

Mohawk Council Meets with Political Leaders *Border Crossing Proposal Presented to Opposition Party Critics*

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne is continuing to work towards a solution for our community's border crossing issues that have resulted from the Canadian Port-of-Entry re-location to Cornwall, Ontario in 2009.

On December 10, 2013, District Chiefs Brian David and Steve Thomas made presentations to several Members of Parliament (MPs) for the Opposition Party. Their

talks were aimed at providing solutions, such as the need to have identification issued by Mohawk governments recognized at the border. Prior to April of 2013, Akwesasne residents could present either a Tribal status card or a Haudenosaunee red card for the purpose of crossing the border to travel within the community. As a result, the MCA Chiefs spoke about the hardships faced by Akwesasronon from limiting identification to just Canada's Indian Status Card, They also spoke about the long border wait times, vehicle seizures for alleged failure to report, fines imposed upon community members, and delays faced by our emergency vehicles.

Jim Ransom, Director of Tehotiennawakon, made a presentation on the topics of an alternative reporting mechanism and development of an Akwesasne identification card which would incorporate security features accepted by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. Vaughn Sunday, Inter Governmental Liaison, spoke about the loss of the 'P4' lane designated for Akwesasne residents, but was removed when Canada Customs moved from island of Kawehno:ke in 2009.



District Chiefs Brian David (Kawehno:ke) and Steve Thomas (Kana:takon), along with MCA technicians, met with Aboriginal Affairs Critics for the Opposition Party.

The opposition critics praised the delegation for its clear and concise presentation on proposed solutions, with MP Romeo Saganash (Cree) stating, "The Mohawk Council is very professional in the approach to dealing with the government, by not only pointing out issues, but providing potential solutions to these issues."

The MPs stated that they will provide assistance and support when needed, as well as assist in securing meetings with the Conservative Party. ❖

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Wat'kwanonweraton/Greetings

It is my privilege to provide the greeting for this month's edition of the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne's monthly community newsletter, Onkwetake. I wish the community season's greetings and hope you enjoy happy and safe holidays. With Christmas fast approaching, this is the time to spend with friends and family, but also the time to remember those we have lost who meant so much to us. For me it is a time to remember my family and to be thankful for those people who are in my life to share this special time of year. The New Year marks a new beginning for everyone and there are many celebrations being planned for people to come together to share their time with one another—this time spent together is valuable, and is one of the ways we continue to build up our community.

On New Year's Eve the youth will be able to enjoy a Social at the Mohawk Nation Longhouse; this is an annual event. Attending this event with my family over the years, I am always impressed by the number of youth that attend—a number that continues to grow each year. Mid Winter Ceremonies are starting on January 6th and this represents a time of renewal for our people. Witnessing our youth actively participating and attending Mid Winter ceremonies is encouraging. It is so good to see our young families celebrating their culture. Our youth also actively participate and attend the St. Regis Catholic Church, which strengthens the hope of someday having a priest from our own community. This shows me that our children and youth are engaged with their community and celebrate their family's traditions, no matter which path they choose to follow. By being active in their community, our children and youth will become confidently aware of their identity and take greater pride in themselves. We should all be proud of our youth and recognize their efforts to carry on our community's traditions as the future leaders of our community.

We show our dedication to one another through annual holiday events held in the community, such as the Akwesasne Basket Drive & Mountain of Toys, the Tsiionkwanonhso:te Poinsettia Memory Tree, the Christmas Enchantment, the Kawehnoke Wreath Celebration, and the Kanatakon Craft fair as well as through other fundraisers, which are held on an as needed basis in order to help one another out at any time throughout the year. It is always inspirational to see how we come out to support one another in our endeavors.

Coming together for these celebrations and fundraisers shows the depth of caring we have for one another in times of need, which makes us the unique community we are. With each event we see the dedication and tireless efforts of the many volunteers who are the reason these events have such positive results. Niawen:kowa!

Season's Greetings—With hope that you enjoy happy and safe holidays!

Chief JoAnne Jocko



Mohawk Council of Akwesasne

Portfolio Holders

(2012-2015)

COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL SERVICES

Major Portfolio Holder: Abram Benedict

Minor Portfolio Holder: William Sunday, JoAnne Jocko & Julie Phillips-Jacobs

HOUSING

Major Portfolio Holder: Abram Benedict

Minor Portfolio Holder: Larry King, JoAnne Jocko, Florence Phillips & April Adams-Phillips

EDUCATION

Major Portfolio Holder: Julie Phillips-Jacobs

Minor Portfolio Holder: Florence Phillips, JoAnne Jocko, Karen Loran & Abram Benedict

JUSTICE

Major Portfolio Holder: Louise Thompson

Minor Portfolio Holder: JoAnne Jocko, Joe Lazore, Steve Thomas & Brian David

EXECUTIVE SERVICES

Executive Portfolio: Abram Benedict, Julie Phillips-Jacobs, Florence Phillips, JoAnne Jocko, William Sunday

Finance Portfolio: Abram Benedict, Julie Phillips-Jacobs, Florence Phillips, JoAnne Jocko, Steve Thomas, William Sunday, April Adams-Phillips & Karen Loran

Office of Vital Statistics: Abram Benedict, Julie Phillips-Jacobs, Louise Thompson, Florence Phillips & JoAnne Jocko

PUBLIC SAFETY

Major Portfolio Holder: Steve Thomas

Minor Portfolio Holder: Joe Lazore, JoAnne Jocko, April Adams-Phillips & Karen Loran

TECHNICAL SERVICES

Major Portfolio Holder: Florence Phillips

Minor Portfolio Holder: Louise Thompson, Steve Thomas, Karen Loran, William Sunday, JoAnne Jocko & April Adams-Phillips

GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT

Major Portfolio Holder: Larry King & JoAnne Jocko

Minor Portfolio Holder: April Adams-Phillips, Joe Lazore, William Sunday, Brian David & Karen Loran

TEHONTIENAWAKON

Major Portfolio Holder: April Adams-Phillips & Steve Thomas

Minor Portfolio Holder: William Sunday, Karen Loran, Joe Lazore, Brian David & JoAnne Jocko

HEALTH

Major Portfolio Holder: JoAnne Jocko & Karen Loran

Minor Portfolio Holder: April Adams-Phillips, Florence Phillips & Steve Thomas

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Update: Kawehno:ke District Chief Abram Benedict

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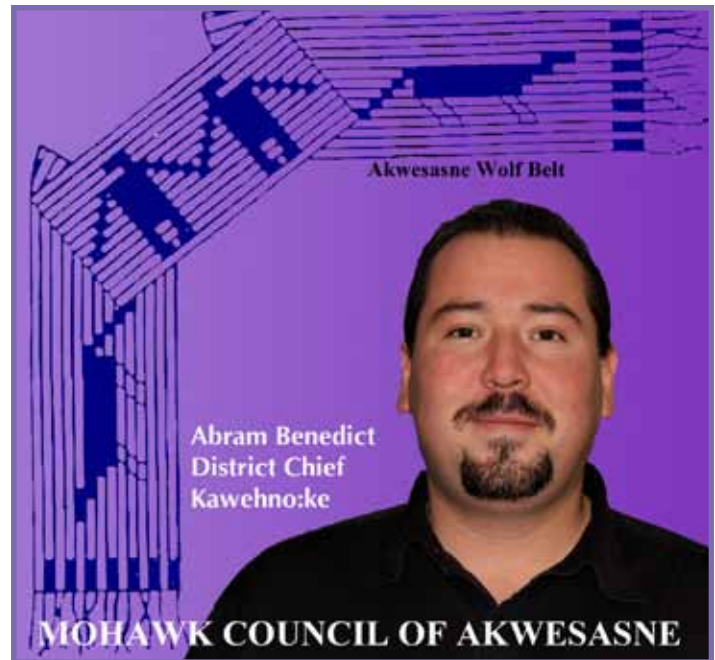
On Thursday October 3, 2013 I attended a meeting with the plaintiffs being sued by the Federal Bridge Corporation (FBCL) for Trespass. The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne (MCA) had already voluntarily become a defendant in this case in order to protect the interest of the Seaway Case which is currently being heard occurring in the Federal Courts. The FBCL brought a lawsuit against a number of individuals associated with the Akwesasne People's Fire (APF) for the construction of single story building (APF building) in the corridor adjacent to the old customs building. The FBCL has offered to settle the case out of court, with the condition that the APF building along with the gazebo like structure be removed from the corridor. The MCA has assisted the individuals being sued and wanted to meet with the individuals to discuss next steps. The concern for MCA is that any negative judgment in the Trespassing case being heard in Ontario Superior Court could have negative impacts on the Seaway Case in the Federal Courts—which has been in the Federal Courts for 37 years.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL SERVICES (DCSS)

On October 11, 2013 I participated in a conference call with the Ministry of Children and Youth Services (MCYS) and the technical working group working on the development of the Aboriginal Children and Youth Strategy. The working group has developed the guiding principles for development of the strategy. During the daylong conference call, the Deputy Minister for MCYS joined the working group and outlined the government priorities and vision for the strategy. The working group will continue to meet every other month to continue developing the strategy.

October 17, 2013 I participated in the monthly meeting with the Ontario Association of Children's Aid Societies (OACAS) by teleconference call.

On October 30, 2013 the Department of Community and Social Services (DCSS) held its monthly portfolio meeting. During the meeting,



the program manager for the Iethinisten:ha Women's Shelter presented the findings of a community survey on domestic violence, which was conducted in 2011. The results of the survey are being published in a booklet which will be shared with the community in the upcoming months. The results will be used to help institute programming that is needed in identified areas and will also be used to lobby for additional funding.

Over the last several months the Community Support Program (CSP) program policies have been under review by a consultant because it seems that a number of the program policies are outdated and need revisions in order to better meet community needs. It is expected that the policy revisions being made will be brought to Council in the New Year for acceptance and approval. CSP administers the heating assistance program and approximately 1,000 applications for heating assistance were received throughout the months of October and November.

On November 3, 2013 I attended a pre-meeting at the offices of the Ontario Association of Children's Aid Societies (OACAS) in Toronto to prepare for the planned lobby day at Queens Park on November 4, 2013. I attended the lobby day the following day as planned. The morning

began by attending with a meeting with Jim McDonell, the Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP) for Stormont – Dundas – South Glengarry. I briefed Mr. McDonell on the issues we faced in achieving designation for Akwesasne Child and Family Services. I also spoke about our recent letter to MCYS regarding the new accountability funding agreement that many CAS agencies have issues with, including Akwesasne. I met with Mr. McDonell for about an hour and we spoke about a variety of issues including Akwesasne's social economic challenges, the CBSA, and the bridge construction and bridge demolition projects. The OACAS had arranged for a luncheon with a number of MPPs in a foyer in Queens Parks. I was asked to say a few opening words on behalf of the Aboriginal CASs in Ontario and also on behalf of Akwesasne. During the afternoon session of the lobby day, a number of CAS representatives met with the Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and we presented our concerns with the direction of MCYS. The Minister committed to attending follow up meetings with representatives from each of the three types of CASs: designated, pre-mandated, and non-Aboriginal agencies.

While I was in Toronto on November 6, 2013 for the First Nation Gathering on Childcare and Early Education I also attended a Chiefs of Ontario Social Services Coordination Unit meeting. The unit has been without a coordinator for several months so the meeting was an opportunity for the new coordinator Randall Phillips to be briefed on the ongoing work related to social services in Ontario. A number of follow up meetings will be taking place in the near future with various ministries to ensure progress continues to be made. This meeting also provided the opportunity for get an update on the regional work occurring.

On November 14, 2013 the DCSS held its annual snow suit giveaway and DCSS was able to assist more than 100 families by providing over 200 snowsuits to children in our community. A big Nia:wen:kowa to the all those community members who donated snow suits to the cause and to the staff of DCSS for assisting in the collection and distribution of snow suits.

I attended the regular board meeting for the Ontario Association of Children's Aid Societies (OACAS) on November 20th & 21st in Toronto.

An evening working session was held on the 20th to review performance indicators for the association's strategic plan that was implemented in 2012 for a five (5) year term. On the second day, the Aboriginal Director presented a draft reconciliation framework for all the Ontario associations to consider implementing within each respective CAS. The frame work talks about how each CAS can bring the agency closer to the Aboriginal communities they serve.

ENBRIDGE

On November 1, 2013 Chief Julie Phillips-Jacobs and I met with Pete Valiquet from Enbridge. Enbridge is the company that owns the pipeline that crosses through Kawehno:ke and is also the company Akwesasne signed a Cooperative Land Use Agreement with for the use of lands on Kawehno:ke. The purpose of the meeting was so Pete could explain the process of hydraulic fracturing, also known as fracking. Pete explained that hydraulic fracturing has been used in the oil industry since the 1960's and how the process works was also explained. Fracking is where water mixed with sand and chemicals is injected at high pressure down and across into horizontally drilled wells to create small fractures in the shale. The fractures then allow natural gas to flow up the well. Pete explained the concerns people have but he also explained that in Canada the procedure to fracture or frack is highly regulated by legislation. Pete was able to provide us with this valuable information because he is knowledgeable in his field but he was sure to repeatedly explain that Enbridge Gas only transports oil and natural gas and is not in the business of producing or extracting oil or natural gas. The only energy Enbridge is in the business of producing is green energy—solar and wind specifically.

