

MCA Extends Appreciation to First Responders

In light of recent community tragedies, the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne would like to extend its sincere appreciation to all first responders and community members who selflessly gave their assistance for days on end under oppressive weather conditions, first in a search for missing snowmobilers and later to battle a house fire. The commitment, dedication, and selflessness that was and is displayed by first responding men and women is honorable and instrumental to our community.

Niawenko:wa to the Hogsburg-Akwesasne Volunteer Fire Department who battled the fire and also led the search effort for the snowmobilers. Also niawenko:wa to the assisting agencies, including the Fort Covington Fire and EMS, Bombay Fire and EMS, Franklin County Dispatch and Emergency Services Office, Franklin County Car 2 and 14, St. Regis Mohawk Police, Parishville Fire and Rescue, Lisbon Fire and Rescue, Potsdam Fire, Massena Fire, St. Lawrence County Cars 26 and 27, the Surete Du Quebec, Roger Lalonde - former member of the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary, and the Akwesasne Mohawk Police and Akwesasne Mohawk Ambulance Unit.



First responders serve an important role in the community. MCA is proud to have many members of the Hogsburg-Akwesasne Volunteer Fire Department on staff, along with police officers and ambulance personnel (EMTs). These employees were honored at an MCA Spirit Awards Ceremony in their honor last year. (Photo)

Thank you as well to the countless members of the community who offered their assistance by joining the search on their personal snowmobiles, cooking food for the large search party, or assisting during either tragedy in any way. You are all appreciated, niawenko:wa. Our deepest sympathies to the families who have lost loved ones.

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Wat'kwanonweraton/Greetings

She:kon,

It's my pleasure to introduce this month's issue of Onkwe'ta:ke—the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne's community newsletter. I hope everyone is in good spirits and has done their best to maintain their health and stay warm during these long, cold winter months. Eventually the warmth will return. According to Shubenacadie Sam—Nova Scotia's famous groundhog and Punxsutawney Phil—Pennsylvania's famous groundhog, who each saw their shadow on Groundhog Day, there will be six more weeks of winter. But, if you prefer to follow the weather prediction made by Warton Willie—the famous groundhog from Ontario who didn't see his shadow, it will be a short winter. I prefer to think positively and hope it'll be over sooner than later. Here's a quote by Doug Larson that sums it all up: "Spring is when you feel like whistling, even with a shoe full of slush."

On a more serious note, the personnel of MCA's Administration 2 Building have now been relocated into two separate buildings at the G&L Complex, located at 29 and 33 Third Street in Kana:takon. Business for the most part has carried on as usual with only minor disruptions, when packing took place, and again when the physical move was completed. Council, as well as the staff of Mohawk Government, the Communications Unit, and ARRO can be contacted through our receptionist at 33 Third Street or by calling 613-575-2348. Applications for residency letters will also now be accepted at this location.

This issue of Onkwe'ta:ke contains the following features that may of interest to you:

- * Ontario Requirement for Health Card Renewals of Red+White OHIP Cards
- * Information on Council Member's Salaries
- * Online Voting is Underway for Couples Property Law
- * Traffic Changes in Cornwall Due to Bridge Demolition
- * Hunting on Other First Nations Territory
- * January Report from Department of Technical Services
- * Preventative Home Maintenance

My own monthly activities and updates are also included within this issue, as usual. I am pleased to provide this information to the community each month, even if it's just to keep you in the loop on the issues and topics I've been busy addressing—whether they are district issues, portfolio issues, or community issues. In this way, I hope you will feel more prepared to ask questions related to these topics at District Meetings and General Meetings, and feel secure to raise any new issues or concerns with me or any other Council member at any time.

In closing, I encourage you to read through this issue of Onkwe'ta:ke to maintain awareness of Council and MCA's activities. Together as a community we patiently await the coming of Spring so we can get back outside and enjoy outdoor activities, including get-togethers and celebrations.

Skennen,

Abram Benedict, Kawehno:ke District Chief



Special Edition Introduction From the Grand Chief

She:kon,

In recent months, our community has experienced a great amount of tragedy and mourning. This hardship period began in December and has affected community members, staff and chiefs. Unfortunately, these tragedies have also impacted Council's dialogue with the community as we have cancelled several meetings out of respect for mourning and funeral services.

While community members are understanding of the need to offer this respect and recognize grieving periods, Council also realizes the importance of keeping a continuous flow of information to the community. Therefore, we are offering this special edition of Onkwe'ta:ke that contains several pages of program and initiative updates that would normally be reserved for General Meeting discussions. Staff and Council met to determine what type of information and updates were most needed in the community regarding current affairs and projects, and we hope that we have compiled a broad range of topics that will bring all Onkwe'ta:ke readers up to date.

Please review these reports and if you have questions or wish to have discussion, please attend our next General Meeting, which is scheduled for March 12, 2015 at the Snye Recreation Center, starting at 6:30 p.m. Many updates will be provided verbally at the meeting and community members are encouraged to participate in the meeting discussions.

We wish to extend our sincere condolences and good thoughts to all those affected by our community's recent tragedies.

Sincerely,

Grand Chief Mike Kanentakeron Mitchell



MCA's Admin 2 Staff Relocated to New Offices

Open House Scheduled for March 9th

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne would like to inform the community that all employees of Mohawk Government, Aboriginal Rights and Research Office (ARRO), the Communications Unit and Council (chiefs) are now in their new locations in the village of Kana:takon.

Council Chiefs, the Mohawk Government support staff, the Communications Unit, and ARRO manager are now stationed at two G&L

office buildings at 29 Third (River) Street and 33 Third (River) Street. This is the same street as the now-closed Admin 2 Building. The ARRO staff are now located at the DTS Maintenance Building on Sweetgrass Lane past the police station and health facility.

An open house will be held on Monday, March 9, 2015 from 10 to 3. Community members are invited to visit the three buildings, meet staff and chiefs, and become familiar with

the new offices.

If you have any questions regarding the relocation of the Admin #2 building offices, please do not hesitate to contact Mohawk Government Manager Wilfred Jamie Bay, Communications Manager Shannon Roundpoint or ARRO Manager Cactus Cook Sunday at 613-575-2348.

MCA Housing Department Extends Hours

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne's Housing Department will be extending their hours past 5 p.m. for two nights in the month of March. On March 9, 2015 and March 23, 2015, housing offices will be open until 7 p.m. The Housing Department is hosting these

extended hours in order to increase their availability to community members. Staff will be available to answer any questions or discuss the various housing programs and services that are offered.

If you have any questions, please contact the Housing Department at 613-575-2250 or visit them at Admin 4, located at the corner of 1st Street and Hilltop Drive in Kana:takon (St. Regis).

MCA General Election and Nomination Dates

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne will be conducting its scheduled General Election this June for the positions of 1 Grand Chief and 12 District Chiefs.

Nominations will take place on May 23, 2015. Times and locations will be announced in the month of May. All candidates must be nominated by at least 2 community members who are eligible to vote for them. District chiefs must be nominated by residents of their district.

The General Election will take place on June 27, 2015. Only Mohawk Council of Akwesasne members who are on the Voters List prior to the election date will be permitted vote. Community members must regis-

ter themselves to vote by contacting Leona Benedict, Chief Electoral Officer at the phone number(s) below.
NOTE: In previous years, voters were automatically added to the Voters List based on age and address but that process is no longer followed. Voters must be added to the Voters List. Please ensure you are registered and eligible to vote prior to the May 23rd nomination date.

To be eligible to vote, you must be 18 years of age at the time of voting, reside in the district you are voting in, be a registered member of the Mohawks of Akwesasne, and be Onkwehonwe.

To be eligible for the Grand Chief or District Chief positions, you must be 18 years of age

at the time of the election, have resided in the territory of Akwesasne for 1-year immediately prior to the General Election, be a registered member of the Mohawk of Akwesasne, be an Onkwehonwe, be nominated for the position by at least two persons who are eligible to vote, and not be a C.E.O., D.E.O., U.S.P., or Appointed Observer as contemplated in the Election Law.

If you have any questions please contact the MCA Justice Department at 613-575-2250, or Leona Benedict, Chief Electoral Officer, at 613-575-2250 x2406 or 613-551-1622 (cell), or by email at leona.benedict@akwesasne.ca.

Eligibility Guidelines for the 2015 General Election

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne wishes to inform the community of the eligibility guidelines of voters and candidates for all MCA elections. The next General Election for the positions of Grand Chief and District Chiefs is scheduled for June 27, 2015. The following is pursuant to the Akwesasne Election Law 2005/2006-192.

SECTION 7 ELIGIBILITY OF VOTERS

7. (1) A person who at the time of voting must:

- (a) have attained eighteen years of age;
- (b) be a resident in the district where they are voting;
- (c) be a registered member of the Mohawks of Akwesasne;
- (d) be an Onkwehonwe.

7. (2) The C.E.O. (CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER) shall not be eligible to vote.

SECTION 8 ELIGIBILITY OF CANDIDATES

8. (1) Any candidate for the position of Grand Chief or District Chief must:

- (a) have attained the age of eighteen (18) years;
- (b) have resided in the territory of Akwesasne for one (1) year immediately preceding the date of General Election;
- (c) be a registered member of the Mohawks of Akwesasne,
- (d) be an Onkwehonwe;
- (e) be nominated for that position by at least two (2) persons eligible to vote for that person; and
- (f) not be a C.E.O, D.E.O, U.S.P. or Appointed Observer as contemplated in this Election Law.

Failure to meet any of the above criteria will render the candidate ineligible.

8. (2) Any candidate for the position of District Chief, at the time of his/her nomination, must reside in the district for which he/she has been nominated.

8. (3) Any candidate for the position of

Grand Chief at the time of his/her nomination must reside in the Territory of Akwesasne.

8. (4) Any candidate who is elected and who holds a Permit or License issued by the Licensing Commission shall temporarily surrender the said Permit or License to the Licensing Commission with the understanding that said Permit or License shall be reinstated when the elected candidate's term of office expires.

If you have any questions regarding the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne's General Election, or if you would like to obtain a copy of the Akwesasne Election Law, please contact the Akwesasne Justice Department at (613) 575-2250 ext. 2400.

Temporary Toll Plaza Detour and Ambulance Route Begins Monday, March 9TH

The bridge demolition project underway in Cornwall will require a change to traffic flow at the toll booth/Customs plaza area.

As of 3 p.m. on Monday, March 9, 2015, traffic will be directed to a temporary toll plaza station that is immediately east of the present toll booth. This detour is expected to last 4-5 weeks.

In the case of an emergency, staff from MCA, the Seaway International Bridge Corporation (toll booth personnel) and Canada Customs have been given detailed instructions for the lines of communication and redirection of traffic that will occur to accommodate ambulances.

In the instance of an ambulance travelling northbound (to Cornwall), the oncoming (southbound) traffic lane will be temporarily blocked to traffic to allow the ambulance to pass through the toll (in the «opposite» lane). If necessary, Canada Customs staff will physically stand at the site of the ambulance route to direct traffic out of the way if there is congestion in the Customs lineup. In the instance of a southbound ambulance, the southbound traffic will be flushed through the toll booth until the ambulance arrives and the ambulance will be given a clear path to pass through.

Please be mindful of these traffic changes to help ensure the fastest and safest passage for ambulances.

Ambulance Procedure South Bound (To Cornwall Island)



Ambulance Procedure North Bound (To Cornwall)





Mohawk Council Resolutions (MCRs) *Tsiothohrha - Enniska / December - February 2015*

Tsiothohrha/December 16, 2014

2014/2015 - #279 Council Meeting Minutes Dated August 12, 2015; Moved by Chief Benedict; Seconded by Chief Adams-Phillips; Voting: For 7, Against – 0 CARRIED

2014/2015 - #280 Council Meeting Minutes Dated August 19, 2015; Moved by Chief Loran; Seconded by Chief Adams-Phillips; Voting: For 6, Against – 0 CARRIED

2014/2015 - #281 Council Meeting Minutes Dated August 26, 2015; Moved by Chief Loran; Seconded by Chief Sunday; Voting: For 5, Against – 1 CARRIED

2014/2015 - #282 Council Meeting Minutes Dated September 12, 2015; Moved by Chief Loran; Seconded by Chief Sunday; Voting: For 5, Against – 1 CARRIED

2014/2015 - #283 Council Meeting Minutes Dated August 30, 2015; Moved by Chief Jocko; Seconded by Chief Phillips-Jacobs; Voting: For 5, Against – 1 CARRIED

Tsiothohrko:wa/January 6, 2015

2014/2015 - #284 Transfer of the Settlement Funds to the Trust; Moved by Chief Thomas, Seconded by Chief King; For – 12, Against – 0 CARRIED

2014/2015 - #285 Amended Preferential Hiring Policy; Moved by Chief Thomas, Seconded by Chief Loran; For- 11, Against – 1 CARRIED

2014/2015 - #286 For Review and Consideration for the 2014/2015 Aboriginal Recipient Funding Agreement/Amendment; Moved by Benedict, Seconded by Thomas; For – 12, Against – 0 CARRIED

2014/2015 - #287 Applications to the Aboriginal Communities Energy Plan; Moved by Chief Adams-Phillips, Chief Sunday; For – 12, Against – 0 CARRIED

2014/2015 - #288 Allotment of the Whole of Lot 18 – 1 St. Regis Village; Moved by Chief King, Seconded by Chief Thomas; For – 12, Seconded – 0 CARRIED

Tsiothohrko:wa/January 13, 2015

2014/2015 - #289 To Approve Schedule For Ministry of Health and Long Term Health Care; Moved by Chief Jocko, Seconded by Chief Sunday; For – 9, Against – 0 CARRIED

2014/2015 - #290 To Approve Schedule For Nurse Practitioner Program; Moved by Chief Jocko, Seconded by Chief King; For- 9, Against – 0 CARRIED

2014/2015 - #291 Proposal For Climate Change and Hazardous Events Adaptation Strategy; Moved by Chief Thomas, Seconded by Adams-Phillips; For – 9, Against – 0 CARRIED

2014/2015 - #292 Homemakers Parking Lot Lighting; Moved by Chief Sunday, Chief Loran; For – 5, Against – 3 CARRIED

2014/2015 - #293 Housing Application – Jennifer Johnson-Thomas; Moved by Chief Adams-Phillips, Seconded by Chief King; For – 9, Seconded – 0 CARRIED

2014/2015 - #294 Iatathrona Raotientahtsere (Couples Property Law) Special Referendum Regulations; Moved by Chief Thompson, Seconded by Chief King; For – 7, Against – 2 CARRIED

2014/2015 - #295 Community Information Meetings for the Iatathrona Raotientahtsere (Couples Property Law) Special Referendum; Moved by Chief Thompson, Seconded by Chief Adams-Phillips; For – 7, Against – 2 CARRIED

Tsiothohrko:wa/January 20, 2015

2014/2015 - #296 Sharing Through The Generation Project Contract – Alain Boisvert; Moved by Chief Adams-Phillips, Seconded by Chief Lazore; For – 8, Against – 0 CARRIED

2014/2015 - #297 Allotment - Lot 12 St. Regis Village; Moved by Chief King, Seconded by Chief Adams-Phillips; For- 8, Against – 0 CARRIED

2014/2015 - #298 Allotment - Lot B91-5-1 Chenail Range; Moved by Chief Loran, Seconded by Chief Adams-Phillips; For – 8, Against – 0 CARRIED

2014/2015 - #299 Allotment – Lot 149-1 & 149-2 Cornwall Island; Moved by Chief David, Chief Thompson; For – 8, Against – 0 CARRIED

2014/2015 - #300 Release of Island Revenue 2004-2005 – To Replace MCR 2012-2013 - #066; Moved by Chief Thomas, Seconded by Chief Adams-Phillips; For – 8, Seconded – 0 CARRIED

2014/2015 - #301 Release of Island Revenue 2005-2006 – To Replace MCR 2012-2013 - #067; Moved by Chief Thomas, Seconded by Chief Adams-Phillips; For – 8, Seconded – 0 CARRIED

2014/2015 - #302 Release of Island Revenue 2008-2009 – To Replace MCR 2012-2013 - #068; Moved by Chief Thomas, Seconded by Chief Adams-Phillips; For – 8, Seconded – 0 CARRIED

2014/2015 - #303 Release of Island Revenue 2009-2010 – To Replace MCR 2012-2013 - #069; Moved by Chief Adams-Phillips Seconded by Chief Thomas; For – 8, Seconded – 0 CARRIED

2014/2015 - #304 Release of Island Revenue 2010-2011 – To Replace MCR 2012-2013 - #070; Moved by Chief Thomas, Seconded by Chief Adams-Phillips; For – 8, Seconded – 0 CARRIED

2014/2015 - #305 Release of Island Revenue 2011-2012; Moved by Chief Thomas, Seconded by Chief Adams-Phillips; For – 8, Seconded – 0

2014/2015 - #306 Release of Island Revenue 2012-2013; Moved by Chief Thomas, Seconded by Chief Adams-Phillips; For – 8, Seconded – 0 CARRIED

2014/2015 - #307 Release of Island Revenue 2013-2014; Moved by Chief

Thomas, Seconded by Chief Adams-Phillips; For – 8, Seconded – 0 CARRIED

2014/2015 - #308 To Transfer Investment in the Amount of \$412,862 & Interest Held by Canadian Western Bank That Matured in January 2015 to the Trust; Moved by Chief King, Seconded by Chief Thomas; For – 8, Against – 0 CARRIED

Tsiothohrko:wa/January 27, 2015

2014/2015 - #309 To Approve Schedule For the Ministry of Health & Promotion-Smoke Free Ontario and Healthy Eating/Living and Diabetes Prevention Program; Moved by Chief Phillips-Jacobs, Seconded by Chief Sunday; For – 8, Against – 0 CARRIED

2014/2015 - #310 2014-2015 MCYS Service Contract Amendment C102532-10/A3; Moved by Chief Thomas, Seconded by Chief Phillips-Jacobs; For- 8, Against – 0 CARRIED

2014/2015 - #311 Application to the Aboriginal Conservation Program; Moved by Chief Thomas, Seconded by Lazore; For – 8, Against – 0 CARRIED

2014/2015 - #312 Ministry of Health and Long Term Care 2014-2015 Accountability

Agreement for the Diabetes; Moved by Chief Jocko, Chief Thomas; For – 8, Against – 0 CARRIED

2014/2015 - #313 To Request That AANDC Commence Negotiations on the Renewal of Council's Block (multi-year) Funding Agreement; Moved by Chief Thomas, Seconded by Chief Phillips-Jacobs; For – 8, Seconded – 0 CARRIED

2014/2015 - #314 Approve the TPAR MCYS Generic C#102532-10 Child Welfare Program; Moved by Chief Thomas, Seconded by Chief Phillips-Jacobs; For – 8, Seconded – 0 CARRIED

Enniska/February 3, 2015

2014/2015 - #315 Approval of March 21, 2014 Draft Audited Schedule of Program Revenues Expenses & Amount Payables; Moved by Chief Thompson, Seconded by Chief Phillips-Jacobs; For – 7, Against – 0 CARRIED

2014/2015 - #316 Exclusivity Agreement With Vires Capital; Moved by Chief Adams-Phillips, Seconded by Chief David; For- 8, Against – 0 CARRIED

2014/2015 - #317 - To Request Council to Accept the Option to Renew the

AANDC New Year Agreement was passed at Kanonhkwashtesheri:io Turtle Room on [February 6, 2015](#). CARRIED

2014/2015 - #318 Akwesasne Revenue Commission Members Appointed to 3 Years; Moved by Chief Thompson, Seconded by Chief Lazore; For – 8, Against – 0 CARRIED

2014/2015 - #319 Council Meeting Minutes Dated October 7, 2014; Moved by Lazore, Seconded by Chief Loran; For – 7, Against – 1 CARRIED

2014/2015 - #320 Council Meeting Minutes Dated October 14, 2014; Moved by Chief Loran, Seconded by Chief Lazore; For – 8, Against – 1 CARRIED

2014/2015 - #321 Council Meeting Minutes Dated October 21, 2014; Moved by Chief Loran, Seconded by Chief Thompson; For – 7, Against – 2 CARRIED

2014/2015 - #322 Ministry of Transportation Petition for Subsidy of Road Maintenance; Moved by Chief Phillips, Seconded by Chief Jocko; For – 9, Against – 0 CARRIED

Information From MCA on Chiefs Salaries

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne's Finance Department would like to share information with the community regarding the salaries of MCA Chiefs. Occasionally, the media misinterprets information published in financial audits and presents it incorrectly to the public. MCA wishes to clarify information that was recently circulated online; this information was not verified with MCA before being posted.

The base salary for the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne Grand Chief is \$90,043.40. The base salary for the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne District Chiefs is \$56,010.65. The District Chiefs' salaries were set in 2007 by MCR 2006/2007- #309, which increased their base salaries from \$47,380 to \$52,000. Since 2007, all Council members, as well

as MCA employees, have received Cost of Living Allowance (COLA) increases which have resulted in the District Chiefs' current salaries of \$56,010.65.

The salary of the Grand Chief was last set in 2000 and was not increased in 2007. COLA increases have resulted in the Grand Chief's current salary of \$90.043.00.

A number of factors contribute to the varying totals for Chiefs' salaries published in the MCA Annual Audit. These factors include:

- group insurance;
- pension plan;
- extended leaves—such as maternity or sick leave;
- travel; and
- cell phone costs

Information regarding the salaries of MCA Chiefs is published every year in the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne Annual Report, which is mailed to every household in MCA's jurisdiction, is available at community meetings and in MCA buildings, and for the past four years has also been accessible on MCA's public website at www.akwesasne.ca/annualreport. The full MCA Annual Audit is also published online. Both of these reports include detailed financial information available to the Akwesasne community and the public at large. MCA values its positive reputation for being financially transparent. If you have questions or concerns regarding MCA's audit or finances, please contact Executive Services at 613-575-2250. Community members are also welcome to attend District and General Meetings.

