that our annual allocation for National Child Benefit Reinvestment (NCBR) fund was being decreased from \$349,000 to \$202,000, which represents



about a 40 percent decrease. This initiative was originally introduced by the Federal Government as part of their commitment to support children in low-income families. The program for Aboriginals is administered by Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC). Aboriginal Affairs claims that the growing cost of elementary and secondary education has resulted in the Ontario regional reduction in the NCBR fund allocations. All 134 First Nations who apply for the NCBR funds have been affected. In response to this reduction, I sent a letter to the Ontario Region Education and Social Program Director which included a request to meet in order to discuss our displeasure with their alarming announcement of this significant funding cut back to our most vulnerable community sector.

At Akwesasne, the NCBR committee is responsible for reviewing community proposals and deciding which proposals will be awarded what amount of the funding made available. Our call out for proposal submissions has already been completed, per our usual annual deadline (at the end of March) and awards are normally disbursed in May. Because of the significant funding cutbacks being encountered, this year the recipients will see a significant decrease when compared to the amounts that were able to be awarded in the past. Along with the Director of the Department of Community and Social Services, I will be meeting with the Ontario Region Education and Social



election. Since an election has been called, the technical table for the development of an Aboriginal Children and Youth Strategy under the Ministry of Children and Youth Services has been suspended, at least until the results of their election is known.

NATIONAL DAY OF RESISTANCE

On May 14th Chief Julie Phillips-Jacobs and I attended the National Day of Resistance rally on Capitol Hill in Ottawa. The rally was organized to increase awareness of Bill C-33 (the First Nation Control of First Nation Education Act) and Bill C-10 (the Contraband Tobacco Act) and to demand a public inquiry into the over 1,000 cases of missing and murdered indigenous women. At the Hill, a number of individuals spoke out about the two proposed bills and the implications such legislation would have on Aboriginal people if the government proceeded to pass these bills. In the days immediately prior to the rally, the Federal Government announced that it would put the First Nation Control of First Nation Education Act on hold until the Assembly of First Nations clarified its position; this announcement was made following the resignation of the Assembly of First Nations National Chief Shawn Atleo.



Program Director for AANDC in early June with a proposal to maintain Akwesasne's allocation of NCBF funding at the same level as previous years.

'ABORIGINAL CHILDREN AND YOUTH STRATEGY' SUSPENDED

The Ontario Government tabled its budget on May 1st and the two opposition parties subsequently announced that they would not be supporting the government's budget. These announcements would have resulted in the government being defeated by a non confidence vote in the legislature because any budget bill is considered a confidence vote and if/when a confidence vote is defeated, the result is that the legislature is dissolved and an election is called.

When the opposition parties announced that they would not support the budget bill, Premier Kathleen Wynne opted to ask the Governor General to dissolve the legislature and call for an election, rather than being defeated and having a forced

Update: Kawehno:ke District Chief JoAnne Jocko

MEETINGS FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL

- Week of April 1st-Special Meeting, Pre-Meeting for trip to Toronto to meet with Regional Director General of AANDC for the Kawehnoke Waterline Project Phase 2
- Week of April 7th Out sick for 7-9th, Finance Meeting-Budget Review of MCA for approval, Planning Meeting for RDG Meeting in Toronto, Health Portfolio meeting, Akwesasne Membership Meeting, Transitions Cornwall-Workshop Sustainable Food Production
- Week of April 14th-Pre-Screening for the Director of Housing position, Travel to Toronto for meeting with Regional Director General of AANDC Mauricette Howlett & Director of Community Infrastructure Shela Silva.
- Week of April 21st-Special Meeting, Out sick.

MEETINGS FOR THE MONTH OF MAY

- H.A.V.F.D. Annual Banquet.
- Week of May 5th- Health Board Meeting, Special Meeting, AMBE Board Meeting, Kawehnoke Waterline Meeting, Creation Story Presentation, General Meeting, Steel Hawk Homes tour in Kahnawake
- Volunteered at H.A.V.F.D Station #2 Kawehnoke Annual Mothers Day Breakfast
- Week of May 12th-Government Secretariat, Special Meeting, Creation Story Presentation, Director of Housing Interviews
- Week of May 19th Special Meeting, 1st Annual Language Fair, Meeting at AMBE Board, OEM Electronics Recycling Program, Skawatsirah Kanienkeha Language Show at Kanatakon School, Creation Story Presentation, Tour to McDonald Sister Property & Hopkins Point,
- Week of May 26th Conference Call with AANDC for Kawehnoke Waterline Funding, Special Meeting, St. Regis Optimization Meeting, Kawehnoke Waterline Meeting Phase 2, Akwesasne Membership Meeting

H.A.V.F.D ANNUAL BANQUET

It was a privilege to share this occasion with some very special women and men who wear this uniform proudly. We should honor them every day for bravely protecting our community. We are fortunate to have a new generation of firefighters coming up to gain



the knowledge of some of the senior volunteers. In watching the award ceremony I could see this group are like a family who depend on one another to safely protect our community. This is a very special group of people who we need to acknowledge throughout the year. So if you know one of these people or just happen to see them in your travels; please take the time to thank them for their devotion to all of us.

AMBE RECYCLING POSTER CONTEST & CAMPAIGN

This past year AMBE partnered with MCA's departments of Environment & Department of Technical Services to promote a recycling program within the schools. With the new contract of the waste disposal for the community came the opportunity to once again to promote recycling in the community of Akwesasne. A request came from one of the AMBE board members to look at recycling in the schools of all three districts.

John Watson, who is the Waste Diversion Education Coordinator for Ontario's Halton Region, presented at the Akwesasne Mohawk School on Kawehnoke & had a very captive audience with all the children. He was amazed at how much knowledge our youth had on recycling & the importance of preserving our Mother Earth. This day was the kick off for the recycling poster contest for the community of Akwesasne. There were entries from all the school from all grades; many creative entries were submitted from all our

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AKWESASNE MOHAWK BOARD OF EDUCATION

Is

Hosting a Free Electronics Collection & Recycling Event

Waste Reduction Week

Start Date: June 23, 2014 to June 30, 2014

Where: CIA #2 (Next to Kawehnoke Clinic)

Drop Off Time 8-4 p.m. Daily

To Benefit the AMBE Schools

youth. The winners were selected and the winners were presented with family packages for the Galaxy Cinemas Cornwall. The Department of Technical Services of Mohawk Council of Akwesasne sponsored the movie packages. A selection will be made from the winners for a community wide campaign to keep promoting recycling and how it is important to our youth, so we need to continue to encourage our youth in this much needed campaign to keep our community of Akwesasne a health clean environment for all.

Here is the Recycling Poster Contest winners:

Head Start, K4 & K5

1st place—Kawennanornon Jock

Grade 1-5

1st place—Kohia Thomas, Grade 5, AMS

2nd place—Kiyah Francis, Grade 4, Snye

3rd place (TIE)—Akenhiio Lazore, Grade 3, Snye & Tehokwirathe Barreiro, Grade 3, Kanatakon

Grade 6 – 8

1st place—Nakia Thomas Grade 6B, AMS

2nd place—Iohehtioo Peters–Martin, Kanatakon

3rd place—Gracie King, Kanatakon

We would like to thank everyone that participated in the contest and all the helpers that helped to make

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this a success and our environment a better place. A big Niawen Kowa.

AMBE ELECTRONIC RECYCLING EVENT

I have been meeting with Debbie Terrance of AMBE and Margaret George of MCA's Environment Program to organize and host an Electronic Recycling event for the week of June 23-June 30, 2014. The drop off site will be located at CIA#2, which is the building before the Kawehno:ke Medical Clinic. This event is another way that AMBE is promoting recycling within the entire community of Akwesasne. The interest and involvement of the youth within the schools is to be acknowledged and admired. As adults we need to take on the challenge set before us by our youth to protect our Mother Earth.

MEETING IN TORONTO WITH REGIONAL DIRECTOR GENERAL OF AANDC MAURICETTE HOWLETT

On April 16, I travelled along with others to meet with the Regional Director General of AANDC Mauricette Howlett & Director of Community Infrastructure Shela Silva to discuss the funding of the Kawehnoke Waterline Phase 2 and the agreement of a multi-year funding of capital projects for Akwesasne.