EDUCATION

On November 6th & 7th Chief Jocko and I attended the First Nation Gathering on Childcare and Early Education in Toronto. The two day event offered a number of breakout sessions in various areas. Chief Jocko and I were able to attend a number of sessions including 'Family and Community Engagement in Education: What do our parents say?', 'Promising Practices in

Closing the Achievement Gaps', and 'Early Years Collaborative Inquiry—Oral Language Skills'. Each session offered different approaches and ideas to achieve educational success and examples of best practices in Aboriginal communities were provided.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

On November 14, 2013 Chief Julie Phillips-Jacobs and I attended the annual Liberal Maple Leaf Dinner at the Best Western in Cornwall with guest speaker, former Member of Parliament and former Speaker of the House Peter Miliken. Mr. Miliken spoke about the political challenges he faced while being Speaker of the House and also spoke about the importance of the Battle of Chrysler Farm and the significance the battle had on the Stormont, Dundas, and South Glengarry area.

HOUSING

On November 25, 2013 we held our first monthly Housing Portfolio Meetings so that Housing Portfolio Chiefs could meet regularly with the Director of Housing. In the past, the Housing Portfolio Chiefs used the monthly Housing Authority meetings to discuss portfolio matters, but with the continued growth in housing and in order to address the needs of the housing department and to help guide the growth and transformation of the housing department it was felt that portfolio matters would be best addressed during Housing Portfolio Meetings. The Housing Authority already has a set role, which is prescribed in its charter and includes the review of loan applications for recommendation to Council for acceptance or denial as well as to conduct ongoing reviews of existing housing policies to ensure that revisions and updates are made to enable current needs to be addressed. At the portfolio meeting we discussed the need to examine the possibility of reinstating the overcrowding loan, which will be considered during the budgeting process for next year. Portfolio Chiefs also reviewed a draft housing strategic plan which will be used at an upcoming housing strategic planning session.

The Assembly of First Nations of Quebec and Labrador held a regional housing forum in Montreal on November 26, 2013 which I attended.

The two day session focused on best practices, from mold remediation to alternate construction options such as the prefabrication of homes. The Canada Mortgage Housing Corporation (CMHC) Quebec Aboriginal Housing Director Steve Bonspille provided an overview of the Section 95 programs and described the requirements to be in compliance with the programs. Representatives from Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development (AANDC) presented on the Ministerial Loan Guarantee program offered through AANDC.

This month's report included updates on two months worth of work. I noticed that my last report, which was printed in the November edition of Onkwetake, included my report on work from September. I'm not exactly sure how that occurred so I caught up by reporting on two months of work. This edition is the last edition for this calendar year, so I wish "Happy Holidays" to all and hope you get to spend time with family and relax over the holiday season. ❖



Update: Kawehno:ke District Chief JoAnne Jocko

BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Government of Canada is proposing legislation known as the First Nation Education Act which will be applied to First Nations that have not been exempted from this legislation or that do not have their own legislation in place for on reserve education. In opposition to this impending legislation, the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne has assigned a working task group to develop our own education law which will protect the education system that many of our people fought to take over in the first place in the past. I attended the first of many working task group meetings to start work on the development of our own education law for Akwesasne.

I attended the November Ahkwesasne Mohawk Board of Education (AMBE) meeting where a Board member asked why recycling has not been promoted within our school system. As follow-up to this question, I contacted Margaret George from our Environment Program and Joe Francis from our Department of Technical Services (DTS) for their assistance with this issue. It turns out that Mr. Francis had already developed a whole campaign to encourage the schools to get on board with helping to protect Mother Earth. DTS is able to supply bins to the schools and the schools will start educating our students on all the benefits of recycling and explain the best practices on how to recycle. Joe Francis also proposed the idea of hosting a poster contest for the AMBE students. The posters created by our students could be placed on the MCA website for judging and prizes could be awarded for the best poster(s). Education on recycling could also involve many activities in each classroom. Another Board member suggested that our students should be educated on how to protect the environment and the hands-on lessons taught in the schools could include composting and learning about planting and harvesting their own vegetable gardens in the warmer months. With the enthusiasm of Margaret George and Joe Francis, I believe this is an exciting educational opportunity for our students to learn more about recycling, composting, and gardening—as well as learning about current environmental concerns and how we need to take proactive steps to protect our world.

IONKWANONHSASÉTSI ADOLESCENT TREATMENT—Farewell to Julia Gambill

I attended the farewell luncheon for Julia Gambill who has left MCA in order to accept a position as the Executive Director of two adult treatment centers in Brockville, Ontario. I met Julia back in 2004 when I attended St. Lawrence College. I was impressed by her eagerness to help people in our community and to learn from our Elders that came into contact with. I remember taking her to the Iethinistén:ha Family Wellness Program where she felt so honored to be able to learn from the late Jake Swamp. She often spoke of the knowledge and kindness he shared, especially when he spoke of his “Men for Change” program, educating her on the importance of this program in our community. The luncheon was a display of our gratitude to a person who dedicated seven (7) years of her life to helping our youth and their families recover from the effects of substance abuse. As she said goodbye to everyone, I couldn’t help but see how many people had been influenced by her genuine caring nature. She truly has a passion to help as people. The room was filled with many of the people she came into contact with; many were traditional Elders from our community who came to wish her well in her future. She was given a quilt which was made by community members and she was gifted with an eagle feather which is a special gift that was given to her because she became such an important person to our youth and our community. I send best wishes to my friend but am saddened by the loss that we will feel due to her absence from the Ionkwanonhsasétsi Adolescent Treatment Center. Julia, you will be missed by many.

HEALTH BOARD—Farewell to Dr. Bedford

I attended the retirement luncheon for Dr. William Bedford along with the Akwesasne Health Board and the Akwesasne Non-Insured Health Benefits (ANIHB) program. Dr. Bedford has been our dental consultant for the past seventeen (17) years. He was an integral part of the process we used to take over the Non-Insured Health Benefits Program. Dr. Bedford, along with Hilda King, continued on with the process and then worked tirelessly to start the Dental Program here in Akwesasne. There was a lot of time spent negotiating with the Cornwall

Dental Association to gain their support, in terms of the fee structure, payments, approvals, appeals, policies, and procedures. Once it was successful, the program was then rolled out to the whole province of Ontario and within six months to the rest of Canada. Through the years the program has maintained its success because of the guiding principles that are at its foundation, the guiding principles which were created with the help of Dr. Bedford. His guidance and patience was extremely valuable to us, especially in our dealings with Health Canada. He always made himself available to present to the Akwesasne Health Board as well as to Council. He took his time in training staff of the ANIHB program and the Health department to ensure that the practice of having unnecessary procedures done on our community members is prevented. When considering decision options, he always kept the best interests of the community in mind. He fully supported Cindy Francis-Mitchell's decision to take on the position of Assistant Director of Health, telling her "you can do this". The luncheon was a display of our gratitude and Dr. Bedford was presented with gifts by the attendees. The most important gift to him was an Akwesasne sweater, one he needed as a replacement for one he wore out through the years. The pride as he wore this sweater was the symbol of the pride he felt while serving our community for the past 17 years. Many of our people may not have been aware of all of his work or his dedication but he looked after the health of all our community members. We are fortunate to know Dr. Bedford, a respected professional who was willing to devote his life to help protect the interests of our community. Dr. Bedford, on behalf of the community of Akwesasne, the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne, the Akwesasne Health Board, and the ANIHB program, we acknowledge your years of service and dedication to our community and wish you happiness, health, and contentment while you enjoy your retirement.

DEPARTMENT OF TECHNICAL SERVICES (DTS)

In June the Kawehnoke Waterline project broke ground to start Phase 1 of the two year project. With Phase 1 expected to be completed very soon, work on Phase 2 is anticipated to start in the spring of 2014. The Community Health program wants to ensure that people who were not included as part of the first phase of construction are having their water tested now and are being included



Dr William Bedford and Cindy Francis-Mitchell

in the bottled water program. The Community Health representatives will continue to monitor the homes that are not yet on the waterline. This project is an ongoing collaboration between DTS, Akwesasne Earth Movers contractors, the Water Works program, and the Health Department. The project is underway which is great, but obtaining funding for Phase 2, which is slated for next year, is a constant struggle. Meetings are consistently scheduled with Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC), for attendance by the Director of DTS Jay Benedict, Chief Florence Phillips and I. In order to address this issue, we provide updates and submit funding proposals for the continuation of the project. This process can be daunting at times because we are competing with all other First Nation communities for funding from the same pot of money which is funneled through AANDC for waterline and infrastructure purposes. Along with funding for the completion of the Kawehnoke waterline, we also request funding for the optimization of the Kanatakon Water Treatment Plant and the Tsi Snaihne Sewage Treatment Plant upgrade. Obtaining funds for our community projects is an ongoing process best tackled through utilizing the lobbying efforts of Council along with the technical support received from MCA departments. I recognize that without technical support from our departments, Council would be less able to lobby in our leadership capacity. The technical team has started to plan Phase 2 of the Kawehnoke

Waterline project. The next meeting with AANDC is scheduled for January and where we will receive an update on the status of our funding proposal for the completion of this project. We remain hopeful that our continuing efforts to finish this project will result in a favorable response from AANDC. It is our goal to have everyone in the community connected to the waterline.

CLIMATE SURVEY

Council decided to have an MCA Employee Climate Survey conducted over a two month period ending in August of 2013. The intent of conducting this survey was to obtain an account of how well our departments/programs/services are functioning and how satisfied our employees are with their jobs, from the employees' point of view. Our goal is to make sure that our employees are happy to come to work each day in a safe place with a healthy work environment, we want to have an organization that our youth will someday want to be employed at. There are times when we hear complaints from frustrated employees but our hands may be tied. We are unable to improve the situation if an employee fails to file a complaint according to our complaint process. We realize that many people do not like the idea of filing a complaint, but without a complaint on file it is difficult to properly address the situation which is causing the frustration.

The results of the climate survey are in and we are very pleased with the number of employees who took the time participate in the survey—over half of MCA's employees participated. The results were compiled into a very large document that has been reviewed by Council and the Directors; the review was facilitated by BixXcel Inc., who had been contracted to conduct the survey. We have decided that the survey results pertinent to each department/program/service will be presented to each department/program/service and this will occur with BizXcel representatives present so that the areas that were identified as 'in need of improvement' can best be addressed. Our intention is to enable the employees to give their input on how to best make improvements to their department/program/service or how to best be an example of a well working environment that others can emulate, depending on the survey results.

The results of the climate survey will be a working document to be used to create an environment for MCA employees that will guide the organization to support them in their daily activities to better

serve the community of Akwesasne. One concept contained throughout the survey results is that we need to better celebrate the successes of our employees—initiatives will be developed in order to do this. I am very pleased that we are taking a serious look at the environment of our employees. This is just the beginning of the process that we have devoted ourselves to.

ONENTOKON

Early on in my term I had the privilege to be invited to visit the Onentokon treatment center in Oka. I was invited by the Director of the center to visit the facility to see firsthand how addictions impact our people and continue to be a major threat to our communities. Presently Onentokon is in the process of establishing a detox center to coincide with their addictions services. The overall goal is to have two buildings situated side-by-side so that clients would be able to attain all the service they need in order to strengthen our people so that they are able to overcome their addictions. I have been present at many emotional meetings where our frontline workers have been painfully honest with the types of problems our people are facing. It is not just addictions they are dealing with—but mental health issues, as well as the serious health implications that result from prolonged abuse of drugs and alcohol.

