

Mohawk Ironworkers Making History Here at Home

It is with great pride that several Mohawk men are using their ironworking experience here in Akwesasne to demolish the Seaway International Bridge/Three Nations Bridge that was originally erected by their grandfathers and Mohawk ironworkers of the past in the 1950s.

Ironworking, a symbol of hard work and family dedication, is a longstanding Mohawk tradition that is continuing to be passed on to future generations. Five Akwesasne men hired by the American Bridge Corp. – the winning bidder for the bridge demolition – have been working tirelessly this winter up on the high steel that will be coming down all together by this summer.

This group of men – Angus Adams, Harry Square, Phillip Adams, Benji Roundpoint, and Bo Adams - each bring different experience and knowledge to the project. The senior men are able to teach the younger workers all that they’ve learned in their years of ironwork.

The men said they are happy and proud to be able to work on this project. The bridge is the region’s most recognizable landmark and a source of much history for the Mohawk people of Akwesasne who have lived with this bridge for the past 60 years. Along with a spectacular view of the area, the bridge has provided many memories for the Akwesasne people.

The men are currently preparing the steel “dome” portion of the bridge for removal. The dome will be coming down in one piece



Angus Adams, Bo Adams, Harry Square, Phillip Adams, and Benji Roundpoint.

and the remaining sections will continue to be removed this spring.

Ironworkers are a great source of pride to Akwesasronon as many generations of have excelled in the profession. It is not a job for just anyone and requires great skill, keen senses and

fearlessness to heights – which Mohawk men are known to have. Now, Akwesasne has the opportunity to see these ironworkers at work here at home as they become a part of our community’s history.

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Wat'kwanonweraton/Greetings

She:kon,

It is my pleasure and honor to introduce this month's issue of Onkwe'ta:ke, the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne community newsletter. I hope this letter finds you and your family in good health, spirit and that everyone has had a happy, safe and prosperous New Year.

This issue of Onkwe'ta:ke has brought back Jacey Rourke, Communications Officer. She will be completing the layout of the design for Onkwe'ta:ke in the upcoming months. Welcome back Jacey and nia:wen for doing a great job on the newsletter!

As we mentioned in the last issue of Onkwe'ta:ke, our offices have been displaced since October. Recently, it was determined by council and executive services that staff would not be returning back to the facilities. On February 17th, all occupants of the building will be re-locating to the G&L Complex, which is down the road from the original offices of the Mohawk Government building. Once we are officially settled in, a notice will go out with the location of offices as well as a new extension list.

A project that I have been involved in and that I would like to discuss further would be the Conservation Law. We are approaching the final phase of the amendment of the law, which we hope will be finished soon. Prior to approval of the conservation law, community consultation sessions will take place. Please make sure you attend all sessions on the Conservation Law to learn more.

I also wanted to mention the Sharing Through the Generations project that has been ongoing for the past several months. This project is a part of a Cultural Agreement between Quebec and the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne. The purpose of this project is for two artists, one from Akwesasne and one from Quebec, to learn about each other's culture and then create a mural depicting what they have learned. In addition, the artists will be creating a collaborative mural. More updates will be provided in Onkwe'ta:ke in the upcoming months.

On another note, I encourage all community members to take advantage of the language courses/classes that the Akwesasne Economic Development Agency (AEDA) has to offer. Language revitalization and restoration is such an important component for ensuring the future of our community. Make sure that you take advantage of the language classes as well as all of the cultural classes that are offered through Mohawk Council.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at 613-575-2348. Nia:wen.

Skennen,

Joe Lazore, District Chief of Tsi Snaihne



Seaway International Bridge/Three Nations Bridge Crossing. Photo Courtesy of FBCL.

MCA Responds to U.S Politician's Proposed Border Security Bill

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne (MCA), the governing body of the northern, or Canadian, portion of Akwesasne, has learned of a United States bill that was recently proposed by U.S. Rep. John Katko, R-Syracuse that calls for a security study to be conducted on the northern U.S. –Canada border. In previous interviews, Mr. Katko accused Akwesasne of being a high-smuggling route that his colleagues fear will be used to smuggle terrorists into the U.S. from Canada.

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne has not been contacted or consulted with by Mr. Katko or his colleagues with regard to border security or any other matter. MCA is more than willing to share with Mr. Katko the numerous border security plans and projects that are heavily underway between Akwesasne and Canadian and U.S. authorities. Mr. Katko's bill appears to be purely political, and any sincere concern regarding security would have first been addressed with the U.S., Canadian and Akwesasne authorities that are already tasked with increasing

border security. High-level meetings have taken place in Washington and Ottawa with U.S., Canadian, and Mohawk officials, and there are active pursuits of border security projects and improvements such as a marine patrol and border security force in Akwesasne that would work in conjunction with the Akwesasne Mohawk Police as well as all other law enforcement entities. Previous collaborations between our security forces have produced positive results for Akwesasne as well as the United States and Canada.

It is not uncommon for Akwesasne to be used as a scapegoat. When 9/11 happened, the national media was quick to point to Akwesasne as the route terrorists used to enter the country and for weeks this information was shared around the world erroneously. This false accusation has lingered at the Akwesasne community's expense and this community continues to be a target for politicians who use propaganda and fear mongering without any regard

for our community and more importantly our attempts to have progress in border relations.

Mr. Katko's bill is reflective of his lack of true understanding of the Canadian-U.S. border and the amount of border security work that has already transpired and continues to be conducted on a daily basis with all major parties involved.

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne cautions the public to review Mr. Katko's proposed bill H.R. 455 carefully and to not be persuaded by the political propaganda that surrounds it.

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne would be prepared to participate in a new joint meeting between U.S. and Canadian officials to further discuss our mutual concern for border security. Akwesasne has on numerous occasions taken part in these types of problem-solving meetings to identify solutions that benefit all parties concerned.



Mohawk Council Resolutions (MCRs)

October 2014-January 2015

Kenténha/October 7, 2014

2014/2015 - #192 Council Meeting Minutes Dated May 20, 2014; Moved by Chief Loran, Seconded by Chief Thomas; Voting: For – 8, Against – 0 CARRIED

2014/2015 - #193 Council Meeting Minutes Dated May 27, 2014; Moved by Chief Thomas, Seconded by Chief Lazore; Voting: For – 8, Against – 0 CARRIED

2014/2015 - #194 Council Meeting Minutes Dated June 3, 2014; Moved by Chief Adams-Phillips, Seconded by Chief Thomas; Voting: For – 8, Against – 0 CARRIED

2014/2015 - #195 Whole of Lot C/41-2 Chenail Range; Moved by Chief Adams-Phillips, Seconded by Chief Loran; Voting: For – 6, Against – 0 CARRIED

2014/2015 - #196 Assignment of Lease – Lot 26 – 27 Block C Hamilton Island; Moved by Chief Sunday, Seconded by Chief Loran; Voting: For – 6, Against – 0 CARRIED

2014/2015 - #197 Lot 28 Stanley Island; Moved by Chief Adams-Phillips, Seconded by Chief Thompson; Voting: For – 6, Against – 0 CARRIED

2014/2015 - #198 Lot 2 F – 3 Pilon Island; Moved by Chief Adams-Phillips, Seconded by Chief Thompson; Voting: For – 6, Against – 0 CARRIED

2014/2015 - #199 Creation of Assistant Director/EDO Position for The Department of Tehotiiennawakon; Moved by Chief Lazore, Seconded by Chief Adams-Phillips; Voting: For – 5, Against – 1 CARRIED

2014/2015 - #200 Bank of Montreal - Guarantee; Moved by Chief Lazore, Seconded by Chief Adams-Phillips; Voting: For – 6, Against – 0 CARRIED

2014/2015 - #201 Akwesasne Tobacco Manufacturing & Products Law – Acceptance

in Principle - Revisions; Moved by Chief Thompson, Seconded by Chief Sunday; Voting: For – 6, Against – 0 CARRIED

Kenténha/October 14, 2014

2014/2015 - #202 Department of Health and Procedures Manual; Moved by Chief Phillips, Seconded by Chief Loran; Voting: For – 8, Against – 0 CARRIED

2014/2015 - #203 Communications & Engagement Funding Agreement: Energy E. Pipeline, LTD; Moved by Chief Thomas, Seconded by Chief David; Voting: For – 7, Against – 1 CARRIED

2014/2015 - #204 Amendment ON 130004-A10 One Time Funding for 2014-2015; Moved by Chief Lorna, Seconded by Chief Phillips; Voting: For – 9, Against – 0 CARRIED

2014/2015 - #205 Agreement on the Provision of Policing Services in the Community of Akwesasne for the Period From April 1, 2014 to March 31, 2015; Moved by Chief Thomas, Seconded by Chief Adams-Phillips; Voting: For – 9, Against – 0 CARRIED

2014/2015 - #206 Council Meeting Minutes Dated June 10, 2014; Moved by Chief Thomas, Seconded by Chief Philips-Jacobs; Voting: For – 7, Against – 2 CARRIED

2014/2015 - #207 PAT – Grand Trunk Island Denial of Purchase; Moved by Chief Phillips, Seconded by Chief Adams-Phillips; Voting: For – 7, Against – 2 CARRIED

2014/2015 - #208 Rescind MCR 2012/2013 - #313 Designating Use of Building in Tsi Snaihne; Moved by Chief Loran, Seconded by Chief Thompson; Voting: For – 9, Against – 0 CARRIED

2014/2015 - #209 Clinic Space at the Tsi Snaihne Recreation Centre Report; Moved by Chief Loran, Seconded by Chief Thomas; Voting: For – 9, Against – 0 CARRIED

Kenténha/October 21, 2014

2014/2015 - #210 MCA Communications Interim Policy; Moved by Chief Thomas, Seconded by Chief Loran; Voting: For – 8, Against – 0 CARRIED

2014/2015 - #211 Request for Additional Funds for 2014/2015 Elder Emergency Fund; Moved by Chief Adams-Phillips, Seconded by Chief Sunday; Voting: For-8, Against-0 CARRIED

2014/2015 - #212 Rescind – Housing Repair Loan; Moved by Chief Adams-Phillips Seconded by Chief Loran; Voting: For-8, Against-0 CARRIED

2014/2015 - #213 Housing – Upgrade Program Application; Moved by Chief Loran, Seconded by Adams-Phillips; Voting: For-8, Against-0 CARRIED

2014/2015 - #214 Housing – Upgrade Program Application; Moved by Chief Loran, Seconded by Chief Adams-Phillips; Voting: For – 8, Against – 0 CARRIED

2014/2015 - #215 Housing – Upgrade Program Application; Moved by Chief Thompson, Seconded by Chief Jocko; Voting: For – 8, Against – 0 CARRIED

2014/2015 - #216 Housing – Upgrade Program Application; Moved by Chief Thomas, Seconded by Chief Loran; Voting: For – 8, Against – 0 CARRIED

2014/2015 - #217 Housing – Upgrade Program Application; Moved by Chief Thomas, Seconded by Chief Thompson; Voting: For – 8, Against – 0 CARRIED

2014/2015 - #218 Aboriginal Recipient Funding Agreement; Moved by Chief Thomas, Seconded by Chief Thompson; Voting: For – 8, Against – 0 CARRIED

2014/2015 - #219 Droulers Board of Directors; Moved by Chief Thomas, Seconded

by Chief Sunday; Voting: For – 6, Against – 0 CARRIED

2014/2015 - #220 CMHC Audit; Moved by Chief Phillips, Seconded by Chief Thomas; Voting: For – 6, Against – 0 CARRIED

2014/2015 - #221 Indian Residential School Personal Credit Extension; Moved by Chief Sunday, Seconded by Chief Thompson; Voting: For – 6, Against – 0 CARRIED

Kenténha/October 27, 2015 General Meeting

2014/2015 - #222 General Meeting Minutes Dated July 3, 2014; Moved by Chief Thomas, Seconded by Chief Sunday ; Voting: For - 12, Against – 0 CARRIED

Kenténha/ October 28, 2015

2014/2015 - #223 Lot 9 St. Francis Island; Moved by Chief Phillips, Seconded by Chief Thomas; Voting: For – 9, Against – 1 CARRIED

2014/2015 - #224 BCR for Right of Way Over Lot 140-8 St. Regis Village; Moved by Chief King, Seconded by Chief Phillips; Voting: For – 10, Against – 0 CARRIED

Kentenhkó:wa/ November 4, 2014

2014/2015 - #225 Audit of the Akwesasne Police Services 2013/2014; Moved by Chief Phillips-Jacobs, Seconded by Chief Thomas; Voting: For – 11, Against –0 CARRIED

2014/2015 - #226 Audit of the Literacy & Basic Skills Program; Moved by Chief Phillips-Jacobs, Seconded by Chief Thomas; Voting: For – 11, Against – 0 CARRIED

2014/2015 - #227 Audit of the Ministry of Education Children’s Services; Moved by Chief Sunday, Seconded by Chief King; Voting: For – 11, Against – 0 CARRIED

2014/2015 - #228 Water Transportation; Moved by Chief Loran, Seconded by Chief David; Voting: For – 10, Against – 1 CARRIED

2014/2015 - #229 Joint Akwesasne Border Security Enforcement Team; Moved by Chief Phillips, Seconded by Chief Thomas; Voting: For –11, Against – 0 CARRIED

2014/2015 - #230 Audit of the Ministry of Health & Long Term Diabetes; Moved by Chief Jocko, Seconded by Chief Thomas; Voting: For – 10, Against – 0 CARRIED

2014/2015 - #231 Audit of 5 MCSS AHWS; Moved by Chief Phillips, Seconded by Chief Jocko; Voting: For – 11, Against – 0 CARRIED

2014/2015 - #232 Audit of the TPAR Report ACFS Child Welfare Program; Moved by Chief Thomas, Seconded by Chief Phillips-Jacobs; Voting: For – 11, Against – 0 CARRIED

Kentenhkó:wa/ November 10, 2014

2014/2015 - #233 Lease – Lot 8 St. Francis Island; Moved by Chief Phillips, Seconded by Chief Benedict; Voting: For – 9, Against – 0 CARRIED

2014/2015 - #234 Audit of the Tsikaristisere (Dundee) Land Claim; Moved by Chief King, Seconded by Chief Loran; Voting: For – 9, Against – 0 CARRIED

2014/2015 - #235 Audit of Salaries, Honoraria, Travel Expenses, and Other Remuneration Paid to Directors and Chiefs; Moved by Chief Phillips, Seconded by Chief Phillips-Jacobs; Voting: For – 9, Against – 0 CARRIED

2014/2015 - #236 Audit of OFNLP; Moved by Chief Loran, Seconded by Chief David; Voting: For – 9, Against – 0 CARRIED

Kentenhkó:wa/ November 14, 2015 Emergency Council Meeting

2014/2015 - #237 Tourism Welcome Center; Moved by Chief Thomas, Seconded by Chief Thompson; Voting: For - 7, Against – 0 CARRIED

Kentenhkó:wa/ November 18, 2014

2014/2015 - #238 Children’s Aid Society of Ontario Accountability Agreement 2014/2015 2015/2016; Moved by Chief Benedict, Seconded by Chief Phillips; Voting: For – 6, Against – 0 CARRIED

2014/2015 - #239 Approval of March 31, 2014 Consolidated Audit; Moved by Chief Phillips, Seconded by Chief Benedict; Voting:

For – 6, Against – 0 CARRIED

2014/2015 - #240 Completion & Renovations to Kanonhkwashteriiio 1st Floor; Moved by Chief Jocko, Seconded by Chief Phillips; Voting: For – 6, Against – 0 CARRIED

Kentenhkó:wa/ November 25, 2014

2014/2015 - #241 Preferential Hiring Policy; Moved by Chief Phillips-Jacobs, Seconded by Chief Adams-Phillips; Voting: For – 3, Against –4 DENIED

2014/2015 - #242 Akwesasne Committee Representative for the Upper Canada District Board; Moved by Chief Phillips, Seconded by Chief King; Voting: For – 6, Against – 0 CARRIED

2014/2015 - #243 Revision to the MCA Donation Policy; Moved by Chief Adams-Phillips, Seconded by Chief Phillips-Jacobs; Voting: For – 7, Against – 0 CARRIED

2014/2015 - #244 Organizational Review Scope of Work; Moved by Chief David, Seconded by Chief Adams-Phillips; Voting: For – 5, Against – 2 CARRIED

2014/2015 - #245 Akwesasne Gathering Justice Conference; Moved by Chief David, Seconded by Chief ; Voting: For – 7, Against – 0 CARRIED

2014/2015 - #246 Right of Way of Lot 4A St. Regis Village; Moved by Chief Phillips, Seconded by Chief Adams-Phillips; Voting: For – 6, Against – 0 CARRIED

2014/2015 - #247 Rescind MCR 2014/2015 - #223; Moved by Chief Adams-Phillips, Seconded by Chief Phillips-Jacobs; Voting: For – 7, Against – 0 CARRIED

2014/2015 - #248 Lot 1-22 Pilon Island – Addendum to Lease; Moved by Chief David, Seconded by Chief Thompson; Voting: For – 7, Against – 0 CARRIED

2014/2015 - #249 Housing Application; Moved by Chief King, Seconded by Chief Adams-Phillips; Voting: For – 7, Against – 0 CARRIED

2014/2015 - #250 Housing Application;

Moved by Chief King, Seconded by Chief Adams-Phillips; Voting: For – 7, Against – 0
CARRIED

2014/2015 - #251 Housing Application; Moved by Chief King, Seconded by Chief Adams-Phillips; Voting: For – 7, Against – 0
CARRIED

2014/2015 - #252 Housing Application; Moved by Chief King, Seconded by Chief Adams-Phillips; Voting: For – 7, Against – 0
CARRIED

2014/2015 - #253 Council Meeting Minutes June 17, 2014; Moved by Chief Lazore, Seconded by Chief Adams-Phillips; Voting: For – 7, Against – 0
CARRIED

2014/2015 - #254 Council Meeting Minutes June 24, 2014; Moved by Chief David, Seconded by Chief Lazore; Voting: For – 7, Against – 0
CARRIED

