

Akwesasne Community Settlement Trust Established

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne is proud to announce that the signing ceremony of the Mohawks of Akwesasne Community Settlement Trust Agreement took place on July 21, 2014. The Settlement Trust deals with two specific claims: the Ontario Power Generation (OPG), which was associated with the grievances since the 1950s from the construction and operation of the R.H. Saunders Generating Station and related facilities, and the Kawehnoke-Easterbrook specific claim settlement, which was associated with Canada’s failure to act in obligation and best interest of the Easterbrook Parcel land claim and management of First Nations funds and assets. Council approved the Trust Agreement on April 15th to ensure the collective \$50 million in settlement proceeds from said land claims are invested and the funds will in turn be used explicitly for future projects and developments that will benefit the entire Akwesasne community.

The signing ceremony had a number of guest speakers. Emcee, Brendan White, called forward Rakwirahes and Raronttiostha Pembleton to recite the Opening Address to mark the important day in Akwesasne history. Cactus Cook Sunday, Manager of the Aboriginal Rights and Research Office and the Coordinator for the Internal Technical Team (ITT) for the Settlement Trust Agreement, spoke about how she is “very proud to be working on this and even more proud to see this come to fruition,” having previously worked as a technical advisor to the land claims negotiation tables and led community education sessions on the settlements and the trust. Another member of the ITT, Chief Larry King, spoke at the ceremony. King introduced the ITT, Trust Overseers and Community Trustees, reminding those



(front row) Mohawk Council of Akwesasne Grand Chief Mike Kanentakeron Mitchell and Kana:takon Chief Larry King helped finalize the Akwesasne Community Settlement Trust Agreement during a signing ceremony held on July 21, 2014. Joining were Community Trustees (back row, from left) Gail McDonald, Kenneth Chaussi, Leah Mitchell, Tobi Mitchell, Patricia Francis (Chair) and Dwight Bero Jr., as well as ARRO Program Manager Cactus Cook Sunday.

present that the Settlement “had to be drawn 100% by the community and for the benefit of the community.” Other guest speakers, including Jeff Harris of Myers Weinberg LLP and Marc Sevestre of the National Aboriginal Trust Officers Association, helped in the writing and overseeing of the Trust Agreement. Harris’ work focuses on Aboriginal law with a greater emphasis on land and related claims and the development of trusts for the management of settlement monies. Sevestre, a Mohawk member himself, founded NATOA to

assist First Nation and Aboriginal Communities understanding development, monitoring and maintenance of Aboriginal Trusts. They each spoke about the process of helping create the Settlement Agreement

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and how they commended the ITT, overseers, trustees and chiefs in taking the path towards the inevitable improvement of Akwesasne as a whole.

Council has appointed six community trustees following an interview process who will act as facilitators and have control over the investments and disbursements made under the Trust funds. The community is encouraged to bring their visions and needs of Akwesasne to the trustees and help shape our community's future. The trustees are Dwight Bero Jr. (Southern Portion-Akwasasne), Kenneth Chaussi (Kawehno:ke-Cornwall

Island), Patricia Francis (Kawehno:ke-Cornwall Island), Gail McDonald (Tsi Snaihne-Snye), Leah Mitchell (Tsi Kanataien-Cornwall), and Tobi Mitchell (Tsi Snaihne-Snye).

Look for further announcements on upcoming community sessions about the Community Trust on the MCA website at www.akwesasne.ca and the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne and the Aboriginal Rights & Research Office (ARRO) Facebook pages, as well as on CKON radio and in the Onkwe'ta:ke newsletter and the Indian Time newspaper.

Wat'kwanonweraton/Greetings

It is my pleasure to provide the introduction for the most recent edition of *Onkweta:ke*—Mohawk Council of Akwesasne's community newsletter. You will notice that this issue has gone through changes compared to previous versions. I am pleased to report that the content will remain the same, which is intended to provide transparency to membership through regular updates on portfolios and political initiatives, as well as program announcements and other notable events.

During the past year, MCA's programs and services have experienced significant budget cutbacks from the federal government. This has led the organization to increase our efforts to look for savings, as well as increase lobbying to protect funds directed to Akwesasne. The changes you will notice in the community newsletter, as well as the time required for the transition, are part of our organization-wide effort to reduce costs. Another measure we have implemented is to route financial requests through a single source (Community Fund), rather than from Council. As a result, we are changing the Community Fund's criteria in order to better respond to the needs of community projects.

With this issue, I'm pleased to report that the MCA is continuing to identify alternative revenue sources and explore economic opportunities. Under the guidance of the Department of Tehotiiennawakon, a number of initiatives are being pursued that will provide employment and strengthen our local economy. Portfolio holders and technicians will be hosting community presentations in advance of the October 9th General Meeting to report on progress being made, as well as to share the results of an economic leakage study that looked at where Akwesasne's three northern districts spend their money.

The MCA has identified several long-range and immediate economic projects that entail the development of Akwesasne's islands and the hosting of mixed martial arts events. To ensure the success of these projects, an internal martial arts/boxing commission has been formed and in early-September 2014, received training at Mohegan Sun. Utilizing their years of experience, Mohegan Sun has offered to help Akwesasne in the development and administration of martial arts and boxing regulations. We are also in discussion with the Akwesasne Mohawk Casino Resort to host these events in the very near future.

The Mohawk Council is currently reviewing a Community Engagement Funding Agreement that will facilitate MCA's participation in the National Energy Board's licensing process for the TransCanada Energy East Pipeline Project. It is a two-year funding agreement to support consultation sessions and related activities as our community evaluates the pros and cons of the project. We will strive to provide as



much information on how and if the proposed project will impact our traditional lands and provide ways to address those impacts—giving weight to every aspect of environmental protection. The end result will be a community plebiscite on whether or not Akwesasne will support the pipeline project.

The MCA is also entering the second year of a two-year tobacco pilot project with the Government of Ontario that identifies a community regulated tobacco strategy that Akwesasne will administer and enforce. The impetus for this initiative is new federal legislation (Bill C-10) that criminalizes Native tobacco, but leaves it to the individual provinces to enforce. As a result, the Akwesasne Tobacco Pilot Project was developed through a multi-jurisdictional arrangement with Ontario that regulates the manufacture, wholesale, and retail sale of tobacco products in our territory. It is hoped that this will lead to tobacco trade agreements between Akwesasne and other First Nations and provide revenue to support community services and other economic development, as well as recognition of Akwesasne's law making power and authority.

We have also received a request from Ontario to initiate discussions on the development of a political protocol between their provincial government and Akwesasne. These talks will begin in the coming months and will follow the completion this month of a renewed political arrangement with the Quebec Government. When finalized, both political agreements (along with the federal political protocol signed in May 2012) recognize the need to work together to address the challenges imposed on our community programs and services due to the multi-jurisdictional and geographical nature of Akwesasne.

In the coming months (December 2014), Akwesasne will also witness the second phase of MCA's court trial against the Canada Border Services Agency. Initiated in December 2013 in the Ontario Court of Justice, the case challenges CBSA's criminal charges against two Akwesasne mothers for allegedly failing to directly report at their relocated Port-of-Entry in Cornwall. Charged with "Aiding and Abetting Illegal Aliens" for dropping their children off on Kawehno:ke (Cornwall Island) before reporting, the MCA has intervened and launched a test case that supports these Akwesasne mothers in their fight to protect our people's constitutionally protected right to mobility within our Aboriginal territory.

We have also scheduled information meetings for the proposed draft Akwesasne Tekaiat'orehthà:ke Kaianerénhsera (Akwesasne Court Law) in the coming weeks. These are meant to assist the Akwesasne Court Law Working Task Group in fulfilling its mandate related to the development of a comprehensive court law for the community's consideration. Residents are asked to attend these information meetings to pose questions and obtain additional information prior to the October 9th General Meeting.

I would also like to note that the MCA, in cooperation with the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe and the Assembly of First Nations, recently hosted the second convening of the International Indigenous Border Security Summit. Held at the Akwesasne Mohawk Casino Resort on September 3-5, 2014; the conference brought together border security and law enforcement personnel, U.S. Department of Homeland Security representatives and Indigenous leaders from First Nations border communities and political organizations to discuss topics relevant to Indigenous First Nations on both sides of the International borders between Canada, Mexico and the United States. The results of the conference will be presented at the next General Meeting.

In closing, the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne is considering once again to convene General Meetings on a quarterly basis. The reasons to revisit this decision are due to the growing number of focus and informational meetings needed to adequately address the topics presented at General Meetings. Additionally, significant amounts of time are required to follow-up on action items and prepare materials for each monthly meeting. To address this problem, District Meetings will continue to be held on a monthly basis with the scheduling of Focus or Informational Meetings and/or radio talk shows to provide specific information on priority items. A Special General Meeting will be convened if it becomes necessary for a community vote to be held on a specific issue or subject matter.

Nia:wenkó:wa,
Mike Kanentakeron Mitchell
Grand Chief

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

Message to the Community: Tsi Snaihne Chief Karen Loran

On behalf of the family of, my father, the late Michael “Ohseráse” Sunday I would like to take this opportunity to express our thanks and appreciation to all of our relatives, friends and well-wishers who surrounded us with their love and care during our time of bereavement. We were genuinely moved by the many calls, visits, prayers and words of encouragement. Your acts of kindness, generosity, and most importantly the support we felt made our tough time, a little more endurable.

I want to thank the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne for their considerate thoughts and sympathy. To my fellow Council members and District Chiefs, thank you for understanding my situation these past several months. And to the Mohawk Government staff and support, your hard work during this time did not go unnoticed by me. I also want to thank the Iahkhihsóhtha staff for



the care that they provided my father during his years there. Lastly, I want to convey the immeasurable gratitude I have for my Executive Assistant—for continuing our work, ensuring my files and constituents

were taken heed of in my time away. I was able to grieve with a sound peace of mind. The journey of grieving and mourning the loss of a patriarch is tough. Our community has an extraordinary way of coming together in times when those need it, especially after the passing of a loved one. I just wanted to note that. It is not like this in other places, and I am grateful to be a part of a place that has such a great sense of community. Thank you Akwesasne, you’ve been incredibly supportive to us.

Nia:wenkó:wa,

Karen Loran
District Chief of Tsi Snaihne

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

—Submitted by Kaweienon:ni (Margaret) Peters

KAN IEN`KÉHA TEWATÁ:TI (LET’S SPEAK MOHAWK)

Ka`iéhse`skwe tsi niwakénhnhes?
Where did you go this summer?

Miami Beach ié:ke`skwe.

Florida ié:ke`skwe.

Myrtle Beach ié:ke`skwe.

Wahsaténhnikonhró:ri kenh?
Did you have fun ?

Hen, wa`katen`nikonhró:ri !
Yes, I had fun !

Kio`tarihéhnhe.
It was hot.

KAN IEN`KÉHA TEWATERENNÓ:TEN (LET’S SING IN MOHAWK)

Kana`tarokhón:we—Corn Bread Song

Kana`tarokhón:we
(cornbread)

Teiottwe`nón:ni
(it’s round)

ne se` ní:i kwah waké:ka’s
(it’s what I like the most)

Kana`tarokhón:we
(corn bread)

Teiottwe`nón:ni
(it’s round)

Onkwehón:we ronnon:nis
(it’s made by Onkwehón:we)

“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.



Mohawk Council Resolutions (MCRs)

Ohiarí:ha/June–Ohiarikhó:wa/July 2014

OHIARÍ:HA/ JUNE 3, 2014

2014/2015 - #061 AEDF Application – Lazore Tree & Lawn Care
Moved by Chief King, Seconded by Chief Adams-Phillips
Voting: For – 7, Against – 0 **CARRIED**

2014/2015 - #062 AEDF Application – Solutions Renovation and Construction
Moved by Chief King, Seconded by Chief Phillips-Jacobs
Voting: For – 8, Against – 0 **CARRIED**

2014/2015 - #063 AEDF Application – Chrome Car Wash
Moved by Chief Thomas, Seconded by Chief Adams-Phillips
Voting: For – 8, Against – 1 **CARRIED**

2014/2015 - #064 AEDF Application – Akwesasne Casket Co.
Moved by Chief Thomas, Seconded by Chief Adams-Phillips
Voting: For – 9, Against – 0 **CARRIED**

2014/2015 - #065 AEDF Application – LOK Creation
Moved by Chief Thomas, Seconded by Chief David
Voting: For – 9, Against – 0 **CARRIED**

2014/2015 - #067 AEDF Application – Thompson Woodwork
Moved by Chief Thompson, Seconded by Chief Thomas
Voting: For – 9, Against – 0 **CARRIED**

2014/2015 - #068 Cultural Development Agreement
Moved by Chief Lazore, Seconded by Chief Adams-Phillips
Voting: For – 8, Against – 1 **CARRIED**

2014/2015 - #069 2014/2015 OLG Budget
Moved by Chief Thomas, Seconded by Chief Phillips-Jacobs
Voting: For – 9, Against – 0 **CARRIED**

2014/2015 - #070 2014/2015 Aboriginal Recipient Funding Agreement/Amendment
Moved by Chief Thomas, Seconded by Chief Phillips-Jacobs
Voting: For – 9, Against – 0 **CARRIED**

2014/2015 - #071 Akwesasne Appeal Tribunal Tsi Snaihne Representative Re-Appointment
Moved by Chief Thomas, Seconded by Chief Adams-Phillips
Voting: For – 9, Against – 0 **CARRIED**

2014/2015 - #072 Process of Removal of the Akwesasne People's Fire Buildings
Moved by Chief Phillips-Jacobs, Seconded by Chief King
Voting: For – 8, Against – 1 **CARRIED**