The detox services which were formerly offered at the Cornwall General hospital have changed to a social detox, meaning that it is now out-patient based instead of the medically supervised in-patient service that used to be offered. Now more than ever the importance of developing and maintaining a relationship with Onentokon is imperative to save our people. I will continue my efforts on this file by attending the substance abuse prevention working meetings. Our Health and Social departments are now working together to share resources in order to better help our people face the daunting task of recovery. This collaborative work is a direct result of the substance abuse prevention working meetings. The continued support of our dedicated frontline workers and families will ensure that community members currently suffering from the effects of substance abuse will be able to recover. We must continue our efforts so that we do not lose any more of our people. ❖



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

KENTENHKO:WA/NOVEMBER 5, 2013

2013/2014 - #229 - Protocol Agreement with OPSEU
Voting: For – 5, Against – 0, Abstentions – 1 CARRIED

2013/2014 - #230 - Allotment of Lot 5-6 Bittern Range
Voting: For – 6, Against – 1, Abstentions – 0 CARRIED

2013/2014 - #231 - Feasibility Study For Resort Development
Voting: For – 6, Against – 1, Abstentions – 0 CARRIED

2013/2014 - #232 - Special Meeting Minutes Dated August 13, 2013
Voting: For – 6, Against – 1, Abstentions – 0 CARRIED

KENTENHKO:WA/NOVEMBER 12, 2013

2013/2014 - #233 - MCA Financial Administration Law Working Task Group
Voting: For – 8, Against – 1, Abstentions – 0 CARRIED

2013/2014 - #234 - Transfer of Indian Registry Number
Voting: For – 8, Against – 0, Abstentions – 1 CARRIED

2013/2014 - #235 - Transfer of Indian Registry Number
Voting: For – 8, Against – 0, Abstentions – 1 CARRIED

2013/2014 - #236 - MCA 13,500 Square Foot Administration Building
Voting: For – 8, Against – 0, Abstentions – 0 CARRIED

KENTENHKO:WA/ NOVEMBER 19, 2013

2013/2014 - #237 - Akwesasne Pension Plan
Voting: For – 8, Against – 0, Abstentions – 0 CARRIED

2013/2014 - #238 - Approval of INAC Reserves to Post-Secondary Education Cost For Fiscal Year 2012/2013 and An Additional Allocation to Cover Overall Deficit
Voting: For – 8, Against – 0, Abstentions – 0 CARRIED

2013/2014 - #239 - The Whole of Lot 75-1-1 Bittern Range
Voting: For – 6, Against – 0, Abstentions – 1 CARRIED

2013/2014 - #240 - The Whole of Lot A 8-10 Bittern Range
Voting: For – 7, Against – 0, Abstentions – 0 CARRIED

2013/2014 - #241 - Appointing OVS Lands Manager to Execute Any Agreements on Behalf of MCA
Voting: For – 7, Against – 0, Abstentions – 0 CARRIED

KENTENHKO:WA/ NOVEMBER 26, 2013

2013/2014 - #242 - Akwesasne Review Commission Charter and Procedural Regulations
Voting: For – 8, Against – 0, Abstentions – 0 CARRIED

2013/2014 - #243 - Akwesasne Community Trust Overseers
Voting: For – 5, Against – 2, Abstentions – 1 CARRIED

2013/2014 - #244 - Financial Support in Civil Ligation Against CBSA
Voting: For – 6, Against – 1, Abstentions – 0 CARRIED

2013/2014 - #245 - To Approve Schedule of Revenue and Expenses For 5 AHWS – MCSS Programs
Voting: For – 7, Against – 0, Abstentions – 0 CARRIED

2013/2014 - #246 - To Fulfill Requirement For Ministry of Health and Long Term Care Diabetes Program
Voting: For – 7, Against – 0, Abstentions – 0 CARRIED

2013/2014 - #247 - To Fulfill requirement For Ministry of Health and Promotion Smoke Free Ontario
Voting: For – 7, Against – 0, Abstentions – 0 CARRIED

2013/2014 - #248 - Housing Upgrade Application
Voting: For – 6, Against – 0, Abstentions – 0 CARRIED

2013/2014 - #249 - Housing Upgrade Application
Voting: For – 7, Against – 0, Abstentions – 0 CARRIED

2013/2014 - #250 - Housing Upgrade Application
Voting: For – 7, Against – 0, Abstentions – 0 CARRIED

2013/2014 - #251 - Application For Funding to Health Canada to Address The Prescription Drug Abuse Issue in Ontario
Voting: For – 7, Against – 0, Abstentions – 0 CARRIED

2013/2014 - #252 - MCA Rules and Regulations Regarding Boxing and Martial Arts
Voting: For – 6, Against – 0, Abstentions – 0 CARRIED

2013/2014 - #253 - Application For the Ontario Power Authority Community Energy Plan Program (ACEP) Grant
Voting: For – 6, Against – 0, Abstentions – 0 CARRIED

2013/2014 - #254 - Special General Meeting MCR for Audits
Voting: For – 7, Against – 0, Abstentions – 0 CARRIED

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2013/2014 - #255 - Settlement Agreement Special Referendum Regulations
Voting: For - 6, Against - 0, Abstentions - 0 CARRIED

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2013/2014 - #256 - Assignment of Lease - Lot 1-21 Pilon Island
Voting: For - 8, Against - 0, Abstentions - 0 CARRIED

2013/2014 - #257 - Joint Application with Jazz Solar and Ishkongian for Solar Panel Project
Voting: For - 5, Against - 1, Abstentions - 2 CARRIED

2013/2014 - #258 - To Approve Schedule of Revenue of the Ministry of Education Children's Services in The 2011 - 2012 Fiscal Year
Voting: For - 9, Against - 0, Abstentions - 0 CARRIED

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2013/2014 - #259 - Public Notice and Future MCA Policy Regarding Right of Ways and Easements
Voting: For - 3, Against - 3, Abstentions - 1 DENIED

2013/2014 - #260 - To Accept and Approve March 31, 2013 Draft Audit CMHC
Voting: For - 7, Against - 0, Abstentions - 0 CARRIED

2013/2014 - #261 - To Approve The TPAR Report For ACFS Child Welfare Program
Voting: For - 7, Against - 0, Abstentions - 0 CARRIED

2013/2014 - #262 - To Approve The Schedule of Revenue and Expenses For The Ministry of Education Children's Services in 2011-2012 Fiscal Year
Voting: For - 7, Against - 0, Abstentions - 0 CARRIED

2013/2014 - #263 - Audit of MCYS Transfer Payment Annual Reconciliation 12 13 Justice
Voting: For - 7, Against - 0, Abstentions - 0 CARRIED

2013/2014 - #264 - Audit of The Akwesasne Mohawk Police Services 12 13 Justice
Voting: For - 7, Against - 0, Abstentions - 0 CARRIED

2013/2014 - #265 - Schedule of Revenues and Expenses For Literacy and Basic Skills Program
Voting: For - 7, Against - 0, Abstentions - 0 CARRIED

2013/2014 - #266 - Approval For AANDC To Release Funds "Held in Trust" for 2011-2012
Voting: For - 7, Against - 0, Abstentions - 0 CARRIED

2013/2014 - #267 - Approval For AANDC To Release Funds "Held in Trust" for 2012-2013
Voting: For - 7, Against - 0, Abstentions - 0 CARRIED

2013/2014 - #268 - Fuel Tender Award Heating Season 2013-2014
Voting: For - 7, Against - 0, Abstentions - 0 CARRIED

2013/2014 - #269 - AEDF Infrastructure Grant From SAA for Iakhihsothha Repairs
Voting: For - 7, Against - 0, Abstentions - 0 CARRIED

2013/2014 - #270 - Request to Rescind Upgrade Program Loan for Community Member
Voting: For - 5, Against - 0, Abstentions - 2 CARRIED

2013/2014 - #271 - Request to Rescind Upgrade Program Loan for Community Member
Voting: For - 4, Against - 2, Abstentions - 1 CARRIED

2013/2014 - #272 - Request to Rescind Upgrade Program Loan for Community Member
Voting: For - 4, Against - 2, Abstentions - 1 CARRIED

2013/2014 - #273 - Request to Rescind Upgrade Program Loan for Community Member
Voting: For - 4, Against - 2, Abstentions - 1 CARRIED

2013/2014 - #274 - Assignment of Lease - Lot 7 St. Francis Island
Voting: For - 8, Against - 0, Abstentions - 0 CARRIED

2013/2014 - #275 - Accept Amendment No. 0009 to Financial Arrangement, ARFA 2013-2014
Voting: For - 7, Against - 0, Abstentions - 0 CARRIED

2013/2014 - #276 - Appointment of Community Trustees For the Akwesasne Settlement Trust
Voting: For - 6, Against - 0, Abstentions - 2 CARRIED

2013/2014 - #277 - Procedure Regulations - Dec. 2013
Voting: For - 6, Against - 2, Abstentions - 0 CARRIED

2013/2014 - #278 - Mohawk Council of Akwesasne Boxing and Martial Arts Commission Rules and Regulations
Voting: For - 7, Against - 0, Abstentions - 0 CARRIED

2013/2014 - #279 - Acceptance of Final Statement of Results From Special Referendum
Voting: For - 7, Against - 0, Abstentions - 0 CARRIED

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2013/2014 - #280 - Housing Upgrade Program Application
Voting: For - 5, Against - 0, Abstentions - 1 CARRIED

2013/2014 - #281 - Establish The MCA Boxing and Martial Arts Commission
Voting: For - 5, Against - 0, Abstentions - 1 CARRIED

2013/2014 - #282 - Designation of The Akwesasne Mohawk Territory as an "Events Entertainment Venue"
Voting: For - 6, Against - 0, Abstentions - 0 CARRIED

2013/2014 - #283 - Respect in The Workplace Policy
Voting: For - 4, Against - 2, Abstentions - 0 CARRIED

Council's Special Meeting Roundtable Reports

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

KENTENHKO:WA/NOVEMBER 5, 2013

Grand Chief Mike Kanentakeron Mitchell

- Attended Meeting with Minister Valcourt to sign agreement in principle on governance code that MCA is working on. We informed the minister that MCA fully expects to receive exemption from the series of legislations that his government is planning to pass this coming year. He promised to put it in writing and will forward it to our office in the coming weeks. At that meeting I also told the minister we are concerned about the opening of the new bridge to Cornwall and that many of our issues might be ignored once it is opened. I informed him that our community will be developing our own strategy on this matter if we don't get any satisfactory results. He said he will contact the Minister of Public Safety on this matter and make him aware of our concerns.

Chief Brian David

- Attended meeting in Ottawa with Minister Valcourt. Discussed legislation related to water, education, matrimonial law. Minister said we would be exempted. Also, a person has been appointed to handle Akwesasne affairs at the Prime Minister's office and this will be a person we can channel.

Chief Louise Thompson

- Attended Quebec meeting at casino and received information from Collectiva that for the fuel tax settlement, out of 45,000 eligible applicants they received 29,000 applications. Checks expected to be sent in January/February.
- Heard complaint regarding vicious dogs on Kawehno:ke

Chief Florence Phillips

- Attended pre-meeting with chiefs on visit from Minister Valcourt.
- Attended AANDC meeting in Toronto regarding capital project financing and waterline.
- Attended space needs meeting. Money set aside for design of Tsi Snaihne and Justice building.

Chief Larry King

- Attended MCA/OPG joint meeting. Discussed erosion problem. There's been discussion on who is more responsible...OPG or Quebec Hydro. OPG has concerns about liability with Yellow Island project. Also discussed four security positions that we want to have jurisdiction over.

Chief Joe Lazore

- Attended meeting with Parks Canada at Hill Island to review contracts for deer reduction. They are going to do another management on Dec. 7th.

Chief Karen Loran

- Attended diagnostic wellness center meeting
- Attended executive committee meeting regarding Respect in the Workplace and whether Council will be included or not.
- Attended NAV Can meeting to see the potential of it being a university. It's a great place, a city within a city.
- Attended pre-meeting for Minister Valcourt meeting
- Received update at Bank of Montreal meeting. They are staying open late on Thursdays and staying open on Saturday. They are getting involved with the community more. Chief David comment: At the start of the BMO meeting, Grand Chief insisted that a letter of apology they are offering regarding business accounts that were closed come from upper level management.
- Attended meeting in Toronto with Chiefs of Ontario and Ontario Chiefs Committee on Health. Met with Minister of Health and Longterm Care Deb Matthews. Discussed palliative care, the lens, panorama lens, e-health, mental health and addictions and few other topics. There will be a technical table for addressing the issues and recommendations.
- Received results of St. Anicet elections. Victoria Irving and Janette did not return to their seats and they were huge advocates for us.

Chief Bill Sunday

- Attended pre-meeting for AANDC Minister Valcourt's visit to Akwesasne.
- Attended Snye Diagnostics Wellness Center meeting
- Attended meeting with Nation representatives regarding CBSA. We need to improve our communication between the tribal council, and Nation and MCA. We need to invite these parties to our meetings with CBSA.

Chief Steve Thomas

- Attended Chiefs of Ontario planning session in Toronto. Discussed: consultation minutes.

\$200,000 not accepted by COO related to reporting restrictions, shared our idea of establishing an Energy Technical Table, and funding for environmentalist for COO to be accepted

- Attended meeting with Minister of Infrastructure Bob Chiarelli in Toronto. He agreed to form technical and political table. Discussed amending funding restrictions for funding, developing terms of reference for the Tables, and contact with MAA.
- Attended meeting in Toronto with Deloitte. Discussed Three Nations Bridge Demolition and reviewed the AECON MOU.
- Attended planning meeting for Minister Valcourt meeting
- Attended meeting with MNCC, MCA and Tribe
- Attended Minister Valcourt meeting in Ottawa
- Attended Entewetathawi (Nation Building) signing ceremony in Ottawa. We want to acknowledge Wendy, Ian, Kelly, Shara for their work and thank you to Pat Benedict and Bernice Lazore for participating, as well Angie Barnes, the previous program manager.