2014/2015 - #255 Council Meeting Minutes July 2, 2014; Moved by Chief David, Seconded by Chief Adams-Phillips; Voting: For – 7, Against – 0
CARRIED

2014/2015 - #256 Council Meeting Minutes July 8, 2014; Moved by Chief Phillips, Seconded by Chief Thompson; Voting: For – 7, Against – 0
CARRIED

2014/2015 - #257 Council Meeting Minutes July 15, 2014; Moved by Chief Thompson, Seconded by Chief Phillips; Voting: For – 7, Against – 0
CARRIED

Kentenhkó:wa/ November 28, 2014

2014/2015 - #258 AEDF Application; Moved by Chief Loran, Seconded by Chief King; Voting: For – 6, Against – 0
CARRIED

2014/2015 - #259 AEDF Application; Moved by Chief Thompson, Seconded by Chief Adams-Phillips; Voting: For – 6, Against – 0
CARRIED

2014/2015 - #260 Contract Between MCA and Natasha Smoke-Santiago; Moved by Chief Loran, Seconded by Chief Lazore; Voting: For – 7, Against – 0
CARRIED

2014/2015 - #261 Contract Between MCA

and John Ryan; Moved by Chief Loran, Seconded by Chief Thompson; Voting: For – 6, Against – 0
CARRIED

2014/2015 - #262 Assignment of Lease – Lot 37 Block B Hamilton Island; Moved by Chief Sunday, Seconded by Thompson; Voting: For – 4, Against – 2
CARRIED

Tsiothóhrha/ December 9, 2014

2014/2015 - #263 Conceptual Drawing of Kanatakon, Tsi Snaihne, and Thompson Island; Moved by Chief Adams-Phillips, Seconded by Chief Phillips-Jacobs; Voting: For – 4, Against – 5
DENIED

2014/2015 - #264 Interim Relocation of Administration II Personnel; Moved by Chief Jocks, Seconded by Chief Adams-Phillips; Voting: For – 7, Against – 0
CARRIED

2014/2015 - #265 Dundee Property – Offer to Purchase; Moved by Chief King, Seconded by Chief Lazore; Voting: For – 6, Against – 2
CARRIED

2014/2015 - #266 Akwesasne Review Commission Member Appointed to Three Years; Moved by Chief David, Seconded by Chief Phillips-Jacobs; Voting: For – 6, Against – 1
CARRIED

2014/2015 - #267 Council Meeting Minutes July 22, 2014; Moved by Chief Thomas, Seconded by Chief Lazore; Voting: For – 7, Against – 0
CARRIED

2014/2015 - #268 Council Meeting Minutes July 29, 2014; Moved by Chief Thomas, Seconded by Chief Lazore; Voting: For – 6, Against – 1
CARRIED

2014/2015 - #269 Council Meeting Minutes August 5, 2014; Moved by Chief Lazore, Seconded by Chief Thomas; Voting: For – 7, Against – 0
CARRIED

2014/2015 - #270 MCA to Host Ministry of Community & Social Services Aboriginal Healing & Wellness Strategy Agreement; Moved by Chief Thomas, Seconded by Chief Phillips-Jacobs; Voting: For – 7, Against – 0
CARRIED

2014/2015 – #271 CBSA Seizure – Payment

For Release of Vehicles Being Discontinued by MCA; Moved by Chief Phillips-Jacobs, Seconded by Chief David; Voting: For – 6, Against – 1
CARRIED

Tsiothóhrha/ December 16, 2014

2014/2015 - #272 Audit of Transfer Payment For Annual Report For The MCYS Justice Program; Moved by Chief Phillips-Jacobs, Seconded by Chief Benedict; Voting: For – 7, Against – 0
CARRIED

2014/2015 - #273 Rescind MCR 2014/2015 - #018; Moved by Chief King, Seconded by Chief Jocko; Voting: For – 7, Against – 0
CARRIED

2014/2015 - #274 Housing Renovation Loan; Moved by Chief Jocko, Seconded by Chief King; Voting: For – 7, Against – 0
CARRIED

2014/2015 - #275 Akwesasne Mohawk Court Justices Remuneration Extension MOU March 31, 2015; Moved by Chief Phillips-Jacobs, Seconded by Chief Benedict; Voting: For – 7, Against – 0
CARRIED

2014/2015 - #276 Bank of Montreal Mortgage Guarantee; Moved by Chief King, Seconded by Chief Benedict; Voting: For – 7, Against – 0
CARRIED

2014/2015 - #277 Trail Consultant – Funding to Cover Trail Consultant Fee of \$5,963; Moved by Chief Adams-Phillips, Seconded by Chief Sunday; Voting: For – 7, Against – 0
CARRIED

2014/2015 - #278 Trail Consultant – Funding to Cover Trail Consultant Fee of \$2,875; Moved by Chief Adams-Phillips, Seconded by Chief King; Voting: For – 7, 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.

October 14, 2014 Council Meeting

Kana:takon Chief Florence Phillips

- Dropped off agreement with landowner following purchase of 10 acres on Cornwall Island.
- Attended the walk with Dr. Stanley Volland

Kana:takon Chief Julie Phillips-Jacobs

- Attended Finance Committee meeting agenda included Iohahiio funding and changes to the donation policy.
- Attended Executive committee meeting agenda items included communication policy presentation, update on negotiations and policy development.
- Attended the DCSS Portfolio Meeting
- Attended Education portfolio meeting agenda included update on regional special education fund, Board meeting update.

Kawehno:ke Chief Abram Benedict

- Meeting with executive services and Iohahi:io to discuss the financial impacts of not receiving the funding from AANDC – also discussed option to receive the funding through Akweskowa as an option.
- Finance presentation on the proposed changes to the donation policy – Executive committee in the afternoon – presentation on interim communications policy – update on negotiations – update on policy development and revisions.
- Conference Call with IFN – update and review of the recent work and possible host with AEDA. – AANDC has to do a review of AEDA to determine risk. Diane and Lyndia will be meeting with Karen from AEDA
- Phone Call from Community member – believes that it's against his human rights to deny him being removed from the membership list, explained to him that his issue is being investigated and he will be patient for a bit longer.
- Education Portfolio meeting – Acting Director gave update on the regional special education fund, possible surplus in Ontario and what FNS are going to do, Akwesasne don't have a surplus. Update on past board

meeting, new members orientation - this week is classroom teacher week.

Tsi Snaihne Chief Joe Lazore

- Assisted and took IFN reps for a tour of Akwesasne
- Attended the Justice Portfolio meeting regarding the Akwesasne Court law
- Visited Valleyfield with Chief Loran and Quebec liaison. In the means of finalizing the artist contracts for the cultural agreement project.
- Will be getting surgery on Thursday, October 16th and will be out of the office recovering for a one to two weeks.

Tsi Snaihne Chief Karen Loran

- Attended the Tehotiennawakon Portfolio Meeting
- Visited Valleyfield with Chief Lazore, Quebec Liaison Officer and staff for the Cultural Development project meeting. Two artists from Quebec and two artists from Akwesasne are involved in the project. The artists' unveiling ceremony will occur at the end of April.
- Will be attending the Coalition of English Speaking First Nations of Quebec in Kahnawake on October 22-23, 2014.
- Attended the meet and greet with our Quebec Liaison and the new director of the Ormstown Hospital regarding the possible MOU.
- A meeting needs to be set up with Executive Services regarding a land dispute in Sugarbush.

Tsi Snaihne Chief April Adams-Phillips

- Attended a tour of Akwesasne with the US Customs. During the tour they asked what are the differences between the US Customs and CBSA. AAP shared that US Custom officers are friendlier. It is nice to see the signs at US Customs in Mohawk and announcements of when there is a funeral. US Customs don't give Akwesasne community members the third degree that they experience at the CBSA port of entry
- Attended the Economic Development

Portfolio Meeting

Tsi Snaihne Chief William Sunday

- Met with Economic Development to prepare report for the upcoming General Meeting.
- Ec Dev is interested in expanding lands trails and a future lacrosse box.
- What are the lands that are to be returned by OPG going to be used for? This topic should be brought to the Council table and to the community to figure out what the land should be used for.

Kawehno:ke Chief Brian David

- Attended the tour of Akwesasne with the US Customs. The US Customs officers got to experience the impacts of a bridge closure. The officers pass through Akwesasne on their way to work but never stop to experience what the community has to offer.
- Attended all of the Portfolio Meetings that where scheduled for him to attend

Kana:takon Chief Steve Thomas

- Attended the US Customs & community member meeting regarding mistaken identity. The community member was charged with being a felon from justice. This was the third time she has been stopped in past two years, and husband was irate with the issue. Negotiated for options for member to traverse the port in future.
- Community Advocate dealt with BFT transport, and commercial enterprise crossing the Cornwall port with chicken products going to Kanesatake and Kahnawake. Remission order was explained to them.
- Attended the Tehotiennawakon Monthly Portfolio meeting. There were updates on current projects, strategizing, follow up, Ontario AEDF was introduced, and trails development.
- Community Fund Distribution has a total of 16 proposals analyzed. Thirteen were awarded funds and three were denied

Kawehno:ke Chief Louise Thompson

- Attended the Justice Portfolio Meeting. Presently reviewing the personal credit for the Indian Residential School Survivors. The deadline to apply for the personal credit for \$3,000.00 towards education is at the end of October. The money has to be used by April 2015.
- Announcement: the World Lacrosse Games are being held in Hawaii this year and a team from Akwesasne is participating.
- Chief Thompson shared that the Indian Act was very discriminating and good that Akwesasne got out of the Indian Act.
- Chief Thompson shared there are two female community members that were born in the 1970's and are classified as half (6-2) and the male community member was classified as full (6-1). Therefore if these women are classified as 6-2 they will have to apply for Akwesasne membership. OVS has a lot of 6-2 applications to process and the numbers of 6-1 are diminishing.
- Chief Thompson shared that staff received another from the jury duty demanding for a list of Community members. Canada can pay us to conduct a survey as to who from the community would like to participate in jury duty. Grand Chief shared that a report needs to be conducted before any decision is made regarding jury duty. An appropriate way is needed to get the community involvement or not in jury duty. We are not opposed we just need to ask the community first.

Grand Chief Mike Kanentakeron Mitchell

- Grand Chief Mitchell attended the Ontario First Nations Limited Partnership (OFNLP) Special Partners Meeting starting September 30th through to October 3rd. This is in regard to proceeds from Casino Rama.
- Monday, September 22nd, Grand Chief took the opportunity to meet with Mr. Lebi of the Ontario Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs (MAA) regarding MCA's Economic Development initiatives, as well as preparation for a meeting with the Assistant Deputy Minister (ADM) Alison Pilla that is to occur in the following week. The meeting with Alison Pilla is at her request in order to talk about the Ministry Attorney General (MAG) Jury Duty process and the progress

of the tobacco file. Through the information exchange with Mr. Lebi (MAA), the ADM was thoroughly prepared for the meeting with Akwesasne, and Mr. Lebi has arranged for Grand Chief to meet this week with the Ontario Commissioner of Athletics as part of one Economic Development initiative that is mixed with a martial arts event to be held at the A'nowarakowa arena that is planned for next spring.

- ARRO (Aboriginal Rights and Research Office) has brought to the Grand Chiefs attention that there was need for dialogue with Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC) Regional Director General (RDG) regarding the Additions to Reserves of the Islands related to the OPG settlement. There was specific action to be taken by the AANDC that would have the islands (Sheek, Presquile, Toussaint) returned to them, and in turn, returned to Akwesasne. A call was made to the RDG office and she was able to afford a half hour of time for Grand Chief to meet with her on this matter. Grand Chief took the opportunity to follow up on previous matters related to an agenda last June. The matters discussed were water and infrastructure, Regional Investment Management Board, Post-Secondary Partnership Program (funding application for Iohahiio), and Border Crossing Identification. The RDG went through all of the items noted in her last letter to Grand Chief and Council and called in her support workers to receive instructions for follow up.
- Grand Chief has met with community members who were having issues at the border. One of these individuals has potential as a support for the CBSA criminal complaint files. Further discussion will be held with legal counsel to determine the courses of action.
- Grand Chief attended and presented at the Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC) Leadership forum that was held at NAV CAN in Cornwall.
- ADM Pilla held an evening meeting with Grand Chief, the Intergovernmental Liaison, the Akwesasne Justice Coordinator and the Grand Chiefs Executive Assistant to prepare for the Ontario Debawin committee meeting regarding First Nation jury duty

representation. An overview of the law enactment process was provided and the work of the Tobacco Technical Table was briefly mentioned as related to changes in the staff of the Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs.

- Thursday, September 25th, Grand Chief met with Minister Valcourt, the main purpose of the visit was to receive an update with regard to the Dundee Land Claim Agreement. They also took the opportunity to talk about other areas of work, such as starting negotiations for the next Multi-Year Funding Agreement that will expire in March of 2015. They explained that there are issued within their policy and it will take another year to work out before negotiations can start with all communities and so they plan to extend all agreements for one year while they work out the process. Grand Chief pointed out that to extend a year is a lazy way to do it and we are asking for a senior contact to start working with Akwesasne with regard to the process they are developing in order to start the process of negotiation. He invoked the Political Protocol with this request. The Minister has four new staff members and they are all catching up on files. They will review the requests we have made and are promised to be in contact with us again in the next few weeks. The following are areas covered in their discussion: 1) That Akwesasne receive a five (5) year exemption from legislation while the Governance Agreement negotiations continue.
- 2) Dundee Settlement Agreement.
- 3) North Shore Claim.
- 4) OPG return of Islands.
- 5) Economic Development Initiatives.
- 6) Border Security: DHS, BIA, CBSA are confirmed to have a meeting regarding the needs for Akwesasne and impact to the border.
- 7) The Multi-year agreement will expire March 31, 2015. We need to talk about a new agreement and possibly of a ten year agreement.

October 21, 2014 Council Meeting

Kana:takon Chief Florence Phillips

- Attended the Benefits meeting. Retirement and pensions were discussed at the meeting.
- Attended the Eastern Ontario Health Unit Agreement signing with Dr. Paul.

- Attended the Health Portfolio Meeting with Dr. Paul. The Health Portfolio has not heard back from Mr. Fadi Chamoun regarding the pharmacy in Kana:takon. Arrowhead Pharmacy is interested in opening another branch in Kana:takon.
- Attended the Non-Insured Health Benefits Meeting, and the NIHB deficit was discussed at the meeting.
- Land purchase- spoke with community member regarding land that is for sale and there is an issue with right of way.
- Received call from community member who did not wish to sign agreement for land sale

Tsi Snaihne Chief Karen Loran

- Worked out of Homemakers while the Admin #2 Building was closed due to maintenance.
- Attended the District Meeting on October 15th. Ec Dev staff presented on the trails projects and survey. A new sewer system for Homemakers, bus vehicle for Iakhihsohtha and the no wake zone were discussed at the meeting. New “no-wake” signs are being looked into for next year.
- This year is the 10th Annual Christmas Tree Enchantment and Public Safety is to be made aware of the traffic that the event is attracting. Each year it is getting bigger and bigger. The event is attracting people from Cornwall, Massena and Quebec.
- Attended the Eastern Ontario Health Unit Agreement signing with Dr. Paul.
- Attended the Health Portfolio Meeting and the Non-Insured Health Benefits meeting.
- A meeting is scheduled with Sonny Perron for October 24 from 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm.
- Announced that Emergency Measures and Health are having workshops and mock emergency planning for Ebola virus cases.

Tsi Snaihne Chief April Adams-Phillips

- Chief Adams-Phillips shared that the No Wake signs were bought in the 1990's by a Tsi Snaihne community member. They would like them restored due to the erosion of shorelines. They would also like a reduction in speed for the safety of swimmers and other boaters. A community member was requesting to have someone assist in teaching the steps to take when someone passes away.
- Chief Adams-Phillips shared that there are

some housing loans where there is interest that was being charged and community members did not know about the interest. If the community members do not pay the interest than they are not in good standing anymore. There are a stack of housing loans where interest is still owed. There was an MCR passed in 1991 stating that no MCA housing loans would be charged interest. MCA has no control over the BMO housing loans.

- Attended Ec/Dev Portfolio Meeting and Trails meeting.
- Attended Finance Committee Meeting
- Had discussions about Snye Recreation Site and connecting it to the Snye School/Iakhihsohtha/Iohahi:io/Housing Development area.

Tsi Snaihne Chief William Sunday

- Attended the Eastern Ontario Health Unit Agreement signing with Dr. Paul. Chief Sunday hopes that the agreement will enhance MCA's health programs.
- Attended the District Meeting. Was surprised that MCA did not buy the NO Wake sign. Adams Marina bought the sign.
- Received a call from a community member and talked to the individual with Chief Adams-Phillips.
- Chief Sunday reported that apparently Six Nations passed a resolution to extend the deadline for the Indian Residential School Survivors Personal Credit. There is an MCR on the agenda for MCA to extend the deadline for the Personal Credit also

Kawehno:ke Chief Brian David

- Attended the Nation Building meeting,
- Attended the Eastern Ontario Health Unit Agreement signing with Dr. Paul.

Kana:takon Chief Steve Thomas

- Attended a meeting with Wade Dorland of SIBC. SIBC would like to schedule a meeting in November with American Bridge, FBCL, CBSA, and MCA, Emergency Measures and the Akwesasne Mohawk Ambulance to discuss the impact of the demolition on Akwesasne, especially over the tollbooth area.
- SIBC will be decommissioning the wastewater facility in the corridor area by December 31, 2014, affecting the AMPS substation.