2014/2015 - #073 Kawehnoke Waterline Project Block 1 Lands
Moved by Chief Philips, Seconded by Thomas
Voting: For – 9, Against – 0 **CARRIED**

2014/2015 - #074 Mohawk Court Justices Memo of Agreement Between Executive Director
Moved by Chief Thompson, Seconded by Chief Adams-Phillips
Voting: For – 9, Against – 0 **CARRIED**

2014/2015 - #075 Lot 3-2 Pilon Island
Moved by Chief Phillips-Jacobs, Seconded by Chief Thompson
Voting: For – 7, Against – 0 **CARRIED**

2014/2015 - #076 Lot 1 Ross Island –Assignment of Lease
Moved by Chief Phillips, Seconded by Chief Adams-Phillips
Voting: For – 7, Against – 0 **CARRIED**

2014/2015 - #077 Lot 34 Thompson Island –Assignment of Lease
Moved by Chief Phillips, Seconded by Chief Phillips-Jacobs
Voting: For – 7, Against – 0 **CARRIED**

OHIARÍ:HA/ JUNE 10, 2014

2014/2015 - #078 Transfer of Indian Registry Number
Moved by Chief Phillips, Seconded by Chief Jocko
Voting: For – 6, Against – 0 **CARRIED**

2014/2015 - #079 PAT Recommendation For Letter of Offer
Moved by Chief Phillips, Seconded by Chief Thompson
Voting: For – 6, Against – 1 **CARRIED**

2014/2015 - #080 First Nations Quebec Initiative to Combat Poverty Alliance For Solidarity Contribution Agreement 2014-2015
Moved by Chief Thompson, Seconded by Chief Adams-Phillips
Voting: For – 6, Against – 1 **CARRIED**

OHIARÍ:HA/ JUNE 17, 2014

2014/2015 - #081 PAT Recommendation For Letter of Intent –
Surplus St. Lawrence Seaway Property

Moved by Chief Phillips, Seconded by Thomas
Voting: For – 8, Against – 1 **CARRIED**

2014/2015 - #082 Lot 12 Renshaw Island – Assignment of Lease

Moved by Chief Phillips, Seconded by Chief Sunday
Voting: For – 9, Against – 0 **CARRIED**

2014/2015 - #083 The Whole of Lot B 4-11 Bittern Range

Moved by Chief Thompson, Seconded by Chief Phillips
Voting: For – 9, Against – 0 **CARRIED**

2014/2015 - #084 Amend MCR 213/2014-#242 Akwesasne
Review Commission

Moved by Chief David, Seconded by Chief Thompson
Voting: For – 8, Against – 1 **CARRIED**

2014/2015 - #085 Continued Funding and participation in the
Inter-Organizational Liaison Officer (MCA/OPG)

Moved by Chief Thomas, Seconded by Chief Loran
Voting: For – 9, Against – 0 **CARRIED**

2014/2015 - #086 Post 2012/2013 AANDC Audit on the AANDC
Website

Moved by Chief Loran, Seconded by Chief Phillips-Jacobs
Voting: For – 5, Against – 4 **CARRIED**

OHIARÍ:HA/ JUNE 24, 2014

2014/2015 - #087 Ohwistha Capital Assigns Security Interest in
the Assets of Traditional Trading

Moved by Chief David, Seconded by Chief Thomas
Voting: For – 8, Against – 1 **CARRIED**

2014/2015 - #088 Memorandum of Understanding Between
MCA and The City of Cornwall Regarding The Port Lands

Moved by Chief Thomas, Seconded by Chief David
Voting: For – 9, Against – 2 **CARRIED**

2014/2015 - #089 Akwesasne Tekia'torehtha:ke Kaianerenhsera
– Scheduling Special General Meeting

Moved by Chief Lazore, Seconded by Thompson
Voting: For – 11, Against – 0 **CARRIED**

2014/2015 - #090 Akwesasne Area Management Board

2014/2015 Akwesasne Child Care Program Contract

Moved by Chief Phillips, Seconded by Chief Thomas
Voting: For – 11, Against – 0 **CARRIED**

2014/2015 - #091 For Review and Consideration For The
2014/2015 Aboriginal Recipient Funding Agreement/Amendment

Moved by Chief Thomas, Seconded by Chief Phillips
Voting: For – 10, Against – 0 **CARRIED**

2014/2015 - #092 Salary Administration Policy and Procedure
Amendment

Moved by Chief Thomas, Seconded by Chief King
Voting: For – 9, Against – 1 **CARRIED**

2014/2015 - #093 2014/2015 NCBR Allocation Funding

Moved by Chief David, Seconded by Chief Thomas
Voting: For – 11, Against – 0 **CARRIED**

2014/2015 - #094 Housing – Upgrade Application

Moved by Chief Thomas, Seconded by Chief King
Voting: For – 11, Against – 0 **CARRIED**

2014/2015 - #095 Housing – Upgrade Application

Moved by Chief Adams-Phillips, Seconded by Chief Thomas
Voting: For – 11, Against – 0 **CARRIED**

2014/2015 - #096 Housing – Upgrade Application

Moved by Chief Adams-Phillips, Seconded by Chief Phillips
Voting: For – 11, Against – 0 **CARRIED**

2014/2015 - #097 Housing Upgrade Application

Moved by Chief Adams-Phillips, Seconded by Chief Thomas
Voting: For – 11, Against – 0 **CARRIED**

2014/2015 - #098 Housing Authority Charter

Moved by Chief Jocko, Seconded by Chief King
Voting: For – 11, Against – 0 **CARRIED**

2014/2015 - #099 Birch Road Water Softener Systems Purchase

Moved by Chief Adams-Phillips, Seconded by Chief Thomas
Voting: For – 11, Against – 0 **CARRIED**

OHIARIHKÓ:WA/ JULY 2, 2014

2014/2015 - #100 Akwesasne Boys and Girls Club Fundraising
Method

Moved by Chief King, Seconded by Chief Phillips-Jacobs
Voting: For – 9, Against – 1 **CARRIED**

2014/2015 - #101 Release of Matching Funds For Capital
Projects

Moved by Chief David, Seconded by Chief Phillips
Voting: For – 10, Against – 0 **CARRIED**

2014/2015 - #102 Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder and Child
Nutrition Program Service Contract For 2014-2015

Moved by Chief Thomas, Seconded by Adams-Phillips
Voting: For – 10, Against – 0 **CARRIED**

2014/2015 - #103 2014-2019 Agreement With The Eastern
Ontario Health Unit – Healthy Community Strategy

Moved by Chief Thomas, Seconded by Chief Adams-Phillips
Voting: For – 9, Against – 0 **CARRIED**

2014/2015 - #104 Access to Information and Protection of Personal Privacy (ATIPP) Regulation

Moved by Chief Thomas, Seconded by Chief Phillips

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

2014/2015 - #105 Dr. R. Navaneelan Intent to Sell The Akwesasne Dental Clinic

Moved by Chief Thomas, Seconded by Chief King

Voting: For – 9, Against – 1 **CARRIED**

2014/2015 - #106 Accepting Dillon Consulting Limited's Final Report on Cairn Island For The Enhanced Phase 1 Environment Assessment

Moved by Chief King, Seconded by Chief Phillips

Voting: For – 9, Against – 1 **CARRIED**

OHIARIEKÓ:WA/ JULY 8, 2014

2014/2015 - #110 Revised Schedule of Salaries, Honoraria & Travel Expenses for Remuneration

Moved by Chief Thomas. Seconded by Chief Adams Phillips

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

OHIARIEKÓ:WA/ JULY 15, 2014

2014/2015 - #111 AHWS Application Support Letter

Moved by Chief Loran, Seconded by Chief King

Voting: For – 6, Against – 0 **CARRIED**

2014/2015 - #112 Implementation of the Couple's Property Law to be Postponed to December 16, 2014

Moved by Chief Thompson, Seconded by Chief Lazore

Voting: For – 16, Against – 0 **CARRIED**

2014/2015 - #113 Amendment to the Community Settlement Trust Document

Moved by Chief King, Seconded by Loran

Voting: For – 5, Against – 1 **CARRIED**

2014/2015 - #114 AANDC Application to the LEDSP

Moved by Chief Thomas, Seconded by Loran

Voting: For – 6, Against – 0 **CARRIED**

OHIARIEKÓ:WA/ JULY 22, 2014

2014/2015 - #115 2014/2015 Aboriginal Recipient Funding Agreement/Amendment No. 0004

Moved by Chief Phillips, Seconded by Chief Thomas

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

2014/2015 - #116 Housing – Upgrade Program Application

Moved by Chief Phillips, Seconded by Chief King

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

2014/2015 - #117 Housing – Upgrade Program Application

Moved by Chief King, Seconded by Chief Phillips

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

2014/2015 - #118 AANDC Family Violence Prevention Shelter Funding 2014/2015

Moved by Phillips-Jacobs, Seconded by Chief Adams-Phillips

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

2014/2015 - #119 Relinquishment of Loan – Lot 24 Thompson Island

Moved by Phillips, Seconded by Chief Thomas

Voting: For – 8 Against – 0 **CARRIED**

2014/2015 - #120 Buy Local Logo

Moved by Chief David, Seconded by Chief Thomas;

Voting: For – 9, Against – 1 **CARRIED**

2014/2015 - #121 Housing – Upgrade Program Application

Moved by Chief Phillips, Seconded by Chief Phillips-Jacobs

Voting: For – 9, Against – 1 **CARRIED**

OHIARIEKÓ:WA/ JULY 29, 2014

2014/2015 - #124 Housing – Upgrade Program Application

Moved by Chief King, Seconded by Chief David

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

2014/2015 - #125 Special Meeting Minutes Dated November 19, 2013

Moved by Chief Thomas, Seconded by Chief Loran

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

2014/2015 - #126 Special Meeting Minutes Dated November 26, 2013

Moved by Chief Thomas, Seconded by Chief Loran

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

2014/2015 - #127 Special Meeting Minutes Dated December 2, 2013

Moved by Chief Thomas, Seconded by Chief Sunday

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

2014/2015 - #128 Council Meeting Minutes Dated July 8, 2014

Moved by Chief Thomas, Seconded by Chief Loran

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

2014/2015 - #129 Special General Meeting Minutes Dated July 24, 2014

Moved by Chief Phillips-Jacobs, Seconded by Chief Loran

Voting: For – 10, 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.

OHIARÍ:HA/JUNE 3, 2014

Kana:takon Chief Florence Phillips:

- The Waterline Meeting on May 28th was postponed.
- Attended the Healthy Homes Initiative conference in Nashville with Community Health staff

Kana:takon Chief Julie Phillips-Jacobs:

- Attended the Long Term Recognition Awards.
- Attended the DCSS Portfolio meeting. The updates from were Dan, Robyn and Rae.
- Attended the meet and greet with Steven Seagal.
- Took part in a conference call requested by Grand Chief. Only one other person was on the call.

Kana:takon Chief Larry King:

- There is to be an emergency leadership meeting for Tuesday, June 3rd at 3:00 pm on the NYS Claim.
- The OPG security course has been completed. One non-member attended the course. The reason was because of numbers. The non-member will not be in consideration for the two OPG positions.
- Attended the bi-lateral meeting with Cornwall. The next meeting with Transport Canada is June 16th. June 17th a MOU is to be presented.
- Attended the meet and greet with Steven Seagal.

Tsi Snaihne Chief Joe Lazore:

- Took CBSA's Arianna Reza and Steve McNaughton on tour with Chief Adams-Phillips. They got to experience what our community members experience reporting to CBSA every day. It was an eye-opening experience.

Tsi Snaihne Chief William Sunday:

- Attended Long Term Recognition Awards.
- Attended the Economic Development Meeting. Trail development and Thompson Island were discussed.
- Had a visit from a community member who is an Indian Residential School survivor and he wanted funding for a meeting in Hamilton.
- Got a call from Kahnawake on three IRS workshops. Will not be able to attend the

workshops because of the short notice. Will be attending a workshop in Ottawa.

Tsi Snaihne Chief April Adams-Phillips:

- Attending the meeting on the Organizational Review.
- Had a meeting with Irene Cameron and James Klaus. Took them for a tour and showed them Sheik island and Hamilton Island.
- Attended the Tehotiennawakon meeting.
- Missed the meeting on Sustainable Trails. The meeting was on a company based out of Toronto that is interested in developing some trails in Akwesasne and preferably on the islands.
- Attended the tour with Chief Lazore, Arianna Reza, Steve McNaughton, and Ms. Caroline Xavier. Ms. Caroline Xavier is in charge of all the customs in Canada. We told her that she needs to deal with the Dundee port and to also have Aboriginal liaisons at every customs port.
- Along with Chief Thomas, attended luncheon with the RCMP regarding the police boat that was pulling boaters over.
- Attended the Long Term Recognition Awards and the meet and greet with Steven Seagal.

Kawehno:ke Chief Brian David:

- Attended the Nations Building sessions – they are preparing for Federal Government negotiations in June.
- Attended the AFN Chiefs Assembly with Chief Sunday. There was a resolution to postpone the Education Bill. The resolution was passed.

Kana:takon Chief Steve Thomas:

- Had a meeting with James Klaus regarding Sheik Island.
- Attended the Tehotiennawakon meeting.
- Met with Tim Kimpan, RCMP regarding the long gun registration course, boater's safety course, and Ship Rider program.
- Accreditation courses are occurring and Council needs to attend these meetings.
- Dealt with an issue regarding a toll issue for the arena.
- Will be attending the POE site visit with Public Works, RDG, and the AFNQL Chiefs Assembly.