KENTENHKO:WA/NOVEMBER 12, 2013

Chief Florence Phillips

- Attended Finance Meeting on Nov. 7. Discussed the first Community Fund callouts and what to do with the excess funding.

Chief Larry King

- Attended meeting with OPG/MCA Employment Education Table. Good discussion. Attended by AAMB, Ec Dev., AMBE, Iohahio, Akwesasne Employment Resource Center.

Chief Joe Lazore

- Attended restoration of culture meeting at the SRMT's Environment Division. They are doing a callout for linguists, masters and apprentices.

Chief Karen Loran

- Attended finance meeting
- Attended Quebec Native Womens Association's 3-day meeting in Laval, Quebec. It was on celebrating our history, and shaping our future. Next year it is the 40th anniversary. Appointed new vice president, secretary and treasurer. Had celebration of association's history. Very powerful and interesting discussion on challenges, barriers, and what they've overcome. Workshops held on leadership of aboriginal women in politics, tyrafficking, matrimonial law, language, culture and tradition. Minister of Aboriginal Affairs Elizabeth LaRose attended. Resolutions were passed to seek funding for language preservation.

Chief Bill Sunday

- Attended finance committee meeting. We are still dealing with the deficit and need recommendations,

not just from the finance committee and chiefs.

- Attended TransCanada pipeline focus meeting on Kawehno:ke. Presentation was good. Some oppose the project but we had a lot of good questions asked. Our staff presented as well on the economic component.
- Visited Chrysler Farm, where the 1830 battle took place. The Prime Minister attended. They mentioned the role our people played in the battle at Chrysler Farm.

Chief Brian David

- Attended TransCanada pipeline focus meeting. There were about 14-15 people who attended. It is evident that we are at the early stage and they have a lot of work to do yet. Information sessional and environmental studies, etc. They need to show that it is in the public's best interest and that the public has been consulted throughout. It is ambitious, and their timeline is to break ground in 2016. They seemed open to proposals for community development.
- Put out press release that there would be no bridge closure. However, there was a group that broke away from the main group to march over the south span bridge and the crossing was closed for 45 mins. Must tip my hat to Emergency Measures, the police and ambulance, for being prepared.
- Attended emergency meeting with the Tribe and Nation to discuss issues with CBSA, Canada, and the opening of the low-level bridge.
- Attended wellness event at Kawehno:ke Recreation. There was a diversity of vendors and displays. Very well organized and good information.

Chief Steve Thomas

- Attended finance committee meeting. Discussed reassignment of funds from the first callout for the Community Fund. Discussed deficit recovery strategy, and two MCR's will be forthcoming for Council consideration
- Researching Financial Administration Law
- Researching First Nation Self Government negotiations. Forwarded to Entewetathawi.
- Received Public Safety updates from AMPS on bridge demonstration

Chief Louise Thompson

- Attended waterline meeting and received several questions. A request came from an American household resident that wants to be hooked up to the Canadian line. Would we approve that and would we charge them? Staff will be doing a report on that to make decision. Need to discuss policy for people with un-capped wells on the waterline. Also need inventory of homes not on waterline. Discussed issues with people not allowing certain access to the home. Also discussed need for a machine to lift new, heavier tanks.

- Attended TransCanada pipeline focus meeting. They are talking about consultation but they are not doing it. They need to do presentations in all districts including the U.S. side.

Chief Julie Phillips-Jacobs

- Attended finance committee meeting
- Fuel Assistance Program –we have four weeks to go and have received 520 applications.
- Attended meeting with Justice on Couples Property Law. Info meetings will be Nov. 18-21 and the week following packets will be in the mail. The referendum voting will take place Dec. 4-6.

KENTENHKO:WA/NOVEMBER 19, 2013

Grand Chief Mike Kanentakeron Mitchell

- Carleton University is suggesting we co-host an international education conference with them. It would be great to have Akwesasne involved in something like this of international proportions. We just need to determine the specifics and logistics and propose of such a meeting.
- In the area of financial accountability, we have requests from every district and they are asking for a report on our finances. We need to inform the community of the steps we have to go through to receive this report and let them know how soon it can be made public.
- The focus, information and special general meetings that we have been asked to put on in place of the general meeting has been very successful, so far we have convened meetings on the Akwesasne Couples Property Law (one in every district), Two special general meetings on finances in Kana:takon and Tsi Sniahne, three focus meetings, one in every district, and a focus meeting on Kawehnoke on the proposed Energy East Pipeline. An information meeting on healthy homes in every district, two contractors meeting on demolition bridge, there will be one more finance [audit] meeting taking place on the island in January, the regular general meeting will resume at the end of January.

Chief Julie Phillips-Jacobs

- Spoke on radio for Akwesasne Matrimonial Couples Property Law. Questions asked on land disputes and on common law.
- Last week responded to AMBE administrative issue

Chief Florence Phillips

- Attended Kawehno:ke waterline meeting. Everything is going well, they are doing c aping and finishing up roads in first phase. They are 91 days into it and the max they have is 120 days. They have started hooking people up.
- Attended health portfolio meeting. Dr. Bedford is retiring and assisted Non-Insured Health Benefits.
- Attending meeting regarding health concerns at

the border.

- Last week a team evaluated the three proposals for the 1300 square foot Snye administration building.
- Attended DTS portfolio meeting.
- Nation building will have an MCR regarding a 10-year plan

Chief Larry King

- Attended OPG meeting. I made mention at a previous meeting that the Employment and Procurement Division of OPG could not meet us when we previously visited the Darlington Nuclear site, but were considering our invite for them to come to Akwesasne. Since that time things have changed as the Nuclear New Build Project they informed us about recently has been deferred. This announcement came shortly after our Darlington visit. Ontario is also terminating the Pickering Generating Station and with downsizing OPG will need to deal with 3,000 employees so employment opportunities for Akwesasne took a step backwards. The Darlington Nuclear site Refurbishment is still a go and we will definitely explore employment opportunities for that project. There are meetings happening with AAMB, economic development, AMBE, Iohahio. There is a lot of activity with the joint implementation team and things have changed drastically.
- Additional events: Cairn Island... there is a group attending the island on Friday to begin the process of an EA (Environmental Assessment) which is an important component of the ATR (Additions to Reserve) process. We will have the archaeological class there with a follow up of course study and ARRO is going to be there videotaping making sure to capture everything. This is Phase 1. Areas of concern: holding tank, toiletries.
- Dundee claim and Sugarbush: We have been asked to consider an existing process in Quebec Law which is basically a squatter's law whereby if an individual occupies a parcel of land peacefully and uncontested for 10 years the individual can make a claim to the land in court. We maintain that Sugarbush has never left our possession and we refuse to be considered squatters.
- Received visit from a Kana:takon elder who was asking if they could access records of particular families on the northern portion of Akwesasne to find out if there is an epilepsy gene. I informed them that it could be a privacy issue (according to MCA's Access to Information & Protection of Privacy Regulation). The individual was referred to the Health Dept.

Chief Joe Lazore

- Attended District Meeting. Questions were asked about the audits and deficit. Update requested on Prescription Drug Strategy.

Chief Karen Loran

- Met with Quebec partners on Cultural Portrait. We fulfilled the first and second parts of the agreement. The last part we are going to put together is a working task group and an exhibit to share cultural.
- Attended Ec. Dev meeting. Heard great updates on arena, Montreal Canadiens alumni game, and possibility of MMA. Heard updates on Economic Recovery Strategy.
- Attended Snye District Meeting. Question asked about Snye Homemakers, septic connection. Community members requested road paving. Heard issue regarding housing. Asked Housing for overcrowding funding report. Community members want to see financial plan and explanation on MCRs.

Chief Louise Thompson

- Attended several leadership meetings with Mohawk Nation and SRMT. Discussed content of letter to Prime Minister regarding Akwesasne's issues and the new bridge opening. Need community's support and feedback. Another meeting is planned on this topic later this week. Our Council needs to approve the contents of the letter.
- Issue with community members concerned that people living away from the water line are being hooked up for free and we want to make sure there is a policy or something in place to make sure it's fair.
- Missing person was found safe and sound
- Congratulations to Ava Hill
- Clarified information with community members regarding Nation Building's initiatives and if we will have to pay anything back if the efforts fail. This is not the case.

KENTENHKO:WA/NOVEMBER 24, 2013

Chief Louise Thompson

- Assisting people with Collectiva responses. There has been a schedule of payments outlined on facebook. I contacted Collectiva and they did not schedule that and they do not know who put that out. The information contained is not accurate.
- Received phone call from individual regarding child tax credit application. They accepted the application. They had been denying her the right to apply because she was not considered a Canadian, as her status card did not make her a resident of Canada. After a lengthy process they finally accepted her application.
- Nation Building/Entewetathawi: First Federal negotiations are on November 20th and dates will be set for upcoming three months. We will be meeting every 6 weeks.
- Attended Land Claims meeting with leadership at the tribe. The 2005 agreement that was voted by community members has been amended. From the

report received by SRMT's lawyer, two things have changed. They are recommending that we agree to this. What my question is, is should we approve of this without taking it back to a referendum vote?

Chief Steve Thomas

- Attended the "Air Quality" test at the Kawehno:ke Port of Entry. This is a follow up on Council's investigation on whether or not the Mohawk Security workers were exposed to harmful contaminants during their extended stay at the port.
- Attended Tehotiiennawakon presentation review meeting for the FBCL
- Attended MCA/AECON/Deliotte presentation in Ottawa on the Three Nations Bridge Demolition Project. Community economic benefit through sub contracting, supplies and equipment rental. Actual project budget will be clearer within a few months.
- Public Safety Portfolio, I requested an Island Chief to attend, so any information relating to the corridor or the bridge will be readily available to Kawenokenoron. Agenda included updates from Emergency Measures, Ambulance, AMPS, the Community Advocate, Conservation and Compliance.
- District Meeting - heard from community volunteer and the recreation facility.

Chief Bill Sunday

- Attended Quebec Protocol Agreement meeting in Montreal
- Attended an Akwesasne Area Management Board meeting and we discussed training and trades.
- Attended Public Safety meeting. Economic Development people were in and we discussed the MMA event proposal and the arena rental.

Chief Karen Loran

- Attended Quebec Protocol Agreement meeting in Montreal
- Attended premeeting for SBCL
- Attended Public Safety meeting
- Attended meeting with Welch

Chief Joe Lazore

- Attended Emergency Measures meeting. Discussed ambulance during emergencies.
- Attended meeting with staff and Akwesasne Area Management Board. Discussed welding jobs out west. Those sending out applications with welding experience are likely to get a job. Hopefully we can have welding training in the future. There is a need for more trades training.

Chief Larry King

- Attended Government Secretariat meeting
- Attended Housing Authority meeting. Now

meeting monthly. There is a lot of disuccsion on discrepancies and payment. Discussion held on the deficit and Good Standing Policy.

Chief Julie Phillips-Jacobs

- Met with individual to discuss disability tax refund. Arranged for her to meet with Special Needs Committee. Next step is for her to meet with programs that deal with community members who have disabilities and for our tax preparers to be aware.
- Proposed couples law has gone out and you can do the online voting. The envelope with the code has gone out. It is very simple to do. If you do not have a computer, the schools are also open this week until 830 p.m. so that community members can vote.
- Attended the AMBE meeting last week. Updates were given. The education law notification will go out for community comment. It is the first state of the enactment process. Preparing to go on CKON

for talk show.

- Attended district meeting and all three districts recreations received 500 dollars. Also wanted to mention that all the recreations have meetings for community members.

Chief Florence Phillips

- Attended Housing Authority meeting. An MCR is going to be coming for people who do not make payments on their house. We want to talk to each district about the seriousness of this. It was a good meeting. Discussed homes in need of repair. There are apprxomately 300 homes that need the Healthy Homes Initiative but HHI will only be in place until March 30. Chiefs have to decide whether to continue it or not.
- Attended Special Needs meeting and discussed disability tax credit. Waiting for SRMT response regarding RESPIT.
- Attended district meeting.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENT

Looking for six (6) Akwesasne Review Commission Members
(Pursuant to Section 4.3 of the Akwesasne Review Commission Charter)

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne passed resolution number 2013/2014 - #242 to re-affirm that the Akwesasne Review Commission will set standards to ensure that every Justice and every Decision-Making Body is accountable to the community and answerable for their conduct.

The Akwesasne Review Commission operates pursuant to a Charter and Procedural Regulations.

The Akwesasne Review Commission shall reflect and balance the diversity of perspectives within the community and shall be comprised of six (6) members. At least one (1) Akwesasne Review Commission member will be appointed from each of the three (3) districts.

