



Saiowisaké:ron Statue Moved to Kana:takon

Relocation Ceremony Held on 115th Anniversary of Fatal Shooting

On May 1, 2014, a small relocation ceremony was held to welcome the statue of John Saiowisaké:ron Fire to the village of Kana:takon. The event was held at the Angus Mitchell Memorial Building directly across from Saiowisaké:ron's original homestead, just a short distance from where he was killed 115-years ago.

Saiowisaké:ron was born in Kana:takon in 1847 and grew up to be an advisor to the Life Chiefs who were governing under the traditional clan system. It was during a time when the Crown first passed the Indian Act in 1876 and was attempting to break down the traditional system of self-government.

On May 1, 1899, the Dominion Police came to the Indian Agent's office located in Kana:takon to arrest the Life Chiefs who were opposing the Crown's effort to hold elections in Akwesasne. Hearing of the arrests, Saiowisaké:ron arrived at the Indian Agent's Office unarmed. Arms raised as he tried to protect the Life Chiefs, which included his brother Ohnehtó:take.

In memory of the sacrifice he made to protect the traditional system of governance in Akwesasne, a wooden stature was created and placed at the main crossroad on Kawehno:ke on the 100th anniversary of his passing. Since that time, community members have expressed their desire to see Saiowisaké:ron's statue placed in Kana:takon, where he lived and died.

Through community discussion, it was decided that the statue would be temporarily placed in front of the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne's Justice Department until a final site is identified. Some other locations



A small gathering welcomed the statue of Saiowisaké:ron to Kana:takon on May 1, 2014.

recommended by community members include Kanonkwatsheriio, St. Regis Recreation Center, next to the river by the St. Regis Catholic Church, or to keep Saiowisaké:ron's statue at the fork in Kana:takon.

Wherever his final resting place will be, it shall be at a location where Akwesasronon can continue to honor the symbolic figure of a man who defines strength, bravery and community pride. ❖

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Wat'kwanonweraton/Greetings

I am honored to offer the introductory to this version of Onkwetake. In referencing this particular tool which is and has been our monthly newsletter, there are discussions that lend to the option of going quarterly rather than on a monthly basis. Being that it is budget time within MCA and there are some startling revelations that speak to deficit situations, reducing the monthly newsletter or at least going to a lesser version was thought as one way Mohawk Government could contribute as a cost saving measure.

In speaking of budgets and finances I'd like to elaborate on the formulating of our Community Trust which is set in place to deal with at least two (2) Settlements that came to positive fruition being OPG (Ontario Power Generation formerly Ontario Hydro) and the Kawehno:ke Claim (aka Easterbrook). For the record it was never said or implied that if we are to see a satisfactory settlement offer and conclusion to Tsikaristesere (Dundee), the NY Claim or any other that they too would automatically funnel directly into this established Community Trust. It has been reported that the Trust would be structured in such a fashion that this could be entertained but it would absolutely be subject once again to community consultation. It is hoped that these consultations pertaining to Tsikaristesere and the NY Claim could occur in the not too distant future, hinging on successful conclusion to those negotiations, which at this point speaks to acceptable settlement offers. There is another settlement that we brought to satisfactory conclusion that we don't speak of often enough and that is the Enbridge Gas Pipeline proceeds where approx. \$1.6 million so far are resting comfortably accruing interest. This accounts for a \$1 million one-time payment and \$100,500 annually for as long as the pipeline exists. A major victory, being that this encompasses the Seaway corridor is the acceptance by Enbridge that they do in fact occupy Akwesasne Mohawk Territory. I would consider the Community Trust as a viable tool to deal with this fund and I'd go so far as to think the same for the OLG Funds formerly known as Casino Rama. I had remained adamant, and the community wholly supported the notion during community consultation for OPG and Kawehno:ke Claims, that these proceeds should not be applied to MCA's general fund for Chiefs and/or Administration to administer. While MCA is a service provider and sometimes the need exceeds the finances readily available, these proceeds belong to the People in a different sense and the People should have every opportunity to have a say and to enjoy the benefit for generations to come...which is exactly how the Community Trust is set up. Considering that previously mentioned I obviously feel the same of Enbridge and Casino Rama funds. As it pertains to OPG and Kawehno:ke Claim proceeds, the intent is to not touch the principle, only under extreme circumstances, and to offer the interest for community driven ideas. There is a provision for the purchase of land which is the driving force and embedded marching orders prevalent in any Land Claim Negotiation. The Trustees are nearing the end of their training and soon enough they will be going out to the community in duly convened meetings to hear and generate ideas driven by the People to identify priorities. I cannot impress enough the importance



of participation in these meetings so that we hear from as many as possible and to be presented with a myriad of ideas. It can be a fun exercise with a "wish list" flair.

In keeping with the OPG file, we have a very active Joint Implementation Team where we try to meet once a month. It's basic relationship building assuring the content of our Settlement is acted upon and venturing into areas not necessarily in written form like employment opportunities. I am proud to say that our efforts have driven OPG to consider implementing First Nation specific language in their hiring and employment policies. This will obviously not be specific only to Akwesasne which makes it more appealing in that it will be widespread wherever OPG deals with First Nation communities. This can be very significant as there will be much employment opportunity on the horizon as OPG initiates their refurbishing campaign inclusive of Saunders Generating Station in Cornwall...within the North Shore Claim. Jointly we have attempted to encourage Akwesasne to go through the process of becoming a recognized contractor within OPG. We have yet to have anybody carry the ball to the end despite OPG representatives at our Joint Implementation Team table there to offer guidance. We will be venturing to Saunders Generating Station where we will get first hand knowledge of just what will be entailed in the refurbishment and assure our local contractors and local employment agencies are privy. Another indicator of our efforts is we have been given dibs on two (2) security positions with G4S who hold the security contract at Saunders. There is one (1) permanent position directly at Saunders and another casual/part time position within G4S which could be anywhere within a 30 mile radius. As such, OPG will be sponsoring a 30 hour Security Guard Training Course that will be held on May 26 to May 29 at the OPG/Saunders Visitors Center in Cornwall. The deadline to apply is Tuesday May 20 at 4:00 pm. Interested individuals should contact Dan Garrow at the Akwesasne Area Management board at 613-575-2626. Minimum qualifications are grade 12 and a clean CPIC. This is an accreditation course and anybody considering these or other security guard position must obtain this provincial guideline driven accreditation.

Niawen for reading and please don't hesitate to contact me if there are any questions regarding this note.
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Kana:takon Chief Larry King

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OUTSIDE FACILITIES



Mohawk Council of Akwesasne Resolutions (MCRs) Onerahtókha/April 2014

ONERAHTOKHA/APRIL 1, 2014 COUNCIL MEETING

2014/2015-#001 - Protocol Agreement between MCA-DCSS/ Akwesasne Child and Family Services (ACFS) and SRMT-Division of Social Services

Voting: For – 10, Against – 0 CARRIED

2014/2015-#002 - Communications Unit Proposal for Funding

Voting: For – 9, Against – 1 CARRIED

2014/2015-#003 - Proposal for Gaming and Resort Development

Voting: For – 10, Against – 0 CARRIED

2014/2015-#004 - Application for Akwesasne Area Management Board

Voting: For – 10, Against – 0 CARRIED

2014/2015-#005 - PAT and Land Acquisitions 14/15

Voting: For – 8, Against – 2 CARRIED

2014/2015-#006 - Respect in the Workplace Complaints Procedures

Voting: For – 9, Against – 0 CARRIED

2014/2015-#007 - Respect in the Workplace Facilitated Dispute Resolution Procedures

Voting: For – 9, Against – 1 CARRIED

2014/2015-#008 - Respect in the Workplace Administrative Investigation Procedures

Voting: For – 10, Against – 0 CARRIED

ONERAHTOKHA/APRIL 8, 2014 COUNCIL MEETING

2014/2015-#009 - Approval of Report: Defining Sacred Tobacco

Voting: For – 8, Against – 0 CARRIED

2014/2015-#010 - Comprehensive Community Development Plan Funding Application to AANDC

Voting: For – 8, Against – 0 CARRIED

2014/2015-#011 - Regulation for Election and By-Election of the Akwesasne Membership Board

Voting: For – 2, Against – 6 DENIED

ONERAHTOKHA/APRIL 15, 2014 COUNCIL MEETING

2014/2015-#012 - 2014/2015 – CMHC Expression of Interest Snye

Voting: For – 11, Against – 0 CARRIED

2014/2015-#013 - 2014/2015 – CMHC Expression of Interest Kawehnoke

Voting: For – 11, Against – 0 CARRIED

2014/2014-#014 - Acceptance of the “Mohawks of Akwesasne Community Settlement Trust”

Voting: For – 6, Against – 5 CARRIED

ONERAHTOKHA/APRIL 22, 2014 COUNCIL MEETING

2014/2015-#015 - Acceptance for Entry into the Reserve Land and Environment Management Program (RLEMP)

Voting: For – 10, Against – 0 CARRIED

2014/2015-#016 - Contract for Service Renewal for Ministry of Children and Youth Services

Voting: For – 10, Against – 0 CARRIED

2014/2015-#017 - Amendment to the Akwesasne Appeal Tribunal Procedural Regulations

Voting: For – 10, Against – 0 CARRIED

2014/2015-#018 - Housing Upgrade Application

Voting: For – 10, Against – 0 CARRIED

2014/2015-#019 - Housing Upgrade Application

Voting: For – 10, Against – 0 CARRIED

2014/2015-#020 - Housing Upgrade Application

Voting: For – 10, Against – 0 CARRIED

2014/2015-#021 - Housing Upgrade Application

Voting: For – 10, Against – 0 CARRIED

2014/2015-#022 - Service Contract Renewal for Dr. Brian Young

Voting: For – 10, Against – 0 CARRIED

ONERAHTOKHA/ APRIL 29, 2014 COUNCIL MEETING

2014/2015-#024 - Department of Technical Services ‘On Call Policy’

Voting: For – 7, Against – 1 CARRIED

2014/2015-#025 - The Whole of Lot B 89-1-2 Chenail Range

Voting: For – 8, Against – 0 CARRIED

2014/2015-#026 - The Whole of Lot 120-3 Chenail Range

Voting: For – 8, Against – 0 CARRIED

2014/2015-#027 - The Whole of Lot B/41-1-1 Chenail Range

Voting: For – 8, Against – 0 CARRIED

2014/2015-#028 - Summer Student Employment Experience Development Program through AAMB

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.