- New VMS message signage will be installed in the three areas: Water Street, Crossroads, and near the Duty Free building.
- There are no 2015 construction projects scheduled for SIBC.
- There is a new hire in the tollbooth from Akwesasne.
- The bridge demolition is approximately one month behind in schedule. Traffic plans are implemented due to the projects.
- Attended the AMPC monthly meeting.
- A tribal liaison position is available with the Department of Homeland Security. Chief Thomas forwarded the information onto the Iroquois Caucus, MCA, & SRMT

Kawehno:ke Chief Louise Thompson

- Attended the Nation Building meeting with Chief David.
- Met with Joe Wild on land claims. The Dundee claim should not be much longer. The wait for the Dundee claim is due to the large size of the claim. A different process has to be done for the claim.
- Ida Martin of Six Nations asked to have Akwesasne ask for an extension to the personal credit. \$300,000.00 Million is the amount left over for Indian Residential School Survivors.
- Restorative Justice Conference is occurring on November 6th in Oka.
- Membership wants to meet with Nation Building about community members having to apply for membership when both of their parents are Native.
- The next Federal negotiations meetings are November 3rd and 5th.
- Chief Karen Loran shared that the Health accreditation meetings with Council are mandatory and are scheduled for October 27th from 9:00 am to 11:00 am, and October 30th from 10:15 am to 12:30 pm.
- There is a gala put on by the Chiefs of Ontario “Honoring our Leaders” in Ottawa on November 26th.

Grand Chief Mike Kanentakeron Mitchell

- Council attended the walk with Dr. Stanley Vollant. Dr. Vollant spoke to the children at the AMS School about the importance of good health and walking. Grand Chief and Chief Phillips performed a stomp dance for him. Dr. Vollant will be returning in the spring of 2015.
- Attended the AFN leadership meeting.

- It was noted that there are a number of Ontario Chiefs running for the Liberal Party.
- Grand Chief wants the community to know that MCA wants to buy land, however, the MCA may have to also borrow money to purchase land.
- MCA is not buying a community member's building due to lack of information about the structure of the building. An assessment needs to be done.
- MCA met with Joe Wilds regarding an advance on the Dundee Settlement. The Dundee Settlement is on past usage of the land. The settlement amount will not change, however, it may take until the spring for confirmation from Canada.
- MCA Finance will be asked to determine how much MCA has spent on lawyer fees.
- Community Trustees want to report at a future Council Meeting and give a report to the Community at the future General Meeting.

October 28, 2014 Council Meeting

- Tsi Snaihne Chief Karen Loran
- Attended the Health Service Integration Fund meeting in Kahnawake.
 - Attended the Akwesasne Non-Insured meeting with ADM Sonny Perron in Ottawa, Ontario.
 - Attended the Health Accreditation meeting. Thursday, October 30th is the follow up meeting from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm.
 - The Chiefs working group is on task for the MEA grievance and will be meeting on Friday, October 31st.

- Kawehno:ke Chief Brian David
- Attended the meeting with Minister Kelly on Friday, October 24th. Spoke to the Minister about the Blue Building in Tsi Snaihne and gave him a tour of the Blue Building.
 - Attended the Health Accreditation meeting
 - Attended General Meeting.
 - Chief David asked questions about the Trust and Executive Director Sheree Bonaparte said she will request an update/report from the Trust and share it with Council.

- Tsi Snaihne Chief April Adams-Phillips
- Attended the meeting with Minister Kelly at the Homemakers in Snye. Discussed Quebec Protocol, Quebec link, and issues with health, roads.
 - Attended the meeting with Titanium Inc

- Attended General Meeting.

- Tsi Snaihne Chief William Sunday
- Attended the meeting with Minister Kelly
 - Attended General Meeting.

- Kana:takon Chief Steve Thomas
- With the Administration Building #2 closing and relocation of Council, Chief Thomas began working on the General Meeting agenda, setting up the Turtle room for Council, and attended the funeral services of Kana:takon resident.
 - The public safety report of the closure of the Administration Building #2 is forthcoming from the EHO, Safety, DTS.
 - St. Lawrence Seaway Corp email has been sent.
 - Received multiple complaints from community members. Contacted the Cornwall Chamber of Commerce to discuss a number of businesses not honouring the status cards.
 - Attended the meeting with Minister Kelly.
 - Attended the Health Accreditation meeting, and the video presentation of successful businesses using the AIF.
 - Attended the Parlay Games presentation, and the report is forthcoming.
 - Attended the General Meeting.
 - The Emergency Measures Team has activated the Emergency Operations Centre to allow the Communication Disease Group to meet daily, to plan accordingly, and to attain updated information, so we can inform the community of any new information on the Ebola situation. They are also working on a tabletop exercise to correlate with the Pandemic Plan, which will test Akwesasne emergency responders and health care service providers. The working group meets every morning at 8:30 am in the mini Turtle Room.

- Kawehno:ke Chief Louise Thompson
- Attended the DTS meeting
 - Attended General Meeting. The General Meeting was long and informative.
 - Chief Thompson is going to be contacting AFN regarding extending the deadline for the Indian Residential School Survivors Personal Credit.
 - There is a meeting being set up to address a complaint regarding an issue with the waterline and a road.

- Chief Thompson is working with HR staff regarding an MEA grievance.
- Attended the Health Accreditation meeting
- Attended meeting with Minister Kelly

- Kana:takon Chief Julie Phillips-Jacobs
- The Education Portfolio meeting was cancelled.
 - Attended the AANDC review at the Family Wellness Centre with Chief Benedict last Tuesday, October 21, 2014. AANDC toured the facility and interviewed the staff. Wednesday met with AANDC on the findings, and they only had good comments to say about the facility.
 - traveled to Ottawa to attend Canadian Human Rights Tribunal but it was cancelled due to the shooting at Parliament Hill.
 - Attended the Health Accreditation meeting.

- Kana:takon Chief Florence Phillips
- Attended the Akwesasne Non Insured meeting with ADM Mr. Sonni Paronne; along with Chief Loran in Ottawa. We mentioned a 5-year agreement and they are thinking of a 10/20-year agreement, which is even better for MCA.
 - Attended the health and safety meeting regarding the Administration Building #2
 - Attended DTS meeting. Updates were given on ongoing projects.
 - The MTQ Agreement needs to be signed and before the MTQ Agreement can be signed the Political Protocol needs to be signed first.
 - The sidewalk on the new bridge is not wheelchair accessible.
 - Chief Phillips shared updates with Council regarding the pharmacy.
 - Attended the Health Accreditation meeting.
 - Attended General Meeting. We need more community members to attend for updates and concerns.

- Kawehno:ke Chief Abram Benedict
- Attended the Housing Authority meeting and there is a BMO loan that is 6 months behind. Housing considers "Good Standing" when a community member makes 12 consecutive payments, or pays 12 months payment in one lump sum, or pay their remaining balance off in full.
 - Attended meeting with AANDC for the Iethinisten:ha Family Wellness Program Review AANDC explained the process to us

- and the methods going to use.
- Met with the AANDC reviewers again to go over the findings; very positive and they believe that our shelter is a model program for other FNS, asking that some cross training be considered in future proposals for funding. Also will document the need to relocate the shelter because of the security risks being in the close proximity of residential homes.
- Afternoon traveled to Ottawa for the closing arguments in the Human rights complaint against the Canadian Federal government, alleging that Canada's failure to provide equitable and culturally based child welfare services to First Nations children on-reserve amounts to discrimination on the basis of race and ethnic origin. Unfortunately due to the shootings on parliament hill the Building in which the Canadian Human Right Commission is located was on Lock down.
- Chief Benedict shared with Council what he has posted on Facebook since May 2014. He is careful about posting sensitive information. He also distributes the information at the District Meetings and the community is thankful for the info. Understand Council is concerned and takes offense because none of information distributed is confidential and is part of being transparent to the community.
- Council Meetings broadcasted live in the future, so the community can see firsthand what is discussed and passed in a Council Meeting.

November 4, 2014 Council Meeting

- Kana:takon Chief Florence Phillips
- Attended the General Meeting and there was a lot of information shared at the meeting.
 - Attended the Tsi Snaihne Waterline meeting which was completed. Only issue of St. Regis water retrofit is still ongoing.
 - Attended Health Accreditation meeting
 - Attended a Trails lunch meeting with with Ec Dev/Tehotiennawakon.
 - Attended the Education Portfolio Meeting with Acting Director of Education who shared that there is a lot of bullying still occurring in the schools.
 - Attended the Health Board meeting and the presentation from the EHO. The EHO

has said that the Admin #2 Building is good enough for employees to work in, but would you?!

- Kana:takon Chief Julie Phillips-Jacobs
- Attended the MEA grievance all day on Friday, October 31, 2014.
 - Attended a trails meeting at St. Regis Recreation with Department of Economic Development and the recreation committee to discuss the development of trails for the St. Regis recreation.
 - Attended the Education Portfolio meeting.
 - Missed the monthly Kanatakon District Meeting due to family obligations.

- Kawehno:ke Chief Abram Benedict
- The Executive Committee meeting was cancelled.
 - Met with DCSS staff regarding the heating assistance. Concern fuel supplier is charging more for charging versus cash on delivery. No other local fuel suppliers will ship to Akwesasne, but Akwesasne is utilizing #9 and they are currently charging the lowest cost for fuel compared to other companies.

- Kana:takon Chief Larry King
- Attended the District Meeting. Speeding in the village of Kana:takon is and has been an ongoing problem for the community members.
 - Attended the OPG Joint Implementation Meeting. Iohahio received a grant from OPG for computers. Islands were discussed at the meeting. Lawyer Nathan Richards shared at the meeting that OPG is obtaining a pin for Adams Island and OPG has received a final report for Sheik Island.
 - Met with New York Power Authority (NYPA) on emergency preparedness for the unlikely possibility of a breach of the dam.

- Tsi Snaihne Chief Karen Loran
- Attended the Health Accreditation meeting.
 - Attended the Cultural Development Agreement meeting. The artists signed their contract and were given a tour of the community.
 - Attended MEA Grievance meeting all day on Friday, October 31, 2014.
 - Attended class at Iohahio:io for a course that Nation Building is hosting, and attended the Nation Building negotiations in the afternoon.

- Tsi Snaihne Chief April Adams-Phillips
- Assisted a community member with a funeral.
 - Handling issues surround Traditional Medicines.
 - Attended the meeting with NYPA.
 - Acknowledgement letter needs to be sent out to the members included in the land dispute in Tsi Snaihne.
 - Congratulations to Ec. Dev for the grant of \$45,000.00 for the boardwalk at the A'nowarako:wa Arena in Kawehno:ke.

- Tsi Snaihne Chief William Sunday
- Attended the Health Accreditation meeting and the meeting with the Minister.
 - Attended the Nation Building meeting.
 - Attended the OPG Joint Implementation meeting, and OPG is interested in the status of the islands.

- Kawehno:ke Chief Brian David
- Attended the Nation Building meeting
 - Attended a meeting with the Canadian Government. Tested Canada on community by laws. Hopefully the message is clear with them after the meeting.

- Kana:takon Chief Steve Thomas
- Attended both the Health Accreditation meetings at the Kana:takon Recreation Centre.
 - Attended the Trails development meeting with the recreation committee.
 - Attended a meeting with HR on the grievance letters and procedure.
 - Attended the Public Safety portfolio meeting.
 - Attended the District Meeting, and several issues have been addressed already via email.
 - Public Safety through our Emergency Measures department initiated contact with OPG to discuss an Early Emergency Response System (siren) at the Saunders Dam, this in conjunction with our ongoing negotiations with CBSA on an emergency evacuation route from Kawehno:ke in the event of a breach at the dam.

- Kawehno:ke Chief Louise Thompson
- Working on the Indian Residential School Survivor Personal Credit. Helping community members fill out their application. The next deadline is for December 31 to acknowledge the activities

- that will be involved in the personal credit.
- Attend the MEA Grievance on Friday, October 31, 2014 and will be continuing the process this afternoon.
- Attended the District Meeting.
- Will be attending the tour of the community with Joe Wilds.
- Will be attending a conference in Kanesatake on restorative justice.
- Dr. Young is being overloaded with patients. Nurse Practitioner is currently on leave.

November 25, 2014 Council Meeting

Kana:takon Chief Larry King

- Working on preparations for the possible MMA event to be held at the arena.
- Having discussions regarding the Dundee Land Claim. We are concerned that some First Nations Claims are being sent directly to the Tribunal.
- Having discussions regarding the Trust and MCA's interest is being looked at over by a lawyer.
- Chief King reported that he doesn't believe the Cornwall Council election will impact the Cornwall Port land divestiture.
- Attended the Kanatakon District Meeting

Tsi Snaihne Chief Joe Lazore

- Chief Lazore reported that he is back from sick leave. He is feeling better and has lost a total of 85 lbs.
- While off on sick leave Chief Lazore received two visits from community member to his home regarding issues they would like Council to resolve.

Tsi Snaihne Chief April Adams-Phillips

- Attend the Space Needs meeting.
- Attended meeting with Public Works
- Attended Finance meeting
- Attended Housing Portfolio meeting
- Attended Health Portfolio meeting
- Attended Tehotiiennawakon Portfolio meeting
- Attended Housing Authority meeting.
- Attend the tour with CBSA rep Lisa Janes. Toured Canadian districts of Akwesasne and the U.S. Customs facilities.
- Attended the District meeting and the community had an issue with the Tobacco Manufacturing Law.
- Attended the Public Safety meeting with SIBC regarding the bridge demolition near

the tollbooth.

- Attended both meetings regarding the Tobacco Manufacturing Law. Presentations went well and were well-received by community.

Tsi Snaihne Chief William Sunday

- Attended the Finance meeting
- Attended the Space Needs meeting.
- Chief Sunday shared that there are two representatives from NYS that are interested in soil revitalization.
- Attended a language meeting and discussed terms used at lacrosse games.
- Attended the District Meeting. The community would like more lighting at the Homemakers and repairs of the sewage systems at the Homemakers.

Kawehno:ke Chief Brian David

- Attended meeting regarding community gardens, and met with Jazz Solar, who has a number of projects in the works.
- Attended the District Meeting and no community members showed up.
- With Chief Thompson, worked with Iohahio students between the ages of 19-25 who are studying project management. They are learning how to manage Nation Building. Would like students to present to Council.
- Attended the Space Needs meeting.
- Attended Nation Building meeting.

Kawehno:ke Chief Louise Thompson

- Attended the student presentation at Iohahio with Chief David.
- Attended the District Meeting.
- Regarding the Couple's Property Law, Justice said that there is funding available for door to door voting. Justice has applied for two grants and has received one. The referendum was agreed to be held off until January 2015 and to have the vote in February 2015.
- The second phase of the IRS Personal Credit deadline is for December 2014.
- Minister Valcourt gave exemption for water legislation and the exemption expires in 2018.

Kana:takon Chief Julie Phillips-Jacobs

- Attended the Trust presentation.
- Attended the Finance committee meeting
- Attended AMBE Portfolio meeting.

- Traveled to Montreal on November 18th – 19th with ACFS manager for a social forum on English Speaking First Nations.
- Attended the District Meeting and there are issue on the Tobacco Law and the recognition of the law, the MOU with the city of Cornwall, Donation Policy, and Ebola issue.
- AAMB has announced that they have received more funding and would like to meet with AMBE.

Kana:takon Chief Florence Phillips.

- Attended the AMBE Portfolio meeting.
- Attended Financial Law meeting.
- Attended RDG meeting.
- Attended Trust Meeting.
- Attended Finance Committee Meeting.
- Attended meeting with the EHO.
- Attended Public Works demolition conference call.
- Attended Space Needs meeting.
- Attended the IFN Executive Administration Meeting.
- Chief Phillips reported that bullying is still a problem in schools.
- Attended the District Meeting and the community asked about the Admin 2 situation and also the Alicia Shenandoah and Sara Lee Skidders cases. The Sara Lee Skidders case has been dismissed/withdrawn.
- AAMB director has found more funding for EI candidates that want to continue to working.

Kawehno:ke Chief Abram Benedict

- Information from Iohahi:io that AANDA may be able to flow the funding to the MCA – awaiting response.
- Meeting with Kawehno:ke Community members regarding block 1 land, bit upset the MCA decided to pass an MCR regarding the easement; proposal will be forthcoming. Nathan Richards was at the meeting to update and explain on the block 1 ATR process.
- Attended CBSA RDG Meeting.
- OVS meeting was canceled due to many committee members on travel or unavailable.
- Attended Trust Committee meeting at Casino.
- Traveled to Toronto for Aboriginal Advisory

meeting – presentation on practice guide for child welfare workers working with aboriginal children – also presentation and update from MCYS from the Aboriginal Strategy Unit on the policy development. Second day of Aboriginal Advisory, session with Harold Tarbell; who was subcontracted to facilitate a consultation session with the advisory committee on the CFSA review.

- District meeting was a no show.
- Housing Authority – Haven't heard back from the Bank on regular reports – Going to review the new construction loans and going to make conditional approvals early for March 31 approvals; review of documented disputed with Housing; housing administration is going to review and make recommendations to the authority who will review and make recommendation to council for approval.
- OACAS Meeting – update presentation on decision making framework with recommendations for implementation; going to be highlighted with the members next week at the consultation meeting. Presentation on Aboriginal Practice guide, going to roll out of the guide. Presentation by professional regulation on the research to establish professional regulation for social workers and social service workers.
- IFN conference call regarding upcoming session and IFN job postings. Request from IFN that MCA flow the money for the AHWS funding.
- Would Council Support the Community Support Program Christmas Bonus, which gives \$100.00 per household and \$50 per dependent of household for Christmas? Chief Benedict asked Council to go \$10,000.00 over the budget from last year. The budget last year was \$60,000.00. In the New Year the amount will be looked for. IF the amount cannot be found, than the amount will be a deficit item.

December 9, 2014 Council Meeting

Kana:takon Chief Larry King

- Attended the CBSA court proceedings.
- Attended the divestiture meeting for the Cornwall Port Lands. There has been no declaration from the Cornwall Council.
- Attended the Joint OPG Implementation meeting and the islands are very close to

being settled on. There are a lot of new employees within OPG. There is also a new manager of the Saunders Centre.

- We have been having discussion surrounding Dundee.
- Received e-mails from lawyer Harry Sachse and the court has granted the request to have court proceedings delayed

Tsi Snaihne Chief Joe Lazore

- Attended the CBSA court proceedings.
- Attended the Iroquois Caucus. Bill C 10 was discussed at the IC. Businesses in Six Nations are being taxed and hopefully that doesn't happen in Akwesasne. Border IDs were discussed.