I spoke to the health concerns of the people in the remaining homes that are in Phase 2 of the waterline project. I explained our beliefs in our community and that our Elders stay within the family homes for as long as possible. I explained that one household might have Elders, babies and children along with the parents. Our belief is that the family unit is the utmost important in our culture. I asked the Regional Director that when they look at the feasibility study before them, not to just look at the 182 homes but to look at the families in those homes. To think of their well being when making their decisions as to whether or not they would support the bridge financing that would bring this project to completion. The Regional Director did say that she would not just look at the facts presented but to think of those people impacted and she agreed that the health of our people should be

Summary of Annual Operating Budget: May 8, 2014

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne administers substantial funding in delivering its programs and services. Within the past three fiscal years, budgeted funding has grown from \$86 million in 2012-2013 to \$102.5 million in projected funding for 2014-2015. At the same time, Council has been faced with the generation of annual operating deficits generally in the range of \$2 to \$3 million per year or 2% to 3% of the total budget for each of the past 5 years. Fortunately, Council has been able to accumulate operating reserves in the past. These reserves have been used to reduce the 2014-2015 projected accumulated deficits to (\$2.5 million). This amount is manageable and we are confident that we can eliminate this deficit over the next 4 to 5 fiscal years while ensuring that we maintain balanced annual operating budgets.

Why Are Deficits Being Generated?

Our main funding partners are the Federal and Provincial Governments. Council is faced with the ongoing decision to provide unfunded or underfunded programs to meet community needs. These programs will generate deficits. Over the past two years our local economy has also been in a serious down-turn forcing community member's use of Social and Post-Secondary program funding to increase by over 25%, placing additional strain on our budgets. While many programs and services are underfunded deficits over the past several years have resulted from:

ensured. Overall, the meeting went well as the history of previous arrangements was reminded to them, as we have been successful in the management of other capital projects, which have been funded by AANDC in previous years. The Director of Department of Technical Services, Jay Benedict, gave a chronological history as to the excellence and dedication we have had previously and the recognition MCA has earned as a result. Mr. Benedict reminded the Regional Director that we need to also address the lack of funding on the part of AANDC for Phase 1 of the Kawehnoke Waterline and that MCA funded that portion solely. A follow up meeting is to be held in the first week of June with the indication of a commitment letter of financial support for Phase 2, as well as discussions as to multi-year funding agreement for future capital projects for Akwesasne.

- Post-secondary costs exceeding the budget set for the program
- Social Assistance costs exceeding the budget by \$1 million per year for the past three years
- Transition of Group Home to a Treatment Centre
- Housing rent collected being far less than the costs of operating the rental units
- Department of Justice is substantially unfunded
- Environment is substantially unfunded
- Operations and maintenance of MCA facilities are substantially unfunded
- Council supports community by keeping day care fees low, supporting unfunded school hot lunch and breakfast programs, and absorbing unfunded portion of water, sewer and garbage fees.

What is MCA Going to do to Curb Spending and Ensure Balanced Budgets in the Future?

1. We are reviewing and improving our internal efficiencies and processes. Savings have been identified and are being realized.
2. We have successfully negotiated a recovery of \$671,602 in funding from Health Canada as partial settlement of the \$941,000 deficit incurred in fiscal 2010-2011. Work to recover the balance of this deficit is ongoing.
3. We are negotiating a series of multi-year funding agreements in fiscal 2014-2015. We will be making every effort to ensure that we maintain and increase funding levels.

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Akwesasne Mohawk Police Service Chief of Police Jerry Swamp provided special recognition to members of the Central Dispatch Unit. His presentation follows a similar recognition that was given on March 28th to MCA's employees that are Emergency First Responders. He noted that dispatchers help serve as the lifeline of the community, yet don't always get recognized for their part in saving a life.

One highlight of the luncheon was the presentation of a 40-year Certificate of Appreciation to Department of Technical Services Roads Program Employee Danny Thompson. Speaking on behalf of Long Service Recognition Planning Committee, Master of Ceremonies Vaughn Phillips noted that recognition of Thompson's milestone was the longest for any active employee.

The Long Service Recognition ceremony was the largest attended by any group of current and retired employees. It provided memorable moments for many and was an opportunity for the organization to express its appreciation to committed employees who are dedicated to serving our community.



AMPS Chief-of-Police Jerry Swamp and Kenneth Chaussi.



25-Years: Cindy Lazore, Jackie Mitchell, Lisa Francis-Benedict, Donna Jocko, Donna Roundpoint, Lynn Roundpoint and Caroline Lafrance.



15 Years: (from left) Cecilia Thompson, Melissa R. Cook, Connie Hall, David Oakes, Wanda Thompson and Iris Caldwell.



(Left) 10 Years: Melissa Jacobs, Quinn Benedict, Dale Cole, Ramona O'Brien, Wayne Lazore, Lorna Francis, Derrick Lafrance, Kristy Lauzon, and Terry King. (Bottom Left) 20 Years: James Papineau, Deborah Terrance, June King, Deborah Porter, Robin Lazore and Patricia Boots. (Below) 30 years: Shirley Phillips and Paula Jacobs.



Former-Prime Minister Visits Akwesasne Schools



On Friday, June 13th, the Right Honorable Paul Martin, former-Prime Minister of Canada, made a visit to Akwesasne to observe a First Nation education system. Seeing that the Ahkwesahsne Mohawk Board of Education (AMBE) has high graduation rates, culturally and linguistically responsive programming and Mohawk control of the system/organization, Martin was recommended to visit Akwesasne.

This trip was initiated and suggested by Diane Longboat who is assisting First Nations with the development of a template for a First Nations Education Law. Ms. Longboat, who also visited AMBE with Martin, recommended a visit Akwesasne schools as there is a successful incorporation of language and culture in the curriculum. During Martin’s trip, he made a stop at the Ahkwesahsne Mohawk Board of Education’s schools in Kana:takon and Tsi Snaihne,

Former-Canadian Prime Minister Paul Martin and MCA Grand Chief Mike Kanetakeron Mitchell with students at the Kana:takon School during the tour of AMBE Schools.

along with a visit to the Akwesasne Freedom School. When Martin first arrived, he was given an overview of the structure and curriculum of the AMBE schools, particularly the Skawitsira Program and the Early Years programs. He was able to observe the students daily routine, which includes them reciting the Ohen:ten Kariwatehkwen (Thanksgiving Address) and performing songs and dance, which Mr. Martin was able to participate in. Martin was very impressed at the students’ confidence of speaking and singing in front of large groups of individuals as well as the manner they conducted themselves in. Grand Chief Mike Kanentakeron Mitchell emphasized to him that this program “was able to create leadership qualities that students will maintain into adulthood.” It was also pointed out that many students who have participated in the Akwesasne Freedom School, which the Skawishira Program is rooted from, have gone on to become successful. Diane Longboat noted, “it was so moving to see how the children flourish in such a system of language and culture.” Martin mingled with many of the students throughout the day and expressed how impressed he was with the AMBE school system as well as the Akwesasne Freedom School. He recommended that a research study should be completed on the AMBE school systems to document several areas of the immersion students, including: academic achievements, social and emotional well-being, optimum physical development, leadership, contribution to community,



Tsi Snaihne District Chiefs April Adams-Phillips, Karen Loran and Joe Lazore with former-Prime Minister Martin and Grand Chief Mitchell at the Tsi Snaihne School.

Teiakohserathe Gracie King presented a sweetgrass basket as Kana:takon Chief Julie Phillips-Jacobs and Peter Garrow look on.

participation in post-secondary level studies, work participation, community values, family values and nation building. Martin noted that there could be other First Nations that are seeking models for education and that Akwesasne needs to “document and celebrate your successes.” Martin noted that it was evident that AMBE’s accomplishments are “driven from the culture” and articulated that this type of curriculum should not only be incorporated into First Nation school systems, but also in the public school systems.

Martin established the Martin Aboriginal Education Initiative, founding it as a registered charity in 2008. The organization is dedicated to helping aboriginal students finish high school and continue in post-secondary education.



Charges Dismissed Against Akwesasne People’s Fire & MCA

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne is informing the community that trespassing action against representatives of the “Akwesasne People’s Fire” and the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne have been discontinued. The plaintiff - the Federal Bridge Corporation Limited - agreed to discontinue the action following the outcome of MCA’s recent plebiscite concerning the international corridor buildings. The FBCL had filed suit in the Ontario Superior Court of Justice against the Akwesasne People’s Fire representatives in order to force them to relocate. The group had erected buildings in the international corridor on Kawehno:ke (Cornwall Island) following the 2009 controversy with the Canada Border Services Agency. The FBCL objected to these buildings and pursued legal action. MCA joined as a defendant to ensure the protection of the inherent & jurisdictional rights of the Mohawks of Akwesasne. The FBCL recently agreed to discontinue the case if MCA would agree the buildings should be demolished or removed. A plebiscite conducted by MCA this past April asked community members if they supported the removal of the Akwesasne People’s Fire buildings along with the abandoned CBSA buildings. Voters overwhelmingly opted for removal. MCA was notified of the discontinuance on June 11, 2014. Future dates for proceedings are cancelled.



Economic Development Program

The Economic Development Program's mission is to support the growth and development of a clean and sustainable Akwesasne economy through the development of Economic wealth generators, through Business Development, and through the delivery of training and finance programs to Akwesasronon.