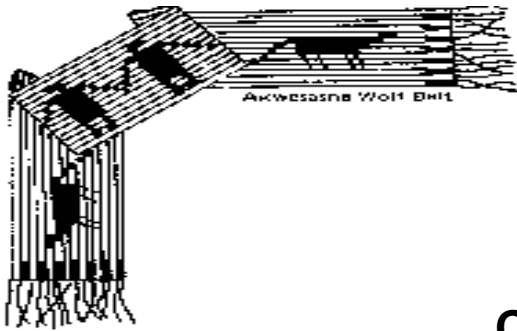
To qualify for appointment a person must:

- (a) be a Member;
- (b) have attained the age of thirty-five (35) years of age;
- (c) have been resident in the territory of a First Nation for at least ten (10) years and within the past fifteen (15) years;
- (d) have knowledge of Mohawk culture and traditions;
- (e) have good character, credibility and reputation in the Akwesasne community;
- (f) have adequate education and relevant work or life experience, and possess an interest in the settling of disputes;

- (g) not be an elected member of Council or the St. Regis Mohawk Tribal Council, an employee of the Akwesasne Justice Department or have an Immediate Family who is elected to the Council or Tribe or an employee of the Akwesasne Justice Department;
- (h) not be a member of any Decision-Making Body;
- (i) never have been convicted of an offense under the Akwesasne Banishment Law, the Akwesasne Drug Law, an indictable offense in Canada or a felony in the United States.
- (j) not have been convicted of an offense under Akwesasne Law, a summary conviction offense in Canada, or a misdemeanor in the United States in the past five (5) years.
- (k) produce to the Director of the Akwesasne Justice Department a valid certificate from the Canadian Police Information Centre; and,
- (l) never have been previously removed from the Akwesasne Review Commission.

We are looking for new members to re-energize the important function of ensuring that those who are entrusted to resolve conflict in the community exercise their functions with a good mind, respect and fairness.

Please submit applications by noon on December 30, 2013 attention: Joyce King, Director, Akwesasne Justice Department, Angus Mitchell Memorial Building 613 575 2250 x 2404 or via Joyce.King@akwesasne.ca



Community Notice

Akwesasne Community Fund

(Akwesasne Mohawk Territory – December 16, 2013) The Akwesasne Community Fund Review Team, on behalf of the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne (MCA), is pleased to announce a new call out for applications for funding from the **Akwesasne Community Fund**.

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne has set up the Akwesasne Community Fund to provide financial support for community based, not-for-profit organizations and groups who are located and/or operate in the portion of Akwesasne coming under the jurisdiction of the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne. This is the second of two (2) separate call outs being made this year. This call out will have \$150,000.00 available for distribution.

The Akwesasne Community Fund guidelines and application forms may be picked up at the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne Administration 1 Building located at 12 Akwesasne Street in Kanatakon (St. Regis Village). The forms and information are also available on-line at the website of the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne at www.akwesasne.ca.

The deadline for receipt of applications will be 2:00 p.m. on Friday, January 31st, 2014 – No Exceptions will be allowed, late submissions will not be accepted. Completed applications are to be delivered to the MCA's Administration 1 Bldg. in Kanatakon (St. Regis Village).

Please note that organizations who have received funding from past call outs of the Akwesasne Community Fund must have submitted a final report for that funding in order to be eligible to receive funding under this new call out.

Requests for information concerning the Akwesasne Community Fund should be directed to Lewis Morris, Special Projects Officer at the MCA Administration 1 Building or by phone 613-575-2250 extension 2121 or by e-mail at lewis.morris@akwesasne.ca.

Constitutional Test Cases Commence Against CBSA

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne's long-anticipated court trial against the Canada Border Services Agency began on December 9, 2013 in the Ontario Court of Justice. The trial involves two Akwesasne mothers criminally charged for allegedly failing to directly report at the Port-of-Entry located in the City of Cornwall before dropping off their children on the island of Kawehno:ke.

For both cases, the MCA is challenging the CBSA's interpretation of the Customs Act and the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act. The court proceedings commenced with the border agency presenting evidence involving two Akwesasne residents—Alicia Shenandoah and Elaine April Thompson.

In August 2011, the CBSA alleges that Shenandoah stopped at the A'nowara'kowa Arena on the island before she reported at the CBSA customs facility in Cornwall. They claim that she first dropped off her daughter at the arena before driving across the international bridge and waiting in line to report.

When Shenandoah arrived at the Port-of-Entry; she was questioned, detained, and charged with two Customs Act offenses and one offence under the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act. The criminal charges provided justification for launching a test case against the CBSA's reporting requirement that was imposed upon the Akwesasne community. Shenandoah's situation illustrates the hardships that Akwesasne residents must endure when traveling within his or her own community.

Shenandoah's case was also selected as an example of another unique situation that exists in Territory of Akwesasne. She represents other Akwesasne residents who may be Mohawk, but aren't registered 'status' Indians or Canadian citizens. This is the result of two federal jurisdictions imposed upon the community, as well as our people's continued recognition for our traditional form of governance.

Citizenship and Immigration Canada is the federal agency that determines acceptable forms of travel documents that the CBSA enforces. At this time, the CIC has narrowed their list of acceptable identification for First Nations to the Certificate of Indian Status,



Relocated Canadian Port-of-Entry now situated in Cornwall, Ontario.

or Indian Status Card. They no longer recognize Mohawk government-issued identification, which had existed prior to CBSA's voluntary relocation to Cornwall in the summer of 2009.

The CIC's limited scope of acceptable identification fails to account for the right of First Nations to determine their own membership. Recognition of this right became federal law in 1985 through the passage of Bill C-31. Two years later, in 1987, Akwesasne began exercising this right, which has resulted in "non-Status" community members.

For the second test case, the CBSA alleges that in November 2011 Thompson failed to report in Cornwall before dropping her daughter off on the island to catch the school bus. After doing so, she then continued driving to work in Cornwall, which entailed reporting at the Port-of-Entry where she was charged with Aiding or Abetting Persons Coming Into Canada.

If the Crown is successful in proving its allegations against Shenandoah and Thompson during Phase 1, MCA's attorney Gordon Scott Campbell will be presenting evidence on the charge's constitutional violations during the trial's next phase planned for spring of 2014. This includes constitutional protected Aboriginal and Treaty Rights enshrined within Section 35 of the 1982 Constitution Act.

Both test cases represent Akwesasne residents trying to go about their daily lives to attend work, school, or family. They are unique however, in that these cases are among the first in Canada to directly raise issues of mobility within traditional territory as an Aboriginal right, treaty right and Charter right. ❖

Mohawk Council Voices Opposition to Contraband Tobacco Bill

On December 5, 2013 Mohawk Council of Akwesasne Chiefs Brian David and Steve Thomas were invited to make a presentation to the House of Commons' Standing Committee on Justice and Human Rights in regard to Bill C-10, "An Act to Amend the Criminal Code (Trafficking in Contraband Tobacco)". This was the second appearance by the MCA on the proposed legislation. A previous presentation was made by Chief David on May 1st before the Senate Standing Committee of Legal and Constitutional Affairs when it was titled Bill S-16.

The standing committee is made up of about 15 members of Parliament from the various political parties. Witnesses are invited to speak about a proposed bill and make suggestions to address its weaknesses. Bill C-10 is designed to get tougher on offences related to the trafficking of "Illegal" tobacco. The bill would impose mandatory minimum sentences for repeat offenders of the amended law.

Chiefs David and Thomas noted that there are shortfalls with the legislation, including its failure

to differentiate between traditional or ceremonial tobacco and raw leaf tobacco. This would make for confusion in law enforcement agencies and the possibility of mistaken arrests of innocent elders and other citizens.

Chief David also pointed out that we have our own justice system in Akwesasne and the mandatory sentences under Bill C-10 would eliminate the use of Akwesasne's Kanikonri:io program, which is an alternative sentencing program available to outside courts for Native offenders.

The Chiefs recommended that instead of putting more money into a stricter law and outside law enforcement, which would result in more Native people being put in jail, the federal government should be putting more resources into First Nation policing and economic development. They noted that economic development leads to a better future and hope for First Nations. ❖

Chamber for the House of Commons and Chief Brian David.



Proposed Akwesasne Education Law

Members Can Submit Written Comments Before January 3rd

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne ratified Resolution 2013/2014-#165 on August 27, 2013 to initiate the development of an Akwesasne Education Law. The development of the proposed law is in reaction to the Government of Canada introducing a First Nations Education Act. The First Nations Education Act, as proposed, repeals section 114-122 of the Indian Act (Canada).

The First Nations Education Act is designed for communities that do not have the policies and procedures in place to fully manage their education system or schools. It does not take into consideration communities like Akwesasne that have elected boards of education and full policies and procedures for the oversight and transparency to the community. The First Nations Education Act treats every First Nation as if they lack the capacity, desire or vision to manage their community's education system.

The Ahkwasáhsne Mohawk Board of Education has a fully functioning elected Board of Education, with representation from the three districts. Through establishing the Ahkwasáhsne Mohawk Board of Education, the Mohawks of Akwesasne reclaimed their responsibility to educate children within the community by developing programs and services, including offering parents the choice to have their children's education in Kanien'kéha. "Ie thi ha hon:nien – We Make the Road for Them" encompasses the vision and mandate of the Ahkwasáhsne Mohawk Board of Education of providing children with the highest quality education possible and "building a road for them" that will lead to success.

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne has established a working task group to develop the proposed Akwesasne Education Law. This working task group is comprised of technicians from the Ahkwasáhsne Mohawk Board of Education, Akwesasne Justice Department, Entewatatha:wi Program, and Council Education Portfolio Holders.

In accordance with the Law Enactment Procedural Regulation (MCR 2012/2013-#061) s. 5.5, Council is calling for written comments from Members on

the subject matter and content of the proposed Akwesasne Education Law.

The general nature of the provisions to be included in the proposed Akwesasne Education Law encompasses the vision and mandate mentioned above. It will also include:

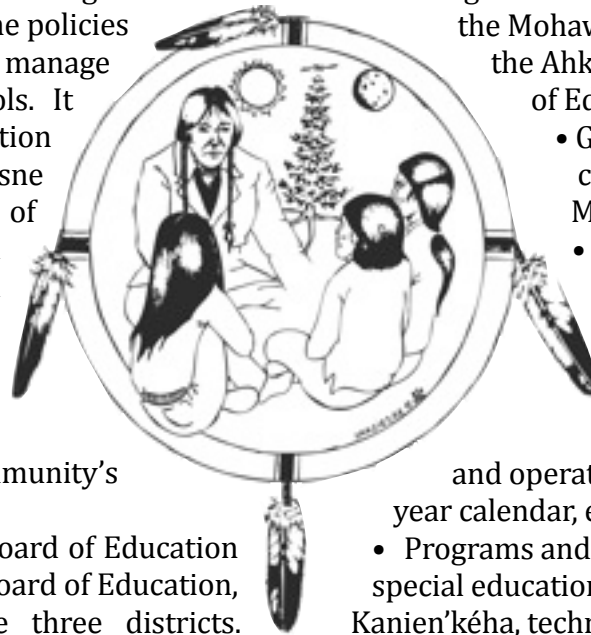
- Protection of jurisdiction over education in Akwesasne
- Delegated authorities over education from the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne to the Ahkwasáhsne Mohawk Board of Education
- Governance, structure, and charter of the Ahkwasáhsne Mohawk Board of Education
- Community access to education within Akwesasne
- Personnel and human resources management
- School administration and operations (i.e. school day, school year calendar, etc.)
- Programs and services (i.e. curricula, special education, transportation, Kanien'kéha, technology, etc.)

Community members that would like to submit written comments on the proposed Akwesasne Education Law can submit them to:

Kyrie Ransom, Justice Coordinator
Akwesasne Justice Department
PO Box 579
Cornwall, Ontario
K6H 5R3
Tel: 613-575-2250 ext. 2403
Fax: 613-575-1726
Email: kyrie.ransom@akwesasne.ca

The deadline to submit written comment is Tsiothohrhkó:wa/January 3, 2014 at 4:00pm.

For more information, please contact the Ahkwasáhsne Mohawk Board of Education website at www.ambe.ca or contact their administration office at 613-933-0409. ❖



Mohawk Conversation and Song

Kátke ne Sha'tekohséhne enwaterihwatén:ti?
When will Midwinter take place?

Tsiothohrkó:wa ià:ia'k shískare entewatáhsawen.
January 6th, it will begin.

Oh nahò:ten ne kaié:ri niiorì:wake?
What are the four rituals?

Ionehó:ron, Atón:wa, Ohsto'sera'kó:wa tánon
Kaientowá:nen.
*Drum Dance, Atón:wa, Great Feather and Peach
Stone Game.*

WA'TAHTSHERÓ:TON (Children's version of Stomp Dance)

A ion a ion we ion we a ion we
A ion a ion we ion we a ion we
Ion ion a ion we ion we a ion we
A ion a ion we ion we a ion we

Wá:kien ni' karén:na ion we a ion we
I have a song

Onkwehón:we raotirén:na ion we a ion we
an Onkwehón:we song
ne ne karenní:io ion we a ion we
It's a nice song
Kiótkon iakwarén:note ion we a ion we
We're always singing

A ion a ion we ion we a ion we
A ion a ion we ion we a ion we
Ion ion a ion we ion we a ion we
A ion a ion we ion we a ion we

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an Onkwehón:we dance
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It's a nice dance
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We're always dancing

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Ion ion a ion we ion we a ion we
A ion a ion we ion we a ion we

Tóhsa Ionkwá:ti Kanien'kéha Tewatá:ti

Let's Not Lose It Let's Speak Mohawk



MESSAGE BY THE MOHAWK COUNCIL OF AKWESASNE
PROMOTING OUR MOHAWK LANGUAGE

Akwesasne Couples Property Law Passes in Community Referendum

Couples residing in the jurisdiction of the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne will now have a new law to follow when property issues arise. The *Iatathróna Raotiientáhtsera* “Couples Property” Law was ratified this month in referendum vote by members of the Mohawks of Akwesasne.