Kawehno:ke Chief Louise Thompson:

- Attended the Nation Building meeting. The Governance Code was discussed and preparations are being made for the Federal Government negotiations in June.
- Justice is requesting a Special General Meeting date for the Akwesasne Court Law.
- I do not support the MOU for the NYS Claim.
- I'm asking Communications to put out a public notice regarding filling prescriptions.
- Attended the land dispute last week in Kana:takon. The issue is not a land dispute and can be resolved with a restraining order.
- Assisted an elder with old age security and which he is now receiving.
- Assisted in the clothing drive for the Kashechewan evacuees and prepared food for the barbeque for the Kashechewan evacuees.
- Attended the accreditation meeting.
- The First Nations Jury Review Implementation Committee is requesting a meeting with Akwesasne.

Grand Chief Mike Mitchell:

- Received a phone call from Arianna Reza (Regional Director General, Ontario Region, Canada Border Services Agency) informing me that she is taking on a different position within CBSA where she will be responsible for admissibility requirements of people entering Canada.
- Attended the AFN Chiefs Assembly. There was a lot of procrastinating. There was a split decision between Chiefs of the west and east. In the end the decision was to work with the offer we have and later change it and to change the requirements with the Federal Government. Some Chiefs wanted to scrap everything and start over. Quebec wanted fair dialog. The Federal Government ended up taking the money back after the resolution was passed. More discussion needs to happen. Akwesasne separated education from politics back in the 1980's. The bill has become more political.
- Met with the Governor General at the NavCan Centre. Shared with the Governor General that the Cornwall University needs to have an Indigenous component to occur.
- Met with the Kashechewan evacuees.
- Paul Martin wants to spend a day in Akwesasne on Friday, June 13th. He wants

- to meet with AMBE and visit all the schools.
- The community is asking for more Focus Meetings. Portfolios need to work with Chiefs and come up with some dates and topics for Focus Meetings.
- The Ship Rider course needs to be brought up with the other leaderships.

OHIARÍ:HA/JUNE 10, 2014

Kana:takon Chief Florence Phillips:

- Attended the meeting with the RDG Mauricette Howlett, Patrick Ku and Annie Campeau. The meeting sounded promising; however we may not have enough money for the HHL.
- Attended the DTS meeting on the Kawehnoke waterline.

Kana:takon Chief Julie Phillips-Jacobs:

- Attended the AMBE Board meeting. School attendance throughout the year is a concern from all three schools.
- Attended Finance Committee meeting. There was no quorum.
- Spoke with a community elder that believes that a fence was built on her property. Sent email to OVS to inquire what the next steps would be to resolve this issue.

Tsi Snaihne Chief Joe Lazore:

- Went to Navcan to visit with the Kashechewan evacuees along with other chiefs

Tsi Snaihne Chief William Sunday:

- Went to Navcan to visit with the Kashechewan evacuees along with other chiefs.
- A community member requested funding to cover costs for him to attend a Residential School Survivor Event in Hamilton Ont.
- Received a call from an elder who needed help to repair her house. Contacted Healthy Homes Program.

Kawehno:ke Chief Louise Thompson:

- Attended the Kaha:wi Dance troupe performance at the arena.
- Read up on the First Nation Jury Review Implementation Committee report. The committee is requesting a meeting. When the meeting occurs stakeholders will need to attend. The session will be held in September.
- Attended the accreditation meeting on Monday, June 9th and only three chiefs showed up. June 13th session is cancelled due to Paul Martin's visit. June 23rd is the next meeting.

Kawehno:ke Chief Abram Benedict:

- Was out of office last Tuesday.
- May 28th attended the DCSS Portfolio meeting – Update on ONWAA meeting, Review of new NCB amounts.

- Attended the Executive Committee meeting. There was no quorum.
- Attended the OACAS Board meeting and OACAS Consultation meeting with Robyn Mitchell in Toronto – Presentation on 360 evaluations and discussion on ED compensation. Presentation by consultant on decision-making processes.
- Had meeting with AANDC Ontario Region Education and Social Director Peter Jones. Requested the NCB cut backs be reinstated based on need and also requested the formula numbers be reviewed. Also brought the Iohahi:io issue at the meeting, the issue was regarding funding and how Iohahi:io should be a funding recipient. Follow up letter to issue has been sent.
- Attended the meeting with RDG Mauricette Howlett, Patrick Ku and Annie Campeau for Healthy Homes presentation.
- Received a call from a community member who was in line at US customs, people thought third lane was being opened, however it was being opened for an ambulance. All the cars in line drove to line up and it was hard for the ambulance to get through. Notice and protocol should be addressed with USCBP.
- BMO on Reserve Housing Program is no longer accepting loans for doublewide homes or prefabricated homes.

OHIARÍ:HA/JUNE 17, 2014

Kana:takon Chief Florence Phillips:

- Attended the water treatment meeting. There is last minute work being completed. The deficiencies need to be fixed.
- Akwesasne Earthmovers are repairing the path of the waterline of the Kawehnoke Water Supply contract #8 last year phase 1.
- Attended the Ontario First Nations Steering Committee on Housing meeting with Chief Benedict and talked about the CMHC Section 95, issue with inspectors' requirement, and IFN contracts.
- Attended the Regional Liaison Housing Committee meeting.
- Attended the DTS Portfolio Meeting. Jay is requesting to meet with public transportation regarding the corridor demolition.
- Need status from AQPA on ongoing funding for roads for Tsi Snaihne and Kana:takon.
- Attending on going meeting regarding the Snye Administration Building and Tsi Snaihne Water Treatment Plant.
- Attended the District Meeting. Community concerns and question were with tree cutting, burning, NYS Claim, toll booth, financials, speeding in Kana:takon, China trip, and chiefs and unemployment.

Kana:takon Chief Julie Phillips-Jacobs:

- Attended the MCA Christmas party committee meeting. The committee is looking to do a 50/50 raffle to raise money for the party.
- Attended the AMBE Parent Appreciation Night. Was great to see all the parents there being awarded for their dedication to their child's education
- Attended the Kana:takon School visit from former Prime Minister Paul Martin. The visit from Paul Martin was very nice.
- Was out of the office June 16
- There is to be a bus driver appreciation ceremony to occur at the St. Regis Recreation Centre. I have been helping the recreation prepare for this event.
- Attended the District Meeting. There was a Revenue Canada issue and an issue with the marinas selling alcohol, trees need to be cut around the block on hilltop. An email was sent to Kennedy Garrow in the roads department. Garbage burning continues to be an on going problem.
- There was an article in the Onkweta:ke Newsletter on burning garbage. There should be an article put in the Indian Time.

Tsi Snaihne Chief William Sunday:

- Attended the Nation Building meeting. Nation Building is still experiencing problems with getting people to attend the consultation meetings.
- Attended a land dispute with chief April Phillips in Sugar Bush. After reporting to Council it was recommended that a land dispute tribunal be established to deal with unresolved matters.

Tsi Snaihne Chief April Adams-Phillips:

- Would like to add to the agenda land disputes. A community member is having a land dispute and part of the issue is around land surveyors. We need to have land surveyors and may need to bring in the federal government's land surveyors.
- The bridge to Cornwall will be closed tonight, June 17th and a state trooper will be blocking traffic at the US customs to the Kawehno:ke. The request to have a trooper at the US customs was by SIBC Wade Dorlan. There is no information as to who to contact in this situation. The bridge is being closed because the Cornwall CBSA port is being paved.

Kawehno:ke Chief Brian David:

- Attended the AFN Chiefs Assembly.
- The next Confederacy meeting will be a follow up meeting on July 14th – 18th.
- Attended the OFNLP meeting and was a proxy.

Kana:takon Chief Steve Thomas:

- Attended the AFNOL Chief Assembly.
- Had a dinner meeting with Norton Global Solutions. They are interested in buying steel from the Cornwall Bridge Demolition Project.
- Had a dinner meeting with the Abenaki Enterprises. Sent info to staff.
- The Quebec agreement is a by-lateral agreement. We have only quadripartite agreements not tripartite agreements.
- Attended the District Meeting and the Burn Law is to be sent to Justice.
- Public Works will be doing an environmental assessment of the old CBSA port of entry.

Kawehno:ke Chief Louise Thompson:

- Congratulations to Grand Chief Mike Mitchell on his Lester B Pearson Award.
- Attended the Paul Martin visit.
- Unable to attend the Nation Building meeting.
- The next accreditation meeting is on June 23rd.
- Justice is planning a Couple's Property Law meeting regarding the revote in September 2014.

Kawehno:ke Chief Abram Benedict:

- Traveled to Toronto with Chief Phillips for a meeting with the Ontario First Nations Steering Committee on Housing. There are no AFN reps for Housing. Concerns raised regarding inspections of homes and concerns regarding background checks for inspectors and carpenters.
- The Ontario Election was this past week. Majority Liberal Government was voted in.
- Attended the Ontario Liaison Committee meeting. There was a lengthy discussion on the co-compliance issue. This is not an issue for Akwesasne, because we have our own license inspector. Many smaller communities do not. If communities borrow money from CMHC for section 95 houses, they will need a licence inspector who has CMHC qualifications.
- AMBE had nominations. There were no nominees in Kawehno:ke and two in Tsi Snaihne.
- There is to be a MCR coming to the Council table next week regarding the Akwesasne Boys and Girls Club allowing employees wish to donate to the ABGC through payroll deduction.

Tsi Snaihne Chief Karen Loran:

- Requested Council's support and time off during her family's difficult time during which medial/palliative care was needed. (Council voted in support of time off).

- Previously Council discussed making portfolio changes for the final year of Council's term. Chief Loran announced she is removing herself from 5 portfolios.

OHIARÍ:HA/JUNE 24, 2014**Kana:takon Chief Florence Phillips:**

- Attended the Housing Authority meeting. Discussed the upgrade program, and BMO housing loans. There are two loan applicants that are getting behind on their payments. There is a new construction list and concern for emergency loans.
- Attended the benefits community meeting and Accreditation meeting. Staff will have to present at two Council Meetings. First a report and then secondly present on risk management.
- MKM thanks all of Council that showed up for the accreditation meetings.

Kana:takon Chief Julie Phillips-Jacobs:

- Attended the accreditation meeting.
- Attended the bus driver appreciation ceremony along with Chief Benedict. There were 90 bus drivers from AMBE, Salmon River and Massena. Abe and I helped out in the kitchen and with serving the drivers along with a number of youth from the community. It was a great event and awesome to see the youth showing their appreciation for their bus drivers.

Kana:takon Chief Larry King:

- Off for the past two week with a broken knee cap.
- Attended Ringside for Youth Event. SRMT sponsored and the ABGC attended too. Spoke to Sugar Ray Leonard and asked him if he would be willing to come visit Akwesasne. He will be coming back to Ottawa. If he does come to Akwesasne he will be involved with the ABGC.

Tsi Snaihne Chief Joe Lazore:

- Attended the District Meeting. Seven Leaf Med presented.
- The community voiced that they would want the MCA logo to be left alone and not changed. The topic was taken to the District Meeting because there were some community members that did not attend the General Meeting and did not know about the logo contest.

Tsi Snaihne Chief William Sunday:

- Attended the Nation Building Meeting, and the District Meeting. The NYS Claim was discussed at the District Meeting.
- Attended the Accreditation meeting.

Tsi Snaihne Chief April Adams-Phillips:

- Attended the Housing Authority meeting and the District Meeting. Community members asked about genealogy.
- The community agrees that Tsi Snaihne needs a surveyor. Land dispute in Snye is going to court. Grand Chief shared that it is urgent to have a meeting on this.

Kawehno:ke Chief Brian David:

- Assisted Chief Sunday on the Nation Building meeting.
- There are too many recreation boats on the waters. There are a lot of non-members boats causes big waves and these big waves are a contributing factor to the erosion issue that our islands are experiencing. No wakening law or sign needs to be posted.

Kana:takon Chief Steve Thomas:

- Attended the Chiefs Committee meeting to review the staff PREAS.
- Attended Meeting with Mr. Allan Yapp that has been rescheduled to July 2nd.
- Dealt with some community issues.
- Staff planning to present on a radio presentation on heroin.

Kawehno:ke Chief Louise Thompson:

- Attended the District Meeting.
- General Meeting should be postponed for one week due to passing of Chief Loran's father.
- Some issues raised at the District Meeting were the ironworker's apprenticeship, advisory committee for jury duty, questions about Nation Building staff and administration.
- Nation Building Federal negotiations are scheduled for July 25th – 26th.

Kawehno:ke Chief Abram Benedict:

- Attended the Housing Authority Meeting.
- Received a 'whom it may concern' letter from a community member regarding land to build a home on. She has no housing application. She was encouraged to apply for section 95 housing.
- Attended the bus driver appreciation ceremony along with Chief Phillips-Jacobs.
- There was an AMPS call regarding a land dispute on Kawehno:ke. The dispute is in regards to a right away.
- District Meeting. Issues discussed at the District Meeting were HHI final report, jury duty, MOU between NYS and SRMT, and the tanks in Cornwall.

OHIARIHKÓ:WA/ JULY 8, 2014**Kana:takon Chief Julie Phillips-Jacobs:**

- Attended the last session on Accreditation

June 23. Staff will be requesting a meeting to review the findings.

- Addressed and Presented Diplomas to the 2014 CCVS graduating class. It was a great honor to be asked to speak on behalf of the board and Council. We had approximately 20 Grads this year. It was a very good ceremony.
- Last week I attended the DCSS Portfolio Meeting.