Council Meeting Roundtable Reports

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

JANUARY 13, 2015 COUNCIL MEETING

Kawehno:ke Chief Louise Thompson

- Reported that the extension for the IRS Personal Credit has been approved and set for March 2015 by the Supreme Court of Canada. The deadline to use the personal credit dollars is August 2015.

Kana:takon Chief Julie Phillips-Jacobs

- Attended the Education Portfolio meeting and the DCSS portfolio meeting.
- Attended the AMBE Budget Review with the acting director of Education.
- Attended District Meeting

Kawehno:ke Chief Abram Benedict

- Shared that there was some confusion at last week's Council Meeting regarding an MCR for funding amendment. The funding was from PSPP and not from FNSSP. The PSPP is what Iohahi:io applied to for funding. They applied for \$200,000.00 and received \$70,000.00.
- Received a call from a community member whose business BMO account was closed a few years ago. They are asking why they were not contacted when MCA was setting up meetings between business and BMO. Information forwarded to Grand Chief's office.
- Met with the owner of the old Cornwall General Hospital, explained plans of building use and he's open to ideas.
- Attended the IFN conference call, the Leadership meeting, funeral for community member, and the DCSS Portfolio meeting. Health and DCSS working to provide support to the child care staff in light of recent tragedy. \$456,000.00 is the amount for the fuel assistance cost

the MCA

- Attended the Mohawk Language graduation, MCYS conference, and AMBE budget review meeting.

Kana:takon Chief Larry King

- Welcome to our new Quebec liaison Natalie Jacobs to the meeting. She started work as the new QLO on Monday, January 12, 2015.
- Attended the District Meeting and the meeting went well. There is a continuous issue with surveyors being needed and the need for an in house surveyor. A lot of land dispute issues can be solved with a surveyor.
- Attending ongoing Traditional Medicines meetings. The next meeting is for February 13, 2015.
- Attended the Leadership Meeting. The CBSA seizures were talked about. Efforts to recuperate some of those dollars from the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe have not been supported.
- There is a meeting in Albany for the NY State Land Claim and the State has asked us to not attend the meeting. The deadline to extend the court process is tomorrow (Wednesday, January 14, 2015).

Tsi Snaihne Chief Joe Lazore

- Attending ongoing Conservation Law meetings. The law is half way complete. The law can be presented for the January 27th Council Meeting, and can be presented at the General Meeting.
- For the Gun Safety course Compliance staff has a letter of recommendation from attorney Paul Williams.
- Working on the Moose/ Wild game project.
- Travelled to Kahnawake to meet their

pharmacist.

Tsi Snaihne Chief Karen Loran

- Attended the Traditional Medicines meeting and a technician and/or recorder needs to be there to take notes. The Executive Director should also be attending too.
- Attended the Mohawk Language graduation.
- Traveled to Huntington for the Cultural Agreement and the two artists are working hard. The murals are coming along beautifully. The mural unveiling will occur in April 2015. An MCR will be present for next week's Council Meeting for the videographer. The artist will be presenting to Council at next week's Council Meeting too.
- Attended the District Meeting and there are a lot of issues that need to be discussed with Administration.
- Talked with Marc Foisy and on January 21st a Akwesasne Quebec Protocol Agreement is to occur to streamline the framework.

Tsi Snaihne Chief William Sunday

- Attended the Traditional Medicine meeting. A new location is being discussed for Traditional Medicines.
- Attended a meeting in Ottawa on Bill C-10 contraband cigarettes. A follow up meeting is occurring on January 21st and 22nd in Ottawa.
- Attended the District Meeting and the Homemakers are requesting a light for their parking lot and a back up generator. There were also questions on the Healthy Homes Initiative and the community wants a report as to where they are at and how much money they have spent on HHI. The community asked

about the CBSA case and where the case is at presently.

Kawehno:ke Chief Brian David

- Assisted Chief Thompson in Nation Building meetings. The meetings were preparation for the negotiations coming up.
- Attended the Traditional Medicine meeting and will be meeting again to discuss the budget and recommendations. A lot of work needs to be done. It is very important for Traditional Medicines to develop a vision for the program. A vision needs to be in place so steps can be made to move forward.
- Attended the Leadership Meeting.
- There was a power outage and we were told that Hydro Quebec would take care of the power outage. It was not said as to what caused the power outage.

Tsi Snaihne Chief April Adams-Phillips

- Attended leadership meeting with SRMT discussed NY state land claim update, traditional medicine, recommendation on quarterly leadership meeting between MCA/SRMT, also the 37 us plated vehicle seizure that occurred the last 5 years in the port of Cornwall discussion on if SRMT will cover that cost of fines.
- Attended teleconference meeting with Regional Director Lisa Janes, Jim Ransom, Steve Thomas, discussed application of contents of physical address required criminal record check for border cards similar to canpass/nexus to help ease the border crossing issue.
- A new toll booth will be constructed for bridge demo... traffic will be impacted. The new toll will be open by early spring.
- Attended the Mohawk language graduation and was very impressed with the new participants and fluent language speakers that took on the course to learn how to read and write. The graduation was beautifully done.
- Attended the district meeting. Subjects discussed included housing, road plow-

ing, emergency measures planning on power outages and cold weather warnings.

- Attended teleconference with Jamie Bay, Natalie Jacobs and Robert Yellowfox on community gardens.

Kana:takon Chief Steve Thomas

- Attended the Organizational Review Kick off meeting with Gravele Associates, Orbis, and discussed the Scope of Work, duration, and reporting measures.
- Attended the Ministers planning meeting, and discussed the agenda for discussion presentations. Will be in Toronto on January 29th.
- Attended the Leadership Meeting with SRMT, and discussed the NY Claim update, Traditional Health, quarterly meetings, and Tribal vehicle seizures. 37 SRMT vehicles have been seized.
- Attended a teleconference call with CBSA RDG, Lisa Janes and discussed application contents, physical address required, and criminal record check.
- Attended the Mohawk Government 2015 Fiscal Budget meeting and discussed training, and cell phone options.
- Attended the Akwesasne Mohawk Police Commission monthly meeting, and the District Meeting.
- During the bridge demolition, a new toll booth will be used and traffic will be impacted. CBSA should have all five lanes open during these two months of detour.

Grand Chief Mike Kanentakeron Mitchell

- Canada Border Service Agency (CBSA) – Ontario Regional Director General, as promised, followed up with a Border Security meeting held at the Assembly of First Nation (AFN) Offices in Ottawa, on December 18, 2014. Present for this meeting were the CBSA, AFN Chief Executive Officer, Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada, US Customs and Border Patrol, Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs, the MCA and representatives of the Mohawk Nation Council of Chiefs,

as well as Regional Chiefs of the AFN. Discussion included all facets related to Secure Identification Cards and border security related information. There is commitment from the entities present to work towards a solution.

- Discussion is being conducted with Traditional Medicine, Department of Health, Elders and Portfolio regarding better facilities to meet the needs of the program. There are also requests from other sister communities for information and support regarding alternative treatments for life threatening illnesses. The Akwesasne Wholistic Health program are a model that can be drawn from as example to support other communities efforts to continue to utilize Traditional Medicine program in partnership with modern medicine.
- There was to be a follow up meeting with the Bank of Montreal and our local businesses, as well as with the MCA, however, this meeting was postponed due to BMO availability and then again due to severe winter weather. A new date for a meeting between BMO and local businesses is being discussed to be held in mid to late March.
- Minister Zimmer planning meeting; areas identified for discussion are in regard to Social, Health and Nation Building. Internal planning meetings are ongoing and input from Chiefs and MCA departments are required.
- Attended COO meeting January 7th through 9th; Ava Hill, of Six Nations will be the acting Regional Chief. The Manitoba chiefs are filing lawsuit regarding murdered and missing Aboriginal women. There is a working task group asked to develop and complete the 'Polishing the Chain Proposal' which is a process that aims to renew the relationship between the Indigenous Leadership and the Ontario Premier and the Cabinet.

JANUARY 27, 2015
COUNCIL MEETING

Tsi Snaihne Chief William Sunday

- Attended the Iroquois Caucus. The problems with CBSA, CBSA court cases and Bill C-10 were discussed. The IC decided to hire a lawyer to develop a strategy for the Iroquois Caucus organization.

Kawehno:ke Chief Brian David

- Attended the Nation Building negotiations. The prep meeting was very helpful. Canada is taking a position on the fisheries; Canada is stating that the fisheries are in their jurisdiction. Canada does not have jurisdiction and does not care about the fish habitat.

Tsi Snaihne Chief April Adams-Phillips

- Attended the home and garden show meeting. There are 74 vendors planned for April 18th and 19th at the A’nowara’ko:wa Arena.
- Attended the political protocol meeting with Marc Foisy, Liaison for Quebec Natalie Jacobs, and Chief King and Chief Loran.
- Placing more elaborations on Health, Economic Development, Emergency Measures, and Technical Services.

Tsi Snaihne Chief Joe Lazore

- Announced a job shadow that will be placed with Council through Area Management Board. He will be shadowing for four to six weeks.
- Attended the Iroquois Caucus and the Space Needs Meeting.
- The Conservation Law is coming along and is hoping to have a draft ready for next week’s Council Meeting and General Meeting. There are still some problems with gun laws in the Conservation Law.

Kana:takon Chief Larry King

- Attended the asbestos training.
- Attending the Transport Canada Divestiture meeting, and training to keep the

communication going.

- Met with the new Cornwall Council at the Casino. The Cornwall Council wants to present to MCA Council their Cornwall port land waterfront plan.
- Attended the political protocol meeting.
- Shared that there is a community issue with furnace repairs and unauthorized repair people doing more harm than good. A family needed a new furnace and they applied to the Economic Hardship Fund and received a new furnace. The fund is only for families that have children.

Kana:takon Chief Julie Phillips-Jacobs

- Attended Asbestos Training on Jan 15th.
- Traveled to Quebec City with Community Support Case Manager Gary Cole to attend Quebec Income Security Framework Police meeting Jan 19-22.

Kana:takon Chief Steve Thomas

- Agreed to look to Kahnawake for trained mediators to provide mediation assistance regarding the numerous community land disputes.

Kawehno:ke Chief Louise Thompson

- Shared that Joyce King needs issue regarding Section 107 judges to be addressed. There are two justices that are not 107 judges. J. King was backed with a MCR to be appointed as a 107 judge. John Sharrow was appointed as a 107 judge and never came to Council and he married people in the community. He never had to come to Council because he and Joyce were appointed by Council. We are concerned that couples married by 107 judges will have trouble registering their marriages. However, justices can perform marriages too. Issue will be addressed with Justice Dept.
- The Akwesasne Couples Property Law referendum is happening next week and is on the radio at the moment. If the vote does not meet the threshold than there will be no more community law, just the

Federal Law. The community does not understand the law currently and the law enactment process needs to have the document translated to Mohawk.

- Attended the Nation Building negotiations.
- Will be cross examined in court in February or March 2015.

Grand Chief Mike Kanentakeron Mitchell

- On January 14th Nation Building held a negotiation planning meeting, and ARRO held an internal meeting regarding Land Claims. Nation Building held an all-day negotiation meeting with Canada on January 21st in Snye.
- January 15th there was a teleconference call with the Assembly of First Nations, topics discussed included a the roundtable on murdered and missing Indigenous women, February 27, 2015; an update on funding Cuts to Aboriginal representative organizations; Indian Residential Schools- update on personal education credits; Parliamentary and Legislative update.
- That evening meeting there was a meeting of the Cornwall University Steering Committee. The Cornwall University project will be a topic that will be included in discussion with the Ontario Minister of Aboriginal Affairs. There was a follow up meeting with Carleton University who may be a partner.
- January 19th attended the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) Executive Committee meeting in Ottawa and also took the opportunity to meet with the ADM for Health where we discussed community funding for health programming such as the need for Traditional Medicine.
- The following day, January 20th, the AFN Executive Committee held a day-long session which included the topic of Medical Marijuana.
- There was a meeting with City of Cornwall Council on January 22nd for introductions to the new City Council and to discuss Cornwall Harbour land claims &

Port divestiture.

- January 22nd, there was an evening meeting with legal counsel to discuss preparation of testimony for the CBSA criminal case file

FEBRUARY 3, 2015
COUNCIL MEETING

Kana:takon Chief Steve Thomas

- Attended a prep meeting for Ministers & Tri Lateral Policing in Quebec City with Attorney Andrew Unger.
- Attended a meeting with Bob Dwyer, Port Director Ray Purser, and Tribal Liaison, January 28, 2015, and discussed: the International Disaster Conference, winter ceremonies, stakeholder’s meeting, and police week event at Washington, DC.
- Attended a meeting with Minister David Zimmer, and Assistant Deputy Minister (ADM) Deb Richardson in Toronto, and discussed the funding commitment for fiber optics, Health, Department of Community and Social Services (DCSS), Justice, Economic Development, and will follow up with Minister of Finance on monetary request for marine unit
- Meeting with Steve Mac Naughton, Canada Border Security Agency (CBSA) & D. Martin ALO and discussed the cultural sensitivity training. Waiting on Aboriginal Rights and Research Office (ARRO). The community notice of new Border Security Officers (BSOs), caused a media blitz with negative connotations.
- Attended a Teleconference call with Orbis Risk, meeting with Vince Buron, and John Kimbell regarding power project.
- Vehicle seizure court case has 28 people absolved of contravention of Customs Act.

Kana:takon Chief Julie Phillips-Jacobs

- Met with Al Gravelle regarding post-secondary review.
- Met with A/Director Debbie Terrance regarding AMBE issues.

Kawehno:ke Chief Brian David

- Attended a number of meetings.
- Met with and am working with Nathan Richards on the Seaway Case. Canada has submitted a motion. Henry Lickers and Jay Benedict are listed as witnesses.

Tsi Snaihne Chief William Sunday

- Attended the Ontario Power Generation (OPG) implementation meeting. We had a long discussion on the return of the four islands, Sheik, Toussaint, Presquille and Adams.
- Attended the Cultural Restoration meeting. The trappers put on a demonstration on how to skin beavers and prepare their pelts.
- Attended the emergency preparedness presentation.

Tsi Snaihne Chief Karen Loran

- Attended the Assembly of First Nations of Quebec and Labrador (AFNQL) in Quebec City. There was a presentation by the National Chief, and a presentation by Jonathan Thompson on Bill C-33.
- Through meetings with community members and family members it has been relayed to us that it is very alarming that the Districts are not happy when Council says that issues are administrative. The community is not happy that Council cannot give proper information and answers to their questions. The community has shared that the MCA processes are unfair and that there is too much conflict of interest. We need administration to attend district and general meetings to explain specific issues dealing with operations of administration.

Tsi Snaihne Chief Joe Lazore

- DTS cannot plow and sand driveways because there is policy in place against private driveways and parking lots being plowed. If they plow one driveway than they will have to plow all the private driveways in the community. Maybe the policy should be crushed, so we can

help the community members. (Executive Director shared that the policy was created because of an issue previously with MCA equipment/plows being used unfairly. Chiefs discussed how policies can be used as guidelines but adjusted when there is a need to fill. Chief Sunday shared that in Kahnawake there is a group of community members that are unemployed and they plow driveways of the elderly.)Something like that can be looked into with the community members on welfare.

- The Conservation Law is still being worked on and won’t be ready for the General Meeting. There needs to be more information in the law regarding guns. Grand Chief shared that community members with guns just want to feel safe with Canada no longer having a gun registry.

Kana:takon Chief Larry King

- Attended the Energy East Pipeline meeting, and the OPG joint implementation meeting. LIDAR was discussed at the joint implementation meeting.
- Attended the emergency preparedness presentation.
- There was a meeting for the NYS claim in Albany.

Kawehno:ke Chief Abram Benedict

- On vacation from January 21st to January 28th.
- Met with DCSS on Thursday, January 29th regarding a concern/issue raised at district meeting with respect to special needs money available from the Community Support Program. Monies were incorrectly administered in the past, and now has been corrected, disbursement is bases on actual costs.
- Attended the Housing Authority meeting and two files were reviewed. The new loans construction law was reviewed and recommendations made.
- Attended the meeting with Al Gravelle to discuss upcoming review in AMBE.

- Received a call from community member about membership. Administration or Office of Vital Statistics (OVS) needs to phone individual back. Have done everything I can, and no one is answering. There is currently no process to remove community members from the membership list. (Executive Director shared that the Membership Board needs to meet to take a member off the list. Grand Chief shared that Council should draft a letter to the Membership Board regarding this issue and other issues.)

Kana:takon Chief Florence Phillips

- Suggestion was made at the Council table that the road department should be clearing driveways for community members. My response to that is the road trucks are only insured to plow public roads. Private and personal driveways are not the responsibility of MCA.
- Due to medical conditions I'm still working half-time.

Kawehno:ke Chief Louise Thompson

- Council needs to discuss and pick dates for the District Meetings for the month of February.
- Spoke with a Mr. Higgins from Perry Sound and three Akwesasne community members could be charged with hunting related incidents. Communications will release a notice on this.
- Attended the tobacco burning.
- There have been some phone calls about Wolf Lane not being plowed.
- Shared that Focus Meetings are not occurring. Staff shared that it is up to the Portfolio to schedule Focus Meetings. The Portfolio is struggling to get Focus Meetings scheduled.
- Staff announced that Tuesday, February 3, 2015 is the last day for Council and support staff to pack up their desks at Admin #2.

Tsi Snaihne Chief April Adams-Phillips

- Attended meeting with Bob Dwyer, Port

Director, at U.S. customs with Tribal Liaison officer, Ray Purser. Discussed the international disaster conference, February 2015 and Police Week event at Washington D.C. in May 2015.

- Attended the energy East Pipeline meeting and the Ontario Power generation Joint Implementation meeting.
- Attended a two day workshop in Six Nations for Mental Health with Dennis Fits Patrick and Sherri Lynn Hill. Received instructions to identify mental disorders, and when and who to call for help.
- Attended organizational review interview with Welch LLP. The organization review was a request for proposal back in 2014 and Welch was awarded the approval. This process is to look inside Mohawk Council's Program, Services, and Operations to see how well they are being delivered. And to identify our strengths, weaknesses and to build upon that to improve MCA. Also, Welch LLP will be conducting Community Member interviews on how the programs and services were and are currently provided to them.
- Will be at the International Disaster Conference next week February 9th to the 13th with Chief Steve Thomas, Ray Purser, Bob Dwyer, and Adrian McDonald as public safety portfolio co-chair

Grand Chief Mike Kanentakeron Mitchell

- January 29th there was a meeting with Minister David Zimmer, MAA Ontario, and ADM Deborah Richardson. Attending the meeting (along with Grand Chief) were Chief Thomas, James Ransom, Joyce King, the new Quebec Liaison Natalie Jacobs, Peter Garrow, Vaughn Sunday, and MCA legal counsel, Mr. Unger. Areas discussed included Akwesasne Laws and Regulatory development, Proceeds of Crime funding, Child Welfare issues, French language and licensing requirements of non-Native health professionals, US medical bills payment, standardized health coverage through use of an Akwesasne Health Card, Economic De-

velopment initiatives such as broadband services, trails and island development (ATR process), archaeology field school, support for a new Mohawk Government building, and the concept of a Cornwall University. The Minister complimented the MCA on the teams professionalism and quality of detail of the presentations. There was some immediate feedback provided, and other areas the Minister tasked the ADM and his Senior Policy Analyst to follow up on.

- February 2nd, met with Vires Capital regarding concept of Electric Transmission project.
- Vehicle Seizures – CBSA federal court file - 28 people have been absolved of contravention of Customs Act. More information will be coming and provided at the next General Meeting.

FEBRUARY 10, 2015 COUNCIL MEETING

Kawehno:ke Chief Louise Thompson

- Contacted Ron Skye (Kahnawake) and asked him how his community deals with land disputes. His community practices mediated arbitration. He is willing to discuss entering into some kind of agreement with Akwesasne.
- Attended the Organizational Review interviews. The surveyors for the Couples Property referendum have received their training.

Kawehno:ke Chief Brian David

- Working with Nathan Richards regarding the Seaway Case.
- Met with community members regarding Section 95 rent to own housing.

Tsi Snaihne Chief William Sunday

- Attended the Nation Building meeting at CIA #3.
- Attended the Cultural Restoration meeting. There were a number of children that attended which was great to see.

Tsi Snaihne Chief Karen Loran

- Attended the Public Safety meeting. Agenda items included a request for fire-works for the Cornwall winter carnival. Other updates included were on the Akwesasne Mohawk Ambulance, Emergency Measures and the EHO.

Tsi Snaihne Chief Joe Lazore

- Attended the Economic Development meeting with SRMT. The museum is considering moving to another location and not being located at the library anymore. A larger building is needed.
- Attended the trapping and training workshop and the Cultural Restoration meeting.
- Attended a workshop by ACFS on non-violent crisis intervention training.
- The Conservation Law is to be reviewed on February 17th and accepted in principle on February 24th.

Kana:takon Chief Larry King

- Attended the work review.
- There is an OPG meeting with the Federal representatives. The meeting is going to discuss GIS and LIDAR. OPG also has some summer student positions available to Akwesasne students.
- There is an issue with the community regarding the cost of fuel. The rate of exchange is quite high and it has been suggested by the community of having a Cornwall supplier supply fuel for Kawehno:ke.

Kana:takon Chief Julie Phillips-Jacobs

- Packed up Admin 2 office.
- Attended the AMBE Board meeting.
- Attended the Finance Committee meeting.