ENNISKO:WA/MARCH 25, 2014

Kawehno:ke Chief Abram Benedict

- Attended Housing Authority Meeting. There is an appeal to an eviction submitted to the Akwesasne Appeal Tribunal.
- Attended the farewell to JD Marchand during the CBSA sensitivity training session. We presented him with a gift of a basket.
- Attended monthly meeting in Toronto with OACAS.
- Attended meeting with Deputy Alex Bezzina Minister of Children & Youth Services to have budget discussions. We have informed him previously and again that we want to have our own jurisdiction and that we plan to develop our own child welfare law.
- AMBE has received notice from the Akwesasne Mohawk Court that they have received an application for juridical review. The Justice is completing a review to determine if it will proceed to a hearing. AMBE is of the opinion that the court doesn't have jurisdiction. Issue related to post-secondary. AMBE has its own appeal process.
- Attended Kawehno:ke District Meeting. Discussed clinic and pharmacy on the island, the potential of a Quebec separating from Canada, plans for Jake Ice/John Fire Day, the Residential School bench being moved apparently without consultation. It was explained that the bench may be fitting at the Skawatsi'ra program because the program works to resort the language.

Tsi Snaihne Chief William Sunday

- Attended Cultural Sensitivity Training for CBSA. Our presenters did a good job.
- Attended Mohawk Council of Kahnésatake (Band Office) with Chief Joe Lazore and met with one of their chiefs. We shared our condolences for the loss of their chief.
- Attended Threat-Ready Training.

Kana:takon Chief Larry King

- (Out Sick During Previous Week)
- Attended preparatory meetings regarding Transport Canada/Divestiture.

Tsi Snaihne Chief Joe Lazore

- Attended Cultural Sensitivity Training for CBSA and farewell to JD Marchand.
- Attended Kahnésatake meeting.
- Attended Threat-Ready Training.
- Attended Non-Violent Crisis Intervention Program.

Tsi Snaihne Chief April Adams-Phillips

- Public Safety - the issue we had with the community member who was going to take over the old CBSA port on Kawehno:ke was handled well. Our police handled it well and had a plan. Our Emergency Measures was activated as a precaution. We had all the right departments involved.
- Attended Housing meeting.
- Mexa Health did a tour of our facility. Community member had question about genetic testing and privacy concerns. We toured the Diabetes Program and the excellent Get Fit Program.

Kawehno:ke Chief Brian David

- Attended Fee & Tariff Energy Forum in Toronto.
- Did a couple of media interviews on potential Quebec separation.
- Attended internal National Building meetings.

Kana:takon Chief Steve Thomas

- Attended meeting in Kahnawake regarding Quebec relations and Sectoral Agreements.
- Attended Tehotiiennawakon monthly meeting
- Attended RES 2014 conference
- Contacted the Mayor of Massena regarding potential disruption in Kawehno:ke corridor. Contacted Emergency Measures and AMPS for follow up and updates.

Kawehno:ke Chief Louise Thompson

- Attended District Meeting. Discussed: Pharmacy, complaints about road conditions (Buckshot Road), the plebiscite, consultation process for Iroquois Caucus, and an Early Childhood Study being conducted.

- I want to thank CKON for the Mohawk reporting on air they provided.

Grand Chief Mike Kanentakeron Mitchell

- Spoke at Carleton University and had discussions on what the university can do for Indian people and how they can encourage change in government. We discussed the Indian Act and what would replace it. Discussed the Inherent and Aboriginal Treaty Rights replacing it. Heard questions about our land claims and self-governance.
- Ghislain Picard, Quebec Regional Chief, thanked us for our press release regarding the potential Quebec separation and he sent it to all Quebec First Nations chiefs, and others released similar. He thanked Akwesasne for bringing the issue to the forefront and the united front that is presented.
- Attended meeting in Six Nations to discuss elements of governance and funding. Discussed Ottawa cutbacks and silence from the Assembly of First Nations as well as the Education strategy criticism.

ONERAHTOKA/APRIL 1, 2014

Kana:takon Chief Florence Phillips

- Attended DTS Portfolio meeting. Discussed the Kawehno:ke water supply notice (waiting to hear if AANDC will be contributing to the project), the Nation Building strategy, the Tsi Snaihne waterline (Total cost was 8.1 million) Birch Road (there was an issue of private property and right of way), the Tsi Snaihne Administration Building, Kawehno:ke and corridor waterline, multi-year agreements for capital funding, the Maintenance Program, and building needs such as AMPS roof, AMBE office roof, Peacetree Trade Centre brick and Kana:takon School fuel tank.

Kawehno:ke Chief Abram Benedict

- Director of Housing completed the Healthy Homes proposal and a meeting is being set up with the Regional Director General.
- Attended Clara's Big Ride event at AMS during the evening and daytime school visit. Clara Hughes delivered a powerful message to students.
- Department of Community & Social Services portfolio meeting, Akwesasne Family Wellness Program provided an update. They received funding for four LED signs that they can use for daily phrases, statistical info, Mohawk phrases, etc. They have also applied for a grant for the

development of a live chat website. They held a canoe making class that had 150 people attend.

- There was a question regarding the protocol with the St. Regis Mohawk Tribe.
- Attended Executive Committee Meeting
- Attended Akwesasne Child & Family Services and Department of Community & Social Services complaint meeting with Snye Chiefs
- Attended Aboriginal Rights & Research Office meeting regarding legal expenses Budget: As of April 1st we do not have an approved budget.

Kana:takon Chief Larry King

- Attended workshop on depression, anxiety, stress.
- Attended presentation from lawyer regarding Trust. MCR is coming.
- Attended Leadership meeting. Re-hashed Albany topic. Good meeting. MCA and the Mohawk Nation were parties in '95 and need to stay party.
- Had discussions with lawyer on divestiture.
- Attended OPG Joint Implementation Team meeting. Discussed employment opportunities. I'm happy with the opportunities. Discussed using LIDAR imaging in relation to our erosion problem. Discussed a 5-year plan they have related to sturgeon. I insisted we be part of it. The intent is to bring back the sturgeon.

Tsi Snaihne Chief Joe Lazore

- Attended ACFS complaint meeting.
- Attended legal review meeting.
- Attended Trust Review.
- Attended Leadership Meeting.
- Attended District Meeting. Heard questions regarding Birch Road.
- Attended meeting regarding issue in Tsi Snaihne District and digging of the marshes. Staff will do an education campaign on how to care for the marsh.

Tsi Snaihne Chief Karen Loran

- Attended First Nations Non-Insured meeting. There were presentations from all provinces on all related issues. We share the same issues. Discussed a strategy for the National Meeting. What we want to see is governance, sustainability and accessibility, etc.
- Attended emergency meeting to plan for the potential corridor disruption.
- Attended Elected First Nations Women meeting.
- Attended District Meeting.
- Responded to community member issue related to DCSS.
- Attended legal review meeting.
- Attended Trust Committee meeting.

- We have been approved to keep a surplus of money that was leftover. This is very good news for Non-insured Health Benefits program and Finance.

Tsi Snaihne Chief April Adams-Phillips

- Attended Housing meeting. Discussed a resident who has no well.
- Attended Sprit Awards which went very well.
- Attended ACFS complaint meeting.
- Attended legal review meeting.
- Attended Trust meeting.
- Discussed issue with the recreation centers having to wait long waits for repairs, leading to them paying for repairs instead and not being reimbursed.

Tsi Snaihne Chief William Sunday

- Attended District Meeting
- Attended DCSS meeting.
- Attended Executive Committee meeting.
- Attended Environment meeting regarding the Tsi Snaihne marsh. Before the Seaway, this marsh was all prime lands used as pasture, and now it's wetlands. Families weren't compensated for the damages after the Seaway was constructed.

Kawehno:ke Chief Brian David

- Attended Clara Hughes event at AMS and was part of the welcoming group at her arrival in Cornwall also. This was like last year's Nation to Nation bike tour in a way. I'm seeing Akwesasne open up.
- Attended follow meeting on divestiture. Meeting went well.
- Attended Leadership meeting. Very positive meeting. It was the first time there was discussion about the land claim settlement proceeds being for the whole community.

Kana:takon Chief Steve Thomas

- Attended CBSA meeting in Ottawa with Arianne Reza. Discussed Test Case on mobility rights, Cross Border Summit at Akwesasne, the Aboriginal Liaison Officer position, border wait time signage, secure border ID cards, the Beyond the Border conference, the Akwesasne Peoples Fire buildings, and the Emergency Operations Center.
- Attended meeting in Gatineau regarding funding for initiatives.
- Attended meeting with lawyer regarding Test Case.
- Had discussions with lawyer regarding divestiture.
- Attended Spirit Awards honoring our First Responders.
- Attended CBSA meeting in Cornwall. Discussed

Emergency Operations plan. Duty to report being waived was negotiable. Walkers and bicyclists signage will appear near road indicating the Mixed Traffic Corridor. The CBSA ALO position has been temporary filled.

Kana:takon Chief Julie Phillips-Jacobs

- Attended AMBE meeting. Developed working plan for post-secondary policies & procedures.
- Attended budget review for AMBE and Finance. AMBE needs new busses and a language teacher.
- Attended Public Safety meeting.
- Attended District Meeting.
- Attended Clara's Big Ride events at AMS.
- Attended DCSS portfolio meeting.
- Attended Executive Committee meeting.
- Attended ACFS complaint meeting.
- Attended legal review meeting.
- Attended Trust meeting.

Kawehno:ke Chief Louise Thompson

- Buckshot Road is still in hazardous condition and should be repaired. If medical transport has to travel down that road it will be difficult.
- A beaders showcase being planned will promote economic development.
- Attended court last week regarding the corridor and the judge will allow us to have our plebiscite before a decision must be made. Plebiscite will be held through April.
- Attended language symposium hosted by Traditional Medicines. This would be nice more frequently.
- Attended leadership meeting.
- For Nation Building, we want to postpone negotiations to create a new schedule.
- Fuel tax issue - we are looking at the differences for exemption between Ontario and Quebec. They require different forms and different levels of information.
- Assisted community member with issue regarding failure to report. Issue is the validity of the Customs Act when the individual hasn't left Canada. Our lawyer is looking at this also.

Grand Chief Mike Kanentakeron Mitchell

- Many meetings this month: Minister's Office of Aboriginal Affairs involving land claims, education, waterline funding for Akwesasne, border security cards, new funding formulas. Other meetings that stand out are ones with Federal Bridge Authority and the issue of bridge demolition. New money for education is not going to come until after the next federal election, There will be some funding being made available now

for communities developing their own community education law. We are trying to set up a meeting with AMBE director regarding what our strategy will be on this. MCA portfolio will be seeking exemptions for education, water legislation and Matrimony Property Law so we anticipate intensive lobbying over this next few months.

ONERAHTOKA/APRIL 8, 2014

Kana:takon Chief Florence Phillips

- Attended reg. meeting with discussions on Tsi Snaihne wastewater plant upgrade.
- Attended pre-meeting regarding Healthy Homes and DTS, discussed how ranking of projects are reached at, and the need for a multi-year agreement for waterline with AANDC.

Kawehno:ke Chief Abram Benedict

- Attended informational session for plebiscite on Kawehno:ke. Twenty community members attended. We should push online voting more with ads, etc.
- Worked on the development of a charter and business case for the Dept. of Housing.
- We will be having an MCR next week for a development project on Point Road for Seniors.
- Out sick during previous week.
- Quebec separatists lost in the Quebec election.