Kana:takon Chief Larry King:

- Attended the Housing Portfolio Meeting.
- Attended the OPG Joint Implementation Team meeting at Iohahiio. This allowed OPG reps to see Iohahiio and what it could offer. OPG purchased smart boards for them and they are now requesting a portable desk unit. The annual reports were reviewed. With the Security Guard training that was held 8 representatives continued on to the next stage. Each stage has a cost involved.
- I attended a meeting in Huntingdon regarding the McDonald Sisters Property. Half of the family also attended. The purchase is close to completion.
- I attended the General Meeting.
- Busy with Pow wow planning.
- Expropriation of the Drouler's site has gone through.

Tsi Snaihne Chief Joe Lazore:

- Attended the Iroquois Caucus on July 3 & 4 in Kanesata:ke. The IC wanted to know more about the Border Summit. They requested we add training for obtaining a passport for air travel. They want to sit with Akwesasne to discuss a Remission Order for all Native communities. Chief David explained that he already presented that information to the IC. Bill C-33 was also discussed. What is the plan B. IC is not sure what will occur at the AFN AGA in Halifax. IC is wondering who is going to work on the MOU for Free Trade. What is the progress and what will be traded? They are requesting assistance with First Nations people born in the US having to apply for Citizenship in Canada. Kanesata:ke and Kahnawa:ke are having this problem.

Tsi Snaihne Chief William Sunday:

- Attended Iroquois Caucus meeting in Kanesatake. It was very well-attended from the seven Iroquoian Communities. Grand Chief Simon informed us that he plans to meet with the Federal Government to let them know we oppose Bill C-10. Akwesasne Chiefs informed the caucus that Chiefs Brian David and Grand Chief Mitchell will be representing them.
- Received a complaint regarding the waterline. A community member's new

driveway was dug up. He was told that the driveway would be fixed in the end. Now the waterline is leaking and creating potholes in the driveway. The driveway was refilled with dirt instead of the crushed stone used in the first place. This person also has tenants and has a concern about water quality. He contacted Community Health to do water checks but no one responded.

Tsi Snaihne Chief April Adams-Phillips:

- Attended the Housing meeting.
- Thursday July 10th there is a Lands Dispute Meeting. All of Council is invited. Please make every effort to attend.
- I was addressing issues that arose regarding an emergency situation involving DCSS – Community Support. There are community members who have no food and it takes several days for them to get a \$40-\$50.00 check for food. They are in need of immediate funds for food.
- I also attended the General Meeting on Thursday.

Kawehno:ke Chief Brian David:

- Encountered non-Natives on St. Regis Island drinking and littering.
- BC case made a decision on if you can prove customary existence than the land belongs to you. Other things can be covered under it too. We need to look at the aspects of the decision as it relates to our rights.

Kana:takon Chief Steve Thomas:

- Had a meeting with Steve McNaughton about sending people charged at CBSA through the Diversion program instead of through the court system. Mr. McNaughton stated that he would speak with Gary Davidson regarding this request. The Community Advocate will attend this meeting too. Also discussed issue with a business on Kawehno:ke.
- A community member rode their bike from Kawehno:ke to go to the gym in Cornwall. The person was carrying a knap sack with a change of clothes. When the person reported as required, the officer was going to let them pass, but a second officer said he needed to be searched. So the person was held up for a search. As he was being let go another officer said that the person was coming from the Island so they must have something on them, search them again. The person was searched three times before being allowed to go.
- There are 4 new BSO's coming to Cornwall. McNaughton was advised to make sure these new officers understand the Remission Order. McNaughton needs to keep on top of the BSO's.

- There is an open house invitation from SIBC today to walk the bridge one last time. There has been a request from elders for transportation up the bridge.
- Complaints have been coming in from Snye and St. regarding the Amish in the area. The Amish need to report to Customs according to the Border Patrol and they still require fishing permits from us. If you see them in your districts follow up needs to occur.

Kawehno:ke Chief Louise Thompson:

- Shouldn't the new bridge have a rededication? One was held for the old bridge to name it "Three Nations".
- Attended Iroquois Caucus and am submitting materials/reports/action items.
- Enbridge met with some First Nations communities, but the update from Kahnawa:ke is that they submitted 122 unaddressed concerns and only one has been addressed. According to the NEB all of the concerns need to be met by Enbridge. A major concern is that the pipeline is 47 years old and there have been 630 accidents today. Currently a portion of the pipeline is shut down and the fuel is being shipped by train. The Chippewas of the Thames have initiated a court action against Enbridge. IC is wondering if they should intervene to support the Chippewas. The decision with the BC case is putting more pressure on the pipeline to accommodate. Another concern Kahnawake has is the protection of the medicines. They were told to point out the medicine plant to be aware of but Kahnawake is concerned that if they do the plant's DNA will be copied and patented. Then no one would be able to use it.
- Another concern for the IC is that there are offers funding for projects but only allows for 48 hours to appl. The IC currently has a surplus of \$90,000.00. They are planning to continue having the communities contribute the annual \$10,000.00. IC is expecting to hire a lawyer to fight some of the cases currently facing our communities. Six Nations is having problems with the Child Tax.
- Had a meeting with a community member.

Kawehno:ke Chief Abram Benedict:

- Had lunch with Wade Dorlan on June 25 where he informed me of the Open House, walk on the Bridge.
- On June 27 had conference call with BMO Reps Jason Cameron and Francis Manarino. They explained that BMO will no longer be entertaining housing loans for doublewide trailers. Housing will do a press release to inform the community.
- Received an email from community member

regarding a loan- will follow up. Also attended the Housing Portfolio meeting July 3rd, reviewed letters of interest for community representatives to sit on Housing Authority.

- The OVS portfolio meeting was held. Discussion was held regarding the land association development of a toolkit for MRP, update on MRP conference was provided, 2013 Statistics were reviewed along with the dispute process currently being followed.
- The DCSS Portfolio meeting was held July 4th. They were approved for a facilitator type position to assist community members find services for drug issues. Family Services was approved for a LED sign – possible location on route 37.
- ACFS is discussing a concern related to the placement of a child in an out of Province home. This example would require Ministerial Approval. Akwesasne would like to obtain an exception or delegated authority. Grand Chief added that there should be work done on a Political Protocol with Ontario similar to the one with Quebec. Both should treat Akwesasne as one community.
- Still ongoing issue with salary review for Social and Health.
- I received questions from a couple of Cornwall residents asking about a “Tikihut/ Tikibar” selling alcohol in the Village of Kana:takon. How will this issue be addressed? And where is this place?

Grand Chief Mike Mitchell:

- Had a meeting with Regan Jacobs (Executive Producer) from Kahnawake Mohawk TV Network who offered to collaborate with Akwesasne for operating a TV station. In speaking with Jeff Beekhoo (General Manager – Broadband Department) with the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe’s Broadband Initiative stated that the progress could occur in months and not years. We should begin considering topics for TV; Land Claims, Residential School....
- I will be attending the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) Annual General Assembly (AGA). There is a proposed agenda, topics will include timing of the election for the Office of National Chief, AFN Renewal and Restructuring, Advancing First Nations Control of First Nations Education, and many other important issues affecting communities across the nation.
- I plan on speaking with our lawyers to identify the impact of the BC case (Aboriginal title) in reflection of our working files for Akwesasne.. I am hoping the work can be complimentary, in example, MCA Counsel, Hutchins Legal Inc. will be looking at the

impact on the seizure cases.

- For the Shenandoah\Thompson case in December 2014, we encourage the community to attend in the courtroom with support. Jon Parmenter is a historical expert who is asked to testify in Court on this file.

OHIARIHKÓ:WA/ JULY 15, 2014

Kana:takon Chief Julie Phillips-Jacobs:

- Worked on her annual report.
- Attended the Land Dispute Tribunal meeting. There is a lot of work that needs to be done.

Kana:takon Chief Larry King:

- Attended the Government Secretariat meeting.
- The annual presentation from OPG will be occurring on July 25th.
- There will be an amendment to the Community Trust document and MCR to be address at the meeting today.
- Was not able to attend the Land Dispute Tribunal meeting.
- 8 individuals have passed the security guard test. OPG is going to try and put together an interview process for the security position at the Saunders Centre.

Tsi Snaihne Chief Joe Lazore:

- Visited the community garden with the summer students.
- Attended the District Meeting. There were some questions regarding Housing and community members having to hire contractors.

Kana:takon Chief Steve Thomas:

- Attended the Economic Development portfolio meeting, and the Land Dispute Tribunal meeting. Left meeting early.
- Attended a water tour with Dionne Shultze, legal representative, and staff regarding the erosion issues on our islands. We toured island, the North shore, Polly’s Gut, Snye Canal and Yellow Island.
- Attended the St. Regis Church golf fundraiser.
- Attended the Police Commission meeting.
- A no wake zone MCR for the Tsi Snaihne Channel is being drafted. The MCR will address purchasing the buoy for the no wake zone.
- Was interviewed by summer students on the food bank.
- The Police Commission is requesting a copy of the 360 review for the COP.
- I have signed off on the Tobacco Law. This is the first draft of the law for Council’s review.

Kawehno:ke Chief Louise Thompson:

- Busy last week assisting community elders.
- There is a class action suit for residents of

the Rideau Centre.

- Attended the Justice Portfolio meeting.
- Attended the Land Dispute Tribunal meeting.

Kawehno:ke Chief Abram Benedict:

- Attended the public walk across the bridge. There was a good turnout.
- Met with Ian Cullman, doctoral student from McGill. He presented to Council last week on his research that he conduct with CBSA.
- Was interviewed by summer student regarding the food bank.
- Attended the Land Dispute Tribunal meeting.
- Housing is working on the appeal regarding an eviction.

Tsi Snaihne Chief Karen Loran:

- Time off for bereavement.
- Attended the District Meeting.
- Council has been invited to the Experience Akwesasne, a community presentation of tourism opportunities.
- The Royal Bank of Canada has been suggested for on reserve loans

OHIARIHKÓ:WA/ JULY 22, 2014

Kana:takon Chief Florence Phillips:

- Attended the Housing portfolio meeting and the OVS portfolio meeting on July 3, 2014. The annual report, listing of land disputes, Council of Elders issue, and the issue of Tsiionkwanonhso:te requiring an occupancy license for the non-members residents living.
- Attended the General Meeting, the Kawehno:ke water supply phase 2 meeting. Representation needs to be present at the next meeting from Tsi Snaihne and Kawehno:ke.
- The water plant in Kana:takon is being fixed and is almost complete.
- Attended the water supply meeting on July 9, 2014.
- Mentioned that community member has land still for sale and he has had two other interested buyers. The easement is not his and is a MCA easement. This is MCA’s issue to resolve. Grand Chief recommended to have it voted on by MCR.

Kana:takon Chief Julie Phillips-Jacobs:

- Attended a meeting with Iohahi:io regarding funding not being able to pass through First Nations community. Having an agreement with the St. Lawrence college was also suggested.
- Was on bereavement on Friday, July 18th.
- Attended the signing of the Trust document.
- Attended the District Meeting. The need for branches along the roads was brought up again, especially around Hilltop Drive.

- There is an opening for a board member for Board of Education for the District of Kawehno:ke. An announcement will go in the paper asking for anyone interested in a one-year appointment to submit a letter to the Board.
- On July 17th I attended the dinner for the Annual Native Early Childhood Education conference that was being hosted by Akwesasne via MCA Childcare at the Akwesasne Mohawk Casino. All feedback indicated that it was a very successful conference and the Child Care Administrative staff along with the Supervisors should be commended on the great job they did.

Kana:takon Chief Larry King:

- Attended the District Meeting and burning garbage and tree trimming are issues that were discussed.
- Attended the signing of the Trust document.
- Attended the Housing meeting.
- Have attended some of the internal technical meeting and is very impressed by the group.
- The senior vice president will be present for the joint implementation meeting. The doors open at 9:00 for the Salli Benedict Sweetgrass basket display at the OPG Visitor's Centre.

Tsi Snaihne Chief Joe Lazore:

- Heard community concerns regarding personal needs for their health and homes

Tsi Snaihne Chief William Sunday:

- Attended the AFN Chiefs Assembly in Halifax. The assembly went well. There were former Indian Residential School survivors present there and they got to speak. They were bitter about the remaining CEP funds and how they are being distributed. The survivors feel that the money belongs to them and not to others for education.
- There's a task force being formed to develop a position on the Education Act.
- Visited a farmers market in Dorion, QC with staff.

Tsi Snaihne Chief April Adams-Phillips:

- Been approached to be involved with the development of a food bank and suggested working with SRMT and Community Health.
- Not many know about community garden.
- Need to discuss food cards with community support.
- There needs to be more accommodation for public beaches and docks. There are no safe places to fish or public beaches in our community.
- Attended the Housing meeting and is aware of a community member wanting to sell land

in Kana:takon.

Kawehno:ke Chief Brian David:

- Received a call from a lawyer regarding a land offer . Not sure why it's not being handled by PAT.
- Was in Halifax last week for the AFN Chiefs Assembly.
- Attended a meeting with the Confederacy of Nations. The Confederacy of Nations does not have full support of AFN and this came up in discussion at the assembly. A task force has been assigned by AFN to look at the Confederacy of Nations.
- There was a lot of clashing between the West and the East Chiefs regarding the national Chief. A call for an election was discussed for either October in Ottawa or December in Winnipeg. An election for December in Winnipeg was voted on.