Tsi Snaihne Chief April Adams-Phillips

- Attended a Contract Canada course and talked with Mike Holmes in regards to our Healthy Homes Initiative. Mike Holmes has worked with First Nations groups before. I asked what financial help he could advise us on or if he could lead us in the direction to find monies to get this program up and running again. I have his contact info and will follow up with formal letter and HHI presentation.
- Met on the Admin 2 MCR and hopefully a final decision can be made.
- Followed up with a community member regarding the Tsi Snaihne wild life and the beaver damaging the waters.
- Met with individual regarding property discussed in Long Sault.

Tsi Snaihne Chief William Sunday

- Attended the CBSA court proceedings.
- Attended the Iroquois Caucus.
- Met with individual regarding Long Sault property, along with Chief Adams-Phillips. The information from the meeting is to go to the Property Acquisition Team. The land is good and there is a natural gas line on the property.

Kana:takon Chief Steve Thomas

- Public Safety chair/ co chair met with RCMP on Wednesday, December 10, 2014. Discussed the agenda for the January meeting of stakeholders and portfolio. The agenda may include the following: Border Security Fence, Ship Rider, Haudenosaunee Awareness Training, Mohawk Border, community consultation, presence in

community events, and expanding the Liaison Position with AMPS.

Kawehno:ke Chief Louise Thompson

- Attended the CBSA court proceedings. There will be court again this week.
- Helped family at wake and funeral.
- Chief Thompson reported she was asked to testify at the Seaway Way Block 1 Lands case.

Kana:takon Chief Julie Phillips-Jacobs

- Attended the ITT meeting and will be watching the budget and deficit. A letter is to go to the Trust.
- Attended the CBSA court session.
- Attended the Finance Committee meeting and there are 2 donation requests.
- Attended a meeting with a community member regarding a land dispute.
- Numbers are in for the Heating Assistance Program.
- Dealing with the Community Support Program for a residency permit that pertains to the Residency Law.

Kawehno:ke Chief Abram Benedict

- Attended a meeting with the Trust lawyer.
- Met with the CSP on the Christmas Bonus and deficit. There will be a presentation to Council in the New Year on the Living with Parent program.
- There was an individual that was denied entry into Canada. The individual has native status on the US side but not in Canada. He needs to get registered in Canada before he can enter Canada.
- Attended a meeting on the Dundee Property.
- Attended a meeting with the steering committee on housing in regards to the Housing Authority.
- Attended a MCYS meeting and a roundtable decision is to happen in February.
- Attended the meeting with the Deputy Minister and Assistant Deputy Minister.
- 977 community members were approved for the Heating Assistance Program. \$400,000.00 has been allocated for the Heating Assistance this year. The number increased from last year. 30 applications were denied because those applicants have their fuel paid for by the CSP. Council asked if this policy can be reviewed.

Update: Kawehno:ke District Chief Abram Benedict

I trust everyone is in good spirits and health in this New Year and hope that everyone was able to relax and enjoy the holiday season as well. As always, I'm pleased to provide you with my monthly report. If you have any questions concerning my report, do not hesitate to contract me at the office by phoning 613.575.2348, by e-mail at abram.benedict@akwesasn.ca, through facebook, or on twitter.

ABORIGINAL SERVICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

On November 11, 2014 I attended an Aboriginal Service Advisory Committee in Toronto. The staff of the Ontario Association of Children's Aid Societies (OACAS) presented a recently finalized and published Aboriginal practice guide titled "The Other Side of the Door". This practice guide was developed as a training guide for CAS workers to utilize as a resource. It outlines the Aboriginal perspective on the history of child welfare experiences in Ontario from residential schools to the 60's scoop and the effects those events have had on our communities. The second day of the Aboriginal Advisory Committee meeting was a facilitated consultation session around the Ministry of Children and Youths review of the Child and Family Services Act (CFSA). Harold Tarbell facilitated the consultation session and outlined the Ministries legislative requirement to review the CFSA. Harold focused mainly on Section X (ten) of the CFSA which pertains to Aboriginal children in care. The members of the Aboriginal Advisory Committee expressed discontent with language in the Act that gives CASs the option to accommodate Aboriginal interests—instead of it being mandatory. An example to rectify this is to change the language of the act to say "must" in place of "may". Harold will provide the Ministry with a written report on the session.

CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES ACT REVIEW

On November 27, 2014 the Independent First Nations (IFN) held an all-day session in Toronto to Review the Child and Family Service Act (CFSA). The IFN applied to Ministry of Children and Youth (MCYS) for consultation/capacity dollars in order to bring children and youth workers/technicians together from across the IFN communities. The day included discussions on the challenging situations communities have faced, either due to restrictions in the legislation or difficulties with working with CASs when community children are in care. The representative also discussed at length the need for recognition of the community's jurisdiction over their children and how this work will be incorporated into the Aboriginal Children and Youth Strategy development. Currently if a community does not have its own locally controlled CAS, they are forced to follow the locally authorized CAS agency's policies and practices. This session was recorded by a representative from the law firm of Catherine Hensel LLP, who has been contracted to assist in writing the final submission. The Ministry of Children and Youth wrapped up its public consultation sessions at the end of December 2014.

CHIEFS OF ONTARIO SOCIAL HEALTH AND EDUCATION MEETING

On December 2, 2014 the Chiefs of Ontario held a joint meeting amongst three of its committees: the Social Services Coordination Unit (SSCU), the Chiefs Committee on Health, and the First Nation Education Coordination Unit (FNECU). These sessions are referred to as SHE (Social, Health, and Education) meetings and are designed so each of these committees is able to update each other on the work they are doing and advocacy efforts they are making. On the first day, a presentation was given on the collaborative work being done by the Chiefs of Ontario office, the AFN office, and the National Woman's Council on the issue of missing and



murdered Aboriginal women. The second day was the opportunity for presentations to be heard, which were provided by various Ontario Ministries. The Ministry of Children and Youth and the Ministry of Education presented on Ontario's Comprehensive Mental Health Strategy which involves 14 ministries which is being led by an advisory committee with number of ministry experts and Aboriginal representatives who were appointed by the Minister of MCYS. Another presentation was provided by the Ontario Centre of Excellence of Child and Youth Mental Health. The centre outlined their services and their mission to further consult and work with Aboriginal communities on mental health issues.

MCA HEATING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The Community Support Program (CSP) received a total of 977 applications for the 2014-2015 MCA Heating Assistance Program and the Elder Heating Assistance Program. These programs have been in existence for a number of years and have traditionally been administered by the CSP. This program is Council driven, with funding derived from the annual Ontario Lottery Gaming (OLG—formerly known as Casino Rama) revenue. The breakdown for heating assistance for the 2014-2015 winter season was 647



Deputy Minister of Children and Youth Services Alexander Bezzina, Kawehno:ke District Chief Abram Benedict, and Deputy Minister Darryl Sturtevant

applications from heads of household and 330 applications from Elders, with a total allotment of \$456,800. Niawen:kowa goes out to the employees of the CSP for doing their part to keep our community members warm this winter.

ONTARIO FIRST NATIONS STEERING COMMITTEE ON HOUSING

On December 1, 2014 I attended the Ontario First Nations Steering Committee on Housing (OFNSCH). This was a half day meeting to prepare for an upcoming meeting of the Assembly of First Nations (AFN). The committee reviewed and discussed a draft resolution being presented at the AFN assembly. The committee is recommending that the OFNSCH take over the Aboriginal housing component from Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) because this work could be done in collaboration with the Ontario First Nation Technical Service Corporation (OFNTSC). The committee

further discussed the chair position of the OFNSCH and the lack of involvement from the Chiefs of Ontario Political Confederacy.

MINISTRY OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH SERVICES

On December 5, 2014, as part of a delegation from the Ontario Association of Children's Aid Association, I met with Deputy Ministry Alexander Bezzina and Assistant Deputy Minister Darryl Sturtevant from the Ministry of Children and Youth Services. The meeting was called to discuss the Aboriginal Strategy development, funding models for Aboriginal CASs, and mental health. A major concern of ours was that Aboriginal CASs had not been involved in the development of the overall Aboriginal Strategy. This was concerning because once the finalized strategy is rolled out, these CASs will undoubtedly be effected by it and will be expected to implement parts of the strategy specific to child welfare, without having been consulted on the need for changes. I made a presentation to the Deputy on the challenges CASs face due to the lack of an Aboriginal-specific funding model and the difficulty a number of Aboriginal CASs are having in meeting the ministries requirement to present a balanced budget. The last item discussed with Ontario was the "Moving on Mental Health Strategy". Prior to this issue being discussed at the meeting, there were no Aboriginal specific components in the mental health strategy, but now the Ministry is making adjustments to include them.

FUNDING FOR IOHAHI:IO

In August 2014 the MCA was notified that a funding proposal submitted by Iohahi:io to Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC) under the Post-Secondary Partnership Program (PSP) had been approved for funding. However, the Post-Secondary Partnership Program guidelines stipulated that First Nation bands could not directly receive funding and that any approved funding needed to be sent directly to the education institute. Although Iohahi:io is an educational institute, it is still under the umbrella of MCA. Iohahi:io does not have its own bank account or corporation status. This posed a problem for Iohahi:io. By virtue of the AANDC's PSP guidelines, Iohahi:io was deemed ineligible to receive the funding. Having realized that there was potential for a problem due to the PSP guidelines, we had been in contact with the Ontario Regional Director, the Ontario Regional Education Director, and education officials at AANDC headquarters since the time the proposal was first submitted. Our proactive solution worked. On December 2, 2014 we received notification from the Senior Education Programs Officer at AANDC that their headquarters was going to add the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne as an approved funding recipient under the PSP, which would allow MCA to receive the approved funding on behalf of Iohahi:io. This exemption to the PSP guidelines greatly assists Iohahi:io in obtaining the finances needed to offer continuous adult education programming at Iohahi:io.

Reporting Hydro Quebec Outages

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne's Hydro Quebec Office would like to inform the community that Hydro Quebec has a new automated system for reporting power outages.

Hydro Quebec's new system is much more efficient and user friendly than in the past and customers are encouraged

to familiarize themselves before there is a power outage to report.

When calling, please note that the operator will give the option after 15 seconds to choose English as the language.

When there is a power outage, the more people who contact Hydro Quebec to

report it, the higher a priority the outage becomes and response time will improve. Customers can also view an outage map on the Hydro Quebec website at www.hydroquebec.ca if they have access to the Internet. The map is updated hourly.

To try the new system or to report an outage please call 1-800-790-2424. Having your account number ready will be helpful.

Update: Kawehno:ke District Chief Joanne Jocko

ACTIVITIES FOR THE MONTH OF JULY

For the month of July I was off on medical leave which was substantiated by doctor certification, although I was not in the office I remained available by phone, email as well as still responding to community member requests as well as still maintaining my existing work files.

Returned to work July 30, 2014
Attended the community meeting for the Kawehnoke Waterline Phase II project with DTS and the technical team along with community members to be hooked up in this next phase of waterline
Skawitsirah Program
Executive Committee
Special Needs Meeting with AMBE, DAYCARE & SOCIAL DEPT. to discuss early diagnosing of Special Needs children transitioning from daycare to AMBE Headstart

The AMBE Electronic Recycling event raised \$800 that was then used to purchase equipment for Food Services.

I was in contact with Community Health & the EHO to request inspection of a home on Kawehnoke that was in need of an inspection for mould as well as immediate attention.

Contacted the Mohawk Nation Council to request a new Haudensaunee flag for the Iakhihsoththa facility in Snye.

Submitted my annual report for 2013/2014

Participated in the AANDC New Paths review to review proposals from First Nation communities

Interview with summer student for the community garden & food bank proposal

ACTIVITIES FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST 2014
Attended the “Experience Akwesasne” at the Mohawk Casino & Hotel Resort

August 5th Council Meeting
August 6th Kawehnoke Waterline Meeting
Contract #9 Phase II
August 11th
Department of Community & Social Services
Portfolio meeting

ACFS Kinship Care/Foster Care presentation, Monthly Health Board Meeting
August 12th Council Meeting
The “Cloud” presentation that will be an initiative to get rid of paper within the organization eventually, starting with the Mohawk Government Office.
August 13th Meeting with Department of Technical Services in regards to obtaining Easements for the Kawehnoke Waterline Phase II
August 15th Health Board Meeting-Continuation of previous meeting to discuss an appeal from a community member
August 19th Council Meeting
August 26th Learning Disabilities Workshop from the Educators Institute in Mississauga Ontario.

ACTIVITES FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

Sept 8th
Health Board Meeting presentation on the Maternal Wellness Project, future meetings are being held with Cornwall Community Hospital to further the relationship with our Community Health Program, Healthy Babies & Dept of Health. We are working on getting more of a cultural representation of our people, our culture & language to be present in the delivery rooms and the obstetrics ward.

A new position has been established with the Community Health nurse that is called an “Auntie” who goes in & helps with life skills, time management, organizing, sewing skills, budgeting, cooking on a budget and newborn care. She also goes into client’s homes to help give the young mothers a break in their day so that they can rest.

Dr. Dan Hovsepian has purchased the dental clinic from Dr. Rachel Navaneelan and is keeping the existing staff with no changes and no change in services.

The Department of Health is still actively looking for new doctors to service our existing clinics and to track students who are studying in the Health field.

Sept 9th
Travelled to Mississauga to attend the Annual



Educators Institute on Learning Disabilities in the Classroom

Sept 10th
St. Regis Water Treatment Plant Optimization meeting, Kawehnoke Waterline Meeting
Phase 2 Contract 9 Construction Phase

Sept 11th
OPSEU Negotiations for Tsiionkwanonhso:te Long Term Care Facility
Swearing In Ceremony for new AMBE Board Members held at Kanatakon School

Sept 12th Council Meeting
Sept 15th Education Portfolio Meeting
Sept 16th Council Meeting
Sept 19th Health Portfolio, Non-Insured Meeting
Sept 23rd OPSEU Negotiations for Tsiionkwanonso:te Long Term Care Facility
Sept 29th
DTS Portfolio

Pre Meeting for the Regional Director General for the Kawehnoke Waterline Funding
Sept 30th Council Meeting

ACTIVITIES FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER

Oct 1st
Kawehnoke Waterline Meeting

Pre-Meeting for the Regional Director General for the Kawehnoke Waterline Funding

Oct 7th Council Meeting of Council
Oct 8th Dept. of Social Services Portfolio Meeting
Oct 11th Membership Board Meeting
Oct 13th to October 17th used flex time
Oct 20th
Pre-Meeting for the Regional Director General for the Kawehnoke Waterline Funding
Education Portfolio Meeting
Oct 21st Council Meeting
Oct 23rd
Department of Technical Services Portfolio Meeting
Meeting with Environmental Health Officer Peter Ross & Department of Health to discuss Admin 2 Mohawk Government Building Closure
Oct 27th General Meeting
Oct 28th Council Meeting
Oct 29th

St. Regis Water Treatment Plant Optimization
Kawehnoke Waterline Meeting Phase 2 Contract 9 Construction
Lazore’s Construction has met with Federal Bridge Corporation as well as Seaway International Bridge Authority & Enbridge Gas, along with Department of Technical Services, for the upcoming work in the corridor to provide waterline to community members. There is a proposal for the FBCL/ SIBC offices to get waterline but it will be at their cost as well as a monthly fee charged to them for water usage. The realignment will be going through the parking lot at Peace Tree Mall. There will be some minimal disruptions (down to one lane) but this will likely only last for one week in order to get the waterlines in. Enbridge will be onsite for all construction for safety purposes. Environmental plans as well as proposed traffic plans have been submitted & construction will start the week of the 17th, roads completed to this point are: Mitchell Road, McCumber Road North, Bear Road, Angus Delormier Road, Mohawk Lane, Wolf Lane, Dennis Jocko Road. Paul Taxi Road has 3 outstanding homes still requiring internal hook ups. The following roads still have some homes still needing internal hookups, Okwaho Road, Martin Road and Walter Delormier Road. Remaining roads are the Corridor and David Lane.

ACTIVITIES FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER
Nov 3 Education Portfolio Meeting

- A statistical report was done on Post Secondary students, they will be able to further project funding for Post Secondary students both full time & part time studies.
- There will be an Ontario wide meeting on Special Needs students, possible additional funding may be sought through AANDC proposals.
- Currently the AMBE website is being updated with an added informational focus added on bullying prevention & information for parents, with possible anonymous reporting of incidences in schools.
- Currently the US school systems utilize the internet for most of the interactions with parents for homework as well as direct contact for any concerns they may have, so AMBE is looking at this model to utilize as well as be more interactive & informational in their website.
- All three schools will be doing a collaborative effort to better education & prevent incidences of bullying within the school system.
- They will be utilizing the leadership teams for each school to promote & better inform parents of what is going on in their schools; this could also be incorporated into the AMBE school boards goals for the year.
- The intent is to be unified in all efforts to help parents be aware as well as to encourage participation for the school year.

Meeting with the Elders Council of the Traditional Medicine Program

- Ongoing concerns over complaints of employees for the Monthly Tobacco Burning in the building, employees & clinic patients complain over the strong smell of smoke throughout the building.
- Requesting their own building but the program funding will not let them be off site from the Medical Clinic & the Wholistic Wellness program that oversees it.
- This is an outstanding issue going back as far as seven years, the lack of funding for them to build a new building & lack of space within the medical facility.

Health Board Meeting

- The environmental health officer presented to the Health Board an update to the current situation of the building condition of Admin 2 Mohawk Government building.
- Upcoming air quality tests will be performed & then meetings will be held as to alternative accommodations for Council & staff in the meantime.
- Currently Council & some staff are occupying the board rooms at Kanonkwatsheri:io as well as some office space at Admin 1.
- There will be an “Annual Pandemic Table Top Exercise” to be held at the Kanatakon Recreation to identify any gaps or concerns if there was a pandemic in the community.
- There were surveyors who came into the community from Accreditation Canada to meet with Dept. of Health, Dept. of Social Services, Human Resources, DTS, Executive Services, Finance & Council. This was in part with our evaluations for our Accreditation for our departments that is now done every four years.