Stop in or call us for more information regarding our:

- Business Registration
- Akwesasne Economic Development Fund (AEDF)
- Small Business Grant (SBG)
- Training

Initiatives

Akwesane's Local Market is going to be held this summer at the Peace Tree Trade Centre on Kawehno:ke. The goal is to promote healthy living by supplying fresh produce grown locally. We would also like to encourage our local bakers and artisans to be a part of this initiative. If you are interested in becoming a vendor or for more information please contact our office.

Buy Local Golf Tournament is a joint venture between Economic Development and the Akwesasne Chamber of Commerce to be held at Cedar View Golf Course August 22nd. All businesses and individuals are welcome to participate. Call us to register!

Ribbon Shirt Friday's is our newest initiative and we are encouraging Mohawk Council employees to participate and lead by example. The goal is to promote our local ribbon shirt businesses and culture! If you are interested in being added to our list of ribbon shirt makers please give us a call. We encourage community members to participate as well; together we can all support this unique part of the economy.

Leakage Study will examine how much money is being circulated within Akwesasne and how much leaves the area to be spent outside of Akwesasne. The results of the leakage study will help us understand, improve and strengthen the local economy. It will also help identify what types of businesses are needed in Akwesasne and identify long term economic strategies and opportunities to create employment. Also, to assist us in developing a resource data base and address and reduce economic leakage off the territory. The study will be concluded in June with presentations to the community shortly after.

**If you have any questions or would like more information please contact Mohawk Council of Akwesasne's Economic Development Program
(613) 575-2250 ext. 1053**

Celebrating Local Business Success:

Mohawk Art & Design

Owned by Tehaweiakaron Jordan Thompson

Mohawk Art & Design has been in business for 5 years however Jordan has been drawing since he was young. He currently manages his time between his job for J.O.M. Program at Salmon River, his wife and twin boys and his passion for art. He works on his art pieces during the off season of school or when he can sneak in some time late in the evenings. He offers a variety of services through his artwork including prints, originals, custom pieces, mugs, t-shirts and tattoo designs.

Jordan's business began earlier than most expected. He recalled selling his first piece of artwork in the 4th grade to a kid at lunch for \$5. In college he was asked for tattoo designs by lacrosse teammates and slowly began developing himself as an artist. He started attending the Akwesasne International Powwow and received support from his family and within the community. People wanted custom pieces and he began doing shows and powwows. One of his unique abilities is creating family portraits out of clans and capturing the image on paper.

Support for his talent has never been an issue with Jordan, especially from his family and friends. His wife is also very supportive, encouraging him to attend shows and where to go to help him get his name out there. He hopes when his kids are older they will be inspired to attend powwows and get into dancing. Inspiration from his talent comes from storytelling, learning about legends and portraying a story from that into a picture. Until his final year in high school, Jordan kept his artistic skills to himself. He decided to take a class in art to fill his required credits and based on his ability he was moved to an advanced class. Although he had a passion for art, he decided to pursue a career in the educational field at SUNY Plattsburg. His final 2 years of college was a struggle, given that he has a reading comprehension disability. Instead of allowing that to discourage him, he finished his degree focusing on art. That part of his education helped him enhance his skills of portraits.



St. Kateri Tekakwitha

Jordan's creations are thought out and represent a significant meaning, either to himself or to the individual who requested the piece from him. One of his noteworthy pieces of art is the *Saint Kateri Tekakwitha*



portrait. The first print was sent to the pope in Rome during her canonization in 2012. Ironworking is one of Akwesasne's traditions and he created that spirit in his *Ironworkers Heritage* piece and it went to the Ironworkers Festival last year. Another great achievement was his artistic participation in the Two Row Wampum Tour. He designed a piece with the two row wampum and set out to sell some of his artwork. Although he was unsuccessful and a little disappointed, he received a call and was asked to go to New York City and set up there for when the tour ended. He put his piece on prints and at the arrival of the canoes the paddlers who participated in the journey purchased the prints and signed them. To Jordan, that is what is rewarding as an artist, being able to create an image and having it appreciated. This is also true for his tattoo designs. He understands the responsibility of creating an image for that individual and them making the decision to have it on their body indefinitely. Jordan said "it feels like a bigger achievement then when it is actually on paper."



Ironworkers Heritage

Jordan's dream for Mohawk Art & Design is to be able to have his own space located in Akwesasne where people can go to view his art and also get to designs conveniently. He would love to go full time, being able to travel and attend more shows and powwows, but he is very happy where he is now and how his business is progressing in the right direction at his pace.

He collaborates with other artists and producers in the community to support each other with tips and advice and to share information regarding shows. He said "artists are afraid to show their stuff; I'm still afraid. They feel like they're not good enough to show or don't have a strong enough portfolio. That's another one of my goals, giving artists their own wall to showcase their stuff. Never give up, I've spent some money on shows, getting there and not even coming up on top. If you can do something, keep going with it. I don't know when I'd call myself an artist, when I got my degree or when I sold my first \$5 piece?"



From the Shadows

We at Economic Development remind the community when purchasing any type of art, always remember how much time and creativity went into their pieces and appreciate their work. We encourage you to support our local artisans and **BUY LOCAL!!**

Mohawk Art & Design
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Governor General, Grand Chief, meet with Kashechewan Evacuees

On May 29, 2014, Mohawk Council of Akwesasne Grand Chief Mike Kanentakeron, along with staff, had a meeting with Canada's Governor General David Johnson at the NAV Can Centre in Cornwall. Gov. Johnson was in the city to visit the Kashechewan flooding evacuees who are being sheltered at the facility by Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada.

Gov. Johnson requested a meeting with Grand Chief Mitchell to discuss a number of issues. He mainly wished to express his thankfulness to Akwesasne for acting as host to the evacuees, providing them with entertainment, clothing, and any assistance they have needed while being hundreds of miles from home.

The Governor General has received reports of the tremendous work MCA's technical people have been doing in providing assistance and reporting. There are still close to 500 evacuees temporarily living at NAV Can.

The other matter that Gov. Johnson wished to discuss was directly related to the NAV Can Centre and the possibility of having it transformed into a university that would specialize in indigenous education with the support of the Mohawks of Akwesasne. This idea has been in discussion stages for several months has peaked the interest of many who view NAV Can and the city of Cornwall as an idea university location. Gov. Johnson expressed great interest in helping to see the university project realized at NAV Can.

Above Right: Grand Chief Mike Kanentakeron Mitchell with the Governor General David Johnson and Red Cross staff who are on site to provide assistance in many forms to the evacuees.

Right: Governor General David Johnson met with Kashechewan evacuee Joyce at the NAV Can Centre where she and her fellow community members have been staying.



Kahawi Dance Theatre's "Honouring"



On Saturday, June 7th, the ambience was warm, the breeze light and the stars shining along the beautiful St. Lawrence River. Although in this particular setting, the stars shining the brightest were the artists of the Kahawi Dance Theatre performing their magical rendition of The Honouring.

The Honouring, which was created and choreographed by Santee Smith of Six Nations, featured herself and the talented artists Emily Laaw, Michael Demski, Nimkii Osawamick, Alex Twin, Jacob Pratt, Garret C. Smith and Cheri Maracle. The Honouring included interpretive dance and singing and honored the First Nation warriors of the war of 1812 and the families that sacrificed to protect Haudenosaunee sovereignty, culture and land.

Over two hundred Akwesasronon and neighbors gathered to watch this wonderful performance. Chris Thompson emceed the event and prior to the show, Phillip White-Cree, researcher of the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne's Aboriginal Rights and Research Office, gave a background on Akwesasne involvement in the War of 1812 (see (month) 2014 Onkwe'ta:ke edition for more information on the War of 1812).

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne would like to send out a Nia:wenkowa to all of the sponsors that helped make the visit from the Kahawi Dance Theatre performing group a success including: Enbridge, CKON Radio, Tarbell Management Group, The St.

Regis Tribal Council, Ahkwesahsne Mohawk Board of Education, Hotinohnson:ni Cultural Youth Group, Akwesasne Area Management Board, Akwesasne Diabetes Center-Community Health Program and The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne.

Event Sponsors

Naiwenko:wa to all our sponsors who help make this event a reality for our four hundred and ten community participants who witnessed for the first time The Honouring performance which is a site-specific multi-disciplinary performance honouring First Nations warriors of the War of 1812 and features Onkwehonwe families who sacrificed to protect Haudenosaunee sovereignty, culture and land.

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Kyla Thompson performs Traditional Hoop Dance.

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Feryn King during the opening ceremony.

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Entsiakwakaèn:ion Tsi ni Kionkwè:non

"We will be looking back at where we came from"

American Revolution: 1763–1784

The most traumatic times for the Haudenosaunee occurred during the American Revolution, and Akwesasne saw the effects that war had on the North American continent. The British had become the only super power after they defeated the French, and felt that they had to decide what they were going to do with the newly acquired Indigenous, "British subjects." The Haudenosaunee had suffered for trying to keep out of the French and Indian War, and sought ways to keep out of any more power struggles. The Seven Nations of Canada were forced to become loyal to British powers and much of their Algonquin and Abenaki power base traveled north into the Quebec interior to avoid future conflicts. Akwesasne was just becoming its own community and was caught between its Catholic and Haudenosaunee, roots and obligations.