Kana:takon Chief Larry King

- We've made the final touches to the Trust document and may be able to present it at the General Meeting.
- Attended plebiscite informational session in Kana:takon. 1 community member attended. Received one question asking if MCA had paid for the Akwesasne People's Fire which the answer is no.
- Attended follow-up meeting with RCMP regarding new superintendent. He wants to come and introduce himself.
- Working toward security accreditation course with OPG. Course would be free but there'd be a fee for the test.
- Attended divestiture meeting. Wanted update on release of lease document. Received lease after meeting.

Tsi Snaihne Chief Karen Loran

- Attended information session on plebiscite on Kawehno:ke. Community member asked for confirmation that CBSA will not be returning to the island.
- We will send letter of congrats to the new Quebec officials and we are happy with the

good team.

Kawehno:ke Chief Brian David

- Attended informational session on plebiscite on Kawehno:ke. Presentations were well put together and hit all the key points.
- Attended Nation Building meeting, discussed issues, budget, etc.
- Participated in an APTN interview.

Kana:takon Chief Steve Thomas

- China Trip- contacted Operations on the costs associated with cell phone usage and international rates and sur- charges for the trip.
- Had discussions on banking issues Village Currency is having.
- Participated in interview with the Standard Freeholder regarding economic development initiatives.

Tsi Snaihne Chief William Sunday

- Attended Iroquois Caucus meeting. There are concerns about Bill C-10 legislation. Other Iroquois Caucus members are concerned it will impact their economy. They're looking for support. We should all work together and oppose it, prepare a position paper, involve all members of the Caucus. We also discussed the Education Act and the border crossing issues.

Kawehno:ke Chief Louise Thompson

- Attended Iroquois Caucus. Discussed Bill C-10 and they're asking people to oppose it and referenced points to oppose: lack of consultation, First Nations will not enforce and have their own tobacco codes, taxation, criminalization of First Nations, and the bill's failure to recognize the Gladue report. Discussed pipeline project. Kahnawake is opposed to it.

Grand Chief Mike Kanentakeron Mitchell

- Attended follow up meeting with Assistant Deputy Minister of Education. We are seeking an exemption from the education legislation.
- Attended meeting with AANDC and Justice regarding the threshold that wasn't met for the Couples Property law referendum. Justice did a great presentation and AANDC hasn't seen a First Nations community so far advanced. Federal couples property law doesn't go into effect until December so we have some time to reach the threshold for exemption.

ONERAHTOKHA/APRIL 20, 2014

District Chief Florence Phillips

- Attended Independent First Nations Executive Committee Meeting and discussed funding for community coordinator positions. Host

communities need contractual arrangements with the IFN to track expenditures and fund the positions until IFN funding is received.

- Attended District Meeting and discussed land code task force meeting, housing and surveying concerns, as well as needed road and parking lot repairs. May need to consider contracting with a CLS certified surveyor to minimize cost.

District Chief Abram Benedict

- Attended Housing Portfolio Meeting and discussed Quebec-Hydro proposal, department restructuring, Executive Director Update, review of Housing Authority Charter. A callout will be made for community members to join the Housing Board.
- Attended Housing Authority Meeting and discussed rescheduling of eviction appeal hearing. There are 15 applicants for one Section 95 Rent-to-Own Home that is available.
- Attended Children's Aide Society Meeting in Toronto and discussed French language services. Concerns were expressed about risks associated with improper translation.
- Ontario budget will be tabled soon. Litigation between political party leaders, opposition won't support the budget, which may result in possible election.

District Chief JoAnne Jocko

- Recently had surgery and will provide written update for newsletter.

District Chief Larry King

- Ontario Power Generation Joint Implementation Team is working on a securities contract that will include First Nations-specific language. There will be a 30-hour securities accreditation training session in the coming months with an examination held in Ottawa. There are two vacant positions at the R.H. Saunders Generating Station (one permanent, one contract). We have a standing opportunity to participate in OPG's Eel Program but I have not been successful in identifying an Akwesasnon interested in the program. It presently pays per eel and I continue to attempt to convince OPG that it be a contract reflecting a 40 hour/week type.

District Chief Joe Lazore

- Attended District Meeting and heard concerns from elders about the cost of land surveys and discontinuation of Housing's Carpenter Program. Now need to consider utilizing a contractor to enforce building codes (rules) for work completed by other carpenters. Update needs to be provided to the community.

District Chief William Sunday

- Attended Nation Building Meeting. The task force is preparing for upcoming final negotiations with federal officials.

District Chief Louise Thompson

- Attended Nation Building Meeting and received update on new staff, preparation for meeting with federal officials, reviewed outstanding actions items and need to have more chiefs attend meetings.
- Participated in a radio talk show on the Kawehno:ke Corridor Plebiscite.
- Attended District Meeting and fielded questions on the need to hold another plebiscite informational meeting on the island, need for an update on the Community Trust that will oversee proceeds of settlement agreements, and discussed the natural gas feasibility study and the provinces "FIT" program.

District Chief Steve Thomas

- Attended Police Commission Meeting that was scheduled same night as the District Meeting.
- Did followup on funding for the Quebec Liaison position.
- Preparing for meeting with Chinese investors that are interested in exploring new technologies.

District Chief Julie Philips-Jacobs

- Vacation time used from April 2-9
- Attended the Finance Meeting
- Attended the Education Summit
- Attended the District Meeting and discussed the Kana:takon beach, discontinuation of Housing's carpenter program and legal fees for mobility rights case. Need to develop community projects designed to 'beautify' the community, such as an ongoing tree and brush-cutting program.
- Need to develop media campaign on garbage burning.

Grand Chief Mike Mitchell

- Need to develop mechanism to ensure that meeting action items raised are undertaken and reported on.
- Need to have a report completed by Land & Estates on policy changes to address concerns from low-income and elders about land surveys.
- Joined a delegation that included DTS Director, Tehontienawakon Director, District Chief Florence Phillips, District Chief JoAnne Jocko and Grand Chief's Executive Assistant in meeting with new-Regional Director General Morrisette Hewitt. Discussed recovery of expenditures for the Kawehno:ke Waterline Extension Project. Discussion was positive and in favor of new multi-year funding for capital

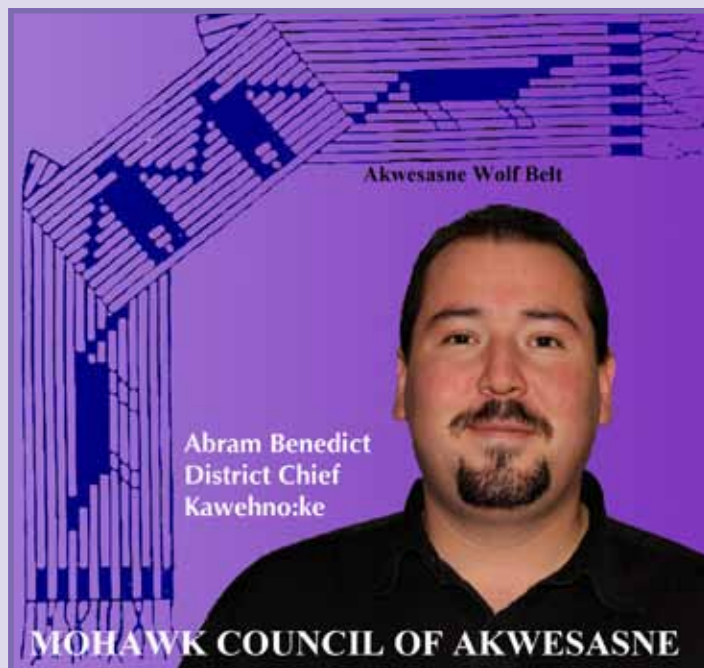
Update: Kawehno:ke District Chief Abram Benedict

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL SERVICES (DCSS)

On March 6 and 7, I traveled to Toronto with Chief Julie Phillips-Jacobs, the Director of Community and Social Services, the Program Manager for ACFS and our MCA male youth rep to attend a Symposium on First Nation Service Design, Delivery and Governance. This symposium was sponsored by the Ontario Ministry of Children and Youth and is a component in the development plans for an Aboriginal Children & Youth Strategy. The symposium provided the participants with the opportunity to hear from other Children & Youth models from across the country and within other First Nation communities. After the first day of the symposium the First Nation participant communities held a First Nation Caucus to discuss the presentations and to discuss common concerns among the communities. The greatest concern amongst the First Nation communities is jurisdiction. To many of the First Nation communities, jurisdiction refers to authority over First Nation children—regardless of whether they reside on or off reserve, but many First Nations cannot exercise jurisdiction because they do not have community designated agencies within the community. Some communities exercise jurisdiction without any provincial recognition but this practice creates strained relationships between the community and the designated CAS. When dealing with child welfare issues, the best solution is to working with both Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal agencies and the ministry hopes to close the gaps between them and the communities they serve by developing an Aboriginal Children & Youth Strategy. During the First Nation Caucus the participants discussed resolutions that have been passed by the Chiefs of Ontario (COO) at Chiefs Assemblies and discussed the possibility of establishing a commission to research and implement the resolutions pertaining to child welfare. A follow up roundtable is scheduled for later in the summer between First Nation Leadership and the Minister of Children and Youth to review the progress being made by the Aboriginal Children & Youth Strategy technical working table.

ONTARIO ASSOCIATION OF CHILDREN'S AID SOCIETIES (OACAS)

On March 20th, I attended the monthly meeting of the OACAS. Brad Quinn of TNG Leaders



presented on Executive Performance Evaluation & Development. The presentation outlined what the boards responsibilities are in relation to evaluating the Executive Director for the OACAS. The Deputy Minister (DM) for the Ministry of Children and Youth Services attended the meeting to discuss a number of issues and concerns to the CASs. I did a presentation to the DM on the challenges pre-mandated agencies face when transitioning to a fully mandated agency, including the capital dollar shortfalls and timing issues being encountered. I again informed the DM that at Akwesasne we will be developing our own child welfare law.

On April 17 I traveled to Toronto to attend the monthly meeting of the OACAS. The Executive Director of the OACAS updated the board on the proposed operational plan and budget for the 2014-2015 fiscal year for the OACAS. A consultant presented on French Language Services in CASs in Ontario and spoke about the challenges francophones face when dealing with CAS agencies that provide services only in English. The presenter explained that when services are not offered directly in French, but are accessible only through translation, there is a great risk of the meaning of words being misunderstood. This is especially disheartening when dealing with children because a misunderstanding could potentially result in unnecessary actions being taken by CASs. Interestingly enough, this is a concern that also applies to Aboriginal communities because many

communities are not provided services in their own language.

A lengthy discussion was held on the upcoming Ontario budget announcement scheduled for May 1st and the potential for a provincial election if the current Liberal Government can't get the opposition parties to support the budget. If the opposition parties do not support the budget, the budget bill could be voted down which would result in an Ontario provincial election.