Nov 4 Council Meeting
Nov 6 Meeting with Community Members of Kawehnoke over concerns
Nov 8 Membership Board Meeting
Nov 10 Council Meeting
Nov 12 Kawehnoke Waterline Meeting
Phase 2 Contract 9 Construction
Nov 13th & Nov 14th Bereavement Leave
Nov 17th
Education portfolio
Internal Technical Team meeting for Trust
Nov 18th
Council Meeting
AMBE Board Meeting 6-8 pm Tsi Snaihne
Nov 19th
Housing Authority Meeting
Conference call with Paula Doering VP Champlain Regional Cancer Program to discuss funding for an Ontario Telehealth Nursing Position
Nov 20th
DTS/Dept of Health meeting
Kanonkwatsheri:io 1st Floor Design Meeting
Nov 24th DTS Portfolio meeting
Nov 27th Council Meeting to discuss Dundee commercial land purchase



Photos of the ongoing Waterline Project on Kawehno:ke courtesy of Kawehno:ke District Chief Joanne Jocko.

Sharp Objects Disposal

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne's Department of Technical Services and Environmental Health Officer would like to remind the community of proper ways to dispose of sharp objects.

Issue:
Discarded Sharps such as broken glass, scalpels, needles, razor blades and syringes are a cause of SKIN PENETRATION INJURIES, which can expose workers and others to blood-borne viruses such as Hepatitis B, Hepatitis C and Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) and other infections such as Tetanus.

- Risks:**
Used sharps left loose can:
- Hurt sanitation workers during collection rounds
 - Hurt household members, neighborhood children, adults and even pets
 - Become a risk of painful stick, the risk of contracting a life-altering disease, such as HIV/AIDS, or Hepatitis B or C
 - Cost post-injury testing, disease prevention measures, and counseling even if no infection or disease was spread
 - Result in some diseases which take a long time to appear on test results leading to months of testing and apprehension

Safe Disposal Options:
A laundry detergent bottle is the best common household product to use for do-it-

Issues, Risks, Safe Disposal Options

- yourself sharps disposal.
- a) It should have a screw-on lid
 - b) Clearly label the container "Sharps/ biohazards"
 - c) Add sharps to the container until it is two-thirds full, then screw on the lid tightly and seal with heavy duty tape, such as duct tape.

DO'S AND DON'TS FOR SHARP DISPOSAL:
Do's

- a) Put sharps in a sharp container as soon as it is used.
- b) Keep away from children.
- c) Ask pharmacies or A health department about the safe disposal options available to the community.
- d) If you are injured by a discarded sharp, encourage the wound to bleed. Do not suck the wound. If possible, wash the area with soap and water and note the name of the needle user, if known.

Note: Remember that early treatment can prevent infections.

- Don'ts
- a) Don't put sharps in trash or dust bin.
 - b) Don't flush used sharps down the toilet or drop them into a storm drain.
 - c) Never ever recycle used sharps.
 - d) Don't put used sharps in soda cans, milk cartons, glass bottles or coffee cans.
 - e) Don't hide it.
 - f) Don't separate needle from the syringe.
 - g) Don't put the cap back on the needle.

- h) Don't play with the needle or syringe.
 - i) Don't ignore it, contact your doctor as soon as possible.
- If needles are found on the street or in the parks, call the emergency services or health department for the safe disposal/retrieval of the discarded needles.

Advice for the Garbage Collectors:
If accidentally stuck by another person's needle or other sharp:

- a) Wash the exposed area right away with water and soap or use a disinfectant such as rubbing alcohol or hand sanitizer
- b) Seek immediate medical attention by calling your physician or local hospital
- c) Always be appropriately clothed and wear personal protective equipment including gloves, gowns, safety glasses and protective footwear.
- d) If used sharps are spilled from a sharp container, the following procedure should be followed:
 - I. Wear protective clothing
 - II. Gather up spilled sharps using a dustpan and brush and put them into a sharp container
 - III. Dispose of protective clothing
 - IV. Wash hands

Please contact Naeem Irshad, the Environmental Health Officer- MCA for further advice if required at **613-575-2341** Ext.3226.

Hazardous Materials Can Not Be Disposed of With Regular Household Waste

Batteries, paint, medications, oil must be disposed of separately

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne's Department of Technical Services would like to remind community members that "Household Hazardous Waste Materials" cannot be disposed of with normal household waste that is collected by MCA and its contractors. MCA provides the Kana:takon, Tsi Snaihne and Kawehno:ke districts with free household waste and recyclables collection. **This collection program does not include Household Hazardous Waste Materials Collection. Certain materials and objects can cause harm to the staff and contractors collecting household waste and must be disposed of separately.**

Unfortunately, MCA's service provider continues to discover Household Hazardous Waste Materials and other items that **should not be included** within the main household waste. **ANY Household Hazardous Waste thrown into the waste stream can lead to**

a serious health concern to the service provider work force.

Recently an employee was exposed to an odorous chemical believed to be commercial grade paint thinner when it was opened during the compaction of the waste stream.

The waste collectors have no way of knowing when trash bags contain "Household Hazardous Waster Materials" until they are disposed of at the landfill site.

The following items cannot be disposed of with your normal household waste: **Used oil, batteries, paint, paint thinner, and medications etc.**

Please note that suppliers or distributors of any and all Household Hazardous Waste Materials are now required – by law- to accept any unused materials and products

that you purchased from them and want to discard. We are aware for example that many service garages will accept used car batteries and unused oil for free. Every home improvement store will accept excess paint, and/or materials if purchased from them originally.

We are asking for you as the homeowner and as an individual community member to take responsibility and dispose of used oil and other toxic Household Hazardous Waste Materials in the most environmentally friendly and responsible manner possible.

Together we can work to properly dispose of all waste to help keep our living environment clean and safe for our families, future generations, and of course for Mother Earth and all our relations living amongst us.

Please help to protect Mother Earth. Nia:wen!

Residential School Survivors Personal Credits Date Extended

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne would like to inform the community that on December 17, 2004, the British Columbia Supreme Court ruled to extend the deadlines for those individuals that qualified for the Indian residential schools personal education credits.

On January 8, 2015, the court directed the following deadline dates:

Acknowledgement Forms-NEW Deadline March 7, 2015

Redemption Forms-NEW Deadline June 7, 2015

Payments Finalized-NEW Deadline August 7, 2015

All education programs and services must be concluded by August 31, 2015

The extension deadline was in response to the serious administrative concerns expressed by the family members and the survivors of Indian residential schools. The personal education credit is the final phase of compensation in the Indian Residential Schools Settlement Agreement (IRSSA) of 2007.



Personal Credits are defined as credits that have no cash value and are redeemable for either personal or group educational programs and services, provided by approved educational entities and groups. Personal Credits can be used by Common Experience Payment recipients or family members, as defined in the Court-approved terms and conditions. Personal Credits are available for a wide range of programs and services including those provided by universities,

colleges, trade or training schools, Indigenous Institutions of Higher Learning or which relate to literacy or trades, as well as programs and services which relate to the preservation, reclamation, development or understanding of native history, cultures or languages.

Personal Credits can also be used for either approved individual or group learning activities.

If you have any questions and would like additional information on Personal Credits, please visit the Official Court Website at www.residentialschoolsettlement.ca, by calling the Personal Credits toll free number at 1-866-343-1858 or by contacting the MCA's Mohawk Government Office at 613-575-2348.





ÉCONOLOGIS PROGRAM

2014-2015

ÉCONOLOGIS ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS TO RECEIVE A FREE VISIT

- The applicant must pay his own heating bill (the source of energy must be : oil, electricity, propane or gas)
- None of the current occupants must have been visited for the past five years or three years if at a another address.
- The applicant net income must be lower than the following amounts (ref. Federal or provincial Notice of Assessment, MESS claim slips, housing allowance program):

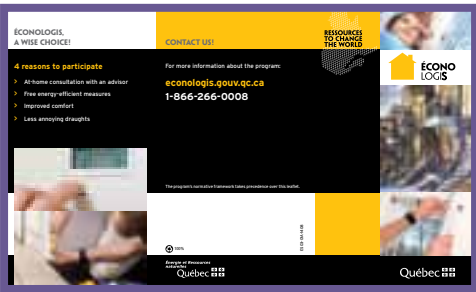
Number of persons at home	Annual family Income
1 person	\$ 23 861
2 persons	\$ 29 706
3 persons	\$ 36 520
4 persons	\$ 44 340
5 persons	\$ 50 290
6 persons	\$ 56 718
7 persons & more	\$ 63 147


Documents admissible to check the income:

- For people on social assistance:
 - Claim slips (carnet de réclamation)
- For all others:
 - Federal Notice of Assessment: line 150 (Canada Revenue Agency : 1 800 959-7383)
 - Provincial Notice of Assessment: line 199
 - Housing allowance
- For first nations : List from the band council

WARNING: THE TAX RETURN IS NOT ACCEPTED

Licence RBQ 5650-9201-01





Before

After

FREE!

Check your eligibility at: **1 800 214-1214 # 1**

Buy Local Cupid Hunt

Sponsored by MCA Economic Development and Akwesasne Chamber of Commerce

Mohawk Council of Akwesasne's Economic Development Office and the Akwesasne Chamber of Commerce are teaming up to host a Buy Local Cupid Hunt! There are 30 Local Businesses participating. Upon registration participants will receive a passport that has all information on the cupid hunt, stamp page, business information and a page to fill out information for the draw. Participant's goal is to go to each business and find the hidden cupid located in the store and tell the sales clerk. Participants will receive a stamp and if they spend \$10 or more in that store participant will be eligible for a second stamp. The more stamps you receive the more participants name will be entered into the draw. In order to qualify for the draw you must have a minimum of 10 businesses or more stamped to enter into the draw but the more stamps the better chance to win!!

3 GRAND PRIZES TO BE WON!!!!

- 1) \$100 Gift Certificate to the Maple Room (Akwesasne Mohawk Casino)
- 2) \$100 Gift Certificate to Joseph's Fine Jewelry
- 3) \$100 Gift Certificate for Beautylicious

20 \$10 Local Gift Certificates

Starting Monday, January 26, 2015 ~ Deadline Wednesday, February 11, 2015
Prizes will be raffled and handed out Thursday, February 12, 2015 just in time for Valentine's Day!

PASSPORTS CAN BE PICKED UP AT
Economic Development Office (CIA #3 Cornwall Island)
Chamber of Commerce Office (Swamps Performance Automotive Frogtown)
Any Participating Business

STARTING MONDAY, JANUARY 26, 2015

If you require more information or have any questions please contact Cathy Mitchell at MCA Economic Development 613-575-2250 Ext 1053 or Raeanne Oakes at Akwesasne Chamber of Commerce at 518-333-0385

Dave “Jaegar” Jones Visits AMBE Students and Community

From Tsiothohrhkó:wa/January 21-23, 2014, the Ahkwasahsne Mohawk Board of Education (AMBE) was host to Dave “Jaegar” Jones, and, as he would call them, three of his Turtles: Angela, Darren and Tekwan.

Dave Jones (Ojibwe Tribe) of the Garden River First Nation, Ontario is the founder and owner of Turtle Concepts (TC). Dave is a former teacher who has taught in remote Aboriginal communities. He is a motivational speaker who empowers people of all ages to restore their confidence, to communicate effectively, to become assertive, to be happy, and to make the most out of life. Since 1999, TC has employed many youth and has traveled worldwide sharing workshops with the message that everyone needs to “celebrate their successes!”

Dave spoke to students in Grades 4-8 and also presented to AMBE staff during

the scheduled professional development on Tsiothohrhkó:wa/January 23, 2015. An evening session was held on Tsiothohrhkó:wa/January 22, 2015 at the Ahkwasahsne Mohawk School. He spoke about drug and alcohol abuse, teasing and bullying, education, creating happiness, leadership training and re-motivating staff in their workplace. He strongly believes that anyone can change the world and create a better one, most importantly, everyone has the right to feel good about themselves!

Frankie Lafrance, AMBE Youth Worker, who sat through the sessions with students and staff, stated “Dave’s message is to be happy with yourself. If students weren’t motivated at the beginning of his presentation, they for sure were at the end.” She is grateful that she was able to meet Dave.



Dave “Jaegar” Jones hopes our children can learn to “celebrate their successes”.

AMBE designates days throughout the school year for professional development designed for their staff training needs. The main focus of professional development being offered over the past few years has been on Success for All training. The session provided by Dave was a twist in the typical training that has been offered and it is hoped that everyone can take on the task of “celebrating their successes!”



Support a Drug Free Community!



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

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	Grandparent's Support Group (613) 575-2341 ext.3100
IETHINI:STEN: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-STE0 ADDICTION SERVICES OF EASTERN ONTARIO (613) 936-9236 (800) 272-1937

Chief Elector Officer Appointed For Mohawk Council Of Akwesasne General Elections

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne (MCA) would like to inform the community that the Executive Director (formerly known as the Chief Administrative Officer), Sheree Bonaparte, has appointed Leona Benedict as the Chief Electoral Officer for the MCA General Elections. Benedict's term began in December 2014 and will end December 31, 2017. She will be responsible for overseeing the election processes and will ensure that they are administered in accordance with the Akwesasne Election Law MCR #2005-06-192 and any successor law. Leona will also be responsible for ensuring all Deputy Electoral Officers (DEOs) and their alternates are trained in administering the election process in accordance with this law and will be involved in other duties such as:

- Providing information and answering question asked by community members regarding the process of a General Election, By-Election, or Referendum.
- Preparing and updating the voter's lists,
- Preparing press-releasers for the community,
- Preparing reports to the Executive Director,
- Attending all training sessions
- Performing own clerical duties
- Under the direction of the Executive Director

Akwesasne Community Justice Program Hosts Neh-Kanikonriio (Good Mind) Courtworker Symposium November 5-7, 2014

The Akwesasne Community Justice Program was able to host the Neh-Kanikonriio (Good Mind) Courtworker Symposium with a grant from the Department of Justice Canada. Aboriginal Courtworkers all across Ontario were invited to participate in this Symposium. The goal of this symposium was to provide other Aboriginal Courtworkers with information to assist individuals and families living in poverty, those with mental health concerns, those with drug and alcohol addiction and to learn more about cultural and traditional teachings. The majority of the participants were Criminal Courtworkers but some were Combined meaning they deal with Family, Criminal or Youth matters.

The symposium started out with an Opening by our local elder, Eddie Gray. It was followed by Cultural & Traditional Teachings with another well-known elder, Tom Porter. The first day concluded with a poverty workshop with Bernadette Clement, who currently works at the S,D & G Legal Clinic as Deputy-Director. All courtworkers were able to network with one another over dinner. The last day all 20 participants were able to listen to Emmanuel Bridewater speak about mental health concerns. Emmanuel works as a Mental Health Specialist with the Onentoken Treatment Center in Kanehsatake, QC. Along with Emmanuel was Robin Sky, due to circumstance beyond our control Curtis Nelson, Director of the Onentoken Treatment Center was unable to attend. But Robin was a great speaker to have as she had 5 years' experience as an Aboriginal Courtworker prior to working as an Outreach Worker with the Onentoken Treatment Center (Healing Lodge). Robin spoke about drug and alcohol addictions and went in depth regarding the need to have integration between drug and alcohol and mental health issues, since they go hand in hand.

All participants fully enjoyed the workshops and wanted more time as the speakers were very interesting and spoke of topics that were of concern to every aboriginal community that they work with. This was the ultimate goal of Michelle Smoke, Aboriginal Courtworker when writing the grant to the Department of Justice Canada.

Should any community member have any contact with the Canadian Justice System please do not hesitate to contact the Akwesasne Community Justice Program at (613) 575-2250 ext 2400. We are able to assist any aboriginal involved in the Canadian Justice System. Also, if you have legal issues outside



Aboriginal Courtworkers
our area in Ontario & Quebec we can put you in contact with the Aboriginal Courtworker in that area.

The Akwesasne Community Justice Program's team consists of our Program Manager, Rena Smoke who has been working on the Akwesasne Community Justice Program since 2000. Aboriginal Courtworker, Michelle Smoke working with ACJP since 2012. Youth Liaison Worker, Patti Bova has been working with the youth that are involved in the justice system since 2009. Youth Re-integration Worker, Erin Seymour has been working with youth that have a probation order since 2010. Community Service Monitor, Jennifer Boots has been working with any and all community members that have community service to complete.

News from Tsiionkwanonhso:te

For residents, Christmas is now a memory. "Mrs. Santa Claus" arrived on Christmas morning to distribute gifts of pj's and framed photos after a "big" breakfast prepared by our dietary staff. We would like to thank the following individuals and groups for their generosity on behalf of the Residents at Tsiionkwanonhso:te:

- Sister Mary Christine for religious gifts
- Ahkwehsahsne Mohawk School for gift bags stuffed with goodies, puzzles, books, mittens and socks
- The Police Services Carollers for the concert and gift bags
- Our staff who shopped for gifts and also for assembling and wrapping the gifts
- The Kawehno:ke Recreation Center for the generous donation of CKON Radio Bingo Gift Certificates

Niawenko:wa!

TURNING INDIAN TACOS INTO SENS TICKETS
It's the weekend you have been waiting for all year. February 13-15 is Winter

Carnival Weekend! The staff and residents at Tsiionkwanonhso:te are offering an Indian Taco fundraiser on Saturday and an "all you can eat" chicken and biscuits meal on Sunday. Both fundraising events are open to all community and family members. This year, the funds raised will pay for four residents and their escorts to attend an NHL Hockey game in March. Remember you can help residents achieve this dream by simply eating our delicious food and that is a wonderful feeling!

Having residents take part in the community is an important component for their quality of life. The recreation staff works hard each month preparing a theme and activities that encompass the following: Creative, Religious, Intellectual, Social and Physical components. During the month of February we celebrate Groundhog Day, President's Day, Mardi Gras, Chinese New Year, and Valentines Day. Residents look forward to sharing these special occasions with their friends and family.



Don't forget to show your support for our Tsiionkwanonhso:te Residents by purchasing one of their delicious dinners during the Winter Carnival to send them to see the Ottawa Senators in action.