Indigenous people of North America were unsure how the British would establish relationships with them, and many were unsatisfied with the end of the French and Indian War. The British had to learn how to establish proper protocol with First Nations, and in particular the Haudenosaunee. Many colonists were also unsatisfied with the British Crown for establishing the Royal Proclamation of 1763, effectively preventing any more westward expansion.

SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON: ENTREPRENEUR AND BRITISH OFFICER

Sir William Johnson was born in Ireland, but moved to his uncle's farmstead in Mohawk Valley in 1738 with other Irish families to establish a settlement. Quickly becoming a successful business man, Johnson maintained healthy relations with both English and First Nation traders during the Fur Trade. From his dealings with the Mohawk Nation, Johnson was given an honorary title, *Warraghiyagey*, meaning, "He undertakes great things."

With his relations and understanding of diplomacy, Johnson was able to secure several Mohawk fighting men during King George's War (1744–1748) and again during the French and

Indian War (1754–1763). While he was able to get men to support different British raiding parties, participation waned during times of British losses. From his expertise with Haudenosaunee diplomacy and recruitment, Johnson was named Superintendent of Indian Affairs in 1765. At one time Johnson commanded the largest Indigenous force under the British flag and was well versed in Haudenosaunee culture to respect their autonomy. After the Crown Point expedition and capture of Fort Niagara, Johnson became well known for his ability to lead men in war.

After the French and Indian War, Johnson quickly built up British settlements in the Mohawk River valley, an area that was forfeited by the Royal Proclamation and soon Johnson became one of the largest and wealthiest land owners in North America. Johnson did favor the Haudenosaunee and especially the Mohawk Nation, but he did make sure he benefited from any deal or agreement, including several land transactions between the Haudenosaunee and the settlers. The Treaty of Fort Stanwix of 1768 was negotiated by Johnson to settle Haudenosaunee grievances against trespassing settlers. After negotiations Johnson was able to satisfy the Haudenosaunee while still allowing new lands for settlement.

Johnson was known to have had many love interests, but most notably a German woman whom he had several children and also a Mohawk woman, Molly Brant. They had three sons with only the eldest surviving. Molly Brant also had a younger brother, named Joseph Brant, whom Johnson educated at Johnson Hall. His nephew Guy Johnson also learned how to establish relations with the Haudenosaunee and eventually married Johnson's own daughter. Johnson died in July 1774, just as the American Revolution was beginning, but his influence and legacy continue with his son John Johnson, sons-in-law, Guy Johnson and William Claus, and also his Mohawk protégé, Joseph Brant.

HAUDENOSAUNEE DIPLOMACY: LANCASTER TREATY - 1744

A treaty was conducted in Lancaster, Pennsylvania

between the Haudenosaunee and the colonies of Virginia and Maryland to clarify the boundaries and jurisdiction between the parties. The deal was to maintain peace between the two, as tensions of trespassing was high. The Haudenosaunee insisted that the two sides meet in the neutral location of Pennsylvania, where Haudenosaunee representatives with whole families came to the discussion. In the end, everyone present had a chance to speak their opinion and reached consensus. The level of unity and diplomacy was recorded by settlers and an account of the treaty making process was published.

At this time, a young Benjamin Franklin was working in a publishing house where pamphlets were being published about this meeting. From this published report and out of curiosity, many colonists began actively learning and understanding a new form of democracy which was different from the Greek and Roman ideals of democratic representation. This new approach to diplomacy and democratic thinking helped shape Franklin and several other prominent leaders during the 18th century.

Benjamin Franklin later championed a proposal in 1754 of a unified government for the Thirteen Colonies, based on his interpretation of Haudenosaunee, Greek and Roman thoughts of democracy called the Albany Plan of Union. Representatives reached an agreement but both British and Colonial assemblies rejected the plan.

PONTIAC'S REBELLION: FIRST NATION CONFEDERATION

Between 1763 and 1766, a large collection of First Nation people along the Great Lakes region joined together in response to the British victory after the French and Indian War. British General Amherst offended the Great Lake Region First Nation people and in response to outstanding grievances, they destroyed eight forts and many British settlements.

Named after the Ottawa leader Pontiac, he led many raids against outlying British settlements. He wished to remove the British entirely from North America and sought the Haudenosaunee to join the cause. The Haudenosaunee declined citing they had too many agreements of Peace and Friendship with the British to actively attack them. Sir William Johnson also helped distance the Haudenosaunee from Pontiac's Rebellion.

"Could it not be contrived to Send the Small Pox



Joseph Brant Thayendenagea (1743-1807)

among those Disaffected Tribes of Indians?" were the words Amherst wrote to his subordinate during the Siege of Fort Pitt. The British officers suggested giving blankets and other personal items infected with smallpox to the attacking First Nations. In a short time the disease spread among the attacking First Nations and spread among many of the 'Indian Towns' along the Ohio and Illinois regions.

By August 1764, Sir William Johnson was able to negotiate the Treaty of Fort Niagara of 1764, bringing peace between twenty four (24) First Nations and the British, which ended Pontiac's Rebellion. The Haudenosaunee and the Seven Nations of Canada were each a part of that Peace Treaty.

THIRTEEN COLONIES: POWDER KEG

Shortly after winning the French and Indian War, Britain wished to recover some of its losses by charging taxes on common trade goods among the different colonies. Everyday goods were being taxed, such as sugar and paper. Also the costs of garrisoning soldiers were forced on local residents near forts and encampments. All of these taxes were not costly, but they were all passed by British Parliament without local representation from the

colonies.

In response, many colonists started opposing taxes without proper representation and the colonists were also restricted from crossing the Royal Proclamation boundary lines. By this time the colonists started outnumbering the neighboring First Nations and they saw vast areas of lands perfect for cultivation.

With growing anger over the Parliamentary powers of Britain, the Thirteen Colonies began boycotting and threatening British troops. In March of 1770, a mass of angry Bostonians gathered to protest the imposed taxes on tea, paper, and glass. A single shot was fired from an unknown direction which caused the British Soldiers to fire into the crowd, killing three civilians; this event became known as the Boston Massacre. This event sparked the American Revolution.

BOSTON TEA PARTY

On December 16, 1773, the Sons of Liberty lead by Samuel Adams wore Mohawk inspired disguises and dumped £10,000 worth of tea into the harbor in protest of taxes being imposed on tea. The disguises were to show the British that the Sons of Liberty wished to be free and independent then loyal British subjects. Soon both the Colonists and the British began preparing for direct military actions.

AMERICAN REVOLUTION: DIVIDED LOYALTIES

Soon the Haudenosaunee were feeling the pressure to join the fighting between the Thirteen Colonies and the British Loyalists. Both sides were able to persuade individual men to take sides but the official stance of the Confederacy was to maintain neutrality. Many speakers spoke of how the war is a 'family matter' between father and son, and that the Haudenosaunee should stay out of the conflict.

Mohawks still in the Mohawk River Valley had strong ties with Sir William Johnson and many wished to join the British forces. Bound by the Silver Chain Covenant, many understood that they were required to aid the British.

The remnants of the Seven Nations of Canada, who were loyal to the French, were actively seeking ways to aid the Thirteen Colonies and undermine the British Rule of Quebec. Many men actively sought to join the Continental Army, including Louis Cook.



Joseph Louis Cook (?-1814)

INVASION OF CANADA- 1775

With many military actions taking place, one that affected the region greatly was the Invasion of Canada in 1775 where American troops sought to capture Montréal and Quebec City. Guy Johnson, the nephew of Sir William Johnson, used his influence with the Mohawks to persuade many to join in the defense of Montréal. While the defenses failed to stop the Continental Army from taking Montréal, the communities of Kahnawake and Kanesatake now found themselves fully a part of the American Revolution. Akwesasne is now feeling the pressure to react and enter the conflict, as some individuals began joining both sides of the war.

JOSEPH BRANT: PRO- BRITISH

Brant was born in 1743, and was named *Thayendanegea*, which is Mohawk for, "Two logs bound together for strength." His parents were both Mohawk and part of the Anglican Church in the Mohawk River Valley. The family became close friends with Sir William Johnson and later both Molly and Joseph moved into Johnson Hall.

Johnson and Brant both joined the British cause during the French and Indian War. After the war, Johnson arranged for three Mohawks including Brant to attend "Moor's Indian Charity School," in Connecticut, which is the precursor to Dartmouth College. There Brant quickly learned to speak and write fluent English while also studying several

academic subjects. With his education, Brant became an important figure in the Haudenosaunee Confederacy and acted as translator.