CBSA ABORIGINAL LIAISON OFFICER

On March 19th, I attended the OPG Visitor's Centre in Cornwall to offer words of thanks and appreciation to James D (JD) Marchand, on behalf of the Mohawk Council. James has been the Aboriginal Liaison Officer for the Canada Border Service Agency (CBSA) at the Cornwall Port since 2011. James was originally on a 2 year assignment that was extended for approximately one year. I thank James for his efforts and hard work and wish him well in his future endeavors.

CLARA'S BIG RIDE

Clara Hughes is a Canadian Olympian, who has earned a total of six medals in both the Summer Olympics and Winter Olympics. Her medals won at the Summer Olympics were for competing as a cyclist and her medals won at the Winter Olympics were for competing as a speed skater. Despite being a Canadian Olympian, Clara Hughes suffered from depression and was eventually able to treat this medical condition. Clara is now the national spokesperson for Bell Let's Talk and "Clara's Big Ride" is a 110-day national bicycle tour through every province and territory, which began in Toronto on March 14, 2014 and will conclude in Ottawa on July 1, 2014. As part of Clara's Big Ride, Clara Hughes will cover 12,000 km and visit 95 communities along the way. Clara's goal with this endeavor is to break down the stigma associated with depression and increase the understanding that resources need to be created that are readily available to everyone. Akwesasne was one of the communities lucky enough to be visited by Clara.



MCA Tsi Snaihne Chief William Sunday, CBSA Aboriginal Liaison Officer James "JD" Marchand, Kawehno:ke Chief Abram Benedict, Kana:takon Chief Julie Phillips-Jacobs, Tsi Snaihne Chief Joe Lazore and CBSA Ottawa District Director Steve MacNaughton.

On March 25th, I attended the welcoming reception for Clara Hughes, which took place at the Ahkwesasne Mohawk School (AMS). Clara was greeted by the Akwesasne fancy dancers and she shared a bit about her journey so far. Clara was then presented with gifts of appreciation for visiting Akwesasne. The following morning Clara returned to the AMS to speak with our Grade 6, 7, and 8 students about mental health and shared with them an inspirational message about her battle to overcome depression. After the presentation the students saw Clara and her caravan off to her next stop.

MCA BUDGETS

Over the month of March, the MCA administration reviewed the 2014/2015 proposed budgets. With recent national cuts across Indian Country the MCA has had to deal with cutbacks and we have been attempting to make those adjustments within the organization with minimal impacts. The task of balancing the budget is very difficult. Recognizing that community demands are high and needs are great, the MCA is continuing the budgeting process until the budgets are accepted by Council which is expected to take place in late April.

I met with the Acting Director of Housing along with other portfolio members to review the 2014/2015 operating plan for the department and the projected budget for the 2014/2015 fiscal year. This upcoming fiscal year the Department of Housing will undergo a few structural changes in order to meet financial constraints.

Chief Phillips-Jacobs and I met with the Director of the Ahkwesasne Mohawk Board of Education to review AMBE's projected 2014/2015 budget. A projected increase in enrollment at the Skahwatsi:ra program at the Kana:takon School will result in AMBE having to open another classroom and hire another language teacher. Skahwatsi:ra enrollment has been steadily increasing.

On Thursday, April 10th, the Council met with all the Directors of MCA to review the current status of the 2014-2015 proposed operating budgets. Each director was able to explain their proposed budget and highlight the areas in need and of concern. On April 23rd, Administration and Finance again presented the revised budget to Council with a number of options for consideration, to ensure that the resulting budget is affordable with minimal impact to decreases in service

delivery. The budget is now finalized and will be presented to Council for acceptance in late May.

ONGOING UPDATES

Due to travel commitments to Toronto, I was unable to attend the Kawehno:ke District Meeting scheduled for 6:00 pm on Thursday April 17. I would like to mention that over the past few months hopefully you've noticed that I have asked that my weekly Council Meeting roundtable updates be included in Onkwe'ta:ke. Originally I had asked to that these not be included because I prefer to write my own reports, but have decided that I will continue to submit my monthly reports, in an effort to elaborate on my roundtable updates.

Update: Tsi Snaihne District Chief William Sunday

On April 3rd & 4th I attended the Iroquois Caucus meeting held in Six Nation Territory. There was much discussion on Bill C-10 which once it is enforced would cause great damage to the First Nations Economy. It would out many native people out of work.

Chief Ava Hill encourage the participants from the Iroquois Communities organize and hold demonstrations at Parliament Hill Ottawa.

Kahnawake delegates were concerned with the Enbridge Pipeline proposal. The Mohawk Council of Kahnawake put Enbridge on notice that they must satisfy all the condition laid down by the Kahnawake Chiefs and their community before they sign any agreement.

Chief Diabo stated that the Community will supply an MOU outlining all the benefits the community will receive.

On April 23rd, I attended a Nation Building: Entewathata:wi session. I found a very interesting suggestion/recommendation that the Kanienkeha language should be included as part of Nation Building program for language teachers.

To have a true nation you need to revive your language and culture.

Update: First Nations Education and AFN

The Canadian Government-proposed First Nations Education Act (FNEA) has been heavily criticized amongst First Nations. The Assembly of First Nations, which is the agency/organization that lobbies for all First Nations in Canada, voted to unanimously reject the FNEA. AFN National Chief Shawn Atleo then secured a promise from Prime Minister Stephen Harper for additional billions of dollars to use for education in a new deal, but the details of the arrangement were not immediately reported to AFN. The AFN questioned the deal and Atleo's actions and the money Harper promised is clouded by criticism. The issue led to Atleo's resignation as AFN National Chief this past Friday, May 2nd. The AFN's Executive Committee has selected Quebec Regional Chief Ghislain Picard to act as the official spokesperson for the AFN in the absence of a national chief. The Executive Committee will govern the AFN until an election is held to replace Atleo, possibly this fall.

Canada has halted education discussions until AFN issues are resolved.



Assembly of the First Nations of Quebec and Labrador Regional Chief Ghislain Picard (far right) and MCA Grand Chief Mike Kanentakeron Mitchell with Metis students attending NAV Centre's training program in February 2014.

MCA will continue as planned to develop its own education model. MCA supports AFN's selection of Ghislain Picard. ❖

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 x3220.

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

1st and 3rd Thursday of every month at Kanonkwatsherlio
1pm to 4pm – ½ hour appointments.

Yoga Classes



Wednesday nights from 7:00pm to 8:30

At the A'nonwarako:wa Arena

Must Pre-Register

Limited class size

Shanti's lovely energy is perfect for this beginner yoga class. She introduces basic concepts that will help you for all yoga that you do, then guides you effortlessly through the class that is easy to follow and will induce a deep sense of clarity, calm and focus.

Schedule

Time	Instructor
7:00pm	Wednesday with Shirley (Shanti) Williams

- Yoga classes open to all adult community members. (physically/medically fit)
- This yoga class is Get Fit⁺ approved, you may use these fitness classes towards your Get Fit⁺ monthly workouts



MCA Community Health
Get Fit⁺ Program
613-575-2341 ext 3241

Entsiakwakaèn:ion Tsi ni Kionkwè:non

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

European Power Struggles: 1649–1763

During those years a great power struggle erupts on this side of the world, and in the end only one is considered the victor. With this struggle there were multiple interests that arose and they are the Haudenosaunee, French, British and also the Akwesasne points of view. The Haudenosaunee had maintained a neutral stance and had formal international agreements of peace and friendship with European nations. The French seek trade partners and establish many forts and trading posts in hopes to win First Nation favor. The Jesuits seek to convert the First Nations to Catholicism and in the process record and document First Nation people. The British now enter the area after conquering the Dutch and then sought more lands to settle. With so many different points of views, conflicts arose.

BEAVER WARS AND TRADE PARTNERS

Shortly after establishing trading post, the First Nations began actively preparing pelts for trade as the European market was in high demand. Beaver pelts were prized for their fashion and water-resistant qualities. French and British trading posts would trade guns, metal equipment, and European textiles for prepared beaver pelts. Soon the beaver population declined and fighting over the remaining beaver territories began.

The British were willing to trade higher quality of goods, but the French were willing to trade in higher quantities. The Haudenosaunee were willing to work both sides in order to gain the better deal with their pelts. Algonquin and northern First Nations were able to trade beaver pelts, but the pelts from the Haudenosaunee were of higher quality and more desirable by Europeans. This added to more resentment and skirmishes between neighboring First Nations.

Between 1649 and 1700 fierce fighting occurred between the Haudenosaunee and other First Nations over trading routes and trapping areas. In order to end the constant warfare a treaty was created that was called the Great Peace of Montréal of 1701, which ended the fighting between forty First Nations and New France during the fur trade.

KATERI TEKAKWITHA: DEVOTION TO THE CHURCH

Kateri Tekakwitha was born in 1656 from an Algonquin mother that was captured from a Jesuit mission and a Mohawk father near Fonda, New York. Kateri was named after the French name of Catherine and was raised Catholic by her mother. She was later raised by her extended traditional family in Mohawk valley after her parents and siblings succumbed to small pox which also scared her face.

When the Jesuits traveled through the area at the age of 11, Kateri wished to learn more about the Catholic faith. By age 19 she was baptized on Easter Sunday and shortly thereafter she moved to the Jesuit mission of Kahnawake. While at the mission she became deeply religious and wished to join a holy order, but was denied due to her ethnicity. Instead she pursued a vow of chastity and performed ritual mortification (self-inflicted wounds) and regular fasting to show her devotion. Shortly after her unprecedented vow of chastity and daily rituals, she died at the young age of 24. Upon her death the Jesuits wrote of her devotion and miracles, which began her process of canonization.

Several miracles are attributed to Kateri's relics and the majority focusing on healing the sick from terminal disease. By 1943 she was declared venerable and then beatified as Catherine Tekakwitha in 1980 by Pope John Paul II. In 2006 a young boy of First Nation descent was healed from a severe flesh-eating bacterium, and in 2011 was proclaimed a miracle by Pope Benedict XVI. Finally in October of 2013, Kateri Tekakwitha was declared a saint by the Vatican and to the world.

SILVER CHAIN COVENANT: TWO ROW WAMPUM REBORN

By 1663 the British overtook the Dutch settlements along the Hudson River and named the region the Province of New York. As with protocol, the Haudenosaunee sought to reestablish their peace and friendship ties with the new European colonists. They approached the British with a renewed Two-Row Wampum philosophy and this time included the concept of a silver chain.

The Haudenosaunee imagined that they travel in their vessel and the British travel in another and that the two should be connected by peace and friendship. They discussed using a rope, but reasoned a rope would eventually snap. Next they thought of an iron chain, but that would eventually rust. They finally agreed that a silver chain would link the two people symbolically together, as it is both precious and would only tarnish.