Chief Florence Phillips

- Attended the Finance Committee meeting and we talked about finding funding to be able to construct a new Mohawk Government building. Suggestions were to borrow from ourselves internally from sources such as the Trust or AEDF Fund.

- One of our deficits within the organization is the vacation accruals of employees
- In December 2014 I attended the AFN Elections in Winnipeg for the new national chief

Kawehno:ke Chief Abram Benedict

- Attended the Ministry of Children and Youth Roundtable at Queens Park. Jurisdiction of the model was topic of discussion. I expressed that holistic approach and language is not included in the draft and prevention is key, aside from the jurisdiction piece.
- Chief Ava Hill scheduled a last minute meeting with the Minister of Children and Youth, Minister of Health and Minister of Health and Long Term Care to talk about traditional medicine. I provided a quick presentation to the Ministers on Akwesasne traditional medicine program. A letter will be sent to the Minister of Health to thank him and to visit MCA's Traditional Medicine Program and also to the Minister of Children and Youth.
- Attend the Finance Committee meeting, and met with Robin Mitchell.
- Attended the Housing Budget meeting and discussed a community member's questions regarding the Section 95 Housing. There is currently no policy but will be further examined.

Grand Chief Mike Kanentakeron Mitchell

- February 2nd, Attended Monthly Tobacco burning at Kanonhkwashteri:io, followed by a meeting with Elders and representatives of the Traditional Medicine program. The MCA offices were closed early for the day due to severe winter weather.
- Grand Chief worked from home participating in teleconferences as needed because of contracting influenza. One of the teleconferences held was on February 4th, with the First Nation Education Committee through Assembly of First Nations Quebec and Labrador (AFNQL), who have filed an application for judicial

review that challenges the federal governments conduct in formulating and introducing Bill C-33, the First Nations Control of First Nations Education Act. The grounds are, failure to adequately consult and accommodate First Nations.

The Economic Development Office would like to thank everyone who participated in our Buy Local Cupid Hunt! Congratulations to all the winners!

\$100 Joseph's Fine Jewelry – Barbara Smoke
\$100 Beautylicious – Lisa David
\$100 Maple Room Akwesasne Mohawk Casino – Shirley E. Oakes
\$10 Truck Stop #9 – Lynn Roundpoint
\$10 Truck Stop #9 – Louise White & Family
\$10 Akwesasne Sports – Tracie Cook
\$10 Akwesasne Sports – Tricia Benedict
\$10 Swamp's Performance Automotive – Shirley A. Oakes
\$10 Swamp's Performance Automotive – Kuy Chaussi
\$10 Tota Ma's Medicine Chest – AmberDawn Lafrance
\$10 Tota Ma's Medicine Chest – Sophia Thompson
\$10 Mohawk Plumbing – Marissa Vickers
\$10 Mohawk Plumbing – AmberDawn Lafrance
\$10 Tahy's Fine Art & Designs - Sophia Thompson
\$10 Tahy's Fine Art & Designs – Louise White & Family
\$10 Thrifty Threads East – Lauren Chubb
\$10 Thrifty Threads East – Tracie Cook
\$10 Nature's Gift – Andrea Cook
\$10 Nature's Gift – Lynn Roundpoint
\$10 Three Feathers Café – Lauren Chubb
\$10 Rez Phones – Lisa David
\$10 LOK Creations – Kuy Chaussi
\$10 LOK Creations – Andrea Cook



Special Edition Reports

The 1796 Treaty (NYS) Claim Report

The claim is for land that was infringed upon subsequent to a 1796 Treaty with New York State. The MCA, the Mohawk Nation Council of Chiefs and the St. Regis Mohawk Tribe are litigants in a land claim filed in the U. S. Federal Court against the State of New York, the New York Power Authority and others for lands, islands and resources belonging to the Mohawks of Akwesasne. The original land claim was filed in 1982 by the MCA and the SRMT and MNCC filed together in 1989. The court enjoined the parties in 1992.

In July 2013, all but one of the areas, the Hogsburg Triangle, were dismissed by Judge

Kahn. We may still move forward with the Triangle claim in courts, though no land will be returned in the event that we are successful.

In 2005, after two community referenda were held and consensus from the Mohawk Nation was determined, the three Mohawk parties entered into a settlement agreement with NYS and the New York Power Authority. This agreement was not ratified in the Senate, and negotiations halted.

In May 2014, the SRMT entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with NYS, NYPA and St. Lawrence County to set principles

in place for settlement negotiations. NYS is currently negotiating with Franklin County to set forth similar principles on which a settlement can be reached.

The MCA will make every effort to ensure that it would include Baxter and Long Sault Islands, which were included in the original 2005 agreement. The MCA has consistently taken the position that the islands are important to Akwesasne, and that a pathway for their eventual return is included in any settlement. Negotiations are still underway, and the community will be informed as they progress.

Tsikaristisere/Dundee Land Claim Report

The Tsikaristisere/Dundee Claim is based on specific instances of Canada’s failure to protect the interest of the Mohawks of Akwesasne in lands leases, resulting in the 1888 loss of nearly 20,000 acres in what is now the municipality of Dundee, QC.

Akwesasne commenced proceeding in Federal Court in 1982, which has been in suspension since 2005, when productive negotiations with Canada began.

The negotiations finished in October 2011, when Canada agreed to return with an offer for settlement.

After subsequent meetings with Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada officials, including a meeting with the Minister of AANDC Valcourt as recently as September 25, 2014, the MCA still awaits a proposal for settlement. These meetings with high-level officials resulted in promises of a forthcoming proposal, and with no

such offer to date, leadership is considering its options to take further steps towards a settlement of this long-standing claim.

Once an offer from Canada is presented to the MCA, a settlement agreement would be negotiated and brought to the community for ratification. Under the settlement agreement, lands equal to the acreage lost can be returned to Reserve status when purchased from willing sellers.

Akwesasne Community Trust Settlement Fund Report

The Trust document was signed on July 21, 2014, seven (7) months after the appointment of the Trustees. In June of 2014 the selection process was complete for the search of the Administrative Trustee, Deloitte Wealth Management was selected. In June 2014 Jeffrey Harris was chosen by the Trustees as legal counsel to represent the Trust and Trustees, he was chosen due to the fact he had a working knowledge of the Trust, as he was instrumental in the development of the Trust along with the Internal Technical Team also known as the ITT.

A multitude of working meetings along with Trust meetings with the Administrative

Trustee have been underway to develop the infrastructure of the Trust to ensure that the Trust is implemented as it was drafted to reflect. Various workshops have been attended by the Trustees to assist them with Trust developments and laws affecting Trusts in First Nations today.

In mid-January 2015 the process of transferring the settlement monies was initiated. This transfer process is not yet complete. The following two settlements are the subject of the transfer process and they are:

1. Ontario Power Generation Settlement (settled in 2008)

2. Kawenoke Easterbrook Settlement (settled in 2012)

In early February interviews for the Financial Advisor (Investment Consultant, as the Financial Industry refers to) were conducted and the final process of notifying the successful candidate is now underway. March 2015 will see the training of the Trustees in Financial Investment and report comprehension with invitations to attend will be sent to the Overseers, Council and the ITT. The interviews and final selection for the Investment Manager will take place in early May.



Special Edition Reports

Saiowisakeron John “Ice” Fire Report

The community of Akwesasne would like to take this time to acknowledge the sacrifice of community member Saiowisakè:ron “the ice is floating by” or John “Ice” Fire 1847-1899.

Saiowisakè:ron lived in Kana:takon from the mid to late 1800’s. He was brother to Life Chief Ohnehtotako or “Pine tar”. During 1899 the Indian Agents sent from Ottawa were trying to force the Indian Act election system on the people of Akwesasne. The Life Chiefs were opposed to this alien system of government, as there was already the traditional system in place. The people of Akwesasne were also opposed to the Indian Act election. So much that in previous months they tied up the Indian agent in the old school house to prevent the elections from taking place.

On the morning of May 1, 1899, a heavy fog set in, on the waters surrounding Kana:takon. A small boat carrying Akwesasne resident Angus Papineau, and some Dominion Police officers docked close to the Indian agent’s office. Papineau had been placed under arrest earlier in the morning. The Indian agent called for the Life Chiefs and principle men to come to his office to discuss business.

Ohnetotako and a few more men made their way to the office to see what the business the

Indian agent wanted to discuss. Upon entering the office, Ohnetatoko quickly realized that the two Dominion Police officers present were the same ones sent from Ottawa in the first ill-fated election. Seeing the two other Life Chiefs in Dominion custody, Ohnetotako backed out the door and let out a loud warning cry as he made a run for it. He didn’t get very far before the police officers tackled him and dragged him back to the agent’s office. Several of the women in the community heard his yell for help. The women ran to his brother Saiowisakè:ron to let him know of what was happening at the agent’s office. Other Mohawks heard the noise and were also on their way.

Saiowisakè:ron pushed his way through the door of the office where he was met by the agent and his dominion police officers. The officer told Saiowisakè:ron to step back or he would shoot. Saiowisakè:ron pushed the officer back against the stove while the other Mohawks grappled with the officers. The officer shot Saiowisakè:ron in the arm wounding him, while the other officers used their guns as clubs bashing the heads of the Mohawks. The dominion police officer then let out a second shot directly in Saiowisakè:ron’s

chest. Saiowisakè:ron let go of his grip as he dropped to the floor, dead.

Everyone stopped fighting at this point. The people of Akwesasne were shocked to see that these police officers were willing to kill. The officers took advantage of this stunned silence and moved their prisoners down to their boat with guns drawn.

The killing and arrest we’re a big blow to the people of Akwesasne and the Mohawk Life Chiefs. They also arrested the two men who were seeking legal services from Montreal about the death. The officers and agents were released of any wrong doing regarding the incident. The Chiefs and supporters spent over a year in a Beauharnois Jail before they were even given a trial. They were released on the condition that they would not interfere with the Indian Act elections in the future.

Saiowisakè:ron sacrificed his life to defend our Mohawk customs and laws. He stood up for our traditional way of life. His death is a constant reminder that no matter what outsiders try to impose on us, you stand up tall, with your hands up in defiance, you confront the problem, and stand for what you believe in.

Saiowisakeron John “Ice” Fire Dedication Plaque Inscription Report

**SAIOWISAKÈ:RON – JOHN “ICE” FIRE
1847-1899**

The people of Akwesasne dedicate this statue to remember the supreme sacrifice made by Saiowisakè:ron (John “Ice” Fire) in putting his life on the line to protect the Life Chiefs of Akwesasne from being arrested by the Dominion Police on May 1, 1899. The Life Chiefs of that time were trying to maintain their traditional style of governance, where leaders were chosen according to their clan and installed into office by their Clanmothers. The Life Chiefs were opposed to Cana-

da’s new Indian Act elections regarding it as an alien system of governance that was being forced upon First Nations across the country.

In attempting to reason with Colonel Sherwood of the Dominion Police, Saiowisakè:ron was shot in cold blood and was later discredited by Indian Agent George Long as a renegade trouble-maker. In reality, Saiowisakè:ron had long been recognized by the Council of Chiefs as their political advisor and protector of Council. Saiowisakè:ron was a visionary of Council, so much that he donated a parcel of land for the first school house in the village of Kana:takon.

In memory of his sacrifice and contribution to the community, Saiowisakè:ron (John “Ice” Fire) will long be remembered a hero and defender of our homeland.

This statue, in his honor, represents the memory of Saiowisakè:ron (John “Ice” Fire) who gave his life defending our traditional culture and right of governance of Akwesasne. It is placed at the entrance to the village of Kana:takon stoically facing toward the building where his life was taken.



Special Edition Reports

Iroquois Caucus Report

BACKGROUND
Bill C-10 was designed to criminalize what is deemed to be illegal or contraband tobacco products. This includes all tobacco products that are non-stamped by the Federal and Provincial Governments. This also includes loose leaf tobacco. The Bill will impose huge financial penalties for the sale, distribution, transportation and possession of contraband tobacco. Anyone being convicted of a second offence under Bill C-10, will have a mandatory jail sentence in contravention of the Gladue principles in regard to Native Offenders. There are several reasons why the First Nations and especially the Haudenosaunee First Nations Six Nations, Oneida, Tyendinaga, Wahta, Akwesasne, Kanesatake and Kahnawake all oppose this law. The main reason is that the law does not recognize the First Nation Right to self governance or Treaty Rights. It infringes on our right to trade between our First Nations. It is felt that here was not proper consultation with the First Nations when the law was passed. Finally, this law does not differentiate between any type of tobacco and Oionkwe Onwe (Sacred Tobacco). In the latter case, an elder could be arrested for carrying ceremonial tobacco. In the December meeting of the Iroquois Caucus, in Tyendinaga it was decided that the Iroquois Caucus would not bear any of the costs associated with a legal challenge to Bill C-10.

January 21, 2015

Community Support Program Report

The Community Support Program is presently finalizing a policy and procedures revision to address changes to the delivery of social assistance, and to ensure best practices for the delivery of services is maintained. The CSP is currently developing strategies to address education and employment issues. One of the areas the CSP-DCSS is carrying out is a new initiative called the 18 to 25 year old service, where this client age group when applying for social assistance

This day was discussion between the Iroquois Caucus members, along with an update on the preliminary meeting with Gowlings on the 19th of January, and to the creation of an agenda for the following day in meeting with some of the tobacco manufacturers and retailers from a few of the member nations. A presentation was made by the delegation from Kahnawake including their staff lawyer on the preliminary findings from Gowlings.

January 22, 2015
The meeting began with a presentation from Gowlings. The Aboriginal lawyer who spoke explained that there were three ways to fight a law. These include the following: The legal way in the court system including a constitutional challenge. The political method is another way to fight a law through the other political parties. Finally the law could be fought in the arena of public relations. It was mentioned that Bill C-10 was not yet proclaimed as a law. Once it is, then the law becomes subject to the enforcement in the public and in the court system.

Gowlings explained to the group that this case involves proving the law infringes on our Aboriginal right to self govern and to trade between our First Nations. Courts would want that specific to what item, time period locations etc. Courts do not like broad issues but rather very specific ones. This Bill C-10law also does not distinguish between ceremonial tobacco and contraband that is

unstamped. There is also the concern that this law did not have proper consultation and accommodation with the First Nations in which it was targeted.

It was disclosed that a preliminary cost estimate from Gowlings was likely in the area of \$20,000. The money must come from the tobacco manufacturers and retailers doing business within the Iroquois First Nations as members of the Iroquois Caucus. Should this money not be forwarded by the business people, the Iroquois Caucus would then pull out of this issue. The businesses would also have to bear the cost of a Supreme Court Challenge since they want the participation of the elected Chiefs. The cost of a Supreme Court is estimated to cost in the area of \$250,000 to \$500,000.

Once Gowlings is told to proceed with the preliminary report, the Iroquois Caucus First Nations would have to prove their ancient rights to trade with other First Nations. All of the members would have to provide evidence of right to self-govern, previous trade between First Nations and any tobacco cultivation or trade practices. In our case, we have an ancient Treaty of Trade and Commerce with the Crees of James Bay along with Trade with the Algonquins of Maniwaki. We traded such things as Black Ash and canoes with the Algonquins, and we possibly traded with the Ojibawa nations since they were fairly close to our nations in the past.

to share in this cooperative strategy and plans are being finalized so implement the service.

The Aboriginal Affairs Northern Development Canada will be in the community of Akwesasne the week of February 9th to the 13th, 2015 to conduct a program review on the CSP-DCSS. This review will evaluate compliance and implementation of social assistance policy and standards of rates.



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TransCanada Report

ENERGY EAST PIPELINE PROJECT

Background
On October 30, 2014, TransCanada filed an application with the National Energy Board (NEB) with respect to the Energy East Pipeline Project. The application seeks approval to transfer a portion of the Canadian Main-line natural gas transmission facilities to Energy East for use as part of the Energy East Pipeline, and to construct and operate new pipeline segments, laterals and interconnections, and facilities.

The \$12-Billion Energy East Pipeline Project will convert the existing natural gas pipeline from Saskatchewan to Iroquois, Ontario to an oil pipeline and will require upgrades to compressor stations. New construction will start in Iroquois, Ontario and run to New Brunswick.

Mohawk Council of Akwesasne Involvement to Date
The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne, through its Department of Tehotiiennawakon has been working on introducing this project to the community and in analyzing it for Council. Activities have included publishing an introductory article in Onkweta'ke on the project, developing a paper on the pros and cons of pipelines, preparing initial workforce information, identifying emergency measures capabilities, and hosting a public forum at the A'nowara'ko:wa Arena in which representatives from TransCanada presented the project (November 2013).

In addition, the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne has hosted two meetings (November 2013 and January 27th, 2015) of the Ontario Energy Board as they have been holding lis-

tening sessions with First Nations around the province to discuss potential impacts from the Project and to obtain comments from First Nations on the project. First Nation comments have been posted on the Ontario Energy Board website.

Next Steps
The Department of Tehotiiennawakon will be participating in environmental and archaeological studies related to the project and are working to identify employment opportunities for community members. Staff will also be analyzing the application that has been submitted by TransCanada to the National Energy Board. An application for funding for intervention is being prepared to be submitted to the National Energy Board as well.

Bridge Demolition Report

The demolition project for the Seaway International Bridge/Three Nations Bridge, will require a detour and changes along Brookdale Avenue.

Beginning on February 9, Brookdale Avenue in Cornwall will be closed from 2nd Street to

7th Street with a detour using Cumberland Street.

Beginning on March 17, traffic coming to and from Kawehno:ke and the U.S. will be rerouted to a new/temporary toll booth that is located just east of the current toll booth lo-

cation. Traffic rerouting plans will be shared with the community for this phase of the demolition.

Ontario Requiring Renewal of Old OHIP Cards

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne is notifying the community that recently Service Ontario began requiring individuals who hold the old "red and white" Ontario health cards to renew them. Previously, these older-version cards would not expire, and this is no longer the case.

Letters have been mailed to individuals and should not be ignored. After Service Ontario mails three letters without

response, the individual's card will be invalid resulting in a loss of health insurance coverage.

Cards can be renewed by visiting any Service Ontario office or Driver's License office. In Cornwall, Ontario, there are two locations for renewal: 720 14th Street West, and 113 2nd Street East.

To renew your card please bring the following:

1. Proof of citizenship, such as a passport or birth certificate.
 2. Proof of residency, such as a bank statement or other official mail with your address on it.
 3. Any ID that contains your name and signature, such as a bank card.
- If you have any questions, please contact the Service Ontario information line at [1-866-532-3161](tel:1-866-532-3161).

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Department of Health Report

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH ISSUES

Background
The community of Akwesasne has encountered difficulties in the area of Health for many years. The Provinces vary greatly in terms of the health coverage available in the use of an Ontario health card versus a Quebec health card. Within the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne Department of Health, the difference in health coverage has created an annual deficit in the program usually between \$250,000 to 700,000. This must be paid by the Mohawk Council in order to have the local doctors continue to treat Akwesasne patients. This issue would be far easier to deal with if Akwesasne were to have one card for the community. The annual budget received for this area has not changed since 1996, although the costs and population growth has risen significantly. Further, the health professional working in the community including doctors and nurses are forced to obtain Quebec licensing. There is a need for negotiations in order to have exemptions for health professionals working in Akwesasne. Akwesasne has its own ambulance service. When they are busy on a call, we are not able to deal with a second call at the same time. As a result, the backup to the system is a U.S. ambulance which transports the patient to local hospitals in Massena or Malone, NY. This results in billing of thousands of dollars to the U.S. hospitals. This is only partially covered under the OHIP/QHIP cards.

Commitment
The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne is looking for political support to develop and utilize one health card. This proposed tri partite agreement could be a shared cost between the provinces. It would make the administration and management of the health of the community a great deal easier and more effective. It would result and the elimination of the language barrier also.

Objective
The objective of the Mohawk Council is to provide uniform health coverage for the people of Akwesasne. The difficulties faced in having to deal with two different provinces in administration and billing rates create a hardship on the community. Individuals often are not covered to the same levels and billing is difficult with local doctors to be compensated for their services. The development of one card for the community and a tripartite agreement in the area of health would serve to resolve the problems being encountered. The language barrier is also an issue with the people speaking Mohawk and English, and nobody with the ability to speak French creates confusion and difficulties. The desire is to ensure uniformity in coverage and administration. Negotiation with the Province of Quebec may eventually result in an exemption for the health professionals working in Akwesasne and a change in policy guidelines in the case of emergency services provided in U.S. hospitals in close proximity to Akwesasne.

Iohahi:io Student Placement Report

SCHEDULED PLACEMENT DATES Students will be placed at their respective pre-determined locations. They are to be at their locations from 8am-4pm every Thursday and Friday of each week commencing on February 5 th and ending on April 2, 2015. They will not be at their work placements during the week of March Break.	Nolan Mitchell, William Laffin	experience for each of these students. These students should arrive with a project ready and waiting for them to complete, or a work plan developed by the hosting department. Upon completion of their work placement, evaluations will need to be completed by both the department/supervisor and the student and then forwarded to Iohahi:io.
STUDENT ASSIGNMENT Nation Building: Erin Cole, Rachel Wheatley	Iohahi:io: Katelynn McDonald	ORIENTATION The hosting department will be responsible for providing orientation to their placement student. This orientation should consist of a brief overview of the organization and the internal processes associated with being employed by that organization.
Human Resources: Reannon McDonald Day	Akwesasne Justice Dept.: Shaylene Thompson	
Native North American Travelling College:	IGL/Queb. Liaison/Communications: Corey Phillips	
	Grand Chiefs/District Chiefs: Daryl Mitchell	

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Health Coverage Report

HEALTH COVERAGE ISSUES

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Direction and Proposed Solution
The objective of the Mohawk Council is to provide uniform health coverage for the people of Akwesasne. The difficulties faced in having to deal with two different provinces in administration and billing rates create a hardship on the community. Individuals often are not covered to the same levels and billing is difficult with local doctors to be compensated for their services. The development of one card for the community and a tripartite agreement in the area of health would serve to resolve the problems being encountered. The language barrier is also an issue with the people speaking Mohawk and English, and nobody with the ability to speak French creates confusion and difficulties. The desire is to ensure uniformity in coverage and administration. Negotiation with the Province of Quebec may eventually result in an exemption for the health professionals working in Akwesasne and a change in policy guidelines in the case of emergency services provided in U.S. hospitals in close proximity to Akwesasne.