When the American Revolution started, both Guy Johnson and Joseph Brant tried to raise Haudenosaunee support for the British. Both eventually went to England to solicit British support to settle any Haudenosaunee grievances. While there Brant wore Mohawk clothing and was treated as a celebrity by London. He was welcomed by many including King George III, and even was made a member of multiple societies, including the Free Masons. On his return he traveled among the Haudenosaunee to have them support the British forces.

JOSEPH LOUIS COOK: PRO-AMERICAN

Cook was born to a father of African decent and an Abenaki mother in Quebec, but was adopted into the Mohawks of Kahnawake. He was given a Mohawk name, *Akiatonharónkwen*, meaning, "He un-hangs himself from the group." Raised by Jesuit Missionaries, he learned French along with Mohawk and eventually English.

During the French and Indian War he joined the French forces against the British. After fighting in several campaigns he became well accustomed to war, but after the British victory, moved his family to the more neutral community of Akwesasne. When the American Revolution started he rode to find General Washington to pledge his support with a few other Mohawk men. He earned the title of Colonel and tried raising more Mohawk support for the Continental Army.

SHATTERED CONFEDERACY

1777 became an important year for the Haudenosaunee. At the start of the American Revolution the official policy of the Haudenosaunee and Akwesasne was to remain neutral, but with so much pressure from all directions, decisions for survival had to be made. Individuals had already stated their opinion, and consensus could never have been reached within the Haudenosaunee Confederacy.

In an unprecedented move, the Haudenosaunee Grand Council stated every Nation can do what is best in order to survive. Every Nation was free to act as they wish, and soon the Mohawks and Seneca, under Brant, joined the British Forces. Samuel Kirkland was a Presbyterian minister and

persuaded the Oneida and Tuscarora to join the American cause. Louis Cook raised support for several Mohawks to join the Continental Army. The Cayuga Nation was split and helped both sides. Onondaga was the only Nation to remain neutral for the most part. Since the Mohawk people were entirely split, the fire of the Mohawk Nation was ceremonially "raked up," and was put in a dominant state.

BLOODY CREEK: BATTLE OF ORISKANY - 1777

On August 6, 1777, a force of American soldiers under General Herkimer and a large force of Oneida men were traveling to Fort Stanwix and were ambushed by British forces at a creek crossing near Oriskany, New York, south of present day Utica, New York. The British force was made up of Hessian infantry, and of Sir John Johnson's Royal Regiment of Mohawk and Seneca men. Louis Cook and Joseph Brant were on opposite sides of the battlefield.

When the largely Mohawk and Seneca force attacked the Oneida group, a large thunderstorm raged and stopped the battle for an hour. Whole trees were uprooted and the creek began filling with water, but as the storm subsided the two sides continued to attack. This battle became one of the bloodiest battles in American History, where the nearby creek gained the name, 'The Bloody Creek.'

The American forces had casualties of 385 men (approximately 50%), including many Oneida men, and the British sustained losses of 72 men (approximately 15%) of their fighting force. General Herkimer was mortally wounded during the battle, and in the end no clear victor was determined, as American reinforcements arrived as the British retreated. This marked the beginning of Haudenosaunee internal civil war where the Oneida and Mohawk carried out back and forth raids on villages and settlements throughout central New York.

SCORCHED EARTH: SULLIVAN- CLINTON CAMPAIGN - 1779

As the American Revolution was ramping up, a series of raids were done between the different Haudenosaunee and white settlements in New York State. During these attacks, several Mohawk families fled north to Akwesasne and Kahnawake to stay out of the direct fighting. All of these attacks came to a head after the Cherry Valley Massacre, where British forces brutally killed many American

colonists. Brant was present during the attack and gained a bloody reputation, but in fact tried to stop the rampage.

In retaliation, General Washington ordered General Sullivan to take three brigades from Pennsylvania and General Clinton in Schenectady, New York to move along central New York and to destroy every Haudenosaunee settlement and farm in the summer of 1779. Washington issued “scorched-earth” orders in hopes to destroy the Haudenosaunee food supplies and to eliminate them from being any more of a threat. Solders remarked that it could take several days to “properly” burn the extensive Haudenosaunee crops, and that several valleys burned for days.

After the campaign, over forty Haudenosaunee villages were burned out and over 5,000 refugees were left without food and provisions, many descended on to Fort Niagara for help. During the winter, the majority of the refuges starved and froze to death outside the fort as supplies were insufficient. The Haudenosaunee were greatly wounded by this campaign and the aftermath is still felt today.

REVOLUTION AFTERMATH: COLLATERAL DAMAGE

As the American Revolution came to an end with the signing of the Treaty of Paris in 1783, the Haudenosaunee were severely crippled. Akwesasne had remained neutral during majority of the war but was now divided by the new international boundary line. The Seven Nations of Canada was silenced by the British loyalists north of the border. Joseph Brant lobbied the British Crown to have lands for the loyal First Nations. The Thirteen Colonies became individual States with a democracy modeled from Greek, Roman and Haudenosaunee influences. North America was no longer to be the same.

Akwesasne became a shelter for both British and American supporters and being on the new international border helped ease tensions. The Treaty of Paris established the border on the 45° parallel and effectively divided the community into a northern and southern portion. Both the British and the Americans assured the community that the border would not affect the community and its people as the boundary line is symbolically “several feet above everyone’s heads” and only affects “British” and “American citizens.” Akwesasne

becomes a refuge for several families from the Mohawk River Valley, Kahnawake, Onondaga and Oneida. Akwesasne then became a mixed community and welcomed multiple religions, mixed leadership models, and both American and British supporters.

The Haudenosaunee regrouped at Buffalo Creek and symbolically moved the Grand Council fire to a new location in the surviving Seneca territories. Joseph Brant was successful in petitioning land grants from the British Crown and secured new lands for Haudenosaunee that were loyal to the British. Brant was also successful in securing the Haldimand Tract along the Grand River in Ontario to provide enough land for the Six Nation Confederacy to reestablish itself. Similar land grants were created for the establishment of Tyendinaga and the Oneida on the Thames. In the process, Brant’s deals with Britain tried to extinguish any Mohawk land claims in New York. Akwesasne defended itself from such sweeping deals and was able to maintain its land holdings in New York State.

The Haudenosaunee Grand Council split the entire wampum collection into two groups with half being sent to Six Nations of the Grand River to help in reestablishing British relations. The other half remained in Buffalo Creek to reestablish relations with the newly form United States of America. Two Grand Council Fires were created to ensure survival. Neither side was certain of their future, but was willing to help each other as needed. Both agreed that one day all Haudenosaunee would eventually come back together as one.

CONTINUATION

The American Revolution started from a Haudenosaunee perspective as a simple dispute between father and son, but quickly escalated to involve them as well. The Haudenosaunee were split as to what they were going to do, but eventually it was decided each Nation was free to choose their own direction. Both sides, including the neutral communities, suffered greatly and were dislocated by the American Revolution.

Individuals become the most programmatic during these times, as influence and understanding of issues quickly polarized the Haudenosaunee. Akwesasne, from a distance, saw the issue and while officially neutral, allowed individuals to choose what direction they saw as best. In the end, the majority of surviving Haudenosaunee were

IMPORTANT FIGURES FROM THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

- Joseph Brant Thayendenagea (1743-1807)
- Molly Brant (1736c-1796)
- Cornplanter (1750c-1836)
- Guyasuta (1725c-1794)
- Sayenqueraghta (1707c-1786)
- John Deseronto (1740c-1811)
- Red Jacket (1750c-1830)
- Joseph Louis Cook (?-1814)
- King George III (1738-1802)
- Sir William Johnson (1715c-1774)
- Sir John Johnson (1741-1830)
- Sir Frederick Haldimand (1718-1791)
- Field Marshal Jeffery Amherst (1717-1797)
- Colonel John Butler (1728-1796)
- Daniel Claus (1727-1787)
- Guy Johnson (1740c-1788)
- George Washington (1731-1799)
- Thomas Jefferson (1743-1826)
- John Adams (1735-1826)
- Benjamin Franklin (1706-1790)
- James Madison (1751-1836)
- Samuel Adams (1722-1803)
- Alexander Hamilton (1757-1804)
- Benedict Arnold (1741-1801)
- Gen. Nicholas Herkimer (1728c-1777)
- Rev. Samuel Kirkland (1741-1808)

forced from their homelands and settled north of the border or along the American western frontier.

This was a dark period for the Haudenosaunee, as brother actively attacked brother and thousands suffered the effects of war. In order to protect the message of Peace the best way they knew, the Grand Council collectively agreed to disagree and each go on their own path, hoping that by the end the Great Law of Peace would survive and reestablish itself. During times of conflict, individuals will do whatever is necessary to survive. The pieces of the Haudenosaunee Confederacy put themselves together in two places; Buffalo Creek and Grand River. Akwesasne became a mixed community providing shelter for any that sought safety, but had to decide which path the community would take.