When the agreement grew old and tarnished the chain, they agreed they would renew trade relations by meeting together to 'polish the chain.' This agreement would symbolically bind the Haudenosaunee and the British together in peace, friendship and respect. The provision being that the two would regularly meet and reaffirm their peace and trade relations.

FRANCE VS. ENGLAND: CAUGHT IN THE MIDDLE

The kingdoms of France and England had been at war in Europe for many hundreds of years both had Royal colonies in the New World where their constraint warfare affected a new hemisphere. A series of wars break out between the two kingdoms over territories and both sides seek First Nation ally support in North America.

The first of these conflicts is named King Williams War (1688-1697) and followed by Queen Anne's War (1702-1713) and again with King George's War (1744-1748) during all conflicts the Haudenosaunee took a stance of neutrality. This did not stop individual young men from joining a colonist raiding party, as they would be paid by either the French or British. This would complicate matters as each year envoys would be dispatched to Montréal and Albany to reassure the neutral stance of the Haudenosaunee. Both the French and British employed neighboring First Nations and soon the Haudenosaunee found themselves being harassed by other nations for not choosing sides.

The constant state of warfare and short lived periods of peace made many Haudenosaunee leave their traditional homelands in hopes of finding more peaceful areas to settle. Many sought refuge among the northern Catholic Missions in order to stay out of the constant warfare between French and British forces. Remaining neutral was having negative impacts on the Haudenosaunee as they try to manage their own people while still keeping both French and British forces out of their territories.

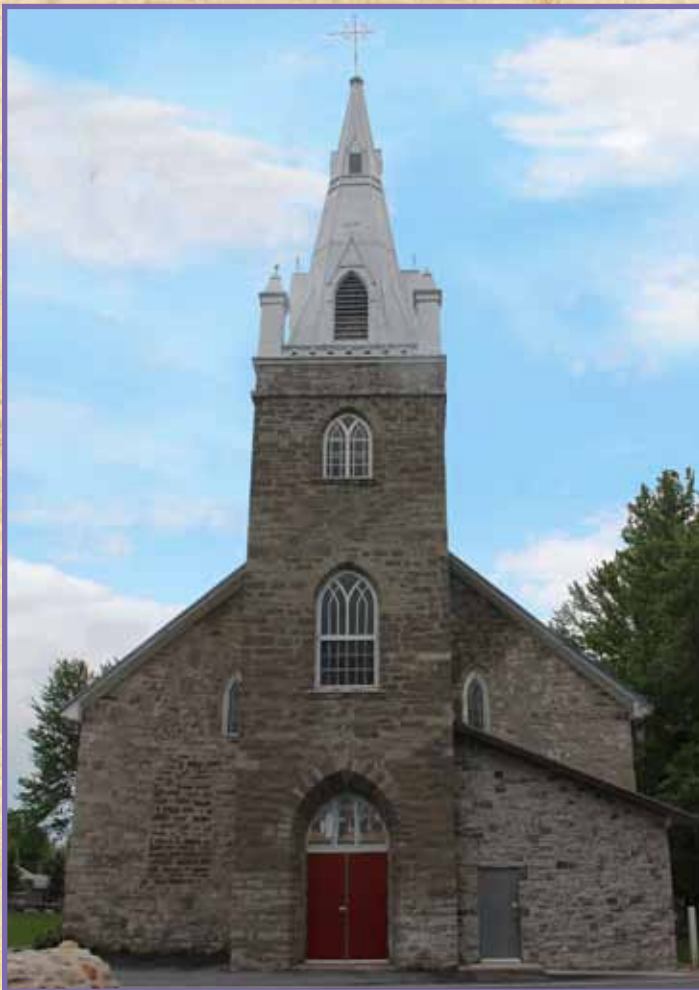


HALF-KINGS: CELEBRITY STATUS

As a gesture of Peace and Friendship four Haudenosaunee representatives were invited by Queen Anne in 1710 to England and were treated as royalty. Their namesake was from the English understanding that they could not act without their female Clanmothers permission, thus dubbed 'Half-Kings.' While on their journeys many English took note of their rugged and exotic look and a group of portraits were commissioned to capture their likeness. Their dress, hair style and demeanor took on mythic portions and they became the English ideal of free and wild men.' The imagery of the 'Stoic Indian' and a carefree lifestyle gets cemented into the European conciseness and plants ideas of freedom and equality among men.

TUSCARORA WAR

Between 1712 and 1713 the Tuscarora people were being harassed by British North Carolina settlers, and soon after were forced to retreat. The Tuscarora approached the Haudenosaunee and asked to take



St. Regis Catholic Church

shelter in their territories and were soon welcomed. With the help of the Younger Brothers (Cayuga and Oneida Nations), the Tuscarora quickly adapted to Haudenosaunee culture and by 1722 the Tuscarora were recorded by the English as being the Sixth Nation to join the Haudenosaunee.

KAHNAWAKE AND KANESATAKE: MOHAWK SISTER COMMUNITIES

With the constant warfare between the British and the French, many First Nations communities were impacted and many sought locations to live away from the fighting. From the royal charter of New France lands were be set aside for usage by the Catholic church and holy orders began setting up lands to instruct and administer religious service to First Nation people. They choose to create buffer zones between Montréal and the Champlain Valley that would deter British attacks by setting up Indian missions. The areas of La Prairie were set aside for the Jesuits to establish missions and 'Indian Towns.'

After several relocations due to ongoing conflicts in the region the village of Kahnawake is established

by the rapids along the southern shore of the St. Lawrence River in 1716. Named after a former Mohawk village in Mohawk Valley the names translates to 'By the Rapids' and establishes the Saint Francis Xavier Mission. Soon large numbers of Mohawk and other Haudenosaunee people leave the Confederacy to seek safety from wars and to learn the Catholic faith.

Shortly after the establishment of Kahnawake another community was started where the Ottawa River meets the St. Lawrence, named Kanesatake. An area of land was granted by the King of France for the area usage by the First Nation people but the Holy Sulpician Order oversaw the transaction and also built a Tappist monastery nearby. The community wished to distance itself from alcohol and many other First Nation people came seeking a dry Catholic community. Kanesatake became a community for many Northern First Nations such as the Nipissing and Algonquian people and became an important area of trade.

ST. REGIS MOHAWK MISSION AND THE TARBELL BROTHERS

On June 20th in 1707 a young boy named John Tarbell with his younger brother Zachariah and a sister Sarah were captured by a raid party from Groton, Massachusetts during Queen Anne's War. All three were adopted; the boys welcomed their new Mohawk family and resisted many attempts to be persuaded to return back to Massachusetts by their biological family. The sister took holy orders and lived out her life in Montréal at a convent. The young men grew up in Kahnawake and eventually married Mohawk women and with a group of families decided to travel up stream to settle a new community.

Deciding to settle in lands that have always been known by the Mohawks the group of families traveled to an area where four major rivers converge with plenty of fishing areas. This area was known as Akwesasne, the "Place Where the Partridge Drums" and had been known for its extensive water and wildlife areas since time immemorial. By 1754 the St. Regis Mission was establish on the newly named St. Regis River, both of which was named after a French Jesuit that died in France. The local rivers provided a passage into the interior and to the head waters of the Hudson River, therefore an important route to traditional Haudenosaunee homelands. Count de Frontenac, a French explorer recorded meeting

some Mohawks at the Racquette River point back in 1673.

Between 1792 and 1793 the stone church was built to replace the original log cabin and was greatly welcomed by the Mohawk village of St. Regis. A fire broke out in the church in 1866, but the church was later reconstructed in 1868 and still stands today amid ongoing efforts to preserve and repair the structure.

FRENCH AND INDIAN WAR: PRESSURE POINTS

By 1755 the Seven Years' War in Europe takes place between New France and British North America with the Haudenosaunee and Akwesasne people in the middle. Leading up to the war, France had created several frontier forts effectively connecting their land holdings along the St. Lawrence and Great Lakes region to the Mississippi River down to New Orleans, called the 'French Crescent.' That effectively kept the English from claiming any territory further in-land. Both the French and British had lobbied many First Nations to choose sides when the French and Indian War finally occurred.

British launch attacks against the outnumbered French along the Ohio valley up to Fort Niagara, and along Nova Scotia and Lake Champlain regions. The French turned to their First Nation allies and defend several of the outlying forts. The Haudenosaunee were heavily pressured by both the French and British as the victor would control all of North America. The French offered trade goods and co-existence but had repeatedly sided with traditional enemies of the Haudenosaunee. The British are backed by the Silver Chain Covenant and offer land protections from both settlers and further military forts. While the official policy was that the Haudenosaunee are to remain neutral many individuals took sides and a majority sided with the British forces.

The French secured loyalty from the Catholic First Nations and many communities such as Kahnawake and Kanesatake sided with the French in hopes to repel the British. Akwesasne was just starting and officially was neutral, but due to family relations with Kahnawake many individuals joined the French forces. This created a new dilemma, the Haudenosaunee Confederacy is acting on old agreements to aid the British and the Catholic Mohawks of Canada side with the opposing French forces.

SEVEN NATIONS OF CANADA: NEW ALLIANCES

With the rise of Indian missions and the Catholic faith in First Nation communities along the St. Lawrence River, new alliances were created. Using the model of the Haudenosaunee, a group of communities formed their own confederation during the 1700's as the French and English were in and out of warfare. The Mohawks of Kahnawake, the Mohawks and Anishinaabeg of Kanesatake, the Abenaki of Odanak and Becancour, the Huron of Jeune-Lorette and the Onondaga of Oswegatchie agreed to form the Seven Nations of Canada. Connected by the river and their Catholic faith the confederation sided with the French during their conflicts with the British.

Akwesasne was a part of the confederation but was considered a subordinate to its mother community of Kahnawake. Numerous wampum belts were created to signify the unity of these communities. While the Seven Nations of Canada was distinct from the Haudenosaunee they did respect their roots and both refused to openly attack each other on the battlefield, opting instead to act as guides or assisting in raiding parties.

ROYAL PROCLAMATION OF 1763: LINE IN THE SAND

By 1763 the British forces had conquered New France, shortly after the British victory on the Plains of Abraham outside of Quebec City using local Mohawk guides. France officially surrendered its North American lands to England when the Treaty of Paris was signed on February 10th, 1763.

With the threat of French armies and their First Nation allies eliminated the English colonies exploded with colonists claiming lands for settlement. The Haudenosaunee found themselves now surrounded entirely by British forts and settlers, and used their peace agreements to lobby for protections from the encroaching British settlers. The British Crown realizing the efforts of the First Nations and the Haudenosaunee, and was willing to set aside lands for the exclusive usage of the First Nations.

On October 7th, 1763 the Royal Proclamation of 1763 was issued that would draw a border along the Appalachian Mountains separating the British settlers from the First Nation people. While the proclamation does acknowledge the existence and rights of First Nation people, it also declares them British subjects.