Per requirements of the Akwesasne Law Enactment Procedural Regulation, the new law was required to be ratified by community referendum. The Akwesasne Justice Department developed new voting procedures for the *Iatathrona Raotiientahtsera* referendum and for the first time electronic voting was utilized over a period of three weeks. Akwesasne is the only First Nation to utilize electronic voting. Traditional voting stations were also set up in each district, and community members had the additional option of in-home voting. Voting closed on Dec. 7, 2013.

The referendum question asked, “Do you approve of the *Iatathróna Raotiientáhtsera* ‘Couples Property’ Law?”

Of the 254 votes cast, 174 voted “Yes”, 78 voted “No”, 1 “Declined” and 1 ballot was voided.

No appeals were filed by the deadline of Dec. 13, 2013; therefore Mohawk Council accepted the results by MCR on Dec. 16, 2013.

The new law will take effect on June 16, 2014 and is significant for several reasons. To MCA it is especially meaningful because it is the first law to be enacted under the Law Enactment Procedural Regulation. It has been seven years since development of this law began.

“Our staff can be proud that their hard work and commitment to developing this law has finally reached a point of celebration,” said Grand Chief Mike Kanentakeron Mitchell. “Establishing this law is one more step in the right direction and another achievement in self-governance for our community.”

Without the law in place, Akwesasne community members would be forced to take their property issues either to Ontario courts or Quebec courts, dependent on which district they reside in. The Akwesasne law however does not distinguish between provinces and all cases will be heard in one court, the Akwesasne Mohawk Court. The law

allows for Akwesasne justices, who understand the Akwesasne community, to make the decisions where children are concerned.

“Akwesasne has a history of stepping up and developing our own community laws instead of allowing Federal laws to take place,” said Chief Julie Phillips-Jacobs, the portfolio holder for this initiative. “We have the resources to develop our own laws that bare in mind our cultural values and uniqueness.”

The law has components not found in the federal and provincial laws. For one, the *Iatathróna Raotiientáhtsera* law gives the most consideration to children of a union rather than the property owner. The Akwesasne Mohawk Court may rule for instance that a mother or father must vacate a home to allow the children to continue living there with their legal guardian. Same sex couples are also recognized through *Iatathróna Raotiientáhtsera*. This law, however, deals with property and not custody, child support payments, membership or personal property.

The *Iatathróna Raotiientáhtsera* law reflects what is important to Akwesasronon and input was received from them at a number of community focus meetings.

“One recommendation we heard throughout this process was the need to change/add to the definition of a “Common-Law Relationship,” said Chief Phillips-Jacobs. “Our community felt it was important to recognize a union as common-law when it had produced a child. Therefore, common-law by the *Iatathróna Raotiientáhtsera* definition is five years for couples without children, and one year for couples who have a child together.”

A component of the law that its developers are particularly proud of is the focus placed on mediation.

“Although mediation has always been an option, we are hopeful it will now be utilized by more residents, as most trained mediators of the Akwesasne Mohawk Court are from the community,” said Chief Phillips-Jacobs. “With mediation, both parties have a say in developing the best outcome for the best interest of the child and family.” ❖

Substance Abuse Strategy Update

Community Workshop Held on Opioid Addiction and Treatment



Canada's Centre for Addiction and Mental Health representative presented information opioid abuse and disorders.

On Nov. 19, 2013, the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne's Wholistic Health & Wellness Program hosted a workshop open to the public on the use and abuse of opioids. Opioids are medications that ease pain, such as morphine, oxycodone and related drugs. Despite their usefulness in the medical profession, opioids are a source of addiction for many non-medical users.

"We continue to receive inquiries from community members who want information about opioids, or may have a family member experiencing an issue with opioid addiction," said Bonnie Bradley, Case

Management Coordinator for MCA's Wholistic & Wellness Program. "Opioids are not new to our community, although there appears to be a more concentrated effort by community members to hide addictions to opioids, possibly due to the negativity attached to such an addiction."

Canada's Centre for Addiction and Mental Health hosted an opioid workshop in Ottawa recently, and upon hearing the information, MCA staff decided to ask CAMH to present the information in Akwesasne. Although the workshop was originally designed for professionals treating and dealing with opioid patients and users, Bradley said it was opened up to Akwesasne community members.

The CAMH presenters are known for their always current and informative information on substance abuse and disorders.

The workshop provided attendees with the opportunity to understand how opioids can be useful and how they can become addictive. One area of concern in regard to opioid addiction is instances of co-concurring disorders, meaning an individual may be battling substance abuse and mental health issues at the same time. Attendees also learned from the CAMH presenters that some type of abuse or trauma precipitates more than 90 percent of substance abuse.

Organizers received only positive feedback from the 67 attendees.

"I believe individuals left the workshop with a great introduction on opioids," said Bradley. "Any professionals or community members with further questions can call us anytime." ❖

For more information on opioids or any other drug and mental health questions, please contact MCA's Wholistic Health & Wellness Program at 613-575-2341.

Do You Know... Prescription Opioids?

—From the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health, CAMH.ca.

STREET NAMES: M, morph, (for morphine); meth (for methadone); percs (for Percodan, Percocet); juice (for Dilaudid); oxy, OC, hillbilly heroin (for OxyContin)

What are opioids?

Opioids are a family of drugs that have morphine-like effects. The primary medical use for prescription opioids is to relieve pain. Other medical uses include control of coughs and diarrhea, and the treatment of addiction to other opioids. Opioids can also produce euphoria, making them prone to abuse. Some people use opioids for their ability to produce a mellow, relaxed “high.”

Federal laws regulate the possession and distribution of all opioids. Use of prescription opioids is legal only when they are prescribed by a licensed medical practitioner, and are used by the person to whom they are prescribed. Illegal use includes “double doctoring,” or obtaining a prescription from more than one doctor without telling the prescribing doctor about other prescriptions received in the past 30 days. Penalties for the illegal possession and distribution of prescription opioids include fines, imprisonment or both.

What do opioids look like?

Prescription opioids come in various forms—tablets, capsules, syrups, solutions and suppositories.

Who uses opioids?

Opioids are prescribed by licensed medical practitioners to people with acute or chronic pain resulting from disease, surgery or injury. Opioids are also prescribed to people with moderate to severe coughs and diarrhea. Methadone and buprenorphine are opioids that are prescribed to treat addiction to other opioids, such as heroin or oxycodone (e.g., OxyContin).

The use of prescription opioids for other than their medical purpose is considered “abuse.” Much attention is given to the abuse of illegal opioid drugs, such as heroin (see Do You Know... Heroin), but some of the most commonly abused opioids are prescription

drugs, such as codeine-containing Tylenol (1, 2, 3 and 4), hydromorphone (Dilaudid), oxycodone (OxyContin, Percocet, Percodan), morphine and others.

Because of the risk of abuse, opioids are prescribed cautiously for chronic pain. However, opioids are of particular value in controlling pain in the later stages of terminal illness, when the possibility of addiction is not relevant.

Opioid drugs that are sold on the street may be stolen from pharmacies or from people who have been prescribed the drugs for legitimate purposes.

The non-medical use of prescription opioids has increased in recent years. In 2009, about 18 percent of Ontario students in grades 7 to 12 reported non-medical use of an opioid pain reliever at least once in the past year. In 2008, 1.5 percent of Canadians aged 15 and older who said they use prescription opioids used them “to get high.” The rate of abuse was roughly five times higher among those youth between the ages 15 and 24.

How do opioids make you feel?

The way opioids affect you depends on many factors, including:

- how much you use
- how often and how long you use opioids
- how you take them (e.g., by injection, orally)
- your mood, expectations and environment
- your age
- whether you have certain pre-existing medical or psychiatric conditions
- whether you’ve taken any alcohol or other drugs (illegal, prescription, over-the-counter or herbal).

Low doses of opioids suppress the sensation of pain and the emotional response to pain. They may also produce euphoria, drowsiness, relaxation, difficulty concentrating, constricted pupils, a slight decrease in respiratory rate, nausea, vomiting, constipation, loss of appetite and sweating. With higher doses, these effects are more intense and last longer.

The speed and intensity of the effects of opioids vary depending on how the drugs are taken. When taken orally, the effects come on gradually, and are usually felt in about 10 to 20 minutes. When injected into a vein, the effects are most intense and are felt within a minute.

Are opioids dangerous?

Yes. Opioids can be dangerous if they are used without medical supervision for the reasons below:

- Opioids are depressant drugs, which means that they slow down the part of the brain that controls breathing. All opioid drugs are dangerous when taken in large quantities or when taken with other depressants, such as alcohol or benzodiazepines. Signs of overdose include slow breathing, bluish skin and coma. Death can result, usually because breathing stops. If caught in time, overdose can be treated with drugs such as naloxone, which blocks the effects of opioids, including the effect on breathing.
- People who use opioids regularly for their pleasurable effects soon develop tolerance to these effects, which means they need to use more and more of the drug to achieve the desired effect. As the amount taken increases, so does the risk of overdose. If people with tolerance stop taking the drug, they lose their tolerance. If they then resume taking the same amount they took before they stopped, the risk of overdose is extreme.
- Some people inject opioids to increase the intensity of the euphoric effect. Using dirty needles and sharing needles carries a high risk of infection and disease (e.g., HIV, hepatitis). When pharmaceutical tablets or capsules are dissolved for injection, non-drug substances contained in these products can permanently damage veins and organs.
- Regular use of large quantities of opioids during pregnancy can increase the risk of premature delivery and infant withdrawal. Pregnant women who are addicted to opioids are treated with the long-acting opioid methadone to prevent withdrawal symptoms.

Are opioids addictive?

They can be. When opioids are used as directed under medical supervision in the general population, there is little risk of addiction. However, the risk appears to be higher in people with a history of abuse or addiction. Addiction is when a drug becomes central to a person's thoughts, emotions and activities, and he or she feels a craving or compulsion to continue using the drug. This may or may not include physical dependence.

Anyone who takes opioids regularly will develop physical dependence. Physical dependence is the result of the body adapting to the presence of the drug, and is not the same as addiction. A person who is physically dependent will experience withdrawal symptoms about six to 12 hours after last taking a short-acting opioid, such as hydro-morphone, and about one to three days after last taking a long-acting opioid, such as methadone. With short-acting opioids, withdrawal comes on quickly and is intense; with longer-acting opioids, withdrawal comes on more gradually and is less intense.

Symptoms of withdrawal include uneasiness, yawning, tears, diarrhea, abdominal cramps, goosebumps and runny nose, accompanied by a craving for the drug. Symptoms usually subside after a week, although some, such as anxiety, insomnia and drug craving, may continue for a long time. Unlike alcohol withdrawal, opioid withdrawal is rarely life-threatening.

What are the long-term effects of taking opioids?

Long-term use of opioids can cause constipation, decreased interest in sex, menstrual irregularities and mood swings. Addiction to opioids can have devastating long-term social, financial and emotional effects.

Support a Drug Free Community!

SUBSTANCE ABUSE EMERGENCY NUMBERS

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

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

45 Years Later: You Are 'Still' on Indian Land

— Phillip White-Cree, *Aboriginal Rights and Research Office*

Few would expect a video documentary about a bridge blockade that took place over four decades ago would still be relevant today, but *You Are on Indian Land* (1969) is definitely an exception. Filmed on Kawehno:ke (Cornwall Island) on December 18, 1968 the main focus of the film was to document a blockade in protest of Canada's imposed duty fees and bridge tolls on Akwesasne residents as they travel within their traditional territory that spans the international border between the U.S. and Canada.

You Are on Indian Land was part of the National Film Board of Canada series Challenge for Change where a small group of First Nations filmmakers learned to record the Aboriginal experience in hopes of inspiring social change. One of these film groups came to Akwesasne in the late 1960's to document the community and were on hand for the one of first blockades of the International Bridge corridor in 1968.

"Some of their own medicine," stated one demonstrator.

On a bitterly cold December day, with copies of an old "Notice of Trespassing on Indian Land" issued by Indian Affairs, the protesters carefully positioned their cars to block traffic at the Kawehno:ke crossroads.

Traffic from both directions was stopped and community members awaited the outcome of their actions. When the first car approached the driver was informed of the closure, with one Cornwall man enthusiastically supporting the action and exclaiming, "That's the way it should be!"