There are thousands of documents and stories from this time period and an endless amount of research and opinions. During these times there

are no clear heroes or villains, just individuals and their actions to ensure survival. Keep in mind that this article is only an introduction to what occurred during the American Revolution and that there are many more details and stories that make up this very complex and difficult time of history.

With the traditional Haudenosaunee homelands cleared, and a new border between the British and the newly formed Americans, land was free for settlement. The Americans and British both sought a way to deal with the last remaining Haudenosaunee and the lands they once dominated. The next article will discuss the fate of the emptied lands and how each community wished to reestablish themselves after the American Revolution.

—Written by Phillip White-Cree Aboriginal Rights and Research Office, Researcher

FURTHER RESEARCH

The Papers of Sir William Johnson
Mohawk Baronet: A Biography of Sir William Johnson (1989) by James Thomas Flexner
The Iroquois (1996) by Dean R. Snow
The Great Law and the Longhouse (1998) by William N. Fenton
The American Revolution in Indian Country: Crisis and Diversity in Native American Communities (1995) by Colin G. Calloway

The Iroquois in the American Revolution (1972) by Barbara Graymont
Wampum Belts & Peace Tress (1990) by Gregory Schaaf
Joseph Brant: 1743-1807 Man of Two Worlds (1984) by Isabel Thompson Kelsay
George Washington Papers
George Washington’s War on Native America (2009) by Barbara Alice Mann
The American Revolution: Sources and Documents 1764-1788 (1965) by Samuel Eliot Morison
Debating Democracy: Native American Legacy of Freedom (1998) by Bruce E. Johansen

Kanien`kéha Tewatá:ti (Let's Speak Mohawk)

—Submitted by Kaweienon:ni (Margaret) Peters

These songs are sung when planting seeds to acknowledge them and to encourage them to grow so they will sustain us.

Wahsiéntho ken ní:se ?
Did you plant?

Hen.
Yes...

Wa'ktsi'tsiaién:tho.
I planted flowers

Wa'kenenhstaién:tho
I planted corn

Wa'khnenna'taiéntho
I planted potatoes

Wa'kenon'onseraiéntho
I planted pumpkins

Wa'kien'kwaiéntho
I planted tobacco

KANEN'SHÒN:A (Seed Songs)

Iakohehtí:io ne akhsótha
My grandmother has a nice garden
Iakoiéntho
She planted

Iakohehtí:io ne akhsótha
My grandmother has a nice garden
Iakoiéntho
She planted

Kwah ioiánere
It's so nice

Kwah ioiánere
It's so nice

Kwah ioiánere
It's so nice

Kwah ioiánere
It's so nice

Ohwentsiakwé:kon
All over the Earth

kanenhakwé:kon
All the seeds

ne iethinónhnha
We care for them

Tkahentaténion
In the gardens

Tkahentaténion
In the gardens

"Everyday Mohawk" brochures and CD's are available at the Ahkwesahsne Mohawk Board of Education Office for \$20. These were created through collaboration between Taiaiake Alfred of the University of Victoria and Kaweienon:ni Peters, AMBE Kanien`kéha Specialist.

Support a Drug Free Community!

SUBSTANCE ABUSE EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Wholistic Health & Wellness (Addictions & Counseling) (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	SUBSTANCE ABUSE/ DRUG-RELATED CRISIS (800) 480-4208
IETHINISTENHA FAMILY WELLNESS PROGRAM (613) 937-4322	Akwesasne Eagle Watch Promoting a Safe and Drug-free Akwesasne facebook	Akwesasne Child & Family Services (613) 575-2341 ext. 3139 (613) 575-2000 (After Hours)	ASEO-STEOP ADDICTION SERVICES OF EASTERN ONTARIO (613) 936-9236 (800) 272-1937

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

MOHAWK SUMMER LANGUAGE CAMP



Kanatsiohareke Mohawk Community

4934 St. Hwy. 5, Fonda, NY 12068
Mailing Address: PO Box 714, Fonda NY, 12068
Tel: 518-673-4197 Fax: 518-673-3783
E-mail: info@mohwkcommunity.com

July 14 – 25, 2014

Applications are now being accepted!

Three (3) levels of learning being offered:

Introduction to Mohawk

An intensive beginners class for those who have had no prior, or very minimal, exposure to the Mohawk language – working with experienced language instructor.

Basic Mohawk

A language session for those who have completed Session 1 or those who have had some prior language-learning experience with the Mohawk language – working with a Mohawk speaker.

Conversational Mohawk

A Mohawk immersion session for those seeking an opportunity to work on developing their proficiency in the language – working with a fluent Mohawk speaker.

Deadline for Applications: June 20, 2014

Application forms available on-line at www.mohawkcommunity.com

Registration Fee: Two-week/12 day Session \$1000 (US)

(Fee includes accommodations, all meals, instruction and materials)

Scholarships may become available for Haudenosaunee applicants

Cash/Checks/Money Orders payable by first day of class

Space is limited so register early !!

For more information on Summer Language Camp, please contact:

Iehnotonkwes Bonnie Jane Maracle at: bjm@kos.net Office: 518-673-4197

Tsi Snaihne School Hosts Tom Longboat Run



Three year old Headstart students start the race!



Grade 2 Boys: (L-R) Aiden Johnson-Thompson, Tehonekathe Green, Tewahsaratarakie David, Chris Massaro, Kyle Guillerier, Darius Arquette-Cook, Dayne Thomas



Grade four start the race as the spectators cheer them on.



Grade 5 Girls: (L-R) August Johnson, Toni Jackson-King, Alexis David, Natasia Sharrow, Konwhanatison Lazore, Kayden Jacobs



Grade 1 Girls: (L-R) Chuya Cook, Travayla Back, Gracie Thompson, Portia Wheeler, Joey Phillips



Head Start Winners.



K4 Winners.



K5 Winners.



Grade 1 Winners.



Grade 2 Winners.



Grade 3 Winners.



Grade 4 Winners.



Grade 5 Winners.

Kana:takon Hosts Big Bike Ride

The Heart and Stroke Foundation's Big Bike event took place in the afternoon of June 9th. Thirty community members from Akwesasne pedaled through Kana:takon after raising \$2,344 for awareness, prevention and treatment of heart disease and stroke. The Big Bike events have taken place for 20 years across Canada, directly fundraising Heart and Stroke Foundation's initiatives to fulfill the HSF's "Mission Priorities."

These priorities are:

- To make positive changes by preventing heart disease,
- To save lives at the moment a health emergency strikes, and
- To promote recovery where and when it is needed.

Last year, The Heart and Stroke Foundation had more than 65,000 riders in over 200 communities raise \$8.5 million for research. You can find out more information and how to be a part of the next Big Bike event and how to organize your own at www.bigbike.ca and at www.heartandstroke.on.ca.



Below: Mohawk Council of Akwesasne staff from Ahkwesasne Mohawk Board of Education, Akwesasne Mohawk Police Services, Community Health Program and health care workers from Kanonkwathseriio participated in the Big Bike ride on Monday, June 9th around the village of Kana:takon.



Brain Injury Awareness Month

—Provided by the Community Health Program

WHAT IS IT?

Concussion is a brain injury. Any blow to the head, face, and neck or to the body that causes a sudden shaking or jarring of the brain inside the skull may cause a concussion. A concussion can result from any number of activities including receiving a check in hockey, falling from a jungle gym, being in a motor vehicle collision or slipping on an icy sidewalk. You do not need to lose consciousness to have had a concussion.

SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS

Physical: headache, nausea/vomiting, dizziness, blurred vision, fatigue/low energy, sensitivity to light or noise, loss of consciousness

Cognitive (thinking): general confusion or foginess, difficulty concentrating or remembering

Emotional: more emotional, irritability, sadness, nervousness or anxiety.

—Article taken from www.parachutecanada.org

BIKE HELMETS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

When your child starts riding a bike, or taking part in any wheeled sports such as in-line skating, skateboarding, or riding a scooter, the most important safety measure you can take is to make sure they wear a helmet. The best way to encourage your child to wear a helmet is to wear one yourself.

Many children and teens are injured while riding a bike. While most injuries are broken bones, the most serious ones that affect the head and brain.