CONTINUATION

The fur trade is fueled by the competing British and French trade networks with First Nations people, leading to several skirmishes and feuds among First Nations people. Religion had enormous impacts on the Haudenosaunee, it created a new separate Mohawk people that both move north and converted to Catholicism. New alliances are formed among the new catholic First Nation communities along the St. Lawrence River. The Haudenosaunee enjoyed the ability to play between the French and British but after the French and Indian War, only the British remained in North America. Settlers eye the lands reserved for First Nation people, with nothing more than a royal proclamation separating them.

Akwesasne now emerges as a Mohawk community with a complex past and finds itself in the aftermath of the French and Indian War. Having Mohawk roots connecting to the Haudenosaunee, but also having Catholic roots from Kahnawake the community now had to find its identity in an environment dominated by the British and its settlements.

While it may be odd as to why people acted the way they did in the past, the only common factor is they did it for survival. Even when the Haudenosaunee proclaimed neutrality they realized that it was not that easy to avoid conflict. They had to eventually choose sides, this including possibly choosing the Catholic faith, or choosing between the British and French forces. Individuals have and always will do what is necessary for survival, especially during times of high conflict and violence.

Scholars familiar with this era of French and British warfare all have their own perspective and each should be further studied to learn the complete story of the events that had transpired. The French provided valuable First Nation trade networks and Catholic religion but lost to the British forces. The British were willing to make the necessary political agreements to secure allies and to conquer North America. The Haudenosaunee were bounded by peace agreements and were pressured to react. The Seven Nations of Canada were united by their Catholic faith but still modeled after their traditional teachings. Each people have a unique understanding of the events that occurred and it was only right to hear each story in order to truly understand what happened in the past.

The next article will focus on the aftermath of the

French and Indian War and the rise of the British colonies and their war for Independence. First Nations people were first seen as valuable trade partners, then as necessary soldiers and were later viewed as being in the way of progress during the American Revolution.

—Written by Phillip White-Cree ARRO, Researcher

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

—Submitted by Kaweienon:ni (Margaret) Peters

Ka'nón:we wáhse?
Where are you going?

_____ wà:ke.
I am going to _____.

Tim Horthénhne wà:ke.
I am going to Tim Horton's.

Tsi Kaná:taien wà:ke.
I am going to Cornwall.

Walmartne wà:ke.
I am going to Walmart.

Nikentsià:ke wà:ke.
I am going to Massena.

Kentsia'kowáhne wà:ke.
I am going to Fort Covington.

Tekahswen'karó:ros wà:ke.
I am going to Hogsburg.

Tsi Snaihne wà:ke.
I am going to Snye.

Kawehnò:ke wà:ke.
I am going to Cornwall Island.

Kanà:takon wà:ke.
I am going to St. Regis.

Ratetsièntsnie wà:ke.
I am going to the doctor.

KAHNEKIIÓHNE (*The Water Used to be Good*)
—Written by Bear Fox

Io ha io o o
ha io o o
ha na io ho
ha we ia he ia he
ha na io o o
ha na io ho
ha we ia he
io ha io ho
ha we ia he ia he
Aksótha (*my grandmother*)
wa'é:ron (*said*)
Kahnekiióhne (*the water used to be nice*)

Wahón:nise (*a long time ago*)
Kanientará:ko (*from the river*)
nithatinekénhahskwe (*they used to get water*)
Ionkwaha'tanawénhstahkwe (*to quench our thirst*)

Io ha io o o
ha io o o
ha na io ho
ha we ia he ia he
ha na io o o
ha na io ho
ha we ia he
io ha io ho
ha we ia he ia he

Raksótha (*my grandfather*)
wahèn:ron (*said*)
Kahnekiióhne (*the water used to be nice*)
Wahón:nise (*a long time ago*)
Konwatíkenhskwe (*they used to see*)
ne Kentsion'shòn:a (*the fish*)
ionatawenhákie (*they were swimming*)

Io ha io o o
ha io o o
ha na io ho
ha we ia he ia he
ha na io o o
ha na io ho
ha we ia he
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ha we ia he ia he

"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!

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

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
IETHINISTEN'HA 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

Henry Lickers Receives Special Honors

—Submitted by Environment Program Staff, Department of Tehotiiienawakon

It is with pleasure that the Department of Tehotiiienawakon announces two new milestones in the career of colleague and co-worker, Henry Lickers, Environmental Science Officer for the Environment Program.

Henry has been appointed a member of the International Joint Commission's Science Priority Committee of the Great Lakes Science Advisory Board. This position became effective February 27, 2014 and is for a two-year term.

The Science Advisory Board was established to assist in the exercise of responsibilities and powers assigned under the Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement. It is comprised of an equal number of members from Canada and the United States who serve at the pleasure of the Commission. Henry will serve in his personal and professional capacity, not as a representative of his agency or employer. This is the case with all committee members. Members are also expected to serve in an impartial manner, performing their duties for the common good of both countries.

In view of Henry's lifelong, globally-recognized accomplishments in building productive cross-cultural partnerships to advance environmental sustainability, the Chancellor and Board of Trustees of

the State University of New York and the Board of Trustees and faculty of SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry will be bestowing an Honorary Degree of Humane Letters from SUNY and SUNY-ESF.

As a scientist and community leader that advocates knowledge-based solutions and partnerships among diverse stakeholders to address environmental and social sustainability, he embodies the spirit of ESF and serves as a role model to students and faculty.

As a result, SUNY and ESF will

present him with the highest possible recognition, a Doctorate of Humane Letters on Saturday, May 10, 2014 at 1:00 p.m.

Congratulations once again, Dr. Henry Lickers. Tehotiiienawakon—Environment staff and co-workers.



Henry Lickers

Akwesasne Medical Clinic (613) 575-2341 ext. 3215

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUN
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Bridging Generations in Tsi Snaihne

On Thursday, April 17th, Tsi Snaihne School students enjoyed two bounce houses provided by the Iakhisohtla Lodge. Iakhisohtla staff and elders donated the bounce houses in appreciation of the school's involvement in the Bridging Generations Program. Each month, students visit the elders and participate in a variety of activities together. They also bought the students pizza to enjoy at lunchtime.

(Right) Head Start students Brynlee Rounpoint and Easton Oakes enjoy the pizza lunch donated by Iakhisohtla. (Below) Grade two students Dayne Thomas and Johnni Cash Benedict pause inside one of the bounce house tunnels.



Elders from the Iakhisohtla Lodge pose with Mrs. Jackson's grade four students outside the bounce house.

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.

Akwesasne Economic Development Fund (AEDF)

The purpose of the AEDF is to assist Akwesasne Mohawk owned businesses by providing funds on an equity basis where the business owners are required to match AEDF on a dollar for dollar basis.

All applications will be considered on the basis of benefit to the community, job creation and retention, percentage of Mohawk ownership, financial participation of the applicant, completeness of the financial package, viability of the business and track record of the applicant.

Business Registration

All businesses that operate within the jurisdiction of the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne must register their business name at the Economic Development Program.

To qualify as a business, the applicant must be a recognized business and have the appropriate commercial or retail space, signage, employees and regular hours. The business must be majority owned by a registered member(s) of the Mohawk of Akwesasne.

Training

Economic Development provides financial assistance for programs and courses offered for technology and specialized trades. The amount of assistance available per individual depends on other contributions being made by community funders such as the Akwesasne Mohawk Board of Education, MCA Community Support Program, Akwesasne Area Management Board, Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe, etc.

Small Business Grant (SBG)

Types of financial assistance under the SBG include Business Plan Development, Marketing initiatives and Capital Costs.

- Business Plan Development includes the preparation of a complete business plan prepared by a reputable consultant, an environmental assessment, appraisal and architectural drawings.
- Marketing Initiatives include radio, newspaper advertising and promotional items.
- Capital Costs include equipment purchases only and will be reviewed on a case by cases basis.



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

Celebrating Success: Akwesasne Sports

—Owned by Doreen Mitchell

Akwesasne Sports first started in the family house basement in 1993. Doreen and her husband Lewis decided to purchase a skate sharpener since they were constantly going to Cornwall to get skates sharpened for themselves and their daughters. Soon after, community members heard what they were doing and began asking them to sharpen their skates. They agreed to help, but only on evenings and weekends when they were home since they were busy and involved with their family's sports life. They decided to take it a step further and began selling sticks, tape and mouth guards and eventually selling used equipment. The decision was made to purchase a heat transfer machine so they could do an imprinting business in their basement to make t-shirts, sweatshirts, apparel and hats. Both Doreen and Louie had full time jobs at the time, and their hobby turned their basement into a thriving business in 1995. Doreen resigned her position from Assembly of First Nations, began a program to start a business and opened her doors at the first location on Route 37 in Akwesasne. With much success, in 2004 they opened the second location at the Peace Tree Trade Center on Kawehno:ke as well as another location in Kahnawake in 2009. Another successful expansion of Akwesasne Sports was the opening of their pro shop located at the A'nowara'kowa Arena. Although she has been very successful, the road was not always easy but she kept going and finally made her mark and was able to become the successful business woman she is today.

From the beginning, Doreen made the decision that Akwesasne Sports would be a family business. All problems and decisions, no matter



how big or small are talked and discussed amongst the family. Akwesasne Sports hires local community members and maintains a very high standard for their employees. Working at Akwesasne Sports isn't just a retail job, Doreen takes it upon herself to personally train each employee about customer service and work ethics. High school and college students are provided with skills and experience that will help them succeed in their future professions. In fact, excellent customer service is one of Akwesasne Sports' priorities.

Doreen possesses the experience and knowledge to provide the best equipment to sell to the community. Over the years Doreen and her family have attended conventions and tradeshow to learn about the new and latest trends in the sporting industry. One of the key focuses at the store is always keeping up with new products and equipment.

Akwesasne Sports has had a long standing relationship with MCA's Economic Development Program. One benefit of working with Economic Development to promote business growth is the financial assistance that is offered through the Akwesasne Economic Development Fund (AEDF) and the Small Business Grant (SBG).

Akwesasne Sports has used these financial services to help them get machinery, printers, embroiderers, skate sharpeners as well as marketing. Economic Development helped Akwesasne Sports make contacts with other companies to do business.

Akwesasne Sports' success speaks for itself with 16 years in business and expansions of three locations. Aside from their knowledge and experience, Doreen said her success has come from hard work. Her advice to new and future business owners is to persevere and love what you do. She said "She's seen businesses quit at the first sign of adversity, they don't wait it out. People need to work hard and wait a little while to see if it is successful or not".

Her success has brought many rewards and memorable experiences. Recently, Doreen was asked to be a guest speaker at Algonquin College Business Entrepreneur Program to talk about running a successful business. She also has a positive relationship with the community and sports enthusiasts. She personally enjoys listening to parents and sports players come in to the store and talk about their success on the playing field. To Doreen, it is a rewarding career and she enjoys going to work every day.

Akwesasne Sports endeavors to provide new products and services to our customers. Akwesasne Sports is excited to be relocating to a new facility in the near future. They are also working on their online presence by selling their products over the Internet as well as updating their website.