Traditional Medicine Report

Current issues
The first Monday of every month sees the Traditional Medicine program cleanse the Kanonhkwatsheri:io facility with the burning of sage and tobacco for renewal to begin the new month. This practice has created a few complaints from some of the employees and people visiting from the public because of the smells created during the cleansing process. The location of the offices and counseling areas are confined and there is a lack of privacy for the staff. The space is not sufficient for the needs of the program since there is a need for confidentiality among the healers, staff and the clients coming in for treatment. As a matter of fact, the intent all along was for the Traditional Medicine program to have its own location. The staff sees an average of 28 clients per month for healing, teaching and the performance of ceremonies.

The Future
The Traditional Medicine program is in need of its own location with more space than it currently has, along with individual offices and private counseling area for the staff. There is the potential to combine our efforts with the St. Regis Tribal Council's and seek a central location. Alternatively, facilities can be looked at in both Snye and on the Island which would better serve the needs of the Traditional Medicine program and the community. The issue of a new location would need further discussion and thought in order for a logical course of action to be taken. The Council, staff of the Department of Health, Traditional Medicine and the community members need to discuss this issue.

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Department of Tehotiiennawakon Report

A'nowara'ko:wa Arena

Planning for a Wooden Lacrosse Stick Tournament was undertaken during the month. The event is being planned for the weekend of the National Aboriginal Celebration holiday June 20-21st, 2015.

Arena Manager hosted a meeting with Kawehno:ke District Chiefs on January 16th to discuss ideas for increasing community attendance at arena events. The idea of bus- sington for all three districts was discussed as one way to increase attendance.

Ongoing discussions regarding purchasing a Point of Sales machine for the arena.

The arena officially opened on August 25th, 1995; celebration planning of the 20th anniversary of the arena is underway for this summer.

Environment

Environment staff is working to develop a \$200,000 Climate Change proposal for submission to Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada. A budget was provided to Finance for the project and a Mohawk Council Resolution was prepared and passed by Council for submission.

Work is ongoing with Nation Building and MCA departments regarding the Drinking Water Regulatory Framework proposal. The budget is finalized for the project. Executive Services provided approval to discuss with the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe's Environment Division staff an alternative approach to develop drinking water standards. The Departments met on January 22nd to discuss the alternative approach and they agreed to provide a proposal within three weeks.

Executive Services approved work for an agreement with Ontario Ministry of Environment for aerial photo acquisition. The signed agreement was sent to the province on January 8th.

Deliverables

- Climate Change Proposal.
- DRAPE agreement for aerial photography of islands in St. Lawrence River.

Economic Development

There was a Job Fair press announcement at Cornwall Civic Complex on January 14th; in attendance were Chief Steve Thomas and MCA Economic Development staff. Remarks were provided at the event.

Notification was received on January 22nd that Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada had funded the proposal for the development of a Comprehensive Community Development Plan.

The final financial report for Economic Leakage Study was forwarded to the Ontario Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs and received acceptance notification.

Economic Development Program staff launched the 'Buy Local Cupid Hunt' in late January and participated in a Tetewataron Radio Show announcing the promotion and provided information to the community. They coordinated with 30 businesses to hide cupids and have community members find them. Community participants have a chance to win a \$100 gift certificate, gift certificate for the Maple Room at the Akwesasne Mohawk Casino, a make-over by Beautylicious or a gift certificate from Joseph's Fine Jewelry.

Deliverables

- Notification from AANDC for Comprehensive Community Development Plan funding award.
- Financial report for Economic Leakage Study.

Tehotiiennawakon

Administrative matters and required meetings for the Department were fulfilled.

Worked to resolve issues concerning Vires Capital Exclusivity Agreement for Electric Transmission Project; and attended the January 27th Chiefs Meeting to present the Exclusivity Agreement to full Council.

Worked on a proposed Joint Venture Agreement with Triwin Holding Group and forwarded a preliminary business plan to MCA legal to review.

Work on the Tobacco Pilot Project continues and Hutchins Legal Inc. will be asked to attend the next Tobacco Technical Table meeting for review of the Canada Revenue Agency Memorandum of Understanding. A Terms of Reference to prepare a Tobacco Trade Options paper was sent to Executive Services and Ontario Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs for review and approval. The final version was sent to three consultants to bid.

An initial draft proposal was prepared for Phase II of Tobacco Pilot Project and sent to the Ontario Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs for an initial assessment. The second Interim Report for Tobacco Pilot Project was finalized.

Grand Chief and Portfolio were provided assistance in regard to the possibility of alternative reporting on Kawehno:ke and ongoing discussions with Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA). Correspondence was exchanged with the CBSA Regional Director General on the proposed AKPASS system with a January 7th conference call with CBSA on AKPASS system.

Continued working on the TransCanada Energy East project and the Eastern Mainline Project. Legal review is underway for the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne to submit an application to the National Energy Board for Intervenor funding for the Energy East Project. An Ontario Energy Board meeting on the Energy East Project that was held at Kanatakon Recreation Center on January 27th, Chiefs and Tehotiiennawakon attended the day session. 50 pamphlet copies of information on the Eastern Mainline Project were requested from TransCanada for sharing at the General meeting.

Grand Chief and Portfolio were assisted in presenting to the Ontario Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs on January 29th that started with introductory remarks. Briefing pages were prepared on, Broadband project, Island return, Archaeological Field School, and Trails development.

...Tehotiiennawakon Continued

Deliverables

- Final draft of Exclusivity Agreement with Vires Capital.
- Terms of Reference for Tobacco Trades Options Paper.

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- Finalized 2nd Interim Report on Tobacco Pilot Project.
- Draft Phase II Tobacco Pilot Project Funding Proposal.
- Copies of Pamphlet for TransCanada Eastern Mainline Project.
- Introductory remarks for Grand Chief.
- One page Briefing notes on Islands, Broadband, Trails, and Archaeological Field School.

CBSA Trial Update Report

On August 30, 2011 Alicia Shenandoah was charged under the Customs Act for failing to declare dutiable goods in her possession and for falsely declaring she was travelling from within Canada. She was also charged under the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act with aiding and abetting her 6 year old daughter and cousin to enter Canada without appearing for examination by a border service officer.

On January 8, 2013 April Elaine Thompson was charged under the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act with aiding and abetting her daughter to enter Canada without appearing for examination by a border service officer.

Phase one of the criminal test case involving Alicia Shenandoah and April Elaine Thompson was completed from Monday December

9, 2013 to Wednesday December 11, 2013. The Judge acquitted Alicia Shenandoah of the two charges under the Customs Act. Now Alicia Shenandoah and April Elaine Thompson face the same charge under the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act for aiding and abetting people to enter Canada without appearing for an examination by a border service officer.

Phase two of the criminal test case started in December 2014 and was held in Cornwall, Morrisburg and Alexandria. During this part of the test case community members were called in at witnesses. April Elaine Thompson and Alicia Shenandoah were the first ones called to the stand since they are the defendants. The following witnesses were called onto the stand after them: Wesley Benedict- MCA Liaison to CBSA, Lesley Bero- Holistic Health program manager, Dwayne

Thomas- Transportation Supervisor for AMBE, Geraldine Jacobs- A'nowara:kowa Arena Manager, Joan Mitchell- Elder, Rick Oakes- Adolescent Treatment Center manager, Jim Ransom- Director of Tehotiiennawakon, Peter Garrow- Former Director of AMBE, and Darrell Thompson- Traditional Community Elder. Our Expert Witnesses also went on the stand. Francis Scardera and Jon Parmenter are both experts in Archaeology and Ethnography of Mohawks and Iroquois people and their predecessors.

Court is adjourned until June 1, 2015. The first three weeks of June court will be held in Cornwall. The cross-examination of Dr. Parmenter will occur at this time, and the final witness will be Grand Chief Mike K. Mitchell. Final arguments and submissions will be on June 30 and the judge will issue a written ruling on September 11, 2015.

Entewatathawi January-February Report

The process of Entewatatha:wi as a project began in 1999 and its primary goal was to understand and redefine Akwesasne's governance and jurisdiction. The secondary goal was to review all sections of the Indian Act and its effect on our community. The Indian Act is a significant piece of legislation that is used by Canada to continue their paternalistic policies of colonization. The intent of Entewatatha:wi is to "create a new relationship with Canada by removing Mohawk Council of Akwesasne out of areas within the Indian Act that do not work for Akwesasne" (GC Mike Mitchell) and its members. I like to equate as a determined effort of decolonizing ourselves from the archaic policies of government and for Canada to deal with Akwesasne directly Nation to Nation and not as one of 633 First Nations in Canada.

To quote one of Iohahi:io Business students Reannon Day "It really is a long complex journey that all different departments within MCA has been on for the last 10 years now, going back and forth with the government having meetings, writing up new laws, trying to get feedback from the community"

Current activities are as follows.

1. Recruitment of EAC Elders - A special invitation will be sent to perspective Elders (List -Jan. 7, 2015) to attend our February 12th EAC meeting and view an updated Entwatatha:wi presentation.
2. MNCC Participation in Entewatatha:wi - On October 20, 2014, a letter signed by Chief Brian David was hand delivered to MNCC requesting their participation.
3. Iohahi:io Business Students - As a result

of the Entewatatha:wi marketing exercise by these students, Peter Garrow has been requested by Iohahi:io to assist in their work placements for this semester. Entewatatha:wi will receive 2 students and a number of other eligible students will be placed with MCA departments and NNATC. Their power point presentations will be on display at this meeting. These students represent a new demographic and have reached out to a growing demographic.

Partnerships

NNATC, Iohahi:io, ARRO, Justice, CKON, AEDA

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Finance Donations Report		
Mohawk Council of Akwesasne		
Application of OLG funds (formerly Casino Rama Funds)		
For the year ended March 31, 2014		
OLG / Casino Rama revenue has been applied to the following:		
	Final	Final
	2014	2013
	\$	\$
Direct Payments to & on Behalf of Community		
Akwesasne Winter Carnival - annual	5,000	5,000
Akwesasne Pow Wow Committee - annual	10,000	10,000
Elders housing repairs - administered by housing	103,682	89,460
Community fund - distribution	199,572	225,003
3 Recreation committees @ \$40,000 each	120,000	150,000
Water distribution	7,593	6,498
Tri District Elders	15,000	15,000
Boys & girls club		51,000
Community fuel program	463,017	646,050
Snye Homemakers	15,000	15,000
Application of interest earned to special needs		183,499
Akwesasne Wolves		35,000
Individuals -small donations	62,434	23,086
Tsioniakwatha / les Aventuriers l'archaologie		5,000
Ronathahonni Cultural Centre		5,000
Akwesasne Freedom School		45,000
Summer Student Program	252,340	219,252
Housing Rental under Market Shortfall	150,000	
Cornwall University Project	13,629	
AMBE After School Program	58,040	
AMBE Post Secondary Program	106,865	
Kawhenoke Water Line	818,466	
Friends of Lake St. Francis		10,000
Tsionhiakwatha	5,000	
AEDA Can 8 Language instruction	143,608	101,178
St. Regis Church Insurance	5,662	
Truck for AHVFD under construction - Eastway		210,198
AAMB	30,000	
Soaring Eagles Volleyball team		27,500
CKONon air Mohawk language instuction		4,125
Healthy Homes Initiative	947,837	970,032
Enhancements to Council programs	498,205	485,374
Sport Sponsorships		27,500
CBSA seizures	62,000	45,171
Make Work Project	19,887	426,073
TsiSnaihne Water Line		1,066,576
Special Needs	131,825	183,499

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Direct Payments to & on Behalf of Community	4,244,662	5,286,074
Support of MCA Programming		
Parking Lot Construction St. Regis	2,612	75,637
Cornwall Community Hospital Foundation		200,000
Seaway Claim	621,709	613,698
Ferry Feasability	11,597	11,598
US Land Claim	96,599	-
Admin 1 Repairs		25,530
Addition to Kanonhkwashteri:io	34,743	146,589
Total Support of MCA Programming	767,260	1,073,052
Total OLG Expenses	5,011,922	6,359,126
Additional Donations	83,491	115,962
Garabage /Waste Collection Deficits	251,940	177,025
Water Waste Water Plants	105,566	294,105
Akwesasne-Quebec Protocol Agreement Report		
ANNOUNCEMENT OF A POLITICAL PRO- TOCOL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOV- ERNMENT OF QUÉBEC AND THE MOHAWK COUNCIL OF AKWESASNE DECEMBER 15, 2014 KANA:TAKON RECREATION CENTER		
Attendees: Grand Chief Mike Mitchell, MCA; Tsi Sniahne Chief April Adams-Phillips, MCA; Tsi Snaihne Chief Karen Loran, MCA; Jim Ransom, MCA Tehotienawakon Director; Jamie Bay, MCA Gov't Support Manager; Geoffrey Kelley, Minister responsible for native affairs; Ste- phane Billette, MNA for Huntingdon; Kim- berly Labar, Press secretary for the minister; Michael Forian, political aide for the minis- ter; Jean-Pierre McKenzie, political aide for the MNA; Marc Foisy, Secrétariat aux Affaires Autochtones		
The Minister responsible for Native Affairs, Geoffrey Kelly, with the Government Whip and Member of the National Assembly for Huntingdon, Stéphane Billette, visited Akwe- sasne on December 15, 2014 to sign, along with the Grand Chief of the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne (MCA), Michael Kanentakeron Mitchell, a political memorandum of under-		
standing between the Government and MCA. The memorandum of understanding will serve as a framework for discussions be- tween Québec and Akwesasne over the next ten years. The purpose of this protocol is to ensure constructive and harmonious ex- changes between both parties, while consid- ering issues such as justice, health, educa- tion, and public safety.		
AKWESASNE-QUÉBEC PROTOCOL AGREE- MENT WORK PLAN MEETING JANUARY 21, 2015 TSI SNAIHNE RECREATION CENTRE		
Attendees: Karen Loran, Chief; Larry King, Chief; April Adams-Phillips, Chief; Marc Foisy, Represen- tative, Secrétariat aux Affaires Autochtones (SAA) ; W. James Bay, Government Support Manager; Natalie Jacobs, Québec Liaison Of- ficer		
As a follow up to the December 15, 2014 signing of the Akwesasne Québec Political Protocol Agreement, representatives from the Secrétariat aux Affaires Auchtones (SAA) and the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne met to begin the work towards establishing a		
workplan to address sectors of common in- terest in a spirit of understanding and com- mon interest between the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne (MCA) and the Government of Québec . The common interest subjects iden- tified for the 10 year duration of the Political Protocol Agreement include:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Transport• Administration of justice• Health and social services• Public security• Economic development and infrastruc- ture• Québec liaison officer		
A draft workplan was discussed specifically in terms of priority and potential for quick- est progress. This draft workplan is currently being enhanced based on the discussion that took place at the meeting. Next steps include submitting the draft workplan to the Sécre- tariat aux Affaires Autochtones, establish- ment of a workplan schedule, and putting in place a meeting between Québec ministries and MCA to discuss specific items within the identified sectors of common interest.		

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Justice Department Law Development Report

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne’s Justice Department is providing the following information to the community as an update on several community laws that are currently in varying stages of development.

<i>Akwesasne Justice Department: Operating Plan 2014/2015</i>	<i>Status</i>	LEPR* % Completion
Iatathróna Raotiiéntáhtsera ‘Couples Property’ Law	Enacted - Additional Referendum	N/A
Akwesasne Traffic Law	LEPR Phase III - Post Consultation	80%
Akwesasne Tekaiá’torehthá:ke Kaianerénhsera (Akwesasne Court Law)	LEPR Phase III - Post Consultation	75%
Akwesasne Tobacco Manufacturing & Products Law	LEPR Phase III - Post Consultation	75%
Akwesasne Conservation Law – Amendment	LEPR Phase I -Post Legal Review	20%
Akwesasne Education Law	LEPR Phase I - Drafting Law	10%
Akwesasne Financial Administration Law	LEPR Phase I - Community Notice	10%
Akwesasne Water Law – Amendment	LEPR Phase I - Community Notice	5%

**LEPR – Law Enactment Procedural Regulation*

IATATHRÓNA RAOTIIENTÁHTSERA ‘COUPLES PROPERTY’ LAW – LEPR COMPLETION: ENACTED

The Iatathróna Raotiiéntáhsera ‘Couples Property’ Law was enacted according to the Law Enactment Procedural Regulation on December 16, 2013. Bill S-2 ‘An Act Respecting Family Homes Situated on First Nations Reserves’ reached Royal Assent on June 16, 2013. First Nations had until December 2014 to enact their own laws in accordance with the provisions of Bill S-2 for that legislation not to apply. Bill S-2 requires that First Nations reach a threshold of 25% Membership participation in a referendum to enact a law. In an attempt to reach this threshold, the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne is conducting a second referendum to reaffirm the Iatathróna Raotiiéntáhsera ‘Couples Property’ Law. The referendum is being conducted between February 2, 2015 and March 31, 2015.

AKWESASNE TRAFFIC LAW – LEPR COMPLETION: 80%

The proposed amendments to the Regulation of Traffic By-law No. (10)A, known as

the proposed Akwesasne Traffic Law, completed community consultation in December 2013. The feedback from the community was developed into a report provided to the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne in August 2014. The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne provided direction on how to proceed with the community feedback. The Working Task Group has begun meeting to implement the recommendations to prepare the proposed Akwesasne Traffic Law to move forward into LEPR Phase IV.

AKWESASNE TEKAIÁ’TOREHTHÁ:KE KAIANERÉNHSERA (AKWESASNE COURT LAW) – LEPR COMPLETION: 75%

The proposed Akwesasne Tekaiá’torehthá:ke Kaianerénhsera (Akwesasne Court Law) completed community consultation in September 2014. The feedback from the community is being developed into a report. Once the report is ready, it will be presented to the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne to provide direction on how to proceed with the community feedback.

AKWESASNE TOBACCO MANUFACTURING

& PRODUCTS LAW – LEPR COMPLETION: 75%

The proposed Akwesasne Tobacco Manufacturing & Products Law completed community consultation in November 2014. The feedback from the community is being developed into a report. Once the report is ready, it will be presented to the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne to provide direction on how to proceed with the community feedback.

AKWESASNE CONSERVATION LAW – LEPR COMPLETION: 20%

The proposed Akwesasne Conservation Law has been presented to the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne by the Working Task Group. During the presentation, the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne provided direction on additional changes to the draft. Once the draft document is ready to be released for community consultation, the proposed Akwesasne Conservation Law will be Accepted In Principle by the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne in accordance with LEPR Phase II.

...Justice Continued

AKWESASNE EDUCATION LAW – LEPR COMPLETION: 10%

The proposed Akwesasne Education Law completed the requirement of a public notice to call for written comment on the contents of the law. The notice period for comment was completed in January 2014. The Working Task Group is now tasked with developing an Akwesasne Education Law. Once complete, the document will be sent for a legal review prior to being presented to the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne in accordance with LEPR Phase I.

AKWESASNE FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION LAW – LEPR COMPLETION: 10%

The proposed Akwesasne Financial Administration Law completed the requirement of a public notice to call for written comment on the contents of the law. The notice period for comment was completed on February 20, 2014. The Working Task Group is now tasked with developing an Akwesasne Financial Administration Law. Once complete, the document will be sent for a legal review prior to being presented to the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne in accordance with LEPR Phase I.

AKWESASNE WATER LAW – AMENDMENT – LEPR COMPLETION: 5%

A Working Task Group has been appointed to develop an amendment to the By-Law #5 Waterworks System. A public notice is being developed to call for written comment on the contents of the law. Once the period for receiving written comment on the contents of the proposed law is complete, the Working Task Group will develop the law in accordance with LEPR Phase I.