Kana:takon Chief Steve Thomas:

- Attended a supper meeting with the Chinese investors. Reviewed the gaming study by Klas Robinson Consulting. There is an agreed 3 weeks review period by both parties.
- Attended the Public Safety meeting and there is an issue with vehicle seizures. There have been a number of repeat offences and there are no dollars available for repeat seizures.
- A tribal member is requesting an easement through MCA land to his landlocked property. The land is adjacent to SRMT common land and is located on Hilltop Drive. Currently, MCA has no protocol in place with the SRMT.
- Attended a funeral for a community member.

Kawehno:ke Chief Louise Thompson:

- Attended the Nation Building meeting. Nation Building is debriefing and preparing for the next negotiation meeting in September.
- In regards to the occupancy licence for Tsiionkwanonhso:te and the non-member residents residing there. It is up to the building to get an occupancy licence.
- Indian Residential School survivors within Akwesasne that are eligible for the payment from the left over 40 Million CEP settlement to sign over their settlement to MCA and the money will stay within Akwesasne.
- Attended the signing of the Trust document.
- Spoke with lawyer for Shenandoah case and the case has been dismissed.
- Received a call regarding the athletes at the North American Indigenous Games. The athletes want to share pins with other athletes from other provinces. Executive Services has pins that can be mailed.
- Researched information regarding the no-wake zone MCR.

Kawehno:ke Chief Abram Benedict:

- Attended the Housing Authority meeting and discussed the BMO monthly report, issues surrounding land transfers, and reviewed appeal decisions.
- Met with the Housing director to review appeal decision and to review draft policies and templates.
- A notice will be on the radio regarding an eviction. The notice will also be in the paper.
- Have to follow up with the disability program – going to send a letter to AANDC headquarters regarding the issue and request assistance.
- Meeting regarding Iohahi:io funding – spoke with Peter Jones, he's going to have education officer further investigate the matter.
- In regards to the repeats of non-reporting to CBSA, I suggest a MCR be drafted up and brought forward to Council to have MCA only pay one cheque per person for non-reports – costing us too much money and we are paying for the same people many times different vehicles.
- There is a donation request from the Akwesasne Boys & Girls Club for their golf tournament – being referred to Executive Services.

Grand Chief Mike Mitchell:

- Attended the AFN 2014 Annual General Assembly in Halifax with Chief Sunday and Chief David.
- While at the AFN Assembly, I met with Chief Robert Louie of Westbank First Nation. Robert is a Trustee for the Peace Hills Trust. Asked Robert if an assessment can be done in Akwesasne to have a bank on the Quebec portion of Akwesasne. Robert made a call and requested to have someone contact us on the eligibility of Akwesasne.
- Community member has been stopped by CBSA twice and he does not know why. He is not someone that would be a target by CBSA. Grand Chief will discuss in meeting with CBSA.
- A strongly-worded letter will be sent to Minister Valcourt regarding the lack of response from the Aboriginal Affairs & Northern Development Canada(AANDC). We have not received a response back for the Dundee Land Claim Settlement and what Ottawa is doing in regards to MCA strategies.

Entsiakwakaèn:ion Tsi ni Kionkwè:non

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

Land Grab and Encroachment: 1785–1812

With the unity of the Thirteen Colonies into the United States of America and a split of Haudenosaunee into two groups, the North American Landscape drastically changed after the American Revolution. Akwesasne became a mixed community with differing points of views and with a very mixed idea of leadership. Now that the majority of traditional Haudenosaunee homelands had been left vacant, soldiers, surveyors and land brokers now sought to lay claim to them. Territories were reduced to pocket communities, and life on these smaller settlements proved to be difficult.

POLITICAL VOICES: UNKNOWN LEADERSHIP

Following the Revolution, the Haudenosaunee Confederacy split into two parties; each claimed to have full representation at both Buffalo Creek and Grand River. Buffalo Creek used their collective of Seneca, Cayuga, Onondaga, and Oneida leadership to establish new protocols with the newly formed United States of America. Six Nations, along the Grand River under the direction of Joseph Brant, used representation from the loyalist Seneca, Cayuga, Onondaga, Oneida and also the Mohawk to reestablish Haudenosaunee and Crown relations in Upper Canada.

Neither Councils considered the communities of Akwesasne, Kahnawake nor Kanesatake to be active participants in the reformed Haudenosaunee Councils, as all three communities had aligned with the Seven Nations of Canada for political representation. This did not stop individuals from any one of the three communities from attending or meeting with both council fires in Buffalo Creek and Grand River.

When the majority of the Seven Nations of Canada population moved back into the Quebec interior, the three primarily Mo-

hawk communities carried on the Seven Nations model of political representation.

Within Akwesasne, representation was a collective of appointed leaders for life, chosen by clanmothers and modeled after the traditional titles of the Mohawk Nation, but also included other clans outside the Mohawk Nation. This hybrid group primarily acted outside the traditional Haudenosaunee Confederacy, and maintained healthy relations with the outside entities such as the British Crown and the Americans. Not everyone in the community fully accepted this group's authority, but they did respect their peaceful approach to issues and interest in the political field.

RESERVES AND RESERVATIONS: SHRINKING LANDS

From the Royal Proclamation of 1763, all lands belonged to the British Crown and the Crown took the duty to hold lands for the use of First Nation people and established 'Indian Reserves.' One aspect of these reserves allowed settlers to claim anything outside of the defined areas and to keep Indigenous people confined to local areas, and many times completely disregarding any migratory movements or seasonal camps. Treaties would affirm that the Crown would provide for First Nation people if they would need more resources than the reserved lands held.

After the Treaty of Paris in 1783 defined the boundary line between the British and the Americans, all lands on the American side were claimed by the States. During the Revolution, the Continental Army did not have enough money to pay their soldiers and instead the States agreed to give parcels of lands to the soldiers after their victory. This not only boosted moral of the troops, but it also allowed the States help clear and settle lands. Some of the soldiers from the Sullivan and Clinton Campaigns

were given the same lands they were assigned to burn. Military tracts were drafted after the Revolution and soldiers were assigned large tracts of lands to be settled and many of these solidier names became the names of towns and counties surviving today, especially within Central and Western New York State.

Surveyors would be paid by how much they surveyed and many times they were quick to exaggerate the boundary lines, or they were highly inaccurate in their measurements. When lands overseen by the Haudenosaunee were being encroached, numerous complaints and petitions were raised with New York State, but with little results. Land brokers would survey the lands with authority from the State, and then they would sell unclaimed lands to settlers. These settlers would then clear an area and build, all the while completely unaware that such lands were territories belonging to the Indigenous people. This remains an issue today, as many established towns and homesteads are within claim areas. Monetary compensation has been the only court-approved remedy to any land claims, but when the settlement monies are accepted, the claim is considered done and final, with no chance of lands being returned.

Soon every community had been reduced from vast territories and lands on to small isolate communities. Each survey and bad land deal lead to further reduction of lands. It was common for many communities to lease adjacent unoccupied lands to settlers for a fee in the hopes to raise a continuous stream of revenue for a community. Many times these arrangements would start out fine, but eventually payments would stop and many settlers and descendants of the original settlers interpreted the leases as final land sales. This would lead to large tracts of land being



Signing of the Canandaigua Treaty, Oil Painting by Robert Griffing (2010)

forfeited, as the Indigenous people had no remedy for land claims in courts until the mid-1900s.

PHELP AND GORHAM COMPANY - 1788

After the Sullivan and Clinton Campaigns, the newly vacated lands of the Seneca and Cayuga were claimed to be part of both New York and Massachusetts. The matter was resolved by the signing of the Treaty of Hartford in 1788, where the lands would be the jurisdiction of New York State but the Haudenosaunee still retained Aboriginal Title.

Oliver Phelps and Nathaniel Gorham bought preemptive rights of the said lands from Massachusetts and sought to sell the lands for settlement. They understood that they needed to have a clear title from the Haudenosaunee in order to sell the said

lands, and attended a Council at Buffalo Creek on July 8, 1788. They offered a down payment for over two (2) million acres of lands in Western New York and annual payments for 999 years.

The two men claimed to have struck a deal with the Haudenosaunee and were granted clear title by New York State of the said lands. From these land transactions, many townships were created in the newly acquired lands, including Rochester, New York. Survey inaccuracies and lack of interest in the lands caused the business venture to fail, and the payments defaulted. From there the lands were subsequently sub-divided and sold, but left the Haudenosaunee with no income or lands. This issue raised many questions as to what protections should be done to prevent any more failed land transactions to occur.

MACOMB PURCHASE - 1791

By the 1790s, New York State was having financial issues when a group of men lead by Alexander Macomb agreed to purchase about four (4) million acres in the northern part of the State along Lake Ontario and the St. Lawrence River. This deal included areas to which Akwesasne was territorially connected. This transaction included a large area of land, and so the state investigated the legality of such a transaction and found nothing illegal. Eventually, the sub-divided lands were not selling fast enough and Macomb defaulted, leading to his imprisonment. The lands were then further sub-divided and sold.

Around 1792, areas to the west of Akwesasne that were occupied by French loggers would later be incorporated into the town of Massena in 1802. The town was

named after one of Napoleon Bonaparte's field marshals, André Masséna, and became a French mill town with connections to Akwesasne.

TREATIES: POLITICAL PROTECTIONS

When the Americans established themselves as independent from the British Crown, they also disregarded all previous responsibilities. Therefore, the Haudenosaunee at Buffalo Creek sought ways to reestablish good relations with their new neighbors. A series of new treaties were created that would protect both the Americans and the Haudenosaunee from entering into hostilities, and to have space for each to co-exist.

Each community also began making treaties in order to secure their lands from any further encroachment or bad land deals. Many times, lands that were far away from a community would be quickly surrendered in hopes to secure payments of monies. One attempted land sale by Joseph Brant and John Deseronto in 1797 tried to extinguish all Mohawk lands within New York State, but that attempt has been discredited and rejected.

Due to so much internal debates over authority, it is nearly impossible to know who the legal authorities truly were within many communities after the Revolution. Many times the loudest and most active would be treated as an official representative by outside political entities, such as the British and American officials. With so many differing opinions during this time and with few surviving records, today it is very difficult to understand what actually happened, and to accept without question the legality of many treaties and agreements made at that time.

TREATY OF CANANDAIGUA – 1794

On November 11, 1794 the surviving Haudenosaunee at Buffalo Creek signed a treaty with the United States of America that would further define the remaining reservation lands, and promote peace and friendship between the two entities. Timothy Pickering, an agent for the Fed-

eral Government under President George Washington, negotiated the terms of the treaty and presented a wampum belt. The belt was commissioned by Washington to symbolize the unity of the Thirteen Colonies and the Haudenosaunee, who called it the, "George Washington Belt." While the Treaty language used the, 'free use and enjoyment' of mentioned lands, the treaty did not include the Mohawk Nation as they



Joseph Brant, painted by Gilbert Stuart (1786).

were not an active member of the Haudenosaunee at Buffalo Creek during that time. This treaty is commemorated every November 11th in Canandaigua, New York where both Haudenosaunee and local residents mark this event.

JAY TREATY – 1794

On November 19, 1794 the Treaty of Amity, Commerce, and Navigation, Between His Britannic Majesty and The United States of America was signed -more commonly known as the Jay Treaty. This agreement was entered into by the United State and the British Crown in order to reestablish peaceful trade between the two parties following the American Revolution.

While the treaty is between the Americans and the British Crown, in Article 3 it

states that, "...Indians dwelling on either side of the said boundary line, freely to pass and repass, by land or inland navigation into the respective territories and countries of the two parties on the continent of America,..." This Article states that Indigenous people can cross and conduct trade across the boundary line. America even codified that provision into the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1952, allowing, "Native Indians born in Canada are therefore entitled to enter the United States for the purpose of employment, study, retirement, investing, and/or immigration." Canada has not formally adopted Article 3, since it was never accepted by Canadian Parliament, and most recently Canada has rejected any claims of "Indian Status" outside of the Indian Act statutes.

THE SEVEN NATIONS OF CANADA TREATY OF 1796

On May 31, 1796 representatives from the Seven Nations of Canada at Akwesasne entered into a treaty with New York State, which would define the St. Regis Reservation and secure annual monies from the State. A part of this document contains information that the Seven Nations or 'tribes of Indians' extinguish all other claims in New York State and that annual monies would be paid in compensation. A few issues have evolved from the document, one of which is whether Louis Cook, William Gray, Thomas Williams and others had the authority to negotiate or sign the document. Another issue is that the treaty clearly violates the Non-Intercourse Act of 1790.

The 1790 Federal Trade and Intercourse Act forbids any person or State from entering into an 'Indian' treaty regarding land unless they have authority under Congress. This was to prevent any more fraudulent agreements and land transactions to be conducted with Indigenous people. The subsequent land sales are the basis of the alleged violation, and in 1980 Akwesasne took New York State to court.

RESERVATION/RESERVE LIFE

With the loss of large territorial areas the different First Nation communities had to deal with a restrictive lifestyle. By the 1700's many families had started to adopt single family dwellings and started individual farms, which have been a strange transition for the very community based society of the Haudenosaunee to adjust to individual families and farms. While the single family house had become the primary dwelling, the traditional longhouse had fallen out of use, and there is little record of them being used as residential housing during the mid to late 1700s.

With the loss of clearly established leadership and their traditional political practices, many families started acting on their accord and many would enter into private deals or land transactions with settler people. National entities were no longer used as a primary leadership; instead individual families started becoming the primary influences throughout the different communities.