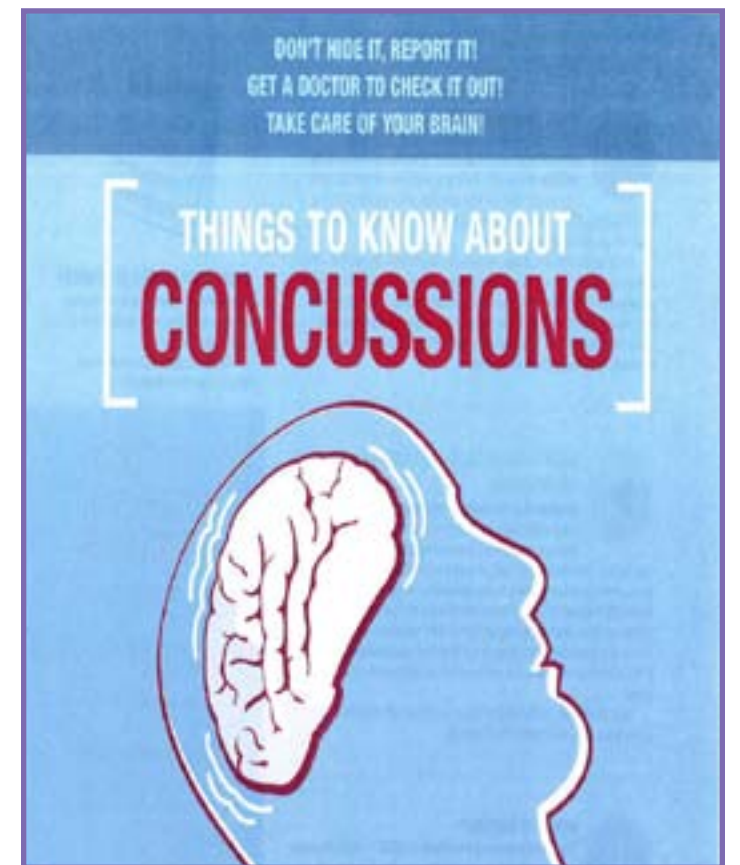
In several provinces, anyone under the age of 18 must wear a certified helmet when cycling.

What kind of helmet does my child need?

Your child needs a helmet with an approved standards label. This label certifies that the helmet design has been tested by the manufacturer to protect your head. You can find the label inside or on the helmet.

Helmets sold in Canada are certified by CSA (Canadian Standards Association), CPSC (Consumer Product Safety Commission), Snell or ASTM (American Society for Testing and Materials).

A bike helmet is a single-impact helmet, which means it must be replaced after being in a hard fall.



How do I find the right helmet for my child?

- When you buy a helmet, take your child to the store so he/she can try on different ones.
- For the best protection, the helmet must fit properly and should be lightweight so your child's head and neck can support it.
- The helmet should sit comfortably around your child's head without falling over his ears and eyes. The distance between the front of the helmet and your child's eyebrows should be two of his/her finger widths.
- The straps should go in front of and behind the ears, and fasten snugly under their chin.
- Remember to check your child's helmet at the beginning of every bike season to make sure it still fits properly.

Can I use a second-hand helmet?

Never use a second-hand helmet unless you know its history. It may have been in a crash, or you may not be able to tell how old it is. You should replace your child's helmet when it's older than five years, as the plastic becomes brittle with age.

—Article taken from www.caringforkids.cps.ca



NEWS FROM AKWESASNE MOHAWK AMBULANCE



Akwesasne Freedom School Career Day Visit

EMS Week May 18-24, 2014



On Friday, May 9th, 2014, the Akwesasne Freedom School students stopped in for a visit as part of their Career Day. The students were separated into two groups, K-Grade 3 in the morning and Grade 4-8 in the afternoon.

Randy Montour, NREMT, Stacey Rourke, EMT, Wabigonikwe Tenasco, EMT and Tommie-Lee Thomas, Student, led both groups through the ambulances, equipment and when an ambulance should and should not be called.



Congratulations

- ◆ Sherril Lazare and Rebecca Bonaparte for renewing their EMT-Basic certification.
- ◆ Wabigonikwe Tenasco for successfully completing her EMT-Basic training.
- ◆ Please welcome Deborah Mitchell, AMA's new Administrative Assistant.
- ◆ Daryl Diabo has successfully completed his training with the National Association of Emergency Medical Service Educators and is now working on a Certified Instructor Coordinator.
- ◆ Randy Montour for receiving his Alaska EMT certification.
- ◆ Good luck to our EMTs in the Advance Emergency Medical Technician course: Derek Comins, Joseph Bonaparte, Rebecca Bonaparte, Stacey Rourke, Ed Cook and Sherril Lazare!

Want to Become a New York State Certified First Responder?

Learn how to provide initial care for patients experiencing medical and traumatic emergencies.

Where SUNY Canton Wicks hall Room 102

When Tuesdays and Thursdays 630pm-930pm, some Saturdays 9am-3pm

June 10th through August 21st.

Cost \$260 (Free if you are a member of a first response unit or rescue squad eligible for funding)

Questions For more information please go to canton.edu/emt/ and click on the summer registration link.

Phone 315 386 7973 Email millerchris@canton.edu

There will also be a **refresher class** being offered for current or previously certified First Responders who need to renew their certification. This class starts May 25th and will run on the same schedule as the original.

Upcoming Events

Memorial Day Parade: May 25, 2014

Iron Workers Festival: TBA

Akwesasne International PowWow: Sept. 6-7, 2014



Newborn Registration Service

If your child was born in Ontario and is less than 1 year old, we can help you:

- Register the baby's birth.
- Apply on-line for child's birth certificate (short and long form).
- Apply on-line for Canada Child Benefits.
- Apply on-line for a social insurance number.

**Mohawk Council of
Akwesasne**

Department of Health
Community Health Program

To book appointments please call 613-575-2341 x3236 (Sheryl Thompson)

You are responsible to bring a credit card to cover any on-line fees.

If both parents are going to be named on the child's birth certificate then BOTH parents MUST be present during the appointment to complete and certify (sign or confirm online) the form. No exceptions will be made.

Hours

3rd Monday of every month
1pm to 4pm – ½ hour appointments.

BE FIT BE SUN SAFE!

Good sun protection habits will keep skin healthy while involved in an active, outdoor lifestyle.

• When possible, wear clothing to cover the skin; hats too

• Use an SPF 30 broad spectrum sunscreen

• Try to schedule activity before 11am or after 4pm

• Seek shade when possible

For further information, visit www.dermatology.ca

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CAUTION Hazard Help Sheet Hazardous Material Awareness

HAZARD CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM

All dangerous goods (a.k.a. hazardous materials, chemicals) are identified by a class (or division). Each are provided with a name and a number. This is called the 'Hazard Classification System.' All vehicles that transport (by land, water or air) or buildings that store / contain dangerous goods, are required to display placards in accordance to the Hazard Identification System. A placard is a small card, sign, or plaque that is attached to the vehicle (or building) that provides information about the dangerous good(s) The system has nine (9) classes / divisions. They are listed below.

CLASS	DESCRIPTION OF CLASS / DIVISION
Class 1	Explosives
Class 2	Gases
Class 3	Flammable Liquids & Combustible Liquids
Class 4	Flammable Solids (Spontaneous combustibles, dangerous when wet materials, & water reactive substances)
Class 5	Oxidizing Substances & Organic Peroxides
Class 6	Toxic & Infectious Substances (Toxic are synonymous with 'poison' and 'poisonous'.)
Class 7	Radioactive Materials
Class 8	Corrosive Substances
Class 9	Miscellaneous Hazardous Materials, Products, Substances or Organisms

IDENTIFICATION OF THE HAZARDS OF DANGEROUS GOODS

The standard system for the identification of the dangerous goods for emergency response is what is commonly known as the "fire diamond" used by emergency personnel. It's a quick and easy way identify the risks posed by dangerous goods. This helps determine what, if any, special equipment should be used, procedures followed, or precautions taken during the initial stages of an emergency response. There are four (4) hazards identified. They are:

1. BLUE: Health Hazard
2. RED: Flammability Hazard
3. YELLOW: Instability Hazard
4. WHITE: Special Hazard

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S.P.L.A.S.H.E.S. into Summer Safety

Help prevent drowning with S.P.L.A.S.H.E.S.

Every summer people go to the lake or pool to cool off and have fun, but sometimes they make unwise choices that result in tragedy. Use the S.P.L.A.S.H.E.S. key messages to prepare you and your family with tips to make wise choices, prevent injuries, and to be safe in, on, and around the water.

Supervision: Watch children around the water at all times

- Lifejackets, PFDs, arm floats, inner tubes and other inflatable toys are not a substitute for adult supervision.

Protection: Get trained and wear sun protection

- Teach kids, teens and adults to swim! Learn first aid and CPR.
- Wear sunscreen, a hat and protective clothing, and drink plenty of water to help keep you safe from sunstroke.

Lifejackets/Personal Flotation Devices (PFDs): Wear your lifejacket

- Inexperienced, weak or non-swimmers wear a lifejacket or PFD when near the water.
- All boaters must wear a lifejacket when on the water.

Awareness: Check it out before you go

- Before entering the water—check the water depth and watch for hazards.
- Plan ahead—always tell someone where you are going and when you will return
- Monitor the weather and environment for any changes.

Safe Boating and Fishing: Be a safe boater

- Alcohol and boating don't mix. Boating while impaired is dangerous and illegal.
- Have safety equipment on board (an extra lifejacket/PFD, a radio, flashlight, flares, first aid kit) and don't overload your boat.