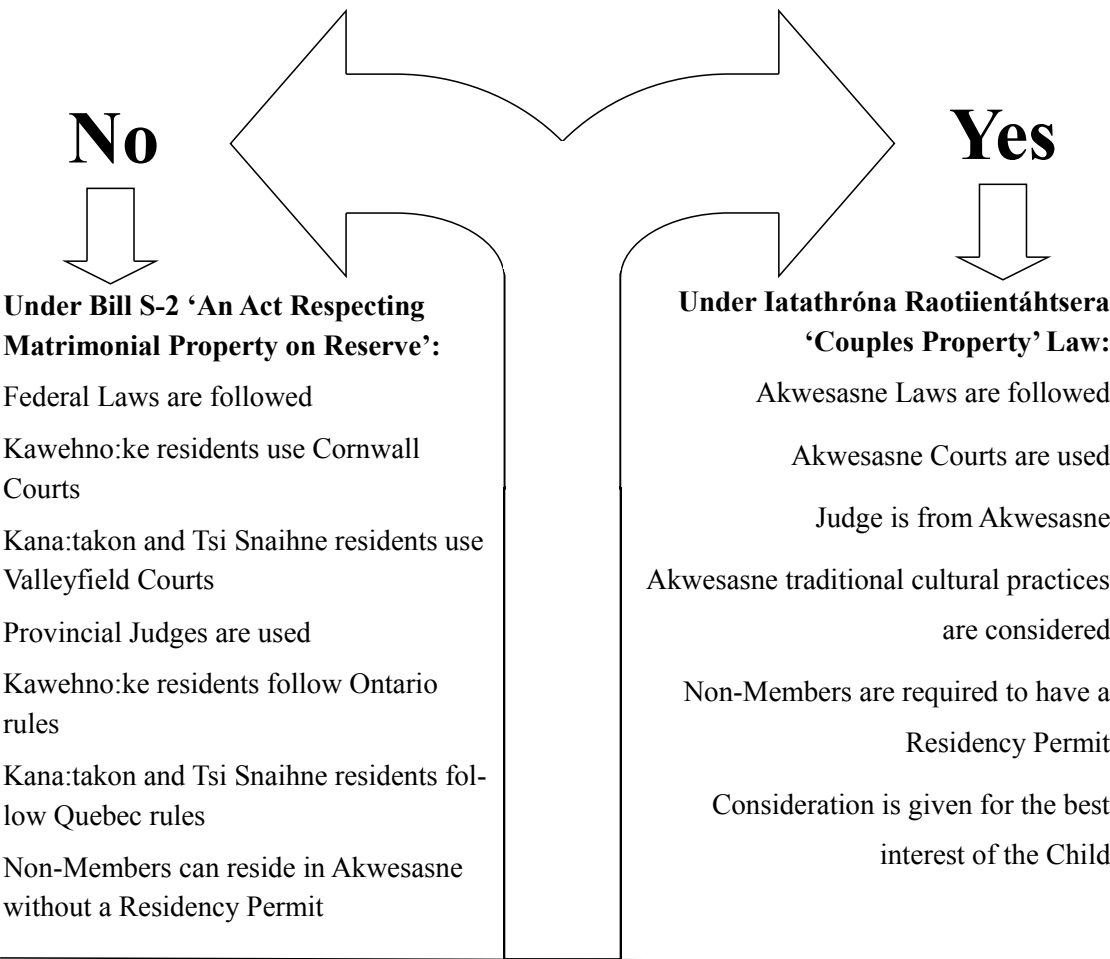
If you have any questions or would like more information on the Legislative Development initiatives with the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne contact the Akwesasne Justice Department – Kyrie A. Ransom, Justice Coordinator 613-575-2250 ext. 2403.

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Iatathróna Raotiiéntáhtsera ‘Couples Property’ Law

Referendum Question:

Do you reaffirm the Iatathróna Raotiiéntáhtsera ‘Couples Property Law?



For more information about the Iatathróna Raotiiéntáhtsera ‘Couples Property’ Law reaffirmation referendum you can contact the Akwesasne Justice Department: 613-575-2250 ext. 2400 or visit www.akwesasne.ca/referendum

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Department of Technical Services January 2015 Directors Report

NATION BUILDING INVESTMENT STRATEGY (NBIS)

Need to do an MCR to accept the 10 Year Plan in principle. The Directors at the Directors Meeting wanted to know how to get into the Capital Plan. Many of the Projects have not been completed due to the lack of funding. All departments have a section in the 10 year Capital Plan. If a Department has come up with the funding dollars for a project on the Capital Plan they are given priority and move up the list. Jay will re-issue appropriate sections to each of the Directors for their review.

SNYE WATERLINE

DTS has received a letter from the Hogansburg Akwesasne Fire Department regarding fire flow testing confirming that the fire testing pressures are adequate. The completion report will now be finalize. The backup computer (SCADA) at Kanatakon Water plant has been installed and working.

Final Project Expenditure Report will be included in the completion report.

Phillips road residents on Canadian side has all residents hooked up to the waterline.

SNYE SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT AREA

SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT DETAILED DESIGN

The 66% Design review meeting was held November 14th. The 99% Design review meeting to be held in early February . Lobbying for funding is now priority in order to identify funding for the construction Phase of the Sewage Treatment Plant.

MINISTRY OF QUEBEC TRANSPORT FUNDING AGREEMENT

Ministry of Quebec Political Protocol was

signed December 15th 2014. The intent of the Protocol with regards to MTQ Funding for Roads and Bridge needs to be confirmed and a lobbying strategy developed. The meeting with the Quebec Minister of Aboriginal Affairs was recently postponed.

SPACE NEEDS : TSI SHAIHNE ADMIN BUILDING

Snye Admin building–Geotechnical reports for site 5A in Tsi Snaihne are complete. The report has identified unsuitable soils for conventional Construction. Piling will be required to support the Building at a significant premium. Alternative sites are being discussed.

Angus Mitchell Memorial – Based on Executive Directors approval DTS has solicited a Proposal from Rubin & Rotman Associates to undertake conceptual/preliminary Design for Mohawk Government to located to Angus Mitchell Memorial Center. Progress will be reported at a later date.

The First Floor renovations – Kanonhk-watsheriio – Design of the Medical Clinic Space is underway. A kick-off meeting took place on November 20 2014. Next Design review meeting in early February 2015.

KAWEHNÓ:KE WATERLINE

Funding negotiations continue. MCA is awaiting for a commitment in writing before advancing lobby efforts to the Ministers Office. The final phase of waterline extensions on Kawehnó:ke is now substantially complete. David Lane is to be completed in the spring.

ROADS ISSUES

Hamilton Island

Ron Smith surveying has submitted a Proposal to continue the research required

to establish a strategy to obtain a decision on the ownership of the Right of Way on the North approach to the Hamilton Island Bridge. (The right of way needs to be dealt with before the Condition Assessment Report can be completed.) The proposed fee is 15K. MCA need to determine where the funding will come from.

Akwesasne

Kennedy Garrow will be meeting with Canada Post regarding mail box issues. He would like to propose community mail boxes so that there is less obstacles when plowing in the winter months. Some of these mail boxes are not up to code.

AMBE Report

Dec 1, 2015/ Dec 19, 2014

It was a very short month staff was very busy with the Christmas season. Lots of work getting all heating systems fine-tuned. Floor maintenance was a big issue with all the sand and stone dust being tracked into the Foyers of all 3 schools.

Jan 1, 2015- January 28, 2015

Amber Cook started working at the AMS school on Jan 5, 2015. Training for Amber was very easy because she had been a casual employee for approximately 8 years prior to getting a permanent position.

The window replacement project at AMS is starting to move, all measurements were done. We are looking at replacing a total of 26 windows and two sliding patio door that are original the school.

All transfers that happened in December and January are going well with only minor issues. I let go 3 casual employees but was able to get 4 more casu

als to sign up. All roofing projects have stopped until we get warmer weather. I could not see having anyone up on the roof with snow and ice on it.

...Technical Services Continued

On January 20th 2015 the Kanatakon School and the AMS were closed due to the fact that both had a high number of students with a cold or the flu. As a result these 2 schools were disinfected from ceiling to the floors and all things that a student might play with or touch during the time they are in school was disinfected. I had to bring extra casu

als in to help get the disinfecting done in the time we had. On Friday the 23rd there was a professional development day for all AMBE staff at AMS. We took advantage of this pd day and went ahead and disinfected the Snye School as well even though they had not reached the high levels of sick kids as the other 2 schools. Over all the schools are running smoothly.

Dec 2014/Jan 2015 Maintenance DCSS / DOH

We had the first significant snow fall of the season and we had no issues dealing with it. We had a freezing rain storm which brought along the power outages, but no damages were noted.

Kanonhkwatsheri:io had repairs to the Johnson control system which, thank god, were relatively minor. We had a HR issue which was dealt with. Having a problem with vendors securing quotes for the fuel tank replacement.

Iakhihsotha had the outdoor air handler finally sealed from the elements. The sprinkler system replacement/upgrade was approved, and work started on the upgrade in late January. The roof leak around the dormer was addressed, hoping this does the trick.

At the **Group Home** there are issues with the fire panel and is scheduled to be replaced. There is furnace issue with one of the units in the **Transitional Housing** building. The interior fence at the **Shelter**, Transitional Housing complex is scheduled to be installed,

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just waiting on the vendor’s schedule.

The **Arena** had an issue with the ice resurfacer; the alternator had to be replaced. Building Maintenance Operations

December 2014

Participated in a number of meetings with Executive Services, MCA Council and DTS as an interim lease /rental site for Admin #2 Staff, as proposed for the G&L office sites. The Admin 2 bldg. has been recommended for permanent closure and will not be re-occupied. As noted earlier, the facility is accessible to retrieve documents and file as needed as well as a planning stage has been initiated to allow staff to enter and retrieve personal belongings. That process continued and is well under way.

Coordinated the first draft of the lease agreement between MCA and G&L Management. The lease was at draft #3 by the time I went on vacation Dec.22, 2014.

Peace Tree Mall site as an option for staff relocation from Angus Mitchell Memorial Center (AMMCtr) is no longer an option as they will be staying in place until at least one more year. The Post office proposed move to a private operation has been pursued more actively by the Post Office Manager. The Post office Manager needs to view the site and enter negotiations with the owner. This is not an MCA operation. To be discussed between the owner of the site and Canada Post, as the agreement will be between the two, not MCA.

Finalized contracts for the tender of the **Iakhihsotha** Attic Sprinkler retro fit. Project will be awarded to Stealth Fire Protection. Meetings with Director of Health and staff to identify and gain approval for the project. DTS redirected project funds from several sites in order for this project to move forward. All agreed that the safety of the elders within the facility are paramount, and

the project will now address outstanding deficiencies.

Admin # 1 project for Handi- Cap Accessibility started on Nov. 3, 2014, project was near completion by my return to work Jan. 12, 2015. Pending any weather upset the exterior project part will be done as soon as weather permits.

Assist Fuel Contact to provide current WSIB/ CSST or NYS version of Workers Compensation package. All MCA contractors are to have such coverage Prior to starting the contracted work programs. Coordinated contact with Ms. V. Irving Quebec Liaison Officer to help Fuel Contract set up a CSST program for the workers that deliver fuel for MCA facilities. Contractor still having trouble getting compensation insurance for the workers as of Jan.27 2015.

January 2015

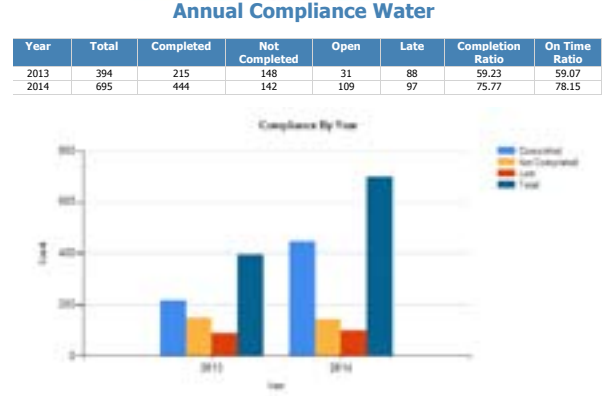
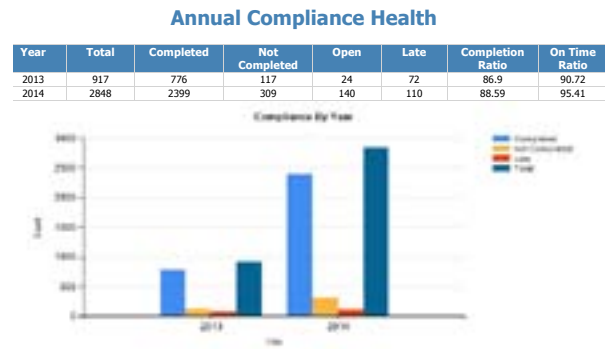
Completed documentation related to DTS and AAMB contract for two workers, program ended by contract terms, all reports submitted and filed as required with AAMB and MCA Finance Comptroller.

AMS School contract for window replacement project was approved and signed off. 23 Glass Units to be replaced with new glass and will include a new frame and operators to allow each class in the old wing to have an option to let outside air into the class room. Continued work on final drafts of operating budgets for AMBE School systems, DOH/ DCSS facilities, Administration and Maintenance Management operations, to include Solid Waste and collection, recycling and general office administration for our assets. All Budgets submitted on time as required.

Attended meeting’s to start in coordination with Economic Development for a Home and Garden Show to be hosted at the Arena, the Career Fair as hosted by AAMB also at the Arena site.

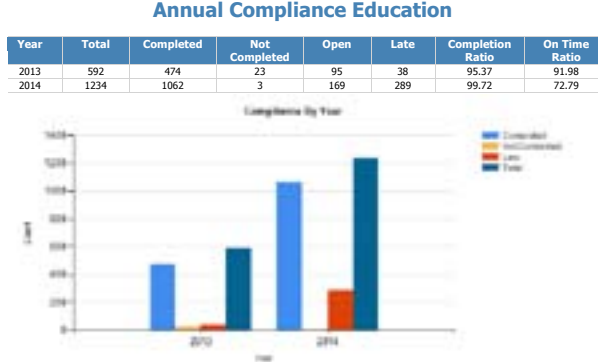
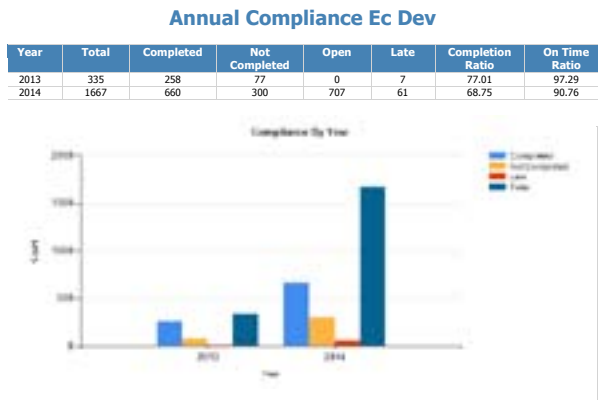
Review G&L site Health and Safety con

cerns and options for the owner to consider to continually improve the office space for all future tenants. Review and approval of new Alarm system and Fire Alarm protection for the two sites. Installation for systems has commenced as of January 26, 2015.



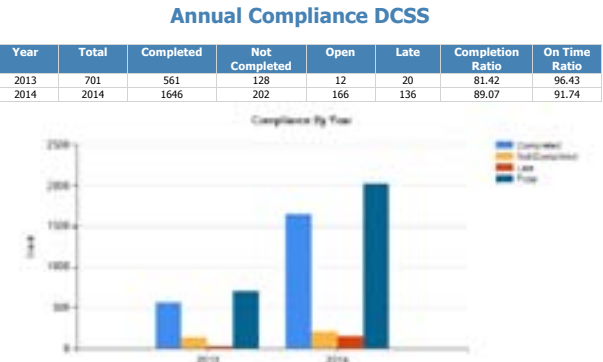
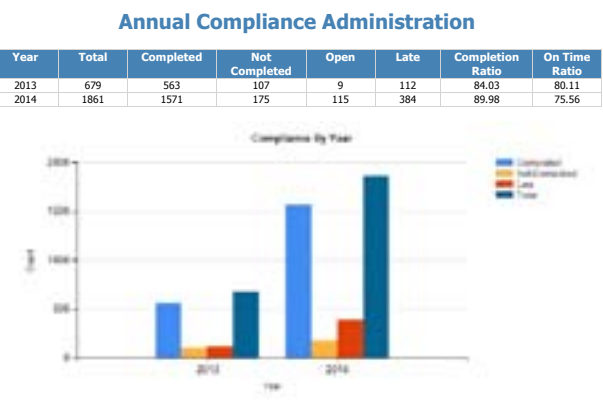
DTS MAINTENANCE WORK ORDER ANNUAL COMPLIANCE REPORT BAR GRAPH. DTS Maintenance operations reported to our Director on our overall Maintenance Management performance and assessment of work orders performed for this Fiscal Year (FY) as comparison to last FY. The attached report Annual Compliance, relates to Administration, Health, Social, Education, Water and Wastewater, and Economic Development facilities as it relates to work

Site meeting with MCA OSP and Electrical contractor to ensure new power lines are installed as needed, as well as the start of the communication bus system that will be needed by computer service operations for the two sites.



order completion ratio. The report is generated from our Computerized Maintenance Management System and covers all of MCA structures.

The report gives a snap shot of the number of work orders generated, and compares that information with completed and not-completed work orders. It identifies late work orders that were completed but were outside the anticipated completion date. These delays are often due to contractor availabil-



ity to perform licensed/certified work. Finally the report identifies a Completion ratio as well as an overall On Time completion ratio respectively. The program base platform design is proprietary, but with MCA Maintenance Department input and direction, it has evolved into a very user friendly system that assist MCA every day by ensuring our facilities are maintained daily with pre-set maintenance activities for each asset within the system.

Support a Drug Free Community!

SUBSTANCE ABUSE EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Wholistic Health & Wellness (Addictions & Counseling) (613) 575-2341 ext. 3100	Mohawk Police & Ambulance (613) 575-2000	CRIMESTOPPERS (613) 575-2255	ONEN'TO:KON TREATMENT SERVICES (450) 479-8353
Ionkwanonhsasetsi Adolescent Treatment Center (613) 932-5050	MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS LINE 1-866-996-0991	Corrwall Hospital Withdrawal Management Services (613) 938-8506	SUBSTANCE ABUSE/ DRUG-RELATED CRISIS (800) 480-4208
IETHINISTENHA FAMILY WELLNESS PROGRAM (613) 937-4322	Akwesasne Eagle Watch Promoting a Safe and Drug free Akwesasne facebook	Akwesasne Child & Family Services (613) 575-2341 ext. 3139 (613) 575-2000 (After Hours)	ASEO-STE0 ADDITION SERVICES OF EAGLEWING ORSHAN (613) 936-9236 (800) 272-1937

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

Online Voting Now Underway for “Couples Property Law”

If you reside within the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne’s jurisdiction, are you aware that new Canadian legislation on Matrimonial Real Property will give Canada the right to determine how your property is divided should your family separate? Unless the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne passes a referendum to accept its own Couples Property Law, called Iatathrona Raotiientahtsera Law, Canada will apply their rules to our households and families.

Akwesasne’s Couples Property Law was written by Akwesasne community members who understand Mohawk culture and traditions. Passing this law keeps the decision-making power within Akwesasne.

Canada is requiring First Nations to meet

a certain threshold of voters in order for a referendum on couples property to be valid. Previously, the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne held a referendum to accept the Couples Property - Iatathrona Raotiientahtsera Law. While it was approved by voters, the number of participants did not satisfy Canada’s threshold requirement. This requirement is 25 percent of eligible voter participation, or 1,983 member votes. To meet the threshold, a second referendum is currently underway and is the very first Mohawk Council of Akwesasne referendum to utilize 100 percent online voting. Voting is simple: Visit AkwesasneSimplyVoting.com to cast your vote from now through **March 31, 2015.**

MCA voting staff will be going door-to-door beginning on **February 16, 2015** equipped with electronic tablets to facilitate community members casting their votes. Additional details on door to door voting will be released next week.

If you wish to see the decision making power remain in Akwesasne for matters related to family property, please participate in this referendum. More information can be found on the MCA website, www.akwesasne.ca.

Visit AkwesasneSimplyVoting.com to quickly cast your vote, or contact the Chief Electoral Officer Leona Benedict for assistance in voting. She can be reached by calling **613-575-2250** x2406 or **613-551-1622** (cell), or by emailing leona.benedict@akwesasne.ca.

Hunting on Other First Nations

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne would like to advise First Nation hunters of a hunting rule in Ontario that may not be commonly known. All First Nation hunters have the right, by law, to hunt without a license in their traditional lands as well as on other First Nation territories. However, to hunt on another First Nation territory, written permission must be obtained from that First Nation leadership, according to Ontario hunting laws. Written permission must also be obtained from the individual

landowner. Please also be aware that it is currently an arrest-able offence to possess a firearm in Canada without a Possession and Acquisition License or a completed RCMP Non-Resident Firearm Declaration form. First Nation hunters from other nations who wish to hunt in Akwesasne must obtain written permission from Mohawk Council. Receiving a member’s permission only does not protect hunters from being ticketed.

All First Nation men and women have the

right to hunt without an Ontario-issued hunting card provided they are hunting for food, social, or ceremonial purposes within their traditional territories or treaty areas, or in the traditional territory of another First Nation with written permission.

If you have any questions regarding hunting laws and rules, please do not hesitate to contact the MCA Conservation Program at **613-575-2250.**

Tsiionkwanonhso:te Residents Headed to Ottawa Sens Game

The staff and residents at Tsiionkwanonhso:te would like to thank everyone for their generosity and contributions during our latest fund raising efforts. We would like to extend our appreciation and special thanks to...

MCA employee 50/50 raffle was a huge success, and that raffle would not have been possible without staff and the organizer, Vaughn Phillips who managed to pull off a spectacular 50/50 Raffle, raising over \$600

for the folks living at Tsiionkwanonhso:te!

Our staff member Debbie Jocko (Housekeeping), your initiative and ability to sell over \$500 in Super Bowl squares is a wonderful thing. You are truly making a difference in people’s lives. We look forward to you joining us as our special guest on March 19th.

The Dietary staff made delicious Indian Tacos for the community to purchase during

the Akwesasne Winter Carnival. Despite the cold, windy winter weather, we were very happy to have sold 37 taco plates!

The tickets have been purchased, the bus has been scheduled and our residents are ready to cheer as the Ottawa Senators take on the Boston Bruins on March 19th. Thanks again!

Update: Kawehno:ke District Chief JoAnne Jocko



Special Needs Meeting with AMBE, DAYCARE & SOCIAL DEPT. to discuss early diagnosing of Special Needs children transitioning from daycare to AMBE Head start.