MCA WELCOMES NEW QUEBEC LIAISON OFFICER

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne has welcomed a new staff person to the position of Quebec Liaison Officer. Natalie Jacobs, an Akwesasne community member, has 14 years of experience working in a government setting coupled with schooling in the French language obtained through her education in Kanata, Ontario. As the Quebec Liaison Officer she will be providing liaison, facilitation and French language translation services for community members and representatives of MCA with representatives

of Quebec Government ministries and agencies. If you have any Quebec or French language-related needs, please contact the new Quebec Liaison Officer Natalie Jacobs at (613) 575-2341, Ext. 2232 or by email at: Natalie.Jacobs@akwesasne.ca. Her office is currently located at the Turtle Room of the Kanonhkwatsheri:io Health Facility until mid-February, at which time she will located at the new Mohawk Government site at the former G&L Bus Garage location, 3rd Street, Kana:takon.



Quebec Liaison Officer, Natalie Jacobs

Nurse Practitioner Services Will No Longer Be Available to the Community of Akwesasne

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne's Department of Health is notifying the community that nurse practitioner Joelle Regnier will no longer be servicing the community residents, effective immedi-

ately. Ms. Regnier's clients are welcome to consult with any of our physician's that are currently available on site such as Dr. B. Young, Dr. R. Tremblay and Dr. T. Forson.

The Kawehno:ke Medical Clinic can be reached at 613-932-5808.

Preventing the Spread of Influenza

Symptoms of Influenza:

- Fever of more than 38°C
- Shortness of breath/difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Aching muscles and/or joints
- Sore throat
- Headache
- Nasal congestion
- Cough

How to Stay Healthy:

- Get the influenza vaccine
- Cover your nose and mouth with your elbow when sneezing or coughing if no tissue is available
- Throw away tissues after wiping your nose, sneezing or coughing
- Keep personal items separate if a household member has influenza
- Stay at least 6 feet from the sick person if possible
- Do not share personal items or drinks
- Maintain good health by drinking plenty of water, exercising regularly, eating nutritious meals and not smoking
- Get plenty of rest
- Stay home from school/work if you are ill

Washing Your Hands Is The Single Most Important Way To Prevent The Spread Of Influenza!

When

- Before touching your eyes, nose or mouth in any way
- Before eating, preparing food or feeding others
- After coming into contact with a person who has influenza or with their immediate environment
- After blowing your nose or wiping your child's nose
- After coughing or sneezing

How

- For at least 15 to 20 seconds
- With soap and warm water
- Or use an alcohol-based hand rub



Effective Handwashing

7 Steps to Prevent the Spread of Germs



Turn on water to a comfortable temperature and moisten hands and wrists.



Apply a generous portion of liquid soap.



Create a heavy lather and wash well for 15 seconds.



Rinse well under running water.



Hold hands so that water flows from the wrist to fingertips.



Dry hands completely with clean paper towels or air dryer.



Turn off the faucet using a paper towel, if available.

Should I use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer?

Under general circumstances, soap and water are sufficient. Alcohol-based hand sanitizers should only be used if soap and water are not available. These products should not be used if hands are visibly dirty (e.g. hands are soiled with dirt, blood or other organic materials).

Should I use antibacterial soaps?

The answer is no. These types of soap should only be used in hospitals for special circumstances. There is no need for antibacterial soap.


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MCA Community Health



For More Information or Questions:
Contact Community Health Program at
(613) 575-2341 Ext. 3220



Akwesasne Medical Clinic (613) 575-2341 ext. 3215 February 2015

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
2 Dr. Forson Walk-in 8:30-11:30	3 Dr. Forson By Appt. 8:30-11:30	4 Dr. Forson Walk-in 2:00-3:30 By Appt. 4:00-6:30	5 Dr. Levac By referrals	6 Dr. Forson's Men's Clinic By Appt.8:30-11:30 Dr. Saylor Walk-in 9:00-12:00 By appt. 2:00-3:30
9 Dr. Forson Walk-in 8:30-11:30	10 Dr. Forson By Appt. 8:30-11:30	11 Dr. Forson Walk-in 2:00-3:30 By Appt. 4:00-6:30	12 NO DOCTOR	13 Dr. Saylor Walk-in 9:00-12:00 By appt. 2:00-3:30
16 CLINIC CLOSED  FAMILY DAY	17 Dr. Forson By Appt. 8:30-11:30	18 Dr. Forson Walk-in 2:00-3:30 By Appt. 4:00-6:30	19 NO DOCTOR	20 Dr. Forson's Women's Clinic By Appt.8:30-11:30
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		LIFE LABS @ Akwesasne Medical Clinic 20 Pt. limit		Dr. Forson's pt. limit is 15 Dr. Saylor's pt. limit is 12 During their walk-in clinics

Kawehnoke Medical Clinic 613-932-5808

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23 NO DOCTOR	24 DR. YOUNG WALK IN 8:30-11:30	25 DR. YOUNG WALK IN 8:30-11:30	26 DR. TREMBLAY WALK IN 1:00-3:00	27 NO DOCTOR	28	REMINDER* Dr. Young's Clinic has a 40 pt. limit

Entsiakwakaèn:ion Tsi ni Kionkwè:non

“We will be looking back at where we came from”

Fighting on All Sides: 1812-1900

(PART 2 of 3: 1850 – 1880)

This era of Akwesasne’s History is very lengthy and has been broken into three sections. The First section focused on the impacts of the War of 1812 on Akwesasne and the changes with the International Border. This second section will focus on the Residential Schools and mindset of the Indian Act. The Final section will discuss the illegal surrender of the Dundee Lands and the evolving leadership models in Akwesasne.

“...kill the Indian and save the man.”

– Richard Henry Pratt

After the War of 1812, both America and British Canada were willing to tolerate each other and worked towards building up both their respective nations, but the “Indian Problem” had yet to be solved by the 1800’s. First Nation People no longer posed a military threat, and both Canadian and American armies proved battle ready. First Nation People were displaced to isolated communities, opening the way for outside settlement and availability of resources. The only issue during the mid-1800 was what to do with the surviving First Nations People themselves.

RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS

Missionary schools had already been used to teach different First Nation groups European based languages, religions and culture. Several religious denominations preformed what they characterized as charity by taking in First Nation children in residential schools and providing for them while they received European-based education. Working out of charity, many school officials and teachers believed it was for the greater good to educate the children, as First Nation culture and language was considered barbaric and uncivilized.

During the 1800’s a number of schools started receiving government state aid with the idea of fully assimilating First Nation Peoples. For over a hundred years these institutions inflicted mental, emotional, physical, and spiritual trauma to

First Nation children, with several from Akwesasne, and today those inter-generational effects are still felt. The horrors that were common place among the residential school system had lead to the greatest and most complex social issues among First Nation Peoples today. Many times the children sent would never be heard from again and families today still wonder what had happen to their missing relatives.

The following is only a condensed list of schools and issues that surrounded residential schools that children from Akwesasne had attended:

Thomas Indian School: 1855 – 1956

Thomas Asylum for Orphan and Destitute Indian Children was incorporated in 1855 as a private institution outside of Irving, New York at the Cattaraugus Seneca Reservation and was later turned over to New York State control. The purpose of the school was, “the care, moral training and education, and instruction in husbandry and the arts of civilization.”

Students would be taken from families and homes deemed unfit, and would sometimes be sent by their family in the hopes that the school could take better care of them. Many children would be sent but few returned, and those that ran away would be brought back to face harsh punishments.

Spanish Residential Schools: Model Canadian Schools

Garnier School was located near Spanish, Ontario as a Jesuit run school for Aboriginal boys which closed in 1958. Also nearby was a girl’s school run by the Daughters of the Heart of Mary from 1862–1914. Both schools received minimal funding from the Canadian government forcing both schools to become self-sufficient. Many times the school ended up being run as work-farms more than educational institutions.

Both schools had strict disciplinary measures where corporal punishment was

used for minor infractions such as speaking indigenous languages. Priests, nuns and instructors would be in full control and many times the children would be taken advantage of, leading to mental, physical and sexual abuse. Being taught that traditional knowledge was pagan and blasphemous; many students would learn to hate their own culture and became devoted to Christian beliefs.

Mohawk Institute Residential School: The Mush Hole

The Mohawk Institute Residential School was an ‘Indian’ day school built for the Six Nations on the Grand River Reserve and was founded by the Canadian Anglican Church in 1828. By 1831 the school boarded ‘Indian boys’ and in 1834 began boarding ‘Indian girls’ as well. After several fires the school had been relocated in the area and expanded its farming size to become more self-sufficient. Students had minimum education and spent the rest of the time working the farm. The high quality produce would be sold for a profit and only the poor quality of food would be prepared for the students, therefore leading to the school’s “Mush Hole” nickname. By 1922 the school was taken over by the Canadian Federal Government and the farm work stopped in 1963 with the school finally closing in 1970.

GRADUAL CIVILIZATION ACT - 1857

Act to Encourage the Gradual Civilization of Indian Tribes in this Province, and to Amend the Laws Relating to Indians was first passed by Upper Canada (Ontario) and then Lower Canada (Quebec) legislations and was the first major step to assimilate the First Nation people into the mainstream white society. The goal was to have “Indian Men,” that were proficient in English or French and had some formal education to have them become ‘enfranchised’ Canadian citizens and to lose all Aboriginal and treaty rights. This forced assimilation would have semi-educated men moved off the reserve at the discretion of the Indian

Agent, and then make them become land-owners with all the rights and privileges of a British subject.

AMERICAN CIVIL WAR – 1861 TO 1865

By the mid-1800’s Europe and several British colonies around the world had outlawed slavery, but the United States southern economies were built on slave labor and the country debated the issue. By 1861 the Southern states seceded from the Union and declared themselves Southern Confederate States, which were in favor of greater economic control via slavery. President Abraham Lincoln was forced to engage with the south starting the American Civil War which occurred between 1861 and 1865.

This war prompted many First Nation people to join the war effort for different reasons. The Southern Confederate States were willing to set aside whole parts of the western frontier for “Indian,” use and autonomy. Whereas the Northern States expected the assimilated “Indians” to become American citizens and join the Union armed forces. By this time First Nation military strength was no longer a factor and now individual men simply joined an already establish military force.



Ely Parker, Seneca

ELY PARKER: BETWEEN TWO WORLDS

Born a Seneca in 1828, Ely Parker was raised by his Seneca family and eventually became a traditional title-holder on

the Grand Council at Buffalo Creek. Parker attended school and became knowledgeable in both Seneca and English. His expertise and chance encounter with Lewis Morgan, helped foster a friendship that lead to many materials being published about Haudenosaunee traditional culture and traditions. Another chance encounter happened when he rescued a young man by the name of Ulysses S. Grant from a bar brawl and the two became friends and entered the military.

Parker became an officer in the Army Corp of Engineers and assisted in the completion of the Erie Canal in 1825. Under Grant, Parker entered the American Civil War and helped in several key battles. During the surrender of Appomattox, on April 9, 1865 Parker’s steady hand wrote the final draft of the surrender document. At the end of the signing Confederate General Robert E. Lee, personally shook Parker’s hand and was honored to have surrendered to a, “True American.”

Under President Grant, Parker became Commissioner of the Bureau of Indian Affairs in Washington and was the first Aboriginal person to take such a position and worked to promote Peace in the Western regions. Parker did his best to bridge the gap between the Haudenosaunee and American societies, while still keeping his identity.

BRITISH NORTH AMERICAN ACT – 1867

Also known as the Canadian Constitution Act of 1867 granted Canada the right to become its own Dominion and enacted a formal parliamentary government under the British Crown. Section 91(24) of the Constitution Act, 1867 grants legislative authority over, “Indians and Lands Reserved for Indians.” The British Crown was no longer in charge with keeping old treaties and obligations. In 1755 the British crown established the British Indian Department to deal with First Nation People and after the British North American Act 1867; the authority was transformed to the Secretary of State for the Provinces Responsible for Indian Affairs.

CANADIAN INDIAN ACT - 1876

In 1876 the Canadian Parliament passed “An Act to amend and consolidate the laws respecting Indians.” The Indian Act, was

the legal process in which the Canadian Government declared who is classified as a “registered or status Indian,” and by default would be entitled to treaty and Aboriginal rights. The other aspect of the Act gave instruction as to how Canada would respect “reserve lands” and how “Indian Bands” are to be politically governed. This Act superseded and disregarded any traditional methods of how First Nations people identify and govern themselves prior to the Canadian government. Provisions within the Indian Act describe the process of how educated First Nation men or First Nation women that marry “non-status Indian” would automatically become ‘enfranchised’ Canadian citizens.

All issues dealing with “Indians” would fall under the authority and discretion of the Department of Indian Affairs and the Minister himself. By Canadian law all First Nations are under the full authority of the Department and the Minister, and this is the model that Canada still maintains today. “The great aim of our legislation has been to do away with the tribal system and assimilate the Indian people in all respects with the other inhabitants of the Dominion as speedily as they are fit to change.” said Sir John A. McDonald, former Commissioner of Indian Affairs and First Prime Minister of Canada in 1887.



Sir John A. McDonald, First Prime Minister of Canada in 1887 and former Commissioner of Indian Affairs.



Students of the Carlisle Indian Industrial School.

RICHARD HENRY PRATT:

Richard Henry Pratt has been attributed as the originator of the federally funded military based Residential School system in the United States, as a promising solution to the, “Indian Problem.” Pratt argued that by taking a strict military stance, and by removing the children from their family and communities then the “Indian,” will become a proper citizen with military discipline and training in the trades. Being a veteran of the Civil War, Pratt oversaw the detention of “Indian prisoners” and formulated an education system to rehabilitate the prisoners and foster them to becoming proper ‘American Citizens,’ which Pratt then suggested for, “Indian Children.”

CARLISLE INDIAN INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL: 1879 – 1918

Founded by Captain Richard Henry Pratt, the school was the first of many military style residential schools in the United States. With the end of the Plains Wars, the United States government made it a point to educate and assimilate the younger, “Indians” in order to make them conform to the dominant white North American culture of the time.

Pratt ran the school as a military barracks with daily military and farm work duties that were performed by students and then a few hours of instruction in English and other basic education fields. The goal was to have the students leave being model citizens with the knowledge of English and basic farm and homestead skills.

When the students were released back to the reservations they were unable to communicate with their surviving families and many reservation farm lands were poor and undesirable. The students that tried raising families were left without nurturing skills and were dependant on physical discipline.

When some tired leaving the reservation at the cost of their ‘Indian status,’ many former students would not be welcomed in the dominant white society as well. Many had to prove their employment worth or else settle for mediocre jobs.

The success that a few students were able to find were in military service, which they were accustom to, or else in the sports fields where people like Jim Thorpe became famous for breaking Olympic records and winning gold.

REKINDLING THE FIRE

Akwesasne during the 1800’s had split into northern and southern portions with each being governed by their own political entity. The northern portion was the original base of government in Akwesasne from the hybrid Life-Chief system which incorporated traditional Mohawk leadership clan positions with Oneida, and Onondaga based clan representation but allowing the practice of the Catholic religion. Eventually the southern branch would become recognized as the St. Regis Trustees, but after the war of 1812 both factions refused to share resources. The twelve (12) person Life-Chief council began falling apart after 1812 and was reconstituted afterwards as a five (5) person council. The northern portion had a hard time keeping up with government duties as the Indian Agent was in charge, and relied on individuals to assist in keeping the order and help provided insight to the daily workings within Akwesasne.

By the mid-1800’s the newly relocated Grand Council at Onondaga wished to bring the Mohawk Nation back into the Haudenosaunee and was looking to Akwesasne to fulfill that need. By 1880 many in Akwesasne were beginning to advocate that they should be brought back into the Haudenosaunee and that the existing Life-Chief council had done all they could, but were still under the Indian Agent and the Indian Act.

CONTINUATION

By the mid to late 19th century Akwesasne had to deal with the darkest of intentions from the rise of assimilation through Residential Schools and the Indian Act. By taking and re-educating children and removing any educated community members or non-sanctioned traditional governments the hopes were that the “Indian problem” would have been solved and that “Indians” would not exist by the 20th century. Akwesasne had struggled with the loss of lands and territory, and then the fight to keep the children as their own governments were being attacked. The struggle for survival was from all directions.

The next article will continue this era of ‘Fighting on All Sides’ and how outside forces were able to take more lands from the community and how the struggle for leadership in Akwesasne evolved to new leadership models.

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

Published Works for Further Research

No End of Grief: Indian Residential Schools in Canada (1996) by Agnes Grant

The Circle Game: Shadows and Substance in the Indian Residential School Experience (1997) Roland Chrisjohn and Sherri Young

The Mush Hole: Life at Two Indian Residential Schools (1997) by Elizabeth Graham

The Mohawk Institute — Brantford, ON by the Anglican Church of Canada Website (2008)

We Were Children (2012) Directed by Tim Wolochatiuk, National Film Board

Unseen Tears (2009) Directed by Ron Douglas

The Iroquois in the Civil War: From Battlefield to Reservation (1993) by Laurence M. Hauptman

Warrior in Two Camps: Ely S. Parker, Union General and Seneca Chief (1978) by William H. Armstrong

Kill the Indian, Save the Man (2004) by Ward Churchill

John A: The Man Who Made Us (2008) by Deckle Edge

Community Spotlight: Akwesasne Ionkwahiokwa Homemakers

Many years ago a group of women came together to cook, sew and make baskets and became known as the Snye Homemakers. The women used to take on projects that would help families in need. Today both men and women meet every Tuesday and is typically a social gathering: they cook together, play card games and bingo, and they still sew and quilt. They are still there to help in the form of fundraising and often donate to other programs and organizations and try to help families in need.



Homemakers Rose Marie Sunday, Karilyn Tarbell, Peter Terrance, Joe Herne, Emmy Lazore Mitchell, Ann Wheesk, Sally Ann Adams, and Bulla Herne.

Rose Marie Sunday remembers being 7 years old and that 10 to 15 women used to gather at her grandmother’s house every



Margaret Lazore working on a basket at a Homemakers get together.