Men who were not farming found themselves without purpose; many that were former war veterans, trappers or traders were without work. Many would attend settler parties. Alcoholism had started to reach epic portions, with many families having to seek shelter in the nearby woods to wait out the alcoholic violence that would occur. Families did what they had to do for survival, and new precautions were created to help alcoholic community members.

Both British and American settlers started to see many Indigenous communities as becoming impoverished and desolate areas. Alcohol-related violence was becoming more frequent. Jobs were very few, and many times Indigenous people found themselves dependent on hand-outs. Akwesasne was not exempt from these events, but the community did have the rivers to rely on as a resource. Akwesasne men became traders with nearby cities. Fishing had always been a staple of the community, and some men became river guides. Families became dependent on what they could locally grow, fish, hunt and gather themselves from the

local areas and islands. Akwesasne was able to adapt to individual farming practices, and many would move to winter camps as firewood was sparse and wild game more plentiful in the surviving wilderness.

MARY JAMISON – IRISH BORN SENECA CLANMOTHER

An important document that showcases the life of the Haudenosaunee during these times is the account of Mary Jamison. She was born on a ship while her family was immigrating from Ireland in 1743. Her family then established a homestead on the Pennsylvania frontier, which at the time was under the jurisdiction of the Haudenosaunee. As the French and Indian War (1754-1763) was in full force, her family cabin was raided and she was captured by Shawnee in 1755. Mary and her brother were taken to be sold, but Mary was taken in by two Seneca women. At age 12, Mary was formally adopted into the Seneca Nation where she learned the Seneca language and culture.

Eventually she grew up and was fully immersed in Seneca life during the American Revolution, and witnessed many events that affected the Haudenosaunee. She and her family saw the effects of the Revolution on the Seneca people and was present during the land transactions that occurred with the Holland Land Company. She was eventually consoled as a Seneca Clan-mother and kept several wampum belts in her possession including, the "Clan-mother's Nominating Belt." She also faced tragedy with her family with the death of her husband, and the alcoholic quarrelling between her sons that eventually caused one's death.

She bore witness to Seneca life before, during and after the American Revolution and recounted her story to a minister who later published her autobiography. Today, this is considered a detailed account of Haudenosaunee life during that time period. While the language is still biased within the published work, the account is very informative and invaluable for historians.

CONTINUATION

The American Revolution had divided the Haudenosaunee and placed a border between the Americans and the Loyalists, but Akwesasne preserved and remained a united community. After becoming a safe haven for supporters of either side during the Revolution, Akwesasne became a mixed community, and hybridized its leadership to handle every day issues.

Akwesasne did what it could to secure its territory as land surveyors and settlers began moving into and occupying areas; treaties and agreements were created to help protect and provide for the community. Reservations in the United States and Reserves in Canada were created to contain the surviving First Nations, which lead to many socio-political issues. The story of Mary Jamison has many details of this new restricted Haudenosaunee life. Alcoholism and a general sense of grief overtook several communities. Akwesasne was able to cope with its connection to the local rivers, and families found ways to survive.

We will continue the second part of this era in the next edition of Onkwe'ta:ke and will look at how specifically Akwesasne chose to cope with a more condensed territory.

PUBLISHED WORKS FOR FURTHER RESEARCH

The Divided Ground: Indians, Settlers, and the Northern Borderland of the American Revolution (2007) by Alan Taylor

Conspiracy of Interests (1999) by Laurence M. Hauptman

Dispossessing the American Indian (1972) by Wilbur R. Jacobs

The Death and Rebirth of the Seneca (1969) by Anthony F.C. Wallace

A Narrative of the Life of Mrs. Mary Jemison (1990) by James E. Seaver



MCA Financial Update

In the past two years, the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne has had to take a painstaking look at its financial status and budget, as it had accumulated a deficit due to economic realities that needed to be reduced.

Economic Downturn

A few factors contributed to the MCA deficit:

Local Economic Downturn – In the past several years, the local Akwesasne factory economy crashed and many jobs were lost. There was an influx of Akwesasne community members who were in need of a new start, new jobs, and new educational opportunities. There were overwhelming numbers of applicants for MCA job postings. There were many more students applying for education funding but no increase in the amount of dollars MCA had available to give. This economic downturn also resulted in more need for social assistance and community support. MCA stretched financially in many different areas in an attempt to meet the sudden and immediate needs of the community and this contributed to the deficit as well.

MCA Salary Review – In order to be fair to its workforce, MCA conducted an organization-wide review of (non-union) salaries to ensure that employees are paid wages comparable to the outside market. As a result, MCA then raised the salaries for the positions that were found to be under-market, which was a cost to MCA of 1.3 million. MCA's salaries increased overall by 4 percent. It was an important expense that Council and the organization supported. MCA is proud to be an employer that values its employees and that offers a range of competitive positions that are comparable to the job market outside of Akwesasne.

Funding – Throughout the community and at MCA there were Federal and Provincial funding cuts that caused a ripple effect. The Akwesasne Area Management Board for example lost HRSDC funding that had been in the community for years. The AAMB plays a key role in the community by supporting community members' education and training for work and business. At MCA, the growth of the organization and of the community's population have not been matched with an increase in funding, which means it costs MCA more to provide basic services than in the past. The waterline project, for example, reflects MCA's progress and growth, but creates more financial pressure on the organization, as funding does not increase automatically when the needs of the community increase.

Economic Measures

Throughout this past year Council and MCA have aggressively worked to dissolve the deficit, with great success to the overall financial standing of MCA. MCA remained a stronghold during the community's difficult time, but now more stringent measures are necessary while MCA is in recovery. Therefore, MCA has had to tighten spending across the organization. This had impacted outgoing donations and contributions as well as program operations.

MCA's Department of Tehotienawakon, which includes the Economic Development Program, has several initiatives and projects currently underway to improve the economic position of MCA and the community on a broader scale. They include:

-Tobacco strategy, including a tobacco pilot project for establishing tobacco trading

between First Nations

-TransCanada Energy Pipeline Project
-Triwin Holding Limited discussions for potential investments in Akwesasne
-Fiber Optics Broadband Project
-Natural Gas Pipeline Project
-Mohawk Electric Cooperative discussions
-3 Nations Bridge Demolition Project

The department has also focused attention on its sport arena for additional opportunities to bring events and tourists to the community.

Conclusion

Despite the previous economic downturn, MCA is now in excellent financial shape overall with many economic plans in place to boost the economy going forward. The decisions and choices made by MCA this year have contributed greatly to reducing the projected deficit for the next fiscal year's end.

MCA is considered a model for First Nations in service, programming, and especially financial transparency. MCA has earned and maintained a rating as a Low Risk First Nation by Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC). The community can rest assured that the deficit has been reduced this year and will continue to be reduced with improved financial controls throughout MCA. Soon, the community will also learn about and vote on a financial administration law for the organization that requires increased formal financial and human resource policies and procedures to reduce the risk of an unexpected accumulated deficit going forward.

Update: Kawehno:ke District Chief Abram Benedict

NATIONAL CHILD BENEFIT REINVESTMENT (NCBR) FUNDING

On June 3 the Director of Community and Social Services and I met with the Ontario Region Program Director for Social Programs and Education at Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC) regarding the recent cuts to NCBR funding. Akwesasne has been informed that we will be receiving 40% less funding than in past years. We took this opportunity to present our opposition of the cuts to the Director and requested that AANDC reconsider implementing the cuts because of the significant negative impact the cuts will have to our most vulnerable—children in need—and the additional adverse effect that having very limited advance notice of the impending cuts has had. There was no time to properly adjust to such an enormous decrease in funding.

FUNDING FOR IOHAHI:IO

While at the meeting on June 3 with the Director Social Programs and Education I took the opportunity to raise another issue with the Director. The education funding program that MCA annually applies to on behalf of Iohahi:io in order to operate programs recently underwent changes, and with those changes the MCA became ineligible to apply for funding on behalf of Iohahi:io. The program eligibility now stipulates that Band Councils cannot be recipients of this funding and funding must now go directly to educational institutions like Iohahi:io. The current structure of the MCA does not allow for Iohahi:io to receive funding directly because Iohahi:io is not independent of the MCA. I made a presentation to the Director to explain why the MCA has chosen to have Iohahi:io as part of the MCA and the protections this provides. MCA is not in a position to make a structural change just because AANDC funding now requires it. Our request to the Director was for an exemption to this new eligibility requirement.

The Ontario Region Program Director for

Social Programs and Education at AANDC was receptive to both presentations I made and stated that he would research these issues further and carefully consider the requests made by MCA.

HOUSING PORTFOLIO

On June 11 I traveled to Toronto with Chief Florence Phillips to attend the Ontario First Nations Steering Committee on Housing Meeting and the Ontario Regional Liaison Committee Meeting. At the steering committee meeting, the First Nations in attendance discussed the recent changes to the requirements of CMHC. Now any project funded by CHMC requires that building inspectors be certified by CHMC. This is challenging because there are only a limited number of inspectors certified by CMHC and the process to become certified with CHMC is viewed as being quite an intrusive process. This issue will be further discussed with CMHC.

Other issues discussed included the political involvement of the Chiefs of Ontario and what priorities those Chiefs have made for Housing. Some of the First Nations feel that the Chiefs of Ontario haven't made housing a priority.

On June 13 the Ontario Housing Liaison Committee met, which consists of representatives from CMHC, AFN, Health Canada and AANDC. The issues discussed included code compliance, certification process for inspectors, an update on Section 95 applications, and the upcoming Housing Managers Capacity and Community Development Training Program.

HOUSING AUTHORITY

During the June Housing Authority meeting, the authority reviewed the changes made to the Housing Authority Charter which were recommended by the Housing Portfolio Chiefs to Council. The changes served to clarify a few areas that were not clear before, mainly around community representation and the role of Housing Authority members.



During the month of July, the Akwesasne Appeal Tribunal rendered their decision on an appeal of a community member who was evicted by the Housing Department. At the July Housing Authority meeting the authority reviewed the decision and the corrective actions required to be made within specific time frames. The Housing Authority also discussed the possibility of holding housing information sessions for community members and the possibility of making housing information sessions and project management sessions mandatory for any community member receiving a loan from MCA.

In July the Housing Portfolio Chiefs met to review four (4) letters of interest received from various community members in response to the call-out for interested community members to serve on the Housing Authority. At least one letter was received from each district and the Portfolio Chiefs agreed to appoint Esther Jock for Tsi Snaihne, Cecelia King for Kanatakon, and Rosemary Square for Kawehno:ke.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

On June 19 I was invited to attend the Bus Drivers Appreciation Dinner hosted by the St. Regis Recreation Committee. There was great turn out and the bus drivers were very

appreciative of the recognition.

On July 8 Chief Phillips-Jacobs and I attended the final bridge walk hosted by the Seaway International Bridge Corporation (SIBC).

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL SERVICES (DCSS) PORTFOLIO

The July DCSS Portfolio Meeting included: (1) an update on a funding submission for a prevention coordinator position to work with MCA departments and community members trying to access services, (2) an update on working with the Mohawk Nation Council of Chiefs to place a LED sign on Route 37 to provide daily prevention messages and statistical information, and (3) the Akwesasne Child and Family Service (ACFS) provided Portfolio Chiefs with an issue regarding ACFS’s ability to place children in care outside of Ontario. Currently, any CAS designated in Ontario (which ACFS is) needs ministerial approval from the Ministry of Children and Youth Services to place children in care outside of the province. This requirement of the ministry isn’t problematic for many other CASs because they are not located in border communities.

As follow-up to the portfolio meeting, I met with Assistant Deputy Minister Darryl Sturtevant in Toronto on July 29 and raised the issue of Akwesasne having to receive prior approval from the ministry before placing a child outside of Ontario, in Quebec for example. I outlined the impracticality of this legislative requirement due to the geographical location of Akwesasne and the normal practice of our community members potentially residing in any portion of our territory at any given time. I provided him with a briefing note prepared on this specific issue and he stated that he was going to follow up with our request for an exemption to the required Ministerial approval.

ONTARIO ASSOCIATION OF CHILDRENS AID SOCIETIES (OACAS)

On June 1 I attended the regular monthly meeting of the OACAS in Toronto. During the meeting consultants presented on the

360° evaluations of the OACAS Executive Director and discussed the various rates of compensation for the Executive Directors of Children Aid Societies (CASs). The OACAS recently issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) for consultants to evaluate how decisions are made within the OACAS. Lough Barnes Consulting Group presented an overview of the proposed project. The project will examine how the association and its many committees arrive at decisions and how those decisions are implemented and will determine whether or not those committees are being effective.

On June 2 the OACAS held its tri-annual consultation session. These sessions are designed for CASs to be able to hear updates on the ongoing work of the OACAS and also for various groups to make presentations to the members of the OACAS. At the June session, World Vision Canada presented on the United Nations Rights of the Child. The Aboriginal Advisory Committee presented on the OACAS Aboriginal Reconciliation Framework and spoke about how some CASs have been working closely with neighboring Aboriginal communities, which doesn’t always happen with all CASs.

On July 28 I travelled to Toronto and met

with Deputy Grand Chief Stonefish and Karen Restoule from the Chiefs of Ontario office along with Mary Ballantyne from the OACAS. The meeting was scheduled to discuss an upcoming meeting with the Chiefs of Ontario Social Service Coordination Unit meeting and the Association of Native Child and Family Service Agencies of Ontario.