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

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

I Contacted the Mohawk Nation Council to request a new Haudenosaunee flag for the lakhihsohtha facility in Snyc.

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

ACTIVITIES FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2015

- January 4th Education Portfolio meeting, Health Board meeting
- January 5th Special Meeting of Council
- January 7th Kawehnoke Waterline Meeting, AMBE meeting with Acting Director Debbie Terrance
- January 8th Interviews at AMBE for the Special Project Officer
- January 10th Akwesasne Membership Board Meeting
- January 23rd Meeting with Department of Health, Cornwall Community Hospital, Dr. Alsani, Dr. Dehimbo
- January 26th off for Midwinter Ceremony
- Conference call with Paula Doering VP Champlain Regional Cancer Program to discuss funding for an Ontario Tele-health Nursing Position
- DTS/Dept. of Health meeting
- Kanonhkwa't'sheri:io 1st Floor Design Meeting

Health Board Meeting

- The environmental health officer presented



- to the Health Board an update to the current situation of the building condition of Admin 2 Mohawk Government building.
- Upcoming air quality tests will be performed & then meetings will be held as to alternative accommodations for Council & staff in the meantime.
 - Currently Council & some staff are occupying the board rooms at Kanonhkwa't'sheri:io as well as some office space at Admin 1.
 - There will be an "Annual Pandemic Table Top Exercise" to be held at the Kanatakon Recreation to identify any gaps or concerns if there was a pandemic in the community.
 - There were surveyors who came into the community from Accreditation Canada to meet with Dept. of Health, Dept. of Social Services, Human Resources, DTS, Executive Services, Finance & Council. This was in part with our evaluations for our Accreditation for our departments which is now done every four years.

ACTIVITIES FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2014

- December 2nd There was no Special Meeting of Council as there was no quorum, Health Board Meeting
- December 4th Finance Committee Meeting
- December 8th Special Meeting of Council
- December 9th Admin 2 Personnel Relocation Meeting
- December 10th Kawehnoke Waterline Meeting

- December 11th Department of Social Portfolio meeting,
- December 13th Akwesasne Membership Board Meeting
- December 15th Department of Technical Services Portfolio meeting, Education Portfolio meeting
- December 17th Special Needs Meeting, Akwesane Mohawk Board of Education Christmas get together
- December 18th Meeting with Elders & the Traditional Medicine Program
- December 19th Health Portfolio meeting, Christmas Party for AMBE schools teachers, principals & staff

Education Portfolio Meeting

A statistical report was done on Post-Secondary students, they will be able to further project funding for Post-Secondary students both full time & part time studies. There will be an Ontario wide meeting on Special Needs students, possible additional funding may be sought through AANDC proposals.

Currently the AMBE website is being updated with an added informational focus added on bullying prevention & information for parents, with possible anonymous reporting of incidences in schools.

Currently the US school systems utilize the internet for most of the interactions with parents for homework as well as direct contact for any concerns they may have, so AMBE is looking at this model to utilize as well as be more interactive & informational in their website.

All three schools will be doing a collaborative effort to better education & prevent incidences of bullying within the school system.

They will be utilizing the leadership teams for each school to promote & better inform parents of what is going on in their schools; this could also be incorporated into the AMBE school boards goals for the year.

The intent is to be unified in all efforts to help parents be aware as well as to encourage participation for the school year.

Meeting with the Elders Council of the Traditional Medicine Program

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

Kawehnoke Waterline Meeting Phase 2 Contract 9 Construction

-Lazore's Construction has met with Federal Bridge Corporation as well as Seaway International Bridge Authority & Enbridge Gas, along with Department of Technical Services, for the upcoming work in the corridor to provide waterline to community members. There is a proposal for the FBCL/ SIBC offices to get waterline but it will be at their cost as well as a monthly fee charged to them for water usage. The realignment will be going through the parking lot at Peace Tree Mall. There will be some minimal disruptions (down to one lane) but this will likely only last for one week in order to get the waterlines in. Enbridge will be onsite for all construction for safety purposes. Environmental plans as well as proposed traffic plans have been submitted & construction will start the week of the 17th, roads completed to this point are:

- Mitchell Road
- McCumber Road North
- Bear Road
- Angus Delormier Road
- Mohawk Lane
- Wolf Lane
- Dennis Jocko Road
- Paul Taxi Rd. (3 outstanding homes for internal hook up)
- Okwaho Road (some homes may still require internal hook ups)
- Martin Road (some homes may still require internal hook ups)
- Walter Delormier Road (some homes may still

require internal hook ups)

Remaining roads are the Corridor as well as David Lane.

ACTIVITIES FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2015

- February 5th Finance Meeting to discuss budgets for 2015/2016
- February 9th- Finance-Health Department Budget Review for 2015/2016
- February 10th Special Meeting of Council
- February 12th Department of Social Portfolio meeting; Social/Health/Education meeting
- February 17th Special Council Meeting
- February 18th -Meeting at AMPS for Search & Rescue/ Recovery with members from SRMT, HAVFD, AMPS & some members of Council, to discuss the search team's needs as well as anything needed by HAVFD, donations of food were plenty & a request of fuel was met with setting up an account at Twin Leaf in Fort Covington to cover costs for the volunteers in the search/rescue team. Discussion was had about outfitting our HAVFD departments with underwater cameras, further meetings will happen to see exactly the equipment needed for the fire departments for search/rescue/ recovery undertakings.
- February 20th- Anne Marie Churchill presentation on Compassion Fatigue, Finance review on Department of Technical Services on proposed 2015/2016 budgets
- February 23rd- Department of Technical Services Meeting- During the Portfolio meeting we went over the 10 Yr. Nation Building Investment Strategy which includes all the Capital Projects to be developed by Mohawk Council of Akwesasne in order of importance & also to serve as a reference of future projects needed for the community. The plan is based on a 5-10 yr. plan then onwards to an overall plan for all three districts. As funding becomes available then they would be moved up the list.

Kawehnoke Waterline Project

We are on target for the budget of Phase 2 of the Waterline, it will be starting up again once spring weather starts with only one road left to be done which is David Lane & restoration will be completed then.

Tsi Snaihne District Chief April Adams-Phillips Annual Report

Portfolios Held from April 2013-March 2014
Co-Major:
Tehotiiennawakon

Minors:
DTS, Executive Services, Government Secretariat, Health, Housing, Public Safety

Portfolio Committees:
Quebec Hydro, Finance Committee, PAT, Community Fund Review Team, International Government Liaison, Dundee Claim, OPG Implementation Committee, Working Conditions Task Group, Cultural Language Committee, Housing Authority

UPDATES/ACHIEVEMENTS/CHALLENGES
The following information provides you with a summarized update on the various areas of interest, achievements attained, and challenges overcome in reaching for goals.

Workplace Improvements
360° Evaluations
MCA hired BizXcel as a consultant in order to conduct 360° evaluations on our employees as a means to evaluate how well our employees perform in areas such as leadership, communications, problem solving, decision making, relationship building, change management, and accountability. The 360° evaluation involves numerous surveys being completed on each employee by other personnel such as their supervisors, their direct reports, and their peers. Participation in this process is mandatory for all employees.

The results of the evaluations will lead to the creation of performance improvement plans that will assist employees in making improvements in any area where they may be lacking. The intent is for follow-up surveys to be completed annually to measure the improvements made.

The rollout of this process began at the top with the Executive Director, was continued

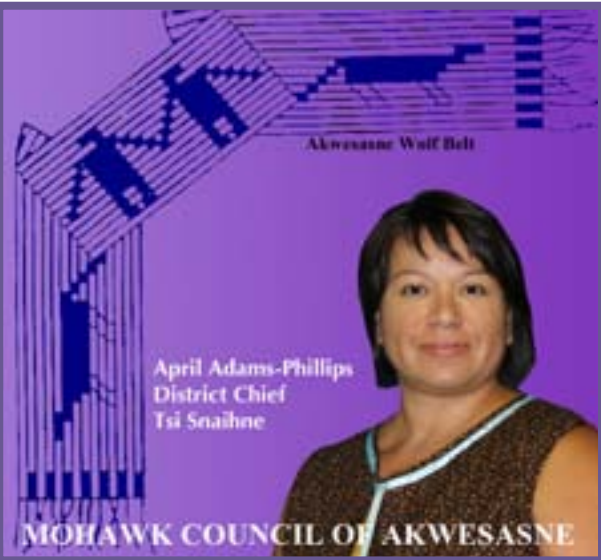
with the Directors, and then the Program Managers and Supervisors evaluations were completed. The next evaluations conducted will be on the frontline workers. The overall goal of this process is to improve employee performance in the provision of programs and services to our community.

Climate Survey
Successful organizations work together to address problems and create a positive work environment. MCA hired BizXcel as a consultant to conduct an Employee Climate Survey in order to gain insight into our employees’ perceptions of their work environment. This information would help MCA determine if there are gaps between how things are and how things should be. The potential for improvements to be made would be determined by analysing the information provided by our employees.

The employee climate surveys were conducted over the summer of 2013 and an overwhelming 514 surveys were filled out. Based on the information received, the consultant prepared and delivered a report in October 2013 which contained an analysis of the information—including strengths, weaknesses, and opportunities for organizational growth—as well as recommendations for improvements to be made.

The recommendations contained in the report included:

1. sharing the results of the survey to promote transparency and to demonstrate to employees that their input is valued;
- 2.
3. completing an organizational review—considering that MCA’s budget has doubled since 1994 yet how the organization is governed and administered to has not changed—to see how things are done currently and



decide what needs to be adapted to accommodate our growth and future direction;

- 4.
5. address the issue of bullying, harassment, negativity, and favoritism through the development of a zero tolerance policy that is communicated to all employees and enforced, without exception;
- 6.
7. emphasize training in servant leadership—this means that a leader should focus primarily on the growth and well being of people and the community—so that our leaders put the needs of others first and help people develop and perform as highly as possible; and
- 8.
9. directors, managers, and supervisors should be trained on employee engagement skills—employees are looking for leaders who can not only inspire them and motivate them but can also manage their day to day struggles and issues—the three key competencies that should be trained are leading, managing, and doing

Respect in the Workplace Policy
MCA commissioned a working task group to draft a respect in the Workplace Policy three years ago. The working task group completed the policy and it was accepted by

resolution of Council in December of 2013, with an effective date of April 1, 2014.

MCA is committed to providing and maintaining a working environment based on respect, dignity, equality, and safety for all MCA employees. A healthy and safe work environment is free of bullying, discrimination, harassment, and violence.

The Respect in the Workplace Policy will apply to all employees of MCA and anyone performing services on behalf of the MCA (with the exception of Council) such as contractors, consultants, suppliers, students on work placements, summer students, volunteers, clients, community members, and visitors to MCA facilities/properties. The policy also includes provisions on the roles and responsibilities of management, employees and the Human Resources office; the consequences of violating the policy; the confidentiality of complaints and investigations; protection from retaliation; what is not considered harassment; assistance for employees; and where to find procedures. The next step will be the development of a Respect in the Workplace Policy and Procedures Manual that will include the procedures for filing a complaint, mediation, administrative investigations, and risk assessment.

Organizational Review
MCA decided to conduct an organizational review based on a recommendation contained in the climate survey report, in order to look at four primary categories: structure, policies and procedures, programs and services, and risks/liabilities. The goal of the organizational review is to promote improvements and efficiencies within MCA while strengthening connections to culture and future capabilities of self-governance. To this end, MCA sent out a limited tender request for proposals to four consultant firms to conduct an organizational review.

Three proposals were received and a project advisory committee was established by

Council resolution and mandated to review the proposals, recommend a selection, work with the selected consultant firm to provide routine updates, reports, and recommendations to Council, and to fulfill any additional tasks mandated by Council throughout the duration of the project.

The next step in this process will be the review of the proposals and the selection of the consultant firm.

Department of Tehotiiennawakon
Economic Leakage Study
The Economic Development program has decided that it would be beneficial for an Economic Leakage Study to be conduct in Akwesasne and hired MNP LLP as the consulting firm to do it. The intent of the study is to determine how much spending takes place outside of Akwesasne by our community members and our businesses, rather than being spent locally in Akwesasne. This is what is referred to as economic leakage.

Community support for local business is a key component of a strong economy. We need to find out how much money is being spent outside our community and also why this is happening. Once that is determined, we can work together to recapture at least a portion of that amount, which will strengthen our local economy. Even though there is a higher consumer cost for the shopper who buys locally, there is a greater benefit to our overall economy when everyone shops local. The Economic Leakage Study is the first step in improving our economy. It is the information gathering stage.

The study will be conducted through surveys of our community members and local businesses starting on March 31, 2014 and you are encouraged to participate in this survey. The report that results from the completed surveys will be shared with the community and the next step in improving our local economy will be discussed.

Recently, the Economic Development Officer was interviewed by the *Standard Freeholder* about how MCA can keep Akwesasne’s consumers on Kawehnoke. In the interview the economic leakage study was discussed as well as a Buy Local Campaign that is the biggest focus for Akwesasne. The article will appear in the *cornwalltribute*, which is a Standard Freeholder Publication.

Walking Trails
In an effort to improve the overall quality of life of our community members, diminish the effects of diabetes in our community, and respond to requests made by our community members, the Department of Tehotiiennawakon is considering the idea of developing walking trails in both Tsi Snaihne and Kawehnoke. Proposals for the development of these two walking trails have been accepted and have been reviewed by the Tehotiiennawakon Portfolio Chiefs. The development of these walking trails has been left in the hands of Tehotiiennawakon personnel.

Environment
Chief Adams-Phillips presented to the Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development on February 25, 2014 to submit comments on the water quality of the Great Lakes Basin. The St. Lawrence River at Akwesasne is one of 43 areas of concern in the Great Lakes Basin due to contaminants such as mercury and PCBs. Akwesasne has been actively involved in the development of two Remedial Action Plans for this area. In addition, a funding proposal was submitted to AANDC for us to develop our own water law and regulatory framework. MCA’s environment program has developed a culturally based environmental assessment process that meets and exceeds the requirements of the Canada Environmental Assessment Act. It is used for all projects in Akwesasne and has been harmonized to use on projects involving partners outside of Akwesasne. Akwesasne actively supports the inclusion of a First Nation Annex to the *Canada-Ontario*

Agreement Respecting the Great Lakes Basin. The inclusion of such an annex would serve to engage First Nations in respectful and cooperative ways and strengthen the relationship between First Nations, Ontario, and Canada.

Economic Development

In an effort to increase the economic development potential for our community, personnel of the Economic Development program and Tehotiiennawakon Portfolio Chiefs have been exploring the possibility of developing numerous projects with partners who are willing and able to invest in such projects. Meetings to discuss project ideas, potential costs, and investment opportunities have been taking place with representatives from around the world. In fact, a potential investor has invited us to visit China in the spring of 2014 to tour some of the projects they have invested in—and have agreed to cover the costs associated with the visit.

Public Safety

On March 12, 2014 an article was published in the *Two Row Times* quoting an Akwesasne community member as having plans to take over the abandoned customs house located on Kawehnoke on March 22, 2014 and inviting supporters to come to Akwesasne in support of his planned actions. In response, the MCA's Emergency Measures Program and SRMT's Emergency Planning Department collaborated to ensure that the health and safety of our community would be maintained if the publicized plans were carried out. The MCA sent out a warning on March 19, 2014 to community members about the potential

for a disruption on Kawehnoke on March 22, 2014 and informed the community that the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) would be activated on that day. The SRMT sent out a news release on March 20, 2014 informing the community that they opposed disruption to our community's ability to cross the bridges and travel within our territory.

On March 22, 2014 the EOC was operational for a total of five (5) hours. As it turned out, the community member who planned to take over the abandoned customs house had an outstanding warrant for his arrest. The Akwesasne Mohawk Police Service (AMPS) was able to execute the warrant once his whereabouts were known. The arrest took place on March 22, 2014 and was reported in the *Standard Freeholder*. The EOC was deactivated at 1:00 pm and there were no disruptions to our ability to cross the bridges and travel within our territory. The collaborated efforts of the MCA, the SRMT, their respective emergency planning personnel, and AMPS ensured that public safety was maintained. Niawen ko:wa!

Iroquois Caucus

Chief Adams-Phillips attended the Iroquois Caucus meeting on February 5-6, 2014 in Kahnawake. At this meeting the communities that make up the Iroquois Caucus signed a resolution rejecting the First Nations Education Act; demanding that Canada immediately cease any further development, passage, or implementation of legislation on First Nation education; demand that Canada recognize and respect the Aboriginal Right to jurisdictional control of our own

education systems and meet with our communities who are the legitimate rights holders to discuss and take steps necessary to address the chronic underfunding of our education systems; and that the Iroquois Caucus communities take all actions to work with partners to counter the First Nation Education Act.

An Iroquois Caucus Education Summit was tentatively scheduled for April 2014 in Tyendinaga. Technicians to participate from each community are to be identified.

Food Bank, Distribution Center, and Community Gardens

Requests were made at a Tsi Snaihne District Meeting for Akwesasne to have a food bank. This idea is being looked into as well as the concept of having vegetables and fruits grown in the community, tended to by community members, and distributed to any Akwesasronon who are hungry. The development of a food bank was included in the MCA Strategic Plan for 2012-2015 and for it to be implemented in the community it would require the participation, collaboration, and cooperation of a number of MCA and SRMT departments as well as numerous volunteers from the community. This would be a worthwhile goal for our community to undertake and it would be make a positive impact on our fight against diabetes. If you are interested in seeing these ideas implemented, please let your District Chiefs know. Your input and participation with these ideas may make the difference in whether or not they become a reality.

Littering on Ice/River Violates Akwesasne By-Law

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne Compliance Program is urging anyone who uses Akwesasne's frozen river for recreation or for crossing to please not throw garbage onto the ice. It is everyone's responsibility to discard waste back at your homes.

Garbage left behind on the ice litters the

shore line within Akwesasne. If left out, the garbage will eventually fall into the river after the spring melt. Litter contributes to the pollution of the river and harms wildlife (fish and birds) as well as poses a danger to swimmers in the summer.

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne Garbage

Collection and Disposal By-Law No. 13 passed January 8, 1973 states that any violation of this law is a chargeable offence; said person shall be liable to be ordered to clean up the garbage.

Please help keep the waterways clean for the continued use now and in the future.

Update: Kawehno:ke District Chief Abram Benedict

I trust everyone is in good spirits and health. As always, I'm pleased to provide you with my monthly report. If you have any questions concerning my report, please do not hesitate to contact me at the Mohawk Government office by phoning 613.575.2348, by e-mail at abram.benedict@akwesasne.ca, through facebook, or on twitter.

MINISTRY OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH SERVICES

On January 12, 2015 I took part in a conference call with the Ministry of Children and Youth Services (MCYS). The conference call was arranged to review the final details for and objectives of the upcoming leadership roundtable, scheduled to take place on February 4, 2015. The Minister of Children and Youth Services and the Minister of Aboriginal Affairs are to present the draft Aboriginal Children and Youth Strategy at the leadership roundtable meeting.

ANNUAL BUDGET REVIEW PROCESS

Over the last several months, Mohawk Council of Akwesasne's Executive Services and Finance program personnel have been going through the annual budget review process. This process includes sitting with each director of the respective departments to review their proposed operational (financial) budget. On January 12, 2015 I participated in the annual budget review of the Ahkwe-sahsne Mohawk Board of Education (AMBE). Areas of concern included the outstanding uncollected balances due for the hot lunch program and the projected expenses for the post secondary program. AMBE will continue to work with finance to accurately project financial resources required to operate the department.

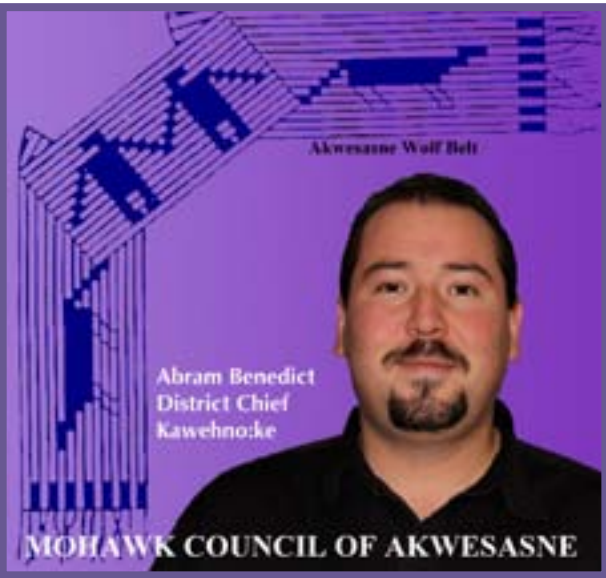
ONTARIO ASSOCIATION OF CHILDREN'S AID SOCIETIES

On January 15, 2015 I attended the monthly Ontario Association of Children's Aid Societies board meeting in Toronto. The board passed two (2) motions to accept two (2)

separate resignations from board members who could not continue to participate on the board due to conflicting interests with their jobs. Consultants provided an update on the decision making project. The board discussed at length what consensus decision making looks like and how this project will be rolled out at the June meeting. The board discussed the role of the membership as well as recruitment and eligibility standards for new board members. The shared services group provided an update on the ongoing work and upcoming sectoral meetings to talk about what further services would be examined for sharing potential.