Then-activist Mike Kanentakeron Mitchell was originally part of the film crew, but when the protest started he switched to helping to organize the peaceful

protest and arranging the cars into place. It wasn't long before police officers from Cornwall arrived on the scene and asked the people to disperse.

"I can't allow the road to be blocked, you understand, this is contrary to our laws," said the Cornwall Chief of Police.

He argued that the protesters have made their point and should go home to clear the roadway. As a chief of police, he was obligated to open the roadway, but was unsure of his jurisdiction in Akwesasne. The Police Chief requested help from Canadian Customs, Ontario Provincial Police and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police; although they provided no clear direction or answers.

The Police Chief again requested people to move their cars and officers began arresting a woman for obstructing the roadway; in defiance she tossed her keys into the crowd as she was escorted to an awaiting police car. Mitchell and the late-Ernest Benedict responded by addressing the police and questioning their authority on "Indian Land." They mentioned the possibility of charging the police with trespassing as officers attempted to move the vehicles—only to have the crowd push them back into place, as more police officers, reporters and a tow truck arrived.

"You made your point now move your cars," re-stated the Police Chief.

The 1968 bridge blockade took place at the time when people in the community felt that the federal government was exerting too much influence and control over the affairs in Akwesasne. They were upset with Canada imposing federal law on Akwesasne without proper community consultation. The protest was a chance for Akwesasne residents to voice their frustration and seek more control over our community's affairs.

This point was brought up again when Benedict told





the Chief of Police that he had no authority to direct the people of Akwesasne, and instead the people were using a good mind in acting on their own. Frustrated with Akwesasne's defiance, the police began charging people with obstruction and used force to remove who they saw as 'trouble-makers' in the crowd.

"We are not moving!" was the emphatic declaration from protestors.

As the arrests continued, Benedict addressed the crowd, announcing that both sides agreed that a stance was achieved in recognition of Akwesasne's rights. Seeing that anger was beginning to take root and to avoid events escalating into violence, he calmly asked the people to disperse for their own safety. He asked demonstrators to join a meeting with authority figures, as police continued to make arrests—with

all protesters subsequently released and all charges dismissed.

Forty-five years later, border crossing continue to be an importation issue in Akwesasne. In 2009, the Conservative Government of Canada mandated that all CBSA officers carry firearms. This action led to another community protest that called for Akwesasne leadership to work together to oppose Canada's arming initiative. The community questioned the authority of Canada to assert its jurisdiction within Akwesasne Territory without proper consultation.

Today, Akwesasne continues to be a leader amongst First Nations communities in voicing its opposition to federal actions in the absence of proper consultation. Akwesasne have a long history of asserting Mohawk rights and peacefully protesting federal policies that negatively affect us. These efforts are echoed with the renewed Idle No More protests and other peaceful demonstrations.

Akwesasne's unity and strong sense of identity has earned it a worldwide reputation as an Indigenous border community that asserts its rights on a daily basis. This recognition was the reason for the UN Special Rapporteur James Anaya to begin his cross-country tour in Akwesasne on October 7th.

"The Mohawk people and the Akwesasne community are famous around the world," said Mr. Anaya. "This is the first community I'm visiting during my nine day stay in Canada and this is a place I've heard a lot about over the years."

While the issues that affect Akwesasne have yet to be fully resolved, stated Grand Chief Ike Mitchell, the community remains united and the fight continues, but we are facing these challenges together. We are a people that holds firm to our Aboriginal Rights and will not surrender any of them, which includes mobility rights within our own territory. We will not let 200 years of imaginary lines divide us.

Link: National Film Board of Canada, www.nfb.ca



Budding Scientists Succeed at 2013 Ahkwesahsne Mohawk Science Fair

The Ahkwesahsne Mohawk Science Fair (AMSF) was held on Wednesday, December 4, 2013 at the Ahkwesahsne Mohawk School, showcasing projects and ideas created by young future scientists in grades 6, 7 and 8. This year's fair featured 65 projects with students from both the Ahkwesahsne Mohawk School and Kana:takon School participating.

Judges from the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne, St. Regis Mohawk Tribe, St. Lawrence River Institute, Clarkson University, Ontario Ministry of the Environment, IBM, AMBE Secondary Staff, and an AMBE retired teacher volunteered their time and expertise. Organizers also wish to thank the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne's Computer Services for allowing Iris Caldwell to act as the computer-scoring analyst.

Students participating in the science fair were scored in several areas with the top projects/students being selected as the official winners. Judges scored written reports, project displays, scientific understanding, presentation, and all other components of the project. Students had a few minutes with judges to prove their knowledge and share the exciting things they learned while doing their projects. The following projects/students were scored the highest and selected as official winners of the 2013 fair:

NAME/PROJECT TITLE:

- Ariana Roundpoint (AMS, Gr. 8) – “Opening the Doors of Plant Perception”
- Kolten Oakes-Cook (AMS, Gr. 8) – “A Bottle's Footprint”
- Angelina Roundpoint (AMS, Gr. 6) – “The Water Molecules”
- Brandi Buckshot & Camaron Loran (AMS, Gr. 6) – “Crazy Crystal”



Ariana Roundpoint won the Clarkson Trophy for the “Best in Fair.”

- Ella Bero & Janie Johnson (AMS, Gr. 6) – “The Best Battery”
- Gage King-Gorman (AMS, Gr. 8) – “Molecular Freeze”

One project is selected each year to win Clarkson University's Clarkson Trophy and “Best in Fair” honors. This year's highest-scored project and Clarkson Trophy winner was Ariana Roundpoint.

One project is also selected to win the Dr. Cathy Hall Experimental Award, in memory of the science fair's founder Dr. Cathy Hall, a former teacher in Akwesasne. Grade 8 student Gracey Martin was selected for this prize for her project titled “Turning Milk Into Plastic.”

The American Indian Science and Engineering Society's (AISES) National Science Fair traditionally held a fair every year in New Mexico that science fair winners across North America attended. This year, however, AISES has chosen to switch to a Virtual Fair. Organizers are awaiting more information to see if Akwesasne's winners are able to participate. It is an online fair. As a result of this change, the AMSF Committee has decided that the eight students who

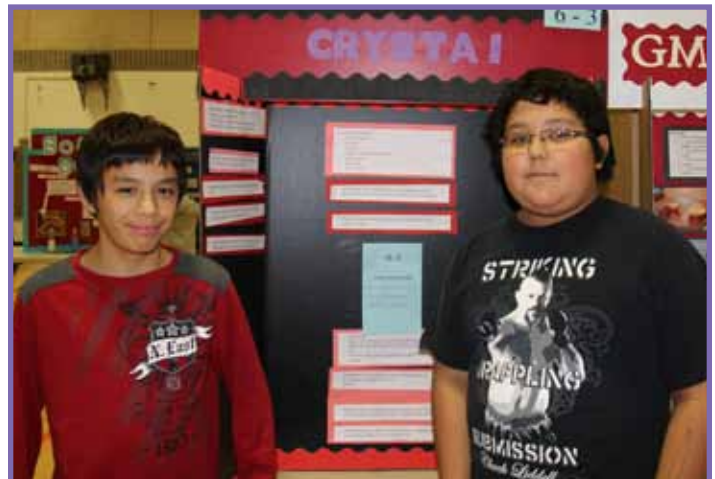
won this year's fair will be traveling to Toronto, ON, in May and participating in a number of activities. More information about this will be forthcoming.

Congratulations to Grade 7 class winners as follows: 1st Place – Laney Tahy, 2nd Place – Jimmy Jock and Chad White and 3rd Place – Havana Benedict.

Congratulations also goes to the following door prize winners: Erica White (\$100.00 MasterCard Gift Card) and Cohen Mitchell and Gracey Martin (\$50.00 MasterCard Gift Cards) and Tanice Jock (giant size Chocolate Bar).

The Committee members of Tami Kroon, Rhonda LaFrance, Mindy MacLeod, Melissa Price, Lisa Francis-Benedict, Iris Caldwell, Barbara Montour, Debbie Terrance and Lynn McCarthy worked diligently to ensure that the Fair was once again a huge success. A big niawen:kowa also goes out to Darius White and Yolanda Hill for providing an excellent meal for the judges.

Congratulations to all of this year's participating students and budding young scientists. ❖





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Ambulance Unit	Ext. 3121	Housing	Ext. 2300	Pharmacy	Ext. 3250
Ahkwasasne Mohawk School	Ext. 1700	Human Resources	Ext. 2146	Records Management	Ext. 1202
Animal Control/Compliance	Ext. 2415	Hydro Quebec	Ext. 2189	Snye Child Care	Ext. 4300
Aboriginal Rights & Research	Ext. 2203	Iakhihsotha	Ext. 4201	Technical Services	Ext. 1003
Board of Education	Ext. 1400	Iethinisten:ha	Ext. 1500	Traditional Medicine	Ext. 3115
Child & Family Services	Ext. 3139	Iohahi:io Adult Education	Ext. 4100	Tsi Snaihne School	Ext. 4400
Community Health Nurses	Ext. 3219	Justice	Ext. 2400	Tsi ionkwanonsote	Ext. 1600
Computers	Ext. 2323	Kana:takon Medical Clinic	Ext. 3214	Wholistic Health	Ext. 3100
Communications Unit	Ext. 2210	Kana:takon School	Ext. 2500		
Community Support Program	Ext. 3262	Kawehno:ke Medical Clinic	Ext. 1110		
Community & Social Services	Ext. 3305	Maintenance/Sanitation	Ext. 3400	OUTSIDE FACILITIES	
Dental Clinic	Ext. 3208	Mohawk Court	Ext. 1026	A'nowara'ko:wa Arena	936-1583
Economic Development	Ext. 1053	Mohawk Government	Ext. 2200	Kawehnoke Water Plant	933-1971
Emergency Measures	Ext. 1030	Mohawk Police Reception	Ext. 3502	Child Care Administration	938-5067
Environment	Ext. 1039	Nation Building	Ext. 1055	Mohawk Security Services	932-5183
Executive Services	Ext. 2120	Non-Insured Health Benefits	Ext. 3340	Roads Garage	938-5476
Finance	Ext. 2168	Operational Support	Ext. 2100	St. Regis Child Care	575-1915
Health	Ext. 3300	Optometry	Ext. 3131		



Name the Mascot
Create the Logo
for the AMBE Schools
“Show Your School Spirit”

The Ahkwesahsne Mohawk Board of Education is searching
for a mascot and/or logo.

AMBE is looking for designs that will represent all three schools.

Submissions will be accepted from

Tsiothohrhkó:wa/January 2 – 20, 2014

******Winner will receive a i-Pad Mini.******



Students from Tsi Snaihne School, Kana:takon School, and Ahkwesahsne Mohawk School are eligible to submit entries for the competition. Individual entries, or submissions by a pair of students will be accepted. Students may submit multiple entries. Designs that reflect our traditional Kanien'keháka heritage are encouraged.

*Official entry forms are available at each school or can be found on the
AMBE website (www.ambe.ca).*

A blind vote (artists will not be identified) will be conducted and the winning entry will be announced on Tsiothohrhkó:wa/January 22, 2014. The winning mascot will make their debut (in full costume) on Enniskó:wa/ March 27, 2014 at the “Traditional Storytelling Night” to be held at Ahkwesahsne Mohawk School.

*Get involved, be creative, be part of AMBE's history, leave a lasting legacy,
use your skills and artistic talents and “Show Your School Spirit”*

“Good Luck to All Participants!”



Ahkwesāhsne Mohawk Board of Education

"Ŋe thi ha hon:nien – We make the road for them."

Our motto encompasses our vision and mandate of providing our children with the highest quality education possible and "building a road of them" that will lead to success.

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

Deborah Terrance, Associate Director

Theresa Thompson, Chair

Tasha Thompson, Co-Chair

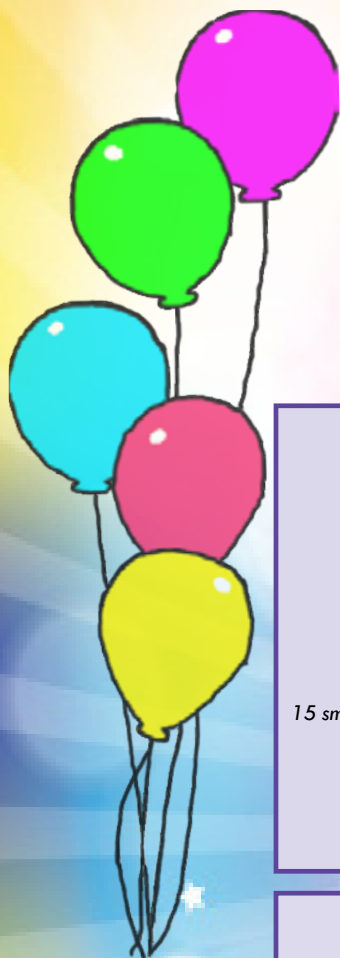
Public/In-Camera Session Meeting Schedule **School Year 2013-2014**

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

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

**Schedule subject to change.*

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



A'nowarako:wa Arena Party Package Rentals

Friday Night Public Skating Package

Includes:

Turtle Room

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

+

Food Item and Drink

(Turtle Cafe @ 20% discount)

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

+

Discounted Skating Admission

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

Did you know?