Akwesasne Sports offers a wide variety of products and service. This includes equipment for lacrosse, traditional lacrosse, handmade wooden lacrosse sticks, hockey, softball, soccer, football, broomball, figure skating, and volleyball. They carry performance sports therapy items such as braces, supports, straps and sleeves. They also do embroidering, screen printing, imprinted sportswear, sublimation, team uniforms and jerseys, CAD cutting, custom sports apparel as well as carry a wide variety of sports name brands for apparel and footwear. Stop in to Akwesasne Sports to get your sporting good items and don't forget to SHOP LOCAL!

You can call any of the following locations or facebook Akwesasne Sports:

- Rt. 37 Akwesasne (518) 358-4863
- Peace Tree Trade Center, Kawehno:ke (613) 938-2752
- Kahnawake, QC (514) 664-4104

May is Hepatitis Awareness Month

Hepatitis means an inflammation of the liver. The liver is a vital organ that processes nutrients, filters the blood, and fights infection. When it is inflamed or damaged, the liver cannot function properly. Scientists have identified six hepatitis viruses, but three known as A, B and C cause about 90% of acute cases in Canada. People infected with hepatitis can experience effects ranging from a mild illness to serious liver damage. Many recover completely from an infection, while other become carriers of the disease and can spread hepatitis to others. It is especially important for women who are pregnant or trying to become pregnant to get tested for hepatitis.

Hepatitis A virus is transmitted by eating or drinking something that is contaminated. Raw or uncooked food, food handled by people who have not washed their hands or water that is contaminated by an animal or human waste is sources of the virus.

Hepatitis B is a contagious liver disease that results in an infection through a carrier who has the virus. This can happen through having sex with an infected partner, sharing needles, syringes or other injection drug equipment. Hepatitis B can also be passed from an infected mother to her baby at birth.

Hepatitis C is also a contagious liver disease that results from infection through a carrier of the hepatitis C virus. It is spread by sharing needles or other equipment to inject drugs. Before screening of blood in 1992, hepatitis C was spread through blood transfusions and organ transplants. It is also possible to become infected with hepatitis C when non-sterile piercing equipment is used for tattooing.

There are vaccines to prevent Hepatitis A & B. Unfortunately, there is no vaccine for hepatitis C.

For more information, contact Community Health office at 613-575-2341, extension 3220.

The information was obtained through the Center for Disease Control at www.cdc.gc.org or the www.healthcanada.ca website.

Online Boater Safety Course Workshop

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne is notifying the community of an online boater safety course workshop being held in Akwesasne. The workshop is designed to give community members access to a computer to take the online Boater Safety course and obtain their **Pleasure Craft Operator Card**. This is not an instructor led course. There will be volunteers present in case participants require assistance. Community members must pay by credit card at their own expense to take the course. The cost per person to take the course is \$60.00.

The dates and locations are as follows:

Iohahi:io (Tsi Snaihne):

May 9th, 9am-5pm & May 10th, 1pm-5pm

AEDA (Kawehno:ke):

May 23rd, 9am-5pm & May 24th, 1pm-5pm

Resources to be used: <http://www.boaterexam.com>

All boaters must possess certification of completion of their boater course in the form of the Pleasure Craft Operator Card or Boater Card. Without the operators card, boaters face a fine of \$250 for the 1st offense. This includes drivers of all personal watercrafts (PWC) that are motorized including boats, jet skis, Sea-Doos, and Waverunners.

You may take the course online at your convenience with a credit card payment at the above listed link.

For more information you may contact Conservation Officer, Taylor Mitchell at the Justice Department by calling 613-575-2250 Ext 2412. You may also visit the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne Facebook page, the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne – Conservation Facebook page or the Akwesasne.ca website.

Course Information – What You Need to Know:

1. The course contains 5 chapters and takes a minimum of three hours to complete.
2. Each chapter is followed by a quiz, which requires a grade of 80%, or 8/10, to pass.
3. You must pass each quiz before proceeding to the following chapter.
4. You do not have to complete the course in a single sitting. Each time you log out we save your spot for you!
5. You can take up to one year to complete the course and final exam.
6. Once you have completed the course you need to take the online final exam to get your card.
7. The 50-question online final exam has a time limit of 75 minutes.

Learn Before You Burn

Akwesasne does not have a bylaw against burning trash; however, you should always be courteous to Mother Earth and your neighbors by keeping the following in mind:

- Burning plastic, rubber or other man-made materials releases dangerous toxins in the air, soil & groundwater.
- Backyard burning of trash in a barrel, pile or outdoor boiler releases smoke and an unpleasant odor into the air.
- Trash fires in burn barrels can smolder and as a result produce greater amounts of harmful chemicals in the smoke and ash.
- Trash containing plastics, polystyrene (such as foam cups), CCA pressure-treated wood and bleached or colored papers can produce dangerous chemicals, such as arsenic.
- Just 2 to 40 household burn barrels emit the same amount of dangerous toxins as a 200-ton per-day incinerator that serves 20,000 households.
- Healthy individuals may suffer non-specific reactions from burnboxes or barrels including

burning eyes, headaches, nausea, fatigue, dizziness and other symptoms.

- Acids and other chemicals emitted by trash fires can cause severe bronchio-constriction in asthmatics, increase the breathing difficulty of those with emphysema and be deadly for those with heart disease.
- Damage to your health can be more serious the longer you are exposed to the smoke; including damage to your lungs, nervous system, kidneys and liver.

What's the alternative?

- Dispose of man-made materials at the dump.
- Reduce: buy in bulk or larger quantities; demand less packaging on the products you buy.
- Reuse: find someone else who can use it, have a yard sale, or donate it.
- Recycle: paper, cardboard, metal, glass and acceptable plastics.
- Compost: use a composter or let your organic waste decompose in a safe area of your yard.

1st Annual Community Wide Language Fair

Onerahtohkó:wa/May 21, 2014

Kana:takon School

Seeking poetry, songs,
stories, dance and
drama in Kanienkeha
from all ages



Prizes will
be awarded!!

Deadline for all entries is Onerahtohkó:wa/May 16, 2014

Registration forms can be picked up and dropped off at AMBE, Kana:takon School or The Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe

All Ages Welcome!

*For more information on this event contact the AMBE office at 613-933-0409,
Kana:takon School 613-575-2323 or The Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe 518-358-2272 Ext:405*

Please join us for an Open House to learn more about the proposed **Eastern Mainline Project**



You are invited to attend a TransCanada Open House for the proposed Eastern Mainline Project. TransCanada will be hosting a series of open houses along the proposed route in a location near you. Please see the map and the back of this postcard for locations and details.

Project Overview

TransCanada is proposing to construct new natural gas pipeline facilities primarily along our existing pipeline corridor between the City of Markham and the community of Iroquois located in the Township of South Dundas. Route deviations away from the existing pipeline corridor are being considered in some locations due to:

- environmental features
- construction constraints
- adjacent land uses
- stakeholder feedback

The project is proposed to include up to approximately 370 kilometres of 36 inch diameter pipeline as well as new compressor units at five existing compressor stations located in the Municipality of Clarington, the Township of Alnwick-Haldimand, the Township Tyendinaga, the City of Kingston and the Township of Augusta.

We invite you to contact TransCanada with any questions or comments you may have with regards to the proposed project:

Eastern Mainline Project:

Phone: 1.855.920.4697

Website: easternmainline.com

Email: eastern_mainline@transcanada.com

Or write to: TransCanada

Attn: Eastern Mainline Project

200 Bay Street
24th Floor, South Tower
Toronto, Ontario, M5J 2J1



Proposed Eastern Mainline Project – Open House Locations & Hours

Open House Hours: 4 – 8 p.m.

Markham	Markham Village Community Centre	6041 Hwy 7	May 27, 2014
Newcastle	Newcastle Community Hall	20 King Ave. W.	May 28, 2014
Brooklin	Brooklin Community Centre	45 Cassels Rd.	May 29, 2014
Port Hope	Port Hope Lions Club	29 Thomas St.	June 3, 2014
Quinte West	Batawa Community Centre	81B Plant St.	June 4, 2014
Grafton	Grafton Community Centre	718 Station Rd.	June 5, 2014
Johnstown	South Edwardsburgh Community Centre	24 Sutton Dr.	June 10, 2014
Gananoque	Lou Jeffries Recreation Centre	600 King St. E.	June 11, 2014
Brockville	Brockville Convention Centre	7829 Kent Blvd.	June 16, 2014*
Tyendinaga	Township of Tyendinaga Recreation Hall	363 McFarlane Rd.	June 17, 2014
Greater Napanee	Strathcona Paper Centre (Lafarge Banquet Hall)	16 McPherson Dr.	June 18, 2014
Kingston	Days Inn and Conference Centre (Salon B)	33 Benson St.	June 19, 2014

*Due to the upcoming provincial election the Brockville Open House has been moved from Thursday, June 12 to Monday, June 16th.

We hope to see you there. For additional information, please visit easternmainline.com



Kids Page



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Akwesasne Child & Family Services
613-575-2341 ext. 3139



Join the Traditional Medicine Program along with the SRMT Traditional Support Program at the SRMT Training Center every Thursday afternoon from 1:30 - 3:30 for the

Creation Story

Aronhiaies Herne will be presenting Creation Story

sessions every Thursday starting
Thursday, April 24 - Thursday, July 3

Sessions will be open to the first 50 to register. Open to all ages

To register please call the Traditional Medicine Program

at (613)575-2341 ext. 3115

or you can email

**tinam.mitchell@akwesasne.ca
aronhiaies.herne@akwesasne.ca**

Speech & Language

Many of us take our ability to communicate for granted. Yet the ability to speak, hear and be heard is much more vital to our everyday lives than most of us realize. Each year, Speech-Language and Audiology Canada (SAC) dedicates the month of May to raising public awareness about communication disorders and the professionals who can help.

Some causes of speech and language disorders:

- Traumatic brain injury
- Stroke
- Head and neck cancers
- Learning disabilities
- Degenerative diseases (e.g., ALS, Parkinson's, etc.)

Types of speech and language disorders:

Articulation disorders occur when a person cannot correctly produce one or more sounds (e.g., wabbit for rabbit, kip for skip). May be the result of delayed development, poor muscle control, cleft lip/palate, hearing impairment or learning disabilities. In adults, may be the result of neurological damage from stroke or head injury.

Voice disorders include inappropriate pitch, loudness, quality or total loss of voice. Voice problems may result from damage to the vocal cords because of surgery, disease or yelling (vocal abuse), or from conditions such as cleft palate, cerebral palsy or hearing impairment.

Fluency disorders or stuttering is a disruption in the normal flow or rhythm of speech. Characteristics of stuttering may include repetitions of sounds, syllables, words or phrases.

Apraxia (A-PRAX-SIA): A speech programming disorder that makes words and sentences sound jumbled or meaningless.