KAWEHNO:KE DISTRICT MEETING

On January 19, 2015 we held our monthly Kawehno:ke District Meeting, with approximately eleven (11) community members in attendance. The Director of Justice presented on the upcoming referendum on the Iat-athróna Raotientáhtsera (Couples Property Law) and explained why the referendum was being conducted again. The presentation sparked some good debate with the members present. One concern brought up was that the law appears to give recognition to non-members. Another concern raised was that some community members feel that the law contradicts other Akwesasne laws. There were also concerns around why the MCA was holding another referendum when our couple's property law was already voted on and accepted by our community. The Director explained how federal legislation on Matrimonial Real Property (MRP) has been enacted and that in order for Akwesasne to be exempted from its application, we needed 1900 Akwesasne voters to participate in our own vote, based on our total number of eligible voters. This required "threshold" as it's called, is to ensure that our Akwesasne Couples Property law is accepted by Aboriginal Affairs Northern Development Canada as a replacement to the application of the federal MRP law in Akwesasne. In the first vote where our community accepted our own law,



we did not reach this threshold. Some other concerns brought forward at the District Meeting were concerns about Special Needs funding and what other programs are available through MCA. Community members stated that there is a need to better advertise this information. Another concern raised was the development of a financial management law by MCA and the Financial Management Board. The District Chiefs present noted all the concerns and will be following up with respective departments and individuals.

VACATION

From January 21, 2015 to January 28, 2015 I was out of the office on vacation.

AKWESASNE HOUSING AUTHORITY

On January 29, 2015 I attended our monthly Akwesasne Housing Authority meeting. We reviewed two letters received by the Housing Department. Department personnel provided background on each file for the Authority members' consideration. Follow up letters outlining the Housing Authority's decision have since been sent to the community members affected. The Authority also reviewed recommendations from the Housing Department on new construction loans and made their own recommendations to Council for final decision.

Preventative Home Maintenance

Rat Management Guidelines and Tips

Seal off openings to your home and eliminate their likely food sources.

- To adequately keep rats out of your home all openings need to be sealed off – remember rats only need an opening of 1/2” or the size of a nickel to gain entry to your home.
- In addition to exclusion, careful storage of foods and elimination of clutter are valuable steps in the fight to control rats. If Norway rats become established in or around your yard, they are usually obtaining food from obvious sources. These include garbage, outdoor dog pens, vegetable gardens, compost piles, and or bird feeders.

Remember, it only requires one poorly managed house or yard for a colony of rats to take over the neighborhood.

Rat Traps

There are 3 types of rat traps commonly used for rodent control: Snap Traps, Glue Traps, and Electronic Traps.

1. Snap Traps

The most important technique for effective trapping is good trap placement in areas of high rodent activity. The most common trapping mistake is using of too few traps.

For “extra cautious “rats, rat traps should be placed out, but left unset and baited for a couple days prior to setting the traps.

The simple, wooden rat-size snap trap is the least expensive option. Newer plastic, single-kill rat traps are also available which are easier to set and to clean.

Nutmeats, dried fruit, bacon, or a piece of pet food are attractive bait for traps.

2. Electrocutation Traps

These traps are expensive but effective. These traps need to be checked frequently, and dead rodents should be removed for

disposal.

3. Glue Boards

Glue traps aren’t recommended for controlling rats, as they are much less effective for rats than for mice.

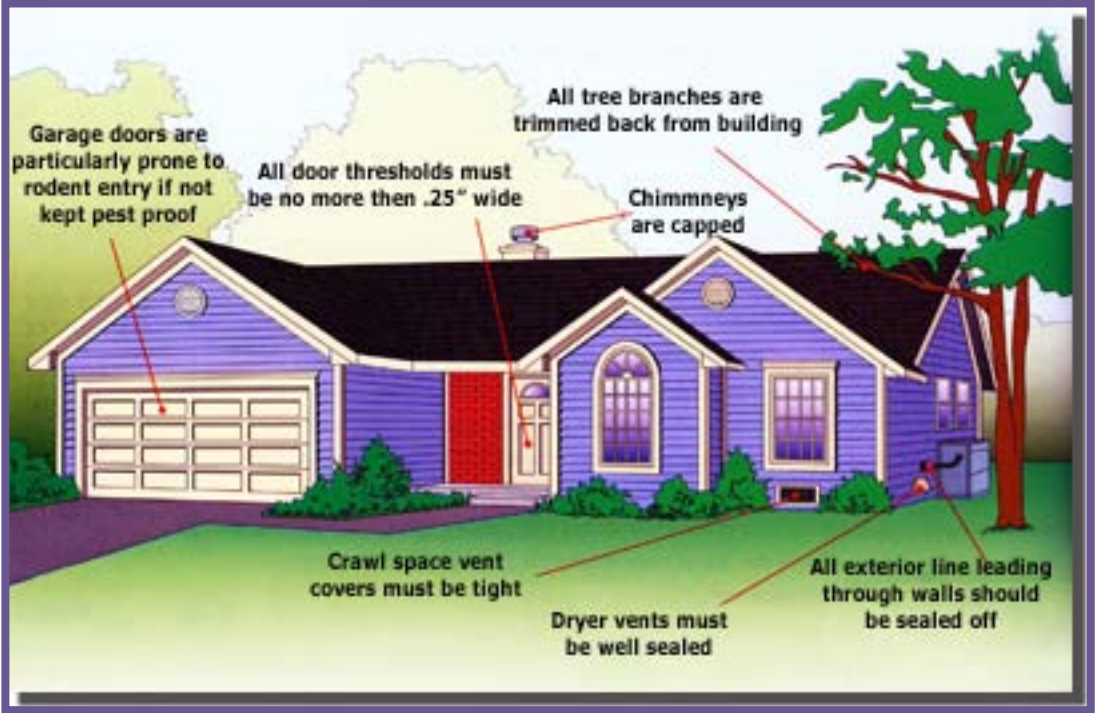
4. Pest Control and Extermination by a licensed exterminator is an option when the number of rats around a building is high and use of toxic baits to achieve adequate control is required, especially if there is a continuous re-infestation from surrounding areas.

Rodent Proofing Your Home

- Repair or replace damaged ventilation screen around the foundation and under the eaves. Any crack, gap or hole that is ¼” or larger should be repaired. In holes that are 2” or smaller, Stuff-Fit Copper Mesh or Pur Black Foam can be used. In larger holes or gaps use sheet metal or hardware cloth with less than ¼” mesh to repair the area.
- Provide a tight-fitting cover for the crawl space.
- Seal all openings around pipes, cables, and wires that enter through walls or the foundation.
- Be sure all windows that can be opened are screened and that the screens are in good condition.
- Make sure internal screens on roof and attic air vents are in good repair.
- Make sure all exterior doors are tight fitting and weatherproofed at the bottom. If gnawing damage is present on doors, a metal kick plate should be installed to prevent any additional gnawing.
- Inspect all trees and hedges near home. Any tree branches or hedges that touch or hang over the house should be cut back to prevent rodent from using them as pathways onto and into the house. Keep grass short and trim bottom of bushes to expose soil beneath and eliminate rodent harborage areas.
- Clean up any rodent feces and urine found

during the inspection. it is recommended to wear protective gloves and a mask to avoid breathing in any fecal matter. Use a bleach solution to clean rodent nesting areas and entry points to get rid of any pheromones left behind that may attract future rodents.

- Store firewood away from the house.
- Clean areas under stoves refrigerators and dishwashers.
- Keep counter tops clear of food.
- Do not leave glasses of water out overnight.
- Store dry food, pet food and birdseed in sealed containers.
- Clean pet bowls at night.
- Keep storage areas free of clutter.
- Rodent-Proof hard-to-access areas that tend to be neglected.
- Store supplies or materials off the floor.
- Store firewood away from the house.



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2 Dr. Forson Walk-in 8:30-11:30 Dr. Saylor By Appt. 9-Noon & 2:00-3:30	3 Dr. Forson By Appt 8:30-11:30	4 Dr. Forson Walk-in - 2:00-3:30 & By Appt – 5:00-6:30	5 Dr. Levac By referrals 9:00-3:30	6 Dr. Forson Men’s Clinic, By Appt 8:30-11:30 Dr. Saylor Walk-in 9:00-Noon Appt. 2:00-3:30
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Signs of Rat Infestation

- Presence of dead or living rats.
- Rat droppings.
- Rats also tend to leave dirt or grease marks along walls and floorboards. Rats tend to follow the same paths after they have been established.
- The presence of damaged materials and large holes in floorboards and walls are sure signs of infestation.

Rat Prevention Tips:

Entsiakwakaèn:ion Tsi ni Kionkwe:non

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

Fighting on All Sides: 1812-1900

(Part 3 of 3: 1880-1900)

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

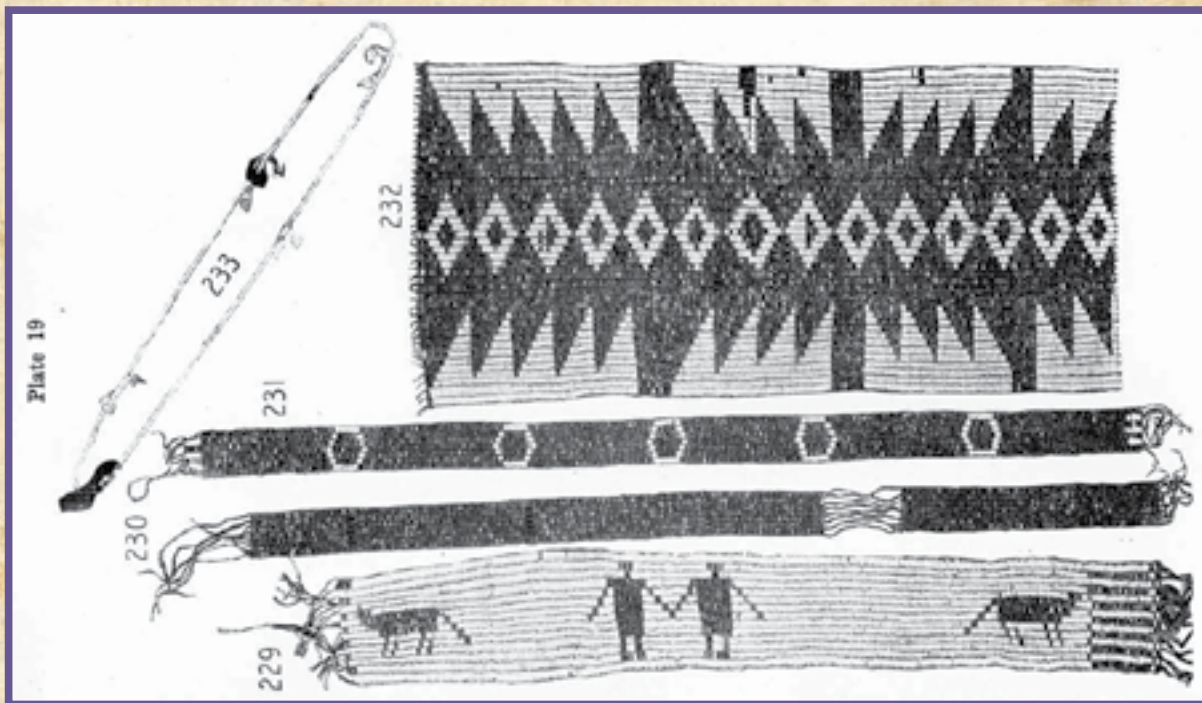
“We want our rights!”

– Mrs. Mitchell Solomon, eighty-two year old grandmother in 1899

This last section deals primarily with mindsets and differing of opinions when it came to preserving culture, assimilating practices, land ownership and political leadership. After a generation of assimilation practices the community begins to get more involved with making a stand and fighting for what little the community had left at the end of the 19th century.

LAST OF A DYING RACE: MUSEUM PROTECTIONS

Following the end of the last ‘Indian Wars’ in the western United States in the early 1880s, and ongoing assimilation practices to educate the First Nations population, many anthropologists and museums began fearing the end of the, “Red Race.” Many began collecting everything they could from the last surviving First Nations, and this would include writing down of languages, oral history, stories and songs. Some of the first moving picture shows of the Edison Company were of, “Indian Dances” and First Nation People in regalia. Hundreds of non-native academics began writing and publishing documents about



Wolf Belt, Tadadaho, and other Wampum Belts
From New York State Museum Bulletin: Wampum and Shell Articles

disappearing cultures and how important it is for museums to preserve the First Nations old way of life before they become fully assimilated and lost.

Many professionals and wealthy collectors began paying First Nations for sacred items and burial artifacts. Such items could be medicine bundles, eagle feathers, masks and even wampum belts. Many times the collectors would do the collecting with charity work in mind, but many ‘art’ dealers would do whatever they could to acquire and then sell sacred items, including but not limited to outright lying, bribery, grave robbing, and theft. Museums would also add to the market as many would pay to acquire sacred items to add to their collections.

MRS. CONVERSE: SAFE KEEPING

Mrs. Harriet Converse was a wealthy woman from New York State that became friendly

with the Haudenosaunee and especially the Seneca Nation. She was accepted as an ally and friend, but would collect sacred items for the New York State Museum. She would collect items with the good intention of saving them in museums, before they could be lost to fire or sold to a private collector. She collected a great number of wampum belts from the different Haudenosaunee Wampum Keepers including, the Hiawatha and Tadadaho Belts. With the promise that the belts would be in safe keeping with the museum, and that one day the belts would be returned when the Haudenosaunee felt capable to care for them.

INDIAN ADVANCEMENT ACT – 1884

Canada in 1884 passed, “An Act for conferring certain privileges on the more advanced Bands of Indians of Canada, with the view of training them for the exercise of municipal powers.” The goal of the



Iroquois chiefs reading belts in Brantford, Canada 1871
From New York State Museum Bulletin: Wampum and Shell Articles

Act was to institute the elections of Band Councillors and Chief Councillor, who then have the authority of create by-laws which would be enforced after the Superintendent General’s consent. A clause in the Indian Act 1867 allowed already established ‘life term Chiefs’ to maintain their office until they are replaced after breach of duties or death. This act then would be used to replace any traditional based leadership and governance on the reserves with mandatory elections every three years. The areas of law-making would cover: religious based schooling, public health, sub-divisions of lands, animal and human trespassing, maintaining public buildings, road and bridges. These provisions would then later be incorporated into the Indian Act, with the goal of making all Reserves act as localized governments under Ministry sanctions and controls.

IRONWORKERS AND BRIDGES

In 1886, when the CP Rail started

construction of a railway bridge that would connect the island of Montréal with the south shore, the project impacted the village of Kahnawake. The bridge company asked if Mohawk men would be willing to work on the project and very quickly they adapted to working on the high steel, which then starting the long Mohawk tradition of Ironworking.

Shortly thereafter, Mohawk men from Akwesasne also began Ironworking and started working rail bridges and steel construction in nearby cities. On September 6th, 1898 when the Cornwall-Cornwall Island Bridge collapse while nearing completion over a dozen ironworkers fell to their death including several men from Akwesasne. This disaster did not deter Mohawk Ironworkers as the trade still flourishes today and the tradition of fear-less Mohawk Ironworkers is known worldwide.

GENERAL ALLOTMENT ACT – 1887

The Dawes Severalty Act of 1887 was signed into United States Law by President Glover on February 8th, 1887. The goal of the act was to break up any traditional collective that Tribes still retained by dividing all Reservation lands into individual lots that would be turned over to the male head of an “Indian family.” By making the individual a private land owner, the government would then sell all excess reservation land for profit to settlers. While Akwesasne and the remaining New York State Haudenosaunee were protected by previously applied agreements, the First Nations peoples in the Western United States were not and lead to dispossession of large tracts of lands to settlers.

TSIKARISTISERE / DUNDEE LANDS: EXPIRED LEASES

At the conclusion of the French and Indian Wars, British soldiers began surveying the islands and wetlands on Akwesasne’s eastern portions. Akwesasne Mohawks began calling the lands, Tsikaristisere, meaning “where the chains are dragged,” referring to the iron survey chains that were used to measure. The early Indian Agents began leasing these lots to settlers in the hopes of generating income for Akwesasne and to encourage settlers to occupy ‘unused’ Reserve lands. Many of the leases would be set for 999 years with 99 year renewals.

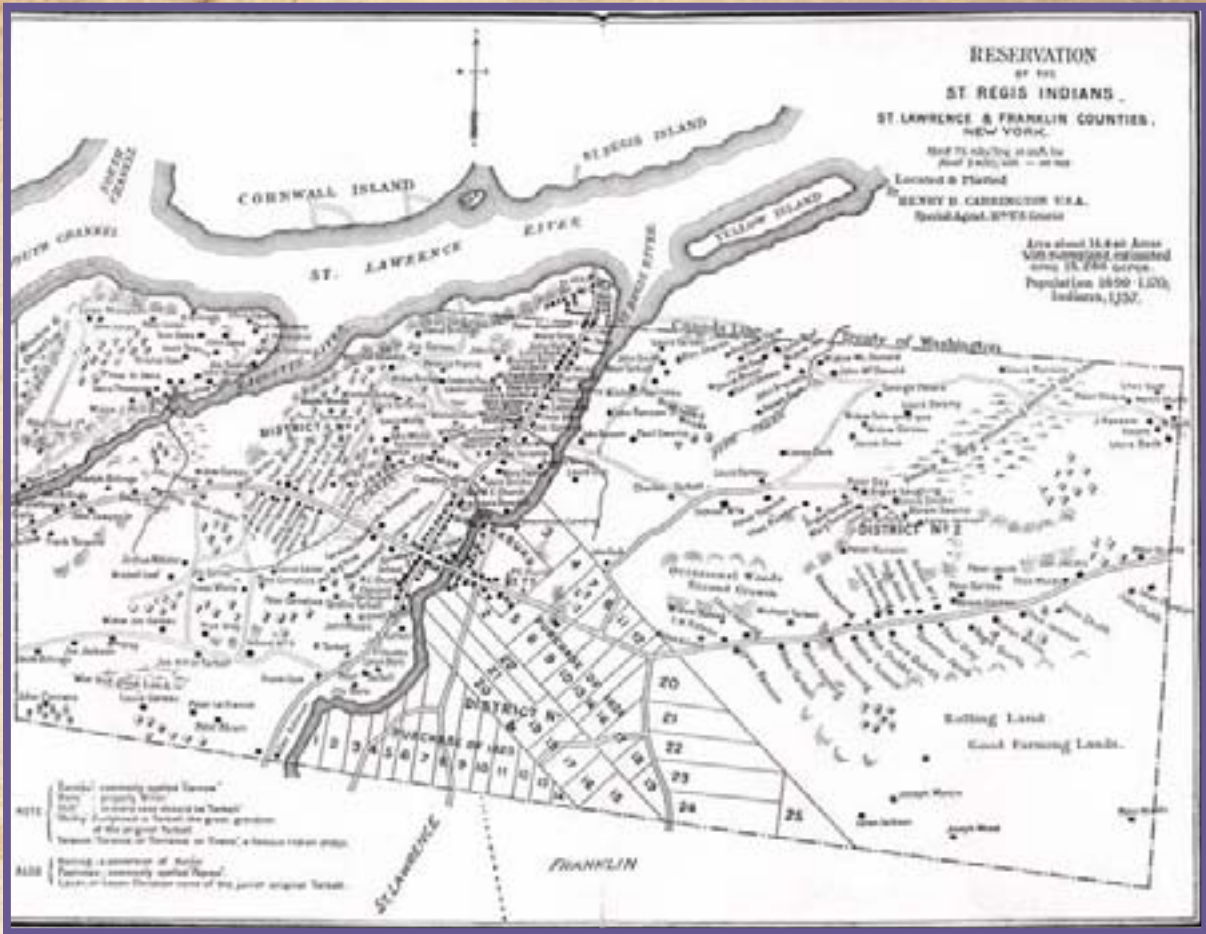
Eventually, the settlers of Tsikaristisere petitioned Lower Canada (Quebec) to incorporate them into the Township of Dundee in 1882, which open them up to Canadian political representation and taxation. The Indian Agent Davidson lived in Dundee and would not enforce lease payments and also charged Akwesasne residents for trespassing on reserve lands that were leased. Several of the lease holders refused to pay their annual payments after they cleared and built on the lots, citing they should have clear title to

lands they cleared and occupied. Frustrated with lack of payments and seeking much needed timber and farmland, Akwesasne petitioned several levels of Canadian and British governments to remove Agent Davidson and to have the lands returned back to Akwesasne use, but no action or reply came from either government.

Having no other recourse, men from Akwesasne began occupying expired lease lots and in 1887 a Commission of Inquiry was launched to look into the settler's complaints. The commission listened to a hundred and fifty (150) settlers' testimonies but only five (5) Akwesasne residents' testimonies were heard, and regarding only their farming skills. When the final Commission Report was released in February of 1888, it included the recommendation that the lands be surrendered. Three days later, the newly appointed Agent Long conducted a surrender vote at a general meeting in St. Regis village, on February 16th, 1888. It must be noted that during the winter, a majority of the population left Akwesasne seeking winter camps with firewood supplies, and only a small portion of the actual community would remain. With no official meeting minutes, Agent Long reported that the Akwesasne men, "unanimously agreed" to the surrender.

By the spring of 1888 Akwesasne became fully aware of the invalid surrender and the greatly undervalued compensation for the lands. Akwesasne submitted a claim in 1981, under Canada's Specific Claims Policy for Tsikaristisere lands, and the claim was partially accepted for negotiation in 1988 on the basis of inadequate compensation resulting from the 1888 surrender. After several interruptions over the years, these negotiations continue. MCA filed a suit in Federal Court on February 25, 2002, seeking remedies such as damages for loss of their Tsikaristisere lands.

HAUDENOSAUNEE CONFEDERACY: REKINDLING OLD FIRES



1980 Map of the St. Regis Reservation - Extra Census Bulletin. Indians. the Six Nations of New York by Thomas Donaldson

After the Grand Council at Onondaga was reconstructed, a movement was started to have the Mohawk Nation fire be rekindled, and Akwesasne was viewed as a rightful successor. During the 1880's several meetings and discussions had occurred in Akwesasne with the idea of promoting a Mohawk Nation Council in Akwesasne which would recreate the original Five Nations of the Confederacy.