Help: Learn when and how to get help

- Learn to swim and take a first aid and CPR course. Know how to call 9-1-1 or your local emergency number.
- If in trouble in the water, call for help, roll on to your back, kick your feet, move your arms and aim toward shore.

Education: Learn how to be safe and teach your children

- Discuss water safety information and wise choices around the water.
- Teach children to respect the water—water sustains life but it can also take away life. Learn to recognize the dangers and how to protect yourself.

Security: Secure your pool—no matter what size

- Fence it in: Ensure your pool is fully fenced with a self-closing, self-latching gate.
- Cover it up: Install a cover with a lock on your hot tub and/or backyard pool.
- Empty it: Drain wading pools and small inflatable backyard pools when not in use.

For more information on water safety education, please visit www.parachutecanada.org

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PREVENTING INJURIES. SAVING LIVES.

**The MCA Tehotienawa:kon Environment's
Species at Risk Project is searching for
Elders and Knowledge Holders.**

**Western
Chorus
Frog**



**Spiny
Softshell
Turtle**



**Northern
Map
Turtle**



**Spotted
Turtle**



**Snapping
Turtle**



She:kon

I am looking for any Elders or Knowledge holders who would like to add their guidance and direction to the Species at Risk Project. An Elders and Knowledge Holders committee will be formed to meet four times a year. I would update you on the progress of the project, what species we are working with and ask for your input. If you would like to bring your knowledge to this project or want to know more feel free to call me:

Cynthia Lazore Wildlife Technician
MCA Tehotienawa:kon Environment
613-575-2250 Ext 1039.

Or email
cynthia.lazore@akwesasne.ca

**Yellow
Rail**



**Eastern
Musk
Turtle**



**Blanding's
Turtle**



**Least
Bittern**



VOLUNTEERS WANTED!

Do you love working outdoors?

- Do you care for Mother Earth?
- Want to help Species at Risk?
- Volunteer and learn how to:

- participate in Amphibian Marsh Monitoring Program Protocol Surveys.
- Bird watch and identify Birds
- Identify different species of local

GAIN ENVIRONMENTAL FIELD EXPERIENCE!

*Looks Great on Resumes

*Will be willing to write up letter of reference after Volunteer Season

WILL BE MONITORING:

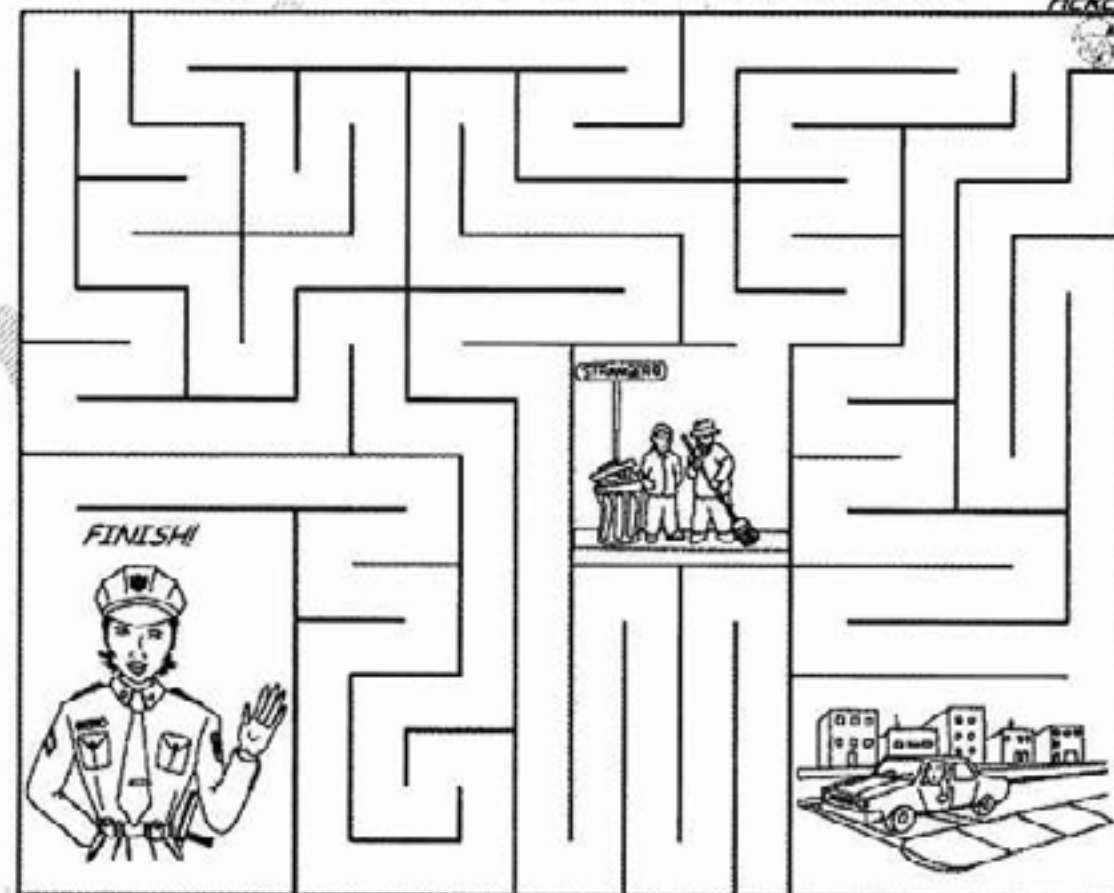
- Western Chorus Frog
- Least Bittern
- Spotted Turtle
- Spiny Soft Shell Turtle
- Snapping Turtle
- Yellow Rail
- Northern Map Turtle
- Eastern Musk Turtle
- Blanding's Turtle

**For more information call
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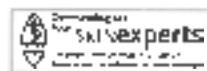
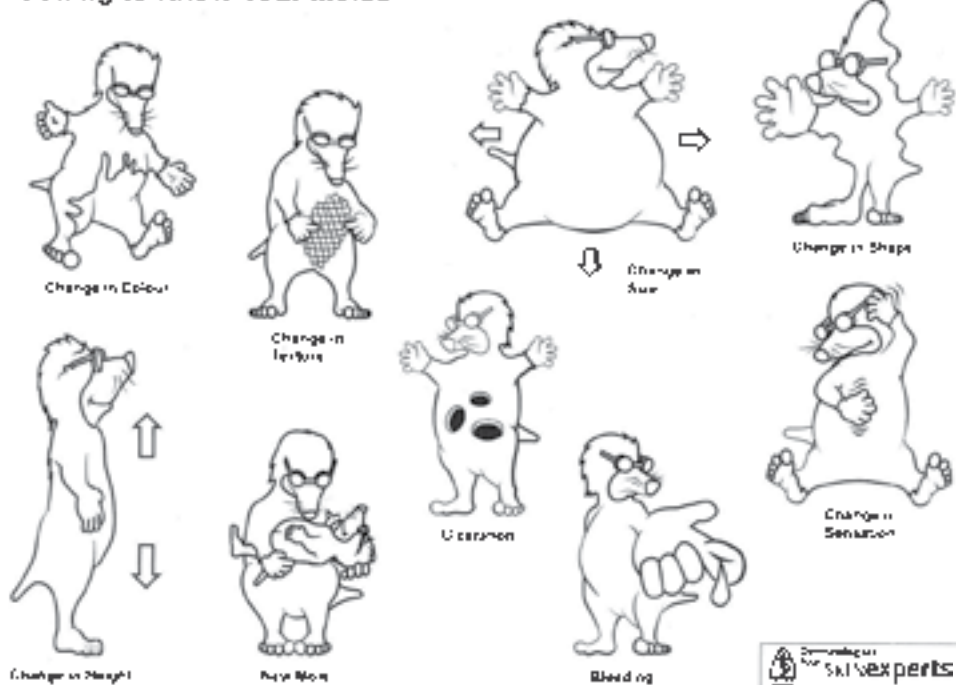
Rule #1:
**STAY AWAY FROM DANGER...
DON'T TALK TO STRANGERS!**



A stranger is anyone who you don't know well. A stranger can be nice or not nice, man or woman, young or old. Help me find the police officer, while staying away from all the strangers.



Getting to Know Your Moles



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613-575-2341 ext. 3139

12TH ANNUAL **IRONWORKERS** **FESTIVAL**

VENDORS WANTED

The Akwesasne Mohawk Casino Resort is looking for vendors for the 12th Annual Ironworkers Festival.

Saturday, July 19
Setup begins at 9AM

Vendors are responsible for providing the following:

- Electrical Power Bars
- Extension Cords
- Tent and Chairs
- Plates, Plastic ware and cups (if applicable)

If you are interested please contact:
Benjamin Herne at
518.358.2222 ext. 2134 OR at
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MohawkCasino.com



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