Dysarthria (DIS-AR-THREE-AH): A group of speech disorders resulting from paralysis, weakness or lack of coordination of the muscles required for speech.

Aphasia (AH-FAY-SIA): A language disorder due to brain damage or disease resulting in difficulty in formulating, expressing, and/or understanding language.

www.communicationhealth.ca

May is Speech and Hearing Month
maymonth.ca



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Audiology Canada
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1 in 6 people
has a speech, language
or hearing disorder.

TIPS for better communication:

- Speaking with someone who has a communication disorder may require extra time and patience.
- Reduce background noises that may be distracting (e.g., turn off the radio or TV, close the door or move to a quieter place).
- Stick to one conversation topic at a time. Avoid quick shifts in conversation topics.
- Keep sentences and questions short.
- Allow extra time for responding.
- Ask questions with yes/no answers. Open-ended questions are more difficult to respond to.
- Be an active listener. Pay attention to eye gaze and gestures. Take a guess (e.g., "Are you talking about your dog? Yes? Tell me more.")
- Speak slowly and clearly.
- Do not speak louder to get your message across unless the person has a hearing loss

SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGISTS are highly-trained professionals who are focused on the prevention, identification and management of speech, language and swallowing disorders.

Hearing

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Common Hearing & Other Auditory Disorders:

Hearing Loss

Hearing loss is a partial or total inability to hear. The severity of the hearing impairment can range from mild to profound and can be in one or both ears. There are different types of hearing loss, which are caused by problems in different parts of the outer, middle and inner ear as well as the hearing nerve. Hearing loss can be caused by the natural aging process, excessive exposure to noise, head trauma, a history of ear infections or hereditary factors.

Auditory Processing Disorder

Auditory processing disorder (or APD) is a disorder that affects the way the brain processes sound – in other words, what the brain does with what the ear hears. Some symptoms of APD include poor listening, trouble following directions, short attention span and difficulty reading. People with APD can have normal hearing and APD is not related to intelligence.

Tinnitus

Tinnitus (TIN-A-TUS) refers to “ringing in the ears” when no other sound is present. Tinnitus can sound like hissing, roaring, pulsing, whooshing, chirping, whistling or clicking. Tinnitus can occur in one ear or both ears and while tinnitus is often associated with hearing loss, people with normal hearing can also have it. Sometimes the sounds are accompanied by pressure or pain in or around the ear or by a painful sensitivity to sounds. The impact of tinnitus ranges from annoying to debilitating.

Hyperacusis

Hyperacusis is a health condition characterized by an over-sensitivity to certain sounds. A person with severe hyperacusis has difficulty tolerating everyday sounds, some of which may seem unpleasantly loud to that person but not to other people. Although all sounds may be perceived as too loud, high frequency (pitch) sounds may be particularly troublesome.

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TIPS for talking with someone who has a hearing disorder:

- Get the person's attention by saying their name or touching their arm before you start talking.
- Speak clearly and loudly enough to be heard, but do NOT shout. Shouting distorts the speech sounds.
- Be patient and provide the person with some extra time to respond. Hearing and processing sounds may take a bit longer.
- Avoid putting anything around your face and mouth when you are speaking (e.g., pens, phones, hands). People with hearing loss use visual cues to help them understand the message. People without hearing loss also use visual cues!
- Create an ideal listening environment: move away from noise sources and choose a place with good lighting.
- Position yourself across from the listener rather than beside. Look at the person when talking.
- During group discussions only one person should speak at a time.
- Smaller group discussions are ideal. Listening in a large group setting can be difficult.

AUDIOLOGISTS are highly-trained hearing health professionals who identify, assess and manage individuals with hearing and balance disorders as well as other auditory disorders.



HAZARD HELP SHEET

LET'S INSPECT YOUR FUEL TANK!



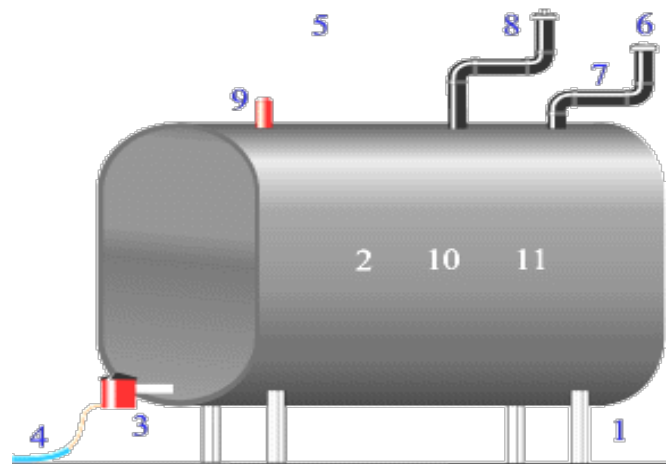
Home heating oil fuel tanks are ubiquitous in Akwesasne, but did you know they should be replaced if they are anywhere from 15-20 years old or show signs of leakage? An ageing tank is not only potentially harmful to the surrounding environment, but could prove costly and inconvenient if its contents escape from your tank. As a homeowner or landlord, you are legally responsible for these costs, unless the fuel spill is caused by the fuel service provider. That's why it's important for you to be present during the fueling or filling process.

FIRST: Let's answer these questions! Each question is represented by a number on the Fuel Tank image on the right.

1. Are the tank legs unstable or on a shaky foundation?
2. Are there any signs of rust, weeping, wet spots or dents on the tank?
3. Is the tank blackened at the low end, around the drain? (This may be an indication of water in the tank, and resultant corrosion inside the tank.)
4. Are there any drips or signs of leakage around the fuel line, filter or valves?
5. Is there danger of snow or ice falling on the tanks.
6. Is the vent clogged or restricted because of snow, ice or insect nests? (Screened vents can help prevent insect nest problems.)
7. Is the vent whistle silent when the tank is being filled? (Ask the fuel delivery person.)
8. Are there signs of leakage or spills around the fill pipe or vent pipe?
9. Is the fuel-level gauge cracked, stuck or frozen? Are there signs of oil around it?
10. If mounted outdoors, is the tank rated for outdoor use?
11. What is the age of the tank? (Not usually indicated until after 1998.)

If you answered 'yes' to any of the questions above, call your local fuel service provider to arrange a detailed tank inspection today.

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SECONDLY: The good news is most oil tank problems can be avoided. MCA's Emergency Measures recommends the following:

- ✓ Check for leaks before and after each delivery.
- ✓ If you smell diesel or home heating fuel, immediately check your lines, tank and furnace for leaks.
- ✓ Consider replacing oil tanks after fifteen (15) years of service. The price of new tank is considerably less expensive than a cleanup.
- ✓ Make sure all attachments are firmly secured.
- ✓ Always fill your tank at the end of the heating season to help prevent rust caused by condensation inside the tank.

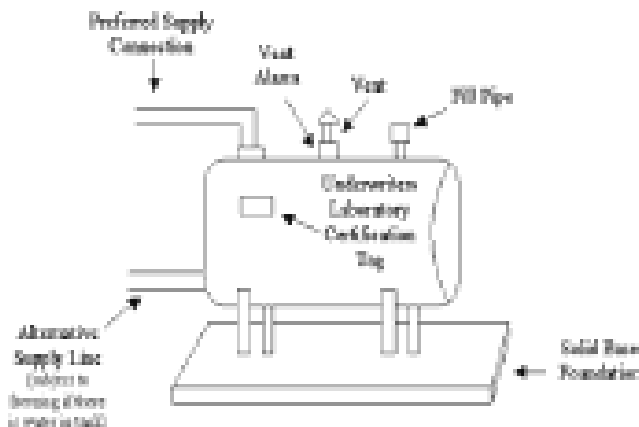


HAZARD HELP SHEET

LET'S INSPECT YOUR FUEL TANK!



Typical Above Ground Home Heating Oil Tank System



THIRD: Three Types of Fuel Tanks

Indoor Above-Ground Tanks

Inspect indoor above-ground oil storage tanks for signs of pitting and corrosion, particularly at the bottom of the tank. Residential oil tanks primarily rust from the inside out, so if signs of aging are present, replace the tank. Indoor home fuel oil tanks generally do not last more than 30 years and often their lifespan is much shorter.

Consider installing two inexpensive upgrades. Place a plastic heating oil tray or pan under the oil storage tank, and replace the fuel delivery line with one encased in a protective sleeve. The pan or tray will make it easier to keep the tank area clean and help identify and contain small leaks. Installing a sleeve, which covers the delivery line, protects it from physical damage and moisture.

For more information go to
www.heatingoil.com

IF YOUR BASEMENT IS FLOODED!

The Hogsburg / Akwesasne Volunteer Department (HAVVD) **DOES NOT** pump out water if it is contaminated (mixed) with oil.

Outdoor Above-Ground Tanks

Ask an oil technician to inspect the stability of the above-ground oil storage tank. A full 275-gallon tank weighs more than 2,000 pounds. They have metal legs and should sit on a concrete pad. If the legs become loose or the pad cracks, the home fuel oil tank can fall over and rupture. Replace an outdoor above-ground oil storage tank that has been uncovered for 10 years or longer. These tanks rust from the inside out, so cleaning or painting the outside does not usually prolong their life.

Underground Tanks

Determine if the underground oil storage tank is made of steel (common) or fiberglass (rare). Most steel underground oil storage tanks will last approximately 15 to 20 years. If the tank is older than that or the age is unknown, replace it with an above ground fuel oil storage tank. Locate your new home oil tank under a shelter or inside a basement or garage to prevent rust, corrosion, or damage. Underground tanks (for home use) are no longer the norm in installation, nor use. If you have an underground home oil storage tank, you might want to consider replacing it.

FOR SPILLS CALL
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Computer Networking and Technical Support

This 2 year program is being delivered at Iohahi:io through a partnership with St. Lawrence College.

This program will prepare the student to fill the role of technical support in the dynamic and expanding field of client/server computing, enterprise networks, administration and Internet management. Learning takes place in both classrooms and computer labs. Students will be required to complete a work placement component, which provides on-the-job training in their final semester.

Students receive hands on training in:

- Computer Hardware
- Software Installation
- Scripting procedures
- Diagnostics
- Network installation
- Operating systems
- Maintenance
- User Support
- Website administration
- Operation system virtualization

Admission Requirements:

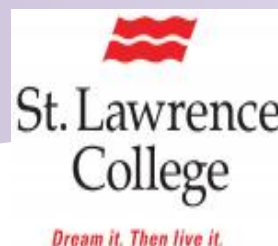
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People are an organizations' most important asset. Human resources departments need trained professionals who understand the business of people and who know how to recruit, train, compensate, motivate and retain employees. The choices available within human resources are so extensive that your career will remain interesting and challenging for many years.

This program examines all areas of Human Resources including:

- Accounting
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- Organizational Behaviour
- Health Safety and Security Administration
- Career and Diversity Management
- Business Fundamentals

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