While in Toronto I attended the Ministry of Children and Youth Service’s (MCYS) first Aboriginal Children and Youth Strategy technical table meeting since the Ontario election. The Ministry provided an update on the timelines in place for the strategy development. The Ministry representatives outlined the possibility of incorporating the strategy into the legislative review of the Ontario Child and Family Services Act. The Ministry recognizes that jurisdiction is a key issue for First Nations and is willing to examine ways to incorporate jurisdiction into the strategy. Akwesasne has been working with the Independent First Nations (IFN) on the position of the IFN which will be presented to the Ministry at a later date.

MOHAWK COUNCIL OF AKWESASNE TELEPHONE EXTENSIONS					
Administration Building #1		Administration Building #2		CIA Building #3	
Tel: (613) 575-2250 Fax: 575-2181		Tel: (613) 575-2348 Fax: 575-2884		Tel: (613) 936-1548 Fax: 938-6760	
Adolescent Treatment Center	Ext. 1300	Home Care/Support	Ext. 1069	Office of Vital Statistics	Ext. 1013
Ambulance Unit	Ext. 3121	Housing	Ext. 2300	Pharmacy	Ext. 3250
Ahkwasasne Mohawk School	Ext. 1700	Human Resources	Ext. 2146	Records Management	Ext. 1202
Animal Control/Compliance	Ext. 2415	Hydro Quebec	Ext. 2388	Snye Child Care	Ext. 4300
Aboriginal Rights & Research	Ext. 2205	Iakhihsoshta	Ext. 4201	Technical Services	Ext. 1003
Board of Education	Ext. 1400	Iethinisten:ha	Ext. 1500	Traditional Medicine	Ext. 3115
Child & Family Services	Ext. 3139	Iohahio Adult Education	Ext. 4100	Tsi Snaihne School	Ext. 4400
Community Health Nurses	Ext. 3219	Justice	Ext. 2400	Tsi ionkwanonsote	Ext. 1600
Computers	Ext. 2323	Kana:takon Medical Clinic	Ext. 3215	Wholistic Health	Ext. 3100
Communications Unit	Ext. 2210	Kana:takon School	Ext. 2500		
Community Support Program	Ext. 3262	Kawehno:ke Medical Clinic	Ext. 1110	OUTSIDE FACILITIES	
Community & Social Services	Ext. 3305	Maintenance/Sanitation	Ext. 3400	A'nowara'ko:wa Arena	936-1583
Dental Clinic	Ext. 3208	Mohawk Court	Ext. 1026	Kawehnoke Water Plant	933-1971
Economic Development	Ext. 1053	Mohawk Government	Ext. 2200	Child Care Administration	938-5067
Emergency Measures	Ext. 1030	Mohawk Police Reception	Ext. 3502	Roads Garage	938-5476
Environment	Ext. 1039	Nation Building	Ext. 3194	St. Regis Child Care	575-1915
Executive Services	Ext. 2120	Non-Insured Health Benefits	Ext. 3340		
Finance	Ext. 2168	Operational Support	Ext. 2100		
Health	Ext. 3300	Optometry	Ext. 3131		

Tsikiónhet On Kwawén:na tanon Tsiniionkwarihó:ten: “Revive Our Word and History” Youth Cultural Camp

The Tsikiónhet On Kwawén:na tanon Tsiniionkwarihó:ten “Revive our word and history” youth camp was held on Thompson Island from July 14-18, 2014. The goal of the camp was to target youth ages 14-18 and teach them about their culture, history, and language. The camp was sponsored by the Wholistic Health and Wellness Program. The Tsikiónhet On Kwawén:na tanon Tsiniionkwarihó:ten youth camp was a collaborative effort from services in the community such as: Wholistic Health and Wellness Program, Akwesasne Community Justice Program (ACJP), MCA’s Conservation Officer, Akwesasne Mohawk Police Service (AMPS), St. Regis Mohawk Tribal Police Department (SRMT PD), Traditional Support from the St. Regis Mohawk Tribe (SRMT), and MCA’s Thompson Island Youth Camp staff all played instrumental roles in making this camp successful.

The cultural youth camp began with an orientation session and Ohenten Kariwatekwen teachings by Kawennahente Cook. This activity was followed by a water safety and fishing techniques presentation by PJ Burns (SRMT PD), and Norman King (AMPS). SRMT Traditional Support Program’s Ian Clute and Nihahsennaa Peters from the Akwesasne Men’s Singers also discussed the meaning and significance of songs and dances that the participants would be learning throughout the week. Afternoon presentations were headed by Aronhiaies Herne and Della Adams (Traditional Medicines), who discussed traditional male and female roles and responsibilities. To wrap up activities for the day, Kawennahente concluded with more Ohenten Kariwatekwen teachings.

Every day began and ended with Ohenten Kariwatekwen. Daily activities included team building exercises, making traditional fans with Ian Clute and also learning songs and dances from the Akwesasne Men’s Sing-



Youth got acquainted through activities led by student councilors Joe Clute, Nathan Bero and Trent McDonald.

ers. PJ Burns (SRMT PD) and Norman King (AMPS) also took youth fishing. The second day of camp welcomed Judge PJ Herne, who discussed the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe’s Healing to Wellness/Drug Court. He was accompanied by a guest, who enlightened the youth about his personal journey and involvement in Drug Court processes. Eddie Gray from Traditional Medicine, showed participants the different medicines available on Thompson Island and in their own backyards. Participants were unable to go on a medicine walk due to weather. The day wrapped up with a presentation by Della Adams about the importance of balance and Medicine Wheel Teachings.

The third day of presentations began with Kariwate Mitchell, Raweras Mitchell and Norman King from AMPS discussing their experiences surrounding prescription drug abuse in Akwesasne. After lunch, Sarah Herne from ACT NOW led a discussion about

STD prevention and healthy relationships. Kanietahawi Sharrow from Wholistic Health and Wellness also led an interactive presentation concerning bullying. The participants had free time to swim and play games for the remainder of the afternoon. After dinner, Kenny Perkins demonstrated fire making and basic survival skills. The rest of the night was spent around a fire sharing stories.

The fourth day of presentations began with PJ Burns (SRMT PD), Norman King (AMPS) and Everett Lazore (ACJP), demonstrating how to clean and cook fish. After lunch Francis Scardera shared his current work on Hamilton Island as well as a Power Point presentation of 1000 years of prehistory of Akwesasne. Wabigonikwe Tenasco and two guests facilitated a Blanket Exercise that demonstrated the effects and aftermath of contact and colonization on Aboriginal people across North America. The partici-



pants were able to go canoeing before the next presentation. Kenny Perkins returned after dinner to challenge the knowledge gained in the previous teaching. The participants were split into groups and competed to see which group could start their fire and boil a can of water. The first group to complete the task was deemed the winner. After a group of 3 youth beat even the camp staff at the water boil challenge, a larger fire was started and a social was led by the Akwesasne Men's Singers. The social concluded the day's events.

The final day included a trivia/scavenger hunt that tested the knowledge gained

throughout the week. The participants were split into groups and had to work together to complete a series of trivia, riddles and tasks. To conclude the youth camp a closing circle was led by Camp staff and the participants filled out questionnaires about their camp experience. The overwhelming request for next year is to extend the camp to a full seven days or two weeks so that the youth can enjoy more time on Thompson Island.

(From left) Youth Camp staff Trent McDonald, Cheryl Swamp, Ian Clute and Nathan Bero took part in a fire-making demonstration that was led by Kenny Perkins.



Economic Development Program

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

Stop in or call us for more information regarding our:

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

INITIATIVES

AKWESASNE'S LOCAL MARKET is going to be held this summer for 6 weeks (Saturdays) starting Saturday, July 26, 2014 from 10:00 am – 3:00 pm at the Peace Tree Trade Centre on Kawehno:ke. If you are interested in becoming a vendor or looking for more information please contact Cathy Mitchell at 613-575-2250 Ext. 1053 or by email cathy.mitchell@akwesasne.ca

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

BUY LOCAL GOLF TOURNAMENT is a joint venture with Ec Dev and Akwesasne Chamber of Commerce; encouraging business owners to be part of the tournament to develop stronger business ties within the community as well as neighboring communities. We would like to encourage our local business owners to contact our ACOC for details.

TAX-EXEMPT CIGARETTES If you are interested in retailing Tax-Exempt Cigarettes at your place of business, please contact the MCA Tobacco Compliance Office for the requirements and more information at Pamela Brown, Tobacco Compliance Officer (613) 575-2250 ext. 1057 pamela.brown@akwesasne.ca

Selling Tax-Exempt cigarettes has the ability to increase revenue, increase patron traffic, create a closer working relationship with MCA and also diversify and increase your product offerings!

AKWESANSE'S ART SHOW GALLERY will be held at the Peace Tree Trade Centre unit #7 to showcase our Local Artisans. If you are interested in being part of the gallery please contact our Office.

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

Celebrating Local Success: Niio Perkins Designs

"Beadwork has given me a sense of identity as a Haudenosaunee artist and this has contributed to my community's cultural continuity. As artists, we have to take responsibility for cultural preservation and to promote and protect Native arts. Our beadwork brings a sense of pride to the community and it serves as a catalyst that stimulates community involvement in the arts and pride in the work that was created by our ancestors." – Niio Perkins

Niio began beading when she was five years old which has given her over 20 years of experience; the past nine of which has been in the professional world. Her encouragement and inspiration comes from her family, namely her mother who has been sewing for 30 years and her brother, Roger, who has travelled and showcased his artwork. Over the past nine years, Niio has been busy travelling, exhibiting and sharing her talent with others.



Besides fulfilling her passion for bead working, Niio also works at a drug and alcohol treatment center for adolescence. She has been working in social services for approximately ten years which has allowed her to further blossom as an artisan by teaching her vocation to the youth she services.

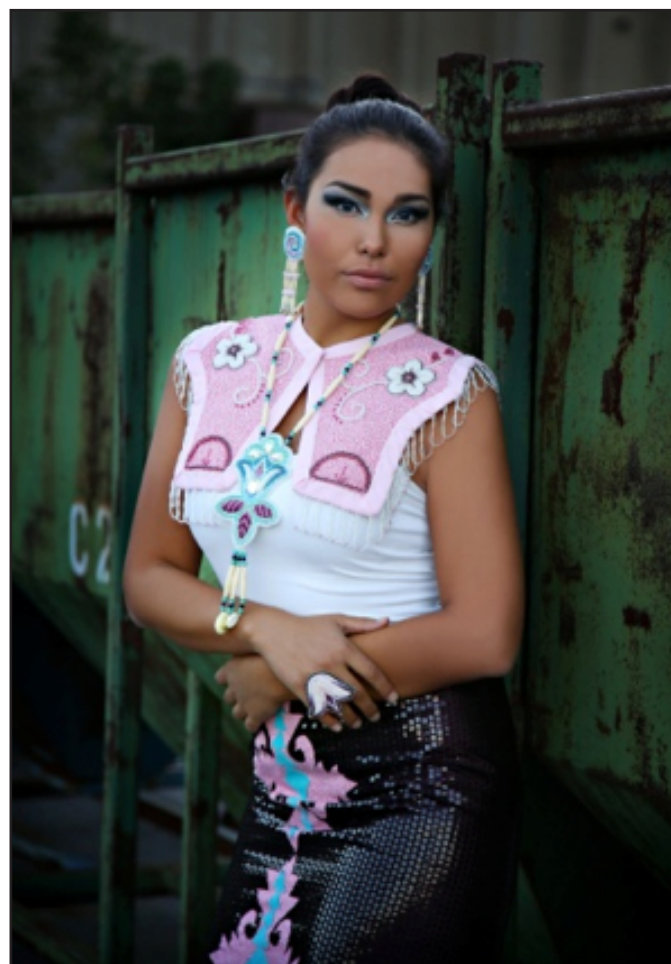
"My obsession for beading stems not only from my attraction to brilliant colors, delicate beads, festive dress or exotic materials but additionally, it is deeply rooted to my traditions as a Haudenosaunee. An admiring and respectful connection to my beading ancestors has thoughtfully influenced my work as it helps me articulate my deepest beliefs about the universe; for me, beading is a form of artistic, cultural and spiritual expression." Niio specializes in the Iroquois raised-style beadwork but has recently begun incorporating fashion and clothing designs into her traditionally-based cultural items and ceremonial wear. All of her ideas and inspiration come to her in hopes of a bright future in runway and fashion shows. Her biggest aspiration is showing off her pieces in a New York City fashion show that focuses on couture and high-end fashion Native wear.



Economic developmental based financial assistance through MCA's Akwesasne Economic Development Fund (AEDF) and its Small Business Grant (SBG) program has played an important role in Niio's success. *"I wouldn't*

have been able to do half the things or market myself without their assistance. Economic Development has given me the opportunity to build a strong support system. In fact, I consider them a part of my team. 100% of my energy goes into creating every piece which doesn't leave much room for promoting myself on a business level so that is where Ec Dev has stepped in and lent a helping hand."

A major contributing factor to her success is networking, and her publicist, Randy Rourke, has created a global network as well as managing promotional packages. These promotional packages get sent to museums and galleries with her artist resume statement and photos. These packages are important components of her advertising and marketing strategy and vital to prospective events and showcases. As evidenced in the craftsmanship and intimate dedication, each one of her items requires long periods of time to create. The ultimate reward for any artisan, above prizes and profits, is having their pieces displayed in museums as well as renown galleries. Museum purchases provide invaluable publicity and marketing and Niio currently has two pieces in museums; one at the Autry Museum in Los Angeles, CA and one at the Eiteljorg Museum in Indianapolis, Indiana.



To Niio, "Quality, originality and hard work is the backbone of success. Quality is the most important aspect to being a professional. My name and family's name represents much more than the work we create it represents who we are as Haudenosaunee. I strive to create one-of-a-kind pieces to reflect the beauty of our culture."