In April 1888, a condolence ceremony was conducted in Akwesasne to raise all nine (9) Mohawk titles and Clanmother positions all of which were lifetime positions. These nine title-holders and nine Clanmothers would be recognized by the Grand Council at Onondaga as being the traditional Mohawk Nation Council fire. This renewed fire was separate from the already established 'Life-Chief' leadership that also incorporated nine (9) Mohawk Chief Titles plus three (3) others. A few families in Akwesasne had ended up having duplicated titles in their family trees as one title holder could be

recognized on the Mohawk Nation Council nine (9) chief system or part of the twelve (12) 'Life-Chief' system in St. Regis.

WHIPPLE REPORT - 1889

Following the Indian Removal Act and the Dawes Allotment Act, a special Commission was sent to investigate the, "Indian Problem" of New York State. Named the Report of Special Committee to Investigate the Indian Problem 1889, it is commonly referred to as the Whipple Report. The goal of the report was to investigate the remaining Haudenosaunee people and governments and suggest how the lands could be turned over to an allotment process which would remove any reservation status lands in the state. Conducting many interviews the commission learned the process and structure of the surviving Haudenosaunee traditional leadership and how the different colonial treaties affected them and the state.

At the end of the Commission's inquiry, the

goal was to have an act drafted that would eliminate reservation lands by allotment within New York State. With limited Haudenosaunee support, the bill failed to pass, thanks in large part to Mrs. Converse's strong opposition. For her support for the Haudenosaunee, she was formally adopted by the Seneca in 1891 and given a Seneca title.

EXTRA CENSUS BULLETIN - 1892

As part of the Eleventh Census of the United States an extra bulletin was released that detailed the history of the Six Nations of New York, including Akwesasne. The goal of the bulletin was to look at the, "history, present condition, and outlook of the Six Nations of New York." The bulletin has observations of the political, religious, and social meetings on the different New York State reservations and has a large wealth of historical information including statistics and maps.

BASKET MAKERS: INCOME SOURCE

Part of the Extra Census Bulletin spoke to the production and profit of basket making, where in Akwesasne a family could make on an average of \$250 per year in 1892, which would be approximately \$32,300 in today's money. It was remarked that would be about ten times more income than an average farm in Akwesasne. While the success would be in selling, some entrepreneurial non-Native business owners, especially in Hogansburg would work monopolies on basket sales. Some reports from Akwesasne residents would recall the unfair prices that basket makers would have to sell their work at or else risk having them reported to Indian Agents and have their baskets confiscated. Several northern Akwesasne residents risked crossing the border to sell their works in U.S. markets, as it would be considered smuggling by the border authorities.

ST. REGIS MOHAWK TRIBE

Between 1892 and 1898, two New York State statues would consolidate the existence and authority of the St. Regis

Mohawk Trustees into a recognized leadership and authority over the affairs of the reservation with the state agent's consent. With State recognition and with annual elective practices the foundation of the St. Regis Mohawk Tribe was solidified. By the 1892 census it was remarked at how some of the community was also advocating the traditional Haudenosaunee clan based leadership, and that two elected trustees of the time were also part of the traditional leadership. Akwesasne was trying its best to reconcile the opposing leadership models and forge a united leadership voice.

AKWESASNE WOLF BELT

On July 24th, 1898 Mrs. Converse bought a, "Mohawk totem belt" which was also known as the Wolf Belt from a person in Akwesasne. Mrs. Converse was told that the interpretation of the belt was a friendship agreement between the Mohawk and the French, seen by with the two central figures holding hands. She also noted that the seven lines signify the Seven Nations and that the wolf figures represent the guarding door keepers of the Longhouse. The precise interpretation of the belt and its significance in Akwesasne is still discussed today as there are limited surviving records and oral history, but a deep respect for the wampum is always maintained. Converse would later deliver the wampum belt to the New York State Museum. In 2010, with a joint initiative from all leadership in Akwesasne, the Wolf Belt was returned to the community, and is currently housed in the Akwesasne Library and Museum.

VOICES OF THE PEOPLE: UNCLEAR LEADERSHIP

By the end of the 19th century, Akwesasne found itself with a leadership question. The political identity of Akwesasne has its roots in the traditional Haudenosaunee Confederacy. Later, influence of the Catholic Church led to the development of a hybrid group once called the Seven Nations. Following the War of 1812, both the United States and Canadian governments imposed their own ideas of leadership and elections

on Akwesasne. Many in Akwesasne had their own views as what the best possible course of action should be taken to resolve the question of leadership in Akwesasne.

After the War of 1812 the northern portion of Akwesasne was in conflict with the Deputies of the Seven Nations, due to their breach of community trust in regards to lands and leases. Out of the conflict a leadership model was developed that based itself on five (5) life-term Chief positions. These terms would be voted on by the community but then be life term positions until they passed on or they were removed for breaching the community's trust.

On June 14, 1842 Akwesasne joined together around a community proclamation where both the "British Indian chiefs" with the "American Indian chiefs and Trustees" agree to unify the community and work together in cooperation. Together they outlined a sharing of timber resources, peace accords during times of war, a refusal to recognize any border division between our people, and religious tolerance. This proclamation recognizes that Akwesasne has always worked towards cooperation and in unity.

During the latter 1800's, Akwesasne leadership grew back to a group of twelve (12) clan based titles, but after several breaches in community trust many of the life-long positions were slowly replaced. Several were accused of selling and leasing lands illegally and were not following the community's best interests. These removed leaders who have family and clan authority then began questioning the authority of the newly elected leaders that replaced the former Life-Chiefs. The community began being divided over procedure and authority, even when previous leadership had breached the community's trust. Factions began choosing sides regarding clan-based leadership appointments or imposed election procedures.

By 1890 the community was divided as to their political voice. New York

State recognized the St. Regis Trustees' authority and their election procedure in the southern portion. Other community members supported the rekindled 1888 Mohawk Nation titles and their clan appointed leadership. St. Regis was divided on the previously appointed Life-Chiefs who are connected to the Seven Nations of Canada but had breached the community's trust and, the new "Chiefs" that were following the Indian Advancement Act's election protocol under the Indian Agent's approval. The mandated elective system was highly opposed as many in the community boycotted and vocally opposed the elections the Indian Agent tried to conduct in St. Regis Village.

During a March election attempt in 1899, a group of Life-Chief supporters overtook the Indian Agent's offices and temporarily prevented him from going forward with an election. When the Dominion Police guards tried to use force, they were disarmed by the crowd, and physically forced to leave the village. Afterwards, Mrs. Mitchell Solomon, an eighty-two (82) year old woman who supported the Life-Chief system, addressed the crowd and denounced any forced elections, but also denounced the use of force by protesters.

SAIOWISAKERON: LAST ACT OF DEFIANCE- 1899

After several failed attempts to conduct the mandated elections, the Canadian Indian Agent resolved to arrest the most prominent Life-Chiefs. On the morning of May 1st, 1899, Dominion police quietly arrived in St. Regis village via tugboat and came to arrest the 'ringleaders' and troublemakers of the anti-election system protests. Some of the Life-Chiefs and supporters were lead to the Indian Agents house with the premise of job creation, but were instead arrested by the police. In the conflict the brother of one of the Life-Chiefs, Saiowisakeron, went to rescue the Chiefs and in a struggle with the Dominion police was shot twice. Saiowisakeron 'Ice that Flows' or also

known as John Fire, was fatally shot and the arrested Life-Chiefs were brought to the Valleyfield jailhouse.

After the events of May 1st the twelve (12) members of Life-Chief system backed down their efforts, and shortly after the Indian agent sought an election of five (5) Chiefs under government regulations. The election was conducted with a selected number of men from Akwesasne who were then brought to an election site in the city of Cornwall. Instead of five (5), twelve (12) Chief positions were voted and elected, and these men then became the recognized leadership in Akwesasne by Canadian authorities. Akwesasne then persisted that the newly elected twelve (12) Chiefs would be lifelong Chiefs, but the Agent continued to argue that the Chief positions needed to be elected every three (3) years.

CONTINUATION

At the end of the 19th century Akwesasne and the Haudenosaunee had endured an endless assault from all sides with the goal of making First Nations people a thing of the past. War, disease, assimilation, residential schools, museums, and political discord all worked to supplant and divide Akwesasne. By the end Akwesasne did survive the worst, and started to work together towards a better future in the 20th century.

Government records of both the United States and Canada provide a wealth of information on what life was like in Akwesasne during the 1800's. Administration by government agents allow us today to have an understanding and precise record of events that transpired in Akwesasne during the 1800's. While these records are available for research, it must be understood that the phrases and words used in these records can be considered racist and sexist compared to today's standards. Therefore when reviewing any primary source, do take the time to fully understand the many different mindsets

and perspectives that people had.

This is also the time where Akwesasne community members began keeping their own written records in the Mohawk language and some records have even survived to today. Oral history of the 1800's can still be found in Akwesasne today and can give greater insight to other surviving records. While people may have varying opinions and accounts of events that have happen over a hundred year ago in Akwesasne, it is best to keep an open mind and allow everyone a chance to express their understanding of Akwesasne's vast and complex past.

The next period will look at how Akwesasne worked toward integrating into main stream society and how the question of citizenship and identity persisted in the beginning of the 20th century.

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

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MCA Youth Employee Profile: Abraham Francis

Abraham Francis is the son of Kathy Herne and Abraham Francis. He graduated from Massena High School in 2010 and went on to attend Cornell University with a Bachelor of Science, concentration in Microbiology and minor in American Indian Studies.

While attending school Abe volunteered and worked with many community organizations that promote health and healing in Akwesasne. Through his volunteering and education Abe was inspired to give back to his community, as he had an understanding of the roots of trauma in Native American communities and efforts to promote health and healing.

After receiving his degree from Cornell, Abe returned to his community and was honored

to receive a position as a Community Health Representative (CHR) from the Community Health Program at MCA. The CHR position allows him to utilize his education in a new way and the ability to give back to the community of Akwesasne. In his position as CHR his duties entail event planning, social media marketing campaigns and creating programming for the community that promotes health and healing.

Abe feels that his experience as Community Health Representative deepens his understanding of the space found at the intersection of health, culture, and effective programming by learning from an amazing team of health care representatives.



Abraham Francis, Community Health Representative

Congratulations, NYS Wrestling Champion Nolan Terrance!



Mr. Nolan Terrance, a resident of Tsi Snaihne, is the new New York State Public High School Section X Division 1 Wrestling Champion.

On Saturday, February 28, 2015 Nolan defeated Edwin Rubio 2-1 in double overtime.

With the victory Nolan won Massena Central first state wrestling championship.

Congratulations Nolan! You have made Akwesasne very proud! Best of luck to you in all your future endeavors.



Health & Fitness Camp for KIDS

Hey Parents!

Are you looking to get your kids off the couch during the Spring Break?!

Or are your kids looking for something fun to do and make new friends at the same time while you are at work?!



Mike Thompson will be aiding with
Lacrosse Skills Development

Fun Activities:
Lacrosse Skills Development
Nutrition Education
Arts and Crafts
Scavenger Hunts
Team Building Game
AND MANY MORE!



Performances and
Teachings by NNATC

Date: March 17–19, 2015
Time: 8:00AM–4:00PM
Location: Tsi Snaihne Recreation Center
Ages: 8-9, 10-11 and 12-13
Registration Deadline: March 13, 2015

Space is limited!



Bike Prizes!



This Health & Fitness Camp is brought to you by Mohawk Council of Akwesasne — Community Health Program's Diabetes Prevention Team

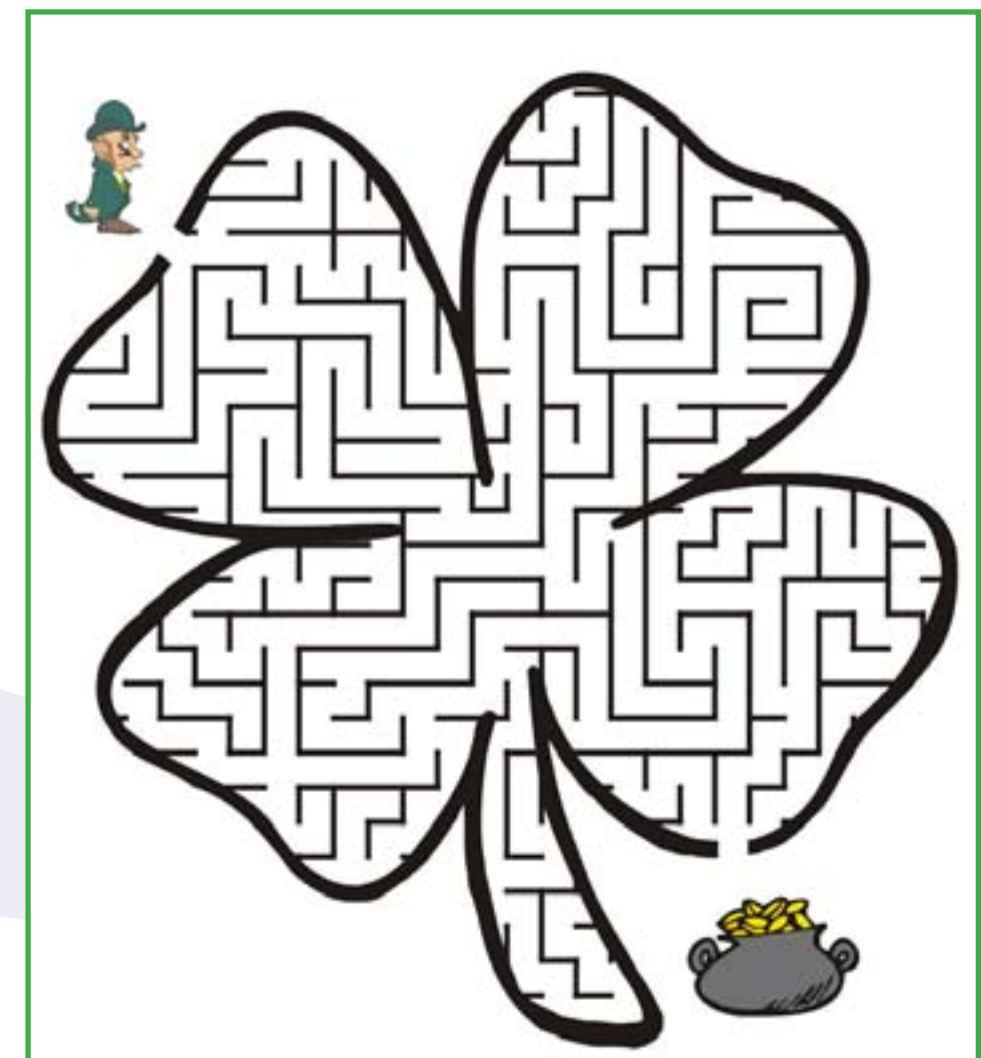
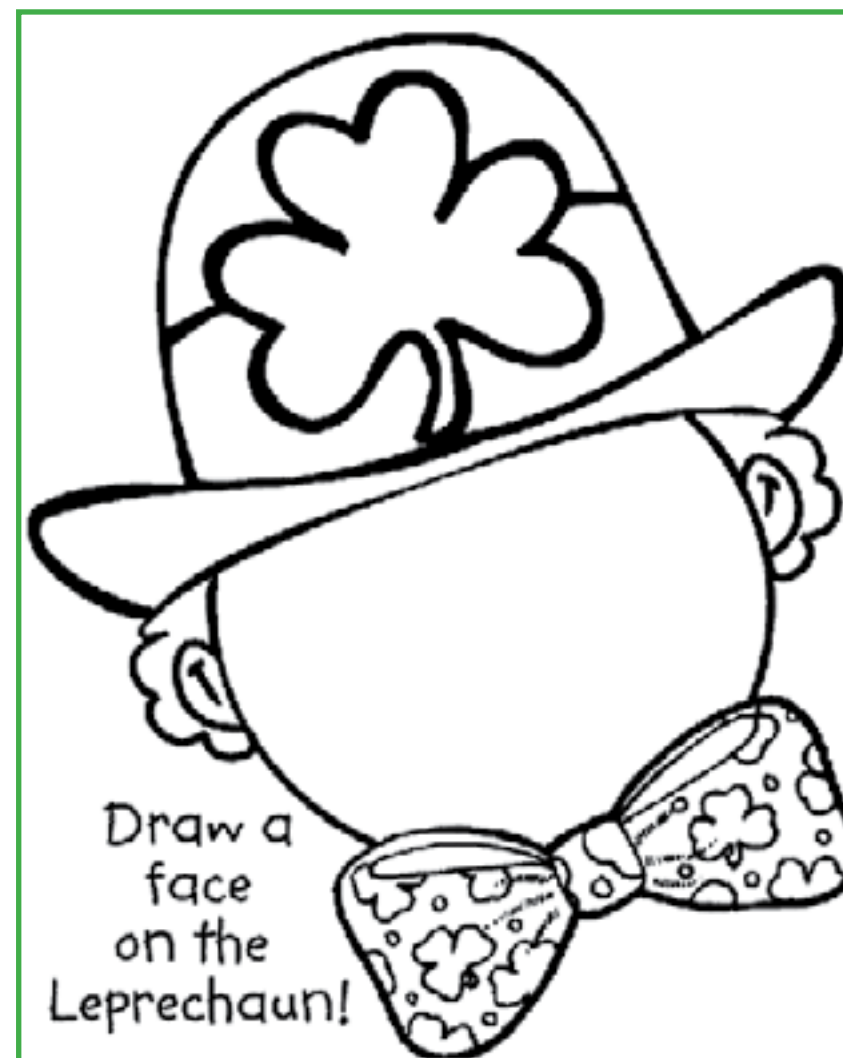
For More Information or to Register Contact:
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Or
Aaron Jock: aaron.jock@akwesasne.ca

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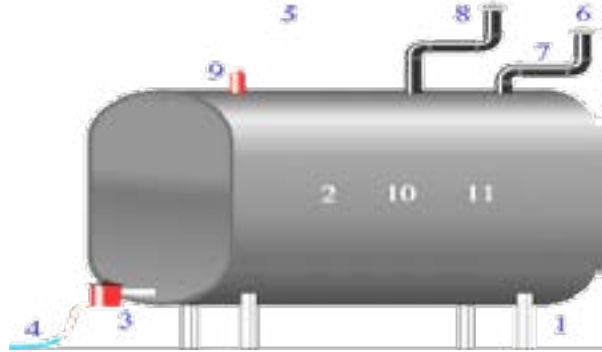
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HAZARD HELP SHEET

FUEL TANK CHECKLIST

Home heating oil fuel tanks should be replaced if they are anywhere from 15-20 years old or show signs of leakage. An aging tank is not only potentially harmful to the surrounding environment, but could prove costly and inconvenient if its contents escape from your tank. As a homeowner or landlord, you are legally responsible for these costs. So, let's answer the questions below to complete your Fuel Tank Checklist.



FUEL TANK CHECKLIST

Each question is represented by a number on the Fuel Tank image on the **top right**.

1.	Are the tank legs unstable or on a shaky foundation?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
2.	Are there any signs of rust, weeping, wet spots or dents on the tank?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
3.	Is the tank blackened at the low end, around the drain? (This may be an indication of water in the tank, and resultant corrosion inside the tank.)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
4.	Are there any drips or signs of leakage around the fuel line, filter or valves?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
5.	Is there danger of snow or ice falling on the tank?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
6.	Is the vent clogged or restricted because of snow, ice or insect nests? (Screened vents can help prevent insect nest problems.)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
7.	Is the vent whistle silent when the tank is being filled? (Ask or observe the fuel delivery technician.)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
8.	Are there signs of leakage or spills around the fill pipe or vent pipe?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
9.	Is the fuel-level gauge cracked, stuck or frozen? Are there signs of oil around it?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
10.	If mounted outdoors, is the tank rated for outdoor use?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
11.	What is the age of the tank? (Not usually indicated until after 1998.)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

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

Brought to you by MCA's Emergency Measures

ARE YOU OR SOMEONE YOU LOVE GOING TO **PRISON** OR IN **TREATMENT**?

THE AKWESASNE FAMILY WELLNESS PROGRAM will be presenting a workshop for families with a loved one going to prison or treatment. Topics will include:

- The Emotional Cycle
- Should I and What do I Tell the Children?
- Benefits of Visiting
- Parenting From Prison
- Reintegration

Books and resources provided. Guidance and light refreshments provided.

WHERE: Akwesasne Family Wellness Program
WHEN: Tuesday, March 10th, 2015
TIME: 7:00-8:00pm
Register By: Feb 27th

PLEASE CALL TO REGISTER OR FOR MORE INFORMATION: 613-932-5808

Kawehnoke Medical Clinic 613-932-5808

March 2015

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 NO DOCTOR	3 Dr. Young 8:30-11:30am Walk in 40 patient limit	4 Dr. Young 8:30-11:30am Walk in 40 patient limit	5 Dr. Tremblay 1-3pm Walk in	6 NO DOCTOR
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Akwesāhsne Mohawk Board of Education

"Ie 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.

Post~Secondary Assistance Program

Funding Information Night 2015

Session for Parents and Students

Wednesday, Enniskó:wa/March 25, 2015

Kana:takon Recreation Centre

5~7 pm

Supper will be provided

Register for event by Enniskó:wa/March 20, 2015

Information will be presented to students and parents on the application process for AMBE Post~Secondary Assistance. Anyone wanting to attend college/university in the fall of 2015 should plan to attend.

Please note this is the only application information session for 2015.

*RSVP or if you have any questions call Norma Sunday
or Veronica Jacobs at 613-933-0409*