Monday. They would receive old uniforms from the RCMP and they would take it all apart and repurpose the uniforms into snowsuits, gloves and blankets every fall and winter. They would have potlucks and send everyone home with food. The women would feed all people who would drop by. Rose Marie remembers that the fall season was her favorite time of year. A time when the pigs would be butchered and they would come together to make blood sausage and headcheese.

The Snye/ Akwesasne Ionkwahiokwa Homemakers moved in 1982 to a building



Sally Ann Adams and Rose Marie Sunday are 3rd generation Homemakers. Here they look at those who came before them with fond memories.

that was once a school. The old building had been demolished and rebuilt in 2010. The Homemaker’s building mainly serves as a funeral home and when there is not a death it serves as a space to hold workshops and seminars. According to the Homemakers it was a very sad day the day the building was demolished and the smoke looked as though spirits were rising up into the spirit world. The cost to hold a wake at their building is \$350. They wish they did not have to charge



Picture of Homemakers from 1928.

this fee but it is also the cost of dumping the septic tank each time there is a wake. When a death occurs all the projects are put aside. The Akwesasne Ionkwahiokwa Homemakers now sell CKON Radio Bingo cards on Tuesdays and they also sell yeast bread.



World-renowned Basketmaker and Homemaker Mary Adams.

Akwesasne Death Benefits Committee - A Community Initiative

Many years ago a group of men came together to collect monetary donations to assist with the costs of death. The group was known as the Sawatis Raohtikiohkwa and they would go house to house collecting the donations each time a community member died. A small pox outbreak in the 1930's left community members feeling compelled to assist. The group was in place until the last of them died as elders.

Two years ago the Elders had tasked the Akwesasne Ionkwahiohkw Homemakers with revitalizing the Akwesasne Death Benefits Committee for the community of Akwesasne. After receiving the request from the elders and other community members the group held three meetings and since then the program has been up and running for over a year and now boasts 500 members. The family of the last Death Benefits member was paid \$2500.

The committee meets on the first Wednesday of every month at the Homemakers in Tsi Snaihne at 6:30 unless there is a death. They review the business of the organization and provide updates to the members. They also review applicants for membership and hold membership drives twice a year. The next membership drive will be held in August. The Committee consists of 12 volunteers from the various districts of Akwesasne and three treasurers.

All Akwesasronon and their spouses are eligible for membership. Primary members must be at least 18 years of age. Primary members are responsible for all payments. In order to receive benefits, members must be in good standing with all payments made up to date.

The initial registration to become a member costs \$10 per person and \$5 per person for first renewal; subsequent renewals are \$2 per person. A donation of \$5 per member is



Death Benefits payments can be made at the Homemakers building in Tsi Snaihne or with any collector from your district.

to be paid each time a member death occurs. The \$5 fee must be paid within 2 days of the announced death to insure a timely payment to the beneficiary's family. Pre-payments are accepted and encouraged. 100% of the monies collected for each death are given directly to the beneficiary's family.

The Akwesasne Death Benefits Committee is always looking for volunteers to help with collections and to offer any new ideas. Their goal is simple. They only wish to offer financial help to members with the rising costs of funeral expenses. Oftentimes the beneficiary receives this money first even before other assistance becomes available from the community. The payment arrives in the form it was collected; beneficiaries are given both American and Canadian currency.

For more information you can call the Homemakers at (613) 575-1464 or email AkwesasneDeathBenefits@gmail.com. The Akwesasne Death Benefits Facebook page is coming soon.

The following individuals have been identified as Death Benefit collectors.

US PORTION OF AKWESASNE

- Peter Terrance
- Joe and Bulla Herne
- Jackie Tarbell
- Karen Tarbell
- Karilyn Phillips
- Dyan Swamp @ Wolf Pack

KANA:TAKON (ST. REGIS)

- Shirley Jacobs
- Diane Lazore Sawatis

TSI SNAIHNE (SNYE)

- Homemakers
- William (Shaq) Phillips
- Emmy Mitchell
- Dorothy Lazore
- Ann Wheesk
- Lila Lazore
- Irene Gambill
- Paula Jacobs
- Dawn Mitchell
- Toni Cook
- Roxine Jones

KAWEHNO:KE (CORNWALL ISLAND)

- Kelly David
- Wanda Sharrow
- Debbie Rourke @ The Bead Shack

Elder Profile: George W. Adams

Elder George "Whitegas" Adams resides in the district of Tsi Snaihne. In 1944, George was born to Margaret and Kier Kaientohkwa Adams en route to the hospital. He served one term on Mohawk Council as District Chief of Tsi Snaihne from 1997-2000. In 1996, George won a Supreme Court Decision against Her Majesty the Queen and successfully defended his aboriginal right to fish off the reserve without a license. George is a cancer survivor and he and his wife Edith are the founding members of the Akwesasne Cancer Support Group.

George recalls Ruth Cook affectionately calling him her son as he was born on her couch on Cook Road when his parents made an emergency stop. His family lived a self sustaining lifestyle on Teionwenokwarionh:ne or Canal Island. The family lived on a small farm with a horse, some cows, chickens, a few pigs and a garden. He was the son of a fisherman. His father provided for his family by offering fishing expeditions and tours of the St. Lawrence River to wealthy tourists. When George was 5 years old the game warden confiscated his father's guns and traps. In return Kier lost one of his only means to support his family and went to work on the Seaway. Sadly, when George was 13 years old, Kier was tragically killed in a head on collision along with four others on his way to work one day. George remembers being very angry after the death of his father and began routinely skipping school. To cope George would hunt and fish just as his father had taught him.

George is widely known as Whitegas and got the nickname when he was a boy. He remembers telling one of his teachers his name was Wakias, a name given to him by his father, and the teacher couldn't pronounce it and began calling him Whitegas. He had never been sent to a residential school because his parents knew it would be no use and that he would just run away. Due to his extensive knowledge of hunting and fishing he was confident he could have survived off the land if he would have had to run away from a residential school.

At 16 he left school and went to work on a farm for \$65 a month. George left home at 17 to work on erecting radio and TV towers in Montreal. Six years later George began travelling the United States working construction jobs and painting bridges. Later on in life George was forced into retirement after getting lead poisoning while working in New York City.

In 1981, George was arrested by the game warden for fishing for perch off-season and without a license. He defended his aboriginal right to fish in his traditional territory without a license. Swasenhne Kanetskerakon, or George's Bay, is located on the East side of Fraser's Point and was where George was apprehended. The Bay was renamed after his victory in the Supreme Court of Canada in October 1996. George said he would never forget how grateful he was for those who helped him along during his court case. With sincere gratitude George rattled off a few names including Lawrence Francis, Johnny Oakes, and Marshall Oakes.

George grew up and lived off the water since he could walk. He has generously shared his knowledge of the Kanienkeha names of all the islands in the St. Lawrence River with the community. He made posters for the schools with the Kanienkeha names of the fish and islands and would like for the schools to hang them up on their walls. Grand Chief Mike Kanentakeron Mitchell would like to thank George for sharing all his invaluable knowledge.

He had the opportunity to get to know the ins and outs of the St. Lawrence River before the Seaway came in. He recalls pristine waters and a thriving ecosystem. After the Seaway and Industrial plants polluted the river with filth George decided to stop fishing and no longer goes out on the river. He has seen fishes go extinct. The alarming rate of erosion has been upsetting for him to see.

For the past 10 years George has been a cancer survivor. He attributes his recovery to both Traditional and Western medicines.



Elder George Weldon Adams

He is very grateful for the help and support he received from Diane King, Community Health Nurse, during his treatment. He remembers being so grateful for her support that he made a promise to himself to help others just as she had helped him if he were to survive cancer. George and Edith enjoy making hats for community members who lose their hair while undergoing treatment. As the founder of the Akwesasne Cancer Support Group George would like to see more people join the group either as members in need of support or as volunteers. George strongly encourages community members to get their checkups and screenings because he knows firsthand that early detection means a greater chance of survival.

George kindly shared his hopes for the future. He hopes for the waters to return to their pristine condition so future generations will once again be able to fish from its bounty without caution or concern for their health. He would also love to see the Kanienkeha language revitalized throughout the entire community. He would also love if the police could close the roads during the annual Akwesasne Cancer Support Group walkathon. If that is not practical George would like to ask community traffic to slow down and be respectful of the participants walking on the roads.

MCA Youth Employee Profile: Sylvia Lazore

Sylvia Lazore is a Personal Support Worker with MCA's Home Care Home Support Program. She received her certification from St. Lawrence College and has been working in the position of PSW for the past four years. Sylvia resides in Tsi Snaihne and is the daughter of Robbie and Joan Lazore. She has two brothers, Lawrence and Toby. Sylvia and her partner Tye Mitchell have been together for eight years and have two daughters Lexi and Amelia.

As a Personal Support Worker Sylvia goes into the homes of community members who require health care monitoring and support. Her clients often include the elderly, diabetics managing their disease, new mothers who have had cesarean sections, and those requiring respite care. A typical day includes

servicing 2-4 clients in their homes by monitoring their health, providing light cleaning, and providing social interaction for those who do not get out much.

For Sylvia, her favorite part of her job is interacting with the elders. She learns a lot of new tricks from them and enjoys their stories. Sylvia learned from an elder to cut an onion in half and leave it out in the house to absorb sickness in the home. She likes knowing that the elders have someone to talk to, as they often get lonely.

The busy mom of two is very ambitious and her day does not end after she clocks out of her full time job. She is currently taking Mohawk language classes offered through MCA. She is also enrolled in night school



Personal Support Worker, Sylvia Lazore taking prerequisite courses in the evenings to prepare for her enrollment in the RPN program at St. Lawrence College.

Diabetes Prevention Team News

We are excited to announce a new addition to our team: Aaron Jock-Diabetes Prevention Worker. Aaron is prepared with a Master's Degree in Sports Administration and a Bachelor of Science on Physical Education. In addition, he is a certified Personal Trainer and Golf Fitness Specialist. He also brings fitness-based experience as a team player with the University of Vermont Lacrosse team; a Physical Education Instructor at St. Mary's School for the Deaf; a Health and Fitness Specialist for a Texas-based fitness facility and an Assistant Director and Coach for a school lacrosse program and varsity lacrosse team-Austin, Texas.

Aaron joins the diabetes prevention team of Kim McElwain, Registered Dietitian, Lorrie Caldwell-Health Promoter and Rachel George-Diabetes Prevention Worker. He begins his work with us to learn more about the diabetes prevention program activities in place such as Get Fit, Latch Key program at

AMBE schools, special community campaigns and partnerships, etc. To date, Aaron has helped to update the Get Fit Participants Handbooks (to be printed soon) and assisted with progress to establish a fitness room at Kanonkwatsheri:io. He has finalized his work for a comprehensive fitness assessment and management program for all individuals seeking the skills of a personally-designed plan for fitness health, strength, flexibility and endurance.

Today, this is a special note to share updates about the newly-established fitness room at Kanonkwatsheri:io and how to reach out to Aaron for anyone interested in his skills as a Personal Fitness Specialist.

- A. The Fitness room is located on the 3rd floor of Kanonkwatsheri:io. The team has prepared information in terms of employee access, rules and responsibilities, sign-in, safety instructions and resources to use the equipment, room availability and important

steps to beginning a fitness program and/or making it successful for you. Please reach out Lorrie and/or Aaron for more information. The room consists of a Treadmill and Nu-Step unit.

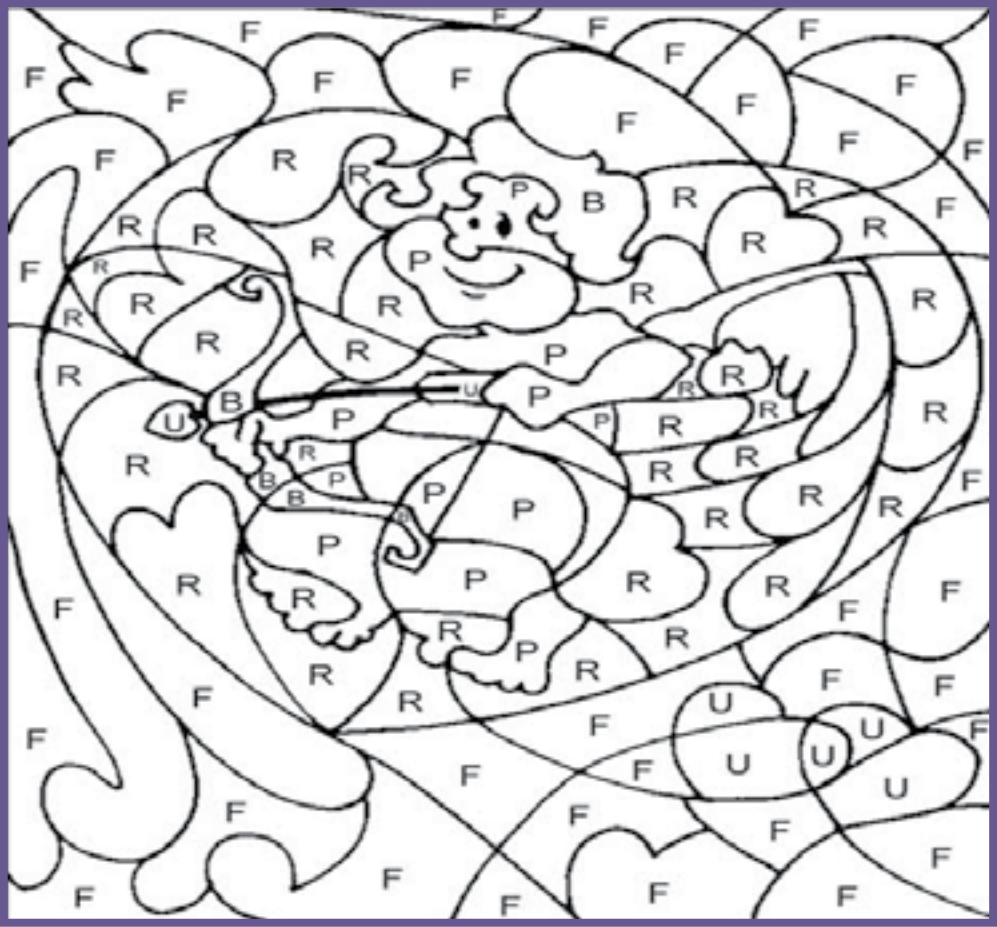
- B. Aaron can be reached by phone through video relay or you can send him an email:

aaron.jock @akwesasne.ca. Aaron shares that he is deaf. He offers that conversations are best-managed as face-to-face as he is skilled at reading lips. In addition, feel free to write down words/messages as needed. Group meetings would best occur for a note-taker to be present. His phone contact information is: 518-407-5961

As always, for questions/comments related to the Diabetes Prevention and/or Diabetes Care (Akwasasne Diabetes Education Center) programs and services, please do not hesitate to call Janine Rourke, Extension 3224

Kid's Page

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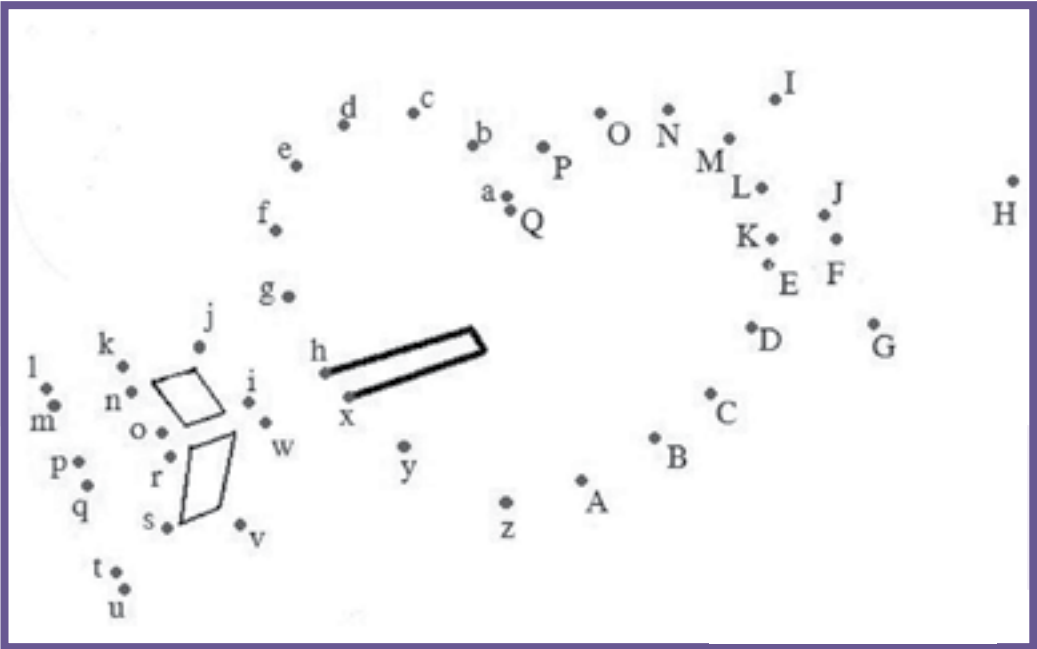


B = BROWN
P = PINK
U = PURPLE

R = RED
F = YOUR FAVORITE
COLOR



ARROW	DATE	HAND HOLDING	ROSES
BE MINE	DIAMOND	HEART	STROLL
CANDY	FEBRUARY	HUGS	SUITORS
CARD	FEELINGS	KISSES	VALENTINE
CHOCOLATE	FLOWERS	LOVE	
COUPLES	FRIENDSHIP	LOVERS	
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Celebrating Local Business Success: Jocks Kwik Stop

Owned by Fred Jock, Willy and Sandra Jock

“Our motto is to provide the best customer service we can, to ensure our customers are happy and to provide a product that they want.”

Jocks Kwik Stop, or Jocks as referred to by Akwesasronon, is located on 325 Island Road Kawehno:ke and has been in operation for 34 years. Jocks was originally known as Burns #9 and owned by Peter Burns and in 1980 Willy Jock purchased it and renamed it to Jocks Automotive Service Center. It was a gas station with a service bay and the only convenient items for sale were beer, soda and bread. Over the years gas become more expensive and government regulations became too difficult so they evolved the store to become a convenient store. Currently the store is co-owned by Willy, Sandra and Fred Jock however Fred is in the process of becoming the sole proprietor.