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

2 hours \$35

or

3 hours \$50

&

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

&

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

D&T:

518-521-0909/facebook

Bounce-N-Bounce:

613-937-4707 or

613-551-1069/facebook

Private Rentals - Sundays Only

1. Ice for 2 hours, Turtle Room 3 hours **\$135.00**
2. Ice for 2.5 hours, Turtle room 3.5 hours **\$175.00**
3. Turf for 2 hours, Turtle Room 3 hours **\$100.00**
4. Outside Sport Field 3 hours **\$50.00**
includes: usage of electrical outlet, water line, garbage removal



Newborn Registration Service

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

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

Mohawk Council of Akwesasne

Department of Health
Community Health Program

To book appointments please call 613-575-2341 x3220.

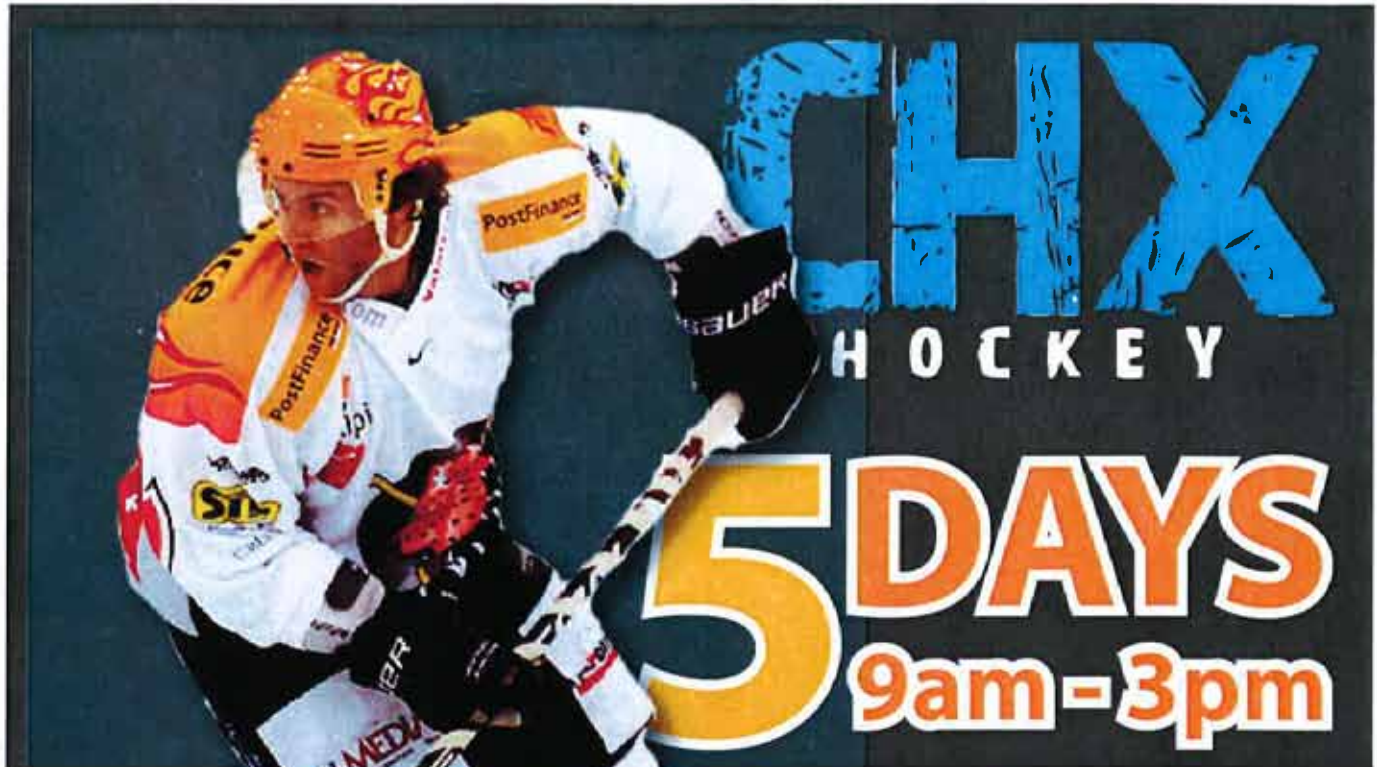
You are responsible to bring a credit card to cover any on-line fees.

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

Hours

1st and 3rd Thursday of every month at Kanonkwatsheriio

1pm to 4pm – ½ hour appointments.



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A'nowara'ko:wa Arena

36 Arena Road, Akwesasne, Ontario K6H 5R7

DECEMBER 27-31 | \$150 includes lunch & ice time

**** Registration at 8am on December 27th ****



Hazard Help Sheet

Holiday Safety

Season's Greetings Awesosome!



You are preparing for the winter holidays and your children are excited! Why not? It's the season of giving, so let's give thanks and praise! Let's wish our family and friends a prosperous new year. But, let's do it safely. Here are a few tips to keep your holiday season safe.

General Holiday Safety Rules

Always plan for safety. Remember, there is no substitute for common sense. Look for and eliminate potential danger spots near candles, fireplaces, trees, and/or electrical connections.

- Keep matches, lighters, and candles out of the reach of children.
- Avoid smoking near flammable decorations or materials.
- Make an **Emergency Plan**. See that each family member knows what to do and please **PRACTICE THE PLAN!**

Candles

- Always use non-flammable holders.
- Never use lighted candles on a tree or near other evergreens.
- Keep candles away from other decorations and wrapping paper.
- Place candles where they cannot be knocked down or blown over.
- Never burn candles near evergreens. Burning evergreens in the fireplace can also be hazardous. When dry, greens burn like tinder. Flames can flare out of control, and send sparks flying into a room, or up the chimney to ignite creosote deposits.

Fires

- Before lighting any fire, remove all greens, boughs, papers, and other decorations from fireplace area. Check to see that the flue is open.
- Keep a screen in front of the fireplace all the time while a fire is burning.
- Use caution with "fire salts" which produce colored flames when thrown on wood fires. They contain heavy metals which can cause intense gastrointestinal irritation or vomiting if eaten. Keep away from children.

Paper

- Never place trimming near open flames or electrical connections.
- When making paper decorations, look for materials labeled non-combustible or flame-resistant.
- Remove all wrapping papers from tree and fireplace areas immediately after presents are opened.
- Do not burn papers in the fireplace. A flash fire may result as wrappings ignite suddenly and burn intensely.

Decorations (Children Safety)

- Take special care to avoid decorations that are sharp or breakable.
- Use only non-combustible or flame-resistant decorations or materials.
- Avoid decorations that resemble candy or food. A child could eat them!
- Wear gloves while decorating with spun glass "angel hair" to avoid irritation to eyes and skin.
- Keep trimmings with small removable parts out of the reach of children. Pieces could be swallowed or inhaled.
- Choose tinsel or artificial icicles or plastic or non-leaded metals. Leaded materials are hazardous if ingested by children.



*Brought to you by
Emergency Measures*





**Safety
First!**

Hazard Help Sheet

Holiday Safety Cont'd



Have a Safe Holiday Season!

Trees

Many artificial trees are fire resistant. If you buy one, look for a statement specifying this protection. A fresh tree will stay green longer and be less of a fire hazard than a dry tree. To check for freshness, remember:

- A fresh tree is always green.
- Fresh needles are hard to pull from branches.
- Fresh needles do not break when you bend them.
- The trunk butt of a fresh tree is sticky with resin.
- When the trunk of a tree is bounced on the ground and a shower of needles fall to the ground, your tree is too dry.
- Always place a tree away from fireplaces, radiators and other heat sources. Heated rooms dry trees out rapidly, creating fire hazards.



Trimming Trees

Always cut off about two inches of the trunk to expose fresh wood for better water absorption. Trim away branches as necessary and set the tree in a sturdy water-based tree stand. Keep the tree stand filled with water while the tree is indoors. Place the tree out of the way of traffic and do not block doorways. Use thin guy-wires to secure a large tree to walls or ceiling. These wires are almost invisible.

Artificial Snow

Artificial snow sprays can irritate lungs if inhaled. To avoid injury, read container labels and follow directions carefully.

Lights

- Indoor or outdoor lights should only be used only when they have been tested for safety. Identify these by the label from an independent testing laboratory.
- New or old, check each set of lights for broken or cracked sockets, frayed or bare wires, or loose connections. Discard damaged sets or repair them before using.
- Fasten outdoor lights securely to trees, house, walls or other firm support to protect from wind damage.
- Do not use no more than three standard-size sets of lights per single extension cord.
- To avoid potential fires, be sure to turn off all lights on trees and other decorations when you go to bed or leave the house.
- Never use electric lights on a metallic tree. The tree can become charged with electricity from faulty lights, and any person touching a branch could be electrocuted! To avoid this danger, use colored spotlights above or beside a tree, never fastened onto it!
 - Keep "bubbling" lights away from children. These lights are brightly colors and have bubbly movement. This may tempt curious children to break the candle-shaped glass, which can cause injury. These lights contain a hazardous liquid which is harmful if swallowed.



Season's Greetings to you and yours from the Department of Jehottlennawa:kon!

**DO YOU SMOKE?
DO YOU WISH TO STOP SMOKING?**
If Yes, Please note the following opportunity:

RECONNECT SERVICES

“Reconnective healing frequencies are composed of light, information and intelligence. Highly palpable energies are initiated by the practitioner as a touch-free procedure, recognizing healing means reconnecting with the perfection of the universe.”



**MONDAYS BY APPOINTMENT
12PM- 4PM
OFFICE SITE: AKWESASNE MEDICAL CLINIC
PROVIDED BY SHIRLEY “SHANTE” WARNER
LIFESTYLE COACH**

**PROGRAM SPONSORED BY:
SMOKE FREE ONTARIO PROGRAM
ABORIGINAL DIABETES INITIATIVE-COMMUNITY HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

**FOR APPOINTMENTS AND PROGRAM INFORMATION, PLEASE
CONTACT: RACHEL GEORGE-DIABETES PREVENTION WORKER
613-575-2341 EXT. 3241 rachel.george@akwesasne.ca**



ALL SERVICES/INQUIRIES ARE CONFIDENTIAL.



Community Health Events



Please contact Kyle at 613-575-2341 ext. 3220 for further details

December 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 World AIDS Day 	3 Every Tuesday: Circuit Training with <i>Lorrie</i> Silver Sneakers With <i>Rachel</i>	4 <i>Immunization Clinic</i>	5 Every Thursday: Circuit Training with <i>Lorrie</i> Newborn Registration Service	6 Deadline to order Green Food Box <i>Immunization Clinic</i>	7
8	9	10	11 <i>Immunization Clinic</i>	12	13 <i>Immunization Clinic</i>	14
15	16	17 Green Food Box <i>Pick up day</i> Kanatakon 11- 4	18 <i>Watch Me Grow Clinic</i> Green Food Box <i>Pick up day</i> Island 11- 4 <i>Immunization Clinic</i>	19 Newborn Registration Service	20 <i>Immunization Clinic</i>	21
22	23	24	25 Offices Closed for HOLIDAY	26 Offices Closed for HOLIDAY	27 <i>Immunization Clinic</i>	28
29	30	31	 <p>Every Thursday: Silver Sneakers With <i>Rachel</i></p>			

Kawehnoke Medical Clinic 932-5808

December 2013

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUN.
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2 DR. TREMBLAY WALK-IN 8-11 am JOELLE REGNIER, NP 1pm – 4 pm BY APPT	3 DR. YOUNG 8:30-11:30 WALK-IN	4 DR. YOUNG 8:30-11:30 WALK-IN	5 JOELLE REGNIER 1 pm -4 pm BY APPT	6 NO DOCTOR	7 NO CLINIC	8
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30 JOELLE REGNIER, NP 1-4 pm WALK-IN	31 NO DOCTOR 	*REMINDER* DR. YOUNG'S CLINICS HAVE A 40 PT LIMIT		JOELLE REGNIER'S WALK-IN CLINICS HAVE A 15 PT LIMIT		

Winter Cultural Youth Camp 2013



Friday, December 27 -
Monday, December 30,
8:30am-4:30pm daily

Registration Packages
Available at

www.akwesasne.ca

The Deadline to Register is
December 19, 2013

Hosted by:
Iethinisten:ha
Family Wellness
Program, Akwesasne
Community Justice
Program
Saint Regis
Mohawk Tribe
Traditional Support
Program

Sponsored by:
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Family Wellness Program



Workshop
Topics Include:
Trapping Methods,
Deer Hide Tanning,
Basket Making,
Social Dancing
and Singing

For more information contact:
Akwesasne Community Justice Program
613-575-2250 ext. 2411
Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe
Traditional Support Program
518-358-2728