Niio's future plans include being able work with local businesses and offer her artwork for sale through these outlets. She also wants to dress vacant store windows up with her pieces and artwork in the surrounding areas to educate people about Mohawk artisan culture and showcase Mohawk culture outside of pow-wow's and lacrosse venues. You can find her pieces online and through her Facebook page.

Niio would like to acknowledge and thank the following individuals for all your help and support; Elizabeth Perkins, Randy Rourke, Stacey Mitchell and Sarah Herne.

Niio Perkins: (518) 651-4914

www.niioperkins.com

SHOP LOCAL AND SUPPORT OUR BUSINESSES!

Department of Technical Services Commences Phase 2 of Kawehno:ke Water Supply and Distribution Project

This is to advise the Community that the Kawehno:ke Water Supply and Distribution Project has been approved to proceed to construction. The following roads will be affected by the construction being done:

McCumber Road North, Mitchell Road, Paul Taxi Road, Martin Road, Walter Delormier Road, Mohawk Lane, Bear Road, Okwa:ho Road, James Lane and Corridor, Angus Delormier Road, Jocko Road, and Wolf Lane.

The Contractor for the Construction will be Lazore's Construction. Work is expected to begin in the Month of August 2014.

A focus meeting will be arranged in the near future and the affected homeowners will be notified of the time and place.

During the course of construction, we are advising Community Members to please take caution around these areas. We thank you in advance for your patience during this construction period.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne Department of Technical Services at 613 575-2314 ext 1003.

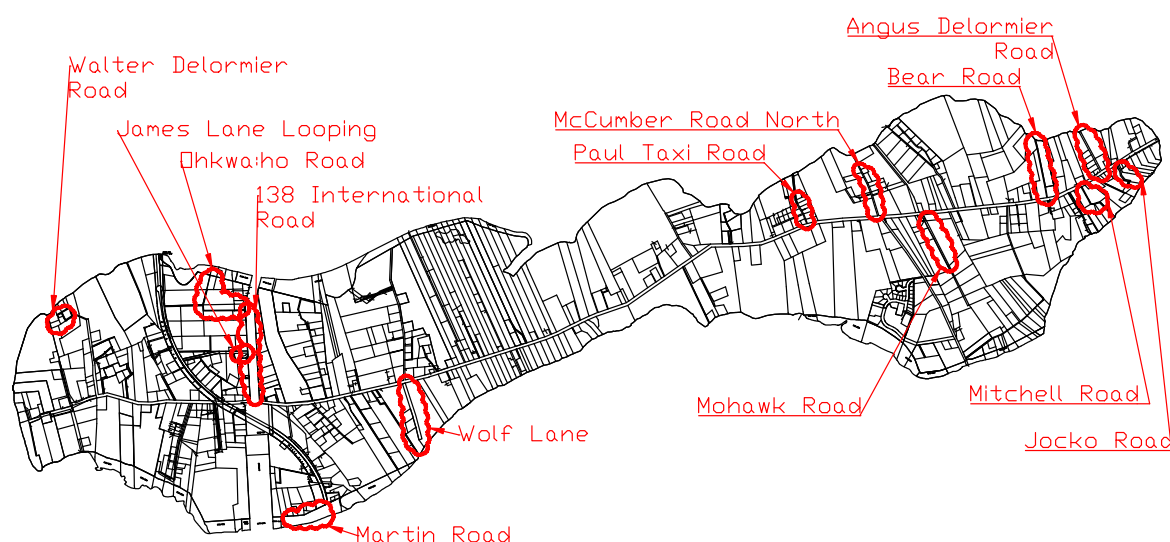


Kylee Tarbell Named MCA's Acting-Economic Development Officer

Mohawk Council of Akwesasne's Economic Development would like to welcome Kylee Tarbell as their Acting-Economic Development Officer. Kylee was previously serving as the Acting-Project Development Officer between January-June 2014.

Kylee would like to invite any community members who have a business idea to feel free to contact her. Her office is located in CIA Building #3 on Kawehno:ke. She can also be reached at (613) 575-2250 (Ext. 1050) or by email: kylee.tarbell@akwesasne.ca.

Kawehno:ke Water Supply Project



Contract 9-Kawehno:ke Phase2
Watermain Construction and
Domestic Water System Connection

Salli Benedict Basket Collection Displayed at Ontario Power Generation Visitors Center



On July 25, 2014, the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne & Ontario Power Generation's Joint Implementation Team, in collaboration with the Ronathahonni Cultural Center, proudly hosted the official opening of the Salli Benedict Basket Display at Saunders Visitors Center, located in Cornwall, Ontario. The Joint Implementation Team invited several members of Council, MCA and OPG employees, as well as Salli's family members, to witness this historic event.

The event opened with a welcome from OPG representative Bruce Robertson. Mr. Robertson welcomed the audience to the Saunders Visitors Center, and introduced Grand Chief Mike Mitchell, who provided the Ohen:ton Karihwaterhkwen (opening words), as well as introducing and welcom-

ing Salli's family, who were in attendance. Grand Chief invited Salli's daughter Jasmine Benedict to come up and say some words on behalf of her family. Jasmine expressed her appreciation for the event, telling the crowd that if her mother were there, she would have been humbled by the presentation.

Grand Chief Mitchell spoke further on the development of the relationship between MCA and OPG, speaking on the steps taken on the completion and signing of the Final Settlement Agreement between MCA and OPG, and how far the relationship has developed in those years since, telling the audience that the basket opening is just the beginning of future events and displays that are in the works, and how appropriate it that Salli Benedict's baskets were chosen as the inaugural event.

Above: Becky Benedict stands next to her sister's collection of Mohawk baskets that are on currently display at the R.H. Saunders Visitors Center.

Grand Chief introduced OPG's new Senior Vice President of Hydro-Thermal Operations, Mike Martelli, inviting him up to the podium to speak and address the crowd. Mr. Martelli explained that it was his first time coming to the community of Akwesasne and was honored to be among the Mohawks of Akwesasne in their homeland, and looked forward to building further upon the relationship between OPG and MCA.

Salli Benedict's Basket Display is on loan from the Ronathahonni Cultural Center until December 2014, and is open for public viewing at the Saunders Visitors Center in Cornwall, ON.



Information Meetings Scheduled for Akwesasne Tekaia'torehthà:ke Kaianerénhsera (Akwesasne Court Law)

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne hereby gives notice of Information Meetings for the proposed draft Akwesasne Tekaia'torehthà:ke Kaianerénhsera (Akwesasne Court Law) on the following dates, times and locations:

District of Kawehno:ke

Saturday, September 13, 2014
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Tri-District Elders Building

District of Tsi Snaihne

Wednesday, September 17, 2014
6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Snye Recreation Centre

District of Kana:takon

Thursday, September 18, 2014
1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Kana:takon Recreation Centre

The 'Akwesasne Court Law' Working Task Group has completed their mandate to develop a comprehensive court law that has been presented to Council for acceptance in principle in accordance with the Law Enactment Procedural Regulation Section 6.0

Phase II Acceptance of Proposed Akwesasne Law In Principle. The proposed draft was accepted in principle at the July 24, 2014 Special General Meeting.

The Working Task Group for the development of a comprehensive Akwesasne Mohawk Court law has concluded drafting the proposed law. The proposed draft law will now proceed to Phase III of the Law Enactment Procedural Regulation.

The Akwesasne Justice Department has mailed copies of the proposed Akwesasne Tekaia'torehthà:ke Kaianerénhsera (Akwesasne Court Law) to every household at the end of July 2014. If you have not received a copy in your mailbox, you can request a copy of the draft law to be mailed to you, personally. Contact the Akwesasne Justice Department at 613-575-2250 ext. 2400 with the relevant mailing address so a copy can be delivered to you.

Residents are asked to review the draft law prior to the Information Meetings. These meetings will provide community members the opportunity to ask the Working Task Group questions on the proposed draft law, as well as giving the community the opportunity to provide comments and suggestions.

The sessions will be recorded and the comments will be given to the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne for consideration. The Working Task Group will then incorporate any recommendations by the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne, with the draft changes being reviewed by the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne's Legal Advisor. Once complete, the changes will be presented to Council for adoption and/or further revisions.

If the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne accepts the revisions/recommendations, a Mohawk Council Resolution will be presented at a future Special General Meeting to accept the final draft in principle for ratification. Once accepted, Council will set a date for a vote by secret ballot at a Special General Meeting or vote by Referendum. The dates for ratification vote by either method must be posted at least thirty days in advance. A full text of the proposed final law will be published in the local newspaper and on the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne website.

Residents are asked to review the proposed draft law. Once mailed, copies of the draft document will be available at the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne public buildings:

Kana:takon:

- Admin 1 (Administration Building)
- Admin 2 (MCA Government Building)
- Angus Mitchell Memorial Building (Akwesasne Justice Department)
- Kanonkwatsheriio (Medical and Social Services Building)

Tsi Snaihne:

- Iohahiio (Adult Learning Centre)

Kawehno:ke:

- CIA #3 (Administration Building)
- Peacetree Mall (Bank of Montreal)

For more information, contact the Akwesasne Justice Department at 613-575-2250 x 2400.



Community Education Session: Akwesasne Appeal Tribunal

— Submitted by Cheryl Jacobs, Akwesasne Mohawk Court Administrator

The Akwesasne Appeal Tribunal consists of six (6) volunteer community members and is governed under the Charter of the Akwesasne Appeal Tribunal and the Akwesasne Appeal Tribunal Procedural Regulations.

The Appeal Tribunal has existed under Mohawk Council of Akwesasne Resolution for more than 15 years. Over the years the Tribunal has gone through various stages of growth and strengthening that includes recruitment, retention, education, organizing, reorganizing and re-educating. This is part of the learning experience associated with any commission or other decision-making body established by the MCA.

Community members that currently sit on the Akwesasne Appeal Tribunal (as of June 2014) are: District of Kawehno:ke: Mrs. Brenda Lafrance and Mrs. Bernice Lazore; District of Kana:takon: Mr. Lewis Morris and Miss Theresa Connors; and from the District of Tsi Snaihne: Mr. Steve Lazore and Mr. John Bay. All members of the Tribunal received a two-day training session on March 29 & 30, 2014.

The purpose of the Akwesasne Appeal Tribunal is to hear appeals concerning an Akwesasne Law or Regulation on a particular subject matter; they sit to hear and determine decisions made by Akwesasne Boards, Commissions, Tribunals or any other Decision-Making Body developed under an Akwesasne Law, Code, Charter or Regulation to ensure that decisions made in the Akwesasne community were handled and conducted with the recognized principles of natural justice and procedural fairness.

The Administrative overseer of the Tribunal is the Akwesasne Mohawk Court. Once an Appeal application is filed with the Court, the Court Administrator is responsible for coordinating a Hearing Panel in advance of any further measures that maybe required.

(Step #1) Hearing Panel: The Hearing Panel is contacted and selected and a pre-hearing meeting is held to set the date and time for the Hearing. During the Hearing, a review process is conducted to determine if the case before them has merit to proceed to a Pre-Oral Hearing meeting. If it is determined that the case has merit, the Hearing Panel recommends the file to a Pre-Oral Hearing Meeting.

(Step #2) Pre-Oral Hearing Meeting: The panel members meet with the parties to determine if there are any conflicts of interest with individuals sitting on the Hearing Panel. If there are no objections, the Hearing Panel sets the Oral Hearing date and time, with both parties being informed verbally

and also sent written notification.

(Step #3) Oral Hearing: Both parties are sent notification and once the Oral Hearing has concluded a decision is reached. During the Oral Hearing parties get to explain their cases to the panel and call witnesses. At the conclusion of the Oral Hearing, the Hearing Panel has 15-working days to render a written decision.

If you have any questions regarding the Akwesasne Appeal Tribunal process or Regulations or would like a copy of the Charter or Regulations which outlines the process in filing an appeal, please feel free to contact the Akwesasne Mohawk Court at 575-2250 at ext. 1026 or 1025.

Mohawk Council Meets Father Anthony Osuji



On July 10, 2014; MCA Grand Chief Mike Kanentakeron Mitchell and Kawehno:ke Chief Louise Thompson met with Father Anthony Osuji of the St. Regis Mission Church. The meeting follows a request received from Father Osuji to meet with Akwesasne leaders following his appointment as the pastoral administrator for the St. Regis Church on December 1, 2013. The Grand Chief presented him with a picture of himself taken with Pope John Paul II in 1984 where he performed a healing ceremony for his holiness along with a clan mother, two longhouse singers and elder Ernie Benedict. He was also presented with an autographed copy of a book on our traditional game of lacrosse that the Grand Chief authored in 2012.

AKWESASNE LOCAL MARKET FALL FESTIVAL



CALL-OUT FOR VENDORS

to be a vendor or for more information please contact Cathy Mitchell at Mohawk Council of Akwesasne's Economic Development Program at 613-575-2250 Ext. 1053 or at cathy.mitchell@akwesasne.ca

Arts & Crafts:

paintings, drawings, carvings, beadwork, jewelry, etc.

Pre-made & Baked items:

pies, soups, salads, maple syrup, chocolate, etc.

Canned goods:

salsa, jams, etc.

Bath & Soap:

soaps, lotions, skin care, etc.

Food Vendors

Fresh & Organic Produce

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2014

11 AM – 4 PM

PEACE TREE MALL

LOCATED ON CORNWALL ISLAND

BOUNCE HOUSE FOR KIDS

Vendor fee is \$20

Must have own tent/canopy along with tables and chairs