Jocks Kwik Stop has six employees and during the summer they employ students who are all community members. Summer student employment often leads to regular part time employment when the season is complete. Interestingly, there are many people who can say that they at one time worked at Jocks. Many have gone on to become Chiefs



and Administrators. One significant employee that stands out is Theresa Cook. She has been the constant presence and personality of Jocks Kwik Stop since the beginning in 1980.

“Our motto is to provide the best customer service we can, to ensure our customers are happy and to provide a product that they want.” If anyone in the community has special requests you can tell the cashier and they will take your recommendations for both Canadian and American products.

Fred was successful in receiving financial assistance from the Akwesasne Economic Development Fund (AEDF) that has greatly assisted him in some renovating and upgrades of the store. He was able to build a walk in cooler that is more energy efficient and has helped create more usable space. Wiring was upgraded, new flooring and some needed new equipment was purchased.

Fred’s background to running a successful business has been a continuous goal as he grew up working various jobs at his father’s business. He went to College for a couple different majors and has also taken various small business management courses over the years. His training also includes vendor training offered through webinars which has helped him with promotion, product placement and pricing. Before he began managing the store he used to work in Economic Development and then worked at a bank.

Although owning and running a convenience store business was not



his first choice, he decided to do this in order to have a little more control over his destiny. “It’s a lot of hard work. If you are not on top of your game it can evaporate rather quickly.” Jocks has had its ups and downs throughout the years but what has helped them survive is their ability to be adaptable and to provide a service that customers need. “We are not perfect but we do the best we can”.

Fred’s advice to future business owners is that there has to be a face to your business, you have to be present, you have to know what is going on, and you have to know how much you are making and how much you have to set aside for repairs and budgeting. “Also be careful with your profits especially when considering reinvesting in more inventories. You could be tying up your money; your inventory could get old and become obsolete rather than earning interest in the bank. You would be making your inventory grow and not your cash grow. Concentrate on what is selling and do the best you can. If you go off and start another business and lose your focus, your original business can suffer. I’ve seen this time and time again. It’s like a child and you have to take care of it. You have to be there 24/7.”

Future plans for Jocks Kwik Stop include further infrastructure improvements and to freshen up the storefront signage. Fred is always thinking about market opportunities and improvements he could make to his business.

If any customers have any comments or concerns feel free to leave Fred a message at the store or call him at (613) 932-5139.



AVAILABLE FOR LEASE



3 UNITS AT THE PEACE TREE TRADE CENTER
167 International Road, Akwesasne, Ontario

UNIT #2 = 2,000 sq. ft. (set up for a restaurant or cafe)
UNIT #3 = 1,900 sq. ft. (split level)
UNIT #7 = 2,000 sq. ft.



2.5 MILLION VEHICLES PER YEAR DRIVE
ON INTERNATIONAL RD.

The business needs to be Akwesasne Native owned by at least 51%.

BUSINESS IDEAS

*ARCADE *CLOTHING STORE *SHOE STORE *BEAD STORE *GROCERY STORE
*FURNITURE STORE *DELI *ART GALLERY *CHILDREN’S CLOTHING STORE
*BOOK STORE *TOY STORE ETC.....

Stanley Island Log Cabins For Rent or Lease



“Home
Away
From
Home”



CABINS #8 AND #10

All cabins are 1 ½ story, and have 100 amps electrical with individual septic systems and wells exception is Cabin #7 and Cabin #8 which is on a shared pump from the river.

- Plumbing: mostly copper ABS, a 40 gallon hot water tank
- Heating for the cabin is electric heat and woodstove
- Three bedrooms (1095 sq. ft.) 720 sq. ft. main floor and 375 sq. ft. second floor
- Newly renovatated roofs for both cabins as of 2014

LAND

- All lots are approximately 1/3 of an acre
- All lots are to be leased from MCA - 15 year term at \$100. 00 a year

MOHAWK COUNCIL OF AKWESASNE OFFERS WEEKLY RENTALS
The season starts in May to October



Hazard Help Sheet

Winter Storms & Extreme Cold

Tis' the season to begin thinking about preparing for the upcoming cold temperatures that Akwesasne experiences yearly! So, before winter really approaches, let's add a few extra items to our **72-Hour Emergency Kits**.

BEFORE the cold settles in for the next 5 months, let's add these items to our **72-Hour Emergency Kits**:

- * **Rock salt** or more environmentally safe products to melt ice on walkways.
- * **Sand** to improve traction.
- * **Snow shovels** and other snow removal equipment.
- * **Sufficient heating fuel.** You may become isolated in your home and regular fuel sources may be cut off. Fill your fuel tanks or store a good supply of dry, seasoned wood for your fireplace or wood-burning stove.
- * **Adequate clothing** and blankets to keep you warm.
- * Make a **Family Communications Plan**. Your family may not be together when disaster strikes, so it is important to know how you will contact one another, how you will get back together and what you will do in case of an emergency.

* **Minimize travel.** If travel is necessary, keep a **72-Hour Emergency Kits** in your vehicle. Drive only if it is absolutely necessary, travel in the day and don't travel alone. Keep others informed of your schedule; stay on main roads and avoid back road shortcuts.

* Bring pets / companion animals inside during winter weather. Move other animals or livestock to sheltered areas with non-frozen drinking water.

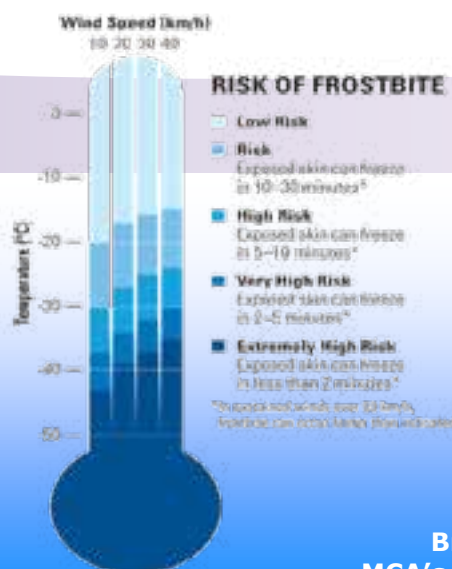


DURING winter storms and extreme cold temperatures, please:

- * Stay indoors during the storm.
- * Walk carefully on snowy, icy, walkways.
- * Avoid overexertion when shoveling snow. Overexertion can bring on a heart attack—a major cause of death in the winter. Use caution, take breaks, push the snow instead of lifting it when possible, and lift lighter loads.
- * Keep dry. Change wet clothing frequently to prevent a loss of body heat. Wet clothing loses all of its insulating value and transmits heat rapidly.

Signs of Frostbite: Occurs when the skin and body tissue just beneath it freezes. Loss of feeling and white or pale appearance in extremities, such as fingers, toes, earlobes, face, and the tip of the nose.

What to Do: Cover exposed skin, but do not rub the affected area in an attempt to warm it up. **Seek medical help immediately.**



Brought to you by
MCA's Emergency Measures



Hazard Help Sheet

Winter Storms & Extreme Cold

Signs of Hypothermia: Do you know the signs of hypothermia? Look out for these signs when you are outside during extremely cold weather:

- * Dangerously low body temperature (below 95°),
- * Uncontrollable shivering,
- * Memory loss,
- * Disorientation, incoherence, slurred speech,
- * Drowsiness, and apparent exhaustion.

What to do: If symptoms of hypothermia are detected take the person's temperature. If it is below 95°, seek medical attention immediately.

- * Get the victim to a warm location.
- * Remove wet clothing. Warm the center of the body first by wrapping the person in blankets or putting on dry clothing.
- * Give warm, non-alcoholic beverages if the victim is conscious.

Hypothermia is a serious medical condition and requires emergency medical assistance.

Freezing Pipes: If the pipes freeze, remove any insulation or layers of newspapers and wrap pipes in rags. Completely open all faucets and use a hair dryer to warm up pipes, starting where they were most exposed to the cold (or where the cold was most likely to penetrate). Never pour hot water over the pipes as they may burst or crack.

Alternate Heating: Maintain ventilation when using kerosene / fuel heaters, wood stoves or fireplaces to avoid build-up of toxic fumes.

- * **Refuel** kerosene / fuel heaters outside and keep them at least three feet from flammable objects.

* **Conserve fuel**, if necessary, by keeping your residence cooler than normal. Temporarily close off heat to some rooms.

* If you will be going away during cold weather, **leave the heat on** in your home, set to a temperature no lower than 55°.

Please check on your neighbors, especially if they are elderly and living alone!

AFTER the calming of the storm, let's also consider:

- * If your home loses power or heat for more than a few hours or if you do not have adequate supplies to stay warm in your home overnight, you may want to go to a designated public shelter if you can get there safely.
- * Bring any personal items that you would need to spend the night (such as toiletries, medicines). Take precautions when traveling to the shelter. Dress warmly in layers, wear boots, mittens, and a hat.

There are new lessons learned from every storm, so restock your emergency supplies to be ready in case another storm hits.

- * Assess how well your supplies and family plan worked. What could you have done better?
- * Take a few minutes to improve your family plan.
- * Talk to your neighbors and colleagues about their experiences and share tips with each other.

For more information go to
www.ready.gov

Iakwaneri'tstihsha'ks Cultural Winter Camp



Participants show off their snowshoes. Pictured L-R:Kolten Oakes-Cook, Jheri White, Jayden Smoke, Mason Jackson, Brydon White, John White, Patricia Bova, Aidan Lazore, Myles James Jacobs, Lucas Beeson, and Ethan Beeson

The Iakwaneri'tstihsha'ks Cultural Winter Camp, sponsored by the Wholistic Health and Wellness Program, was held at the Saint Regis Mohawk School from January 17-19, 2015. The goal of the camp was to target youth ages 14-18 and provide them with educational and cultural experiences over their break in school. The camp was a collaborative effort from services in the community such as: Mohawk Council of Akwesasne's Wholistic Health and Wellness Program, Akwesasne Community Justice Program (ACJP), and the Conservation Program, Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe's Tribal Police Department (SRMT PD), and Department of Social Services Traditional Support Program, all played instrumental roles in making the camp a success.

Camp began and ended with Ohenten Kariwatekwen teachings by Kawennahente Cook. Next, Ian Clute (Traditional Support Program) explained the snow shoe creation process and all the participants started working on making their own pair. Most of the free time would be spent finishing snowshoes. Each day also ended by learning different traditional dances and their meanings with the Akwesasne Men's Singers.

The youth were split up into a variety of workshops/presentations depending on personal preferences throughout the camp. The list of workshops/presentations offered is as follows:

- Trapping - Interested participants were able to join Gary Gray, PJ Burns (SRMT PD) and Taylor Mitchell (Conservation) in trapping excursions to either the marsh to check and set traps or to Gary's residence to clean and process the animals.
- Ohenten Kariwatekwen teachings - Kawennahente Cook further explained and discussed the meaning and importance of the thanksgiving address.
- Cultural Identity -Aronhiaies Herne (Traditional Medicine Program) discussed the importance of cultural identity regardless of religion and beliefs.
- Quilt Squares - Ruth Seymour assisted participants in the designing and making of their own square that would be sewn together to create one large group quilt.
- Archery - Kenny King introduced the Archery group that he helped start at IGA. Participants were able to learn how to shoot properly.
- Legends and stories - The Native North American Travelling College (NNATC) Travel Troupe, shared traditional stories. The presenters also explained the rules of the peach stone game while the participants challenged each other.
- Suicide Prevention - Valerie Cree-Cook and Everett Lazore (ACFS) had an interactive presentation and discussed tips and tools for teens.
- Sexual health - Abraham Francis (Community Health Program) discussed relationships and sexual/personal health.
- Healthy Eating - workshop/demonstration with Kim McElwain and Rachel George (Community Health Program). Participants learned how to make healthy snacks and the importance of exercise.
- Medicine wheel teachings - Della Adams (Traditional Medicine Program) discussed the importance of balance and self-care.

On the final day of camp, the participants attended an outdoor presentation about tree identification with Taylor Mitchell (Conservation) and MCA's Environment Department Scott Peters and Curtis Lazore. Participants also gathered for a group social with the Akwesasne Men's Singers. To conclude the camp, a closing circle was led by staff, the participants filled evaluations and Kawennahente Cook finished with the Ohenten Kariwatekwen.



Gary Gray teaching Preston Thompson, Brydon White, Myles James Jacobs, Ranonwaitsheri George about trapping.



Learning Archery with Kenny King and Arnold Printup. Ivan King, Preston Thompson, Kolten Oakes-Cook, John White and Myles Delormier.

National Child Benefit Reinvestment Fund Final Reports Due

The National Child Benefit Reinvestment (NCBR) Committee on behalf of the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne (MCA) is requesting all 2014/2015 recipients of the NCBR funds to submit your final reports no later than Friday, February 13, 2015 – 3:00 p.m. Failure to comply with this procedure will result in your forfeiture of the remainder of your approved budget and subsequent proposals for 2015/2016 not being accepted. If all approved funds are not spent by the final report due date – Friday, Febru-

ary 13, 2015, please forecast how the funds will be spent by March 31, 2015.

Your time and cooperation for another successful year is greatly appreciated.

Completed NCBR final reports are to be delivered to the Department of Community and Social Services Administration Office at the Kanonhkwatsheri:io Health Facility in Kanatakon (St. Regis Village).

Note: The deadline for receipt of NCBR Final Reports is 3:00 PM on Friday, February 13, 2015 – No exceptions will be allowed!

Requests for a copy of the NCBR final report application should be directed to Jennifer StandingArrow, Ext. 3305 or Robyn Mitchell, ext. 3307, at the Department of Community and Social Services at the Kanonhkwatsheri:io Health Facility or by phone at 613-575-2341.

New Guards Assigned to CBSA Port of Entry

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne is notifying the Akwesasne community that there are four new Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) guards assigned to the CBSA Port of Entry in Cornwall.

These guards have not yet received cultural sensitivity training and

their line of questioning may affect their line of questioning. Please be brief and accurate in responding to questions, and declare any and all items purchased in the U.S.

MCA is currently in discussions with CBSA to schedule a new cultural sensitivity training session

this spring.

If you encounter an issue at CBSA, please report it to MCA's Community Advocate on CBSA Complaints Wesley Benedict at 613-936-1548 Ext. 1031 or 613-551-6999.

2015 AKWESASNE WINTER CARNIVAL EVENT



“Recycle, Reuse and Recraft”
Artwork and Craft Contest

Recycled Artwork and Craft Contest for Students

Saturday, February 14th

1:00-3:00

St. Regis Mohawk School

How it Works

Make a Recycled piece of artwork or make a craft out of recycling materials. Use your imagination and creativity

Here are some ideas of recycled things you can use for your art or craft project:

Aluminum cans, telephone books, old clothes, t-shirt, paper, newspapers, plastics, cardboard, magazines, junk mail, egg cartons, milk cartons, empty boxes, clean cans & jars, small plastic containers, netting from produce bags, bubble wrap, packaging peanuts, foam trays, plastic lids, yarn, craft felt, fabric scraps, thread, string, straws, pony beads, wood beads, just to name a few things,

Rules

1. List all materials used in artwork or craft project. All materials MUST be made from recycled materials (exceptions are glue and tape).
2. Contest open to students ages 5-15. (Age categories: ages 5-6, ages 7-9, ages 10-12, ages 13-15)
3. Have pictures from the start of your project, the middle and the finished project.
4. All materials used in artwork/craft project must be clean and safe (ex. no dirty containers or sharp edges).
5. Judging will be based on the artwork or craft creativity.

2015 AKWESASNE WINTER CARNIVAL EVENT



St. Regis Mohawk School

Wild Game Cook off

Prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place

Do you have the art of cooking with wild game (venison, buffalo, fowl, moose, turkey, bear or maybe rabbit)?

Then show us your skills, make your favorite dish and bring it to the Winter Carnival!

February 15th at 11:30 a.m.

Judging will begin at 12:00 p.m.

ONLY one entrée dish for each participant

You must turn in a list of all ingredients used in cooking.

Sponsored by Wholistic Health and Wellness Program. Please call Leona at 613-575-2341 ext. 3104 for more information.

2015 AKWESASNE WINTER CARNIVAL EVENT



Newspaper Fashion Craft

Saturday February 14th from 4:00 p.m.-5:30 p.m.

St. Regis Mohawk School

Family of 4

One parent or grandparent and 3 kids (kids 6-15)

(Open to first 15 teams)

This will be our four year for this event. The newspaper fashion craft can be a lot of fun. All you have to do is come to the Winter Carnival in Hogansburg. You must make a 3 piece outfit out of newspaper examples (hat, shirt, a dress or maybe pants it's up to you). Be your own designer.

Each person will get a stack of newspaper, a pair of scissors, a roll of tape and 1 hour to create a wearable newspaper outfit.

When the hour is up, someone from your team will have to fashion off your completed design.

Prizes for “Most creative”, “Funniest”, and Most likely to be seen on the front page of Indian Times”

Sponsored by Wholistic Health and Wellness program

2015 AKWESASNE WINTER CARNIVAL EVENT

Photo Contest

February 13-15, 2015

St. Regis Mohawk School

The photo contest was a huge success in the past at the Winter Carnivals so we are hosting it again this year. Where you ask? It will be at Akwesasne Winter Carnival. So if you have an eye for photography or you just like taking pictures for fun, then this contest is for you.

Categories:

Nature/ the “4” Seasons:

Prizes will be awarded for 1st and 2nd places in each age group for Nature /Season.

The contest will be separated by age group

Youth ages 5-12

Teens 13-17

Adults/Seniors

Rules:

Deadline for photos will be Feb. 10th at noon

Photos must be 5X7 only

Only one entry and one photo per category

No framed photos or laminated photos

Photos will be marked on back with your name, age group, phone number, and category. You can drop off your photos at the Wholistic Health and Wellness Program. Call Leona at 613-575-2341 ex.3104 for more information.

All photos must be picked up on the last day of Winter Carnival before 5:00 p.m.